

Shraluka's Slants

By Bob Shraluka

In(niger) Like Flinn

When the football season concludes, Peru coach Bob Larson may send a card of thanks to Berne Mayor Richard Lehman, asking him to express Peru's thanks to the city of Berne. Larson started the season with several good prospects and then a bonus came along from Beartown in the form of a lad named Rick Inniger. Rick has played two sterling games back-to-back now and the Peru Tigers are unbeaten, with four wins and a tie in five games.

Peru, Oak Hill, North Miami and Maconaquah high schools have a "Player of the Week" named by their coaches each week, and these boys are featured in the Peru Tribune. Inniger had played just four games for Peru, an already received such an honor. Now a senior, Inniger won a starting spot at corner back with the defensive unit, despite the fact that the position had four lettermen returning from last season. Coach Larson said after the game that Inniger was his outstanding player in the September 25 victory over Twin Lakes.

We got our hands on a Peru paper, and here was what sports editor Kent Dove had to say: "Inniger started slowly this season, but has come along quickly and is now displaying the form the Peru coaches were hoping for. The adjustment from his old pattern of football to the Larson system was one which took place gradually, but Inniger has learned well. He hits with authority, having eight tackles and three follow ups last Friday."

Of course, everyone remembers Erv Inniger, as good a basketball player as Adams County ever produced. Erv's at Indiana U. now and has a good shot at a starting guard position, though just a sophomore. The Inniger family moved to Peru from Berne this summer when Erv Sr. took a job there. One of the nicest families we know is the Inniger clan, and between Rick and Erv, the name is getting to be quite well-known throughout the state!

If there is one thing that rubs this writer wrong, its rules makers who have to change rules just for the sake of doing something. No one ever knows from one year to the next what the college football substitution rule is, and about the time you learn one, it has been changed. The 1964 version permits unlimited substitution when the clock is stopped, and allows only two men to enter the game when the clock is running.

It sounds simple, but now that the coaches have got to test it, they have the rulemakers worrying. Most coaches are doing this: when fourth down comes up with the clock running and the offensive team on the field, the quarterback uses too much time in the huddle and gets a five-yard penalty—and the clock stopped—allowing the defensive specialists to come out for the punting situation. This delays the game and has got the rule-boys worrying about fan reaction. Two and a half minutes were wasted in a recent game when the ball was changing hands.

We never could see why they just don't allow unlimited substitution. This lets a team have its 11 best defensive players, or 11 best offensive players; on the field when they are needed, which makes for a more skillful game. Who wants to see a good passing quarterback get run over trying to make a tackle.

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Over 200 Boys In PP&K

Registration for tomorrow's P. P. & K. competition will remain open until 9 o'clock tonight, sponsor Harry Schwartz Ford Co., on U. S. 224 west, until that time, and must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

More than 200 local boys have registered for Thursday night's 4th annual Punt, Pass & Kick competition at Worthman Field. Harry Schwartz, of the sponsoring Schwartz Ford Co., said this morning.

A check of the total number of boys signed up showed that over 200 will be participating in the annual competition Thursday evening at Worthman Field.

This number includes boys ranging in age from eight through 13, as 12 and 13-year-old age groups were added to this year's competition.

Start At 7

All boys who are entered should report to Worthman Field no later than the 7 o'clock starting

time, Schwartz said. Schwartz and the co-sponsoring Decatur High School Booster Club will assist competition director Bob Worthman in conducting the competition tomorrow night.

Boys winning the competition in the first three age groups, 8, 9, and 10, will receive warm-up jackets similar to those used by National Football League teams.

Each runner-up in those three age groups will win a place-kicker outfit, while third place finishers will be awarded official footballs autographed by the best NFL punters, passers and kickers.

Receive Trophies

Boys winning the three oldest groups competition will win gold silver and bronze trophies, for first through third places. A total of 18 prizes will be awarded.

Scores of the Decatur winners will be compared with other winners to determine the six best scores in each of 362 Ford zones.

Next stop for these zones winners will be competitions in each of the 37 Ford districts where 222 District champs will receive trophies.

From the 222 champions, 103 boys with the best scores will be selected as Area winners. The 163 area winners, top 12 in each of the 14 NFL game areas, will attend an NFL game (with their parents) to compete for the 12 national finalists honors. The finalists will then get to go with their parents on a "Tour of Champions" to Washington, D. C., and will attend the NFL championship game, at which they will compete for the national P. P. & K. championships.

In Own Groups

Decatur boys will compete only against others in their age groups in punting, passing and place-kicking skills Thursday night. No special equipment is needed and there will be no body contact in the competition.

Points will be awarded for each

foot of distance the ball travels on the fly, and points will be subtracted for each foot the ball lands to the left or right of a center line.

Boys registering have already received several gifts, including a booklet of football tips written by Green Bay Packer quarterback Bart Starr, Detroit Lions punter Yale Lary, Cleveland Browns' Toe Groza, and New York Giant Brown place-kicker Lou Tittle. The booklet also contains bodybuilding calisthenic tips by Stan Musial.

Each participant also will receive a safety reflector for his bike, a P. P. & K. patch for his jacket and a P. P. & K. cap.

Punt, Pass & Kick is sponsored nationally by Ford leaders and the National Football League. This will be the fourth year for the competition in Decatur, with Schwartz Ford sponsoring the competition each year.

The Final Tally

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	NY	Chi	Bit	Det	LA	Cle	Min	Bos	Was	KC	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	—	8	13	9	10	12	10	11	9	12	12	12	.568	—
Cincinnati	10	—	9	7	9	4	8	12	12	11	9	7	.568	1
Philadelphia	5	9	—	10	8	10	10	12	13	15	9	7	.556	3
San. Fran.	9	11	8	—	9	12	10	9	11	11	9	7	.556	5
Milwaukee	8	9	10	9	—	10	12	10	6	14	8	7	.543	5
Los Ang.	10	4	8	6	8	—	10	8	11	15	8	8	.494	13
Pittsburgh	6	10	8	8	6	8	—	9	13	12	8	8	.494	13
Chicago	6	6	6	9	9	10	9	—	11	11	7	6	.469	17
Houston	8	6	5	7	12	7	5	7	—	9	6	6	.407	27
New York	7	7	3	7	4	3	6	7	9	—	53	109	.327	40

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	St. L	Cin	Pha	SF	Mil	LA	Pgh	Cai	Hou	NY	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	—	12	8	10	11	15	10	9	12	12	99	63	.611	—
Chicago	6	—	8	11	10	12	9	14	12	16	98	64	.605	1
Baltimore	10	10	—	11	11	8	10	11	13	13	97	65	.599	2
Detroit	—	8	7	—	10	7	11	13	11	11	85	77	.525	14
Los Ang.	7	8	7	8	—	9	12	9	10	12	82	80	.506	17
Cleveland	3	6	10	11	9	—	10	9	11	10	79	83	.488	20
Minnesota	8	9	8	7	6	8	—	13	11	9	79	83	.488	20
Boston	9	4	7	9	5	9	5	—	12	12	72	90	.444	27
Washn.	6	6	5	7	8	7	7	6	—	10	62	100	.383	37
Kan. City	6	2	5	7	6	8	9	6	8	—	57	105	.352	42

W.L. Pts.

	W	L	Pts.
Villa Lanes	11	7	16
Baker Plumbing	11	7	15
Girardots	11	7	15
New York Life	11	7	15
Jack & Jerry's	10	8	13
Lengerichs	8	10	10
Main Auto	7	11	8
K. C. of C.	3	3	4
High games	—	Don Mouray	4
201; Father Blank	201	High series	4
Paul Kohne 548; Don Mouray 509; Joe Kohne 507; Don Mouray 500.	—	Team 10	3
Team 13	3	3	4
Team 3	2	4	3
Team 6	2	4	3
Team 1	2	4	2
Team 11	2	4	2
Team 8	1	5	1
High games: D. Lindeman 236; L. Reel 229; J. Lindeman 207; R. Ripley 202.	—	Team 1	2

W.L. Pts.

	W	L	Pts.
Stevy Bottling	10	2	13
Nine Mile Lumber	9	3	12
Post Office	8	4	11
Ashbaucher's	8	4	11
Casting Co. No. 1	8	4	11
Paul Myers Auto	8	4	10
Snyder's Enco	7	5	10
Ballett's Rest	7	5	9
Elks 993	6	6	8
Citizens Toll	6	6	8
HiWay Trailer	5	7	7
Zoss Chev-Buick	4	8	6