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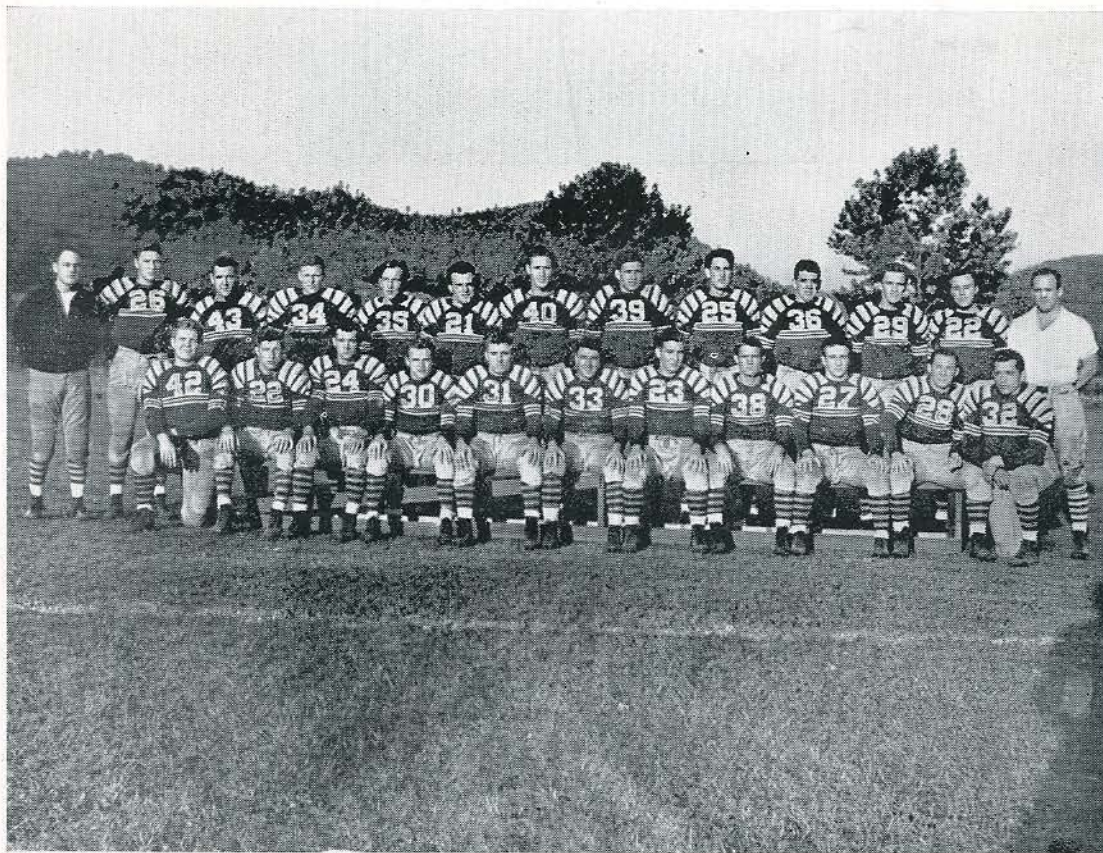




# THE KENTUCKY



## *High School Athlete*

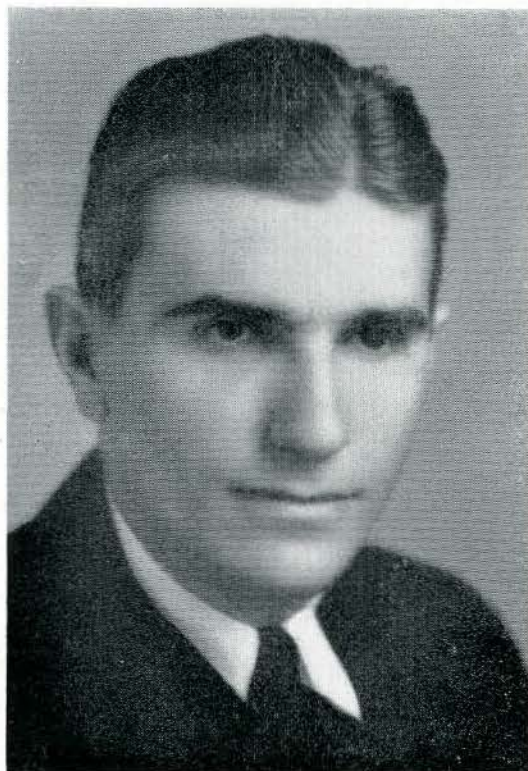


1939 Football Squad, Morehead State Teachers College



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## J. RICE MOUNTJOY

James Rice Mountjoy, coach of Danville High School, returned this year for his second consecutive year as coach of the All-Star team. His career both as an athlete and as a coach is as brilliant as any that can be found in high school circles in the Nation.

Coach Mountjoy is a graduate of Centre College in the class of 1924. He received his Master's Degree from the University of Kentucky in 1937. He has coached basketball for 16 years and football for 13 years. His all-time football record reads as follows: games won, 92; games lost, 25; games tied, 9. His teams have scored 2751 points to the opponents' 795. His teams have failed to score in 17 games and his teams have held their opponents scoreless in 66 games. This past year his team won 7 of the 8 games played.

In basketball his teams have won 269 games and lost 123. His teams have been District champion 9 times, Regional champion 7 times, Runner-up in State tournament once, Semi-Finalist State tournament 3 times, team in State tournament 6 of the last 8 years, and his teams have won 9 games in State tournament competition.

Besides achievements in athletics he is the Kentucky representative on the National Federation of State High Schools Athletic Association, and a member of the Football Rules Committee for 1939 and 1940. He has been President of the Kentucky High School Coaches Association for two terms and is Vice-President at the present time. He has also contributed articles to the "Athletic Journal" and the "Kentucky High School Athlete."



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### **From the President's Office**

As this is being written, a meeting of the Board of Control has just been called for the afternoon of February 10th at the Brown Hotel in Louisville for the purpose of disposing of certain serious charges made against several of our member schools in connection with the eligibility of their players and the use of undue influence to secure players from other districts. No attempt is here made to pre-judge these cases since many of the charges made in other years have proved to be almost without any foundation. However, no principal need be surprised when his neighbors become suspicious of his apparent preference for imported athletes over the home grown variety.

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If final arrangements for the state tournament are not completed at the Louisville meeting, the Board will meet in Richmond on the 23rd of February to complete these arrangements and to dispose of all questions of eligibility which are raised between now and February 15th.

While the rules of the State Association require that all protests must be made before the 15th of February, the Board has no intention of knowingly permitting any ineligible player to participate in the district, regional or state tournaments.

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Schools holding district and regional tournaments must distribute the receipts according to the plan outlined on page 27 of our Association's booklet unless the schools agree by unanimous vote upon some other plan.

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For the benefit of new principals, we repeat here several rulings which were taken from Volume I, No. 7, of *The Athlete*:

"The drawings for district tournaments have always disclosed misunderstandings relative to the meaning of several of our tournament rules. In the course of years in many decisions involving such cases, the Board has uniformly held:

"First, that a drawing made at any time after due notice has been received by all schools is binding upon all.

"Second, that when a school is notified of the proposed date of the drawing and does not appear

to participate in the drawing or to protest the drawing, that it has lost its right to appeal to the Board of Control.

"Third, that a school can not prevent the holding of a drawing by mere failure to send a representative.

"The Board has recently held that a drawing made earlier than two weeks before the tournament is valid under the rules. It has also held that the Board can not enforce an oral agreement prior to the drawing to the effect that if certain conditions prevailed another drawing would be held. It has always been the policy of the Board not to undertake to enforce oral agreements.

"The managers of the district and regional tournaments have the right to set the time of games but the Board strongly advises that the wishes of the schools be taken into account before the time is set and that the tournament managers exercise their authority only when the schools seem to have made an unwise choice."

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### **BUT THE HORSE SAID "NAY!"**

A farmer had an old blind horse which had outlived its usefulness. One day the horse fell into a well and the farmer found him there, standing knee-deep in the water. There was no way to get him out, and as both the horse and the well were useless, the farmer decided to fill the well up and leave the horse buried in it.

He shovelled dirt into the well as rapidly as he could. But the horse was not ready to be buried alive. When the dirt began to pour in on him, he shook it off and kept treading on the dirt under his feet. Gradually the well filled up and the horse, at the same time, rose higher and higher, until he was able to step out and walked away to the pasture.

The moral? Oh, yes; it is this: None of us can be buried under hard times, discouragements, and worries unless we are willing to be buried.

—From "Ideas."

— :: —

"You can't fly with the owls at night and keep up with the eagles in the day time."



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**THE COVER PICTURE**

Northeastern Kentucky provides the cover picture for this number in the form of the Morehead Eagles 1939 Football Squad. Under the guiding hand of Ellis Johnson and Len Miller the Eagles have become an outstanding figure in Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Competition. On page 6 will be found an article prepared by Johnson and Miller on the subject of the "Elimination of the Huddle in Football." Athlete readers will be glad to have this picture and the contribution of these progressive young coaches.

**THE ALL-STAR FOOTBALL GAME**

In a recent letter to the editor of the Athlete, Adolph Rupp, Chairman of the Shrine All-Star Football Game Committee, submitted the following short report of the December, 1939, game. It is passed along to show just what this game means to the Shrine Crippled Children's Hospital Fund.

Dear Mr. Bridges:

As near as we can tell at the present time the profit that we made on our Shrine All-Star Football Game will run in the neighborhood of \$3,786.55. As far as we know all bills have been paid and all money has been accounted for and we have turned this amount over to the Brace Fund of the Shrine Crippled Children's Hospital. I want to thank you and all members of the board that helped make this game the success that it was. I think that we made some small mistakes that we can change from year to year, but naturally in any great undertaking as this, some mistakes are bound to crop out. This amount is more than double that which we cleared last year so if we can continue for a few more years we will then reach the goal that we have set.

Very truly yours, A. F. RUPP.

**HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

The Kentucky Health and Physical Education Association through its president, Dudley Ashton, is conducting an intensive drive for membership in the state association as well as for membership in the National Association.

The American Association for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, a Department of the National Education Association, presents the following objectives relative to health, physical education and recreation:

1. To awaken and promote a wide and intelligent interest.
2. To acquire and disseminate accurate information.

3. To work towards the establishment of more adequate programs.

The slogan: **10,000 Members Working for Progress in the Profession.**

Get your membership blanks from your District Chairman or write to Dudley Ashton, President, Kentucky Health and Physical Education Association, Ahrens Trade School, 546 S. First Street, Louisville.

**TEAMWORK IN ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATION**

It is **good business** for school athletic leaders to promote the interests of school athletic departments. It is **good common sense** for them to act in accordance with the policies of their own statewide and nationwide cooperative school groups.

The individual school is weak. 20,000 schools acting together will be heard. The National Federation is of, by and for these schools. It is a School Athletic United States. All of its officers are board of control members who are elected by the schools themselves. It is weak or strong dependent on the willingness of individual school leaders to support its activities and promote its policies.

One activity has been to develop, test and approve basketballs that are suited to the budget and playing needs of member high schools. Approved balls bear the stamp of the National Federation.

State High School Athletic Associations act in the interests of all high schools in prescribing the use of such balls in all state sponsored tournaments. Individual schools can assist by choosing for all scheduled games, balls that are marked

Federation  
 National                      Approved

**POST-SEASON GAMES PROHIBITED**

At the November meeting of the Illinois state association a rule which prohibits post-season games was adopted by an almost unanimous vote. This rule is now in effect. As a result, no football game may be scheduled after the first Saturday in December and no basketball game may be scheduled after the state final tournament.

This action on the part of the schoolmen of the state is in harmony with the trend in the rest of the nation. The rule will prevent the spread of a practice which threatened to extend the football season throughout the winter months and the basketball season throughout the spring months.

It will be noted that this rule prohibits the scheduling of practice games between schools during the spring football training season. The scheduling of such games led to considerable agitation for the elimination of all spring football practice. Any disadvantages in holding such practice is probably brought to a minimum through the elimination of actual games between schools during the spring.

One of the reasons for the adoption of this rule is the tendency of certain commercial enterprises, particularly in the southern states, to bring in distant teams for the purpose of advertising a community. Schools were being used as pawns in these advertising schemes. In many cases the distant school was disrupted through absence of the entire squad plus team followers which often included the band. Usually the

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## From the Secretary's Office

### REPORTS PAST DUE

1. 1939 Football Participation List.
2. School's Report on Officials (Football).
3. Official's Report on Schools (Football).

### TOURNAMENT SITES and MANAGERS

Sites	DISTRICT	Managers
1. Bardwell		S. Jack Gardner
2. Augusta Tilghman		Ralph McWright
3. Mayfield		Ray Ross
4. Benton		J. Matt Sparkman
5. Trigg County (at Cadiz)		Roy McDonald
6. Marion		Casey Organ
7. Madisonville		Sam Pollock
8. Pembroke		L. W. Allen
9. Wheatcroft - Morganfield (Tie)		
10. Barrett Man. Tr. (at Henderson)		Cooksey Crafton
11. Daviess Co. (at Owensboro)		Lawrence McGinnis
12. Irvington		J. M. White
13. Hartford		L. G. Schultz
14. Drakesboro		Edgar Wood
15. Sunfish		Glen Duvall
16. Leitchfield		E. E. McMullin
17. Bowling Green		H. B. Gray
18. Auburn		S. S. Adams
19. Glasgow		Paul Vaughn
20. Tompkinsville		Kenneth Sidwell
21. Greensburg		J. H. Sanders
22. Elizabethtown		Eugene Morgan
23. Taylorsville		W. T. Buckles
24. Lebanon		J. H. Parker
29. Okolona		T. T. Knight
30. Shelbyville		C. Bruce Daniel
31. Campbellsburg		G. H. England
32. Gallatin County (at Warsaw)		L. C. Winchester
33. Burlington		Edwin H. Walton
34. Dixie Heights		G. K. Gregory
35. Dayton		O. W. Davis
36. Holmes		Frank Karnes
37. Cynthiana		W. H. Cason
38. Brooksville		Garrett R. Harrod
39. Washington		J. Everett Cocanougher
40. Paris		F. A. Scott
41. Garth (at Georgetown)		Kenneth Gillaspie
42. Harrodsburg		J. K. Powell
43. LaFayette		Maurice Jackson
44. Central (at Richmond)		Walter W. Moores
45. Danville		Henry Lair
46. Stanford		J. T. Embry
47. Somerset		W. B. Jones
48. London		G. E. Lewis
49. Clay County (at Manchester) (Protested)		
50. Williamsburg		John S. Jones
51. Middlesboro		Case Thomasson
52. Harlan		R. N. Finchum
53. Fleming		Curtis J. Reed
54. Hazard		J. Foley Snyder
55. Jackson - Breathitt (Tie)		
56. Powell County (at Stanton)		H. G. Pennycuff
57. Cumberland		Reed Owens
58. Garrett Cons.		Lewis Campbell
59. Oil Springs - Louisa (Tie)		
60. Morgan County (at West Liberty)		Carl Burton
61. Mt. Sterling		Duke W. Young
62. Prichard (at Grayson)		W. T. Babb
63. McKell (at Fullerton)		Jesse W. Johnson
64. Ashland		Roy G. Smith

### REGIONAL

1. Murray College.....Roy Stewart
2. Madisonville.....Sam Pollock

3. Barrett Man. Tr. (at Henderson).....Cooksey Crafton
4. Leitchfield.....E. E. McMullin
5. Bowling Green.....H. B. Gray
6. Bardstown.....T. B. Ellis
7. Male.....Frank White
8. Carrollton.....T. K. Stone
9. Simon Kenton (at Independence).....R. C. Hinsdale
10. Paris.....F. A. Scott
11. University High (at Lexington).....J. S. Mitchell
12. Somerset.....W. B. Jones
13. Pineville.....J. C. Eddleman
14. Hazard.....R. T. Whittinghill
15. Morgan County (at West Liberty).....Carl Burton
16. Morehead Collge.....Ellis Johnson

### Basketball Officials Who Have Received The "APPROVED" Rating

Allen, H. Edwin	Markham, J. Paul
Applegate, Sparky	Miller, John E.
Bathiany, Richard	Moore, W. A.
Cunningham, Jacob H.	Phillips, Bob
DeVan, Orrin E.	Reece, Alfred M.
Deweese, James	Stith, Robert B.
Ernst, Ray C.	Taylor, James M.
Garth, Russell	Thompson, A. W.
Gates, S. C.	Thompson, Jack
Greene, H. Tom	Threlkeld, W. H.
Head, John W.	Vettiner, Charles J.
Heldman, John	Walker, Paul C.
Jeffries, Owen L.	Witten, Stoy G.
Koster, Fred C., Jr.	Woford, Ernest
Lamb, C. G.	Wooton, Oakley
McMullin, E. E.	Wright, George H.
McNabb, Edgar	

### SUPPLEMENTARY LIST OF REGISTERED BASKETBALL OFFICIALS

Austin, Acree, 525 So. Sixth Street, Mayfield.  
 Banko, Gus, Bosse High School, Evansville, Ind.  
 Beiersdorfer, Jim, 58 Glenwood Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.  
 Benedict, Steve, Jr., Wheelwright.  
 Brown, Joe, College Station, Murray.  
 Brown, Robert, Bloomfield.  
 Burks, Yancey, Horse Cave.  
 Butts, Willis William, Fredonia.  
 Choate, Wendell, Hickman.  
 Cundiff, W. E., Worthville.  
 Cunningham, Jacob, 401 Rosemont Gardens, Lexington.  
 College of Bible, Lexington.  
 Deem, Thomas, 1827 E. Spring St., New Albany, Ind.  
 Dunlevy, Thomas M., Henryville, Ind.  
 Gaines, Wilfred, Bradfordsville.  
 Gilb, Elmer T., 308 So. Ashland, Lexington.  
 Head, John W., 225 So. Fourth Street, Louisville.  
 Jeffers, Howard D., Oneida, Tennessee.  
 Lowe, Charles E., Louisa.  
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 Marks, Poachy, Apt. 7, Reiser Court, Louisville.  
 Moulton, L. B., Warsaw.  
 Montgomery, Robert, Paintsville.  
 Penn, Hunter, L. W. J. C., Columbia.  
 Philpot, Ford, Mt. Vernon.  
 Shucy, John W., Wheelwright.  
 Stout, H. R., Worthville.  
 Tackett, Wendell, Virgie.  
 Taylor, C. E., Beaver Dam.  
 Tierney, Francis J., Box 263, Olive Hill.  
 Trapp, John W., LaGrange.  
 Wait, Harry S., Burnside.  
 West, Larry, Oneida, Tennessee.  
 Wilson, Frank, Artemus.



## Summary of Activities

### National Federation Interscholastic Football Committee

#### on JANUARY 5th and 6th, 1940

There was a full attendance with the exception of the representative from Delaware. Those present were, Kurt Beyer, Norwich, New York; Jesse Day, Davenport, Iowa; Charles Denton, Dickinson, North Dakota; H. R. Dieterich, Maryville, Missouri; Wm. Fisher, Lynden, Washington; W. A. Graff, Lansing, Michigan; Humphrey Harmony, Cleveland, Ohio; Geo. Ham, Rochester, Minnesota; Salen Herke, Peoria, Illinois; S. D. Jackson, Johnson City, Tennessee; A. L. Lassiter, Richmond, Kentucky; D. R. Lightner, Strathmore, California; Frank McElligott, Chicago, Illinois; F. P. Maguire, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; D. R. Mitchell, Lehi, Utah; J. R. Mountjoy, Danville, Kentucky; L. L. Nelson, Gadsden, Alabama; H. V. Porter, Chicago, Illinois; Lyle Quinn, Boone, Iowa; H. L. Ray, Chicago, Illinois; G. O. Ream, Albuquerque, New Mexico; L. C. Robinson, Sandpoint, Idaho; LaMar Sarra, Tampa, Florida; J. F. T. Saur, Fairfield, Iowa; Clarence Schutte, Santa Barbara, California; W. A. Shupp, Cleveland, Ohio; E. R. Stevens, Independence, Kansas; E. A. Thomas, Topeka, Kansas; E. M. Thompson, Rock Springs, Wyoming; R. W. Truscott, Loveland, Colorado; Troy D. Walker, Portland, Oregon; R. M. Walseth, Pierre, South Dakota; O. L. Webb, Lincoln, Nebraska; F. R. Wegner, Roslyn Heights, New York; C. W. Whitten, Chicago, Illinois; W. A. Witte, Appleton, Wisconsin; Roy Wood, Butte, Mont.

Sub-committee reports were given as follows:

Time Elements for Various Phases of the Game . . . . . H. L. Ray  
Aids to Coaches and Officials Relative to Legal and Illegal Actions in Connection with Clipping and Pass Interference . . . . . S. D. Jackson  
Six-Man Football . . . . . Roy Wood  
Statistical Data . . . . . F. P. Maguire  
The report of the injury committee was delayed pending the making of summaries. It will be sent out at a later date.

#### RULE MODIFICATIONS

The major changes from the rules follow:

NOTE: It should be understood that this is not meant to be a complete summary of the activity of the committee. The detailed report will be made up at a later date and supplied each member of the committee. The present draft is made without any effort to properly word the provision. This material is merely for the convenience of members of the committee who may choose to publicize the committee action.

1. A slight change was made in the rule which deals with the touching of a forward pass by a second eligible player. The new rule will provide that the touching by a second (or any greater number) eligible player will not result in dead ball. Any originally eligible player may complete such a pass and advance or it may be intercepted and advanced by opponent.

2. The rules relative to any incompletion in the opponents' end zone or interference in the opponents' end zone are to be brought into harmony so that the spot of enforcement will be the same in each case. On first, second or third down, the penalty for a pass which is grounded in the end zone, or for a pass which is touched by an ineligible player in the end zone (major incompletion) or for interference by the passing team in the end zone, will in each case be

enforced from the spot where the snap was made. If any of these occur on fourth down, it will result in a touchback. A slight supplementary change was also made so that when an ineligible player touches a forward pass, the ball is not dead as soon as touched. It will continue in play until the down ends in the regular manner. This makes it possible for Team B to intercept a pass after it has been touched by an ineligible player. If the pass touches the ground following the illegal touching, it will then become an incompletion as in the past.

Under the new rule the touching of a forward pass by an ineligible player is merely one form of pass interference and it will be so listed. Consequently, there is no longer any need to make a distinction between a minor and major incompletion. As a result, these terms will be dropped.

3. When an illegal shift occurs, the Referee will be instructed to blow the ball dead as soon as he observes the infraction. As a result, there will be no possibility of a declination of penalty for this foul. The change is designed to eliminate waste action which under the present rule often follows such a foul.

4. In the interests of more equitable enforcement, the penalty for any foul which occurs during a rushing play (no kick or pass) will be either from the spot of the foul or where the ball is dead. The offended team will have the option of choosing either of these spots. The only exception will be in case the foul is in advance of where the ball is dead. In that case, enforcement will be from the spot where the ball is dead.

5. In addition to these actions on major matters, there will be several minor changes for purposes of safety or simplification in administration.

6. There was considerable sentiment in favor of several major proposals. Among these are:

a. A proposal to remove all limitations on number of times a player may re-enter.

Comment: The committee felt that it would make little difference in the game but were restrained by the fact that the rule seemed radical so they held it over for more study.

b. A proposal to blow the ball dead immediately for any foul that happens while the ball is being snapped, provided it is one that comes under the jurisdiction of the Referee.

Comment: Seemed like a good rule until it was brought out that the rule would keep a Captain from exercising his option on the play. To be studied more. It would take a lot of pressure off the referee and may prevent injuries during a period when the ball is sure to be called back.

7. The committee indicated an overwhelming majority in favor of ultimate action on the following but did not choose to make adoption at this year's meeting:

a. A proposal to permit any number of forward passes during a down, provided they are all started from behind the line.

Comment: The committee felt that this rule would be a good idea because it would tend to ease the stress of a lateral pass back of the line. If one should go forward then there would be no need to call the whole play back. This rule has been used in several test games in Illinois



for several years and it has been found that it made no material difference in the game. If this rule should be adopted at a later date, the committee would be able to take several paragraphs completely out of the rules and thus shorten the book and do away with several exceptions and take an awful headache out of the rules for the officials.

- b. A proposal to prohibit any player from being out of bounds to set up a play and then coming back in to touch a loose ball.

Comment: This would have been passed but it was found that it would be advisable to study the condition more. It was questionable what to do in the case of a man who had been blocked out of bounds.

In the case of proposals 6a and 7a, the committee recommends adoption for experimental purposes during the 1940 season by conferences or states in order that these may be tried out on a large scale to provide adequate data relative to the ultimate effect on the game.

The committee decided to lengthen the time between halves to 18 minutes. But to enforce strictly the rule that the teams must be on the field and ready to play in **15 minutes** (Penalty - R3, S2, A2, Page 20). Thus they would enforce a 3-minute warm up period. (Wisconsin and New York have kept detailed data on injuries for several years and they found that there were more injuries occurring in the first 3 minutes after the 3rd period kickoff than during any other like period during the game. Wisconsin has enforced the 3-minute warm up period for several years and their statistics show that they have had a decided decrease in the number of injuries in the second half since the rule has been in force. The committee was influenced to give it a try by this data.)

Several minor changes were made in order to make the rules conform in minor details to the collegiate rules, such as the ruling on padding on the outside of thigh pads, size of cleats ( $\frac{3}{8}$ ) and many other small changes that will not be noticed. Aluminum cleats are recognized as official and may be used at will.

Many sentences and rules in the book will be rewritten to clarify the meaning that the committee wishes to get over. For instance, it will be plainly stated that no player may be prostrate and hold the ball on any Place Kick or Kickoff.

The rules have been simplified a great deal and that players, coaches and officials will be able to read the rules and understand them better this year than ever before.

## A DISCUSSION OF THE METHODS OF THE FOOTBALL RULES COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION

By J. R. MOUNTJOY

The National Federation Football Rules Committee has appointed a new sub-committee this year that has never been listed before. This new committee is known as "The Game Administration Committee" and Mr. S. D. Jackson of Johnson City, Tennessee, is the Chairman. The Author has been appointed a member of this committee to serve until January 1941. This committee will include in its work, study and experimentation in connection with clipping, pass interference, matters pertaining to changes in goal posts, elimination of the second half kickoff and other suggestions in regard to administering the game.

The Federation Rules Committee has made it a point never to change a rule unless it was to the advantage of the game as a whole. It may be necessary to make changes to clarify a rule or to simplify it so that the book may be more easily read. For many years there have existed in the Federation Guide provisions that have been handed down from the College Guide. Some of these provisions were set up to take care of situations that may not arise one time in an official's life. It has been found that such provisions may be stricken from the books and the condition that they were supposed to cover placed under other headings. Thus the committee has been able to take many exceptions out of the rules. The committee never makes one of its so-called Radical changes until the proposed change has been studied from every angle and has had from one to four years actual game experimentation under supervision of sub-committees.

So it may be necessary for the Author to ask several schools to conduct experiments in some of your games this fall. I assure you that you will be a great help to the committee in arriving at a logical conclusion concerning such suggestions.

An idea of the methods used by the committee may be gained from their treatment of the proposal to allow a team to pass forward any number of times as long as all of the passes (forward) start behind the line of scrimmage. A conference in Southern Illinois was asked to adapt the rule for all of their games one season. That was 3 years ago. They liked it so well that they are still using it and unanimously recommended it to the rules committee. Their comment was that the rule made little change in the game, yet, it saved the officials from having to guess sometimes whether the ball went forward on an attempted lateral back of the line. It seemed to help the lateral pass game without making any appreciable difference in the forward pass game.

There are a lot of coaches who hate to see a change in the rules because they are satisfied with the rules as they are now. Well, we do have a good game but there are numerous instances where a small change in the rule will help the game. It is interesting to see the results of the Questionnaires that are returned by the High School Coaches from all over the country. Each year proposed changes are listed and voted upon. The results are tabulated by states and then as a whole group. Almost invariably the first year that a proposal appears on the questionnaire the coaches vote against it about 5 to 1. After about 3 years the majority will be for it. If the rule committee passes the proposal, it is put in the code for one year. Then it is put on the questionnaire for the next year and the coaches are asked to vote whether it was satisfactory or not. An idea of the approval of the committee's work can be had by studying the results on this year's questionnaire. I am almost ashamed to put down the total score for the coaches in Kentucky who were interested enough in the game to fill out the questionnaire and return to me. To my great surprise **ONLY 24** coaches in Kentucky returned the questionnaire.

There were six major changes in the rules last year. I shall list the yes and no vote of both Kentucky and then the Nation.

Rule	Kentucky		Nation	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
1 .....	24	0	2291	101
2 .....	23	0	1958	358
3 .....	23	1	2061	217
4 .....	23	1	2196	182
5 .....	23	1	2185	173
6 .....	23	1	2165	148



There were 14 proposed changes in the questionnaire this year. Space will not permit my naming the changes but I will list the results of the balloting both in Kentucky and the Nation. The proposed changes are listed with the same numbers that they had in the questionnaire. You may refer to the November issue of The Athlete, page 11, for a copy of the questionnaire.

Proposal	Kentucky		Nation	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
1 .....	5	19	565	1797
2 .....	6	18	710	1649
3 .....	8	16	888	1455
*4 .....	13	10	1043	1315
5 .....	5	19	422	1947
6 .....	6	18	782	1557
7 .....	7	14	742	1557
†8a .....	7		789	
†8b .....	2		426	
9 .....	9	11	1182	1054
10 .....	a-1, b-2, c-1, d-20	a-122, b-216, 3-146, d-1820		
¶11 .....	19	2	1622	603
‡12 .....	12	12	960	1300
°13 .....	9	1	1058	312
*14 .....	10	10	945	1017

Note—\*Passed. Rule next year.

†Passed. Slightly different rule next year.

¶Failed to pass in spite favorable vote. Ran into trouble because of man being blocked out of bounds.

‡Passed but applies to illegal shift only. Rule next year.

°Six man sub-committee failed to recommend the rule so it failed.

The author will be glad to submit any rule suggestion that you may care to suggest next year. In the past the coaches have backed up the actions of the committee by approving the rules in about the same ratio as they did last year's changes. Thus the same fellows who hate to see the changes are satisfied with the new rules after they are made.

### Post-Season Games Prohibited

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games were played after an appreciable lapse of time following the last scheduled game. This necessitated several extra weeks of practice or else it made it necessary for boys to play when they were not in good training condition. The prohibition was adopted by such an overwhelming majority that it leaves no doubt as to the sentiment relative to such contests.

—The Illinois Athlete.

### AGE LIMITS

The age limits for the various states are shown in the following table:

**19 Year Limit:** California, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Texas.

**20 Year Limit:** Arizona, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, KENTUCKY, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Nevada, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

**20½ Year Limit:** Virginia.

**21 Year Limit:** Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma.

## Elimination of the Huddle and Shift

Unless something is done to prevent the defense from using a variation of five, six and seven men lines that has played such an important part in defensive football the past two seasons, we will probably see less use of the Huddle. Defense is not like offense. The offensive team must have at least seven men on the scrimmage line when the ball is put in play, but the defense is not restricted to a certain number, hence we have the several defensive formations.

Coaches usually instruct their quarter backs to look over the defense before calling a play. The defense at the time the quarter back calls the play might be using a 6-2-2-1. As the offensive team comes up to the scrimmage line they might shift into a 5-3-2-1. The original play that the quarter back called was an off tackle play with the tail back carrying the ball. The end and wing back are assigned to box the tackle in, the blocking back and fullback to take the end out and the strong side guard to block the backer up. If the defense shifts into a five man line there will not be a tackle for the end and wing back to block. At least he won't be in the same position as he would be in a six man line. This holds true for the other positions. The blocking assignments were different for everybody, consequently the play did not work and the quarter back was given credit for calling a poor play.

Two years ago we played a team that used a five and six man line against us and since we were not prepared for a five man line we were unable to score on them and the game ended in a deadlock. This past year the same team started with a five man line (using their six some) and as we were prepared against their two defenses we were able to defeat them.

For the past four years we have used the Huddle along with a shift in our backfield. About the middle of this past year we did away with the shift (due to the fact that our opponents were waiting till we started our shift before they showed their defense) and came out of the Huddle and lined up in our formation. We instructed the linemen as they came out of the huddle to look over the defense and call out the defense. If the quarter back had called a play for six man line and the defense shifted into a five man line, the quarter back called out his signal for a change of play in the same manner that was employed before the advent of the Huddle. This way it did not matter to us what kind of a defense the opposition used.

The strong point to this system of calling plays is that the defense has to show itself. We will probably do away with the huddle and shift next year. We believe that in the next few seasons coaches from all sections of the country will do away with the huddle as well as the shift.

By ELLIS JOHNON, Head Football Coach;  
LEN MILLER, Assistant Coach;  
Morehead State Teachers College.

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## Participating Schools Should Select Location for Regional Tournament

By ROY KNIGHT, Principal, Maysville High School

Last year I offered a proposed change in the rule of the K. H. S. A. A. which sets forth the plan whereby the location of the regional tournament is determined. Under the present plan the site of the regional tournament is selected at the same time the schools place the district tournaments and by all schools regardless of whether they will or will not have a team in the tournament. I proposed that representatives of schools who are to be in the regional tournament meet the day following the district tournament and select the location for the regional tournament.

I have always been of the opinion that only participating schools should vote on the location of the regional tournament. Last year this proposed plan was defeated. However, I believe that it is sound and should have additional consideration. There are numerous reasons for allowing only participating schools to select the site of the regional tournament. Among them, the most convincing are:

(A) Since the proceeds are divided among the participating schools, it is to their advantage to give some consideration to the probable receipts before selecting the place. Everyone is aware that the gate receipts will be considerably more if the host school has a team in the tournament. And, of course, there is no way to determine what teams are going to be in the regional until the districts have been played. Also, schools would rather hold the tournament when they have a team in it.

(B) This suggested plan is highly democratic. There is no reason why school A should decide where school B shall play a tournament if school A does not have a team in it. At present thirty to forty schools select the site where eight shall play.

This reduces itself to where actually the schools not in the tournament select the place where those who are in it shall play.

(C) This meeting of participating schools will give all an opportunity to help select officials and settle all problems concerning the operation of the tournament.

(D) Some will say that this plan does not give enough time to advertise and prepare for the tournament. This objection has almost wholly been overcome since each team looks after its own food and lodging. With this, much of the tasks of putting on tournaments has been eliminated. As for advertising, what better news story could your local papers carry on Monday morning than the location of the regional tournament?

The plan that I am offering proposes that we strike out Rule 3 under "Rules and Regulations Governing Basket Ball Tournaments" and insert the following:

The secretary shall prepare a proper ballot, and on or before January 15 shall send one to each member school with a request that the proper authority cast the vote of that school for the location of the district basketball tournament. On Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, representatives of schools whose teams were winners or runners-up in the district tournaments shall meet at the school most recently holding the regional tournament, select the site for the regional tournament, pick officials, etc. Each school shall have one vote. In case of a tie, decision shall be made by flipping a coin. A school representative must be present in order to vote.

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## Industry Claims 75% Reduction in Accident Ratio

At a recent meeting of the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference Dr. Frank Floyd of New York University stated that schools should imitate industry in controlling and reducing accidents on the playing fields and playing floors.

"To industry, accident prevention is good business economy. Schools must assume the same attitude so that their students may enjoy normal living without too great a curtailment of their personal rights. Industry has reduced its accident ratio by 75%, and the principal method used has been our specialty, education. By better preventive methods and better first aid treatments, safety in life—whether in sports or industry—is insured. We need, however, to study our hazards and educate in preventive procedures. Athletes must learn to report every accident, however slight. Officials must be more alert in detecting injured athletes and in spotting types of play that cause accidents. BACK OF THE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC PROGRAM SHOULD BE THE THOUGHT OF "WHAT IS BEST FOR THE BOY," and not "HOW CAN WE WIN THIS GAME."

One need only to very casually review the statistics being compiled throughout the nation on high school athletic injuries to be convinced that something needs to be done about the situation. The answer as to what is to be done will come from the men who are out on the active front as coaches, physical training directors and play-ground supervisors. It is true that some effort has been applied in this direction but the problem has only been touched. In the interest of the high school boy who participates, shall the game rules be changed further, shall better equipment be designed, shall more adequate medical inspection be required, shall more definite training rules be insisted upon, shall more adequate first aid be provided, do coaches need better training in regard to the health of growing boys, do we need more and better supervision of sanitary conditions in the dressing room and shower—these and many more bring to mind ample food for thought and research.

—Iowa H. S. Athletic Bulletin.

There is little correlation between the quality of basketball and the size of the school. Basketball artists are where you find them and championship teams will find a way to reach the top.

"Only men who can do the work of two men succeed in a real way, for the work of one man is required for a living, and that of the other to achieve success."—Typing Tips.

BUYING CHEAP MERCHANDISE TO SAVE MONEY IS LIKE STOPPING A CLOCK TO SAVE TIME.—From KVP Philosopher.

## Tell Him Now!

If with pleasure you are viewing any work a coach is doing,  
If you like him or you love him tell him now;  
Don't withhold your approbation till the parson makes oration,  
And he lies with snowy lilies o'er his brow;  
For no matter how you shout it, he won't really know about it;  
He won't know how many teardrops you have shed;  
If you think some praise is due him, now's the time to slip it to him,  
For he can not read his tombstone when he's dead.  
  
More than fame and more than money is the comment kind and sunny,  
And the hearty warm approval of a friend,  
For it gives to life a savor, and it makes you stronger, braver,  
And it gives you heart and spirit to the end;  
If he earns your praise—bestow it; if you like him, let him know it;  
Let the words of true encouragement be said;  
Do not wait till life is over and he's underneath the clover,  
For he can not read his tombstone when he's dead.

—From H. V.'s Athletic Anthology.

## The Nerve To Lead

The team will speed up in their pace, old man,  
If you will instill the belief they can.  
Just give them your best, when they call on you—  
Just keep up your nerve and they'll pull you thru.  
When feeling all in and the going's rough—  
The team is downhearted—show your stuff—  
Just stick out your chin, your fists clenched tight  
And tell them you've just begun to fight.

Just stick to the rules of the game—play fair.  
The leaders of men are the men who're square.  
Don't let adulation go to your head;  
When whoopee is on, forget what's said.  
On losing, give credit where credit is due;  
Don't blame someone else in words you'll rue.  
The team that you lead, to their best will rise  
If you view the game through sportsman's eyes.

The world will acclaim sincere men who play  
The contests of life in the same fair way.  
It's useless to lie, to renege or bluff;  
It only responds when you're the stuff.  
It measures you up by the traits you show;  
In service you give—not how you blow.  
The world like the coach, has a crying need  
For square, sincere men, with nerve to lead.

—From H. V.'s Athletic Anthology.

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## To the Coaches and Principals of Kentucky

I am of the opinion the Kentucky High School Athletic Association should apply to The National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations for membership in the organization.

The primary purpose of the national body is to coordinate the work of the various states and to assist all of them through providing a means for exchange of ideas and formulation of policies for the guidance of high school athletics. The national body has strengthened the state bodies. Before the national organization was formed some of the state associations had difficulty in enforcing their rules. In the old days it was not uncommon for a school to flout the authority of the state association for the violation of some of the eligibility rules, they simply made up a schedule with schools in some other state. Consequently suspension was not a very severe penalty. After the formation of the national association, this was corrected because, if any school is suspended by a state association, it is now illegal for them to play any school that is a member of the Federation.

The same thing applies to the strengthening of state policies. If one state were to take a progressive move which might not be favored by organizations such as newspapers and other promotional bodies, the pressure would sometimes be so great that state organizations would not dare to take action. However, when such is backed up by the considered judgment of all the high school athletic leaders as represented at a national federation meeting, there is no reason for any state to hesitate about taking some action which is in harmony with the best national educational policy.

We have broadened the state wide program in Kentucky and have greatly strengthened the influence of the state association in all matters pertaining to high school athletics. Many of the services which are rendered to the Kentucky schools by the state association have been made possible or more effective through the program of the national organization.

The dues in the national organization is twenty-five cents per 1000 pupils enrolled in the high schools of our state. I do not believe it will cost the state more than twenty-five dollars a year, if that much.

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The following suggestions are to be voted on by the coaches at its Lexington meeting in March as to whether they wish to propose the same to the Kentucky High School Athletic Association at its annual meeting at Louisville in April.

I. K. H. S. C. A. recommend to the K. H. S. A. A. that the association apply for membership in the N. F. S. H. S. A. A.

II. K. H. S. C. A. recommend the paying to each Basketball team upon arrival in Lexington for the State Tournament the sum of \$175.00 instead of the present arrangement of furnishing room and board. With this \$175.00 each pay for their hotel room and meals. After a team is eliminated and the school wish to go home in order to save some of the \$175.00 it be their privilege to do so.

III. K. H. S. C. A. recommend to the K. H. S. A. A. to change Article II of the By-Laws to read as follows: All contestants will become ineligible on their nineteenth birthday. Also, remove the following sentence in Article I of the By-Laws: No student who

has been enrolled in the high school (grades 9, 10, 11, 12) eight semesters shall thereafter be eligible.

From a survey made the past year we believe that a far greater number of boys under nineteen years of age will become ineligible to participate in athletics before they graduate than the number in their twentieth year who will become ineligible on account of age.

There are quite a number of boys in Kentucky high schools that will graduate at nineteen years of age who will not be able to play basketball or football their last semester in high school due to the eight semester rule. I am of the opinion a boy under nineteen is more entitled to play in his ninth semester than a boy in his twentieth year playing his eighth semester. Any number of boys lose a semester in school for one reason or another. Most of the twenty year old boys have played four or five years on a high school team, whereas so many of the younger boys never play on a varsity team more than one or two years before they graduate. A sixteen year old boy in the grades is as physically fit to play basketball or football as a junior in high school sixteen years old. Students are graduating from high school today younger than they did five or ten years ago. Therefore, I believe the nineteen year rule and the removing the semester limitation is by far more equitable rule than the present one. If we pass this rule we will be in line with the trend of other progressive states.

IV. K. H. S. C. A. recommend to the K. H. S. A. A. that all registered officials be required to wear an emblem of the state officials association on their shirt or sweater.

—A. L. LASSITER,  
President K. H. S. C. A.

## University of Ky.

### Home Basketball Schedule

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Feb. 13 . . . . Mississippi State

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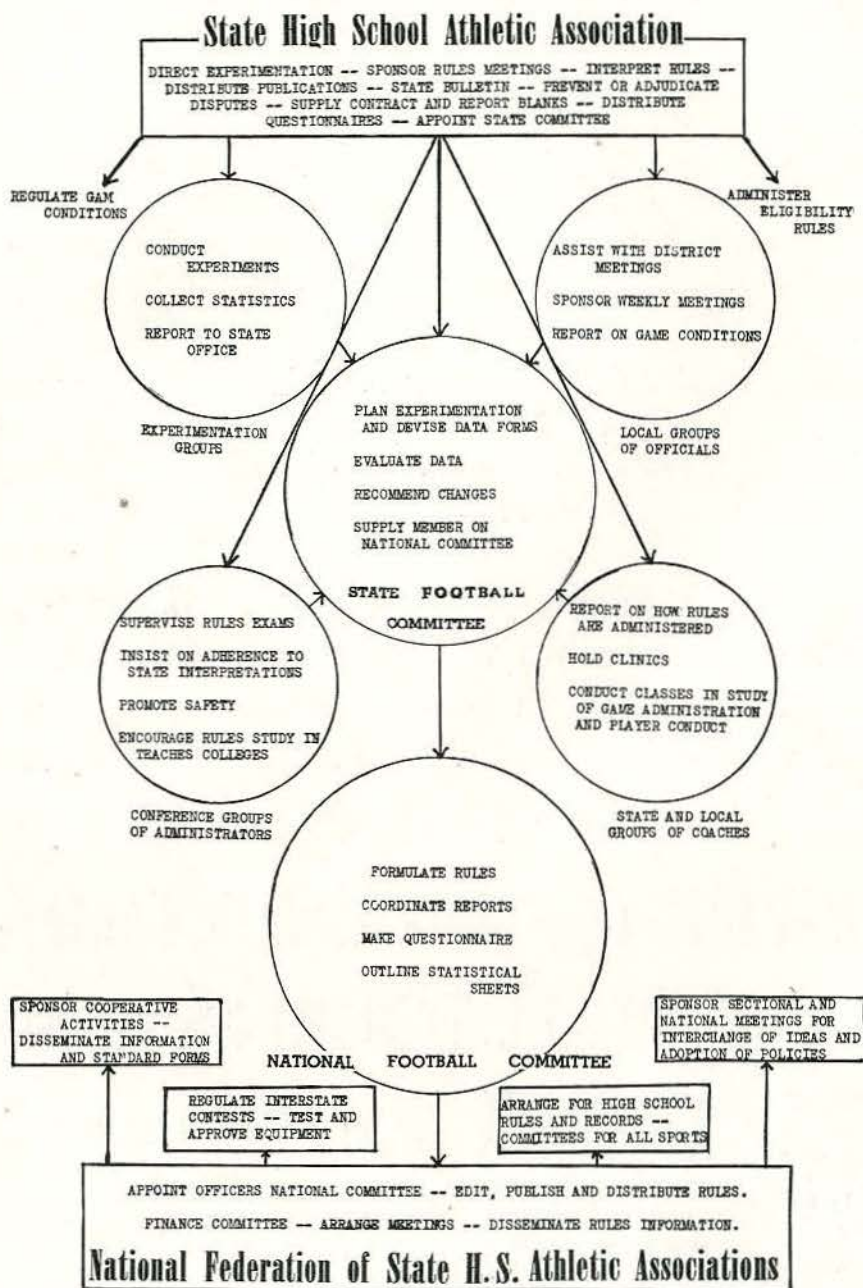
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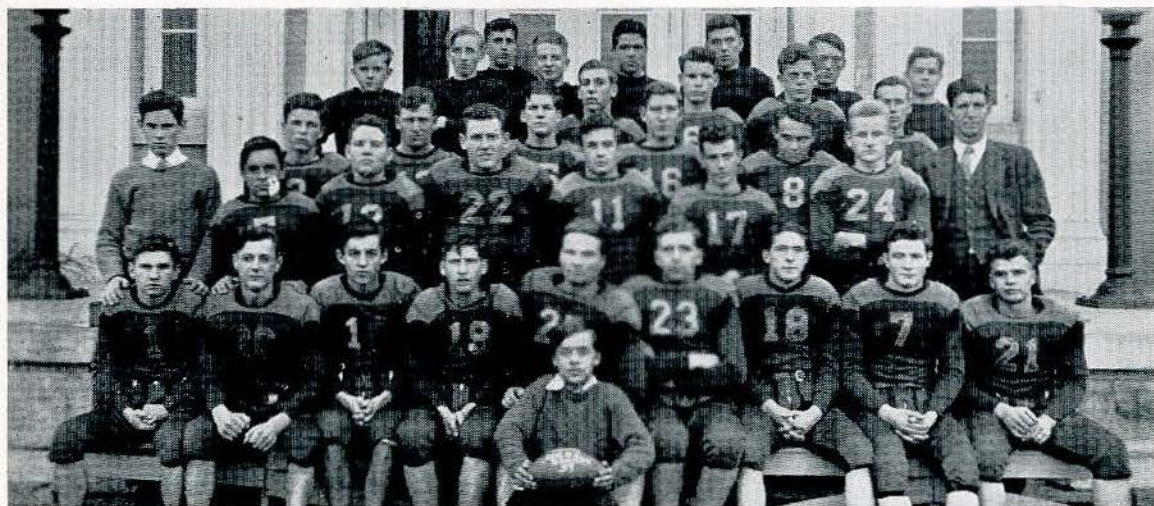


Thirty-five states are now members of the National Federation. Charter members were: Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Illinois. California has applied for membership in the National Federation and this application will be passed upon at the national meeting this month.

The Kentucky Coaches Association will soon present a proposal that Kentucky make application for membership. (See President Lassiter's page.)



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