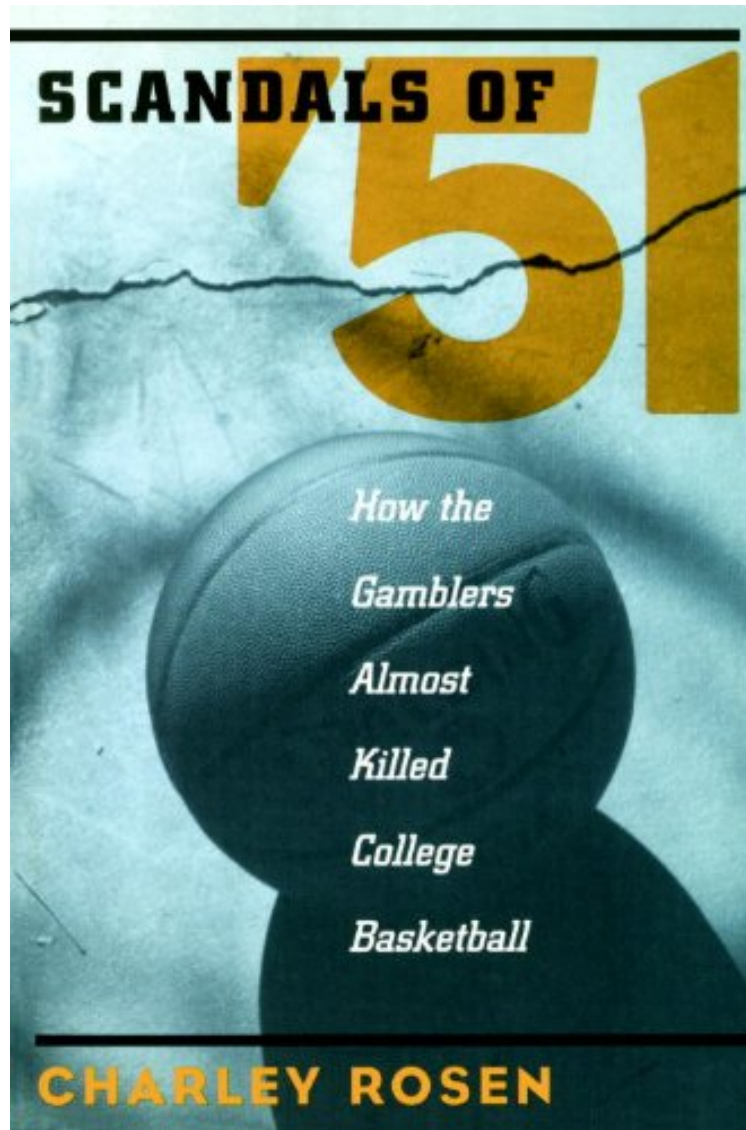


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America. In the early 1950s, a host of college basketball players who had fixed the outcome of college games by shaving points in order to beat the point spread and the gamblers who induced them to participate in the scheme were arrested. The resulting scandal revealed that numerous college games had not been on the up and up. Fewer things can destroy a sport faster than dishonest results. In this excellent, highly readable book, noted basketball historian and novelist, Charley Rosen, explains how the fixers got to the players, why the players went along and sold out the game they loved and what the results were for college basketball. For my money, Rosen's cautionary tale is a great place to start for anyone interested in the history of modern college basketball. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. *Basketball Fixing and Point Shaving Scandals* By bigwalt Fascinating story about a period in college basketball that to date has been vastly under reported. This book and his biography of Jack Molinas are arguably the definitive works on the fixing and point shaving scandals of the 1950's. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By ROBERT SARNOSKI very good

The college basketball scandals of 1951 were to basketball what the 1919 Black Sox scandals were to baseball a loss of innocence, after which the game would be permanently tarnished, its relationship to power and big money firmly established. In *Scandals of '51*, Charley Rosen identifies all the major figures including players, coaches, gangsters, clergymen, politicians that made up the elaborate network that controlled the outcomes to many games or protected those who did so. Rosen shows who got caught and who didn't, and what role class, race, and religion played in determining this.