

5-Yard Penalty for Violating Coaches' Box This Season

Number Of Other Changes Made In 1952 Football Rules

Junior Varsity Games Cut to 8-Minute Periods, Regular High School Games Remain Same

Several minor changes have been made in the scholastic football rules for the coming season, according to a report by Dr. Frank P. McGuire, PIAA commissioner on officials and a member of the football rules committee.

Perhaps one of the most important changes this year will be the five-yard penalty called on a team whose coaches or substitute players are found outside the coaches' box.

Last year Rule 9, Section 6, Article 1-b classified the act of being out of the coaches' box as an unsportsmanlike act, with the offending team drawing a 15-yard penalty. This year, the same act will entail a five-yard penalty for the offense, and it is anticipated that officials will now call the infraction without hesitation, and thus reduce the frequency of the occurrence.

The coaches' box for both the coaches and substitute players in the football rules last year. The box is between the two 30-yard lines, with the front boundary three feet back from the sideline of the playing field. All coaches and substitutes are required to be within the limits of the box.

Other changes in the football rules are as follows:

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL GAME

A new note will specify that the length of quarters in a junior high school football game shall be eight (8) minutes each.

Previous rulings stated that junior high school football games shall be limited to a maximum of 40 minutes, divided into four quarters, no one of which shall exceed 10 minutes in length provided that the length of quarters may be set at eight or nine minutes at the discretion of the coaches. Therefore, under the new ruling a junior high game shall not exceed 32 minutes in length.

RUBBER COVERED FOOTBALLS

Rubber-covered balls will be sanctioned, and may be used either through mutual agreement of the contesting teams, or by adoption of a league, conference or association.

The color of the ball for a night game will be the same as last year, but the placement of the one-inch white stripe will be approximately one inch from the tip of the ball, instead of one inch from the laces.

Beginning in 1952, however, the use of a white ball, or other light-colored ball, may be used only by mutual consent. In addition, the tan-colored ball with the one inch white stripe, at each end of the ball, may be used in night games, as well as for night contests.

SHORT FREE-KICK DEFINED

The definition for a short free-kick will be received and shortened for better understanding.

Under Rule 6, Section 1, Article 4 there will be a change in the play ruling. The change will provide that if the Receiver should decline the penalty for a short free-kick, the ball will be awarded to the Kickers, provided that team is in possession when the ball becomes dead.

PLAYER DEFINED

The definition of a "player" will be revised to make it clear when a substitute becomes a player.

DISQUALIFIED PLAYER

The term "suspended" player will be replaced by the more appropriate and meaningful term, "disqualified" player.

WHEN TIME EXPIRES

A revision in structure will emphasize that the application of the provision ending the period will apply to fouls which are committed only by the offense.

SUBSTITUTIONS

The play ruling under this article will be revised to be in harmony with the article itself.

A substitute shall not be permitted to enter and then withdraw during the same dead ball. Conversely, a player shall not be permitted to withdraw and then re-enter during the same dead ball. In other words, a play must intervene in either situation.

NUMBER OF SUBSTITUTABLE PLAYERS

The play ruling limiting the number of substitutes to two, will be revised to correct an obvious error which was not in keeping with the rule change last year, and was inadvertently carried over last year from the 1950 ruling.

In other words the substitution ruling of last year is still in effect, and only the wording of the ruling will be changed to agree with the 1951 change. The substitution ruling states that any number of substitutes may enter the game without regard to the clock. The only restriction is that all the substitutions must be completed, that is the replaced players must be off the field, before the ball is snapped or free-kicked.

WHEN BALL BECOMES DEAD

The play ruling will be re-written to make it clear that a re-write of this article will make it clear that in case of re-play on a try, the try shall not be taken at the in-bounds spot, but from a point anywhere on the in-bounds line between the in-bounds line and the end line.

WHEN BALL IS RECOVERED

This article will be amended to read that if a free-kick is taken with or without a player in the end zone, the ball is recovered jointly by two opponents, the ball is awarded to the receivers at that point.

RECEIVERS FOUL AFTER "FIRST TOUCHING"

Specific coverage will be provided in this article to cover an occasional punt-situation. It will be made clear that the right of the Receiver to take the ball at the spot of "first-touching" is cancelled if they first procure possession of the ball, and then commit a foul. This is in accord with the current interpretation.

THE FAIR CATCH

The change will include complete elimination of the last two sentences of the article. In other words a fair catch is made whenever any member of the Receiver catches the kicked ball after or anyone of his teammates, has made a valid signal for a fair catch.

FATH CATCH FOLLOWED BY RUN AND TACKLE

While a note will still stipulate protection for the fair-catcher, the play ruling will be changed. If the player making the fair catch commits the foul of delay of game by advancing the dead ball, and if a kicker should tackle such a player, it will be ruled a double foul during a dead ball. Provided, however, that the tackler had a reasonable opportunity to know that the ball had become dead by reason of a fair catch signal, which may have been made by a player other than the catcher.

TWO LEGAL FORWARD PASSES

A new play ruling will explain that when two legal forward passes are thrown during the same down, the interference rule of the passer is in effect from the time of the snap to the time the second forward pass is touched.

LEAVING THE FIELD BETWEEN DOWNS

Item (e) will be slightly revised to clarify the real intent of the rule. The revision will make clear that the act of leaving the field between downs, is penalized when the purpose of the act was to gain an advantage.

WHEN FOULS ARE PENALIZED SEPARATELY

Additional statements to the rules will make it clear that when a foul follows a touchdown, and a second foul occurs during the try-for-point, or after the try-for-point, they do not create a double foul, or a multiple foul situation. Under such unusual circumstances, the penalty for each of the fouls will be administered as separate and distinct fouls, each carrying its own penalty.

ADDED DUTY OF REFEREE

Under responsibilities and procedures of officials, it will be stated that when a team captain is called upon to make a choice in connection with a distance penalty, he shall have the right to request the Referee for a measurement before making his choice.

CONTINUATION OF RULINGS

It is important to note that two rulings made last year will continue in force again this season. They are "Restrictions in the Neutral Zone" and "Goal From the Field."

Restrictions in the Neutral Zone

Restrictions in the Neutral Zone state that after the Referee spots the ball and thus makes it ready for play, all defensive players, as well as offensive players, shall be required to remain out of the neutral zone. Accordingly, no defensive player may be permitted to stand in the neutral zone to give defensive signals or instructions to his squad.

The Goal From the Field

The Goal From the Field ruling was changed last year to read that a goal did not count if the kick touched the ground or any player of either team before passing over the cross-bar of the goal post.

Colver On Short End of 5-4 Score In Cardiff Battle

Colver Colts were handed a 5-4 setback Sunday by Nantyglo in a Cambria County Industrial League game. The Colts, however, picked up a victory last Saturday when they walloped Cardiff, 15-10.

Nantyglo held a 12-3 edge in the 1st department, but Colver took full advantage of three errors and six walks to end its three-hit output. The Colt defensive squad came up with a fine double play—Kuhn to Leaper to Kostelnik. Colver had 8 men hit in bases and Nantyglo, 11.

Top hitters of the game was Palko with 3 singles in 5 trips. Valer, Kalmar and Leaper each one hit in 3 trips for Colver.

Kemp, winning pitcher, fanned 10 and walked 6 and Valeri of Colver struck out 2 and issued 4 bases on balls. The summary:

Nantyglo-Palko, 11-3; Evans, 6-2; Russell, 11-1; Biko, 1-1; Smith, 1-0; Toti, 1-0; Nantyglo-Kemp, 10-0; Valer, 1-1; Kalmar, 1-0; Leaper, 1-0; Colver-Palko, 11-3; Kemp, 10-0; Valer, 6-2; Russell, 11-1; Smith, 1-0; Toti, 1-0.

HITTING STREAK

Joe DiMaggio's famous hitting streak of 56 consecutive games was the longest in major league history and lasted two full calendar months.

NORTH CAMBRIA



by FRED OWENS & LEO GRIMME

An Open Letter of Interest to Boys Planning to Come Out for Football

Dear Football Candidate:

The 1952 scholastic football pre-season training period begins next Monday and several hundred boys from Northern Cambria County will take to the gridiron not only for the enjoyment derived from this fine American sport, but also to help preserve and further the football

heritage of their respective schools. Many of these lads will be participating in high school football for the first time; many will be playing for their final season.

This letter is not only aimed at the boys who plan to play football but also to the parents of these boys, who have the final say of their son's activities.

The title of being a football player adds up to one question—What does it take to be a football player? The answer depends pretty largely on what your definition of a football player happens to be. If it's just to wear a uniform and go on the trips and be one of the boys, then the following things are not important. However, the facts pointed out below are not only absolutely necessary for a good player but also for a winner in any of life's experiences.

SPORT SPOTS

By FRED OWENS

Someone looked mighty poor last Friday night at Windber and it certainly wasn't the Northern All Star squad. And what's more, they marched up and down the Windber Stadium like truly great football players and brought the 7,000 attending fans to their feet more than once. All four of the Northern All Stars really came from the North-Northern Cambria County. Yes, we Northern Cambrians can be justly proud of our local gridiron talent. They marched up and down the Windber Stadium like truly great football players and brought the 7,000 attending fans to their feet more than once. All four of the Northern All Stars really came from the North-Northern Cambria County. Yes, we Northern Cambrians can be justly proud of our local gridiron talent. They marched up and down the Windber Stadium like truly great football players and brought the 7,000 attending fans to their feet more than once. All four of the Northern All Stars really came from the North-Northern Cambria County. Yes, we Northern Cambrians can be justly proud of our local gridiron talent.

1. A player must have a spirit of competition. He must be persistent and never take no for an answer when there is a job to be done. A pass to be caught, speed to be made. We don't remember backs or linemen of the past by their techniques, so much as their fire and combative spirit.

2. Coachability! Can the player take coaching? Can he take criticism and not always be looking for an alibi? Is he a "know it all"? Or does he do his level best to try to improve? Remember a coach has a tough job, he must have cooperation in his work.

3. Does the player have the willingness to practice? Does he want to improve? Is he willing to put in the long, grinding hours that are necessary? Is he the

first boy out with a smile on his face, or the last one out with a frown?

4. Is the player willing to make the necessary sacrifices? This means conditioning and conditioning is not fun. It is punishment of one's self in every sense of the word. Coaches insist that their boys be in condition at all times during the season. This means no smoking, and we might add no drinking, regular hours prescribed by the coach, good food and the determination and truthfulness to one's self in living up to these regulations. A player must be in condition to give his "all" to his teammates. Being in condition not only reduces the number of injuries but also is necessary in making a better team.

5. Does the player have the ability to think under fire? Can he shut out from his mind everything except the work to be done at the moment? This does not take a great brain, all it takes is concentration.

6. Is the player willing and able to shut out all personal feeling about the opponent, except to hit him as hard and as quick as he can in a Fair Way with everything he's got. It never pays to get personal in any sport.

The above things don't come easy and they don't come all at once to most boys, but they can be developed through the complete co-operation of the player and the coach. Remember football candidate, the coach is your boss, not the so-called "Monday Morning Quarterbacks!"

Sincerely,
Fred Owens & Leo Grimme
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Grid Practice Next Monday

High School Training Period Week Longer

Football season is here again! Practice sessions in preparation for the 1952 grid season begin next Monday, Aug. 18, and continue for about one month until the season opens Sept. 12. Pre-season training period will be exactly one week longer this year than in previous years.

Seven North Cambria high schools have announced the following schedules for the practice sessions:

Patton—All football candidates are to report at 8:00 a. m. today, Aug. 14, at the office of Dr. J. A. Murray for physical exams, according to officials of Patton High School. Practice sessions will begin Monday and boys are to report at the high school about 9:00 a. m. that day. Paul Kmetz is head coach of the team.

Carrolltown—John Carroll High School will open its practice sessions Monday at 9:00 a. m. according to M. J. Cicero, head coach. All boys, including freshmen, will report to the team locker rooms at the high school at that time. Practice sessions will be conducted at the school stadium each day.

Hastings—Coach John Nevis, announced that Hastings-Elder Twp. High school will report for practice Monday at 8:30 a. m. at the high school. The squad will work out once daily the first week and the following week will swing into an all-day session. Physical exams for the squad were held Tuesday of this week. All sessions will be at the Hastings stadium.

Spangler—All candidates for this year's squad of Spangler High will report Monday at 9:00 a. m. at the high school. Team officials are endeavoring to have physical exams for the squad completed by the end of this week, according to Charles T. Keenan, head mentor. All candidates are to inquire as to when the physical will be held.

Barnesboro—Physical exams for all candidates for this year's team will be held Monday at 10 a. m. at Barnesboro Stadium.

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High School Training Period Week Longer

Field House, according to Coach George M. Glick. Practice sessions will be held for three days at the stadium and then the team will move to Lions Club Camp near Barnesboro for a 10-day training camp period.

Ebensburg—Coach James Cook announced that the pre-season training period for his team will begin Monday at 9:00 a. m. at the practice field adjacent the high school in Ebensburg. This year the team will reside at the high school for two weeks, working out daily at the Ebensburg field, instead of going to a training camp. The boys will sleep in the school gym and eat in the school cafeteria.

Cresson—Players will report to high school at 9:00 a. m. Monday according to Jack Hart, head mentor and daily practice sessions will be held at local stadium. A meeting of all candidates was held Wednesday and physical exams will be held today and tomorrow.

Jack Hart Named As Cresson Coach

John J. (Jack) Hart, present head football coach and former assistant for the basketball squad at Cresson High School, was named as head basketball mentor's post it was revealed at a meeting last week.

A new assistant coach will be selected from among the present members of the faculty. A number of the members are qualified for the job.

Walter Kosciak, who was out of sporting activities last season, will continue as assistant football and JV hoop pilot.

Fred Cornell is to maintain his position as wrestling coach and will also assist with the football squad.

Sportsmen Plan Buying Grain To Stand In Field

Many sportsmen's organizations and individuals are laying plans now to purchase grain to be left standing over the coming winter as feed for game in areas where wildlife is known to congregate during the lean, cold months.

With the knowledge that harvest time is not far distant, contracts are being made, in many cases, for strips of corn growing close to protective cover. Corn is probably the best food for many types of game and so it offers about the best dollar return in maintaining the health and vigor of wild species over winter.

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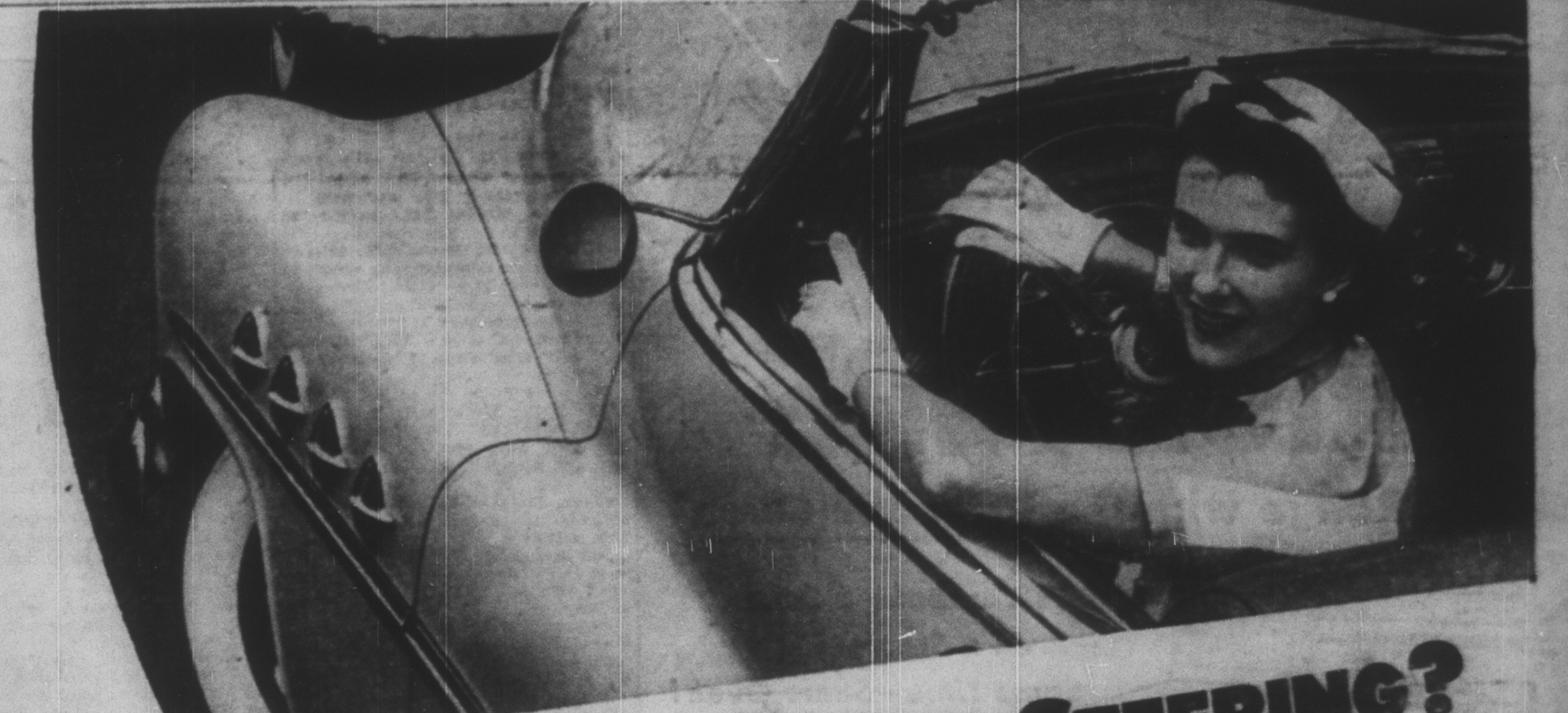
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