

# EIGL Officials Revise League Scoring Rules

By JOHN LOTT

When the athletic directors of the Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastics League's eight member schools walked into their annual confab in New York several weeks ago, they might well have been humming a pop tune of the past—"There'll Be Some Changes Made."

They kept humming right on through the meeting, and when it was over, they had adopted a sweeping change in the dual meet scoring procedure to be used in league competition this season.

As a result of the move, Penn State gymnastics fans will see the Nittany Lions compete under a scoring system identical to that used in the Olympics and in most other international competition. The new procedure had earlier been approved by the EIGL coaches in an effort to augment the standardization of American gymnastics rules.

In addition to Penn State, the new rules affect Temple, Springfield, Syracuse, Army, Navy, Massachusetts and Pittsburgh.

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the EIGL meets will be governed by the Federation of International Gymnastics code of points and rules of competition. The new system allows a team to enter four men in each event, with the top three scores counting toward the team score. In addition, one gymnast may perform in any number of events, enabling a team to utilize one top all-around performer.

As in the past, a contestant's routine will be scored by four judges, but under the FIG system their scores will be based on 10 instead of 100. The high and low score will be dropped, and the average of the middle two scores will count on the team total.

Top Three Scores Count

The score for a team in a single event is determined by adding the scores of the top three men. This means that, theoretically, a team could record a maximum score of 30 for one event (three times a perfect score of 10) and a maximum of 180 for a dual meet (six times a perfect score of 30).

Penn State's only meet so far, a 70-26 rout of West Virginia, would have been somewhat closer had it been scored under the FIG code of points. Basing the individual scores of 10 instead of 100, and adding each team's top three scores in the six events results in a new final score: Penn State, 148.5; West Virginia, 122.4.

A look at the scoring for a single event further illustrates the new scoring setup. The Lions took the first three places in the high bar event against the Mounties, who picked up the last two scoring positions under the old system. The score for that event was Penn State, 13; West Virginia, 3. Transposing this score to the FIG code, it would appear this way. State's Jim Culhane, Ed Isabelle and Mike Jacobson recorded scores of 89.5, 86.5 and 84.5 for a total of 260.5. The Mounties' three entrants totaled 201.5. Basing the scores on 10, the Lions would have won the event by the narrow margin of 26-20.

Another provision of the FIG rules concerns the time period of free exercise routines. Under the previous system, a routine in this event had to be not less than 60 nor more than 90 seconds in duration. The new time limit is 50-70 seconds.

League coaches also agreed on a revision in the rules for long horse vaulting. In the past, a contestant performed two different jumps with his final score determined by the average score of the two vaults. This year each vaulter will again make two jumps, but only his higher score will count.

Enumerating the advantages of the new system, Lion coach Gene Wettstone said, "This system is a more reliable method of measuring team strength over the former system. Each performer's score is now more meaningful and contributes to the final team total. The efforts of the third man are as important as the first."

"The final score not only indicates who won the meet," he continued, "but also reveals the quality of both teams. One needs only to divide 18 into the final score to learn the average, individual performance."

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# Willard Says Dempsey Used Loaded Gloves

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Jess Willard claimed yesterday that Jack Dempsey used loaded gloves in winning the world heavyweight title from him in 1919.

"He cut me all to pieces and hammered my eyes closed—that's why they gave the title to him," Willard, 82, said at his home in suburban La Crescenta.

Willard was commenting on a copyrighted feature in Sports Illustrated magazine, which published the memoirs of the late Jack (Doc) Kearns, Dempsey's manager, in its current issue.

The magazine said Dempsey denied Kearns' claim that he used plaster of paris in bandaging Dempsey's hands before the fight.

In San Francisco, Dempsey first said, "Ridiculous, no further comment." Then he added, "I'll let my lawyer handle this."

In an interview at his home, Willard said: "I've been trying for almost 45 years to get the story printed but nobody would believe me. They thought it was just a loser complaining. I'm glad Kearns has finally admitted it."

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# Cronin to Finley: 'Shut Up Until AL Decides on Move'

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Cronin started the exchange with a telegram directing Finley to refrain from making any further arrangements for transferring the club.

Finley replied with a hotly worded message, criticizing the release of Cronin's telegram as "unfair and unethical" and suggesting Cronin refrain from further public statements until he could receive "the true and complete facts ... for the first time."

The Associated Press asked Finley if his response meant he was standing firm.

"I always have, and I always will," he replied.

Finley stated he was confident owners of the other clubs in the league would approve his move.

Cronin, from league headquarters in Boston, dispatched a telegram to Finley yesterday.

In noting published reports and in view of the purposes of the American League meetings scheduled to be held in New York on Jan. 16, Cronin's message said: "I consider your current activities unfair to the loyal baseball fans in Kansas City and

feel they could result in disillusionment for the baseball public in Louisville, Ky."

"My dear Mr. Cronin," it read. "I consider your releasing to the press the telegram which you sent me this morning very unfair and unethical."

"As an owner in the American League, I will expect any future communication from you to be kept private and not released for publication without my personal approval."

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1444 was, incidentally, notable for many other things. It was, for example, the year in which the New York Giants played the Philadelphia Athletics in the World Series. As we all know, the New York Giants have since moved to San Francisco and the Philadelphia Athletics to Kansas City. There is a movement afoot at present to move Chicago to Phoenix—the city, not the baseball team. Phoenix, in turn, would of course move to Chicago. It is felt that the change would be broadening for residents of both cities. Many Chicago folks, for example, have never seen an iguana. Many Phoenix folks, on the other hand, have never seen a frostbite.

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There are, of course, certain difficulties connected with a municipal shift of this size. For instance, to move Chicago you also have to move Lake Michigan. This, in itself, presents no great problem, what with modern scientific advances like electronics and the French cuff. But if you will look at your map, you will find Lake Michigan is attached to all the other Great Lakes, which in turn are attached to the St. Lawrence Seaway, which in turn is attached to the Atlantic Ocean. You start dragging Lake Michigan to Phoenix and, willy-nilly, you'll be dragging all that other stuff too. This would make our British allies terribly cross, and I can't say as I blame them. Put yourself in their place. What if, for example, you were a British costermonger who had been saving and scrimping all year for a summer holiday at Brighton Beach, and then when you got to Brighton Beach there wasn't any ocean? There you'd be with your inner tube and snorkel and nothing to do all day but dance the Lambeth Walk. This, you must agree, would not help make you NATO-minded!

I appeal most earnestly to the residents of Chicago and Phoenix to reconsider. I know it's no bowl of cherries going through life without ever seeing an iguana or a frostbite, but I ask you—Chicagoans, Phoenixians—is it too big a price to pay for preserving the unity of the free world?

I feel sure that if you search your hearts, you will make the right decision, for all of us—whether we live in frostbitten Chicago, iguana-infested Phoenix, or narrow-lapped New Haven—are first and foremost Americans!

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