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Official Answers Queries On One-Plus-One Cage Ruling

Dr. Frank P. McGuire, P.I.A.A. Commissioner, Clears Up Muddle

In order to keep Northern Cambria basketball fans "up" on the new 1952-53 cage ruling, known as one-plus-one foul provision, this newspaper is publishing the following list of questions and answers prepared by Dr. Frank P. McGuire, commissioner on officials of the P.I.A.A. pertaining to this new ruling:

Question — Exactly when does the two shot foul procedure become effective in the last three minutes of the fourth quarter in the different levels of competition and how is the procedure announced?

Answer—The rules do not prescribe an Official's time-out to indicate to players and spectators that the quarter has advanced into the last three minutes. The two-shot foul procedure becomes effective with the very first personal foul called during any part of the last three minutes of the fourth quarter of any contests, regardless of the length of quarter. Therefore, the last three minutes apply equally to college, high school and junior high games.

Question—For a personal foul, Player A1 is awarded a free-throw, plus the potential one. (If he misses first shot he can try once more). While in the act of shooting the ball, which went through the basket, Player A2 steps on or into the free-throw lane; or Player A1 himself steps on or over the foul line before the ball had touched the ring or backboard. Is Player A1 allowed to attempt his second free-throw?

Answer—Yes, A1 is entitled to the second free-throw on the basis of the original "plus one" feature of the prescribed penalty for the foul. The rule states clearly that an ALTERNATE free-throw shall be permitted "provided the first throw is not successful."

In this instance, the first throw was not successful since the violation caused the ball to become dead, and consequently it was only a dead ball which went through the basket. Furthermore, the free-thrower's first attempt cannot be regarded as successful because he did not succeed in scoring a point for his team. The decision governing the free-thrower's right to a second try is based on the principal that he is entitled to two chances to score a single point. Therefore, since he failed to score one point on his first try, due to the violation, he is entitled to another throw regardless of the reason why his first try was not successful. For clarification it should be emphasized that a second throw in this situation is not a SUBSTITUTE throw. In fact, a violation by Team A never entitled the free-thrower to a substitute throw. Instead the second free-throw is the ALTERNATE throw of the one-one to which the free-thrower was originally entitled, and to which he retains his entitlement, regardless of what happened on his first unsuccessful try.

Question—A player is fouled in the act of shooting for field goal, and he makes the goal. (1) Does he get a one-one during the first 29 minutes? (2) Is he always awarded two free-throws during the last three minutes of the fourth quarter, even if he makes the field goal?

Answer—No, to both questions. (1) If the shooter is successful on his try for the field goal he will ordinarily be warded only one free-throw. Occasionally he will be given two free-throws depending on the nature of the foul but never a one-one foul throw when his field goal is successful.

(2) Two free-throws following a successful field goal would not be awarded unless, however, the foul is flagrant, (openly wicked), including one by a player who is in an unfavorable position with little chance to reach the ball.

It should be remembered that a personal foul committed in connection with a successful field goal, and the technical foul situations are not affected by the change in the 1952-53 foul rule.

Question—Player A1 is awarded a one-one free throw. His first throw is successful, but before the ball goes through the basket Player A2 committed a violation on the lane. The official ruled no point, no second free-throw, and Team B's ball out-of-bounds at the side opposite the free-throw line. The official also ruled that if A1 had missed his first try, then he would be entitled to a second free-throw?

Answer—There was no point scored by A1, as the official ruled; but this same ruling renders the first try "not successful." Therefore A1 is entitled, by rule, to the ALTERNATE throw of the one-one in both of the above instances.

To allow the free-thrower on a one-one situation, accompanied by a teammate's violation, a second free-throw only if he missed the basket would be illogical and inconsistent. In other words, when a free-thrower is awarded a one-one and he does not succeed in scoring a point on his first attempt, regardless of the reason, he is then permitted to attempt his alternate free-throw.

Question—The penalty in the rules provides that if the violation is by the free-thrower or his teammate only, no point can be scored, and the ball is awarded out-of-bounds on the side. How does this rule apply on the one-one situation to permit a second free-throw?

Answer—It should be observed that if a player is fouled in the act of shooting for a field goal, and misses the goal, he is always awarded two free-throws. If there is a violation on his first free-throw the player is not deprived of his second free-throw, whether the first try is made or missed. By the same token, when a foul-thrower has a one-one throw, and his first throw is not successful, regardless of the reason, he is just as much entitled to the second free-throw as a player who originally had two unconditional free-throws awarded to him.

If another player on the free-throwers team committed a violation on the second throw of a one-one, then in that case the penalty would apply and Team B or the other team, would be given the ball out-of-bounds on the side opposite the free-throw line; but not immediately following the first free-throw of a multiple, or potential multiple free-throw.

Question—On a one-one foul throw do the scorers mark the potential free-throw in the score book?

Answer—Not immediately, but if the first free-throw is missed, or ruled not successful because of a violation, the potential, which then becomes actual, should be recorded. The decision is based on the fact that the second free-throw is a separate and distinct throw and not a substitue free-throw with which we are familiar. Instead it is the alternate of the one-one to which the free-thrower is entitled if the first is missed or nullified by a violation and therefore "not successful" in either case.

Question—If, on the first of a one-one foul throw, two players, one from each team, commit a violation by stepping into the foul lane too soon, is play resumed by a jump ball at the free-throw line?

Answer—No, not if the violation occurs on the first throw of a one-one situation. Instead the free-thrower would be permitted to attempt the second free-throw of the one-one.

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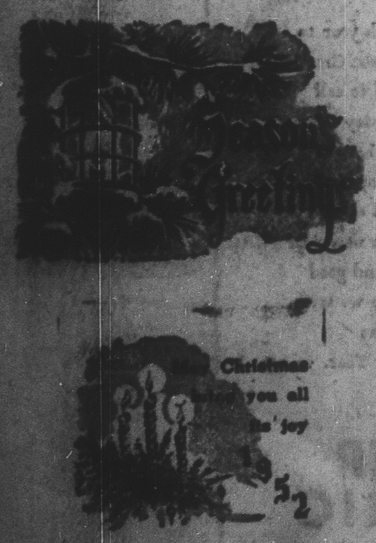

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Panthers Remain Unbeaten By Topping Gallitzin, 54-50

Friday Night's Game Away Never 'On Ice'

Coach Angello Laurito's Patton High Panther team kept their undefeated pace last Friday evening to defeat a powerful Gallitzin squad, 54-50, in a Northern Cambria League game on the Gremlin floor. The game was so evenly matched it was never decided until the final seconds.

Patton's five substitute players started the game, contributing only four points. The winners grabbed in the final three quarters by slim margins, after giving up the first round by a one-point margin. Gallitzin took the initial quarter 14-13, but the Panthers clawed their way to a 27-27 deadlock at intermission by taking the second period, 14-13. At the end of three quarters the winners were still ahead, by only one point, 37-36, but finished up with a 17-14 margin in the closing quarter to grab the much earned victory.

Each team converted 20 foul shots. The Panthers tried 39 and Gallitzin had 38 chances at the free-throw line. Jack Litzinger took scoring honors in the game with 18 points and Karl Malkin and Letso were next for Patton with 10 each. Sorichetti was tops for Gallitzin with 13 points.

Gallitzin won the preliminary game over the Panther Cubs, 51-27. The box score:

Patton	G	F	T	Gallitzin	G	F	T
Swanhart f	0	0	0	Moffie f	3	3	9
Baranick f	0	0	0	Manzetti f	2	2	6
Harris c	2	0	4	Buck c	2	5	9
Wharton g	3	0	6	Fetus g	2	1	5
Delpizzo g	0	0	0	Sorichetti g	4	5	13
Malkin	3	4	10	Murray	0	3	3
Litzinger	5	8	18	Geisbreich	0	0	0
Lengler	1	2	4	F. Ried	2	1	5
Goodartes	2	4	8	G. Moffie	0	0	0
Letso	4	2	10	Salpino	0	0	0
Totals	17	20	54	Totals	15	20	50

Patton	13	14	10	17—54
Gallitzin	14	13	9	14—50

Referees—McCall and Weyant.

SPORT SPOTS

By FRED OWENS

The high school basketball teams in this area are now on a rest period of two weeks enjoying the holiday vacation. All teams in the area will move back into action about the first week of January. But this rest period may be just words for the players as most area teams will continue daily practice sessions in order to try and smooth out the rough edges that were shown in games played this month. The outcome of the Northern Cambria cage circuit will be interesting to watch as the season really gets into full swing. Most games played up until this time were so-called warm-up tilts, however, a few league battles were staged.

Fifty-two percent of the District 6 whistlemen who took the PIAA basketball officials examination in Altoona last month came through with flying colors. Thirty-one reported and 16 made the grade. Successful District 6 examinees in North Cambria area were Carl E. Bruno, Mountaindale, Reade Twp. High cage coach, and Connell Lang and Robert E. Sheehan Jr., both of Cresson.

Hastings High School will use their new Community Building floor this season for basketball. According to school officials, the building is far from completed but the huge gym can be used for cage games. The heating system is not yet completed but two large stoves will be installed to warm up the main section of the structure so basketball games can be played.

Skip Hughes, St. Francis basketball coach, is thankful that he has a lad by name of Bill Saller on the squad this year. The former Altoona Catholic ace was the mainspring in the Frankies' 78-75 win over Westminster last Tuesday night at Doyle Hall, Loretto. "We would have never won that game if Saller hadn't been around to score 17 points," Coach Hughes stated. Bill stands 6-4 and weighs 195. With three more seasons ahead, Saller is expected to develop into a top-notch college player. Maurice Stokes, the Frankies' classy center committed three personal fouls in the second quarter of the game with Westminster and was benched quickly by Hughes. Stokes didn't return to action until midway in the final period. Before leaving the game for good, Stokes tabbed four points in the Frankie stretch dive. When he went to the showers, St. Francis was ahead 72-68.

It is reported that Elwood Petchel, former Penn State star, and Ed (Big Mo) Modzelewski, Pittsburgh Steeler fullback, have applied for the job of coaching the Altoona Mountain Lion grid squad. Petchel currently is a coach at Uniontown High. While we're on the subject of football, may I remind you that the annual East-West Shrine game will be televised at 4:45 p. m. this coming Saturday, Dec. 27, over WJAC-TV. The game will wind up about 8:00 p. m.

Questions often are put as to whether PIAA member teams can play games with squads out-of-state. The answer is yes, if these schools to be played fulfill the requirements of the PIAA eligibility code and if the game or contest does not involve a round trip of more than 600 miles.

As we close may we wish each and every one of your readers a very wonderful and joyous Christmas season.

Frankie Cagers Top Waynesburg By 93-68 Score

Taking the lead at the opening whistle, St. Francis College of Loretto showed scoring margins in all but the fourth period to bury Waynesburg under a 93-68 score last Friday evening at Doyle Hall on the Loretto campus.

Sparked by their brilliant center, Maurice Stokes, the Red Flash shredded the Yellow Jacket defense for 34 field goals and picked up 25 foul-points for their biggest point total of the season. Stokes made 28 points, 10 of them in the first quarter when the Frankies broke from the barrier with a 25-18 lead.

In addition to his high-scoring maneuvers, Stokes also was a terror under the hoops, retrieving 25 rebounds. Bill Saller and Bob Ford filled in capably in grubbing rebounds.

Coach Skip Hughes' home club stretched their lead to 44-30 at half time en route to their second win of the season against the same number of losses. They added 11 points to their advantage during third-period action before being held to a 24-24 stalemate in the closing round.

St. Francis guard John Clancy missed by only one point of hitting the 20 mark for the fourth consecutive game. He made 19 on seven field goals and five fouls. Ed Dugan also contributed 19 markers, while Turpin's 16 were high for the invaders.

Penn State Grid Members to Play In Bowl Contest

Three Penn State players will take part in the Senior bowl post season football game at Mobile, Ala., Saturday, Jan. 3.

The three—Jim Dooley of Williamsport, Don Barney of Erie and Stewart Scheets of Lansdale—will go to Mobile from prior engagements at Montgomery, Ala., and Miami, Fla.

Scheets and Joe Gratson of Lansaring have already agreed to play in the North-South Shrine game at Miami Christmas night.

Dooley and Barney are two of four players slated to play in the Blue-Gray charity game at Montgomery Dec. 27. The others are Bill Leonard of State College and Bob Smith of Bentleyville.

Rip Engle, Lion coach, will head the Blue coaching staff at Montgomery for the second year and accompanying him will be Charles Medlar, who'll serve as Blue trainer for the second year.

Barnesboro High Routs Harmony

Barnesboro High Red Dragons of Coach Vic Chervenak scored at will to smother Harmony Joint 70-15 last Thursday night in a cage battle at Barnesboro.

The outcome of the contest was decided after the first quarter which Barnesboro came out on top 23-1. The Dragons continued the onpour with a 21-4 edge in the second chapter, 17-4 margin in the third and a 10-6 edge in the closing round as 11 Dragon players took part in the game.

All five starters for Barnesboro were in the double figures as the Dragons held a 43-5 edge at intermission. Lee was tops with 17; F. Frontine, S. Frontino and Romett each had 12 and Morley scored 10. Bonner scored 4 points and Dolansky, 3. Top scorer for Harmony was Kime with seven points.

The Little Red Dragons took the preliminary game 35-19.

Deer Violator's Car to Be Sold

In accordance with the State Game Law, which provides for the confiscation of equipment illegally used in the spotlighting of deer, the State Game Commission has confiscated an automobile so used and is offering it for sale.

The Game Commission confiscated a 1951 Pontiac car on June 20 of this year. The auto was used in the illegal, night killing of a deer in Lycoming County on Nov. 30, 1951, by a spotlight attached to the vehicle. The lapse of time was due to litigation in the case.

The Pontiac will be sold at public auction at Eck's Central Storage Garage, Williamsport, at 10 a. m. on Dec. 30.

Cresson High Keeps Lead To Top South Fork 57-43

Taking the lead for keeps in the second period, Cresson High pinned a 57-43 defeat on South Fork last Friday evening on the losers' hardwood.

After yielding the first quarter, 17-13, the winners went out in front, 32-28 at intermission with a 19-11 spurt. They took the third quarter 16-12 and the final round, 9-5.

Illig bagged 21 points and Sheridan 16 for the winners. South Fork JV team won the preliminary contest, 36-34.

St. Francis Pins 78-75 Cage Loss On Westminster

Ed Dugan sang the first of two fouls and Bill Saller tapped in the second to hand St. Francis a last five second 78-75 win over Westminster last Tuesday night in Doyle Hall, Loretto. The Frankies staged their poorest performance of the campaign as they repeatedly threw wild passes and left gaping holes in their usually tight defense.

The Titans exploited the Red Flash's first quarter mental lapses as they bolted into a 8-1 lead and finished up the stanza with a 16-11 advantage. The Loretto men, however, posted a 27-20 margin in the second canto to move into a slim 30-28 halftime edge.

The Hughesmen flashed their true form for five minutes of the third quarter to grab their largest lead, 56-46, midway through the canto. They fill by the wayside again, however, as the New Wilmington outfit pulled up to 57-53 at the stanza's end.

The payoff was a see-saw affair as the Titans spurted to a 65-61 lead with four minutes elapsed and after five more minutes had passed the home forces boasted a 75-71 advantage. Ron Tranter and Dick Black concerted a pair of free throws apiece to set the stage for the Dugan-Saller game winning act.

The Frankies were minus the services of seige gun Maurice Stokes for two quarters as the 6-6 pivot was sidelined with three personal fouls. Freshman Saller filled in for the giant admirably as he accounted for 17 markers while Dugan and John Clancy hooped 18 and 29 counters, respectively. Westminster's Jerry Neff with 22 and Ron Tranter with 21 were high for the event.

Wilmore Quintet Edges Reade Twp.

Wilmore High overcame a first quarter 12-7 deficit to defeat visiting Reade Twp. High of Mountaindale, 47-43 last Thursday evening in a game at Wilmore.

Besides the first period edge the Mountaindale lads of Coach Carl Bruno grabbed the final round, 14-13, but lost the second and third quarters, 15-9 and 12-8, respectively.

Art Smith of Reade came up with a fine performance, scoring 20 points and teammate Orbine chipped in with 15 counters. Pier of Reade had six points and Curry had two points. Gould was tops for the winners with 17 and Ray and Pastovic each collected 13 counters to aid Wilmore.

P.I.A.A. Baseball Officials' Exams Slated February 5

The Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association announced that examinations for persons wishing to register as PIAA baseball officials will be held on Feb. 5, 1953 in 13 Pennsylvania communities. Altoona will be the site of District 6 exams.

Mark N. Funk, PIAA executive director, said all applications must be submitted to the PIAA central office in Harrisburg by Jan. 31.

ROCKETS SEEK GAMES

Gallitzin Rockets, an independent cage team, are seeking games away from home with senior teams in this area. Ray Conway, one of the former Gallitzin High School players on the club, is the coach. Conway may be reached at Gallitzin 436 any evening.

Sugar Ray Quits Career In Ring

Middleweight Champion Sugar Ray Robinson positively retired from the ring last Thursday to devote his time to his business and dancing career.

Robinson made the announcement through Abe Greene, commissioner of the National Boxing Association, in a backhanded punch as the New York State Athletic Commission.

As New York stripped Robinson of his title Dec. 4 for not defending within six months, the 32-year-old Harlem dandy made his formal retirement through Greene in a release.

Sugar Ray, one of boxing's all-time greats with only three defeats in a brilliant career of 137 pro fights, said he picked the NBA because it represented the majority of boxing commissions of the world and because it had been extremely helpful to him.

Big Game Report To Be Made Now

The Pennsylvania Game Law requires hunters who bag big game animals in the state to report kills to the Harrisburg office of the Game Commission.

Knowledge of the extent of the bear and deer harvests is important to the Commission. Successful big game hunters, including those who are permitted by law to hunt without license, are requested to report their kills at once, either by the big game kill card attached to their hunting license or by postal card. The time, place (county and township), sex, weight, and number of antler points, if any, should be furnished. Full cooperation of the sinrods is helpful to the Commission in developing and managing their future sport.

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Safety Zone Law Heads Violations

State Game Commission records show that, in the order given, the predominating violations in the 1952 small game season, to date, were: hunting in safety zones; hunting without license, on borrowed license, or non-residents hunting on resident license; carrying loaded guns in vehicles; and killing deer in close season.

In the bear and buck deer season, game law breakers fell into these principal classifications, in the order of numbers prosecuted: Killing illegal deer, license violations as given in the November hunting, loaded guns in cars, shooting at random, and violations of the roster law.

In October of this year, 481 persons were prosecuted for game law infractions in Pennsylvania. Penalties collected totaled $18,179.31.