

Strictly Ad Lib

By Zane Robbins

Crime Invades the Big Time

SAD TO SAY, OLD demon Crime has reared its proverbially ugly head once again. The setting, as usual, is New York where you can buy anything from a 12-inch firecracker to a basketball game. The once fair game of basketball received another kick in the coccyx a few days ago when it was discovered that no less than eight players on "big time" cage teams had accepted money from professional gamblers to "throw" games in Madison Square Garden, a modern Garden of Eden with more than one snake on the loose.

Of the Evil Eight, representing NYU, CCNY, and LIU, one has been tabbed the nation's outstanding player and three others have been mentioned as All-American candidates. The big man in the deal, of course, was Sherman White, the 6' 7" Long Island ace who is currently leading the nation in scoring and has been named as the outstanding eager of the year by Sporting News.

It is unfortunate, to say the least, when players accept bribe money to "fix" a game for the benefit of a few underworld citizens who are out to fleece the suckers that flood the Big Town, but when some of the top names in basketball join in on the deal you know the country's top spectator sport has hit an all-time low.

The Cost of the Loss

THE PLAYERS PROBABLY DIDN'T think about it when the gamblers waved the long green in front of them, but important games aren't the only things they're tossing out the window. The boys who have been nabbed by New York detectives also have thrown away their self respect, the respect of their fellows, and a shot at professional basketball. Many of the boys involved in the fixes had promising pro careers before them. Others didn't, but the fact that they walked the crooked path will follow them from here on out—no matter where they go. They'll be lucky to get truck driving jobs after this.

They're regretting their misdeeds already, of course, but regret won't keep them out of prison—or open the Pearly Gates.

Carolina Basketball Coach Tom Scott was contacted yesterday about the second basketball scandal since New Year's Day. He commented that the Tar Heels will likely play in the Garden again next year, but added that the final decision will have to come from the administration. "At this time we don't have a game scheduled in New York for next year," Scott said, "but we'll probably be back there if the administration doesn't rule it out."

The amiable Tar Heel Coach referred to the New York mess as "very bad for the game." Such action "hurts the game an awful lot," he commented.

No Laughing Matter

THE USUAL JOKES HAVE been making the rounds since the big scandal broke, but in the opinion of most sport personalities it's no laughing matter.

Certain radio-TV comics don't see it that way, however. Chuckling about the situation, one comic did a take-off on an old song by singing, "Rumors are flying that CCNY isn't trying." Another bit of satire went this way: "A ticket, a tasket, \$500 for that basket."

Since everybody else is getting into the act, I might as well drop my two cents into the pot. If the laugh-makers are going to stick to the practice of stealing punch lines from popular songs, they might suggest that LIU adopt "Bye, Bye Blackbirds" as its new theme song.

A recent press report states that Long Island has already dropped intercollegiate athletics and will, temporarily at least, confine its basketball and other sports to intramurals.

Wallace Maintains Lead In Scoring Race; Grimaldi And Deasy Follow, Maddie Fourth

Jack Wallace, sophomore from Elkins, W. Va., maintained his lead in the Tar Heel scoring race. The 6 ft. 3 in. forward has scored 335 points in 24 games for a 13.9 points-per-game average.

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Basketball Scandal Spreads Across Nation**USF Players Offered Cash To Fix Games**

NEW YORK, Feb. 21—(UP)—The basketball betting scandal spread across the nation today with charges of attempted "fixes" on the West Coast.

A New York grand jury began hearing wiretap evidence in its own bribery case.

The grand jury here started its probe into the sensational cases involving three City College of New York stars, three Long Island University stars, one New York University player and two other men. Earlier police seized the financial records and bank accounts of Salvatore Toto Solazzo, 45-year-old jewelry manufacturer accused of being the "payoff man" in the New York bribe ring.

New Developments

Menawhile, across the nation there were these developments:

1. In East Lansing, Mich., former San Francisco University basketball coach Pete Newell said three of his players were offered bribes to throw games while he was on the West Coast. He named two of the players—Don Lofgran, and Frank Kuzara—and they confirmed his charges.

2. At Portland, Ore., Police Chief Charles Pray said his department had been asked by Milwaukee Police for information regarding telephone calls on basketball gambling. The alleged phone calls were from a Portland "card room" to Milwaukee.

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