



SPORTS...

By Eddie Ash

IN a letter addressed to sports writers of the Middle West, John L. Griffith, Big Ten commissioner, called attention to the fact that a great many suggestions are passed on to the members of the N. C. A. A. football rules committee each year regarding changes designed to improve the grid sport.

It seems that back in 1938, and again in 1941, the chairman of the Football Coaches association rules committee reported that the coaches felt that there was an equal balance between offense and defense and recommended that no changes be made in the rules.

Last summer, however, a move was started down East with the idea of changing the rules to help the offense. Some of the eastern universities have played under these changed rules, such as permitting a run with a fumbled ball, permitting a pass anywhere behind the line of scrimmage and other means of aiding the offense.

Plenty of Scoring in Middle West

The Middle West has adhered to the N. C. A. A. rules, and the coaches in this section have been able to develop offensive plays that will score under the rules that have been in effect now for a good many years.

Clearly this has been an offensive year. . . . In 1943, in the first 11 games, Western Conference teams, in conference games, scored 339 points. . . . In 1944, in 11 games, conference teams scored 360 points. . . . In 1943, the total net yards gained, per game, were 1872, and this year, in the same number of games, the teams have advanced the ball 2251 yards.

It may be interesting to know that in 1943, 1373 yards were made by rushing, and in 1944, 1675 were made by rushing. . . . In 1943, 499 yards were made by passing, and this year, 576 yards were made by passing.

Touchdowns Come in Swift Fashion

BIG SCORES have been common this year. . . . For instance, last Saturday, in the Ohio-Minnesota game, the score was 34 to 14; Michigan-Purdue, 40 to 14; Great Lakes-Wisconsin, 40 to 12.

Big scores are not to be found only here in the Middle West, but in the other sections of the country as well. . . . Army beat Duke, 27 to 7. . . . Tulane beat S. M. U., 27 to 7. . . . The score of the Nebraska-Missouri game was 24 to 20 and of the Oklahoma Aggies and Tulsa, 46 to 40.

THE COACH who has a losing team wishes that the rules committee would change the rules so as to make it possible for him and his team to score more points. . . . Apparently, however, the offense doesn't need any help from the rules committee as far as the other coaches are concerned.

In this connection, the crowds in the Middle West bear mute testimony that the people in this section of the country, at least, find college football interesting.

THE Hoosier Big Three schedule next week: Purdue at Northwestern, Indiana at Minnesota, Notre Dame vs. West Point Army at New York. . . . Last fall Notre Dame defeated Army, 26 to 0. . . . Purdue did not meet Northwestern in 1943, and Indiana and Minnesota did not collide.

Luckman's Famed Right Arm May Give Bears Upset Victory

CHICAGO, Nov. 4 (U. P.)—The famed right arm of Ensign Sid Luckman still holds sway over the presence of Luckman.

The Chicago Bears and the Green Bay Packers, those two ancient rivals, meet tomorrow for the second time this season before a sellout crowd of some 45,000 at Wrigley Field, and the presence of Luckman

ministered by the Packers—Chicago may pull an upset due to Luckman still holds sway over the presence of Luckman.

The league's most valuable player, Luckman is still a feared ball player whether he is in football or maritime service uniform. After more than a month aboard the tanker on the high seas, the former Columbia University All-American

Packer Coach Curley Lambeau to the Packer's way was summary and completed 10 out of 18 passes for 114 yards and one touchdown.

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Tech Best Richmond

Without trying a single pass, Technical smashed an 18-6 victory over Richmond there last night.

It was the Indianapolis team's third victory in the North Central conference, in four starts. Nolan Boles went over for Tech's first touchdown in the opening period. In the following quarter, the Green started another drive from their own 48

yard line and completed 10 out of 18 passes for 114 yards and one touchdown.

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Events will include: 40 yard free

style, 100 yard breast stroke, 100

yard free style, 100 yard back stroke,

200 yard free style, diving, 120 yard

medley relay and 160 yard free style relay.

Alex Petrovich, acting captain, will lead the local team of Hay-Lahr, Don Corn, Bill Kuebler, Fred Holsworth, Bob Truss, Eddie Pierce, Paul Yanich, Gene Bouslog, and Jim Harnish.

Lloyd Pottenger was named referee and starter, John Lauck will act as head judge, A. L. Peterson and Harry R. Champ.

Tennis Chief Likely To Get Ninth Term

NEW YORK, Nov. 4 (U. P.)—The election of Holcombe Ward of Atlantic Highlands, N. J., to his ninth term as president of the United States Lawn Tennis Association, was a virtual certainty today.

Ward, an advocate of tennis schools and coaching for young potential stars, was chosen by the nominating committee in a recent meeting and the nomination is tantamount to election in the U. S. L. T. A. It will be passed at the association's 64th annual meeting in January.

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