

IF RULES COMMITTEE ELIMINATES TOUCHDOWN KICK, THERE WILL BE LESS FOOT IN FOOTBALL

BY DICKSON FAVORS ABOLITION OF GOAL AFTER TOUCHDOWN

Free Kick Unfair, Often Leading to Defeat for Better Team, Says League Island Athletic Director. Bert Yeasley Released From Navy

RECENT talk of changes in football rules has caused By Dickson, who has been coaching for more than two decades, to fall in line with those who are in favor of abolishing the goal after touchdown. By is the second prominent football authority to attempt to influence the rules committee enough to "kick the kick" out of the laws governing the college game. Wilmer Crowell, former Lafayette tutor, was the first.

Dickson has coached at Lafayette, Bucknell, Scott High (one of the best school teams in the country), Penn and League Island. Anything he says in the way of a suggestion will find plenty of listeners in the gridiron world. His remarkable work with the Marine and League Island elevens here last fall stamps him as one of the best coaches in the game. He is an apt student of the rules, and he must be able to understand them. By comes forward to denounce the goal after touchdown because he believes too many teams have been beaten by inferior opponents on account of it.

"Whenever I read of a score such as 7-6 or 14-13," said Dickson yesterday, "I consider the game a tie, and it is a tie as far as real football goes. The extra point representing victory was gained by the team possessing the better kicker. One player besides the man who held the ball took part in the play. The other nine stand idly by, and unless the game depends on the goal few of the teammates of the player making the kick will take the trouble to watch him. The opposing players lined up under the goal posts see the kick, but they might just as well be wandering around the field with their rivals for all the worry they cause the kicker.

"Too many teams are beaten by inferior elevens because of the goal. As an example take the Great Lakes-Navy game last fall. Great Lakes won 7-6, and the better team lost. I didn't see the game, as League Island was playing Georgetown in Washington that day, but men who were at Annapolis told me that Doherty's eleven was at least two touchdowns better than Great Lakes. The Navy was right on the edge of the second touchdown when there was a fumble and a run by a Great Lakes man the entire length of the field for a touchdown. The try at goal was successful and the westerners won. That's not deciding a game on football merits. The worst the Navy should have received was a tie.

"It is true that the elimination of the goal after touchdown will take a thrill for the spectators from football. This would be the only bad feature if it were stricken from the rules."

Bert Yeasley May Go South With Phillies

BERT YEASLEY has just discarded his navy blue uniform and his chiefs' hat for civilians and a derby. Bert is undecided as to whether or not he should go back into professional baseball, but a catcher of his class should not be allowed to go loose, especially by the Phillies, who are in need of backstop men with Eddie Burns released and Dilhoe traded. Jack Adams, of course, will be the regular, and besides him the only other catcher under Jack Coombs' wing is Forrest Cady. Coombs could use Yeasley to advantage, and it is said the former League Island star has been given a chance to go South with the Phillies on Monday.

Yeasley is an all-around athlete. He is a reliable catcher; not a heavy, but a consistent hitter; a good basketball player and a star on the gridiron. He has played several years in the minors, having caught for Bridgeport, of the Eastern League, and Earl Mack's Raleigh club. He was with the Phillies at the beginning of the training trip last season, but left the club to enter the service. He played the outfield for the Fourth Naval District nine last summer.

It was in the fall that Bert gained fame as a navy athlete. He broke his way into the football line-up as a halfback and was one of the sensations of the season. By Dickson rates him as one of the best halfbacks he ever has had under his charge. After the football season Yeasley reported for basketball at the navy yard and made a post on the Recreation Center five. Later he was appointed assistant to Dickson as athletic director of League Island.

The Fourth Naval line was one of the best independent clubs in this city, and little wonder, for there was a lot of big-league material available. There were three big league pitchers with Bob Shawkey, Jim Johnson and Harry Weaver, who, incidentally, has been released and has left for Pasadena to join the Cubs. The catchers were "P" Schwert, formerly of Penn and the Yankees, and Hafner. The infield consisted of Brick McInnis, Stuff's brother; George Rath, Pard Pierce and Harry Fritz. Yeasley, Spalding and Joe Letters made up the outfield.

YEASLEY made good with the Fourth Naval and his service friends are confident he can do the same with the Phillies. In view of the scarcity of catchers, Coombs would be wise in grabbing the ex-chief.

Robertson Great Outfielder, but Greater Halfback

THE sporting populace, in this section of the country at least, knows Davy Robertson, the Giants' young outfielder, as a great baseball player, and that's all. It was in football, however, that he first broke into the columns of the sporting page, and according to By Dickson, who saw Davy in action, he was a greater halfback than he is a ball player. Which is saying something.

"Back in 1915," said By recently when he was feeling in a reminiscent mood, "I was coaching Bucknell and we were scheduled to take a southern trip to play A. and M. at Raleigh, S. C. Eddie Greene, the old Penn halfback, was the A. and M. coach, and I had heard he had a great team. I knew that wherever Eddie was there would be a good eleven.

"I knew nothing of the individual prowess of the A. and M. players, and I thought their record was due mainly to team work and not to the playing of any individual. The game wasn't very old before I discovered I was all wrong in my theory. Greene had a young halfback who was the whole team. He was fast, heavy and fearless. He hit the line, ran off tackle, skirted the ends, threw the forward pass and punted. Aside from that he did nothing except play the whole defense. If it hadn't been for that halfback we would have won.

"I naturally was curious, and after the game I asked Greene who this star was. He told me his name was Dave Robertson. I had heard of him, but I didn't know he was playing with A. and M. Greene told me he was being criticized severely for using Robertson in football at all.

"He's a pitcher," Eddie confided to me, "and his friends don't want him to take a chance on being injured. They fear it will ruin his chances of making good in the big leagues." I told Greene that if he was as good a pitcher as he was a halfback there were sixteen major league clubs anxious to use him.

"Dave did hurt his arm playing football, but it wasn't his pitching wing. His football injury had nothing to do with his being switched to the outfield. McGraw saw natural outfield timber in him and made the change regardless of the football accident."

ROBERTSON now has a government position in Washington and threatens to quit baseball unless he is traded to the Senators.

College Students Must Be Forced Into Sports

DOCTOR R. TAIT MCKENZIE, the noted physical director of the University of Pennsylvania, asserts that the college students of today would not participate in sports if they were not forced to do so. Answering a recent criticism that gymnasium exercises are not desirable, Doctor McKenzie says that not more than 20 per cent of a large university voluntarily will take part in any exercise or sport with regularity.

"Forty per cent of the student body will take part," continued the Penn director, "if there is good instruction and credit given for the time employed. The other 20 per cent is composed of individuals who should not-slackers, who will not-Bolshevists, who make it their business to avoid any regulation that is sane and healthy or for the best interest of the community."

HENCE the necessity for a requirement with credit and penalties—a definite educational plan, skilled instructors and adequate equipment in buildings, grounds and apparatus."

Penn Honors Athletes Who Were Killed

IN HONOR of three Penn undergraduates who left college to take part in the war and who made the supreme sacrifice on the battlefield of France, three special trophies have been presented for competition in an annual spring track and field meet. The three trophies will be known as the Walker, the Bonasack Trophy and the Reath Trophy. Walker is on the two-mile intercollegiate championship relay team with Dorsey, Bonasack and Berry in 1917; Bonasack was a sprinter and hurdler, while Bobby Smith was a star carman and assistant manager of the track team in 1917.

The meet will be contested for the first time at the track and field house which will be held at Franklin Field April 23.

MOVIE OF A MAN WHO HAS QUIT SMOKING



EDDOWES ELECTED CAPTAIN

Versatile Athlete to Lead Central Basketball Team

Paul Eddowes, captain-elect of the 1919 football season, was elected unanimously to captain next season's basketball team. The members of this year's team were entertained by Captain Alward Vogelin, at his home, on Lehigh avenue, last evening.

The athletic commission of the Central High School awarded first honors to the following members of the basketball team: Capt. in Vogelin, Manager Saunders, Eddowes, Hackman, Kaufman, Krug, Fater, Golstetter and Schwartz. Those who received second honors were: Evenson, Cravin, Peimette, Ball, Aaronson, Gordon and Robinholt.

Bobbe Lafayette Captain

Easton, March 21.—Christopher Bobbe, star guard of the Lafayette basketball team, was elected captain for next year at the annual dinner given in honor of the basketball team here last night.

Downey Loses to Malone

Columbus, O., March 21.—Jack Malone, of St. Paul, was given the decision over Heran Downey, of Columbus, in a fifteen-round boxing contest here last night.

"Pal" Read Defeats Dyer

Lawrence, Mass., March 21.—"Pat" Read, of Boston, was also in the decision over Fred Dyer, of Andover, in a twelve-round boxing bout here last night.

SOCCER NEWS AND NOTES

Merchant Shipbuilding Corporation Athletic Association will send a big delegation along next Sunday with the "A" team, who are looking in the semifinal of the American Cup with Paterson Field Club, at Paterson, N. J.

Walden Shore both teams bid fair to have at least one representative on the all-star team when they play the Isaac Hospital from Camp Lee.

James Walders has been chosen to handle the whistle in the Paterson and Morea drudgery game, to be played on Sunday, March 30, at Harrison, N. J.

Coach Douglas Stewart will trot out his soccer team this week to get them limbered up for their spring games. Stewart has already booked games with the Merion C. C. Division, Nicetown Boys' Club and the Light House.

Nassau is back in town at Penn, but he will not play during the spring at the dribbling game. Nassau ranks as one of the best in college ranks.

The Quilina Independent soccer team is still open for games on Saturday at their home grounds, Forty-ninth and Brown streets, Philadelphia. Advertisers communications to Quilina soccer team at the above address.

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Lefty Nolan and Kirkpatrick will go along with the "A" team Sunday, and for rosters these two "white way" artists can't be beat.

Merchant "B" will play New York this Saturday afternoon, unless the Allied Cup match interferes. If such is the case they will play the Germantown Rovers.

Marion and Pusey & Jones teams will clash on Saturday at the Fairhill grounds, Third street and Lehigh avenue, in a Delaware River Shipyard match.

For the benefit of those who wish to go to Paterson on Sunday, take the 10:34 a. m. train from Broad Street Station or North Philadelphia, getting off at Newark. Merchant hand and team will board the train at Bristol.

Decide Cage Title Tonight

The Mount Carmel Catholic Club team, which recently defeated Keystone A. A., will play the Nativitas C. C. for the Catholic club championship of the city tonight at the League Island Y. M. C. A. Herman Hackett will referee.

Havana Races to End April 6

Announcement has been made by the Cuba American Jockey Club that the present winter meeting at Oriental Park will come to a close with the running of the program of Sunday, April 6.

LOCAL GOLFERS LEAD

Miss Chandler and Sidney Sharwood Play Well at Pinchurst

Pinchurst, N. C., March 21.—The Silver Fells held their annual mixed foursomes tournament at Pinchurst yesterday on the No. 1 course. Miss Eleanor T. Chandler and Sidney Sharwood, of Philadelphia, led the record field of eighty-eight contestants with a gross 82 and tied for the Class A prize at 81 net, with Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Danforth, of North Fork, the latter pair finishing in 91-10-81.

Eastern Golfers Eliminated

Belleair Heights, Fla., March 21.—It was a case of the middle west against the east in the Belleair self championship here yesterday, and the west came out on top. E. H. Augustus, of Cleveland, defeated T. A. Ashley, of Boston, while Lewitt Hatch, of Cincinnati, was eliminating Hamilton K. Keer, of New York.

Morrow Returns to W. and J.

Washington, Pa., March 21.—Graduate Manager John H. Murdoch of the Washington and Jefferson football team, announced today that Captain David C. Morrow, former W. and J. center and coach, had definitely agreed to coach the team again next fall.

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Vincent Richards, the sensational New York youth who has been setting the tennis world aglow with his remarkable playing during the last year, is sixteen years old today. Despite his age, Richards has competed in many tournaments and met virtually all of the leading players of this country. And he has been successful in the majority of the matches. In the recent Middle States tourney on the Wanamaker roof he defeated such stars as Ichihya Kumagae and Wallace Johnson.

Cleveland Releases Hall

Cleveland, O., March 21.—The Cleveland club has announced the unconditional release of Alva Hall, utility infielder.

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