

Rules Committee Will End Its Deliberation Today Making Few Alterations

Football Body Expected To Make All Free Pigskins, Recovered By The Defense, Dead At Point Of Recovery

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NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—(INS)—A football rule which is recovered by the opponents in a dead ball on the point of recovery. This was the outstanding change in the country's football rules as decided upon today by the rules committee following a week-end of heavy conferences. Under the new rule, which has been anticipated, the fumbling team merely loses the ball and no more. The same rule was made to a fumbled kickoff or of a fumbled free kick. The rule, however, does not apply to blocked kicks.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Football is due to emerge from the anesthetic this afternoon, at which time, according to annual custom, the surgical bandages will be unbound and the convalescents presented to its friends for purposes of 1923 identification. The latter often is a bit difficult after the rules committee has performed a few minor operations like the amputation of a superfluous arm or leg. Sometimes, indeed, the patient comes rolling out of the operating room with an arm and leg too many. That is, the incident, though about the whole business. Your out of five is the proper ratio and even your best friends won't tell you.

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They said, as a matter of fact, that they considered football to be a pretty good game as it was and that they expected to leave it that way, in effect if not in actuality. However, a year or two ago they told us everything was Jacob and they went into the dark room and drew themselves a lot of picture post cards of lateral passes and goal posts on the end zones, so regardless of assurances that approximately nothing was to be done in a great big way, one is forced to await the verdict with some degree of apprehension.

Apparently there is something about sitting on the rules committee that makes men wish to see the fly and snout the nose. In our ignorance of what has transpired, we can do no less than expect the worst. Maybe they have decided that kicking on fourth down is a misdemeanor. Maybe they have drafted a rule making it illegal to strangle an opponent except with the hands. Maybe they got smart and did nothing.

Anyhow, their findings will be made known at the appointed hour today and everybody is hoping for the best because the committee's findings have to be football's leopards for the ensuing season at least.

Doctor Tigert Sees Opportunities For Rivalry Of Schools
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
Feb. 18.—Special.—Unusual possibilities for cooperation and friendly rivalry between colleges and universities of this state are seen by Dr. J. J. Tigert, the University of Florida's new president.

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WEALTH WILL BE CONSPICUOUS AT BIG MIAMI FIGHT

Galaxy Of Illuminaries Will Be Present To See "Strib", Sharkey

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Feb. 18.—(INS)—Jack Dempsey, promoting his first fight, the Sharkey-Stribling bout, which will be staged in a tropical setting on the night of Feb. 27, is preparing to play the role of host to the most distinguished gathering that ever sat in a ring-side in this country.

"The battle of the Everglades" already is a financial success, Dempsey declared today in announcing that receipts have passed the \$262,000 mark, the amount necessary to be taken in for the show to "break even." Money is rolling into the box office, by every mail and Dempsey is now talking of a gate of at least \$500,000. He is even betting some fancy tuxedos that way.

Dempsey's enthusiasm grows as he reads the names. Millionaires from various parts of the country are asking him to take care of them, and their party. Harry S. Firestone, the multi-millionaire rubber magnate, wants to purchase 20 ringside tickets. Edsel Ford, son of Henry Ford, is already on the ground and he will have a party of 14.

Charles S. Sablin, New York banker, has sent notice that he is coming. So is William Kewer, president of the Great Northern Railroad, who has a party of 12. Glenn Curtis, the airplane manufacturer, will have a party of 15. R. R. Olive, vice-president of the Southern Railway, will take in the fight. Pat Joyce, of Chicago, notified Dempsey that he will bring a trainload of fans. Carl Fisher has put in a reservation for 40 tickets. Jimmy Walker, Irving Berlin, George M. Cohan, from Caste McLaughlin, President Baldwin of the Missouri Pacific, John J. Fitzgerald, former mayor of Boston, Barney Gimbel and John Ringling, the circus man, are a few of the others who will witness the spectacle.

Flamingo Park arena, a wooden octagonal structure has been completed. As it now stands it will seat 35,000 persons. William P. Carey, vice-president of Madison Square Garden, who is co-operating with Dempsey in staging the fight has on the ground lumber for the seating of 7,000 more. Carey is an experienced railroad builder and can put up additional seats overnight.

Special trains will be run into Miami next week for the fight. At least 1,000 fans are expected to come by boat from Havana. There will be at least two special trains from New York, two from Boston, and one each from New Orleans, Chicago, Detroit, Kansas City, Tampa, Savannah, Atlanta, and Macon, Ga., the home of Young Stribling.

The ring is on its way from Madison Square Garden, New York. The fighters are training in earnest. The influx of newspapermen is increasing steadily, and everything is moving toward the grand climax which will take place when the Boston goliath and the Macon heavyweight championship aspirants climb through the ropes in a setting unique in pugilistic history.

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SPORT REVIEW



SHARKEY CAMP IS DISTURBED OVER 'STRIps' TACTICS
Fears Georgian Is Developing Low Punch To Use In Big Fight

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Feb. 18.—(INS)—In the midst of pointing with pride to Jack Sharkey's general condition and present boxing form, Johnny Luckey is now warning with a grimace the poor sim of William Lawrence Stribling in the daily battling practice at Hardie's Casino. Johnny thinks that Stribling is rehearsing an illegal delivery that may cause the battle of Biscayne Bay to break up in a free-for-all fight.

"He better come clean with Sharkey," grimly declares Luckey, "or he will get a taste of my own medicine. Sharkey is not a foul fighter and is down here to win on his merits. He doesn't wrestle and he doesn't hit low. If there is an unsatisfactory outcome to this fight you can bet he won't be to blame. If Stribling opens up and gives Jack a real battle he won't go the limit."

Stribling has been experimenting with a long left, a combination hook and uppercut and has already wounded two of his sparring partners several times by hitting low. He has developed a habit of laying back, with both arms dangling at his side, and then leaning in and bringing the left up. It is an awkward move, the way he delivers it, and it travels in a low trajectory. Several times he has not raised it high enough and the result is a shot to the groin.

Working out yesterday at his beach camp, Stribling again pumped those low lefts into Tony Fucito and didn't even stop to apologize. That was the third time Tony has been hit by the belt. None were incapacitating blows, but a strict referee could easily call them fouls. Johnny Bell, another sparring partner, has been wounded twice in the same way. The Sharkey camp doesn't exactly get the drift of Stribling's punch scattering and are commenting on it with much bitterness.

The only explanation seems to be that Stribling is being coached to perfect a body attack at long range—something entirely foreign to his customary style of moving in close and hitting with one hand. Evidently the impression that Sharkey "cannot take them there" still prevails.

Yesterday Paul Cavalier, New Jersey heavyweight, was added to the Stribling ensemble and gave

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By Burriss Jenkins Jr.



Akron Offers First School In Flying
AKRON, Feb. 18.—(INS)—Akron University has just announced the first commercial flying school in the country, offering courses in the theory and mechanics of aviation, which will be started in conjunction with an air service company here.

More than \$10,000 has been voted to start the University school by the newly organized industrial foundation. The school and the associated company will teach actual flying and operate a commercial aviation service.

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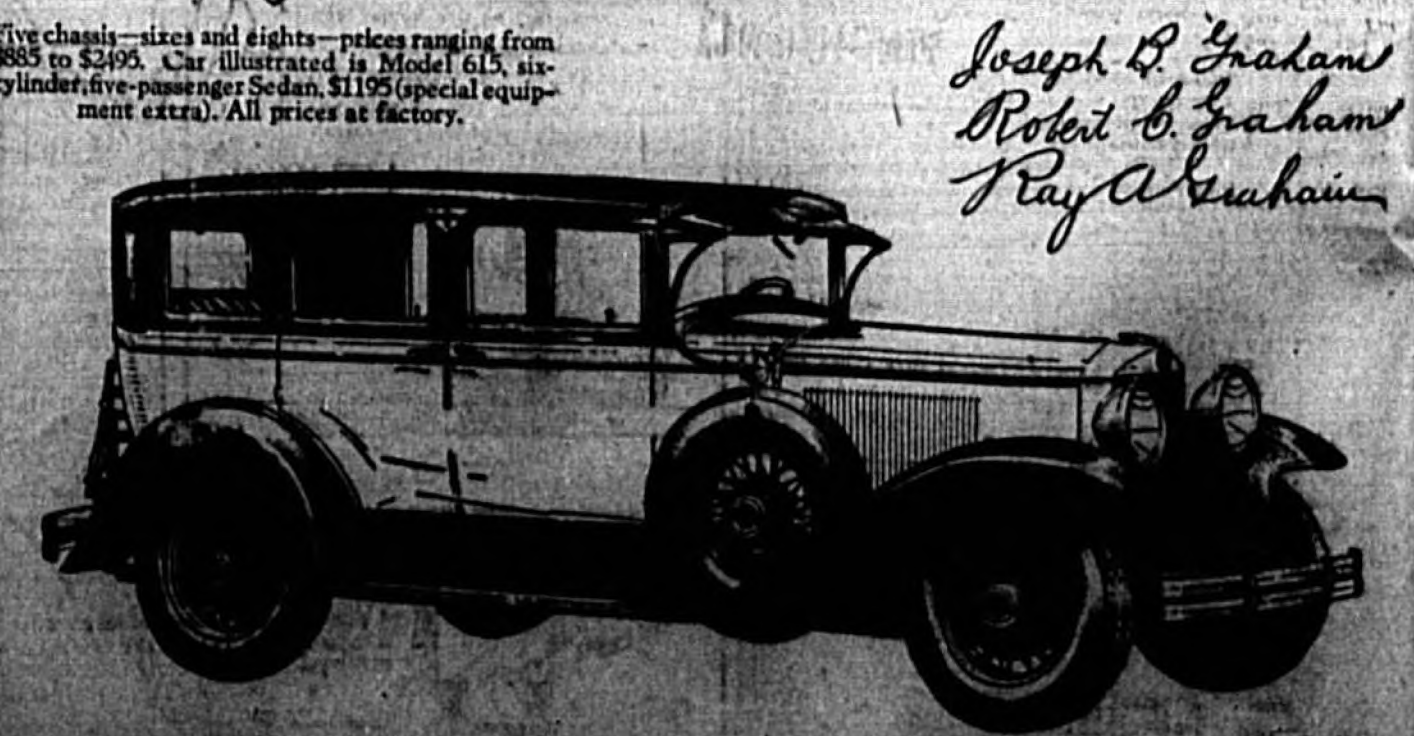
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