Basketball—Bamblers 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."