

Offensive Blockers May Extend Arms, Use Open Hand

Offensive blockers in high school football will have an additional technique to employ, beginning with the 1988 season.

Meeting in January in Colorado Springs, the National Federation Football Rules Committee approved an additional technique for offensive blockers which allows them to fully extend their arms and

use open hands. This new technique does not replace the former method, but permits an additional style of blocking.

This addition to Rule 2-2-2 was one of 15 rules changes made by the committee, which is composed of one representative from 48 of the state member associations, including the District of Col-

umbia, as well as representatives of the National Federation Interscholastic Coaches Association (NFICA) and the National Federal Interscholastic Officials Association (NFIOA).

Dick Knox, associate executive director of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association, represents North Carolina on the committee. "The colleges and pros have used this blocking rule very successfully," he noted, "and many of the high school coaches in North Carolina have been asking when we were going to employ the rule. Our officials who work both high school and college football feel that the rule is relatively easily enforced, so we think it will be a good addition to the high school game. There should be no trouble adjusting to the new rule and if it does not eliminate the traditional method of blocking."

The committee's action on the blocking rule culminated several years of discussion and experimentation. The

new blocking technique is a more favorable style of pass blocking and should help offensive linemen in protecting quarterbacks.

There were several other changes made by the committee, including changing the penalty for an ineligible receiver downfield by eliminating the loss of down. Beginning in 1988, only a five-yard penalty will be assessed for an ineligible receiver downfield. In another change in Rule 7, the committee redefined the reference point of a passer beyond the line of scrimmage from the release point of the ball to the location of the passer's feet.

One change will allow state associations to authorize the use of supplementary equipment to aid in game administration. This includes any type of equipment, such as a 25-second clock, not currently addressed in the rule book.

VIEWPOINT

Clyde Dupin

A Christian film on the life of basketball's all-time leading scorer is planned. Pete Maravich, 40, was working with the film's producer, Carrell Campbell, at the time of his sudden death in the gym of First Nazarene Church, Pasadena, California. He died in the arms of Christian family psychologist and author, James Dobson.

The death of "Pistol Pete" saddened people throughout our nation. The country has lost not only a hero, but a courageous spokesman for Christianity. The day before Maravich died, radio and TV talk-show host, Larry King, received a leather Bible and letter from Maravich telling King what a difference Christ made in his life.

Pete Maravich had a troubled past and never found real happiness and peace in his athletic successes. Throughout his basketball career, he longed for personal contentment and inner peace. After years of searching, Maravich found this fulfillment in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Even more important in his legacy than athletic ability was his personal faith in God.

In these days of the highly publicized drug ridden and immoral lifestyles of many athletes, it was refreshing to hear a man like Maravich talking about his personal faith in God. Many young people have already been redirected and led to Christ through the influence of this great athlete. Our world needs many more Pete Maravichs who stand tall for Christ.



PAUL CAMERON
WBTV Sports Director

Love those Syracuse fans. Ever since Auburn kicked the field goal to tie Syracuse in the Sugar Bowl, Big Orange fans have looked for a way to vent their frustrations over missing a shot at the national title. The solution—send Auburn coach Pat Dye crates of old neckties. Auburn fans quickly countered with a gift for the Syracuse team—a bucket of sour grapes.

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Talk about your psyche-job, consider the plight of tiny Radford University, who made a forgettable loss of their first trip to play Virginia in Charlottesville. "I think it's tough to fight the ACC stigma," Radford coach Joe Davis said. "Just coming into University Hall affected all of us. One of our players went into the bathroom before the game and said, 'Michael Jordan was probably in here,' so you can see what we were up against." Gee, coach, Sampson once bumped his head right here.

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