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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

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 $\mathbf{T}^{\mathbf{N}}$  A short time, meaning within the next souple 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. This is the usual method of procedure, but some important things are likely to happen before an adjournment is taken. It is almost certain that an effort will be made to abolish the goal after touchdown, eliminating one of the picturesque and exciting features of the game. Considerable opposition developed against that extra point last season. The negatives stated it ruined the value of a touchdown and gave several teams uncarned victories.

It is claimed that a touchdown made between the goal posts is of more walue 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. That is very true. But how many goals are attempted at a difficult angle? Very few. The punt-out is used considerably, and in most cases the ball in caught in a good position for an easy score. Of course, the punt-out might fail, but if you look back over the records you will find that mighty few have gone astray.

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. Nothing can be taken for granted iu-geal-kicking, whether the ball is directly in front of the bar or off at a difficult angle. I have seen many goals kicked, and more have been missed when the ball was in front of the posts than at an angle. Therefore, it is up to the kicker. If a team has a star in that line, that team abould reap the benefit. The trouble is that goal-kicking is not taken seriously and not enough practice is done. It looks so casy that most of the time the coach passes it up for more important work.

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 made the final score 7 to 6. Naturally, there was a howl about that extra point. It was claimed It took eleven men to make a touchdown, while only two were needed to kick the goal.

THAT'S the old argument, and the only answer is to devote more time in kicking goals and develop a licker who can boot them over with his eyes shut. That feature is just as important as any other.

# 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. In a case like that the quarterback does not figure on the goal following the score. His main thought is getting the ball over the line, whether it be in the far corner or under the bar. The touchdown is the principal thing and the goal can take care of itself.

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. That can be called a lucky play, but the touchdown counts just the same. Also, the man carrying the ball on that long run will place it directly under the posts, making it easy to kick a goal.

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 thau the fluke play. I am using this argument to show why the anti-goal-kickers have some cause to make a protest.

To my mind, the best way to satisfy both sides is not to eliminate the try for goal, but revise the rules. Allow the kick to be made from a certain spot directly in front of the goal posts, the same as a free throw in basketball. Whether the touchdown is scored in the far corner or between the posts, have the ball taken out to the 15 or 20 yard line and kicked from a spot equ. distant from the sidelines. That will give every one an equal chance and it will be up to the kicker to make good. The punt-out would be done away with, but the try for goal, which always has been appreciated by the spectators, will be retained.



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Frankford High vs. Northeast High, at North Branch Y. M. C. A best High, at South Philadeiphia High at West Phila-deiphia High. OTHER GAMES Hundlingdon Valles High at Darks High Reading. Sunday-De Neri at Bridgeport.

Camden is again to the fore in the percentage column of Eastern League basketball. The Jersey Skeeters stung the leading Germantowns last evening to 25, and now have the bulge on Suburbanites to the tune of nearly 100 points, which means little in these

High. Upper Darby High at Narberth High. Friends' Select at Germantown Friends By PAUL PREP

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WILDE FIGHTS TONIGHT

Germantown was forced to play with. A FTER this week's round of Inter-t the services of "Stretch" Meehan A scholastic League basketball games and Frank Bruggy. The former was three teams will be greatly weakened "somewhere," no doubt up the state, because of graduation. This afternoon

Tomorrow's Schedule

INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

OTHER GAMES Huntingdon Valley High at Darby High, Palmyra High at Ridley Park High, Brown Prep at Wildwood High, Lansdowne High at Media High, Germantown Academs at Badner High, Germantown Academs at Badner High, Jenkintown High at Abington High, West Philadelphia Catholic at Canden Wigh,

ever, a colored steed may prove in the person of Leopold, South Philly's captain. The latter has been one of the leading field-goal shooters so far, and if he can be developed into a foul-goal tosser he would have a good chance of overcoming the lead of the Frankford and Northeast stars.

Goldblatt has been shooting Southern's fouls, and while Doctor Kerr has not announced who will succeed Label on the 15-foot line, Leopold probably will get the call

# **TENNIS RULES BODY OVERSHOT THE TARGET**

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

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best handicap playing is bad, conse-quently it doesn't matter a great deal what is done with the sections govern-ing this feature of the game. sideration.

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 East Falls T. M. A. desires a game with a good second-claus team for Saturds afternoon at East Falls. Manager Toun will pay expenses. Address O. S. Tours 3548 Queen lane. Telephone Manayun 1296 J.

be counted lifteen and the third ten, but the time is not yet ripe for a change, not because the proposed "1. 2. 3. 4" point system wouldn't be better, but because the U. S. N. I. T. A. cannot make the rule apply universally, which is essential if this country is to renew international competition. If the national association feels that a change in the scoring rules is imperative if in the scoring rules is imperative it first should join the International Lawn Tennis Federation, then lay its propositions before that hody.

game and not one for husky athletes. The gigantic strides that tennis has made in the United States in the last few years proves that this theory no longer holds good, if it ever did. The time has long passed when tennis is to be considered anything but a game for the real athlete except by those totally ignorant of all sports. The adoption of tennis in our army camps and its elevation to a major sport in a number of colleges is suf-ticient proof of how the athletic public looks upon tennis. If any one craves an argument on this point just let him tell Herman Hindin, the well-known

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 $T^{\scriptscriptstyle HE}$  rules committee would make a big hit if it devoted some time in rewriting the rules and cleared up some of the rague 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. However, it is almost certain that Bob Folwell will not be asked to return. According to rumor, the Mullica Hill farmer is not favored by some of the alumni, although student sentiment seems to be with him. That makes it rather complex and you never can tell what will happen.

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 ruta in its history. The Quakers had just gone through three victory-lean years, and Folwell immediately lifted the eleven to the usual Red and Blue standard. Cornell was beaten in 1916 for the first time in four years, and the Ithacans have been tritamied every year since except in 1918, when no game was played.

In 1917 Felwell had a very successful season, although the team lost to both Georgia Tech and Pittsburgh. The Tech game was played in the early part of the year in Atlanta and the Quakers were in no kind of condition. The defeat registered by Glenn Warner's powerful machine in 1017 was really a moral victory, for the Red and Blue put up a game battle and held the Panthers to 14-6.

Folwell was stricken with the flu while coaching in 1918 and had to go to the University Hospital. He returned to Franklin Field too soon and became critically ill with double pneumonia. Bill Hollenback took charge of the team in bis absence and did well under the wartime conditions.

Here are the records of the Penn elevens during the last four years ;

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	0-Pittsb'rgh.20	20-Bucknell., 6	0-Pittsb'rgh.37	23-Lafayette., 0
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WHILE at Penn. Fairell did not exam the same scarational surveys he did at Washington and Jefferson, but certainty 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 Dartmenth, but managed to play a 3-io-3 tie with the University of Pittsburgh. It was claimed that Folwell was responwith the University of Prinsburgh. It was channed that Folgent was respon-wible for the poor showing of Penn on the gridiron, but it was hard to figure how he could be blamed. The old players did not come up to the standard, many did not take their work seriously and naturally slumped in the State game. Against Dartmouth, the disqualification of Lud Wray had a lot to do with the defeat.

No matter what happens, Folweil must be booked upon as the man who stepped into the breach and lifted Penn football out of the rat. He made good when he was needed

Several men are being considered by the committee to succeed the 1919 ch. The most prominent are By Dickson, Doctor Wharton, Carl Williams, Mike Bennett, Bill Holleubuck and Dr. John W. Heisman, coach at Georgia Wech. Wonder who it will be?

DENN will make no mistake if the next coach is given a two or three year contract instead of one for a single poor. That will precent august symphils about oppointing a gridiron tutor.

but Bruggy is suffering with blood poi-son and unable to play. As a last-min-ute resert Oscar Grimstead was sent into action, and he played good ball, although shut out by Dolin, while the latter tallied twice. Roy Steele had his shooting togs and caged the leather six times on Captain Nat Holman. It was Roy's best work of the year. Holman also made two, goals, as did Franckle, while Powell secured the other lone basket of the vis-itors. Besides Steele's six. Dolin landed two, with Disphan, Kerr and Camp-hell all getting one each. American League Games

#### American League Games

The American League cames The American League games at Tray-more Hall this evening will witness both contenders for the first half pen-nant in action. The schedule reads Girard vs. Dobson and Xavier vs. South Philadelphia. Both contests promise to be closely contested, and as the Girard hove here readoubly show.

to be closely contested, and as the Girard boys have been gradually show-ing improved form, it means that Dob-son will have to step some to win. The South Philly-Xavier clash will be watched with interest. The only defeat sustained by Xavier in the first half was the ene administered by the Sphas, and Xavier is out to get revenge and start the second half with a clean shate.

Manager Hill Devery claims that his club is better than the Dobson line-up, even though they lost the game that decided the winner of the initial season. He no doubt has a good combination, and all this men are more than anxious to annet the second series and therefore gain the right to meet Calhoun's proteges in the final play-off on which hinges the season's honors.

Joe Dreyfuss Goes

Mayor J. Hampton Moore, Director of Public Safety James T. Cortelyon, Pat Moran, "Bud" Hopper, J. Wood Platt, Lew Tendler, Jack Kelly, Law-son Robertson, John Heydler and John S. Smith have assured President James W. Gantz they will be on hand to belp the boys have a good old-fashioned time. Treasurer Louis N. Goldsmith reports the acceptances as coming in rapidly and as the limit is placed at 300, it would be well for the tardy ones to get on the wagon at once to insure a chance to renew old friendships. Tickets Joe Dreyfuss Goes Two favorites with De Neri fans will hardly be seen at Musical Fund Hall again this season. From all ac-counts, Manager Will Myers, who is around again after an attack of the "flu." has decided to dispense with the services of Jos Dreyfass, captain of the club. T. is claimed that Dreyfass was incound universe observer. club. E. is claimed that Dreytnan was injured playing discwhere. Johnny Beckman will be numbered among the missing. Johnny finds the stop in Philadelphia inconvenient. He plays in the Penn State League, New York State League, Interstate League and manages to appear in exhibition games Sunday afternoon and evening in New York. Now he has decided to give the prefchance to renew old friendships, Tickets can be had from Louis N. Goldsmith, 404 Widener Building, or any sporting

in New York. Now he has decided to give the pref-erence to the Interstate League, and he will play with Andy Sears' club, which has Saturday night for its home games. Therefore, Johnny will not be seen here in the future. He is very changeable, however, and predictions about Beck-man are varied from day to day. British Champion Flyweight Meets

Mike Ertle to No-Decision

in the future. He is very changeable, however, and predictions about Beckman are varied from day to day.
Willie McCarter to Play
When De Neri meets Trenton at Musical Fund Hall on Saturday night one of the guards will, in all probability, be Willie McCarter, who has been with the Plymouth State League team until a few days ago. Willie, while in these parts some years ago, was considered one of the best bankweights in the country. The was never given a proper show, and after a while wandered to the State League, where he bas developed into a good guard. He has been anxious to hand with a locat club, and only recently endenvored to sign with tier manuform.

George Morris, of Reading, who has for years played with but one team, has decided to give the dual stuff the once over. He has signed with Nanti-coke in the Penn State Sengue. With the addition of Morris, Manager Dick Leary is of the opinion that he has a second-half yearant contender.

West Philly, in the latter's den. This The Speedbors' line-up, by the way, as well as that of Northeast, will remain intact after this week as none of the regulars are in the February graduating

"LABEL" GOLDBLATT

South Philly star forward and in

dividual point-score leader in In-

final game for downtown school to-

morrow. He graduates February 1.

Goldblatt is a three-letter man,

having played baseball, football and

basketball

terscholastic League, who plays

classes. At the North Branch Y. M. C. A. tomorrow afternoon Frankford High and the Archives will clash. Northeast looms up as the dope upsetting quintet following the Red and Black's unex-pected victory last week over West Philadelphia High. Frankford broke its losing streak by winning from German-town, but the chances are that North-east will be on the long end of the score east will be on the long end of the score

Germantown High, at the foot of the league ladder, will have a hard time this afternoon. Phil Lewis's five is scheduled to meet Central High School erasing the zero from its win column this afternoon. Phil Lewis's five is scheduled to meet Central High School in the Germantown gymnasium, and while the Mirrors rule a favorite, there is no doubt that a close, hard fracas will result. Two Interscholastic League games are on for tomorrow. South Philly, with four consecutive victories, will cross the Schuylkill and meet the runner-up,

Scraps About Scrappers

Tardy Ones May Lose Out on Sports Writers' Dinner There promises to be some big doings at the sixteenth annual dinner of the Sporting Writers' Association in honor of Gavyy Cravath and Danny Murphy. On the roof garden of the New Hotel Bingham on Thursday evening, Febru-ary 5. Mayor J. Hampton Moore, Director of Public Safety James T. Cortelyon.

rino. Tem McKenna is the name of a new heavy, weight in Philadelphia. He weighs 220 pounds and stands 6 feet 8 inches in his socks. Loftus has the big boy in tow.

Hauk McGovern showed fine form in his comelack at the Auditorium against Billy Devine. The latter, who was a publicit bacer, also showed well under the circum stances.

Puggy Lee is going to develop into one of Philadelphia's leading lightweights, if Johnny Hurns knows anything about boters. Jawn admits it, and Puggy says Hurns sught to know what he is talking about. Tomorrow light Lee boxes Allen-town Dundee in the Cambria's star bout.

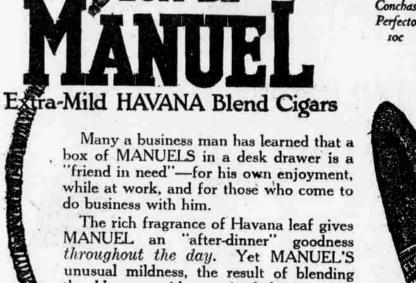
Ritz Walters, of Atlantic City, meets Jack McCarthy in the Cambria's semi. Jimmy Lavender vn. Indian Russell, Tommy Mc-Carthy vs. Bill Williams, and Frankis Dai-ley vs. Young Joe Bradley are other tum-bers. -

Tenum: Rolt is here from England. No-body knows young Mr. 'Oit, still Adam Ryan says Sir Thomas is a rogular little battler. He is a flyweight and shown a splendid bez-ing record in English competition.

Wally Hinckle has been matched with Jigmos Suffixen. In Binghauton, N.Y. February 6. In autother bout ben Row lands will take on Silent Martin.

Joinny Dundee's next hout in this probably will be with Jimms Murgby. A Nyan is trying to set this match and a tiations new on may materialize in weaks or set.

Halting Joy wooks or av. Batting Leonard is ready for action agai His hand, which was injured in his sens tional scrap with Mickey Russell, is w scalin. Bat doesn't pick any one-fust loss as the weight is in more than



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