

Sport Dying Of Rottenness, Holds Coach

Kansas Mentor Hits Rise of Proselyting In Basketball

LAWRENCE, Kas., Jan. 23.—
Dr. Forrest (Phog) Allen, Uni-
versity of Kansas basketball
coach who loves an argument,
has a characteristic reply to critics
who disagree with his statement that
college football will die a natural
death in 10 more
years.

"If the post-
man stopped to
kick at every dog
that barked at
his heels he
never would get
his mail deliver-
ed," he said.

Allen, at the
same time, re-
affirmed his
charge that com-
mercialism and
over-emphasis is
causing college
football to "die

of its own rottenness." He also
complained that there is a "rising
professional tendency in college bas-
ketball."



PHOG ALLEN

* * * COLLEGE HEADS BLAMED

"The college presidents are at fault
in the beginning," he said. "Why
should we sugar coat and lie to high
school athletes when in the long
run supplying them with an educa-
tion is the basic purpose of college?"

"Swayed by his inexperience and
glowing promises of 'gold,' the high
school athlete is at the mercy of
profit-seeking coaches who see in
him only the means to build a foot-
ball team," he added.

Allen indicated that the fans
themselves are growing tired of the
"hypocrisy" with which colleges
proselyte prospective stars, and
added that "out and out profes-
sionalism would be an improvement
over the present system."

* * * NO PROMISES, HE SAYS

The Kansas coach, whose basket-
ball teams have won 16 champion-
ships in the 23 years he has been at
the university, said that never had
he been guilty of luring "unsuspect-
ing young rabbits into the fold with
glowing promises of board, room,
laundry and other chattels.

"To me, the respect of my athletes
is much more valuable than a
basketball championship," he said.
"It has always been my policy to
rank school work ahead of basket-
ball. My present policy of not play-
ing the boys who have lower than
average backs up this statement.