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## Centre College Football on its early games

In early college football, games were scheduled and often times, canceled for any number of reasons.

While gathering information for *Stars of an Earlier Autumn*, a number of schools were gracious in sending pictures, stats, scores.

One school, Centre College located in Danville, KY, sent a copy of its all-time scores and within a number of seasons, footnotes were added to games and scores—some were really unusual and since they were apart of this school's history, I thought the reasons would be interesting and worth mention in *The College Football Historian*.

Each reason will be written exactly how it appeared with the scores.

- 1880—(vs Kentucky)
  ...First game played in
  a cow pasture in
  Lexington where
  University of
  - Kentucky's Stoll Field was built. Second game in a cow pasture in Danville.\*
- **1897** Game with U of Virginia cancelled by Centre due to numerous injuries.
- **1900**—Game with U of Cincinnati cancelled after 15 minutes due to fighting.
- **1902**—Catlettsburg Ath. Club due to team disbanding (teams met in 1905 with a Centre a 6-0 victor).
- 1903—Team disbanded Oct. 20 because of accusations by other teams of playing "ringers". New team formed for Georgetown Coll. Game (Centre winning, 6-0.)
- 1906—Ringer of Kentucky U team 11/4

- caused the game to be forfeited to Centre.
- 1913—Game on Nov. 15 with the U. of the South was cancelled due to a train wreck which prevented Centre's train from arriving.
- **1919**—Game with Maryville (Tenn.) Coll. Cancelled due to numerous injuries to Maryville team.

• 1931—Game at S.
Carolina was added as a charity event. One thousand dollars was raised for the Red Cross Family Welfare Fund.

<sup>\*</sup>Centre was known as Central prior to 1901;

<sup>\*\*</sup>Both games were played against the Kentucky University (not current of Kentucky, but now, Transylvania University.)