

9 Minor Cage Rule Changes Affect High School Squads

1 Or 2 Foul Shot Ruling to Cover Entire Game; to Check Equipment

The ever-changing basketball rules have changed again for the 1955-56 season. This was announced this past month by Dr. Frank F. Maguire, commissioner of officials of the PIAA.

Although there is no really major change in the rules for the coming winter sport, which opens this week, there are 10 important changes, nine of which will affect high school games, and the other intended for collegiate rules only.

The ninth ruling listed for the coming season, and perhaps the most important for all high school games, as well as collegiate games, is that the mandatory penalty of two free-throws for all common foul shots in the last three minutes, and all over-time periods, has been rescinded.

Another top item pertaining to the awarding of foul shots, is that "for all technical fouls, a second free-throw shall be awarded if the foul is flagrant."

Last season the last three minute ruling on all foul shots was that two free-throws were awarded on all fouls in the last three minutes and all over-time periods of any game.

An added ruling was made pertaining to fouls. This was the definition of what is known as a "common foul."

Other rule changes include a new section on the calling of a "held ball" and on the change in start of time clock on a jump ball.

The seven other important rule changes for the 1955-56 season, as enacted by the National Rules Committee in March of this year, are as follows:

Free-Throw Lane The free-throw lanes will be widened to 12-feet for all college and A.A.U. games. The lanes, however, will remain the same 5 feet for all high school and the YMCA games.

The Ball A note in the last section of this ruling will be changed to the effect that a rubber-covered ball, as specified, will be legal for any high school or YMCA games beginning with the 1956-57 season.

Inspection of Player Equipment The referee is required to inspect player equipment, and he shall not permit the use of any equipment designed to increase player-height, such as "elevator shoes, nor shoes with springs built in the soles.

Hold Ball The Official is authorized to call a held ball in the front court after 3 seconds on continuous player-control, if a closely guarded player, who is away from the normal field-goal-throwing area, holds or dribbles the ball for the obvious purpose of consuming time, or of "baiting" an opponent into committing a foul.

The restriction does not apply to team-control, but only to the player-control during which time he is merely attempting to consume time by holding or dribbling the ball and makes no reasonable effort to pass or throw for goal.

Nor does the rule apply to the usual type of play where a team is obviously trying to develop an opening in an attempt to reach more favorable scoring position, or if the Defensive team holds its position in a congested area and makes no reasonable effort to induce scoring action by the Offensive team.

Clock Starts on Legal Tap On a jump ball, the ball becomes alive and the clock is started only when the ball is legally tapped by a jumper, instead of when the ball leaves the Official's hands, as was the case last year.

Jump Balls The Official is not now required to withhold his whistle on the jump ball violations. Rather, the change requires him to blow his whistle the instant the jump violation occurs, the same as for any other violation.

Point of Throw-In Following all violations will be the nearest point out-of-bounds from the spot of violation, even if the ball should enter the basket or alter the violation, when the goal is dis-allowed.

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District Coaches Study Situation For Coming Year

The future of the organization and programs of the West Central Pennsylvania Coaches Association were discussed at length last week in the Cresson Legion Home Action was tabled until the Mar. 20 meeting.

Suggestions presented by a committee composed of Robert Mannion of Westmont, chairman, Jack Hart, Cresson; Orvin Troy, Robertsdale; Michael Slavich, Conemaugh; Claude Larimer, Everett; and Tom Durst, Windber, will be mimeographed, and a copy sent by the secretary to each member.

The group felt it was too much for the members to decide on all the suggestions in one evening. The all-star football game promotion of the organization has operated at a deficit the past two years.

Decisions will be made in March as to the following: The future of the association the game program, alternating the game site, the training camp, clinics, basketball all-star game track meet and award, annual dinner and place of meetings.

Lynn Griffith of the Johnstown Football Coaches Association stated that his group desired to aid in any way they could at various clinics relative to interpretation of rules and things of that nature. The coaches went on record to accept this aid when needed.

DeLuca to Talk At N. Cambria Football Dinner F. Albert DeLuca, head football coach at St. Vincent College, Altoona, has been named principal speaker for the second annual football banquet of North Cambria Joint High School.

The dinner program will be held at 6:30 p. m., this Thursday evening, Dec. 1, in American Legion, Hage, Barnesboro.

Mr. DeLuca, who began his grid career, as a member of the Blairsville High School squad and later starred as halfback with the Duquesne University team, has held the top coaching berth at St. Vincent since 1948.

His team has won 31, lost 15 and tied two during the six-year period. The affair is sponsored by representatives of the participating schools, gentlemen of the press, radio and TV were on hand for the conference.

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SPORTS

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By R. D. (Barney) REUNIER Press-Courier Bowling Editor Well folks with so many of our bowlers getting overworked with turkey this past week, the bowling was down to eight league matches. Anyway, here's what happened.

Carrolltown Firemen took over Sharbaugh's 3-1, Ed rolling a nice 548 series for the Firemen, followed by Bob's 519 and Tony's 514, while Louie paced the Dry Goods center with 528 and Ben with a nice 510.

STANDING OF TEAMS A LEAGUE Won Lost Bakerton Bank 41 11 Springer Gar. Coll. 37 15 P. Lieber 34 18 Barnesboro 18 28

Sharbaugh's Dry Goods 37 11 C.V.F. Co. 33-14-11 Main Moose 28 18 Semelbergers Buick 26 18 Bender Electric 23-14-11 Earl's Mifflin 13 31

Carrolltown Women's League Fire Club 35 11 Main Street Garage 30 18 Carrolltown Am. Legion 30 18

Revlon Women's League Revlon Citizens Club 21-16-10 U.M.W.A. 16 12 Lorber 15-16-18 The Cottage 13 19

ST. FRANCIS FRATERNITY T.K.E. 5 3 Delta 5 3 Alpha 4 8

COLVER TEN PIN LEAGUE Ebersburg VFW 17 7 Carrolltown Fire Club 16-11-11 Ebersburg VFW 16-11-11 Spuds of Colver 9 13

B LEAGUE Dec. 1-7-55 p. m., Semelbergers vs. Bender, and Moore vs. Sharbaugh, and Firemen vs. Sharbaugh, and Carrolltown Women's League Dec. 1-7-55 p. m., Valeri's vs. Schenck and Main St. vs. Willman's, and Patention's 41 teams.

REVILON WOMEN'S LEAGUE Dec. 1-7-55 p. m., Citizens' vs. Lorber and U.M.W.A. vs. The Cottage, and ST. FRANCIS FRATERNITY Dec. 1-7-55 p. m., Barnesboro vs. Nicktown and SOI vs. FOF, 9-9-55 p. m. Bakerton vs. Springer's.

Dec. 11-13-55 p. m., Fire Clubs vs. Spuds and VFW vs. Moose. In the A League Bakerton Bank set Barnesboro back, 4-0. The 500 bowlers were: Bill, 552; Tony, 550; Cal, 525; Charlie, 518, and Brown, 559. The Patton FOF won, 3-1, over Nicktown. Flip paced the Flock with a 522 as Bob rolled a 524 to pace Nicktown. Springer's 563 and Bob's 512, teamed the Patton SOL, 4-0. Mario paced Eddie's Garbage outfit with a 588, followed by Paul's 576; Bunk's, 525, and Pete's, 520. Tony topped them all with a 603.

Prior to joining St. Vincent, Mr. DeLuca served for several years as assistant coach at Duquesne, working for a time under Joe Bach. Perhaps the highlight of DeLuca's varied coaching career came Jan. 1, 1950, when his team copped a 7-4 victory over Emory & Henry in the Tangerine Bowl at Orlando, Florida. This victory climaxed the first undefeated season in "St. Vincent's history.

The "T" formation is a favorite topic with the Latrobe mentor. He has written a book on the "Adaptable T Formation," the system used by the college team. In addition to being head coach he holds an assistant professorship in the school's department of education.

Winter Tourney Teams to Include Loretto 'Flash' The winter invitational tournament held a get acquainted meeting in Washington, D. C., Nov. 19. Representatives of the participating schools, gentlemen of the press, radio and TV were on hand for the conference.

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Margie Semelbergers 106 123 107 336 Won-1 Totals 619 646 677 1942

The Pattonites-3 Betty L. Switzer 113 111 91 315 Mary Pompe 118 113 149 379 Phyllis Lepper 124 124 132 380 Yvonne Yerger 118 131 111 357 Miss Harman 123 142 140 405 Won-3 Totals 670 717 717 2194

Carrolltown Fire Club-3 Ed Erter 165 165 197 496 Toots Lapina 143 156 112 420 Rudy Bahr 146 139 138 423 Ruth Lieb 142 111 123 377 Eddie Stevens 127 143 166 436 Won-1 Totals 633 699 660 2092

Main Street Garage-2 Marge Eckenrode 124 101 95 320 Barb Beener 129 101 122 352 Rose Crommer 131 111 96 338 Ery Papson 134 119 178 431 Fred Foster 117 129 158 304 Won-2 Totals 659 669 680 1928

Valeri's Market-2 Julie Tishok 98 148 130 376 Mary L. Benge 123 139 127 411 Rose Zimmerman 121 111 96 328 Rena Leri 122 130 137 379 Maxine Maddox 141 99 111 351 Won-2 Totals 647 674 612 1928

Carrolltown American Legion-2 Jane Rowlett 108 108 106 318 Ethel Westrick 85 122 106 313 Rose Zimmerman 131 111 96 328 Helen Mahalik 91 122 119 372 Melbie Sharbaugh 113 132 132 377 Won-2 Totals 625 680 660 1834

Willman Hotel-2 Tuddie Stevens 95 95 96 286 Mid Zirn 99 99 125 323 Fred Foster 99 107 101 304 Kay Eck 90 85 80 260 Won-2 Totals 588 617 611 1796

Team High Three Games-Pattonites 2104 Fire Club 2092 and Valeri's Market 1946 Team High Single Game-Fire Club 731 Pattonites 717 and 717 Individual High Three Games-Erter 606, Mary Pompe, 448 and Ery Papson 431 Individual High Single Game-Ery Papson 178, Ed Erter, 174, and Thud Foster and Ed Erter, 165.

COLVER TEN PIN LEAGUE Ebersburg VFW-3 Totals 848 860 888 2597 Spuds of Colver-3 Rocco 169 173 170 512 Wallace 152 213 190 555 Cassidy 174 214 147 535 Forstner 169 171 164 504 George 139 132 132 399 Won-1 Totals 821 856 860 2537

Ebersburg Moose-3 Miller 207 202 187 596 Kovachin 169 169 212 551 Caschani 148 152 182 488 Boudette 142 127 179 448 Powers 173 179 198 551 Won-3 Totals 871 859 860 2610

NEW BASKETBALL OFFICIAL Fred Deichert Jr., 320 Keystone Ave. Cresson, is a newly registered basketball official for District 6, PIAA. This was announced in November issue of The PIAA, the official magazine of the PIAA.

North Carolina-Duke Game To Be Televised Saturday

Basketball to Edge Onto Screens Dec. 10

Televised football will let go its top place on the video sports waves to collegiate and professional basketball this next week. But football on the area TV stations isn't over yet.

Two gridiron games will be coming your way this week end. Another top-notch football classic is set for Sunday, Dec. 11, and then there will be the professional playoff tilt and the many Bowl Games New Year's Day.

This Saturday, Dec. 3, on all three area stations—WJAC-TV, WFBC-TV and KDKA-TV—the North Carolina and Duke University games will be presented by the NCAA at 1:45 p. m. direct from Durham, N. C. Lindsey Nelson and Red Grange will comment on one of the oldest football rivalries in the country.

Another school, Richmond Twp., was elevated from Class B to Class A. The changes now give the large state-recognized conference a total of 33 Class A and 25 Class B teams for the 1956 season.

Nine other schools were invited to join but didn't attend the session. Invited were: Harmony Joint, Juniata Valley, Laura Lamar, Morris Township, Purchase Line, Orthonia, Republic, Sallitto, and Robert Smith.

The new additions to the conference bring the total number of teams to 58. In 1953 54 teams marked an all-time high. The field was reduced to 52 teams in 1954 when Blairville dropped out and Barnesboro and Spangler combined to create the Cambria Joint. In 1955, the membership dwindled to 50 as Houtzdale and Moshannon combined to form Moshannon Valley and Osceola Mills joined forces with Phillipsburg.

Conference officers were also elected. They are: Elvin Wiedenhamer, Roaring Spring, Portage, vice president, and Albert O'Connor, Johnstown, re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Feb. 11, 1956, is the last day applicants may make application for PIAA baseball officials' exam.

Mountaineers Given Trophy As Western Titlist Conference Banquet Held Monday Evening

John Carroll High School Monday night of this week was officially crowned the Class B champion of the Western Football Conference for 1955.

At the same time Clearfield and Huntingdon High Schools were officially crowned Class A co-champions of the powerful and sprawling grid circuit.

The Mountaineers received the Class B trophy for their first place standing in the Class B section of the conference with a conference record of six victories and no defeats.

The two Class A co-champions, Clearfield and Huntingdon, each with a season record of nine victories and no defeats, received trophies symbolic of the Class A championship.

Awards were presented to the top three champions at the annual conference banquet at the Hotel Penn Alto, Altoona.

Eight new schools were admitted to the conference. Bald Eagle Joint was the only school for PIAA baseball officials' exam.

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