

AFTER THIRTEEN YEARS EVERYTHING IS CLEAR ABOUT THE FORWARD-PASS—THE RULES

RULES ON FORWARD PASSES STILL CLOUDY AFTER 13 LONG YEARS

Toss Caught by Ineligible Man Within Opponents' Ten-Yard Line Goes as Touchback—Laws Only Partially Explain Some Plays

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THE forward pass has been in football since 1906 and now is used extensively in all of the games.

There are three kinds of passes—legal, illegal and incomplete. A legal pass is one which has been thrown from a point at least five yards behind the line of scrimmage and is caught by an eligible man.

An incomplete forward pass is one which hits the ground before or after being touched by an eligible player of either side and is ruled a down and the ball is put in play at the spot of the preceding down.

Another point to be remembered is that the player who legally touches the ball on a forward pass is the only one of his side who may recover or attempt to secure possession of the ball before it touches the ground or is touched by an opponent.

If an ineligible player on the passer's side touches the ball, the play is not allowed and the ball goes to the opponents at the spot of the preceding down.

Rules Only Partially Explain This Play

HERE is a play which caused lots of trouble and decided a football game a short time ago. It is only partially explained in the rules, all of which made it hard for the official.

A team on the offense made a forward pass and the ball was touched by an eligible man. He could not hold it and it bounced off his fingers.

Now the question arises, is it or is it not a legal play? Ordinarily, on snap judgment, one would allow the score; but on close examination of the rules, the play is found to be incomplete and therefore the touchdown is NOT allowed.

According to Rule 18, "If a player of the passer's side legally touches the ball, he only of his side may recover or attempt to secure possession of the ball until it touches the ground or is touched by an opponent."

That means, if a second man touches the ball before it hits the ground or an opponent, the pass is incomplete and goes as a down. In this play, the second man made it an incomplete forward pass as soon as he touched it and anything which happened after that does not count.

"WHY not refuse the penalty?" you ask. Because an incomplete forward pass the penalty cannot be declined. On an illegal pass, however, the other side may decline the penalty if it secures possession of the ball.

This Play Is Slightly Misleading

"IF A team has the ball on the opponent's ten-yard line," writes W. G. G., "and makes a forward pass which is caught by an ineligible man on the two-yard line, does the ball go to the off-ended side as first down at the spot of the preceding down?"

That play is slightly misleading, but there is a rule which covers it. The ball does NOT go back to the spot of the preceding down, but the play is ruled a touchback and the ball goes out to the twenty-yard line, first down for the off-ended side.

THE rule says: "If any ineligible player of the passer's side touches the ball it shall go to the opponents at the spot of the preceding down, UNLESS the foul occurred between the opponent's ten-yard line and their end line, in which case the ball may go as a touchback to the off-ended side."

Penn Charter Shows Power

PENN CHARTER started out to win another Interacademic championship yesterday afternoon when the football team defeated Episcopal Academy 41 to 0.

Mitchell, who captains the team, is a real star. This young man is a wonder on the offense and could be depended upon to gain every time he took the ball.

HE ALSO gives the signals and is an able field general. Seldom did he make a mistake and call the wrong play, and he knew exactly what to do on every down.

Merritt's Forward-Pass Attack Works Well

DICK MERRITT pulled some swell forward passes, all of which worked like a charm. However, the coach is fortunate in having a man like H. Statzell on the receiving end.

Penn Charter worked many plays without a signal, having certain series which caused fast play. That is a mighty good idea, and other school teams should try it.

EPISCOPAL could not solve Penn Charter's attack, and that caused the one-sided score. However, the boys played well in spots and showed signs of improvement.

SWARTHMORE HIGH SCHOOL is the latest to step forward and issue a deft to Lansdowne. The suburban team has a good record this year and would make it interesting for any scholastic eleven.

TWO interesting scholastic games are on the schedule for next week. Chestnut Hill plays St. Luke's and Penn Charter meets Germantown Academy.

THOSE looking for upsets in the dope today are wagering the long green on Penn to beat Dartmouth, Princeton to beat Harvard and Pitt to smear Washington and Jefferson.

IF W. AND J. is able to glide safely by Pittsburgh today, it will require a vast number of concrete digouts, heavily viced, to keep this team from reaching its ultimate objective—the same being a slice of the midwinter championship debate.

BIG guns have been invented that can be heard seventy miles. But the ultimate record will never be established until we have a head-on collision between Gilo, of Colgate, and Rodgers, of West Virginia.

THAT GUILTIEST FEELING

WHEN A FRIEND FINDS YOU AT THE FIRST TEE OF THE GOLF CLUB, AND, BEING IGNORANT OF RULES AND CUSTOMS HAILS YOU IN A LOUD RAUCOUS MANNER JUST AT THE SILENT MOMENT YOUR CROTCHETY GOLF MATE IS ADDRESSING HIS BALL.



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ALLEN SWEDE WINS PRINCETON LETTER

Norristown Boy Awarded Varsity "P" for Winning X-Country Run Against Yale

Princeton, N. J., Nov. 8.—The Princeton varsity "P" was awarded last night to Allen Swede, of Norristown, Pa., for coming in first in the cross-country meet with Yale.

Swede, a member of the Princeton Athletic Club, was awarded his letter for making second place in the cross-country.

Insignia was granted to the following members of last year's freshman tennis team: H. T. Kattenbach (captain), Yonkers, N. Y.; B. Carter, Plainfield, N. J.; H. T. Dickinson, Loant Valley, Pa.; L. T. McMillan, Washington, D. C.; C. M. Shipway, Charleston, S. C.; and F. E. Hoque, 1921, New York City, for services as manager.

Four men, including McMillan, were given the gun team insignia. C. M. Shipway, 1912, of Charleston, S. C., won the fall tennis tournament by defeating J. N. Hyson, 1920, in three straight sets, 6-2, 6-2 and 6-1.

The winner, who has just been awarded the team tennis insignia for playing second on last year's freshman team, created a sensation by eliminating Captain Werner, 1921, of the varsity tennis team.

Shipway was a champion at Lawrenceville School and is regarded as a coming star performer on the courts.

Mitchell Swell Player. Ed Mitchell, captain of Penn Charter, showed up as a wonderful football general, all-around player and most valuable man on Merritt's staff.

From the outset the little Quakers outclassed and outplayed the Churchmen. Mitchell made a fast-gleaming get over only one touchdown in the initial quarter, the champions got working harder and faster in the next period, piling up four more touchdowns and as many goals therefrom before half time was called.

Aggressive Backfield. Another touchdown by Baery in the third quarter and goal for the additional point by H. Stanzell were the final points made.

Contender Orders \$1000 Worth of Seats for Friends to See Him Box Herman

The Olympia management last night received a telegram from Joe Lynch, who read:

Lynch is surprised to see a new champion made at your club on Wednesday night. Am training hard, and feel sure that I will win by the K. O. route.

Joe Lynch, so confident in Lynch that he will take the title away from Champion Pete Herman when they clash in the first special show of the season that he has ordered \$1000 worth of reserved seats, so that his friends may see him turn the trick.

Lynch and Herman are to come in at 118 pounds, ring-side. Both men are training hard. Lynch, successful in landing a K. O. wallop, will be the new ruler of the bantams. A victory for Herman will put him in a class all by himself, as he will have disposed of his most dangerous rival.

Lynch has been seen in action in this city on two occasions against Joe Burman, of Chicago. Those bouts were listed as elimination contests, and the winner was to have met Herman. The first was a draw, and Lynch was the victor in the other.

Dave Astor and Joe Dorsey will be the principals in the semifinal. Joe does, gave Doctor O'Brien the team the edge over Swarthmore's touch-downer.

While Central outplayed Dean Johnson's eleven almost throughout the game, the downtown Red and Blue each crossed Frankford High's goal line the big and strong Mirrors to the one touchdown.

Central High School will not win the championship this season so easily as expected. The remaining games with West Philly and Northeast are going to be gruelling contests, and the winner of the league will have proved itself one of the best eleven in years.

Swarthmore High continued its winning streak by defeating Darby High School, 42 to 6. Despite the team's great defeat by Swarthmore's touch-downer, the team's showing, which came as a result of a recovered fumble, was the first time for an opponent to cross Swarthmore High's goal line in two years.

Fuillback Grange, Roberts and Brown each crossed Frankford High's goal line in the sixth session earned the Kensingtonian an even break.

PICKING WINNER IN FOOTBALL IN THESE DAYS NO EASY TASK

Selecting Right Team Now Is Just as Tough as Drawing Proper Number in Lottery, but if Form Is Maintained Average Should Be High

IN THE SPOTLIGHT—BY GRANLAND RICE. Copyright, 1919. All rights reserved. Saturday's Advance Results

HARVARD, 10; Princeton, 0. W. and J., 7; Pittsburgh, 0. Yale, 10; Brown, 0. Penn State, 7; Lehigh, 0. Pennsylvania, 7; Dartmouth, 0. West Point, 7; Notre Dame, 0. Chicago, 10; Michigan, 0. Minnesota, 7; Wisconsin, 0. Ohio State, 17; Purdue, 0. Colgate, 25; Rochester, 0. West Virginia, 10; Center, 0.

THE Big Melee. WE DO not guarantee the above scores in exact detail. We frankly admit a week ago that we thought Penn would beat Penn State, and that Princeton, after the Colgate showing, would give West Virginia a hard battle.

PICKING the winner in a football game now is a trifle like selecting the proper number in a lottery, but if form is maintained the above average should be high.

SATURDAY is the day of the big melee. East and West there are at least six or seven games of note—games that may involve future championship gossip.

Harvard and Princeton. PRINCETON offered a bright flash against Colgate, but three of her best games to date have been big disappointments. With her complete line-up on guard the Nassau delegation may give Harvard a battle, but it will be an upset plus a hurricane if Princeton wins.

BUT with Trimble, Keck and others in, who were absent a week ago, Princeton will be quite a bit stronger than she was against West Virginia.

Penn vs. Dartmouth. DARTMOUTH downed Penn State and Penn State in turn upset Pennsylvania. The odds here should be in favor of Dartmouth smearing Penn, if comparative scores were scored on each side.

CHICAGO has her chance to get back at her greatest rival—Michigan. There U is a double rivalry here that goes deep into tradition. Not only the rivalry between Michigan and Chicago, but the rivalry between Yost and Stagg—a rivalry which began nineteen years ago.

THE dope may favor Dartmouth, but, considering all conditions, we believe that Pennsylvania's fast eleven is good enough to win.

Chicago's Chance. CHICAGO has her chance to get back at her greatest rival—Michigan. There U is a double rivalry here that goes deep into tradition.

CHICAGO is another eleven that played disappointing football a week ago, and is therefore about due to turn suddenly with a deft wallop in either pass.

A Confession. These football games are hard to pick. For either side one blocks a kick. Or fumbles on the 10-yard line. And snags the Old Dodge on the spur.

There may be a greater all-around football player in America than T. Rodgers, of West Virginia, but no one has uncovered his name as November slides briskly along the waning autumnal trail.

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS. PHILADELPHIA'S punching prodigy makes his return to the ring tonight. Lew Tendler—the great Lew Tendler, as Denver scribes christened him—will appear in his first fracas since boxing in the woolly and wild, when he plays host to George Ernie, who hails from Buffalo, in the star set at the National Club.

Another local referee will trot the whistle in the Penn State League. Each season the upstate referee information for the city is not in the best of shape.

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The Rockwood team, which has upheld the reputation of Philadelphia for many seasons, will experience the heavy weight of Philadelphia tonight when they play the big attraction at Richardson gym, 1012 Chestnut street.

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