

FOOTBALL IS REFORMED. RULES MADE PERMANENT. Committee Concludes Its Labors in Revising the Code.

The American Intercollegiate Football Committee, which has been working so assiduously to revise the rules so as to make a needed reform in the game, has come at last to the end of the labor of love, or so near it that what is to follow is largely a matter of detail. There are some quibblers who will not be convinced that the changes are drastic enough, but to those who have made a close study of the changes it is plain that the tireless mass plays, as such, have been discouraged to a point that will make their constant use unfruitful and consequently a necessary reform will have to be worked. Plays can and still will be directed through the line, but without that frightful impact which did so much to bring the sport into disrepute.

The committee had another all-day session yesterday at the Murray Hill Hotel. It went into session at 9:30 o'clock in the morning, and, with the exception of an hour for luncheon, the various members applied themselves to their task until late in the afternoon. The attendance was the same as at the session on Friday evening, with the exception that Dr. Carl Williams, the alternate of John C. Bell, was not on hand. Four members of the committee of fourteen were absent, as follows: John T. Lees, University of Nebraska; Dr. H. L. Williams, University of Minnesota; Dr. Alonzo A. Stagg, University of Chicago, and John C. Bell, of Pennsylvania. Those who took part in the deliberations were: Professor L. M. Dennis, Cornell, chairman; W. Reid, Harvard, secretary; E. K. Hall, Dartmouth; Walter Camp, Yale; Lieutenant C. D. Daley, West Point; Professor J. B. Fine, Princeton; S. Homer Curtis, Southern college; Professor James A. Babbitt, Haverford; C. W. Savage, Oberlin, and Dr. Paul J. Dashiell, Johns Hopkins.

As a result of yesterday's session the changes in the rules as tentatively agreed on at the four previous meetings were formally adopted, and it was agreed that at the next session, set for April 14, at the same place, no changes will be in order except those in wording, inconsistencies, and such others as may be allowed to come before the meeting by the unanimous consent of all the members present.

Previous to passing the formal resolution, which practically put the new rules into effect, the time was devoted to a careful consideration of the proposed changes, rule by rule, with a view to taking what further action might be necessary to simplify and clear up disputed points. This involved the discussion of many points in the old rules which it was not thought best to change. As an example, the question of allowing a punt after a touchdown has been made near the side lines, was argued pro and con, and it was finally decided to let the old rule stand. The changes that were made were not of a drastic nature, although none the less important. They were as follows:

The definition of tripping was changed to read as follows: "Tripping is obstructing a player by low his knees with the feet or hands. After the ball has gone out of bounds it shall be brought to the place where it went out of bounds and the player must kick it within five or more than fifteen yards and put the ball down there under the direction of the referee. In kicking a goal the kicker may adjust the ball in the hands of the holder.

To the old rule providing for the measurement of the forward point of the ball on downs and the words "and the referee shall not rotate the ball before measuring its forward point." The mark for a fair catch shall be the spot at which the ball is actually caught. If a player is out of bounds at the time the ball is put in play the ball can be brought back and put in play again without penalty. A forward pass that goes on the fly over the goal line goes as a touchback to the defending side, and a kick that goes over the goal line on the fly or after striking the ground before being touched by a player on either side shall go as a touchback also. A drop kick or place kick over the cross bar shall count as a score and the kick-off can also be run out as heretofore if it goes over the line.

When a man is supposed to be on the line of scrimmage he shall be on the line in a bona fide way. A forward pass by the side which does not put the ball in play in a scrimmage shall not be allowed. It was agreed that at the next meeting the rule providing that one of the center men could drop back at least five yards, providing another man took his place in the line of scrimmage, would be so amended as to prevent any abuse of the spirit of the rule, and that the provision relating to the unlawful use of the hands and arms would be more carefully and fully defined.

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being touched by a player of either side—such a pass to be made by any man who is behind the line of scrimmage when the ball was put in play. If the ball touches the ground before being touched by a player of either side, it shall go to the opposite side. The spot where the pass was made. The line of scrimmage when the ball was put in play. A direct lob over the line within the space of five yards on each side of the center shall be considered dead when any portion of his hands or feet touches the ground, when in the grasp of an opponent.

Either captain may ask that time be taken out of the game for each half without a penalty. If thereafter, however, either captain requests that time be called, his side shall be penalized by a loss of five yards for each time unless the player be removed from the game. The distance to be gained and the number of the down in this case to remain at any time at his own discretion without penalty to either side.

Holder side. The players of the side that has possession of the ball shall not hold, block, or obstruct the runner, except with the hands. Holding or obstructing includes (a) grasping the runner with the hands, (b) placing the hands upon an opponent to push him away from the line of scrimmage, and (c) any use of the arms to obstruct an opponent in blocking. It is not a fair catch if the player blocking or obstructing an opponent is with the arms close ward of an opponent with the hands. Penalty, loss of five yards.

Hurdling in the open field is prohibited. Such hurdling to obstruct a runner who is on the line of scrimmage is prohibited. Hurdling through the line of scrimmage, with the feet or hands, is prohibited. The distance of five yards on each side of the line of scrimmage shall be considered dead when any portion of his hands or feet touches the ground, when in the grasp of an opponent.

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LAST CRESCENT SHOOT.

F. B. Stephenson and O. C. Grinnell Among the Trophy Winners.

After a most successful season, extending over a period of twenty-five weeks, the members of the Crescent Athletic Club trap shooting contingent had in the final shoot yesterday one of the most interesting in the club's history. The attendance was above the average, and while the conditions were poor on account of bad light and a raw northeast wind, a number of full scores were made.

Two important continuous matches that had run all through the season were decided. They were the Stake Trophy match and the team shoot for the season prize. There were also two shoots for the March Cup, one having been postponed for last week, on account of the match with the Boston team.

The first of these was won by A. E. Hendrickson and the second by T. W. Staka, both with full scores. Ten men competed in each match. The winner of the cup, however, was F. B. Stephenson, who had the best three scores for the month. H. M. Brigham was second and Dr. Keyes third. O. C. Grinnell and F. B. Stephenson were the trophy winners.

Dr. J. N. Teeter and O. C. Grinnell each had four wins for the Stake Trophy when they began shooting yesterday for the last time. They were tied with a score of 24, but in the shoot-off Grinnell won the trophy by good with 21 as his final score. Teeter made 17.

F. B. Stephenson and O. C. Grinnell won the team shoot, scoring 43 to 35 made by Hopkins and Palmer. Stephenson also won the season prize, with H. M. Brigham and Henry Kryz second. The special prize for the season was won by O. C. Grinnell, with F. B. Stephenson second.

Sixteen gunners entered in two trophy matches at fifteen targets. The first was won by F. B. Stephenson, with a full score, and the second by A. E. Hendrickson, with a score of 13. Stephenson, H. Werleman, A. E. Hendrickson and H. M. Brigham each won a trophy match—the latter two with full scores of 15 each.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Includes F. B. Stephenson (21), A. E. Hendrickson (13), H. M. Brigham (15), etc.

Association Football. Columbia Soccer Players Hold Staten Island to a Tie. Columbia's soccer players, who are preparing for a double header in the intercollegiate series this week, played a brilliant game against the crack team of the Staten Island Football Club, at the Cove, West New Brighton, Staten Island, yesterday afternoon, finally emerging with honors even at three goals for each side.

Not having played outdoors for several weeks, the collegians were naturally a bit rusty at the start, but warmed up rapidly, and soon had the spectators enthusiastic over the speed displayed. The feature of the match, however, was the phenomenal goalkeeping of Clarence M. Haight, who last year played on the varsity basketball team. His defense was splendid throughout and at times impregnable, lightning shots from within a short distance of goal being intercepted time and again.

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BAREBACK JUMP STARTLES. Frolic of Saturday Night Rough Riding Club at Durland's. The one thing that stood above all the others that made it worth while to visit Durland's last night...

TROUT SEASON OPENS. Fishermen Have Little Trouble in Catching Their Limit. Babelyon, March 31.—The trout season opened today with what is said to have been the best fishery...

SNASH ON BROOKLYN COURTS. Three squash matches were decided yesterday at the courts of the Brooklyn Heights Casino. The first was between the home team and that of the Montclair Athletic Club.

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