



Sports News

Phog Allen Says College Heads Can Stop Trouble

LAWRENCE, Kan., Jan. 31 (AP)—Officials of the NCAA send their basketball teams right into the nest of professional gambling and then deplore betting on intercollegiate athletics, says Phog Allen, who has been yelping at the heels of gambling for months.

"The National Collegiate Athletic Association met in Columbus in January and expressed 'regret' at the prevalence of gambling on intercollegiate sports," Allen, basketball coach at the University of Kansas, asserted in an interview today. "But they continue to team up with professional promoters to hold tournaments in arenas where everyone knows big-time gamblers operate in hordes."

Sad Commentary

"What a paradox!" yelled Phog. It is a "sad commentary" on the NCAA, Phog observed, when with the top teams of the nation it is forced to seek aid from professionals to conduct its own tournament.

"The political oligarchy of the

NCAA is busy keeping a self-perpetuating group in power rather than trying to smash at the trouble with intercollegiate athletics," Allen contended.

"They'd better get busy or intercollegiate athletics will fade out. These Brooklyn gamblers charged with giving bribes are just small timers. Just peanuts. There are some really big operators back East. It will take more than talk to stop those babies," the colorful veteran coach believes.

Had Power

Officials of the NCAA, with "their Pollyanna attitude," said Allen, "allowed gamblers to ply their trade right under their noses. And the pity of it all was that those men had the power and opportunity to strike at this betting Frankenstein. Had they had vision and nerve they would have engaged a man with the standing of J. Edgar Hoover to clean up this nasty business.

"But they haven't done it and I don't think they will. I think the college presidents rather than overcautious athletic directors and faculty representatives are the ones to do the job."

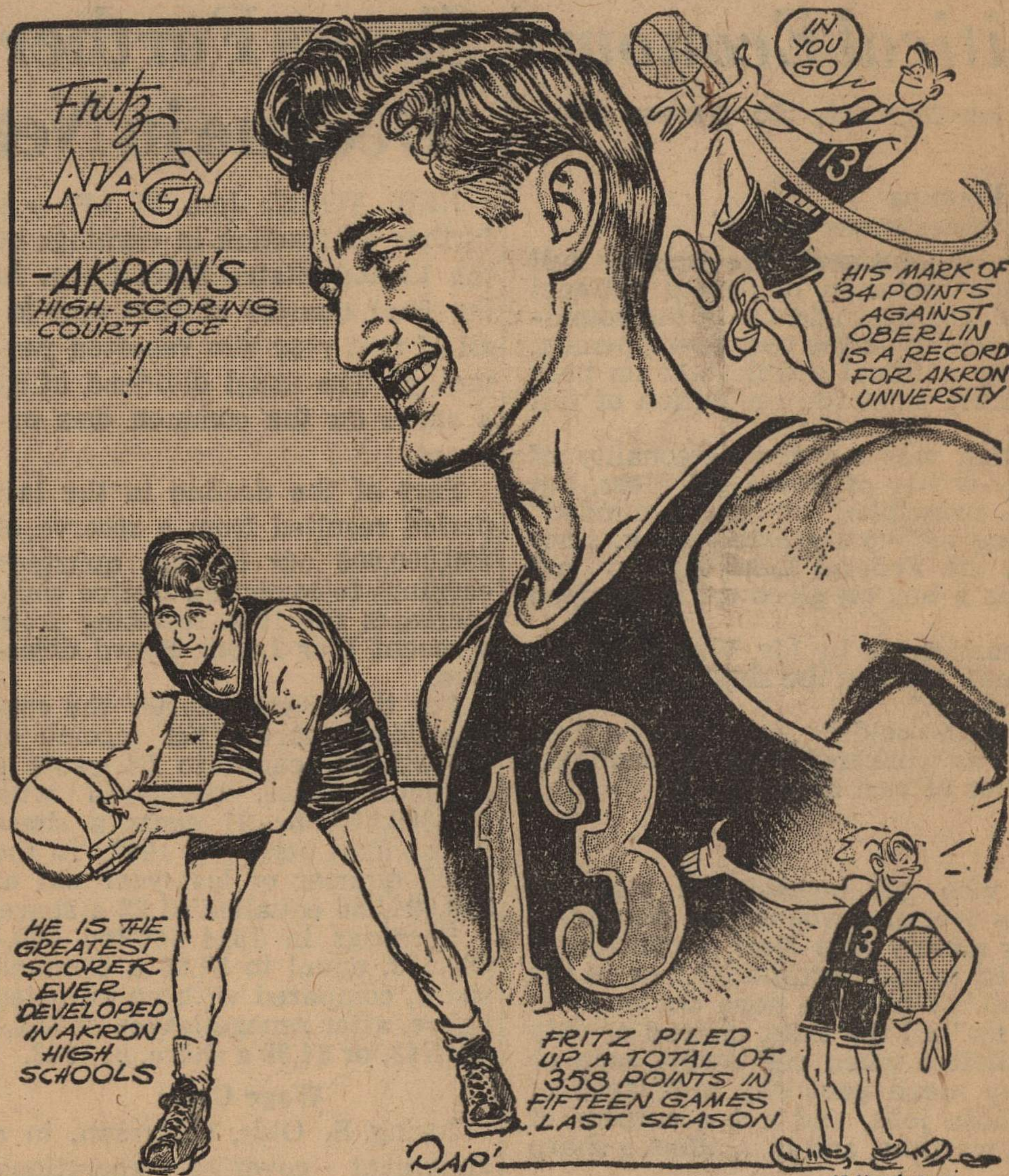
Pettinger Proves Worth to Barons

By the Associated Press

Helped by Gordon Pettinger, whom they purchased from Hershey on Sunday, the Cleveland Barons beat the Bears, 3 to 2, in the American Hockey League last night and climbed into a tie with Indianapolis for first place in the western division.

A crowd of 7,997 at Cleveland saw Pettinger rap home the goal that tied the score at 2-2 just before the end of the second period and set the stage for Lou Trudel's winning goal early in the last stanza.

The tail-end St. Louis Flyers registered a major surprise by shutting out the Buffalo Bisons, 4 to 0, before 4,078 at St. Louis. Buffalo, leaders of the eastern division, had 32 shots turned aside by the St. Louis goalie, Hec Highton.



Holding Fritz Nagy to less than 20 points per game appears to be a man-size job. The sharp-shooting ace of the Akron University Zippers started off the current season averaging about 25 points a game to further enhance his reputation as one of the finest players in college basketball. Certainly, he is as accurate a shooter as you will find.

Nagy is a product of Akron High School basketball. His record of 369 points as a schoolboy still stands. He spent a year at North Carolina before he returned to Akron and became the backbone of the Zippers. Last year, Fritz was selected for a berth on the little All-America.

Breaking scoring records is just Nagy's dish. Last year he tallied 358 points in 15 games for an Akron U. record and then created a new individual mark by getting 34 points against Ohio Wesleyan. He erased the record of 31 points set by Eddie Wentz against Defiance in 1920. He tied his own mark when he scored 34 points in a game with Oberlin this season. Nagy, a rangy 170-pounder standing two inches over the six-foot mark, is a fine ball handler and an excellent shot out of the pivot. He has the speed and drive to keep the vital half step ahead of his opponents.

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Colleges Prepare Attack On Gambling Fraternity

BROOKLYN, Jan. 31 (AP)—College basketball authorities throughout the nation, disturbed by the admission of five Brooklyn College players they had accepted \$1,000 to throw a game, pondered anew today methods of combatting widespread gambling on games that one source estimated ran as high as \$10,000,000 weekly.

Leaders of the indoor sport, from Ned Irish, promoter of the double-headers at Madison Square Garden, to Wilbur C. Smith, president of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, asserted that the action of the five Brooklyn players in no way typified the attitude of the college athlete in general. Smith called upon the "every-day fan, who is in no way to be confused with the professional gamblers, to help us by not betting on collegiate athletics."

Night Session

Meantime, a Kings County grand jury called into a rare night session by Judge Samuel S. Leibowitz, heard testimony from the five players, Bernard Barnett, Larry Pearlstein, Robert Leder, Jerry Green and Stanley Simon; their coach, Morris Raskin; police and assistants district attorneys Edward Heffernan and Louis Andreozzi. The jury concluded its session shortly before midnight and was expected to hand up its findings to Judge Leibowitz sometime today.

Irish announced that "further action to diminish gambling on

games and to protect the players from approaches by persons interested in influencing the outcome" was taken at a meeting of New York metropolitan athletic directors and cage coaches.

"The measures are designed," Irish said, "to give the player assurance of protection from these advances, but in order to be effective, must remain undisclosed at the moment."

Must Organize

Asa Bushnell, commissioner of eastern athletics, asserted "athletic directors must now organize in strength to protect college games" while Smith, in his statement at New Orleans, declared "the causes which may be facilitating the increase in gambling should be closely examined. Such questions as to whether games should be played in any gymnasium or arena not located on the campus of one of the competing institutions should be considered."

Vadal Peterson, coach of Utah's N. C. A. A. champions, said at Salt Lake City that the players' admission "may be the lesson needed to check a vice at its beginning." Mayor Fiorello La Guardia of New York asked the aid of the public to see to it that "cheap, tin-horn chiselers" be thrown into jail.

Judge Leibowitz, in instructing the grand jury to "hand up any indictments necessary" declared "to corrupt a college boy is to destroy him in his formative years. When these vermin stretch their filthy paws into our college halls they pollute the flower of our country's youth and they have got to be destroyed. Take forthright action. Smash these barnacles and smash them hard."

Two Arrested

The disclosure of the scandal, likened to baseball's Chicago Black Sox of the 1919 World Series, broke suddenly late Monday night with the arrest of Harry Rosen and Harvey Stemmer on charges of conspiracy.

The players, later dropped from the Brooklyn squad, signed a statement they received \$1,000 from Stemmer to throw the Akron game originally scheduled for tonight in Boston.

Stemmer, described as a gambler, was held in \$2,500 bail for a further hearing Feb. 5. Rosen was arraigned in Manhattan on another charge. The D. A.'s office said he would be arraigned later on the conspiracy count.

Brooklyn College authorities said that with the exception of the Akron game, which was canceled, the team would play the remainder of its games as best it could with the other members of the squad who were not involved.

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CHICAGO, OCT. 24--(UP)--THE NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION STUDIED NEW MEANS TODAY FOR CONTINUING ITS "HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL" ANTI-GAMBLING CAMPAIGN FOR AS MANY YEARS AS NECESSARY.

DR. WILBUR C. SMITH OF LOUISIANA STATE, CHAIRMAN OF THE N.C.A.A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WHICH ENDED A TWO-DAY MEETING YESTERDAY, CALLED THE PROGRAM A "HUGE SUCCESS."

HE SAID N.C.A.A. MEMBERS, WHICH INCLUDE MOST OF THE NATION'S LEADING UNIVERSITIES, WOULD POOL THEIR INFORMATION AT THE N.C.A.A.'S ANNUAL CONVENTION IN ST. LOUIS JAN. 9-10 AND MAP A NEW 1946 PROGRAM TO COUNTERACT THE "MONEY MENACE."

THE N.C.A.A. BEGAN CRACKING DOWN ON GAMBLERS AFTER THE BROOKLYN BASKETBALL SCANDAL LAST YEAR, LAYING DOWN A DEFINITE PLAN OF ATTACK AT ITS JANUARY MEETING THIW YEAR.

KENNETH L. (TUG) WILSON, BIG TEN ATHLETIC COMMISSIONER AND SECRETARY-TREASURER OF THE N.C.A.A., SAID ASSOCIATION MEMBERS WERE PREPARED TO WORK FOR YEARS IN AN EFFORT TO STAMP OUT BETTING.

"THE TRUE JOB IS TO KEEP GAMBLERS AWAY FROM THE PLAYERS AND IT IS THERE WE HAVE DONE OUR BEST WORK," WILSON SAID.

THE SCHOOLS HAVE DONE A "REMARKABLE JOB," WILSON SAID. "THEY HAVE BEEN DILIGENT IN WIPING OUT GAMBLING ON THE CAMPUS AND IN THE STADIUM AND PUBLICITY DIRECTORS HAVE REFUSED TO GIVE OUT 'TEAM DOPE', THEREBY CUTTING OFF GAMBLERS AND BOOKIES FROM THEIR INFORMATION SOURCE."

WILSON SAID THE JOB WAS SQUARELY UP TO EACH INSTITUTION.

"CURE GAMBLING AT THE SITE OF THE GAME AND YOU ELIMINATE THE RISK," HE EXPLAINED. "WE WILL JUST HAVE TO KEEP PLUGGING AWAY, CUTTING THEM DOWN WHERE WE CAN YEAR BY YEAR UNTIL THE MENACE IS STAMPED OUT."

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NEW SENSATIONAL CHARGE MADE IN CAGE GAMBLING

Army Man, Former Manager of Syracuse Pro Club,
Says College Players Told Him of Their 'Co-Op-
eration' With New York's Gambling Element.

COLUMBUS, O., Oct. 24.—With Ned Irish, manager of Madison Square Garden, in New York, expressing the "personal wish" to "let the entire matter drop rather than give (Dr. Forrest C. "Phog") Allen a chance to talk again," a new, and by far the most damaging, indictment against "the 'Broadway mob' and its alleged control of basketball was written into the record here Tuesday.

Sergt. Lou Greenberg, former manager of the Syracuse (New York) Reds, professional basketball team, now stationed at Columbus, said that eastern pro players had told him of their alleged "co-operation" in having the point scores in their college games fit the gambling odds.

Greenberg said:

"The only remedy for it is to have a basketball czar."

This brought immediate opposition from Harold G. Olsen, Ohio State basketball coach and chairman of the National Collegiate Athletic association tournament committee—the group which arranges the college games played in Madison Square, and on other eastern courts, as well as the Kansas City tournament held each March.

Olsen called Greenberg's suggestion "silly."

"I've been coaching for more than twenty-five years," he said, "and I never knew of a single instance where any boy ever has fallen for any of that gambling stuff."

In New York Irish, promoter of the winter program of basketball games, was quoted as saying that he received Allen's telegram, naming names in the latter's charge that certain college players has "thrown" games.

Allen, dean of midwestern basketball coaches and tutor of the game at the University of Kansas, last week charged that gamblers had approached certain players and paid them to throw games. He named the players allegedly involved in a telegram to Irish.

"The situation to which Allen

refers was investigated thoroly by the authorities and the newspapers when the rumor first developed," Irish said. "That investigation proved that the rumor was baseless. No player was disciplined and no other action was taken."

Irish said it was his personal wish to "let the entire matter drop rather than give Allen a chance to talk again."

"He (Allen) has been doing that sort of thing for years now and the mystery to me is that people take him seriously in the light of his previous false prophecies," Irish said. "In this instance, it was a very serious thing for him to do, based strictly on a second-hand story, and, in justice to the players he named, I feel moved to say there was nothing to it."

The new phase of the Allen case, as brought into the open by Greenberg, has been touched on before. The matter of "co-operation"—the term used by Greenberg—resulted in several articles in the New York Daily Mirror, in which its sports editor, Dan Parker, and its sports columnist, Bob Considine, commented.

Considine wrote, recently:

"Most of the warnings . . . have centered around the curious way in which so many of the final scores of Garden games have ended 'in the middle.'

"'In the middle' is a gambling expression denoting a final score which is just right for the gambler—in that he collects from both waging side. For instance, a gambler ordains that one team is '15-13' over another, meaning that if you want to bet on the favorite you must bet not that the favorite will win, but that the favorite will win by at least fifteen points, or if you want

the underdog you bet that said underdog will come within thirteen points of winning.

"A lot of games have been ending in the middle, which, in the hypothetical case outlined above, would mean that the winning team wins by only fourteen points. Thus the bookmaker collects from both bettors.

"There have been a few too many in-the-middle games to suit the lovers of the law of mathematics . . ."

What, if any action, the N. C. A. A. will take relative to the statement of Greenberg was not known Tuesday. In his statement Greenberg said the players involved—men who had played on college teams and at the end of their amateur careers had turned "pro"—told him of their experiences, and actions. Greenberg made it clear these statements did not relate to professional basketball, but to what took place in college games.

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October 24, 1944.

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Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Basketball Coach
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Phog:

Your wire of Saturday, October 21st, was delivered to the wrong address and has just reached my desk. In this wire you mentioned the name of Albie Ingerman of Temple University and other teammates. This rumor was widely spread last year and discredited completely in Philadelphia newspapers following investigation by Temple University as well as independent investigations by the newspapers.

The boy played in the game, which was questioned by rumor mongers, with a high fever and was in bed with a severe case of the grippe for a week to ten days after the game. His illness was verified both by his family physician and by the University. In addition, sports writers visited his home and verified this fact which was published in the papers and was far from suppressed.

On his recovery, the boy was drafted into the Navy and he is still in service. There was one other player injured in that game who was unable to participate in any others after the one which started the rumors. This boy's injury necessitated several stitches being taken from a cut on his face, and his shoulder was dislocated in the same collision that resulted in this cut. The boy was not dropped from the squad but obviously could not play any more games that season since there was only three weeks of competition remaining. He is still in school and it is my understanding from the Athletic Director at Temple University that he will be a candidate this year if his shoulder, which is still far from perfect, permits him to engage in competitive sports.

It should hardly be necessary for me to go into detail on this subject since I have the fullest confidence in the college authorities here in the East and know that every effort is being made to suppress the increase in gambling upon college sports results, mainly in football and basketball.

Dr. Forrest C. Allen

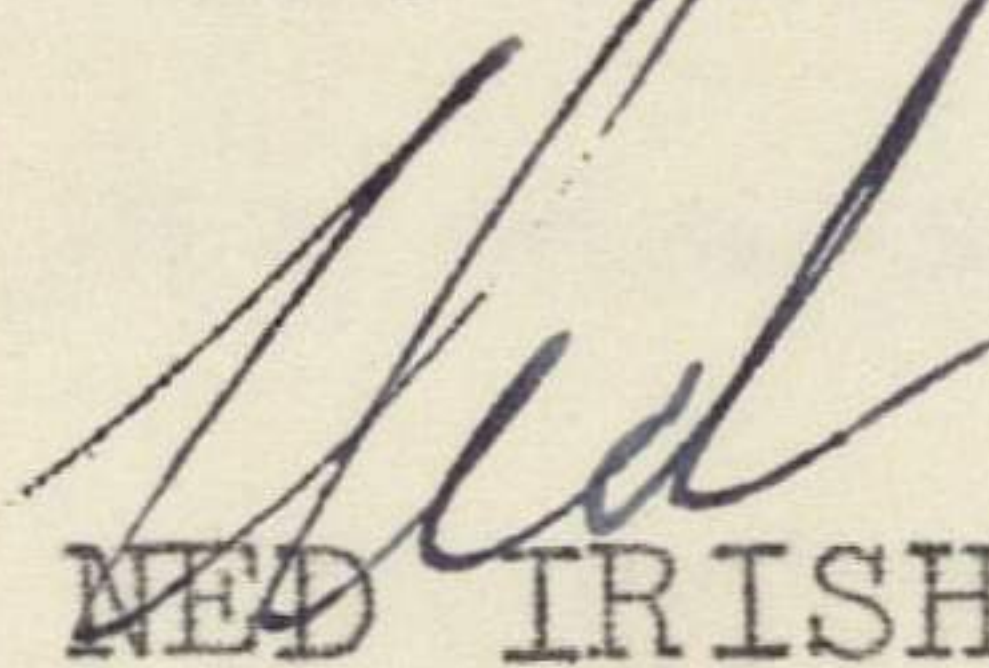
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October 24, 1944.

Your allegations based on second or third hand rumors certainly place a terrific burden on a youngster who may consider competing in intercollegiate sports. [It has always been my feeling that a boy who competes and is good enough after a strenuous training session to make a varsity team...has demonstrated his character pretty well to a coach.] I certainly think that any coach would not use a player that did not have the spirit and desire to win predominant. [Continued allegations regarding tampering with players will certainly cause the public to get the impression that these boys are not the fine upstanding youngsters that you and I know them to be.]

It has not taken a statement from Lawrence, Kansas or Denver for me to realize the seriousness of gambling on college sports. Every precaution, including the employment of some 30 to 40 uniformed Special Officers in our building, has been taken. New York City authorities from Mayor La Guardia and Commissioner Valentine on down have discussed this situation with me in the past and have always cooperated by assigning adequate police to events here. Any person arrested for gambling is automatically barred from entering this building. Various other protective measures are taken which I am not at liberty to discuss publicly but you may rest assured that I have confidence that they are of such a nature that it is extremely unlikely any gambling can emanate from the building here.

Very truly yours,



NED IRISH
Acting President

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November 8, 1944.

Mr. Ned Irish, Acting President,
Madison Square Garden Corporation,
307 West 49th Street,
New York 19, N.Y.

Dear Ned:

I am answering your letter of October 24th. First, I want to assure you that the information came to me first hand, and not second or third hand. And I am sorry to tell you that you have failed to convince me in the least.

You state, "It has always been my feeling that a boy who competes and is good enough after a strenuous training session to make a varsity team . . . has demonstrated his character pretty well to a coach." That is a faulty statement, to say the least. You also state, "Continued allegations regarding tampering with players will certainly cause the public to get the impression that these boys are not the fine upstanding youngsters that you and I know them to be."

Upon that statement I should say that you would have gained much more by meeting the issue squarely and admitting some of the facts that you know have happened, rather than to have sugar-coated a very bad situation. I am reminded of a story told regarding Grover Cleveland. His friends advised him that scurrilous opponents prior to his election were going to print the fact that it was alleged that he had an illegitimate son. They wired him for advice. He replied promptly, "Tell the truth", and upon that frankness he was elected President of the United States. The public had confidence in his integrity. Had you met the issue squarely and admitted that there was much vicious gambling with consequential tampering of college players, then the public, many of whom are in on the know, would have had much more confidence in your statement.

Lawton Carver, in his stenchy International News Service story out of New York on October 23, says: "There are men on the main stem whose life and passion is gambling and these reptilian characters are sometimes influenced by the grip of their art to such an extent they dip their unwashed thumbs in activities over which they seek financial control. You can see a great many of them in Madison Square Garden on the night of any fairly important Garden sports program, dickering and bargaining over the odds, while a platoon of cops thirty yards away handles such an awesome problem as the traffic on Eighth avenue."

Your added statement which you made that you were doing everything possible to stamp them out would have carried more weight. I do not believe that you have heard the last of this, nor will you until there is some controlling power stronger than that which you or the police force of your city are exerting.

You will understand that my motive was for a national intercollegiate czar to control the athletic activities with the same power that Judge Landis exercises in professional baseball. I had no desire to put you on the spot from the gambling angle and only mentioned that as a resulting evil that would cast an odium on the collegiate sports the same as the Black Sox scandal did to professional baseball.

What I say to you I say in a personal letter and not through the public press as were some of your statements regarding me.

Very cordially yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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THE MAYOR JOINS ALLEN

NEW YORK HEAD USES "TINHORN GAMBLERS" AS OBJECTS.

A Writer Suggests Kansas Coach Prove the Charges That Games Have Been "Thrown."

BY LAWTON CARVER.

(International News Service Sports Editor.)

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—Fiorello H. LaGuardia, revered mayor of New York City, has been blowing his bazoo again on the subject of "thieving, tinhorn gamblers," and his complaint is especially timely today, since it came in the wake of an accusation by Phog Allen, Kansas university basketball coach, that college court teams have thrown games at Madison Square Garden. Gambling in Gotham, it seems, is getting to be revolting.

Gambling in any city is one of the more unusual subjects of conversation, since, to paraphrase Mark Twain, everyone talks about it but no one does anything about it. Allen came out with the flat statement that court teams have taken to the tank for pecuniary considerations, and he has backed down. The mayor trains his cannon on gambling every second Sunday over a local radio station, causing multitudes to weep, but the police force over which he exercises such paternal control has failed utterly to remedy the situation even by a fraction.

BROADWAY CROWD RESPONSIBLE.

New York is open to charges of gambling (as it very well should be) chiefly because of the Broadway crowd, or part of it. There are men on the main stem whose life and passion is gambling and these reptilian characters are sometimes influenced by the grip of their art to such an extent they dip their unwashed thumbs in activities over which they seek financial control. You can see a great many of them in Madison Square Garden on the night of any fairly important Garden sports program, dickering and bargaining over the odds, while a platoon of cops thirty yards away handles such an awesome problem as the traffic on Eighth avenue.

Phog Allen has implied that New York newspapers and newspapermen have hidden evidence of criminality connected with basketball games. Something like the New Year's eve celebrant who has just been flung by the heels into a bathtub full of broken ginger ale bottles, we feel rather gloomy about this. Our sadness is further weighted by the fact

the administration of the state's growing business affairs."

RESCUED IN PHILIPPINES.

Three Missourians Among Group Removed From Islands.

General MacArthur's Headquarters, Philippines, Oct. 22 (Delayed). (AP)—The names of the first eighty-three American prisoners of war to be rescued from the Philippines were released here today. They were on a torpedoed enemy transport and were hidden by guerillas until removed from the islands.

Three men from Missouri were among the eighty-three. They were Lieut. John C. Playter of Joplin, Lieut. James K. Vann of Winona and Cpl. E. A. Motsinger of Webb City.

Also included in the list was Lieut. Ralph R. Johnson, whose address was given as Springfield, O. He is the brother of Mrs. Robert Dodds, 3325 Farrow street, Kansas City, Kansas.

PLANE BULLETS HIT TOWN.

Carey, Ind.—Residents of Carey recently had a taste of war when more than 100 50-caliber machine-gun bullets tore through houses and ricocheted from sidewalks. It was later reported that the bullets came from planes firing at a towed target at 20,000 feet. Fortunately, no one was injured.

Not a Plane of Armada of 2,500 Is Lost.

LONDON, Oct. 23. (AP)—Achieving complete mastery of European skyways, 2,500 American and British planes roamed hundreds of miles into Germany yesterday attacking six separate targets without a single loss.

It was the first time an armada of this size had escaped at least some minor battle casualties. Only one enemy aircraft was seen, and

Chief Price Does Nothing About Gaming Accusations

BY HENRY HORNSBY

Leader Sports Editor

I notice in the morning paper that Police Chief Austin B. Price has been unable to find out anything about what Phog Allen of Kansas describes as the nation's biggest college and high school gambling center located here in Lexington.

Dr. Allen, basketball coach at the University of Kansas, stated in a telephone conversation that the gambling center was located over the Mayfair bar, 224 East Main street, and that the telephone number was 3730.

Apparently someone else saw Chief Price's amusing report on his difficulties, because the late morning mail brought a letter from one who signs himself "Laughing Boy."

Laughing Boy says: "I see that Chief Price is having a lot of difficulty. No one will co-operate with him, poor fellow. He says: 'But if some of the people who know so much about these gambling joints will swear out warrants, I assure them that the places will be raided.' Since when," Laughing Boy asks, "does a policeman have to have a warrant to enter a gambling joint?" And Laughing Boy followed his question with "Ha, ha, ha."

The writer continued: "The Revised Kentucky Statutes (436.280) states that any bank, table, contrivance, machine or article used for carrying on a game prohibited by KRS 436.230 (dealing with gambling) . . . may be seized by any justice of the peace, sheriff, constable or police officer of a city **WITH OR WITHOUT A WARRANT.**"

And this paragraph also was followed by a "Ha, ha, ha."

Laughing Boy went on to say that if no one else would swear out a warrant there is nothing in the world to prevent the police from signing their names to such papers, provided, of course, they can write.

"I see by the morning paper, too," Laughing Boy continued, "that Chief Price says that his officers, ordered two weeks ago to clean out gambling joints in Lexington, have been unable to find anything substantiating Phog Allen's charges. If Chief Price admits he has been unable to find any gambling joints, then a new police chief should be found, because such joints do exist and every man in Lexington—except, of course, Chief Price and his officers—knows these joints have been operating. Ha, ha, ha."

That Telephone Number

Dr. Allen listed the telephone number as 3730. That was the number of the betting center in question up through last Friday, because a fellow called the sports editor and asked where Leroy Edwards, the former basketball star at the University of Kentucky, went to high school. The sports editor didn't know, asked for the number and offered to call back as soon as the information was uncovered. Would the caller leave the number? Sure, 3730!

Edwards attended Arsenal Tech at Indianapolis. After securing this information we called 3730 at once and furnished the data requested.

Today, however, the telephone number 3730 had vanished into thin air. We tried to call it and ended up with a special operator. She informed us in a very delightful voice that this must be the wrong number, that there was no such number listed. She even intimated that no such number ever had existed.

But 3730 existed as recently as last Friday, and for months has been used by us to find out how many points Kentucky was supposed to win over such teams as Georgia Tech, Ohio State, Tennessee, Temple, and so on. We even used it during the football season to learn the odds on the various Saturday games and particularly on the Bowl games. As a matter of fact, the number still is scrawled on the back of my typewriter shield, because it has not been in the phone book as such and was scribbled down as a safety measure. We got the number originally from the guy who ran the gambling joint, located over the Mayfair bar, located at 224 East Main street.

Allen May Have Inside Dope, But 3730 Not Payoff Number

The nation's "biggest gambling center" may or may not be located in Lexington, but its telephone number isn't 3730.

This was the number given by Dr. Forrest C. (Phog) Allen, University of Kansas basketball coach, for an establishment which he said was located on the second floor at 224 East Main street and which, he said, is a "gigantic handbook agency" handling many thousands of dollars in bets on high-school and college athletic games.

Lexington telephone operators said last night that they had no such number listed. Furthermore, the information operator declared that she had no record of 3730 ever being listed.

Chief of Police Austin B. Price said that city police, directed two weeks ago to clean out gambling joints in Lexington, had not verified Phog Allen's charges.

"But if some of the people who know so much about these gambling joints will swear out warrants, I assure them that the places will be raided," the chief declared.

He said police have been unable to enter some places which in the past have been suspected of carrying on gambling operations because the officers have been unable to find anyone who would swear out search warrants.

Asked if he planned any action as a result of the Kansas coach's allegations, Fayette Commonwealth's Attorney James Park said, "It is my belief that when the next grand jury convenes, we will get to the bottom of the situation.

"Of course," he added, "If somebody would swear out some warrants, we could get action sooner."

Phog Allen Says Lexington Is Biggest Gambling Center

By HENRY HORNSBY
Leader Sports Editor

Phog Allen—Dr. Forrest C. Allen — outspoken crusader against gambling on college sports; basketball coach at the University of Kansas, the man who gave Adolph Rupp his training in hardwood science, today stated in a long distance telephone call from Lawrence, Kansas, that "Lexington is probably the biggest high school and college gambling center in the United States."

Dr. Allen, long an advocate of "cleaning out" gambling within college sports, made the assertion a few days ago that Lexington was the college gambling center of the nation and repeated his charge in the telephone conversation.

The Kansas coach said that headquarters for the wagering customers was a room above the Mayfair bar, located at 224 East Main street, and that the telephone number was 3730. Dr. Allen said that he did not know whether there was any connection between management of the bar and the gambling joint.

"But I do know that a gigantic

handbook agency is located above the Mayfair," the coach continued, "and that the establishment, during the period of racing, handled considerable money on horse races, and that on Saturdays during the football season handled as much as \$500,000 on college football games. The place has been doing a big business in basketball gambling. The joint has telephone lines to a number of major cities," Dr. Allen went on, "and, with a monthly telephone bill of around \$2,500, can put calls through to these cities in less time than can an Army general."

Predicted Scandals

Dr. Allen long has argued that gambling on college sports was choking the very life out of such sports, and months ago predicted that if college authorities didn't wake up they would be confronted with scandals which would make the White Sox World Series affair of 1919 seem tame by comparison. His contentions were borne out to a marked degree with the recent disclosure of the Brooklyn College "sell-out."

Though primarily a "basketball" man, Dr. Allen says that he is concerned with the threat which other sports face—football being endangered most of all.

"Even track," he said, "has now

been invaded by the gamblers, especially in the eastern cities and in the midwest."

The Kansas coach believes that the only solution is the selection of a "czar" who is empowered to wield a heavy club in college athletics much in the manner the late Judge K. M. Landis did in baseball.

Dr. Allen said he has no quarrel with the subsidization of college athletes if it's done in the right way. But since there is little supervision of such tactics and since there is little that can be done to schools violating agreements, he believes that a commissioner of college sports is the only logical answer.

"Subsidization is all right, but doing it surreptitiously—as it's being done—is very dangerous," he asserted.

Deplores Proselyting

One of the most deplorable practices in college athletics, according to Coach Allen, is that of proselyting. "Coaches go after a boy, who already has settled at some school; offer him a large amount of money and take him away."

But getting back to the question of gambling, Dr. Allen stated that athletic directors and not "long bearded deans and professors" should be in full charge of athletic programs at educational centers.

"Athletic directors should be in full charge of sports programs," he said. "They, and not faculty representatives who know nothing about the business, should determine policies and be answerable for all criticisms."

He continued that under the present set-up in most sections coaches and athletic directors are nothing more than business managers. These two groups should be made full professors, Dr. Allen believes, with the powers and privileges and the respect accorded to professors.

And another thing. Dr. Allen says the threat to college sports will not be removed until gamblers, who invade the sanctity of the campus, are jailed for offenses.

"Those Brooklyn gamblers are still laughing about the affair at the college there. They've been gambling on college sports for years, and they'll keep on until the law puts a stop to it. The Brooklyn College scandal was a small thing by comparison to what goes on. And as long as we have places like the one there in Lexington the threat to our colleges and to our college boys will continue."

Dear Dr. Allen -

Thanks for letting Mr. Lawson
and me read these clippings.

They are certainly interesting.

Elizabeth Lawson

Hats Off!

When Dr. Forrest C. (Phog) Allen, University of Kansas basketball coach, charged last Fall that at least one player he knew had been approached by gamblers in Madison Square Garden, he drew a loud guffaw from New York police and from Ned Irish, president of the Garden and the Nation's No. 1 college basketball promoter. "What happened in Brooklyn should come as no surprise to any intelligent coach," Allen said today, after the scandal broke involving five Brooklyn College players accepting a \$3000 bribe to throw two games. "They have known these things were going on. Most were afraid to say anything about it. With the closing of the tracks, the bookies had to turn to collegiate sports. I still think the college presidents of America are missing their greatest opportunity to hire a high commissioner to serve and protect college sports, as Landis did baseball. They are the ones to solve this thing." For which, PM says:

Hats Off!

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Basketball—

Gamblers 1-7-44
Ruining It?

**Famed Phog Allen,
Veteran Jayhawker,
Fears for Future**

NEW YORK (AP) — A remarkable blue-eyed, dynamic personality, who loves basketball more than any living man, has stirred up quite a fuss about the hoop sport.

He is Dr. Forrest C. Allen, better known as Phog, coach of the Kansas Jayhawkers for the past 34 years—a record that is hard to match.

Phog has been worried about his favorite game for several years—"ever since the pros got hold of it," he tells every writer.

Not so long ago, the Crimson and Blue mentor charged that the gamblers are ruining amateur collegiate sports, especially basketball.

Allen went on to explain that he particularly meant the guys who take most of the seats for the big hoop games in Madison Square Garden.

Said the Kansas coach:

"I'm not striking at Ned Irish (the garden promoter). The point I'm making is that these big-time betting boys are going to get to basketball and ruin the game."

"Nothing Irish or any coach can do will stop the gamblers. Only the college presidents can halt it by appointing an absolute czar such as baseball has in Judge Landis."

Phog went on to say that he held Irish in high esteem and that the Madison Square garden tournaments "were run on the up and up."

Every hoop coach and fan knows that. But they also know that gamblers support the sport in the garden.

If anyone doubts that the guys who pass the green keep the sport going, all he has to do is buy a seat in any section of the big indoor arena and he can see the green stuff being passed under his nose all night.

Allen adds:

"If they (the gamblers) aren't there, why did a spectator run out and embrace a Utah player on the floor of the garden last spring, saying that the goal the boy had scored saved the man \$15,000."

Add that to the recent statement by the Utah coach, among others, that they have been approached in this big city, and it adds up.

Everyone knows that it's impossible to stop a bet on anything where the issue may go one way or another.

Fans and coaches in the basketball games at Madison Square garden admit that if it weren't for the guys who like to bet a little mazuma on the outcome, there wouldn't be

enough around to support the sport.

But Allen shouldn't be kicked aside as "another old woman." The coach knows more about the game than most of its followers ever will. He was one of the fathers with Dr. James Naismith. He hasn't any axe to grind. He just loves basketball.

So how can anyone condemn a philosophical gentleman whose admirers believe he has done about everything for his love but put the bounce into the ball?

the best bet is to have someone on the teams giving them the dope, or second best someone on the college campus.

NED Irish, the Garden basketball magnate, has made an effort to run the gamblers out of the Garden, but the fact is, if he stamped out gambling he would stamp out a great deal of Garden basketball. Not all of those 17,000 people were at the Garden the other night because either St. Francis or Muhlenberg were dear to their hearts. They were there for the same reason they go to the horse races—and that ain't to watch the nags run.

The hardest comment to answer about such gambling is, "So what?" But it is true that gambling makes for a bad smell and dishonesty. Judge Landis did a good job of keeping professional baseball divorced from the professional bettors and it might be a good idea if the colleges went at the business of wiping the gamblers out of college athletics.

ROCK LIKE A PENNY PICK POCKET

MOSTLY what Phog Allen was talking about was Madison Square Garden. where the biggest basketball business in America is being carried on every winter by Ned Irish. The facts are that hundreds of thousands of dollars are exchanging hands on the results of the Garden winners and where there is that much involved someone is going to get approached. College gambling is not a haphazard affair participated in by a few track bookies during the off season; it is a big time racket all by itself. These odds often quoting the prices the gamblers are offering are not set by guess work and too often they are set by information not available to the public.

Gambling in college sports has grown to such proportions there is now a central clearing house known to the trade as the "Minneapolis House." It is known among the touts as a reliable trading firm dealing in sports information and betting prices, and bookies pay for the information they get from the Minneapolis House just as they would pay for a pair of boots at Montgomery Ward's. This house collects sports information all over the country and sets prices and wholesales information on sports events throughout the nation. They work through professional agents or dope collectors and naturally the best

D. A. Allen you'll be interested in this! Henry.

D. U. AND C. C. MEET FRIDA



The Second Guess by Jack Carberry

COLLEGE BETTING SCANDAL BREWS, SAYS 'PHOG' ALLEN

Famed Kansan Wants High Commissioner Named By President; Says Grid and Cage Players Face Dangerous Temptations to Toss Games.

(By SAM SMITH.)

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WE, IN THIS basketball capital of the world, where year-in-and-year-out the fans see the finest the cage game offers, do not take Mr. "Phog" Allen too seriously. The Kansan is a great coach, jealous of Colorado's "Frosty" Cox, among others, and given to getting his name in large type whenever and wherever possible. "Phog's" latest, set forth in another column, is, more or less, just some new words to an old tune of his—the commissioner-to-be-named-by-the-president being the new motif to his song.

Fundamentally, "Phog" Allen is dead right. His fears relative to the dangers besetting college youths engaged in games which command betting in figures almost beyond belief have been shared by many, especially coaches who lead clubs into New York's Madison Square Garden during the winter basketball season.

The dangers found wide publicity last year, and the year before. The stories were told how the gambling fraternity around New York haunted the hotels where the visiting cagers stayed, and how coaches could not let their charges out of their sight for even a minute before games without having the boys approached for "information."

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ONE paragraph of Allen's charge is funny. He suggests that "the gentlemen running the A. A. U." call in the colleges and, in effect, tell them how they (the A. A. U.) keep their house clean. Is Allen kidding? He must be. Surely no man who has been in athletics as long as Allen could say that without putting his tongue very deep into his cheek.

The national A. A. U., under a long-decayed leadership—and the local A. A. U. until Bob Russell took the helm—lent itself to probably the rottenest "racket" of all time—the amateur boxing racket.

Surely men who stood by while lice, in the guise of "sponsors," not only permitted little kids to drink liquor, but actually supplied the drink before sending them into the ring, are not the people to tell the colleges how to conduct their athletic programs.

The national A. A. U. must look to its own house before it goes barging into the colleges of the country.

The men at the top of the A. A. U., nationally, are honest enough, goodness knows. The fact is they are so honest in their own rights that they know little or nothing of the world in which they live. Men, for example, like National A. A. U. President L. di Benedetto, the New Orleans playground instructor, and his assistant, J. Lyman Bingham, once of D. U., cannot conceive, thru training and background, that there are men who would see a little kid all but get his brains knocked out for the lone dirty dollar paid to the manager of a winning boxer in an amateur bout.

When, as mentioned by Allen, baseball faced its "Black Sox" scandal, it didn't go into the playgrounds and colleges for a "czar." It went into the courts—the courts where life as it is actually lived is on daily parade. It took for its chief a man who knew all about life on the other side of the college and playground fence—a hard-boiled, plain-spoken, wise and understanding jurist that nobody can fool—and nobody tries to fool, either.

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WE DO not think Allen has overstated the situation. He has not as far as basketball in Madison Square Garden is concerned. This is not intended for, nor is it a reflection on, Ned Irish, the Garden promoter, a man who has done as much, or more, to make the cage game popular as any individual you can name. It is simply that basketball, in the Garden, is more than a sport. It is a gambling enterprise, just as Allen states.

Let us look at the men involved in this gamble. Let us look at them from our own local viewpoint, for we of the Rocky Mountain west are sending two teams into the Garden this year—Wyoming and Utah.

Out here we are frankly a bunch of hypocrites. We say we are playing college games purely for the love of sports, and for the good of the kids taking part. We go around with pious faces making rules and regulations "designed to keep our sports pure." We, on the quiet, give athletes free tuition—some of them their books, others just their schooling. But we deny the kids a training table or a place to live. That, we of the Big Seven say with solemn looks upon our faces, is done in the interest of "the purity of athletics." Phooey!

For we, in council meeting as we draw our schedules—what do we talk about? The gate, brothers and sisters—the gate. The gate means how many cash customers we can expect for this contest or that one. Then of a Saturday we send these kids out to play before these cash customers. The kids down there on the field—many of them—haven't had a square meal inside them all thru the football season. I know and I can name names. I can tell you the names of kids in the Big Seven who lived on hamburgers because they were unable to hold down jobs that would pay them sufficient money to keep themselves decently. The reason they couldn't hold down such jobs is that their school work plus their athletic drills took up every waking minute.

Well, sir, this hungry kid, of a Saturday afternoon, looks up in the stands and counts some 10,000 or 20,000 customers who came there for what? To see him play. That's what they came for. The kids may be young. But the kids can think. And the kids are human. You put those elements together and you have a kid who, unless he's made of some mighty wonderful stuff, could very well lend an ear to some gambler who showed him a sheaf of greenbacks in return for not playing quite as hard as his alma mammy—that's starving him—expects him to play.

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WE DON'T believe this has happened as yet. The wonder is that it hasn't—that we haven't had the scandal Allen predicts. But with money like it is—well, that remark of Allen's about the coming period being "a golden age of sports because there won't be enough silver to pay off the athletes" isn't just wise cracking.

This department is, and ever has been, against "buying" and "paying" college athletes. But by the same token it is high time that the colleges of this nation—of our own section, especially—treat the athletes like human beings, giving in return for their services as boxoffice attractions, honestly awarded and openly acknowledged scholarships, plus the training table, with quarters, during the periods of competition.

If we need a national commissioner to bring this about, well and good.

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From the "Phila. Record" — A lousy Democrat paper — They stunked #1 like to write him a hot one!

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A Case of Put Up or Shut Up

By RED SMITH

Dr. Phog Allen, who has made a career out of proving that he would have invented basketball if James Naismith hadn't thought of it first, is an extraordinarily fortunate man gifted with many talents, rare personal charm and a reverent admiration for the sound of his own voice.

Out in Kansas, where school children are taught that Dr. Allen invented the very peach basket that Naismith first tacked up on a pole, editors would as lief go to press without the weather report as publish an edition lacking an announcement by Dr. Allen that basketball is going to the demnition bow-wows. As a consequence, Dr. Allen's ordinary fulminations now create almost as much excitement among readers as a forecast that tomorrow will be mostly cloudy with rising temperatures in the afternoon.



Red Smith

However, within the last few days the Kansas coach has given tongue to a set of contradictions which cannot be shrugged off without comment.

He started out by disclosing that in certain sinful circles bets were laid on basketball games. What's more, he was quoted as declaring he knew of at least two cases in which players in Madison Square Garden games sold out to gamblers last winter.

Twenty-four hours later he denied making any specific charges involving games in the Garden. Games were run on the up and up there, he said. When he spoke of sellouts, he'd been referring to a certain tournament held in the East.

Inasmuch as the two major college tournaments conducted in the East last winter were run off in the Garden, this had all the earmarks of a distinction without a difference. However, Dr. Allen was not abashed.

In a third statement he announced he had furnished Ned Irish, promoter of the Garden games, with the name of one player influenced by professional gamblers. He did not identify the player, the college, the game in question or the gamblers.

Instead he hedged, explaining that "it is very difficult to get proof."

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And that, of course, is precisely the point. Unless a man is prepared to submit proof, he has no right whatever to broadcast charges of crookedness.

He Must Name Names Or Keep Quiet

Allen makes his living, or at least part of it, out of basketball. The very least he owes the game in return is to put up or shut up. He must name names publicly, and give the accused a chance to make a public defense. Or else he must stop rapping the sport that feeds him.

The good doctor's discovery that some people bet on basketball games will not astonish fans in the East. The literate ones have been reading storm warnings for years.

It has been pointed out time and again that gambling on college games has attained approximately the proportions of the steel industry. Professionals exchange such copious and minute information about teams that a bookie in New York can learn what the star center of Sioux City Normal ate for breakfast three days before a game, and how it sat on his stomach.

A coach may think his team is in perfect physical and mental condition for a big game, but some total stranger in Jersey City knows the left forward has a slightly sprained ankle, the right guard has been fighting with his girl friend, the first-line substitute can't sleep on a Pullman and the custodian of the water bucket is ailing with a cut suffered while shaving.

With gamblers maintaining such intimate contact with players, it is a mortal cinch that some day somebody is going to get to a kid with a financial proposition—if it hasn't happened already.

Even without selling out, it is possible for a player to make at least a good try at influencing the payoff on bets based on the score of a game. The big wagering is done on a point basis, money being staked on the proposition that Team A will beat Team B by, say, 10 points.

Angle guys insist they have seen cases in which a boy on Team A seemed determined that his club shouldn't win by more than eight points.

I don't know whether any college player ever bet a dime or accepted a penny from a bettor. But I do know Allen is right when he calls gambling a menace to the game. The mealy-mouthed complaint that his statements betray a "lack of faith in American youth" is as sensible as a protest that maintenance of a police force reflects distrust of the American people.

However, one can't agree with Allen that the menace can be removed by appointing a basketball czar like baseball's Judge Landis. Basketball has no such national organization as baseball to invest a commissioner with authority, and a commissioner wouldn't have the indispensable power to fine offending players, teams or colleges.

There is a suspicion that Dr. Allen, suggesting appointment of a czar like Landis, also is prepared to recommend a candidate for the job. Any guesses as to the candidate's name?

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Peterson, in Salt Lake City, admitted that fans wagered on the outcome of basketball games just as they do on elections or on any other contest. He added, however, that he did not want to become a party to any reform movement against gambling, and that the incident in New York was closed as far as he

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Utah Mentor Wants No Part In Allen's War on Gamblers

But Peterson Upholds Phog's
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Says Garden Would Act

"I am sure the management of Madison Square Garden would be the first to move if it thought that gambling affected the outcome of any game," Peterson said.

Allen had this to say about Peterson's comment:

"Vadal is talking about betting by fans. I have no argument with the fan who wants to bet on any game.

"But the man who came to his hotel room and asked how much it would cost to have Utah throw a game was not a fan contemplating a casual wager."

Allen said that he joined Peterson in his belief that Madison Square Garden made every effort to prevent gambling. He added that his only target of criticism was the professional gambler who, Allen said, would like to fix college games.



Dr. F. C. "Phog" Allen