

RICE SEES ANOTHER CHANGE IN FOOTBALL

Believes Time Will Come Soon When Rules Committee Eliminates Goal After Touchdown—Pres. Game Satisfies More Than Stadiums Can Accommodate

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The Chirp of the Filbert

WE ARE through with the dope, of the patter and chatter. We are just a bit fagged with the Promising Batter and Pink of Conditioning essence of fluff; it's possibly all you can set down before us. But lend us an ear for the volcanic roar of the crowd, and you will find us on an ear for the following chorus: HURRY ALONG WITH THE FULL BOX SCORE!
We are just a bit weary of Coming on Nicely, March-frosted men of what ought to be, Or Pleased With His Youngsters re-echoed precisely the way that it was back in seventy-three; We know it is tough on the ever-elusive Scribe at the front of the bicentury fore, Yet lend an ear for a plea that is plastic— HURRY ALONG WITH THE FULL BOX SCORE!

A FRIEND recommends that we read a golf book involved with the "simplicity of the swing." Yes, the swing is simple enough, provided it has nothing to do with planting a golf ball into spaces uninfested with bunkers and traps. That, McPherson, is something else again. Aye!

THE wrestler may draw down more money than you do. But on the other, or remaining, hand did you ever have a professional strong man spend an evening twisting your toe and applying the headlock to your throbbing dome? That's the other side of it.

OUR OWN Tramp Royal From job to job to job I've moved along; My couldn't hold me when my time was done. — R. KIPLING.

WE, TOO have shuffled out the drift From job to job—to cop the end; We, too, have known the sudden shift That called us to a newer road; We, too, have felt the magic lure Beneath of pay checks and the best; But Rudyard was an amature— And us professionals must eat.

By Another Year WITHIN another year there is a very strong chance that the goal after touchdown will be abolished completely and the touchdown itself allotted seven points.

No rule makers care to do any extensive changing with a popular and successful system. The new way of kicking a goal after touchdown, directly in front of the bars, leaves only a small chance of missing, unless it be upon a windy day, with a muddy field.

Last fall Center College had a goal kicker who returned something like forty-five out of forty-six chances. The general average in front of the posts should be at least nineteen out of twenty. Which means that nineteen touchdowns out of twenty will be worth seven points. It was, perhaps, just as well to leave the situation this way for the time being, as there are still a big number who absorb something of a thrill

as the goal after touchdown is being kicked. It is impossible to arrange a game where each detail thereof will please everyone, but the present game is pleasing more than the stadiums can hold, which is a fair enough test. The present arrangement is now something on the order of a specialty act interpolated in the main program without any special significance.

IT MAY be that President Wilson was thinking of Monsieur G. Carpentier, when he referred to France's "militaristic aims." Monsieur Carpentier admits it, leaving a suitable interval for his moving picture rights.

ON HIS way west Carpentier should stop off at Cleveland and exchange greetings with Napoleon Lajoie, who for twenty-one years proved that a French batting eye is not to be treated lightly. And, still farther west, there is one Edouard Cicotte, who might be taken into a snaphop partnership.

CARPENTIER is scheduled to write eight articles on his fighting career; one of them being "Why I Married."

REMNANTS of snow and ice on a faraway still bother golfers up North. It is the remnants of snow and ice in the bunkers that bother 80 per cent of them most.

BRITISH golf experts who have followed Walter Hagen's spring career are said to have moved the open championship crown still further back of the lines for safe keeping. It has been sixteen years since an American golfer carried home a main title from British soil—and sixteen years is long enough to wait for anything.

Jim Thorpe Signs Up Akron, O., March 18.—Jim Thorpe, noted athlete and a leading hitter in the National League last season, today signed a contract with the Akron club of the International League. Thorpe was purchased by Akron from the Boston Nationals. The Akron squad will leave tomorrow for Hot Springs training camp.

Scrap About Scappers

JOHNNY KRAUSE, of Nictown, is to box in the star number of the Germantown A. C.'s show tonight. His opponent will be Willis McCloskey, of Port Richmond. In the semi, Buck Anton, of Lancaster, will make his first Philadelphia appearance in a scrap with Tommy Hudson. Three other bouts are on.

Answer to query: Willis McCloskey was never stopped by Al Thomson; Jack Desnoy and Harry Greb have never boxed.

Billy Silverman is branching out like a big-league manager. He has three mittmen in his stable now, including Joe Wright, Tom Marks and Harry Smith. The latter is the southpaw who was top-notch batsman several years ago.

Jack Russo writes a lengthy letter pleading forgiveness from police officials, promoters, critics and boxing fans of Philadelphia for his rash act at the National last Saturday night. "I did not realize what I was doing," states Russo in part. "I want a chance to box in Philadelphia again without one cent for my services, to prove that I am a fair fighter and to make amends, to some extent, for my inconsiderable act."

Three regulars at all of the big bouts in Philadelphia were absent last night, when local star is one of the principals are J. J. King, Walter Flanagan and Morris Steinberg.

Willis Britz has matched Billy Kramer for a twelve-round bout with Jack Reeves, of Philadelphia, and booked for March 22. The winner of this bout will meet Battling Oriole, Eddie Ross, Kramer's trainer, leaves with Billy for Tulsa today.

Les Vincent has been added to the stable of William Britz. Vincent, a 124-pounder, has proved in previous scrapes here that he is a good puncher and a clever boxer.

A Buffalo promoter is negotiating for a bout between Dave Astey and Dick Leadman.

Bobby Robidean's bout with Willie Crystal will be a twelve-round affair, which was postponed until March 24.

Charley O'Neil will be in the opposite corner of the Cambria's star scrap tomorrow night with Les Reeves, of the Twenty-first. The person of the first part, other bouts: Tommy Warren vs. Danny Murphy; Frank Gillespie vs. Eddie Ross; Johnny Dougherty vs. Jack Gillespie and Freddy Hayes vs. Harry Williams.

Morris Sanders writes that Jimmy Berger is preparing to box again, and will appear at the Olympia Club in the near future.

Bobby Barman and Willis Allen staged one of the fastest bouts seen in Philadelphia, it was the first time Allyn ever boxed a southpaw. A return match would pack 'em in again.

Jimmy Jordan proved that his right-hand sock is worth anything when he dropped Johnny Martin, the iron-jawed Italian, for the count in the Jordan shrapnel like a promising lightweight.

Court Tennis Singles Drawings The Philadelphia Racquet Club announces the following drawings for the club court tennis singles championship, to be played on the club courts on or before Monday next: Ray vs. A. P. Hawes, D. L. Hutchinson, 3d, drew a bye.

Yale Swims 220-Yard Record New Haven, Conn., March 18.—A new world's record for the 220-yard swimming relay race was established last night by the Yale varsity team, which swam the Akron mile in 3 minutes 38.4 seconds. In the dual meet with Harvard, which was won by the Blue, 48 points to 5.

ALGERNON CAUSEY REPORTS TO PHILS

Ex-Brave Pitcher Will Be Big Help to Cravath—Unsigned, but is Happy

Birmingham, Ala., March 18.—Ceil Algernon Causey, the new pitcher of the Phils, reported to Manager Gavy Cravath today.

Ceal Algernon has not yet signed a contract, but says the minor financial difficulties will be straightened out, and he will give all he has for the success of the ball club.

Causey was with the Braves the latter part of the 1919 season, having been sent there by the Giants in the trade which transferred Arthur Nehf to New York. He had a pretty fair year, but when it came time to sign the 1920 papers, Ceil Algernon had some original ideas regarding his salary, and made his demands so strong that President Grant is said to have become exasperated and immediately asked wavers on him.

No one wanted Algernon in the league except six clubs, the Phils being one of them. In the draw, President Baker was lucky, and the locals obtained one of the most promising twirlers in the league.

Causey will be a big help to the pitching staff. He will be one of the big winners this year, and take his place with Lee Meadows and Eppa Rixey. If George Smith and Ray Lingerel come through, Cravath need have no worries.

"I am tickled to death to be with the Phils," said Causey today. "I was glad to learn I had been sold to the club, because I know I will receive fair treatment. Cravath is a fine fellow, and a great manager. It will be a pleasure to work for him."

"While I have not yet signed for the season, I am confident everything will be all right. Mr. Baker sent me a contract, and it showed me he was fair and wanted to do the right thing. Just as soon as we can talk things over, I shall sign."

"The Phils have not such a bad ball club this year. The outfield, with Casey Stengel, Cy Williams and Irish Meusel, is strong, and the infield, with Jack Miller on second, will be an improvement over last year."

"If a third baseman can be developed, we will have a good team. I know I will do my share, and expect to have a successful season."

Causey came from his home in Fort Meade, Fla., where he has an orange grove and a lumber mill. He looks to be in great shape.

Johnny Loftus Refused License by Jockey Club

Jockey Johnny Loftus, premier rider of the 1919 racing season, whose winning purses carried a net value of \$106,338, will not be seen in the saddle at the opening of the 1920 racing season on the eastern tracks. Official announcement of a refusal to grant Loftus a license was made yesterday by the stewards of the Jockey Club.

Although Loftus was open to criticism in a number of his rides last season, the stewards gave no reason for their refusal to grant the riding star a permit to sport silks. Loftus was under contract to ride for Samuel D. Riddle and Walter Jeffords.

HARVARD AGAINST SYSTEM

Opposes Experimenting With Definite Number of Football Plays Cambridge, Mass., March 18.—The Harvard football team will not participate in any experimental trial of the Coffin plan to limit the duration of playing periods by a definite number of plays if Heggs, Coach Fisher, but elimination of the stop-watch from the game would be disastrous, and I oppose even its trial by a Harvard team in competition."

Evening Ledger Decisions of Ring Bouts Last Night

OLYMPIA—Fred Fulton won as he disposed over Barr Madden. Carl La Blanche knocked down Fred Jordan thirteen times, set down twice himself, and referee decided on Carl in the fifth; Paul Samson beat K. O. Samson in the fourth; Bill Brennan beat Fred Lance. BAYBURN—Mike O'Dowd was fawned by music of referee's count after being knocked down in the fourth by Dennis Frush. Bill Brennan and Willie Ryan boxed Joe Welch. DAYTON—Mike O'Dowd beat Annie Bates in ten rounds. WATERTOWN—Jack Hill and Jimmy Sullivan drew in spirited fight, while Spencer beat Young Kosta in ten rounds. KAYBURN—Joe Phillips drew with Ray Kozel in ten rounds. DEERHOLE—Felix Wallace beat Babe Asher, Red Cap Wilson broke hand on Tommy Murray's head and lost verdict on default. MELCOGAN, sub for Johnny Dundee, beat John Mendelsohn in ten rounds.

ANNUAL QUADS TODAY

Central Favorite in Annual Track Title Games on Wanamaker Roof Central High rules the favorite for the title in the annual indoor track and field interscholastic games on the roof of the Wanamaker store this afternoon. Rain on Tuesday postponed the meet from that day.

Teams from South Philadelphia High, Germantown High, West Philadelphia High, Northeast High, Frankford High and Central High are entered.

Brady's 65 Wins Golf Title

St. Augustine, Fla., March 18.—Mike Brady of Boston, pulled out of a tie in third place and won the Florida east coast championship. In order to win Brady had to establish a record for the course, G. I. Nichols and Brady having held it jointly before with a 65. Brady had the putter work his and cut of four strokes for a 65. He had seven birdies in the round and only made one mistake, which was on the third hole, where he took a 5 taking three putts.

Temple Prep Works Out

The Temple Prep baseball team took its first workout yesterday at the Kensington Recreation Club grounds. About forty candidates reported. Most of the material that reported here a good knowledge of the game, but need practice in batting. Coach Lewington gave the infield a short workout.

Mike O'Dowd Beats Ratner

St. Paul, Minn., March 18.—Mike O'Dowd, of St. Paul, middleweight champion, defeated "Bugs" Ratner, of New York, in a ten-round bout here last night.

WEAR AND GOULD WIN

Capture Doubles Tennis Championship at Racquet Club Jay Gould and J. W. Wear won the eighth court tennis doubles championship at the Philadelphia Racquet Club yesterday, defeating A. P. Hawes and G. J. Gould, Jr., 6-3, 6-1.

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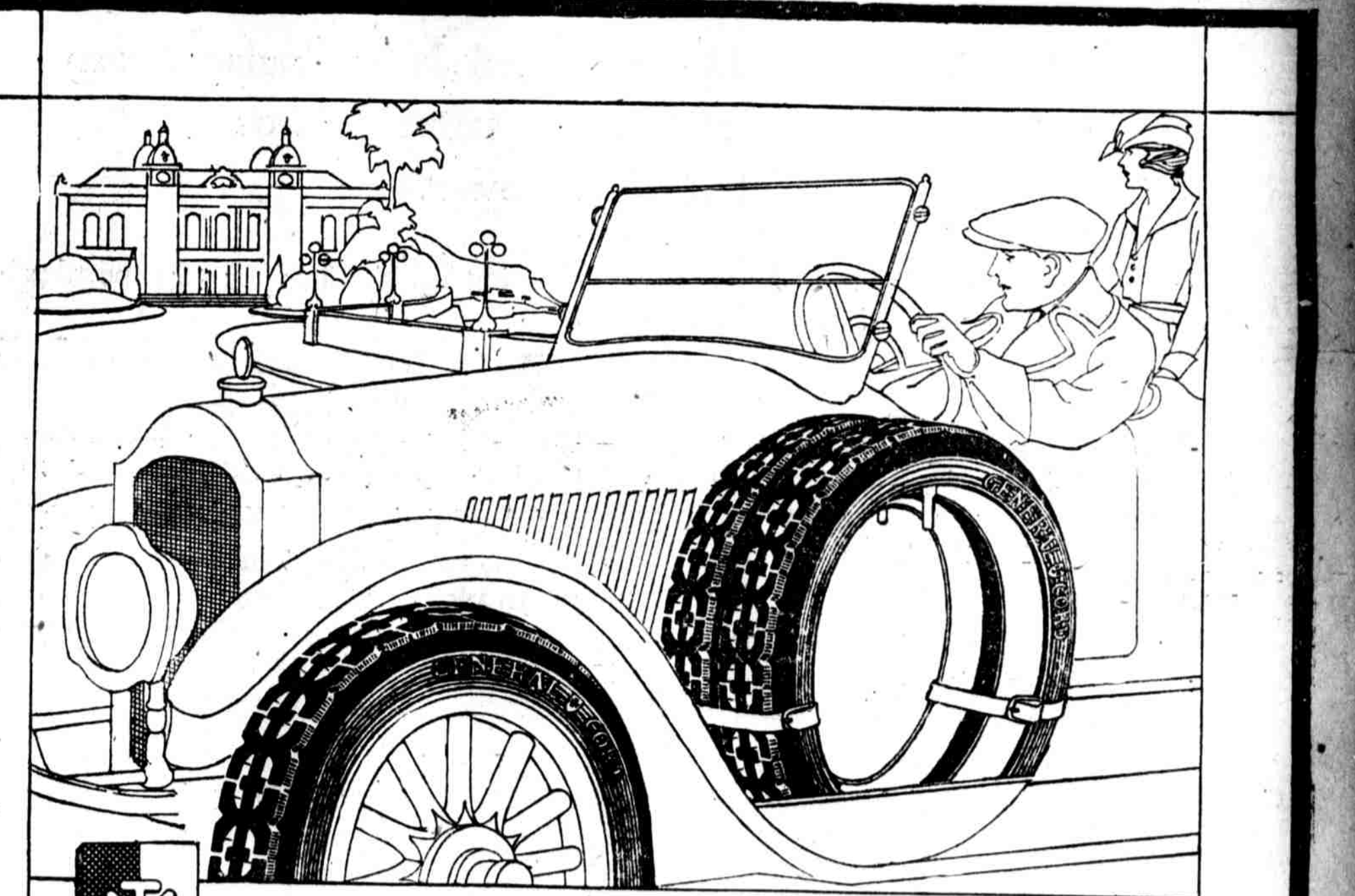
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