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FEW BUT IMPORTANT ARE CHANGES IN BASKETBALL

Pendleton Coach Picks All-Star Caste for Football Elevens in Eastern Oregon.

Only a few changes are to be observed in the playing of basketball this year, but what few changes there are will make considerable difference in the style of play. One of the principal rules is regarding jumping for the ball where the players must face their basket at center as well as elsewhere. This will reduce the height of jumping but will not otherwise break up formation play. The other important change is that practically no guarding can be put on the man throwing in a ball from out of bounds. This will largely necessitate the reconstruction of a team's defense. The extra man must either stand idle or become a factor in the defense forming while waiting for the ball to come back into bounds, and the coach that can make the best use of the extra man at the momentary halts for the throw-in, is the one who will make the best use of the new rules. "Doc" Stewart of O. A. C., built up his defense for years in accordance with the new rules and made splendid headway with it.

Rule XI, Section 4 requires both jumpers to face in the direction of their respective baskets and while seemingly a small matter, it has caused a lot of wrangling. It has always been the intention of this rule that jumpers face the basket they are to throw into, so that the apparent change in the rule is no change at all, simply emphasizing more clearly what the committee always had in mind.

For several years followers of the game have suggested to the committee the desirability of changing rule XI, section 5 so as to prohibit those "jumping" from catching the ball and limit their activities to batting it. The arguments used, in a word, were that a tall player had an advantage over one of shorter stature. This will always be the case to some extent, but by the adoption of this change the chances of each are more nearly equalized.

In rule XI, section 13 (b), the additional words after the words "but if he" serves to make the rule clearer as to what was always intended.

In rule XI, section 22 the change is intended to provide practically a free throw for the player passing the ball "in" from "outside." Heretofore the player "inside" would reach over the line and strike the ball in his opponent's hands. This rule does away with this. The player on the "inside" is not allowed to extend his hands beyond the boundary line, but wait until the ball has passed over the line before he can touch it. In the old rule a foul was called if a player "knocked the ball out of his opponent's hands twice in succession"; in the new rule, if he touches it while in his opponent's possession, "outside" once, a foul is called for delaying game. Of course, on a large court, where the "outside" player can stand ten or more feet back of the line, this change is not of value, but on the numerous small courts with only three feet space from boundary line to wall, it will be of inestimable value in preventing rough play and should help the game very materially.

Attention has been directed to the violation of the clear intent of this rule, so, as a matter of interpretation, the rule has been divided into sections (a) and (b), the latter furnishing the new portion. Some players seem to think because their captain calls "time out" that the referee is obliged to blow his whistle and officially announce "time out"; such an idea is farthest from the intention of the rule and it is to be desired that no referee will allow "time out" unless he is satisfied of just cause for same. The referee is the only official in the game, or out of it, who has the authority to decide when and under what conditions "time out" shall be called or permitted.

Many other skating parties were held during the course of the past week among which was a party of the members of the Young People's society of the Methodist church, who shouldered skates and spent Tuesday evening on the ice. They report a fine time and much wholesome fun on the slick surface.

For the first time since its organization about a year ago, the Wing, Fin and Fleetfoot club is to participate in a big sporting event when tomorrow morning about 25 nimrods will go to Telocaset on a big rabbit drive. The men expect to go up in autos but if the weather "goes bad" the trip will be made by train, going on the early

train. The club members expect to knock over about 500 rabbits during the day. At Pendleton this week a similar drive resulted in the slaughter of more than 1,000 rabbits.

Absence of Jordan of Pendleton, on the Asbahr team for 1913 of all stars, is the feature of the Pendleton selection. Albert M. Asbahr, coach of the Pendleton team, has this to say of football stars this year:

All Eastern Oregon Team.
Center—Rugg, Pendleton.
Right End—Johnson, Wallowa.
Right Tackle—Conkey, La Grande.
Right Guard—Powers, Wallowa.
Left End—Kirkpatrick, Pendleton.
Left Tackle—Russell, Pendleton.
Left Guard—Cole, Baker.
Quarter—Goodbrod, Union.
Right Half—McDonald, Pendleton.
Left Half—McGinnis, Wallowa.
Fullback—Miller, Baker.
(By Albert A. Asbahr, Coach of Pendleton High.)

In selecting an All-Eastern Oregon football team, it is a difficult matter to give each player his just dues. I have not witnessed all the games played during the season, and, since a player will show to greater advantage in one game than in another it may be that his merits are not receiving the proper consideration. I am selecting the players for their performances in the games which I witnessed, except in the case of the quarterback.

From the four teams I have seen in action, namely, Pendleton, Baker La Grande and Wallowa, I have no preference for the pivotal position. Jordan of Pendleton would probably have been the most entitled to the position had he not been crippled early in the season and been forced to retire. Brock was perhaps the best man in Eastern Oregon in passing the ball, but he lacks experience. The Baker, La Grande and Wallowa quarters were not phenomenal, but all reports I have heard have it that Goodbrod of Union was a remarkable all-around man and I give him the position.

Although Kirkpatrick played at half most of the season, his aggressiveness on defense and ability to carry the ball from an end position on offense coupled with his agility in backing up the line and breaking up forward passes entitles him, I think, to be ranked next to Johnson of Wallowa, the best all-around offensive and

defensive end I have seen this year.

The tackle positions I award to Captain Russell of Pendleton, and Conkey of La Grande. Russell played a fighting game all year and was never outpointed by an opponent. Straughn of Pendleton is one of the best all-around players and would look well on any team, but I give Conkey the other tackle position on account of his great kicking ability. He is perhaps the greatest academic kicker developed during the year and besides he is exceedingly fast.

Powers, the giant of the Wallowa team, was by far the strongest point in the Wallowa line and has a clear title to his position.

Friedley, K'ebbs and Tuttle of Pendleton, were good men, but Cole of Baker probably had the edge on them.

Rugg of Pendleton is much superior to all of his opponents in that prime requisite of a center, passing the ball. He is a wonder for sureness of that. During all the time he has played football he has never yet made a bad pass, a record that challenges attention. Besides he is a hard fighter.

McDonald of Pendleton and McGinnis of Wallowa would make a pair of halves to talk about. Both are rather small but exceedingly fast, are great

open field runners, can pick a hole and hit the line in great form. McDonald is one of the surest safeties in the business and his ability to follow the ball saved Pendleton at least two games.

To Miller, the big Baker fullback, goes the eleventh position. He is an exceptionally hard man to stop and was the great element of strength to the Baker team. Hoskins, the Pendleton full, was the surprise of the season, playing as he was his first football. He is a terror in spirit, a hard man to stop and a man who stops the other fellow with a jar. With a little more knowledge of the game, he would be entitled to all-star honors.

Notice to Stockholders.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the United States National bank of La Grande, Oregon, will be held at their banking rooms in the City of La Grande, Teusday, January 13, 1914, at 2 o'clock, P. M. for the purpose of electing a board of directors and for the transaction of any other business that may come before the meeting.

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