

Rutgers vs. Princeton

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NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Nov. 6—On the same site where, 103 years ago to the day, Rutgers and Princeton squared off in college football's first game, the same two colleges clashed today in what was billed as the first intercollegiate game of Ultimate Frisbee.

As a partisan crowd of 1,000—one third the size of the audience for a Rutgers varsity football game a week before—chanted “Defense, defense, defense,” Rutgers withstood challenges to the lead it maintained through most of the game and won, 29 to 27.

The contest, which took place on a paved lot behind a gymnasium of Sicard Street—where once a grassy field formed the first gridiron—centered about the discus-like plastic saucer used for back-yard and beach recreation.

Rules of the Game

Irv Kalb and Geoff West, the leaders of the Rutgers team, said that the point of today's game, attended by an enthusiastic crowd and representatives of television, radio and newspapers, was to generate publicity for what they hoped would soon become a great intercollegiate sport.

“I hope this will catch on,” said West, a Rutgers freshman. “We really dig this sport.”

The game is played by two seven-member squads permitted unlimited substitutions during two 24-minute halves. Each team tries to pass the Frisbee to a player over the opponents' goal line.

Players are not permitted to run while holding the Frisbee, but must advance it on the 60-yard-long and 40-yardwide field by passing to another teammate. If the Frisbee touches the ground because of a bad pass or because it is batted down, the other team takes possession.

The copyright of the rules is held by the Columbia High School Frisbee team in Maplewood, N. J., which developed Frisbee to a fast-moving team sport, and there were alumni of the school on both teams today.

Adroit Frisbee handling was led by Kalb, who hit a receiver over the goal line on several occasions from 40 or more yards out. The slow soaring disc gave the game a graceful air not found in football or basketball. On the Princeton side, John Hines, a Columbia High School alumnus, saved several goals by stealing passes and batting them out of Rutgers hands.

West, the Rutgers co-leader, said that the University of California at Berkeley and Stanford University had played an intercollegiate variation of Frisbee two years ago, but that it had been a sort of decathlon contest and “not a running sport like this.”

And one thing occurred that intercollegiate football has not yet introduced: a girl played.

Peggy Delahanty, a Rutgers freshman from Cresskill, N. J., played several minutes during the second half, but scored no goals.

“This game is going to catch on,” said one member of the crowd, which clearly outnumbered the few spectators reported at that historic game 103 years ago, which Rutgers also won. “The Rutgers football team is dead.”