

"These betting mobs are vicious," Phog declares. "They don't want to gamble; they want a sure thing. And they have been getting it by buying off college boys who have never seen big money. We'd better treat those rats rough or they'll ruin intercollegiate athletics.

"We need a czar over all college athletics who can track down these rodents and put a stop to the filthy business. Gamblers infest the eastern arenas, but the same condition exists on a smaller scale out here in the west.

Can Reach Boys

"Maybe those people who were lamenting about my lack of faith in college boys will believe me now. They don't know me very well if they think I don't understand boys. I've had boys on my teams who could have been 'reached' under the right conditions. An athlete sees coaches drawing down big money and athletic associations raking in the coin. It's big business for those who control it and the college boy gets nothing for playing.

"The National Collegiate Athletic Association should have taken the lead in hiring a man of the caliber of J. Edgar Hoover or General MacArthur to rule intercollegiate sports. There are other evils threatening amateur sports besides gambling. And greed is at the bottom of it all.

Lack Protection

"But the N.C.A.A. talked in parables and platitudes. All was well with the world, they said. They made plans for the national tournament in Madison Square Garden where gamblers are thick as bees in a clover patch. They will hold it there again this season starting with the Eastern semi-finals, March 22. I have no argument against it except that they aren't giving the game the protection it needs.

"Many of those who are deploring this expose of bribery should be glad it happened. It will bring this thing out in the open where it belongs and where I tried to put it last fall.

"I feel sorry for those college boys in Brooklyn. Much of the blame for their wrong-doings rests on other shoulders."