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PREP RELAYS END TOO**No De-emphasis---
U-D Drops Wayne**

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Suspension of the University of Detroit - Wayne basketball series had been expected. It was confirmed yesterday at the same time that Wayne announced it would drop the annual Wayne Relays.

An end to the basketball series and track meet, each 20 years old, had been anticipated since Wayne joined the Presidents' Athletic Conference the past winter.

"It wasn't a question of making a choice," said Ray Null,

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Sports Editor: Since when is any professional sport not conducted to make money? Don't you believe that baseball would use the hockey playoff system if it was to the club owners' financial advantage?

H. E. HOLLIDAY.

Sports Editor: I violently disagree with you when you say that hockey is the most over-commercialized game of all. I say it can't hold a candle to baseball. If the newspapers gave less ink to baseball I'm afraid the gate receipts would fade. As it is, baseball is on its way out. JOHN EDWARDS.

Sports Editor: There certainly isn't as much of your so-called mayhem in hockey as there is in professional football, particularly in line play. Cuts are inevitable in hockey but broken bones are far more prevalent in football.

CHARLES H. WOSE.

Sports Editor: What hockey needs most is better officiating. The Red Wings were able to

U. of D. athletic director, in announcing it had removed Wayne from the schedule.

OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS

"We couldn't invite Wayne to the Motor City tournament because of the Presidents' Conference rule against holiday meets and we understand they are supposed to play schools with similar athletic policy (no recruiting, subsidization).

"Our program is not de-emphasis. After the PAC has had time to set up a clear picture of what schools its members can play, we'll be glad to talk to Wayne about games again."

Alden W. Thompson, Wayne athletic director, said he would like to maintain the basketball series with U. of D., but that "Wayne has pretty much agreed with the rest of the PAC to schedule like-minded teams."

The PAC has no definite rule concerning selection of non-conference opponents in basketball. The regulations state only that varsity teams are limited to an 18-game schedule.

TOURNAMENT CONTINUES

Wayne won 12 and lost 15 during the U. of D. series.

U. of D. will continue the Motor City tournament and has already selected Wayne's replacement. Announcement is being withheld until contracts are signed.

David Holmes, the force behind the Wayne Relays, is seeking a new sponsor for the event in which high school athletes compete. At a meeting of the Presidents' Athletic Conference this week, Wayne was refused permission to sponsor it.

The presidents said the track meet was "clearly a high school all-star event" and could not be permitted under league rules.

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