

NUMBERING OF FOOTBALL PLAYERS IN 1916 IS VOTED DOWN BY RULES COMMITTEE

HIST! FOOTBALL COMMITTEE ON NEW RULES MEETS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS-DEEP SECRET

Watchman Assured Reporters Session Was in Progress-Nothing Was Done, So Solon. Convene Again Today

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.-Compulsory numbering of players next fall was voted down in this morning's session of the Football Rules Committee.

The vote was 7 to 5. This was the most important business before the solons this year. Other business regarding legislation on the forward pass will be disposed before the session adjourns.

THERE was a meeting for the Football Rules Committee at the Hotel Biltmore last night. The night watchman admitted the elevator man was certain that he carried many learned gentlemen up to Room 127, and one of the bellboys confessed that he delivered several pitchers of ice water to a number of guys who had grown harsh from excessive vocal exercises.

An air of mystery surrounded the entire proceedings, which takes its name from the fact that the scribes were allowed to stay indoors out of the rain and wind. Even Bob Fowlwell, coach of the University of Pennsylvania football team, was denied admittance to the star chamber session.

Finally, the scribes-meaning the common or garden variety and not those employed by syndicates-mustered up courage and boldly advanced to room 127 to discover, if possible, if a meeting really was being held. A watchman carrying a searchlight peered closely into their faces and led the way to the guarded room.

They-and not until then-did the secret come out. There was a football meeting of some kind. But it was a secret, oh, yes, a deep secret and the common reporters should be happy that they were not in the cold cruel world, dodging the light.

But something happened behind the closed portals. Rules were discussed. Some of them were gone over carefully and perhaps they might be forwarded. Other things came up and here is the list:

1-It was decided not to change the fundamental principles of the playing code for 1916.

2-Many rules were interpreted in clearer language to aid the officials on the field.

3-Percy Haughton's forward pass ratings were ruined by an avalanche of protests. Stage's scheme to eliminate a try for goal after a touchdown, if the score was made by recovering a fumble, was killed and the numbering of players was not discussed.

4-No one was hurt. The delegates pass off into slumber before the meeting adjourned at midnight.

5-The regular work will be done today and perhaps the newspaper men will be allowed to share the secrets.

Just why they made the session a closed-door affair has not yet been determined. Perhaps a German spy was on the job to get some stuff to pull in the battle of Verdun and it was thought best to save the Allies from further humiliation.

Nothing Doing

E. K. Hall, of Dartmouth, who had been selected chairman, talked to the newspaper men before the meeting ended and admitted that there was nothing doing.

"You can safely say that no radical changes will be made," he continued, "and the rules will be virtually the same as last year. All we have done was to discuss the list of questions submitted by officials from New York and Philadelphia, and this will be resumed tomorrow. We hope to have everything completed by noon, and then a statement will be given out to the press."

Many radical changes were suggested, however, and a stormy session is looked for today. Percy Haughton advocated the changing of the rating on forward passes, allowing but two men, the ends, to catch the ball. Another is to declare a forward pass blocked behind the goal line a fumble, and allow a man to remain in play, while a third would give the ball to the opponents on the spot where the ball was passed, if it goes out of bounds. This was shelved temporarily last night, but will come up again today.

Bob Fowlwell also has some ideas which he will lay before the committee today. The principal one is the abolishment of the intention at fumble, that is, a man riding the ball along the ground to another member of his team after he had been tackled.

Same Old Game

Outside of these few things, it is safe to say that the game next year will be played between the teams composed of 11 men on a side, it will be played out of doors and officials will be selected to act in the game.

The following members attended sub-committee:

E. K. Hall, Dartmouth, chairman; Professor Corwin, Yale; Parks, Harvard; Professor Perry, Dartmouth; Hays, Harvard; Dr. Carl Williams, Pennsylvania; Edmond W. Butler, Cornell; Dr. Harry L. Williams, Minnesota; A. A. Sturge, Chicago; Clyde Williams, Iowa State College.

Evening Ledger Decisions of Ring Bouts Last Night

NONPAREIL-Homer Smith defeated Jack Taylor, Seesaw-Kelly won from Al Smith, Frazzle-Johnson, and Jim Brown in the second, battling Brands knocked out Bull Hendler in the first, Jim Wrecker won from Fred Fritz in two rounds, Blackie Wren won from Tommie O'Neill defeated Kid Quaker Jimmy Livingston won from Eddie O'Donnell, Sol O'Donnell beat Charley Butler, Mickey Trainer drew with Bill Donovan, Johnny Johnson stopped Eddie Silberson in the second, Tommie Duno beat Frankie Ryan.

PEOPLE'S THEATRE-Tommy Potts with Sam Reynolds, Young Burns won from Johnny Ryan, Eddie Hennessey and Eddie Miller drew, Jimmy Duffy lost to Eddie Hennessey, Bill Billington won from Young Hennessey in a second.

GAYETY-Andy Rivers defeated Kid Wallace, Young Coaker beat Frankie Brady, Jack Coak lost to Jack Brady.

ARLINGTON-Jackie Clark outpointed Jack Peck, Joe Walsh defeated Young Williams, Jimmy Metzke drew with Tommie Hennessey and Willie French drew.

CLEVELAND-Joe Chip stopped E. O. Gomez in the tenth.

HOYTRELA-Joe Jeanette knocked out Silas Green in the sixth.

MINNEAPOLIS-Alvie Miller lost to Matt Brock in the sixth, Ed Kelly defeated Young Sweeney, Dutch Brandt defeated Jimmy Sweeney.

BOSTON-Eddie Murphy and Walter Hines drew, "One-Punch" Hagano won from Jack Doyle, Ed Kelly knocked out Mike Hines, of Chicago, in the tenth.

MILWAUKEE-Art Maciel knocked out Mike Hines, of Chicago, in the tenth.

MINNEAPOLIS-Clio Flynn broke his leg and was forced to quit in the tenth.

MRS. G. HARVEY WINS OPENING TENNIS MATCH

Indoor Championships at First Regiment Armory Began This Morning

TWO GAMES DEFAULTED

The women's indoor tennis championship tournament got under way at the Sportsman's Show in the 1st Regiment armory, Broad and Callowhill streets, this morning, with a match in the first round between Mrs. Gilbert Harvey, Philadelphia Country Club, and Miss Clara T. Chase, of Merion, the former winning in two sets at 6-4, 6-3.

Several defaults were posted, Mrs. C. F. Wainwright, Philadelphia Cricket Club; Mrs. C. P. Walbridge, of the same club, and Mrs. A. D. Smoker, of Heliport, advancing to the second round in that manner.

The men's championship singles event, which was begun yesterday, continued this afternoon, and will be followed by doubles matches this evening.

The match between Mrs. Harvey and Miss Chase was closely fought throughout. These two are classed among Philadelphia's leading fair racqueters, and their match was a fitting one to give the championship a rousing send-off. For the most part, the players devoted their attention to the back-court. Owing to the low over-head rafters lobbing was almost out of the question.

After winning the first set by six games to four, Mrs. Harvey set out to make short work of the second. She quickly assumed a commanding lead at 5-1, but Miss Chase rallied in the seventh game, eventually winning it after duces was called an even dozen times. Miss Chase followed this up by winning the eighth game, but Mrs. Harvey won the match by annexing the ninth. Summary:

WOMEN'S SINGLES

First Round

Mrs. Gilbert Harvey, Philadelphia Country Club, defeated Miss C. T. Chase, Merion, 6-4, 6-3.

Mrs. C. P. Walbridge, Philadelphia Cricket Club, won from Miss G. Kennerly, Brynmawr, by default.

Mrs. C. R. Wainwright, Philadelphia Cricket Club, won from Miss E. Carpenter, Merion, by default.

Mrs. A. D. Smoker, Heliport, won from Miss Louise Geurbering, Wynona, by default.

BASKETBALL MEN FORM BOARD OF OFFICIALS

Coaches and Referees Organize Body Similar to Central Football Board

Men prominent in basketball circles in this city and nearby met this morning in the Board of Education offices in the Stock Exchange building and organized a board of officials to which the local clubs, schools and colleges can go for referees. The body adopted the official officials for Philadelphia and Eoxvton.

It was pointed out at the meeting that teams in arranging games often experience trouble in agreeing on referees. The intention of the new organization is to make suggestions and furnish suitable men in such cases, similar to the Central Board of Football Officials.

SWARTHMORE HIGH WINS DELAWARE COUNTY TITLE

Defeats Darby High and Clinches League Basketball Championship

Swarthmore High won the Delaware County High School Basketball League championship today by defeating Darby High School. The final score was 48 to 22. Swarthmore led at half-time, 28-10.

Swarthmore High, Darby High, Media High, Chester High and Lansdowne High comprised the circuit.

The line-up follows: Darby High, Swarthmore High, forward, Pearl; Reeder, forward, Spahr; (Farley) center, (Horsman) guard, (Frashton) guard, (Krauss) guard, (Carpenter) guard, (Mehrey) guard.

POLO TOURNAY ARRANGED

Philadelphia Team Entered in Two-Week Competition

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.-A two-week polo tournament will be held in Washington from April 15 until April 30, with teams from Philadelphia, New York, Pittsburgh, Aiken, S. C., and Camden, N. J., participating.

Scholastic Basketball Schedule for Today

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Catholic High School vs. La Salle College, at Quaker City Athletic Club, 26th and Dauphin streets, 8 p. m.

OTHER CONTESTS

Darby High School vs. Swarthmore High, at Swarthmore

Southern High vs. Norristown High, at Norristown

West Philadelphia High vs. George School, at George School

Central High vs. Haverford School, at Haverford

Northeast High vs. Girard College, at Girard College

Camden High vs. Pennington Seminary, at Pennington

Villanova Preparatory vs. West Chester Normal, at West Chester

St. Joseph's College vs. Peoria Institute, at Hightstown

Lower Merion vs. Bryn Athyn Academy, at Bryn Athyn

St. Luke's School vs. Cedarcrest School, at Cedarcrest

Drexel Institute vs. Crescent Athletic Club, at Crescent Club

Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, at P. C. P.

HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE STANDING

Central High School... 5 3 425

Northeast High School... 4 4 300

South Phila. High School... 3 5 425

West Phila. High School... 3 5 375

South Phila. High School... 6 2 750

West Phila. High School... 5 3 425

Northeast High School... 3 5 375

Central High School... 2 6 226

CENTRAL HIGH SHOULD CAPTURE INDOOR TITLE

Crimson and Gold Athletes Show Strength in Meet With Episcopal

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

It is a reasonably safe and conservative prediction to say that Central High School will win the indoor track and field championship. In the dual meet with Episcopal Academy yesterday afternoon at Central the Crimson and Gold were overwhelmed by the strong Episcopal and Gold squad, which showed its worth in all the events.

In the sprint, Captain Everett Smalley, Mellinger and Carter were among the star performers. Smalley not only won the 200-yard dash but also the 100-yard race. Lukens, a dependable Central High runner, was first in the half-mile run, leading Bachle, the Episcopal long-distance runner, by a wide margin.

Albert McKenzie, whose record running in the one-mile event in the past few weeks has caused so much favorable comment, upped his ancient record in the distance run when he won the 22-lap race. Stark, of Central High, was second. Schaffer, the Episcopal academy boy, ran a pretty good race, but was watching. He is improving in his work every day.

Markle, of the West Philadelphia High School, will lead the race in the individual basketball standing, though Schenck, of Central High, is closing in closely for first place, only seven points behind the leader. In the second watch league a board of officials, another West Philadelphia High School, still retains the top position.

FIRST TEAM LEAGUE INDIVIDUAL STANDING

Player School Games Pts. Pct. Pts. Pct.

Markle, West Phila. 8 11 94 116

Schenck, Central 8 11 84 109

Foster, Central 7 10 62 82

Stindor, Southern 4 4 46 54

Walters, Southern 4 4 38 48

Watman, Southern 2 11 20 42

McCarty, Phila. 2 11 20 42

Asquith, Northeast 4 8 21 27

McKenzie, Central 8 14 0 25

Stewart, Central 7 11 0 22

Watson, Southern 5 10 1 21

Huntin, Southern 5 10 1 21

Pincetti, West Phila. 8 2 0 14

Bachman, West Phila. 8 2 0 14

Lewart, Southern 4 5 0 10

Black, Southern 4 5 0 10

ABLE TO FIGHT MORAN AT ONCE, SAYS J. WILLARD

Champion Starts Training Today for March 25 Battle in New York

260 IS HIS AVOIRDUPOIS

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.-Jess Willard, world's heavyweight champion, began heavy training at the Pioneer Sporting Club, 44th street, today, for his 16-round title bout with Frank Moran in Madison Square Garden, the night of Saturday, March 25.

"I could fight in a pinch tomorrow," Willard declared. "I am not a great deal heavier than when I took the title from Johnson in Havana. I weigh only 250 pounds, just 15 pounds more than when I took the title. I figure on weighing around 245 pounds for Moran. That means a reduction of 15 pounds at most. I have 30 days in which to train down to that scale. It will be a cinch."

Willard appeared in excellent spirits, though a trace of hoarseness remains from his recent cold. Several times his remarks were punctuated by slight coughs. "I was never so sick as the Chicago reporters intimated," said Jess. "I figured the best way to cure a cold was to remain indoors. Because I wasn't knocking about outdoors the writers jumped to the conclusion that I was flat on my back. Personally I would just as soon have gone ahead with the March 8 date. I became much worse I would be able to get to the razor edge of condition by that time. Yet I felt that I owed the public every consideration. I want absolutely sure that I would recover so quickly. It was on the public's and not my own account that I agreed to the postponement."

THREE PENN CREWS ARE PICKED BY COACH WRIGHT

Quaker Oarsmen Will Get Out on River Monday Afternoon

Coach Wright, of the University of Pennsylvania crews, this afternoon chose three boat seatings, the varsity, junior and freshman eights. Several changes were made in the varsity crew. Tilden being dropped to the junior eight. Wierman replaced Yorle at No. 7, while the latter went to No. 3, and Gotham occupied No. 2.

The Quaker oarsmen will be taken out on the Schuylkill Monday afternoon. The wind was entirely too high today for the men to take their first workout on the river.

The three eights follow:

Varsity-Ross, stroke; Wirlkman, No. 7; Guenther, No. 6; Woll, No. 5; Pepper, No. 4; Yorle, No. 3; Gotham, No. 2; Captain Chickering, bow; Junior-Drayton, stroke; Littleton, No. 7; Madeira, No. 6; S. Geis, No. 5; Tilden, No. 4; C. Geis, No. 3; Hunter, No. 2; Brettinger, bow; Freshmen-Poster, stroke; Clark, No. 7; Jordan, No. 6; Turner, No. 5; Little, No. 4; Massey, No. 3; Parsons, No. 2; Downley, bow.

Cleveland Deal Pending

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 26.-The American Association manager, in session here yesterday, failed to reach any decision concerning the sale of the Cleveland A. C. Club. A meeting with Roger Bresnahan, late manager of the Chicago Cubs, probably will be held in Chicago today.

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Tales of a Wayside Tee

By GRANTLAND RICE

NOTE-This series will take up the play of leading American amateur golfers. It will be biographical or statistical, but rather in the nature of random observations on some of the ways and achievements of our leading golf stars.

NO. 1-WALTER J. TRAVIS

LITTLE spring 12 years ago it was generally understood that a golf king had come to rule the Ancient Green of America for many years to come.

He had won the amateur championship of the United States in 1909, 1901 and 1902. And in the spring of 1904 he had achieved the one impossible miracle by crossing the water and winning the amateur championship of Great Britain.

His name was Walter J. Travis, his love of golf was that of a devotee and Walter J. has never won an amateur championship since. He has played wonderful golf those 12 campaigns, but 13 years have passed since he finished first in the U. S. G. A. classic.

From 1909 to 1904 Travis ruled America. He has played even better golf since without winning a main championship, which is proof enough of the game's wonderful advance upon this continent.

Sidelights

There are more interesting sidelights to Walter J. Travis than to any other golfer America has ever known. He has played a greater number of rounds than any other American, and yet today he says he is fully as keen for a round as he was 20 years ago. No living golfer has been through more hard battles or has won such a large percentage of his starts.

Here is one sidelight well illustrative of the Travis method. It shows his love of a hard match, even in friendly play.

Walter J. also played for fun, but the only fun he could get was in playing the right shot in the right way. He could never see any fun in careless or indifferent play, even with nothing at stake. Which, with his hard practice, explains his amazing consistency through 20 years of golf.

The man who plays carelessly or is content to loaf in any easy match will find himself ill fitted for the round that means a fight from the first drive to the last putt. For mental training, proper concentration is as necessary in golf as physical skill. Many practice the latter, but few give the former anything but brief consideration.

Browns Release Three Players

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 25.-It has been announced that the St. Louis Browns have released Charles Watson, pitcher, and two other players from the Southern League, and Watson to Sioux City, Western League.

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