MAY REVISE COLLEGE FOUL GOAL RULES

Said That Powers-That-Be Contemplate New System. Criticism Is Directed at Penn Because of McNichol's Great Shooting From Free Line

Penn is foul goaling its way to another Intercollegiate League basketball championship, according to a critic on a New York morning newspaper. The Red and Blue, outclassed in throwing field goals, is winning solely on the miraculous foul-goal shooting of Captain Danny McNichol, of the Red and Blue quintet, according to this critic, who contends that a revision in the foul-goal rules is necessary to properly determine the champion of the league.

It is said, and on reliable authority, that the powers that be in the intercollegiate world are contemplating a revision of the foul-goal ruling, but Eddie McNichol, coach of the Penn team, is authority for the statement that to date he has heard nothing officially concerning the matter.

It is contended, and truthfully, that McNichol in foul goals alone has scored more points than the entire Red and Blue team has in field goals. Last Monday's figures show that of the 108 points scored against rival teams by Penn, 64 were made by McNichol on free throws, while the entire Penn team scored just 22 field goals. Therefore the contention that McNichol alone is responsible for the Red and Blue victories, and that the one-man ability of the team instead of five is not for the good of basketball.

Every time McNichol steps to the foul line the spectators can close their eyes and open them in a few seconds to find another point has been registered for Penn. He is, beyond doubt, the most deadly foul-goal shooter that ever has graced the free line in the Intercollegiate League. Critics raved last year of the wonderful foul-goal shooting of "Mike" Sweeney, of the Red and Blue, who led the league in points scored. Yet Sweeney, in his palmiest days, never came near the record Danny is making this season.

It was Ed Thorpe, of the New York University team, who remarked after the defeat of his team here that McNichol was one of the best foul-goal shooters he had ever seen. A prominent Cornell alumnus who witnessed the defeat of his team here last week remarked after the game that he had never seen a man the equal of McNichol on the foul line. Why the critic in should be leveled at Penn is difficult to see, for Columbia and Dartmouth have scored 50 points each from the foul line, Dartmouth 42, Princeton 25 and Yale 24. It is contended by Eddie McNichol, coach of the Penn team, that every team in the league has the same opportunity to develop a foul-goal shooter the equal of Danny.

Every team that meets Penn is out to beat Penn, as they should be, and in the heat of play many fouls are called, the opposition taking all kinds of chances to prevent the Red and Blue from scoring field goals. Penn, on the other hand, is taught to keep as far away from committing fouls as is possible and to let the other team take chances to shoot field goals rather than foul them.

It is contended by Eddie McNichol that teams that play Penn, if they did not commit so many fouls on the Red and Blue, would see Penn score many more field goals; and by the same token, if they are fouled in being stopped from making field goals they should have a chance to reap some benefits in another way.

In discussing the matter Coach McNichol had this to say: "I believe there should be a set penalty when a player commits a foul. I do not favor the professional rule of each player fouled shooting his own foul, as in my observations in basketball I feel that it promotes a tendency to foul players who are poor shots from the foul line.

"Let the penalty fit the crime. Penalize the team committing the foul by awarding a half point or some other set advantage to the opposing side. Down New England way, I hear, for every three fouls committed by a team the opposition is awarded a point, and I believe this would be nearer the correct solution of the problem of a change is desired."

McNichol's idea appears to be a good one. Whatever may be the merit of the criticism it is an interesting fact that basketball is one of the few sports that makes one side earn the advantage it should get when the other side violates a rule.

In football, for instance, there is a specified penalty for each violation, and the execution of the penalty depends not a whit on the skill or ability of the team offended. In basketball, if the opposing foul shooter succeeds in his attempt the offenders are penalized. If the foul throw is missed, the offenders go unscathed.

What legislation will be enacted cannot be forecasted at this time. There are several avenues of escape from the present method of the one-man system if the Intercollegiate Association has finally decided on a change.

There are those persons who advance the suggestion that the remedy is the adoption of the rule of the professional element where the man fouled tosses the throw. But there are many who favor the rule where the foul will be punished by a specified penalty, say a half point, or, as is the rule Down East in the professional game, one point for every three fouls.

The desire to tinker with the rules is not a bad omen, but is the result of an increasing demand for a revision of the scoring system, especially as the game of basketball has grown in popularity. It is a question that can be argued from many angles, but there are many indications that a new method will be in force next year.

FRANK LEES STARS IN DOBSON VICTORY

Speedy Forward's Fast Work Against Baldwin Results in 29-24 Triumph

The Dobson basketball team scored first blood over the representatives of the Baldwin Locomotive Works in the opening game of the play-off for the championship of the Philadelphia Manufacturers' Basketball League at Yonah Hall last night. The score was 29 to 24 and the Falls five owe the victory to the personal brilliance of Frank Lees, their speedy forwards.

It was the only time this season that Dobson has been able to lower the colors of their opponents, but the triumph was clean-cut and there was no doubt as to the best team, that is for last evening. The two clubs come together again on Tuesday and the locomotive builders say they will reverse the score.

The contest was close an exciting and was one of the most remarkable seen in this city all year. It was better played than many Eastern League battles. The only thing lacking to make it the success expected was the attendance, which was not up to that of former occasions when the leaders in this circuit came together. The officers say it was due to a rumor spread broadcast that the admission fee had been doubled, when in reality the regular tariff prevailed.

Outscored from Field

As far as the scoring from the field is concerned, the match was one-sided. Every player on the winning aggregation, except "Ziddie" Trautwein, came through with at least one double-decker. Dobson registered eleven 2-pointers to four for Baldwin. The only player on the latter combination that was able to pierce the net with any success was Gallagher, and he landed three tosses. The other basket, by "Danks" Graen, was a circus toss, made while fouled and almost on the floor.

Lees was the star for Dobson with five baskets, and was ably assisted by Petey Kilpatrick, who made three goals, and Livingstone, who accounted for two. Sam Moorhead, who has been on the sidelines with illness, was back in the game and his defensive work was responsible for the cutting off of many Baldwin shots.

The game was close in the first half with Dobson ahead at 6-5, then the lead switching to Baldwin at 7-6 on Gallagher's shot. Once more Dobson went ahead on two goals by Livingstone. Lees followed with a try and Kilpatrick ended the period with a pair of two-pointers. Score, 17-9.

Lees Stars in Final

Sam Moorehead started the final frame with a basket from the center. Dobson went ahead at 19-13, but Baldwin kept in the running temporarily on a two-pointer by Gallagher. Then Lees and Livingstone added goals and the falls fans approved as their favorites were leading, 23-16.

Baldwin kept plugging along and several one-pointers with field goals by Graeff and Gallagher brought the first-half champions three points behind, at 25-22. Referee Rumsey called a double foul on Lees for telling him how to officiate and this proved to be the turning point of the game. A minute later Lees came through with two more sensational shots, which ended the contest in favor of Dobson, 29-24.

Boxing Lid on in Denver

Denver, Feb. 25.—Philip Van Cise, newly elected district attorney of Denver, clamped the lid on professional boxing when he announced he would arrest boxers engaging in a bout in Denver for pay.

Amateur Sports

The Pavonia Shop basketball five, champions of the Pennsylvania Railroad league for the seasons of 1919 and 1920, and at the present time leading the same league, with but three weeks of the season left to be played, is putting up a great article of basketball and expects to gain the premier honors in that circuit again.

Manager Bartsch has some good material in his lineup which is composed of the following men: Hambleton, Wark, Hettoroth, Glading, Neirle, Adams, Borton, and Connor. This combination has been hitting on all five cylinders during the season, as is shown by its long list of victories.

The management of the quintet is anxious to book games with first class home teams, either in or out of the city, offering reasonable guarantees for this first class attraction. Adolph Bartsch, Pavonia Shops, Camden, N. J.

Columbia Juniors, after a successful basketball season, has turned its attention to baseball. Manager Mooney desires to book games with junior nines. Frank Mooney, 2413 South Fairhill street.

Lumberton A. A. would like to schedule games with first-class teams in Philadelphia, playing the intercollegiate rules. E. Danville, Lumberton, N. J.

The employes of the De Frain Sand Co. have formed an athletic association and will have a strong baseball nine this season under the leadership of Captain James McGarrick. Teams desiring games please communicate with John Kraft, Beach and Berks streets.

Evangel A. C., a strictly second-class five, would like to book games with teams of the same caliber. H. Nugent, 2410 South Carlisle street.

Felthal B. C., a second and third class traveling team, would like to schedule contests with quintets offering reasonable guarantees. Nat Potamkin, 828 South Fourth street.

INTERCITY BASEBALL

May Decide on Circuit at Meeting Tomorrow Afternoon

A meeting to consider the circuit of the Intercity Baseball League has been called for the Hotel Walton tomorrow afternoon at 2:15 At the initial gathering, two weeks ago, about twenty clubs were in attendance and expressed a willingness to become members.

Since that time President Lettig has received applications from six additional teams and the outlook is very favorable. Any club that would like to attend the meeting is extended an invitation. The officers would be pleased to have a representative from Logan in attendance.

GLOUCESTER CO. NINES TO MEET

League Members Convene Tonight at Gibbstown to Plan for 1921 Baseball Season

The Gloucester County Baseball League will meet this evening at Gibbstown for the purpose of forming a new organization for the 1921 season. There has been some talk of admitting two new teams, making eight clubs in the league instead of six. Nothing, however, has been done in the matter and it will not be known until after the meeting whether the circuit will be increased.

Most of the teams are well advanced in the matter of organization. Woodbury is a trifle slow in getting under way, but the town always puts a good team in the field and there is no doubt they will be in the running again. Most of last year's players are available, along with a number of others not in the game last season.

Westville is planning a much stronger club than last year and Paulsboro is still busy with its basketball team, but the fans are certain Manager John Fitzgerald will turn out another championship combination. Bridgeport and Gibbstown have both held organization meetings and intend to place strong teams in the field.

Most of the powder nine will consist of hired players, while Bridgeport will, as far as possible, depend on local talent. Gibbstown has already disposed of $500 worth of stock and Bridgeport is also selling shares.

Swedesboro, the first team to enter the league, will be managed by the American Legion Post there. Fred Mayer, one of the best players last year, has taken charge and as the Legion has made a success of every enterprise undertaken to date the townspeople have promised to lend encouragement to the new venture.

Racing at Mobile

Mobile, Feb. 25.—A six-day running horse meet will be held in Mobile, starting March 10 and concluding March 16. The meeting has the indorsement of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association, and Judge Joseph Murphy will preside.

Baseball Happenings

Washington—George McBride, newly appointed manager of the Senators, told 500 enthusiastic fans at a testimonial dinner last night that he would make "no rash predictions" about the 1921 pennant race.

Pittsburgh—Hooks Warner, a former New York State League hurler, has signed his contract with the Chicago Cubs, and will leave next Wednesday for the Windy City, where he will entrain with the rest of the Bruins for the training camp at Pasadena, Calif.

Wheeling, W. Va.—A. F. Stevens, business manager of the New York Giants, is waiting here to meet Benny Kauff for the purpose of talking over terms for the coming season.

New York—W. B. Henline, a catcher, purchased by the Giants from the Indianapolis club of the American Association, has forwarded his signed contract.

Chicago—Zeb Terry, second baseman of the Cubs, has signed his contract for the coming season.

New York—John McGraw has notified club officials that he would leave Havana Monday, proceeding by seaplane to Jacksonville, whence he will travel by rail to join the club at San Antonio.

Pittsburgh—Charles Grimm, Pirate first baseman, has signed his contract for the coming season.

San Francisco—Louis Guisto, who played first base for Oakland last year, has been recalled by the Cleveland Indians to report in that city on March 7.

New York—Albert Devormer, a catcher, who played several years with Vernon, in the Pacific Coast League, has been obtained by the Yankees. A contingent of Yankees departed for Shreveport today.

St. Louis—Pitcher Emilio Palmero is the only absentee at the camp of the St. Louis Americans at Bogalusa, La., according to advices received here.

Orange, Tex.—Art Riviere, a pitcher from the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College, who has signed with the St. Louis Cardinals, reported at the camp here today.

Pittsburgh—Hans Wagner, former Pirate shortstop, was presented with a framed enlargement of a photograph of his baby girl at a testimonial banquet here. Wagner made a speech in a voice choking with emotion. Prior to the dinner moving pictures of the retired shortstop as a film actor were exhibited.

Kansas City, Mo.—Rogers Hornsby, star infielder of the St. Louis Cardinals, told newspaper men here that he has signed his contract for the season, and would report at the Cardinals' training camp at Hot Springs.

Seeks to Change Luck

Boston, Feb. 25.—The Boston National League baseball team is to change the color and pattern of its stockings in an effort to bring a shift in its luck in pennant races. Manager Fred Mitchell announced today. Instead of red and blue horizontally barred socks, the new shin coverings will be solid blue, with white feet.

LIT NINE READY FOR BIG SEASON

"Dick" Smith at First Base Only New Man on Manager Germon's Team

Samuel B. Germon, manager of Lit Brothers baseball team, will be in the field for the coming season with virtually the same team which has represented the department store for several seasons. The only exception to this will be first base and this sack this year will be taken care of by "Dick" Smith, who has made a name for himself in semi-pro ranks in and around Philadelphia.

The Lit team went through the 1920 season meeting all the big clubs in and around Philadelphia and winning 75 per cent of their games. Their 1920 list included a series of six games with the Hillside club, three with Nativity, two with Fleisher, also games with the Bacharach Giants, Mowrey's Reserves of Allentown, Pottstown, Baltimore Dry Docks, Parkesburg Iron Co., R. D. Wood & Co. of Florence, N. J., Riverside, MacAndrew & Forbes and other teams of this calibre.

"Barney" Slaughter again will be the mainstay of the Lit crowd in the box, ably assisted by Collier and Shanks, the "phenom" whom Manager Germon imported from Pedricktown the latter part of the season. Lesh and Harkness, the versatile outfielders of the team, will also be available for pitching duty, and with this quintet Germon is well fortified in this department. Slaughter in addition to pitching wonderful ball for his club last season also led with the stick, having thirty-nine hits in twenty-five games for an average of .402.

"Stew" Harkness, whom the Chicago Nationals and the New York Americans were after this winter, has signed with Manager Germon, and this puts the rumors at rest that he will leave this part of the country. He will be stationed in right field and will be clean-up man in the batting order. He topped all the other members of the team last season in the stolen base column with nineteen steals to his credit. Also in home-run wallops, having five circuit clouts. "Lew" Baker will be in left field and Leslie will guard the center of the garden.

"Eddie" Sheehan, who has been made captain of the team, will be stationed at second base, while the shortfield will be taken care of by "Sis" Clouser. Eddie Piercey, whom Manager Germon snared from the Christ Church team in the middle of last season and who put up a sensational fielding game, will be at the hot corner again.

Games are being arranged with all the leading clubs in and around Philadelphia, including all the teams Lit played last year. A number of games with the best semi-pros in and around New York city are being booked as well as the teams upstate.

Basketball Statistics

INTERCOLLEGIATE LEAGUE

	W.	L.	P.C.		W.	L.	P.C.
Penn	5	1	.833	Princeton	2	3	.400
D'rtmouth	6	2	.750	Columbia	2	3	.400
Cornell	3	4	.429	Yale	1	4	.200

SCHEDULE

Tonight—Cornell at Columbia.
Saturday—Yale at Princeton.

EASTERN LEAGUE

	W.	L.	P.C.		W.	L.	P.C.
Gtn.	11	3	.786	Reading	7	6	.538
Camden	10	3	.769	Phila.	3	10	.231
Trenton	7	6	.538	Coatesville	2	12	.143

SCHEDULE

Tonight—Camden at Trenton.
Saturday—Reading at Philadelphia.

AMERICAN LEAGUE LAY-OFF

	W.	L.	P.C.		W.	L.	P.C.
Hancock	1	1	.500	Post 26	1	1	.500

CATHOLIC CLUBS CLASH

West Philadelphia Five Will Play Nativity Quintet Tonight

Nativity C. C. first and second basketball teams have one of the hardest tests of the season tonight on the home floor at Allegheny avenue and Miller street. The opposing quintets will be the West Philadelphia C. C. first and second teams.

The visitors has several former Nativity stars in the line-up and they are anxious to score a win. The West Phillies will line up with Panzula and O'Donnell, forwards; Downey, center, and Tommy Temple and Glascott, of Catholic University, guards; Temple and Downey recently played for Nativity.

The home team will depend on Livingstone, Calhoun and O'Brien, forwards; Eddie Watson, center; Costello, Douglas and Hedelt, guards. Nativity C. C. second will oppose the visitors' second team in the preliminary.

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