

THE WRONG HOOP

West-is-East Corrigan, the aviator who could not tell the Atlantic Ocean from the American prairies, and "Third Down-is-Fourth" Gatchell, the unarithmetical football referee have a rival for confused prominence in Edward M(Smoky) Kelleher, the Both end of a Court look alike - so says Everett B. Morris in his column in the New York Tribune. The Columnist goes on to relate that he received a report on the game from a Louis L. Berger jr. Brown 41', recommending Kelleher for a niche in the Hall of Fuzzy Fame with a report of the Brown - R.I.State Basketball game played at Kingston, R.I., on Saturday night, January 7.

Your editor happened to be the man on the bench who, is supposed to pull the rabbit out of the bag and win said game viz. a man of basketball, called a coach and the latter must be a teacher, a man of sportsmanship and with a commanding personality.

According to Louis L. Berger, I must have given Kelleher and Clark, the two officials the high sign to line up the centers wrong at the start of the game, and I must have caused Platt. the great center of Brown University, to throw the 22 oz. - 22½" round leather ball into the wrong basket.

For the benefit of basketball coaches and those interested in basketball, the second half of the game was a "Jim Dandy", "a humdinger" "a honey" for several things happened in 20 minutes that to my knowledge, never happened before in a game.

The two teams came on the floor to start the second half with the score 28 to 26 in favor of R.I.State. The players lined up O.K., with the exception that the two centers Platt for Brown University and Jaworski for R.I.State, placed themselves, facing the wrong basket. The two officials did not notice it - in fact I do not think anyone noticed it. The official tossed the ball - Platt tapped it to a Brown player - the latter tossed it back to Platt, who dribbled in for a basket. Keaney - forward of R.I. State (son of the coach) almost blocket the shot. Clark one of the officials allowed the basket. Kelleher the other did not quite know. Coach Allen went on the floor and he almost convinced Kelleher that the basket should not count, but Clark held his ground.

The R.I. State coach is quite aggressive and he jumped up and said the basket must count for R.I. State. He did say there would be no game unless the basket counted for R.I. State and he based his argument on the fact that it is not wholly up to the officials to place the centers, and if latter lined up wrongly and it is not noticed, play goes on just the same. The scoring of the basket by Platt of Brown in the wrong basket was wholly up to Platt. Rule 9, Section 1 says "A goal from the field shall count for the team into whose basket the ball is thrown."