

# Fix Probe Spreads To All N.Y. Teams Using Garden

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NEW YORK (AP)—The college basketball "fix" probe has spread to all New York teams which played games last year in Madison Square Garden.

The current sports scandal reached back into last season when newspapers reported, police had wiretap recordings of a last-year fix.

The newspapers said the evidence involving all local teams was ordered withheld by an unidentified high official.

Former Police Commissioner William P. O'Brien entered a general denial of the reports.

Police Commissioner Thomas F. Murphy, while saying he had no information that such evidence ex-

isted, had ordered a search of police files. The commissioner said the departmental record check might take "a couple of days."

District Attorney Frank S. Hogan, who last Sunday broke the basketball bribe case which rocked the sports world, said he never saw or heard of suppressed wire-

tap evidence. He added that his office had no wiretaps prior to last Jan. 12. Wiretap evidence was used to gain confessions in the present "fix" case.

The newspapers said 40 wiretap recordings made during the 1949-1950 season indicated a giant "fix" involving all Garden dates

kept by every Metropolitan area team.

Hogan had a long talk yesterday with Eddie Gard, former Long Island University (Brooklyn) player accused of offering bribes to three LIU stars, and a trio of City College of New York team members.

Gard also is charged with acting as a go-between for the alleged brains of the fix, Salvatore P. Solazzo.

The district attorney said he questioned Gard about any others who might have been mixed up in the scandal. Hogan declined to say what progress, if any, resulted from the questioning. He added that the inquiry was "far from complete."

As a result of the New York investigation some half dozen schools throughout the nation have pulled their teams out of further Garden competition.

In a radio address last night, Commissioner Murphy praised the progress of the fix inquiry and assured out-of-town teams there would be no relaxation in police

vigilance against future fix attempts.

Offering "a special word" to the mothers and fathers and friends of college athletes whose teams play in New York in the future, Murphy said:

"Let me assure them that New York is a city we are proud of, and we propose to maintain it in the best interests of those we welcome as visitors and our own citizens alike."

The New York grand jury, which started sifting fix evidence Wednesday, is expected to take about a week or 10 days before deciding what charges might be made against eight accused collegians and Solazzo.

Accused in the fix case, besides Solazzo and Gard, are CCNY play-

ers Ed Warner, Ed Roman and Al Roth, LIU stars Leroy Smith, Adolph Bigos and Sherman White, and NYU player Harvey (Connie) Schaff.

As other basketball bribe attempts were reported around the country, the U.S. Senate Crime Investigating committee indicated it might look into basketball fixes but said that no extensive study was planned.

Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn), committee chairman, pointed out in Washington yesterday that the committee officially goes out of business March 31.

The New York probe, he said, "is in mighty good hands" — referring to the conduct of Hogan's investigation.

and 9 of 12 for an even 75 percent in the Southern division.

In the north the home teams had an average winning margin of 8.9 points and the visitors won by an average of 6.8 points. Five 1-point victories and three 2-pointers were recorded in the first 32 games.

In the south the home teams won by a 15.1 average and the visitors by 7.7. One 3-point margin and one 4-pointer were the closest games.

Washington, Oregon and UCLA are undefeated at home.

## YMCA Boys Hoop League Playoff Set

The YMCA church basketball playoffs have been scheduled for Saturday morning and afternoon at the Junior High and Benson school gyms.

At 10 a.m. the First Christian quintet will tangle with Baptist-Presbyterian. Both teams were involved in a three-way tie for the third spot in the Junior high school league.

The winner of this game will meet St. George's Episcopal at the Benson gym at 1:15 p.m. The semi-finals of the "B" league will get underway at 3:15 as First Methodist meets the loser of the 1:15 game. Sutherland Christian will meet the winners.

"A" league semi-finals feature the first place Dillard Methodist team battling the First Methodist squad at 1:15 and the other first place First Christians against Faith Lutheran at 2:15. There are games are scheduled to be played at Benson gym.

These games will determine the teams to play in the finals the following Saturday, March 3. The championship teams in each bracket will receive trophies.

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