

Now this is where Mr. Ned Irish, the Horatio Alger of promotional independent basketball, steps in. Mr. Irish is a businessman, and is also promoter of the New York Invitational Basketball Tournament. He is of the same business species as are the football bowl game promoters. We must admire the business acumen of the athletic departments of the Oklahoma Aggies, the Universities of Kentucky and of Utah in going to the New York Invitational Tournament where the money allowance is plentiful instead of going to the N.C.A.A. tournament where there is little money and little glory. The N.C.A.A. big-wigs choose to take most of the money, whereas the independent promoters give a goodly part of the gate receipts to competing teams.

The reason that Oklahoma Aggies, Kentucky and Utah passed up the N.C.A.A. play-off was because these three teams, who are members of the N.C.A.A., could get a much better financial return in New York, and would get only chicken feed if they supported the N.C.A.A. tournament.

The stand-out teams of the country - Oklahoma Aggies, Kentucky, DePaul and St. John's - all of them are in the New York Invitation tournament. But all are members of the N.C.A.A. group who chose to play where money and fame were more abundant.

Perhaps it might be well to mention the teams in New York's Invitation Tournament. Muhlenberg, of Pennsylvania; DePaul of Chicago; Bowling Green of Ohio; St. John's of Brooklyn; Oklahoma Aggies; Kentucky; and Canisius, of Buffalo. Already Kentucky has defeated Utah; St. John's has defeated Bowling Green; Oklahoma Aggies has defeated Canisius; and DePaul has defeated Muhlenberg - in the first round.

In the second round last night the Oklahoma Aggies lost to DePaul of Chicago, 41 to 38; and St. John's of ^{Brooklyn} ~~Buffalo~~ defeated the University