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TOUCHDOWN GOAL IS THRILLING PLAY AND SHOULD BE RETAINED

Best System Would Be to Change Rules to Allow All Kicks After Scores From 15 or 20 Yard Line in Front of Posts

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL, Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger

IN A short time, meaning within the next couple of weeks, the football rules committee will convene some place, discuss proposed changes and patch up the playing code for use in the 1920 season.

It is claimed that a touchdown made between the goal posts is of more value than one scored at the far corner of the field. This is because it is easier to boot the ball over the crossbar when in front of it than at a difficult angle.

The goal after touchdown is too important to throw into the discard. It is a play which can be seen by all of the spectators and there always is an element of doubt which causes thrills and plenty of excitement.

Last year the University of Pittsburgh defeated Washington and Jefferson by the narrow margin of one point in a hard game. Each team scored a touchdown, but Pitt was lucky enough to kick a goal.

THAT'S the old argument, and the only answer is to devote more time in kicking goals and develop a kicker who can boot them over with his eyes shut.

Some Have to Resort to Punt-Out

OF COURSE, some teams are unfortunate in scoring touchdowns far away from the goal posts, where it is necessary to resort to the punt-out. For example, take a team that carried the ball down the field, making short gains, and, after the hardest kind of work, pushed the ball over the line.

Now take the case where a team has the ball near the opponents' goal line, makes a fumble and the ball is picked up by a member of the defending team, who runs 90 yards for a touchdown.

Comparing the two touchdowns, the first should count more than the second. Unfortunately, however, there is no discrimination in the rules, and while the team which carried the ball down the field showed more science and a varied attack, the touchdown doesn't mean any more on the scoreboard than the fumble play.

THE rules committee would make a big hit if it devoted some time in rewriting the rules and cleared up some of the vague points. There are many things to be explained, such as the exact location of the line of scrimmage and a real definition for off-side.

New Penn Coach Almost Certain

TOMORROW the football coach will be appointed at Penn, when the new committee meets. No one knows who the new man will be, and the chances are the members of the committee are in the same boat.

Despite the fact that 1919 was a disastrous year in football at the University, Folwell has done good work for the Red and Blue. He took charge at the beginning of the 1916 season and lifted Penn out of one of the worst ruts in its history.

Table with 4 columns: Year, Team, Wins, Losses, Ties. Rows include 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919 for various teams like Penn, Cornell, etc.

WHILE at Penn, Folwell did not enjoy the same occasional success he did at Washington and Jefferson, but certainly he more than made good at the University.

Last Year Big Disappointment

LAST year was a big disappointment. With wonderful material on hand, Penn lost to Penn State and Dartmouth, but managed to play a 3-to-2 tie with the University of Pittsburgh.

Several men are being considered by the committee to succeed the 1919 coach. The most prominent are By Dickson, Doctor Wharton, Carl Williams, Mike Bennett, Bill Hollenback and Dr. John W. Heisman, coach at Georgia Tech.

PENN will make no mistake if the next coach is given a two or three year contract instead of one for a single year. That will prevent the annual squabble about appointing a gridiron tutor.

OH, MAN!



CAMDEN LEADING IN EASTERN LEAGUE

Skeeters Continue Rush in Second Half of Season by Beating Germantown

GRIMSTEAD IN THE LINE-UP

EASTERN LEAGUE W. L. Pct. Camden 11 1 250 Reading 10 3 250 Trenton 10 3 250 Bridgeton 10 3 250 De Neri 10 3 250

Camden is again to the fore in the percentage column of Eastern League basketball. The Jersey Skeeters today secured the other lone basket of the visitors, besides Steele's six, Dolin landed two, with Diegan, Kerr and Campbell all getting one each.

American League Games

The American League games at Traymore Hall this evening will witness both contenders for the first pennant in action. The schedule reads Girard vs. Dobson and Xavier vs. South Philadelphia.

HUSTLE FOR BANQUET

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THREE SCHOOL FIVES TO LOSE CAGE STARS AFTER TOMORROW

South Philly, Germantown and Central Will Be Weakened in Interscholastic League Play

Basketball Games on Tomorrow's Schedule

INTER-SCHOLASTIC LEAGUE. Frankford High vs. Northeast High at North Branch Y. M. C. A. Philadelphia High at West Philadelphia High.

By PAUL PREP

AFTER this week's round of Interscholastic League basketball games three teams will be greatly weakened because of graduation. This afternoon a trio of cage stars will play their final games for their alma mater.

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Beginning With Next Week's Games Goldblatt, Dessen, Goldstein, King and Dieterle Will Be Out



"LABEL" GOLDBLATT

South Philly star forward and individual point-scoring leader in Interscholastic League, who plays final game for downtown school tomorrow. He graduates February 1. Goldblatt is a three-letter man, having played baseball, football and basketball.

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TENNIS RULES BODY OVERSHOT THE TARGET

Committee Spoiled Good Work of Classification of Laws by Proposing Untenable Section on Score Changing and Handicapping

By SPICK HALL

THE rules committee of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association in making its recommendations for changes in the laws governing the ever-growing sport in this country were afflicted with a severe attack of overzealousness.

In simplifying the diction and clarifying the rules generally, the committee took a step that should have been taken years ago. For example the obsolete term "striker-out" has been replaced by "receiver."

But after accomplishing a great work the five members of the committee completely spoiled their perfect labor by suggesting a sweeping revision of the scoring and handicap rules.

To be sure the present system of scoring points is arbitrary and utterly senseless upon analysis. There is no reason why the first two points should be counted fifteen and the third ten, but the time is not yet ripe for a change.

A Love Story. One of the main reasons why the present scoring system was put up for scrutiny on the altar of radicalism was to eliminate the word "love."

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