

IN FOOTBALL CIRCLES IT IS FREQUENTLY TRUE THAT A MAN MAY BE DOWN BUT NOT OUT

RULES ON SAFETIES CLEAR IN REGARD TO BALL CROSSING LINE

Kicked Ball Other Than Kick-Off, Free Kick or One Scoring Goal From Field Goes Over Line Before Being Touched, It Automatically Becomes Touchback

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In a game of football played up in New England recently, the ball was kicked over the goal line on the kick-off. The player who caught it attempted to run it out, but was tackled behind the line. A lengthy argument followed, and finally it was ruled a safety, and the game continued under protest.

That play is NOT a safety, and there is no possible way to make it one. The impetus which sent the ball over the line came from the attacking side and the defender was downed behind his own goal line with the ball in his possession.

The misleading part of the play, however, is that on the kick-off, everybody is inside, and had one of the kicker's side recovered the ball behind the goal line he would have scored a touchdown. In this case, it is a touchback, provided the runner is tackled behind the goal line.

It is just the same as if he hadn't tried to run at all, and touched the ball down as soon as he received it.

HOWEVER, if a man tries to run the ball from behind his own goal line from regular formation, and is tackled before reaching the line, it is a safety. That goes on regular formation but not on kicks which cross the line.

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STRANGE as it may seem, the rules are remarkably clear in regard to kicked balls crossing the goal line. If a kicked ball other than a kick-off, free kick or one scoring a goal from the field goes over the goal line before being touched, whether on the fly or the bound, it automatically becomes a touchback.

There is no penalty. The ball is dead as soon as it crosses the goal line and the signal for a fair catch means nothing. It is a touchback.

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THAT GUILTIEST FEELING



SIX CLASHES ON INDEPENDENT LIST

Holmesburg, Ewing, Conshohocken and Frankford Among Teams That Will See Action

HOBART PLAYS RIVERSIDE

TODAY'S INDEPENDENT GAMES

Footbal lovers and followers of independent gridiron teams have many big games on the schedule this afternoon.

Both clubs have been playing in the form since the opening of the season and winning with regularity. This is especially so of Frankford, which has been undefeated in its games.

Further on the list are the Holmesburg aggregation also will entertain a capacity audience.

Oppose Navy

Manager Gerker was fortunate in being able to secure the famous club of the United States steamship Massachusetts, and those fans who make the journey to Hobartburg to see Wilmington will not be denied a good game, as it is predicted by a few on the inside that the home club will have its hands full in winning.

That Dobson Clash

The J. & J. Dobson Athletic Field will be the scene of an important game between East Side and East Falls Y. M. C. A. clubs have been craving to get at each other for some time and both sides are anxious to see the result.

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SLIM CHANCE OF CENTRAL HIGH LOSING ELLIS GIMBEL TROPHY

Mirrors Loom Up as Certain Winner of Interscholastic Title; Southern Loses Slugging Set-to

FISTS FLY FURIOUSLY

By PAUL PREP

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL'S eleven looks up today as the 1919 interscholastic league champion.

With the victories yesterday of North-east High and Central High these eleven both passed West Philadelphia High in the league standing and they are deadlocked, each with 4 points.

While the Archives have two more games to be played in Gimbel competition, the Mirrors have three.

Losses Referee's Decision

After losing the referee's decision in its game with Northeast yesterday South Philadelphia High virtually is out of the running.

With the score 7 to 6 against his team Halback Hamilton intercepted a pass after the game Captain "Labe" Goldblatt and the Archive rumbled all the way down to the 3-yard line, where he finally was spotted by Freeman.

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LAUSDOWNE SHOWS POWER AND CLASS IN DEFEATING WEST PHILA. BY SCORE OF 23 TO 0

PENN WATCHES GAME

Knoll and Carl Brown in the backfield, and that of Captain Wilcox, Damon and Marvin on the line, was patently noteworthy.

75 Points for Swarthmore High

Friends' Central Beaten

Five Colleges in Shoot

THE FOR FIRST PLACE IN KEYSTONE

Moore Outlooks Mason

Borrell Shades Miller

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IT IS AN EYELASH CHOICE BETWEEN TWO BIG TEAMS WHICH CLASH ON HANOVER GRIDIRON—PENN, PRINCETON AND PITT FAVORED TO WIN BY CLOSE SCORES

IN THE SPOTLIGHT—BY GRANLAND RICE

TODAY'S BEST BETS

COLGATE to beat Dartmouth (Eyelash choice). Princeton to beat West Virginia. About 10 points. Pennsylvania to beat Penn State—2 touchdowns. Pittsburgh to beat Lehigh—1 touchdown. Syracuse to beat Brown—1 touchdown. Chicago to beat Illinois—15 points. Ohio State to win—odds on. Cornell to beat Lafayette—3 to 0. Harvard, Yale, Army, Navy—1 to 10 shots by margins of 20 or 30 points.

THE toughest selection on today's card in the East is the Colgate-Dartmouth melee at Hanover.

Both have played fine football up to date and neither has been beaten. Colgate so far has shown a better machine, but there is a question of physical condition and available substitutes enter the argument.

Dartmouth has the better of the debate. Colgate beat Cornell 21 to 0, while Dartmouth beat the same eleven 9 to 0. But comparative scores are tricky foundations upon which to build.

PRINCETON, Pennsylvania and Pittsburgh are not in any slight ride. Princeton will find West Virginia quite a different eleven from the one that buckled up before Pitt.

In the same way Penn State will make an attempt to come back hard after her defeat from Dartmouth.

Lehigh is primed and poised to give Pitt a stiff battle, and if Lehigh wins there will be no big upset. A Pittsburgh schedule means just one touch game after another, and the Warner machine is beginning to show the effects of rigorous campaigning.

IN FORM Syracuse ought to win by at least two touchdowns. Her margin will likely be only one.

ANSWERING A WHY OR HOW

HOW can a university like Colgate, with 600 students, turn out as strong a football machine as Harvard, with 5000 to draw from? A sideline asks.

WHAT with baseball in the spring and summer and football in the fall, Jim Thorpe should take up looney or boxing and make it a twelve-month stand.

BASEBALL players may strike this winter or next spring. But there are not so many shipyards now as there were a year ago.

THE playing season for golf is about over North, but the conversational season for the grand old pastime is barely warming up for a record winter, where par will depend upon the physical condition of the other fellow's car.

OHIO STATE had to wait twenty years to beat Michigan. Which shows again what patience will accomplish if you'll stick around.

MANY BIG GAMES IN NATIONAL CUP PLAY

DE NIERI SIGNS MANY STAR GAGE PLAYERS

Dobson Meets Viscome and New York Ship Opposes Sun Ship

Myers Has Wonderful Pair of Guards in McWilliams and Dreyfuss

ALLIED LEAGUE STARS IDLE

STRETCH HARVEY AT CENTER

Followers of soccer will have little trouble in locating one of their favorite games here today, for the Quaker City has been awarded four National Cup first-round contests, which will be played off this afternoon.

THE De Neri basketball club, of the Eastern League, will cut a large swath in the pennant race this season, judging by the caliber of the players signed by manager Myers.

For the forward position, Manager Myers says he will display Johnny Beckman, Kid Dark and Norman. This is a classy trio of goal shooters and one that promises to give the opposing guards all kinds of worry.

At the start of the season, at least, the guards will be Ally McWilliams and Joe Dreyfuss. This is about as good a backfield as there is in the Eastern League. Ally McWilliams is scheduled to play at Parkersburg, and perhaps he will later in the season, but at present he will appear in De Neri's line-up.

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