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When Dr. Forrest C. (Phog) Allen, outstanding athletic figure in the midwest section of the United States and veteran basketball coach at the University of Kansas, yelled "wolf" several months ago and asserted that a basketball "scandal that would stink to high heaven" was in the making, most of the folks laughed at him.

But today they've changed their tune. The oldtime mentor really had something on the ball when he made the charge.

To be sure, the so called scandal hurts intercollegiate sports competition in more ways than one. And on this point the Kansas U. mentor places the blame for it squarely on the National Collegiate Athletic association (NCAA).

He scores the NCAA officials for sending the basketball teams right into the nest of professional gambling and then, in the next breath, deploras betting on collegiate athletics.

"The National Collegiate Athletic association met in Columbus in January and expressed 'regret' at the prevalence of gambling on intercollegiate sports," Allen revealed. "But they continue to team up with professional promoters to hold tournaments in arenas where everyone knows big time gamblers operate in hordes."

"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 cancer eating at the heart of intercollegiate athletics," Allen contended.

"They'd better get busy or intercollegiate sports will be deader than a door nail. 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.



Dr. Allen