KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL at the Capitol Hotel in Frankfort Dec.10th, Clay City was cited to show cause why it should not be suspended for playing Roy Baker on its football team in the fall of 1931. Eligibility lists for previous years had indicated that Baker would be ineligible after the spring term in 1931. Clay City last fall had changed *statements* concerning Baker on its eligibility list, without authority from the Board of Control. The Board warned Clay City that the school authorities there must assume full control of and responsibility for athletics, and that any future irregularities would result in the suspension of the school. Games in which Baker played were forfeited.

Sylvan Shade was directed to forfeit all games in which Robert Sowell played during the fall of 1931 and Sowell was declared ineligible. However, the Board agreed that at a later date it would hear a petition to reinstate Sowell, as provided for in article 6 of the Constitution. Sowell had been permitted to play during the fall of 1931 although he had changed from Jordan to Sylvan Shado at the beginning of the semester. Sowell’s parents have for a number of years lived in the Sylvan Shado school district and he formerly attended Sylvan Shado.

Brewer of Hazard and Albert Mitchill of Groomup were declared permanently ineligible because they played against Winfield and Raceland, respectively, when not certified. It appeared that the omission of their names was an oversight since both were probably eligible to be placed on the list. The games in which they played had already been forfeited to their opponents.

Gilbert Rudd of Grove Center was declared ineligible and Mr. William A. Rose, principal, was warned that any further irregularities would result in the school’s immediate suspension. Rudd had played basketball for Grove Center during the fall although he had not been in school the required three months during the spring of 1931. The Board found it difficult to accept Grove Center’s explanation of this violation.

Bradford Laire of Monticello was declared permanently ineligible because he is permanently ineligible in Indiana where he did the previous semester’s work.

Ashland was directed to forfeit to Danville the football game in which Robert Barber played. After the Danville game Barber was declared ineligible by Principal W.B. Jackson of Ashland on evidence which showed that Barber had already played high school football for four years. Prior to the game with Danville Mr. Jackson had received from Ohio statements that Barber had played only three years. These statements included a letter from the Commissioner of High School Athletics of Ohio. On the basis of this information, Ashland was justified in playing Barber against Danville. However, under the rules of the Association all games in which ineligible players are used must be forfeited to their opponents.

Two schools were suspended from the Association for refusing to pay forfeits due member schools, but these forfeits have now been paid and the schools’ memberships restored.

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