

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?