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Two-Platoon System Not Welcome On All Campuses

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For Gayle Talbot

NEW YORK (AP) — Football's two-platoon system has its friends among the coaches but the present-day horde of specialists that make up a college "eleven" doesn't necessarily find a welcome everywhere.

The coaches will be meeting in Florida early next month to study the code and make recommendations to the official Rules Committee. It is almost certain that the rule on substitutions which possible will be gone over. Just what will be done to it is anyone's guess.

That the platoon system—where some coaches employ one set of players for long punts into the wind and another for short kicks with the breeze—isn't everybody's joy was best satirized by Harvard's band the afternoon that Army battered the Crimson in 1950.

Harvard in Slump
Harvard then was in the midst

of its worst modern slump. Army, later to be wrecked by the cribbing scandal, was at its majestic best and drubbed Harvard, 9-0.

But the Harvard band was second to none. It took the field proudly a half-time with the score 42-0 against its outclassed gridiron brethren.

It is a big band, this Harvard outfit—perhaps 130 pieces. The director had divided it into two platoons one toot his whistle brought all his offensive trombone players scurrying onto the field as the defensive trombonists, rushed off. The band missed not a note. The offensive trombonists, you see, were the world's best.

The same went for the drums, the cornets, the piccolos, etc.

At last, on signal, some gents did their best to run onto the field with a huge horn. It must have been 12 feet long. It took four men to carry it.

A Solitary Note
Once they had the horn in place, the music stopped dramatically. A specialist bowed, then stepped up to the tremendous horn and blew a solitary sub-bass note was the results.

It was a perfect, pear-shaped one. Any why not? Wasn't the musician the world's greatest defensive manufacturer of this solitary note?

The musician has his counterpart in modern football—the end who is an All-America candidate but can catch passes only if they are short ones thrown by a cross-eyed quarterback minus a finger on his right hand and if he is at right angles to the sun with the wind blowing at not more than 10 miles an hour north by northeast. Otherwise, the end won't get into the game. The coach, you know, has other end specialists.

Sports

Musial Takes Batting Honors

NEW YORK (AP) — Stan Musial had another title under his belt Friday with the release of the final set of official National League statistics for 1952.

The hard-socking St. Louis Cardinals' stalwart compiled the highest senior loop slugging percentage for the sixth straight year.

His average last season, .538, was somewhat under par for the outfielder-first baseman, who holds the all-time NL slugging record of .579.

Associated Press tabulations released last October also had Musial the National League's slugging leader with an identical .538 figure.

Hank Sauer of the Chicago Cubs was second with a .531 average followed by Ted Kluszewski of Cincinnati, .509, Ralph Kiner of Pittsburgh and Brooklyn's Gil Hodges, .500 each, Duke Snider, Brooklyn, .485 and Sid Gordon, Boston, .483.

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Browns Working Out Brains For Tilt

CLEVELAND (AP) — Cleveland's Browns let up on the heavy work Friday and concentrated more on mental preparation for their championship game against the Detroit Lions.

The Browns — the most intensely coached club in pro football — spend each morning in small scholarly study groups hearing coaches explain the strong points, the weaknesses and quirks of opponents.

Afternoons—during the early part of the week—they put those findings into physical practice. Later in the week they just warm up in the afternoon, avoiding heavy contact which could land another man on their already lengthy injury list.

Brown plans to put 17 veterans among the 22 men on the starting

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offensive and defensive lineups—men who know well that their every mistake is checked after the game by movies.

The only five starters Sunday may all be rookies, depending on how quickly injured Browns heal. Both the Lions and Browns worked out Christmas.

Coach Buddy Parker put the Detroiters through an hour's drill at Briggs Stadium.

Drills on the holiday were "optional" for the Clevelanders. Brown said, but "most of the boys showed up."

Greentree Stable's Straight Face is aptly named. His mare was Expression, the daughter of Nevada Change.

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Big Seven Pre-Season Tourney Opens Tonight

KANSAS CITY (AP) — The annual Big Seven pre-season basketball tournament—often a misleading preview to the conference's titular race—opens in Municipal Auditorium Friday night.

Kansas University's remodeled NCA champions and the Nebraska Cornhuskers start the eight-team scramble. Missouri and Iowa State complete the first double bill.

The first round will be completed Saturday night with Kansas State and Oklahoma and Colorado and Yale, the guest team.

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