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"WAR TIME FOOTBALL IN KENTUCKY"

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C. T. WARD  
New Director

C. T. Ward, superintendent of the Anderson County Schools, Lawrenceburg, succeeds Robert Drennan, Lancaster, as a member of the Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association.

Mr. Ward has done all his school work in his native county, serving as principal of Western County High School for nine years, and has been in his present position as superintendent of the county school for the past twelve years.

The new director is a graduate of Kavanaugh High school, Lawrenceburg, has an A.B. degree from the University of Kentucky, and an M.A. degree from Columbia University, New York.

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## War Time Football In Kentucky

Along with the fall of autumn leaves will come the crash of hopes for all the grid teams of Kentucky save a few who may finish the season undefeated and lay loud and righteous claim to the mythical state championship. Again the hopes of the smaller schools will be blasted very generally by the representatives of the big boys of the gridiron. The large schools have lost more players to the armed services, but the fact remains that they have more to lose, and consequently will have a greater number left. The class of play may suffer due to the loss of stars of yesteryear, and some will be inclined to alibi because their stars have joined a bigger team. In the main, however, the sport will carry thrills comparable to pre-war football with the youngsters filling in, as they always do, in admirable style.

There is something about a new football season that gives it an air of spring rather than autumn. Every coach worthy of the name, and every player fit to be a team member envisions the greatest season in the history of the school. Year in and year out they see their hopes blasted because of too powerful opposition, too many injuries, or to a sad lack of reserve strength. But next year is another matter. All the disappointments of past seasons are forgotten. The ills that fell their lot last year are dismissed from the realm of future possibilities. This year the team is going through. Who is going to stop us?

The sports season of 1944-45 will be a banner year simply because the spirit of victory is in the air. For the past two years there has been a hidden sense of timidity about participation in athletics for fear that criticism would be directed at strapping young men who might possibly have been in the armed services. Such a feeling has been dispelled by the avid interest that the boys in uniform have maintained in local

sports and their insistence on participating in athletics themselves. Yes sir, you can count on 1944-45.

### HERE WE GO AGAIN

Before long those of us who have more nerve than knowledge of winning teams will attempt to tell all and sundry who will become the ultimate champion or champions. The following are a few of the perennial tough customers in football; they may be depended upon to furnish many a headache during the coming season. The teams are not arranged with any idea of their expected performance but merely a list of the formidable contenders:

Male, Manual, St. Xavier, Ashland, Paducah, Danville, Hopkinsville, Covington, Highlands, Harlan, Henry Clay, Mayfield, Bowling Green, Pineville, Corbin, Mt. Sterling, Paris, Glasgow, Owensboro, Henderson, Pikeville, and Hazard. Naturally your favorite may have been omitted. In fact the state champion may be outside of this group, but over a long period of time, the above mentioned have given a good account of themselves.

Possibly the most unusual feature of the coming football season will be the great number of new coaching faces or rather familiar faces in strange places. War times are responsible for the tremendous turnover, and it may be a wholesome condition. Fans of a community are inclined to believe that the coach serving them for a number of years is the world's greatest. When as a matter of record he may be the world's worst or a legitimate contender for that distinction. New faces and new methods may serve to convince great numbers that there are no patents on coaching successes. From one who hardly knows a football from a hand grenade the prediction is a "Great Season."



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## *From the Secretary's Office*

### Membership Renewals

Principals are reminded that unless K. H. S. A. A. memberships are renewed by October 1st, schools are dropped from the Association until the membership is renewed. Member schools are warned not to play non-member schools which are eligible to become members of the K. H. S. A. A.

### Football Clinics

The Board of Control secured the services of several outstanding officials to conduct clinics for football officials in their respective areas. All previously registered football officials were notified directly from the Secretary's Office concerning the dates and sites of the clinics, which were as follows: August 29, Lexington; September 1, Pikeville; September 4, Louisville; September 5, Ashland, Owensboro; September 7, Ft. Thomas, Princeton, Pineville; September 8, Hopkinsville; September 11, Mayfield.

### Examinations For Football Officials

Each registered football official will be notified directly from the secretary's office concerning the time and place of the National Federation football examination, which will be given early in October.

## Summary Of State Rules About Length Of A Sports Season

Charles Juergensmeyer, principal and athletic director at Chapmanville, West Virginia, has made a thorough study of the

state association rules relative to length of the football and basketball seasons as fixed by the rules in different states. This study was made in connection with a master's thesis at University of Kentucky.

The table should be interpreted with the thought that some of the items involve related factors which do not appear in the table. As an illustration, a state which may have no specific rule prohibiting post-season games, may cover the matter by limiting the number of games which may be played during a season. If allowance is made for such cases, the table gives a fairly adequate picture of the situation over the nation.

The study indicates that there is no sectional or geographic trend in the regulations and the different rules seem to have grown up as individual problems for each of the states. Because of this more or less haphazard method of approach, there are many unnecessary variations. The writer suggests that there should be some logical basis for determining the best date or game number limitations which would fit one state as well as another. While there are some different conditions in each state, it is doubtful whether those conditions vary as widely as the number of different rules about season length would indicate. It is possible that if further careful study were made of the best limitations and if these were formulated into a recommended rule, some degree of uniformity might be worked out with resultant benefits to all states.

Problems in connection with length of season are similar in this respect to other problems such as rules about amateurism and about the number of distance runs in which a boy may participate in a track and field meet. There are almost as many different rules in connection with these two problems as there are states. Some degree of uniformity would have advantages. It seems logical to assume that if it is bad for the health of a boy to participate in the quarter-mile, half-mile and mile events during the same day in Ohio, it is just as bad for his health to compete in all of these events in Nebraska or Wyoming. Careful study of the matter might result in a recommended rule which many states would be willing to adopt.

Attention of those interested is directed toward Mr. Juergensmeyer's article in the June issue of the Scholastic Coach.



# National Federation News and Views

**DELAWARE:** For a number of years, the state of Delaware did not have any organized state high school association. Each school was a "law unto itself" as far as interscholastic competition was concerned except as activities were influenced by the state department of public instruction under supervision of Director George W. Ayars or by conference groups. Recently, the advantages of a statewide organization to formulate policies and regulations about interscholastic activities became apparent and the Delaware Association of Secondary School Administrators was formed.

For a number of years, the Delaware school authorities have been interested in the activities of the National Federation, were National Press subscribers, and made use of football, basketball and track materials which were formulated primarily for member state associations. As soon as the organization was formed, application was made for membership in the Federation. Formal action on the application will be taken at the January annual meeting. In the meantime, state associations are urged to place the Executive Secretary, George W. Ayars, State Director of Health and Physical Education, Dover, on their mailing list to receive state association publications. A welcoming line to the board of control would also be in order. The officers and their addresses are on page 36 of the new National Federation Handbook.

**OKLAHOMA:** A valuable contribution to state high school association literature is the clothbound book "The Organization and Operation of the Oklahoma High School Athletic Association" which was compiled by W. D. Johnson of Norman, Oklahoma. Mr. Johnson has been a member of the Oklahoma board of control for a number of years and his book is an efficient analysis of the activities of the state association and a comparison of these activities with National Federation recommendations and with similar activities in other state associations.

The book would be a valuable addition to any state high school association library or to any other library which is used by students of state high school organization. It may be secured at a cost of \$2.50 from the Harlow Publishing Company, 217½ North Harvey, Oklahoma City.

The Oklahoma state association sponsored its first track and field championship series last spring. 59 schools qualified boys for the final meet and the interest in track and field work was stimulated by the series of events. Among the special events were the football throw and the hop, step and jump. There was competition in the discus throw but the javelin throw was not included.

During the spring, the track and field coaches formed a statewide organization and the following were among their recommendations for the meet of next year.

1. That the football throw, hop, step and jump, and medley relay events be omitted from the meets of next year.

2. That the first three place winners in the regional meets be qualified for the state meet (instead of the first two as in the 1944 meet).

**TENNESSEE:** At the last annual meeting of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association, one of the rule changes results in a slightly more liberal rule relative to participation by a high school boy on an independent team. The new rule states that after a boy has been certified as eligible and has become a member of a high school squad, he shall not take part in an independent game during the season of the sport for which he is certified. The old rule stated that he should not participate in such a game any time during the school year. The officers are:

President: S. E. Nelson, Chattanooga; Vice-President: C. O. Jett, Portland; Secretary-Treasurer: C. P. Ferguson, Old Hickory.

**HAWAII:** Groups in Hawaii have made use of National Federation publications for a number of years. Recently, some of these group leaders offered their services to the National Federation in preparing material about training in Ju Jitsu. One of the specialists in this sport is S. Kufferath of Honolulu. In a recent letter he states: "I now write to say that I will not be available for the proposed work until after the war is won since I am offering the army my Ju Jitsu ability. When the violence of war is over, I shall be happy to hear from you. Aloha!"

**NEW YORK:** The New York State Public High School Athletic Association has become increasingly active in connection with the organization of committees for each of the major sports and the sponsoring of a series of meetings for each such sport. At a recent meeting of the state football committee, statewide coverage by a series of meetings was planned. Local meetings will follow a statewide meeting of leaders to be held at Syracuse during the latter part of August. Chairman Kurt Beyer, Secretary John K. Archer and football committee chairman William H. Elder are devoting much effort to the promotion of efficient work along these lines.

The May issue of the bulletin issued by the New York Department of Public Instruction is devoted to activities of the State Athletic Association. It is crammed with interesting and valuable information relative to activities and policies.

**CALIFORNIA:** The spring election of the California Interscholastic Federation resulted in the reelection of President Harry J. Moore and Secretary Arthur B. Ingham. The athletic benefit statistics show that a total of 37,843 high school students were covered by the athletic protection plan. By action of the board of directors, girls may be enrolled in the athletic protection plan and the fee will be the same as for boys. The California plan includes a B and C schedule and the fee for each type of coverage is as follows:

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## Muscles For Victory

Resolved: Competitive sports, such as basketball, track and football, are better for general body conditioning than are scientifically applied calisthenics, relays and other forms of individual exercises.

PRO—As coaches and physical directors turn their attention to planning physical fitness programs for the post-war period, it seems likely that emphasis will be placed on sports rather than calisthenics and apparatus work.

While many educators have long felt the value of play in conditioning the body, its worth was not proved until recently, when a group of army inductees were tested and found to be physically unfit. Then the group was divided and half were conditioned by participating in games—basketball, baseball, football, etc. The other half were conditioned by work on parallel bars, ropes and various other devices. At the end of the training period the group trained by sports were actually in better physical con-

dition than those trained on apparatus.

The sports program seems to offer an incentive in the spirit of competition and also develops leadership and initiative that are impossible with the regimented and unpopular method of giving monotonous exercises and apparatus drill.

CON—It is true, of course, that due to human nature, young men will enter into competitive types of sports with a much more enthusiastic attitude than that with which they would enter into calisthenics, mat work and other forms of rigorous body conditioning.

Following this theory, instructor Ricketts has greatly "softened" the physical education given this year in the boys' gymnasium classes. Many had objected to last year's rough type of training, saying that it was dangerous and harmful. Fact is that it was no more dangerous than any preceding year, and the accident rate was no higher.

An interesting experiment was undertaken by Stanford University in early 1942 which is worth repeating here. Previous to the time of this experiment, physical education had not been a required subject at Stanford. Those boys who were enrolled in it did pretty much as they pleased, taking part in such activities as track sports, baseball, tennis, basketball and football. In the experiment, administered by trained army personnel, all male students of Stanford (who were certainly no weaker than the average college student throughout America) were given a series of physical fitness tests. The results were, in the words of the army men, "appalling."

After an intensive ten-week training program, encompassing calisthenics, guerrilla exercises, combatives, road and cross-country running, relay races—in short, one hour of intensive exercises every day, six days a week, for ten weeks—the students averaged fifty per cent higher on all the above mentioned tests. Illness on the campus was decreased to nil.

—Parsons High School,  
Parsons, Kansas





## National Federation News and Views

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	SCHEDULE	"B"	"C"
(a) Full coverage for the school year on all approved sports during season of sport .....		\$2.00	\$4.00
(b) Coverage for football, including American football (6 or 11), touch-football, soccer, speedball and rugby, during season. (Football season closes with Christmas vacation) .....		\$1.50	3.50
(c) Any or all other approved sports except as in (b) above .....		\$1.00	\$2.00

**KENTUCKY:** The Kentucky Association resumed sponsorship of a state high school baseball tournament. This tournament had been discontinued because of lack of interest in 1943.

Among the by-laws adopted at the spring meeting of the Kentucky Association was the following: "Any student who has reached draft age and who has been given occupational deferment shall be ineligible during the time of such deferment to participate in high school athletics."

**ILLINOIS:** As the result of an unusually successful series of basketball tournaments, the state association sent each member school a check for \$15.00 for each game in which it participated during the series of tournaments. Since it was possible for a school to have participated in a total of 12 games during the series, this resulted in a possible total of \$180.00 for a school. The total amount distributed in this way was \$23,307.17.

**NATIONAL FEDERATION HANDBOOK.** A new edition of the National Federation Handbook containing the constitution and by-laws, statistical material and a directory of executive officers and state board of control members has been published. Ten copies of the publication were sent to each state association for distribution to state board of control members. Additional copies may be secured from the national office at ten cents per copy to partially cover cost of printing.

**ALABAMA:** For several years, Alabama has been interested in promoting activity connected with an athletic accident benefit plan. A special committee has been working on the problem for several months and they will make recommendation at the next annual meeting. The members of the committee are C. W. Phillips, Birmingham, Chairman, O. B. Hodges, Lent Brewster, J. E. O'Brien and O. P. Mitchell.

The committee is making a comparison of the possibilities in cooperating with an insurance company such as the Illinois Mutual Casualty Company and those in connection with the setting up of a plan in the state association office.

**INDIANA:** Because of an epidemic of problems growing out of professional baseball club solicitation of high school athletes, the Indiana Council adopted the following rule relative to amateurism:

"A high school student shall be considered as violating his amateur standing who participates in athletic activities, schools, try-outs, practices and games held or sponsored by professional athletic organizations, clubs, or their representatives during the season of a sport or between the seasons of a sport."

### After The Ball Was Over

The football game was over, and at the parlor grate,

A maiden and a long-haired youth were lingering rather late.

They talked of punts and drop-kicks, but found it rather tame,

Till Cupid put his nose-guard on, and butted in the game.

Quote he, "It's mighty funny if I don't arrange a match."

So he lined the couple up and made them toe the scratch

The youth was growing nervous 'neath the weight of new found bliss,

And he kind of thought the scrimmage ought to end up with a kiss.

He charged upon the center and tackled left and right,

And the way he held the chair for downs was simply out of sight;

And he tried an osculation—just an amateur affair—

Eut lost it in a fumble and instead it struck the air.

Then he landed on her ear, and heard the maiden say,

"You're penalized for holding, likewise for offside play."

With set teeth he tried another, this time succeeding fine;

### Ambition For Fishin'

Give me a lake—

Just any old lake—

A stream, a pond, or a brook

Where fish that are tame

Logy or game

Will bite at a baited hook,

A rod and a reel

And, if needed, a creel

Depending on what I'm to fish for,

Time off from my work,

From duties that irk,

I also hopefully wish for.

Then give me a guy—

A peace-loving guy—

Who thrills at the strike of a trout,

Who, if luck isn't right

And we don't get a bite,

Won't let his patience run out—

Give me tackle and bait,

Some water, a mate,

No work, and you couldn't procure

My place in the sun

For gold by the ton

I'd rather just fish and stay poor.

—Orville E. Reed.



## Referees' Corner

With King Football firmly seated on the throne and Crown Prince Basketball waiting for his chance to rule the time is at hand when the coaches look over the prospective crop of officials available for service and begin lining them up for games.

In order to assure themselves and Kentucky the highest type of officiating it becomes necessary for coaches to check the credentials of all officials to make certain that they are registered with the K. H. S. A. A. and eligible to work.

Last season there were numerous instances of men working games over the state who had not registered with the association. This practice was not only unfair to officials, who had conformed with the by-laws and registered, but also made for an inferior type of officiating since an unregistered official many times failed to provide himself with rule books, which are supplied on registration, and rarely attended a clinic where the finer points of game procedure were discussed.

Many states require officials to show their cards before each game in order that everyone concerned may know that he is qualified and in good standing. This is an extreme measure but it does get results. It should not, however, be necessary in Kentucky if all men, desiring to officiate, cooperate by registering and coaches insist that the officials they use hold a Kentucky Official's card.

On a beautiful Sunday this month Sally Willis, daughter of Governor Willis, sponsored an LST launched in the Ohio from the Jeffersonville Boat Yard. On that occasion the Governor expressed his surprise and pleasure at seeing so many Kentuckians among the Jeff Boat workmen.

A closer glance would have spotted quite

a few Kentucky coaches and school men watching their last launching preparatory to returning to their first love, Kentucky schools. In spite of the high wages these men were earning building LST craft, all was forgotten when a fresh breeze from the Kentucky side of the river filled the Boat Yard air with football and a promise of basketball soon to follow.

Paul Walker, former Anchorage coach working in Jeff Boat as an electrician, took one sniff of that breeze and hied himself off to Portsmouth, Ohio, to begin football practice at his new post; Taylor McCoy checked in his time-keeping records and bought a bus ticket for Park City to take up his principal's duties there and, incidentally, to begin construction of some out door practice basketball goals; Kenneth Lam, one of Kentucky's basketball officials, said, "Goodbye" to the welding gang he has been leading for two years to head for Bedford where he will guide the destinies of that school while Delbert Wagoner, checker, announced his intention of going back to coaching. These men are only a few of the number coming back to feel the thrill of combat again on the gridiron and the hardwood.

Money doesn't talk now. Football is in the air with basketball soon to follow. "Nuff Sed."

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"Referees' Corner", a column which will appear in the Kentucky High School Athlete this season will carry news of officials of every section of Kentucky, rulings on various play situations which will arise, and stories of unusual interest coming from the various fields of sport.

The co-operation of Kentucky officials in making this column one of value and interest is solicited. Send your news and stories to Charlie Vettiner, 205 Esplanade, Kenwood Village, Louisville (8), Ky.



# *Sports Shines As Community War Memorals*

NOTE: This is a condensation of an article by George M. Trautman who is chairman of the new War Memorial Commission of the National Physical Fitness Committee. Mr. Trautman may be better known as the president of the American Association of Professional Baseball Clubs.

"America is great because she is virile and daring. As a young nation, we must zealously guard these elements of our greatness.

"When World War II came, it found America in an era of 'great champions' during which most of us worshipped from the grandstand and bleachers. Our men were not ready and as a result much valuable time was lost in preparing them for the necessary military routine. Messages like the following began to wake us up. From the President in 1940: 'America is getting soft—if we are to survive we cannot be soft in a world in which there are dangers.' Secretary of Navy, Frank Knox: 'Whenever a nation becomes incapable for physical reasons of maintaining itself in this world, its freedom will be destroyed.' From Hitler: 'America is soft, it will be easy—a prey, big, soft, fat and rich.' Then came ringing words from our military leaders—Sir Harold Alexander, Commanding General of the British Desert Army, 'The physical fitness of an army is one of the most important battle winning factors

in modern war.' Admiral Halsey—'We must have steel—more steel for our ships, but for God's sake send us iron men to man them.' And finally, from General Douglas MacArthur—'On the fields of friendly strife are sown the seeds which in other years on other fields, will bear the fruits of victory.'

"With this picture in mind, let us be sure that it never happens to us again. Let us build living war memorials this time. We can dedicate ourselves to the task of making our country physically fit. Each community can build swimming pools, athletic fields, sports arenas, tennis courts, and provide the equipment for many other activities of a desirable nature. Our major job is to provide adequate facilities properly manned and supervised so each member of the community has an opportunity to use them.

We can best insure a strong sturdy race in this manner, and can we think of any better way to prepare for any crisis which may face us in the future. On projects of this nature every single force in a community has a common meeting ground.

"Our shafts of steel, bronze, marble, stone, etc., are an admirable acknowledgment to the great men and women and the valorous deeds of the past.

"Our proposed living War Memorials for community physical fitness are a vital living contribution to a strong America of tomorrow."



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# The Football In 1944

The current football season will present many problems which grow out of manpower shortage, equipment limitations and transportation difficulties. Despite these problems, there is reason to believe that schoolmen will prove to be as resourceful as ever and that football activity will be continued on a scale at least as great as that of last year. Under current conditions, rugged sports of this type are a valuable part of any school physical training program.

Inventive athletic directors and coaches will find ways of keeping the game adapted to conditions which will prevail during the current season. This is an election year and it is safe to assume that some of the football activities will be geared to events which always accompany an election year. Appropriate ceremonies which do not involve the school in any partisan activity are in order and football games are a good medium for staging such activities. This is also a war year and bond buying, honoring ceremonies and other patriotic services can be promoted through the medium of football contests. This is also a year which is to be designated "Physical Fitness Special Emphasis Year." Mass demonstrations of fitness activities belong logically with events such as football games. Alert leaders of athletic departments will take advantage of all of these opportunities to make the season interesting and effective.

## A PROGRESSIVE FOOTBALL CODE

The code which governs high school football has been kept progressive and continually adapted to present needs. The liberal forward passing and kicking rules insure plenty of open field action and provide rapid action during the entire time the ball is in play. This applies even when the game is between two teams which are far from expert, as is the case in those schools where only a very limited amount of time can be taken in training the team regulars and where only the actual fundamentals of the game can be mastered by the team.

The 1944 rules are little different from those of last year. Most of the differences are in simplifying the code and in making it more logical.

**About Free-Kicks:** The football code provides a simple type of administration for the three free-kicks (kick-off, kick after safety and kick after fair catch).

All rules which apply to one of these free-kicks also apply to the other two. In newspaper discussions there has been much space devoted to the evil connected with purposely free-kicking the ball out of bounds. In the Federation code this is not a problem because it was taken care of several years ago when the rules gave the receivers the right to take the ball on their 40 yard line and when they prescribed that it is illegal to bat a kick (even backward). Prior to this year, there was one remaining illogical rule connected with the free-kick. This provided that if a free-kick was short, i. e., did not cross R's restraining line, the kick was made again without any assessment of a distance penalty. This was an exception to the general rule that illegally putting the ball into play in any other situation connected with the snap or free-kick involved a five yard penalty. The 1944 rule takes care of this situation by prescribing loss of 5 yards for a short free-kick.

**What is Encroachment?** Officials and coaches will receive some assistance in determining what constitutes encroachment on the neutral zone. This aid comes from the redrafted Rule 8-1-3 and the related definition of "neutral zone" in 2-9-3. Under the new wording, Officials are instructed to consider it encroachment if a player charges into the neutral zone before the snap and if such charge results in: his touching of an opponent; or the snapper delaying the snap; or causing an opponent to charge. This is not an actual change in procedure. It merely harmonizes the rule with what has been considered good practice by the best officials. In this connection, a few questions always arise as to whether there can be a double off-side and as to the difference between encroachment and offside. The only time there can be a double offside is when two opponents simultaneously charge into the neutral zone and remain there until the snap is made. If two opponents are in the neutral zone too soon and one entered before the other, the first player to enter is charged with encroachment and the other player is not charged with a foul. As far as the difference between encroachment and offside is concerned, it is primarily a question of the time the Official decides that the offender has committed a foul. If only one

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player is in the neutral zone too soon, it is customary to permit him an opportunity to return to legal position and if he has not done this by the time the ball is snapped, he is guilty of being offside (not of encroaching). Either act draws a penalty of five yards but the encroachment foul causes the ball to remain dead while the offside foul permits the ball to go into play and the whistle is not blown until the down ends.

**When Does a Batted, Fumbled or Handed Ball Become a Forward Pass?** The term "pass" was originally intended to cover a situation where a player in possession threw the ball so that the ball traveled a visible distance in the air between players. Since the original adoption of the term, there have been certain borderline developments which have made it necessary to make the term "pass" apply to certain other situations. In the case of a batted ball, it has been necessary to prescribe that if a backward pass or fumble in flight is batted forward by the offensive team, the bat is considered a forward pass. The primary purpose of this is to prevent a team from gaining ground by deliberately batting a loose ball forward out of bounds or into the hands of a teammate. Likewise, it has been necessary to prescribe that if a ball is intentionally fumbled forward, the so-called "fumble" is really a "throw" and hence is a forward pass which is always illegal if made by a player who is beyond his scrimmage line. As far as handing the ball forward is concerned, it is considered a forward pass even though the ball does not travel through the air between players. However, this does not apply to the situation where the ball is handed (not thrown) forward to an eligible A player who is on or behind the line or to an ineligible A player who has properly turned and is one yard behind the line when he touches the ball. This is to permit more ball handling behind the line. The exception does not apply to a ball which is handed forward by B or to a ball which is handed forward by A in such a way that the ball is beyond the line of scrimmage before it leaves the hand of the passer. In actual practice, the 1944 rule in this respect is practically the same as that of past years. A slight difference is in the fact that an eligible player does not need to be one yard behind his line when he receives a handed pass. Such eligible player may be on the line, provided the hands of the passer are removed before the ball has crossed the line. Theoretically, this gives the eligible player slightly more liberty than he enjoyed last year as far as receiving a handed pass is concerned.

**Editorial Differences:** Other slight changes are of an editorial nature and these have resulted in improved organization of the code and in convenient tables which facilitate rules study.

Over the past 12 years, the high school football organization machinery has functioned efficiently

and effectively. A progressive National Football Committee has produced an excellent code of rules under which inventive coaches and directors have been able to make the game for each successive season more attractive, of greater value to the school fitness program and better adapted to the high school boy. The code of 1944 shows the same progressive policies.

## Muller's 70-Yard Pass Showed West Grid Power

BY RED GRANGE

The Original Man-In-Motion

When Brick Muller threw his famous 70-yard pass to Brodie Stephens on the one-yard line in the California-Ohio State game in the Rose Bowl Jan. 1, 1921, officials accepted it as the record. The longest completed pass in the history of the college game, they called it.

It was that, in more ways than one. For instance, the pass sailed all the way into the elite east, crashed through the cloistered windows of the sanctum of Walter Camp's All-America team, which until then smugly ignored western football, and made Brick Muller the first man west of the Rockies to crash the coveted eleven.

Today, Dr. Harold P. Muller eminent physician, deprecates the toss that lifted him to football immortality. He prefers to be remembered as a pretty good all-round end. He was that, and more. Brick was a good enough broad and high jumper to make the Olympic team in 1920, could run like a hare and was a mighty good baseball and basketball player.

It was in throwing a football, however, that Muller stood in a class by himself.

Prior to the game, Muller, then 19, 6-2, 188, lank and limber sophomore with long arms, red hair and hands that resembled bunches of bananas, gave an exhibition of ball tossing. Standing on his 20-yard line, he repeatedly hit receivers on the goal line 80 yards distant.

On the play preceding Muller's sensational pass in the second quarter of the 26-0 rout of Ohio State, Archie Nesbit, California fullback, tried a plunge through the line. The Golden Bears lined up hurriedly. Nesbit at center and George Latham, regular center, taking Muller's place at end, Brick going into the backfield.

Nesbit snapped the ball to halfback Pesky Sprott, who ran to his right, shoveled the ball back to Muller. Retreating and reversing to his left, Brick cued back and sent the ball sailing like a small dirigible diagonally to Left End Brodie Stephens on the one yard line. Brodie stepped over for the score.

At first the crowd couldn't believe its eyes. Pete Stinchcomb, playing safety, thought Stephens was merely a decoy, he was so far away, and ignored him. He couldn't believe anybody could throw a ball that far. There wasn't an Ohio State man within 30 yards of Brodie when he caught the ball.

Later in the game Muller passed almost as far to Shrimp Hall, but the toss was disallowed because Latham failed to get to Muller's end position before the ball was snapped and there were only six men on the line of scrimmage. He threw a football as if it were a baseball, with great speed and accuracy.

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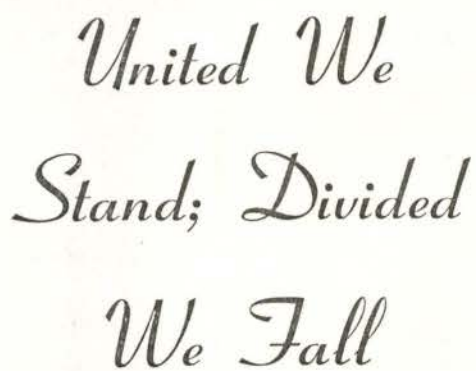
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