



SPORTS...

By Eddie Ash

WRITING in the New York News, Jim McCulley said, in part, "I see where the 'Voice' is crying out again in the wilderness of college athletics, the 'Voice' in this particular instance being Dr. Forrest C. (Phog) Allen, basketball coach at the University of Kansas."

In sports writer's McCulley's opinion, the sound of the Phog Horn is not a strange one. . . . So we will go along with McCulley. . . . It has been heard from time to time down through the years, blaring a warning to one and all who would listen about the mounting dangers of alleged unethical practices in intercollegiate athletics. Here's what McCulley says:

"Some 10 days ago, from his Lawrence, Kas., ballyhoo, Allen put a blast on the entire collegiate setup by pointing out the need for a national intercollegiate 'Judge Landis' to 'save the decency of collegiate athletics after the war.'

He went on to say that unless such an office was created there would be a post-war scandal in football and basketball that would overshadow any similar incident since baseball's Black Sox world series deal of 1919.

Puts Newsmen on the Spot

"As sure as you live," Allen told a reporter, "the thing is going to crack wide open sometime when they lay bare an incident where some group of college boys have thrown a game for a tidy sum. That will happen because there is more money being bet on football and basketball games in America today than is bet on all the horse races being run."

Now Allen goes himself one better and alleges that some college basketball teams appearing in Madison Square Garden have "thrown games for tidy sums" that they have been "selling out" to New York gamblers; that a cage scandal at the Garden has been hushed."

Phog's latest inharmonious note was touted exclusively, it seems, for the benefit of Jack Carberry, sports editor of the Denver Post.

In reporting the blast, Carberry said: "Allen, in making his charge, alleges that newspapers, with full knowledge that games have been 'thrown' in Madison Square Garden, have kept it quiet, or fairly quiet."

No Evidence to Support Suspicions

That, I don't have to tell you, puts the onus squarely on the New York basketball writers and the papers for which they work. Having covered many basketball games at the Garden in the last couple of years, I naturally feel chagrined that this alleged "throwing" of games was taking place right before my nose without me being aware of it.

Of course, I must admit that the boys wouldn't take me into their confidence if they were about to pull a phone. But on the other hand, it's hard to believe that I could sit through two seasons of basketball at the Garden with such a thing going on and not smell an odor at some time or other. I know that gambling on basketball games is tremendous. And it is possible that gamblers might reach some of the players.

But, in fairness, I must say that even though the mountain of gambling on the games has sometimes aroused my suspicions of crookedness, no evidence to support the suspicions ever showed up.

Newspapers Don't Hush Scandals

I won't argue one way or another at this time about Allen's suggestion that college athletes need a "big stick" such as Judge Landis holds over baseball. Maybe it does and maybe it doesn't. And I don't say that Allen's intentions are anything but the best and well-meaning.

I will say, however, that Allen's charges of alleged "throwing" of games in the Garden and a "hushed up" scandal which some newspapers are supposed to be keeping quiet is a serious one which casts a shadow of dishonesty not only over all the players who have been performing in the Garden, but upon the newsmen who have been covering the events as well.



Bierman Returns to Gophers



Recently placed on an inactive status by the marine corps, Lt. Col. Bernie Bierman (right) begins his duties as advisory coach of the University of Minnesota football team. He and Coach George Hauser set up the team's prospects at a practice session.

Purdue's Ed Cody Pursues Illinois Star in Scoring Race

CHICAGO, Oct. 24 (U.P.)—The contest for Big Ten football scoring honors turned into a two-man race today as Ed Cody, Purdue's bulldozer fullback who learned his football in the East, moved up on the feet heels of Illinois' Buddy Young.

Cody, who was a freshman regular with Boston college in 1942, scored two touchdowns as Purdue defeated Iowa Saturday to barge into second place behind Young, who dropped out of conference competition as Illinois defeated Pittsburgh. Young has piled up 30 points in the three conference games while Cody has played one game less and trails the swift Negro halfback by one touchdown.

Capt. Bob Wiese, Michigan fullback, also has 24 points, but he will be taken out of action Nov. 5 by a navy transfer, leaving the race to Cody and Young.

Young held on to his ground-gaining leadership over the weekend and Johnny Yungwirth, Northwestern's freshman left halfback, remained the Big Ten's No. 1 passer with 21 completions out of 41 throws for 282 yards and a .536 average.

However, Bob Joeschmeier of Indiana, the Big Ten's 1943 passing king, started a comeback Saturday. Before Indiana played Northwestern, the big Cincinnati youth had a .277 average, but he hit 10 out of 19 passes against Northwestern to boost his record to 15 completions out of 37 attempts for a 255 yards and a .405 average.

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CHICAGO, Oct. 24 (U.P.)—Promoter Jack Kearns said today that a scheduled 10-round fight between Lee Savold, Paterson, N. J., and Larry Lane, Newark Negro heavyweight, had been advanced from Nov. 9 to Nov. 8 in order to avoid conflict with another event here.

The Big Ten offensive leaders:

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