

# COLLEGE FOOTBALL POPULAR BECAUSE SUCH EDUCATION IS NEEDED TO INTERPRET RULES GRID CODE SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN INTACT, ONLY WITH CLARIFICATION OF FEW POINTS

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THIS is the open season for changing the football rules. Every coach and player seems to have a suggestion to improve the game, all of which is carefully filed away with other suggestions of the past. Seldom do they see the light of day.

The football rules should be allowed to remain as is. No changes are needed, but a few points should be clarified. The public is perfectly satisfied and the players are beginning to learn what it is all about. However, some of the cumbersome sentences should be ironed out and additions made in the present code. After studying the rule book, it is easy to see why the game is popular in the colleges. It requires a college education to understand the laws and regulations.

Some time this month the colleges will convene to talk things over. They will listen respectfully to all suggestions and at the end will rectify a few typographical errors and hand us the same bunch of fly-leaves as last year. All of which is perfectly proper.

The forward pass seems to be in for a tough session. Suggestions have been made to allow no pass of greater distance than fifteen yards, allow only six to be tried in each period and rule all grounded passes behind the line of scrimmage the same as a fumble or blocked kick.

The first two items mentioned, but the last one, which was suggested by Percy Haughton, has possibilities. If it were adopted the defense would have to use a man to protect the passer and the wild leaves which are used at the end of the game would have to be changed.

More scientific passing would result and this naturally would help the game. This could not be a drastic change and the colleges should consider it seriously.

Coach Zupke, of the University of Illinois, came out the other day with an idea to discount the recovery of fumbles. He said the man who is out of the scrimmage and takes no chances should not be allowed to gain a fumble by scooping up the bouncing ball and carrying it across the goal line for a touchdown. He says the man who usually makes such a gain lags behind and is a loafer.

**THIS suggestion is foolish. It is seldom that everybody gets into scrimmage and it takes a wide-awake player to take advantage of the errors of the other side. Joe Sokerow of the Yale game in 1919 when he recovered a fumble, and Sam White carried his name in the Hall of fame when he recovered fumbles into touchdowns. Blue and red men are considered heroes at Princeton-not loafers.**

**Dr. Lambeth Has Good Idea**  
OTHER proposed changes could be mentioned, but they are not worth considering. The game is too popular to be tampered with and should be left alone.

However, Dr. Lambeth, of the University of Virginia, had a good idea when he said that something should be done to let the spectators know when a safety has been scored. Under the present rules the ball is brought out to the 20-yard line and put in play the same as after a touchback. Dr. Lambeth suggests that it be put in play on the 40-yard line, but there is opposition to this.

To my mind the ball should be kicked off after a safety. A score has been made and it should be treated the same as a goal from the 20-yard line. Nothing would be harmed, as the ball is advanced beyond the 20-yard mark on a kickoff and the spectators would have an idea of what is going on. A change of this sort would help the game from the spectator's viewpoint.

It is said that penalties inside the 10-yard line are too severe and should be stopped. If that were done there would be some great playing within the shadow of the goal.

**LEWIS-BRITTON TONIGHT**  
CLASH IN 19TH BATTLE

Welterweight Championship Contests Between Rival Ringmen for Five Years Scheduled at the Madison Square

By LOUIS H. JAFFE  
GEORGE MENDELLOFF, a natural-born American, born in London, Eng., in 1894, and William J. Britton, born in Clinton, N. Y., in 1885, and who is the welterweight champion of the world, are to be pitted in the fifth world's battle championship to be staged by The Ring at Madison Square Garden, N. Y., Tuesday night in a fifteen-round contest tonight.

The two men are the greatest of the fifth world's battle championships to be staged by The Ring at Madison Square Garden, N. Y., Tuesday night in a fifteen-round contest tonight. The fight is the first of a series of contests between the two men.

First Met in 1915  
Britton and Lewis started their competition in 1915, in which year Britton, who claimed the world title, was defeated by Lewis in a twelve-round bout in Boston in a referee's decision.

The first of these bouts took place on August 31 and the second on September 27. These two were the only ones in which Britton turned the tables on Lewis, winning the bout on a referee's decision in a twelve-round bout.

Britton clinched the title by defeating Lewis in a twelve-round bout at Boston, October 7, 1916, and held the title until June 27, 1917, when Lewis got a referee's decision over the champion in a twenty-round bout at Payson, Ok.

After a number of decisionless bouts, the men were matched for a twenty-round contest at Canton, O., March 17, 1919, and Britton not only regained the title, but stopped his rival in the ninth round.

The contest tonight will be the first long match in which Britton and Lewis have made since the Canton engagement.

Chancy Red K. K. Kid  
George Chancy is the real K. K. Kid of history. There are other K. K. kids, but none so famous as he. He has been in the headlines of the Baltimore Sun for a long time, and is the best of the best of his kind. He is a real K. K. kid.

It was in 1914 that Chancy had established himself as a reputation as a knock-out man. He was matched with Johnny Kilbane for the featherweight title. Kilbane soaked George to sleep in three rounds, and Chancy was changed to another barbed lightning.

However, Chancy didn't permit himself to be tossed into the scrapheap. He fought three years in the ring and won a total of thirteen knockouts. George was beginning to show form in the lightweight class similar to that of a featherweight before he had knocked Kilbane's right hand with his chin.

Then along came Lew Tender and dropped George in a single round followed by a three-round buy maker landed on his chops by Joe Tipitzi. After the latter defeat Chancy announced that he was through—he would go into the '20's and find Chancy back in the ring.

posts. Everybody would be offside, hands would be used and it would be football played with the deuces wild. The present penalties should stand.

But as was mentioned before, there are several points which should be made clear. For example, take a kickoff which rolls out of bounds after it crosses the goal line. The ball is not dead, as is the case of a punt or a try at goal which failed, but can be recovered by any member of the kicker's side.

The officials have ruled that it was not out of bounds if a man covering it crossed the goal line in the middle of play. This is not in the rules and should be inserted.

Another is on the return kick. What is a return kick? Is it legal? You never will find it in the rule book, because it isn't there. Last year a western team played at Annapolis and the return kick was used. The coach contends that all men were offside. Nothing could be found to prove it in the book, so the play was not allowed.

The officials and coaches would like to know if the play is legal, and if so, how many men are offside.

**A FEW years ago, in Boston, a player ran out of bounds and came back into the field of play to receive a forward pass. This was allowed by the rule committee, but I believe the rule should be changed. The field is large enough to keep the players inside, and it isn't fair to allow one to step over the sidelines to avoid an interferer and come back to complete the play. I saw it once and have been against it ever since.**

**Need Change in Forward Pass**  
ACCORDING to the rules, a forward pass which has been touched by two eligible men and recovered by an opponent before it touches the ground is an incomplete forward pass. Here is the rule:

"If a forward pass, after having been touched by an eligible player of the passer's side, is touched by another player of that side, who was originally 'eligible' before the ball has been touched by an opponent, the pass shall not be considered as completed."

This, I think, should be changed, to give the defense a chance to recover the ball even if it has been touched by half a dozen men.

Last year a rule was inserted to help shift plays. Little difficulty was experienced by officials in determining outside and offside, but such will not be the case next season. The players did not have confidence in themselves or the rule and were afraid to take chances.

"A player shall not be ruled to be in motion if he has both feet stationary on the ground," says the book. That means the backfield can jump forward, land on both feet and keep on going. In other words, shifts will be played with two standing jumps, which will give the men some impetus. Unless the rule-makers insist that the players come to a full stop there will be lots of trouble in the game next fall.

Clipping from behind is a rule which should be rigidly enforced, but only under certain conditions. If a man is obviously out of the play he should not be clipped from behind. If, however, he is in a position to make a tackle and the interferer can hit him only from behind, no penalty should result. This, however, will be straightened out at the meeting of officials next fall, regardless as to what the rules committee will do.

**TAKING it all in all, the present football code is all right as it stands and no tampering should be done. A few changes in the scoring might help some.**



## WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND

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## PENN FIVE MEETS V. M. TONIGHT

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## INDOOR TRACK MEET

National Guard to Hold Games at Armory on Friday

An indoor athletic meet will be held in the First Regiment Armory, Broad and Callowhill streets, on Friday evening under the auspices of the First Regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania.

## HARVARD DISPLAYS CLASS IN HOCKEY

Crimson Virtually Clinches Collegiate Title by 7-0 Win. Penn vs. Cornell

The Eli saw red, and a flock of it, on the icy surface, the crimson-decorated athletes ducking and dodging their way through the Eli defense and battering the goal defense for seven goals.

## GARNETS PREPARE FOR SCHOOL MEET

Swimmers to Compete in Swarthmore Pool—Strenuous Week for Schoolboys

This will be a strenuous week for the schoolboys, with track events, swimming and basketball on the program. The indoor track season will get under way with the dual meet between Northeast High and South Philadelphia on Wednesday afternoon. The swimming events include a meet between West Philadelphia and Girard, at Girard College, and the Swarthmore Intercollegiate at Swarthmore next Saturday afternoon.

**Villanova Still Leads**  
In the Catholic League, Villanova still leads, but St. Joseph's, West Catholic and Catholic High quintets are coming along like wildfire and are being watched. The Purple and Gold have been going right ahead, have won five games in a row and look up as dangerous contenders for the title.

**Peddle Desires Two Games**  
Every once in a while school teams cancel games. Peddle Institute at present finds that February 9 and February 10 are open dates and would like very much to hear from any of the schools in this section desiring to play at Peddle on either of those dates. John Plant is coach of the team and he may be addressed at Hightstown, N. J. Peddle has a first-class aggregation and will make a very interesting opponent.

**Penway Park Not for Continentals**  
Boston, Feb. 7.—L. B. Graver, secretary of the Boston American League Baseball Club, has characterized as "utterly false and absurd" the reported lease of the Penway Park grounds here by a team in the League organized Continental Baseball League.

## HARD TO BAR BRUTAL HOLDS IN WRESTLING

None of Punishing Grips Should Be Permitted, but Without Them Grapplers Would Find It Difficult to Toss Opponents

**THE** controversy still rages as to which should be the most deadly of the triple assault in wrestling—the head lock, the toe hold or the scissors. If you had your choice would you rather have your head warped, your leg cracked or your ribs busted?

**As punishing holds there is no vast difference, except that the head lock has a more brutal look to the crowd. The wrestling multitudes have become adjusted to seeing a man's toe twisted back and forth or his body squeezed in a pythonic shimmy.**

**But when the head lock is applied it looks like murder. And it isn't a matter of any one crowd, but of all crowds, who have seen the punishing holds that are merely put on to half kill a man and crush his resistance should be permitted. But if Stecher and Lewis were matched, with the head lock, the scissors and the toe hold barred, how long do you think either would need to bring about a fall?**

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## Physical Comparisons of Lewis and Britton

	Lewis	Britton
Age	26	35
Height	5 ft. 7 1/2 in.	5 ft. 7 1/2 in.
Weight	145	145
Wrist	7 1/2	7 1/2
Forearm	7 1/2	7 1/2
Hips	32 1/2	32 1/2
Neck	12 1/2	12 1/2
Arm	25 1/2	25 1/2
Hand	7 1/2	7 1/2
Depth of chest	17	17
Chest normal	37	37

## Scraps About Scrapers

George Chancy's fourth straight knockout is being credited to him today, and it looks as if he is the only one of his kind in the game.

Danny Frish, a statement of Chancy's manager in the ring as to the reasons for the knockout was published in the Baltimore Sun.

K. O. Louehin apparently is a gutter for scraps. He was the lowest loser of the month last week.

Kid Wagner scored another victory when he stopped the National fans by defeating the champion of the world, Tommy Brann, in a ten-round bout.

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