

# Irish Bares Basketball Profits

**Testifies He Got 10 P. C. and Garden 40 of Net From Collegiate Games.**

Ned Irish, acting president of the Madison Square Garden Corporation and promoter of basketball at the Garden since 1934, admitted before Judge Leibowitz of Kings county today that his scheduling of basketball at the sports arena was primarily to make money for himself, but emphasized that in addition he was interested in presenting college basketball under better conditions and where it could be attended by large numbers of fans.

Irish, who allegedly supplied the police early last fall with a list of professional gamblers whom he wished kept away from the Garden, was the day's first witness at the resumption of the Brooklyn inquiry into gambling and its relation to college basketball in New York. The investigation was prompted by the disclosure weeks ago that five former members of the Brooklyn College basketball team had accepted a bribe to throw a game which Brooklyn College was scheduled to play in Boston against Akron University.

Irish declined to say to what extent he had profited out of college basketball at the Garden, and with respect to the general financial arrangements for basketball games there said that it was not a case of the colleges getting stipulated percentages for sending teams there, but of the Garden getting a stated percentage.

The Garden executive said he was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1928 and that while there he was a college sports writer for a Philadelphia newspaper. On his graduation he continued as a sports writer for a New York newspaper until 1934 when he persuaded Garden officials to allow him to introduce basketball there.

## Tells of Profits From Games.

"I realized and knew," he said, "that conditions, both in the local gymnasiums and armories, were very poor for the playing of basketball. The capacity of these places was inadequate, the lighting poor and the attendance at games beyond anything they could handle. Only in the case of Fordham University was the gymnasium nearly adequate to handle the attendance. Also, the gymnasium of Columbia University came close to being adequate."

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