

As a MATT-er-a-FACT

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ONE POINT MAKES A DIFFERENCE—

A brief paragraph in Will Grimsley's college football picks read: "West Virginia 20, Penn State 18." An old rivalry ends up even in touchdowns, but . . .

Even before Mr. Grimsley's 2-point decision, this writer began to wonder about the new 2-point conversion rule. In checking the Penn State scoring this season, I found that of the 23 touchdowns scored to date we attempted the 1-point kick ten times. Don Jonas was successful on six attempts.

On the 13 times we tried for two points, we succeeded twice by running and six of 11 times by passing. On a point-per-try basis the Lions extra point statistics show that we score .6 point on kicks, on passing 1.1 points per try and by running 2.0 points per try.

This compares favorably with some national collegiate statistics on extra points. On the major college scene slightly over .600 of the kicks were successful and in running and passing, the team scored over .9 of a point per attempt.

Another look through the record book showed that the Lions usually kicked the extra-point after the first touchdown. In the face of these overwhelming (and possibly lying) statistics in favor of running and passing, I wondered why we don't go more for the two points.

Joe Paterno explained the Penn State viewpoint: "Except in one case this year, we kicked after the first touchdown. We feel that we have the best chance by kicking and in that way putting the real decision up to the opponents, should they score a touchdown. Their decision is: Should they go for two points and a win, or be safe and go for a tie."

"We feel fairly safe in having Donny Jonas kick our extra points. He's made something like six out of nine (Jimmy Kerr missed the tenth). But one of those was the 26-yarder against Furman Saturday. If you discount that, Donny's kicked six of eight successfully."

Rip Engle chipped in, "Of course, this has been a very unusual season in that we haven't played any real tight ball games. The only time we went for two-points after the first touchdown was against Syracuse—and of course we were behind 14-6 at the time; we had no choice.

"Of course you've got to consider the pressure factors, too. After most of our touchdowns, there has been very little pressure to really score the points in that the other team has been almost completely demoralized.

Well, this may be the week the pressure factor's on us—that is, if you consider Will Grimsley an authority or maybe Mr. Grimsley is in for a surprise this weekend.

PLAUDITS TO THE FROSH GRIDDERS—Coach Earl Bruce's eleven completed another short three-game undefeated season yesterday and deserve special consideration.

Each year the Lions come up with top frosh prospects but this crop looks like one of the best in years. I'm basing my opinion on seeing them play in only one game but covering them and listening to varsity members talk of them.

Although Bruce is hesitant to admit that this squad is loaded with fast, elusive backs, I can't help recognizing the speed of players like Roger Kochman (a 100 and 220 sprinter), tricky Mike Daniels and probably the fastest of them all, little Tony "Mad Anthony" Wayne (Massachusetts' sprint champ). And Wayne has been alternating at the second-team halfback spot with Harry Finkleston (who "only" raced 80 yards with an intercepted pass against West Virginia).

The line is just as loaded with "potential talent" as Bruce likes to term it. Ends Bob Mitinger and Bill Saul "can't miss" being Lion stars on the athletic scene. Neither can many of the other linemen.

Only one word of caution from a senior sportswriter who has seen many "potential athletes" come and go: I like to see football players PASS—on the gridiron and in the classroom.



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TKE-PKS, Inebriates-Goopers To Meet for IM Grid Titles

By BILL BARBER

On the strength of a sparkling pass interception by Jim Durham of Tau Kappa Epsilon, the Tekes were able to gain a 7-0 victory over Alpha Sigma Phi that put them into the finals of the intramural fraternity football playoffs.

Phi Kappa Sigma won a decisive victory over Phi Mu Delta by a 16-3 score and will meet Tau Kappa Epsilon in the finals Monday night.

The Inebriates romped to 21-0 win over the Spartans in the independent semi-finals and will face the Goopers who shut-out Nittany 23, 20-0.

With Tau Kappa Epsilon down 5-3 in first downs at the end of the first half, Jim Durham, the Teke's right end, snagged the Alpha Sigma Phi pass on the 20-yard line and raced 15 yards to the five. This play proved to be

decisive factor of the game as two plays later Herb Ludwig connected with Gene Flick in the endzone for the lone touchdown.

Bob Campbell's extra point kick hit the upraised arms of the Alpha Sig defenders and sailed between the crossbars making the score 7-0.

In defeating Alpha Sigma Phi, last year's fraternity touch football champions, Tau Kappa Epsilon chalked up its sixth straight unscored-upon win.

The Tekes held the Alpha Sig offense in check for the remainder of the game as the desperation passes fired by Dick Hinkle of Alpha Sig were either knocked down or intercepted by Teke pass defenders. The game was Alpha Sig's first defeat in two years.

Phi Kappa Sigma made good its bid for the finals when it smashed Phi Mu Delta 16-3 in the fraternity semi-finals.

John Righi opened the scoring for Phi Kappa Sig early in the second half when he booted a 25-yard field goal putting PKS in the lead, 3-0. Phi Mu Delta rallied briefly in the last two seconds of the first half when Rick Blend punted a 5-yard field goal to tie the score at 3-3.

Then the Phi Kappa Sigma of-



HANGING ON—Alpha Sigma Phi's Dave Monk hauls down an aerial in Alpha Sig's 7-0 loss to Tau Kappa Epsilon's football power.

fense opened up with Jack Labue firing a 30-yard aerial to Gip Bonar in the endzone for the first tally. Righi placed the extra point kick attempt making the score 10-3. Labue found the range a few minutes later with a 30-yard aerial to Larry DiGiacinto in the endzone. Righi's extra point attempt was wide.

The driving team of Bob Knepp and Ralph Bitsko once again brought the Inebriates through to victory as they downed The Spartans, 21-0, in the semi-finals of the independent grid championships.

Held scoreless for the early part of the first half, the Inebriates opened up their charging offense when Bob Knepp hit Ralph Bitsko with a 50-yard shot in the endzone for the first tally. Knepp booted the extra point.

In the second half the Inebriates charged back into the scoring column again when Dick Hambright intercepted a Spartan pass on the five-yard line and

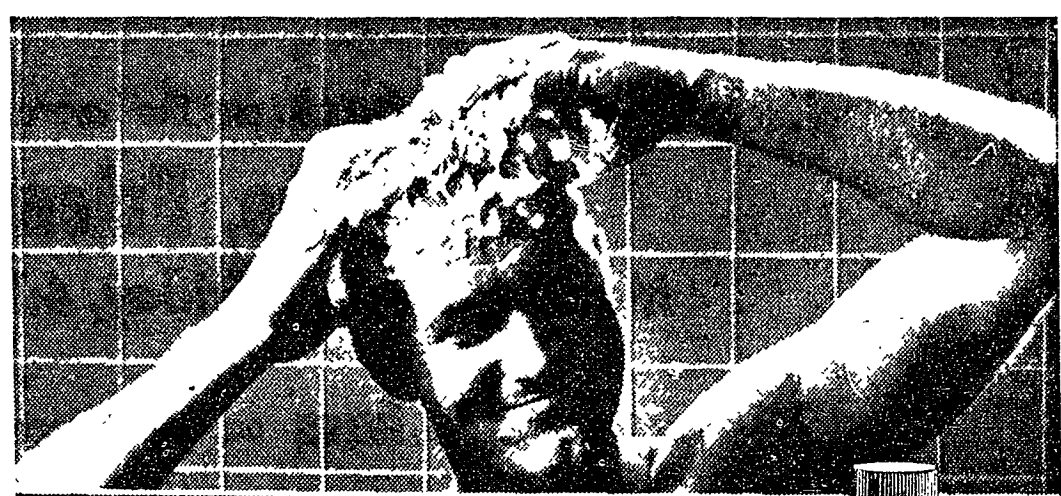
streaked across the goal line for the score. Knepp's extra point attempt was wide.

Late in the second half Knepp once again connected with Bitsko who fell down in the endzone snagging Knepp's pass for the touchdown. As the last few seconds of the game were ticking away Russ Phillippy tagged a Spartan player in the endzone for the safety to make the final score 21-0.

Under the superb quarterbacking of Walt Schenk, the Goopers swept to a 20-0 decision over Nittany 23 in the Indie touch football semi-finals.

Late in the first half Schenk tossed a 40-yard pass to Jack Barry in the endzone for the first Gooper tally. Schenk kicked the PAT between the crossbars.

Then in the last few minutes of the second half, Schenk heaved a 55-yard aerial to Jack Barry who dashed for the touchdown. Schenk's placement of the extra point kick was good.



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