

BEST TEAMS WIN UNDER NEW RULES

Football Luck Is Reduced to Minimum by Revision of Laws of Game.

COACHES ARE SATISFIED

Play of 1913 Season in Northwest Develops No Freak Formations. Speed and Weight Factors in Scoring—On-Side Kick Falls.

BY ROSCOE FAWCETT.
Coaches and officials in the Pacific Northwest are satisfied with the rules governing football as now constituted. The gridiron sport, seemingly finally to have settled on a middle ground. The best team usually wins, yet the game is open and free from the brutal mass plays which were in vogue prior to 1906.

There remain three or four minor rule technicalities that ought to be cleared up, but technicalities are found even in the baseball tenets, so there is no merit in launching a philippic on that score.

The chief criticism of the rule tinkering three or four years back was that too much uncertainty lurked in the possibilities of the open game and the forward pass.

That criticism has been legitimated out of existence—swept away in the path of continued victories by the better trained and heavier elevens.

Speed and Weight Count.
Eliminating the coaching, speed and weight remain the predominating factors. Other things being equal, the best team is sure to be found reliable when the test comes. The element of luck remains, as in all athletic sports, but it has been reduced to a minimum.

It used to be the case that the heavy team would tear down the field, smashing its lighter opponent into smithereens, with never a break or let up. That was when the mass formations were built and planned so as to gain five yards in three downs. Modern rules have altered this to some extent. The substitution of the four downs for 10 yards and the ban on the tackle back formations have equalized the relative chances of the contesting clubs.

But the fundamental idea of successful sport is that the best team should win, and, under the revised code, the best team does win in nine cases out of 10.

Next to weight, speed is the biggest factor under the present rules. Johnny Parsons and Anson Cornell, of Oregon, are prime examples of the players who rely on nimbleness of foot; Hap Miller, of Washington, a type of the wildcat in bulk.

Few New Formations Tried.
New formations, differing from the old-time schemes of the famous mentors, were sprung in the Northwest during the Fall. At the Oregon Agricultural College Coach Stewart tried a freaky direct pass formation that was perhaps the chief hybrid of the campaign.

The direct pass was supposed to have been consigned to the junk heap as a failure years ago. It is a fact that the ordinary direct pass tends to slow up the action of the game. Coach Stewart provided a subterfuge by utilizing a peculiar side pass from the center, so that instead of receiving the leather the backs around the center's legs, the backfield took it on the run on whatever side the attack was concentrated.

This formation led to considerable wrangling on more than one occasion. In the Oregon vs. Oregon Aggie game Anderson contended repeatedly that the leather, which he arms before he moved the ball. Casfield was penalized once for his over-zealousness.

Wide-Spread Plays Fail.
Washington State and Idaho resorted to wide-spread plays occasionally, but with mediocre results. Coach Stewart, at Washington, did not spring a new wrinkle all Fall, relying on Miller, Shiel and Jacquot to win on straight football, with an occasional delayed cross back and tackle around sandwiched in to vary the monotony.

The forward pass in the Northwest was not a howling success. Oregon made the mistake of not covering Wayne Sutton in the Washington game, despite Sutton's past reputation for receiving passes, and that virtually cost Oregon a 16-7 battle. With this one exception the aerial attack was not an important factor in deciding the Northwestern championship.

In the East, most of the teams built up formations around the on-side kick, the chief new wrinkle of the 1913 football code. This formation is such that two or three men are behind the ball when it is kicked and are thus privileged to recover, as the ball is booted suddenly to some unprotected nook.

On-side Kick Fizzes.
Perhaps they were able to make something out of the on-side kick back East, but it is certain that it proved a fizzle in the Pacific Northwest, and in the Middle West, too. If comments in that section may be believed, the on-side kick is not a promising proposition.

An ordinary kick the kicking team is not permitted to recover the ball until it has touched an opponent. The umpire is judge, but the umpire is in no position to see whether the player recovering was behind the ball when kicked, thus being put on-side, or whether in front and offside, hence confusion invariably reigns whenever an on-side kick is attempted.

This new wrinkle opens an avenue for too much fussing and should be abolished when the solons get together during the Winter.

VARDON AND RAY ARE BITTER

Golfers. Who Played Here, Had "Sickening Experience."

LONDON, Dec. 1.—Vardon and Ray arrived at Liverpool on the White Star liner Celtic and announced their intention to say nothing about their tour in America. They added "We had a sickening experience at the hands of the American papers. They put into our mouths a great many things which never said, and they were irresponsible and inaccurate."

The attitude of Vardon and Ray toward the American press is accordingly one of supreme contempt, and a good deal of bitterness still rankles in their minds. They also hinted at a grievance against the English press, and they have preserved a bundle of clippings to corroborate their views.

"That," said Vardon in conclusion, "is why we decided to say nothing. I do not want to say anything at present about America or its golf courses and golfers, and cannot say what our plans are. All we need to tell you is that Outmet, who won the championship, was a fine player and deserved to win."

Vardon and Ray then shook hands and parted.

SNAPSHOTS TAKEN AT THE LADD-CHAPMAN GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL GAME ON MULTNOMAH FIELD YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.



UPPER PICTURE—LEFT END, JORDAN, OF THE LADD SCHOOL, STARTING ON A PLAY WHICH GAINED 15 YARDS FOR THE WINNERS. LOWER PICTURE—LADD HAVING A LINEBACK MUFFED UP BY THE CHAPMAN AGGREGATION.

EXPERTS PICK BEST 11

TEN COACHES AND CRITICS UNANIMOUS ON FIVE PLAYERS.

Fenton, Parsons, Sutton, Miller and Chrisman Placed Without Dispute in Northwestern All-Star Team.

Composite All-Northwest Eleven.

Ends—Johnson, Idaho, and Sutton, Washington.
Tackles—Christman, Oregon Aggie, and Anderson, Washington.
Guards—Harter, Washington State, and Fenion, Oregon.
Center—Harter, Washington State.
Quarterback—Cornell, Oregon.
Halfback—Parsons, Oregon, and Leckhart, Idaho.
Fullback—Miller, Washington.

The above eleven of Northwestern conference college football players represents the composite choices of ten coaches and critics. Five degrees were unanimously conferred—Fenton, Parsons, Sutton, Miller and Chrisman. Miller was given four for his regular half-back position and six for fullback.

The composite returns follow:
Ends—Sutton 10, Johnson 6, Bradshaw 2, Tyler and Bots, 1 apiece.
Tackles—Chrisman 10, Anderson 7, May 2.
Guards—Fenton 10, J. Harter 4, Laythe 2, Holden, Groninger, May and Moore, 1 apiece.
Center—Harter 6, Prestley 4.
Quarterback—Cornell 9, Smith 1.
Halfbacks—Parsons 10, Miller 4, Leckhart 4, Niles and May 1 apiece.
Fullback—Miller 6, Shiel 2, Niles 2.

Those voting in the symposium: E. J. Stewart, coach Oregon Aggie; Archie High, coach Whitman; J. G. Griffith, coach Idaho; Gilmour Doble, coach Washington; John R. Bender, coach Washington State; George Varnell, Spokane Chronicle; "Orridge," Spokane Spokesman-Review; Stanley Borleske, Spokane official; R. A. Cronin, Oregon Journal, and The Oregonian.

Australia Wants Tennis Cup Back.
MELBOURNE, Dec. 1.—Australia will make another attempt to recover

SPORT NEWS POT POURRI

AD WOLGAST may be through as a fighter, but his bank roll and his jinx attachment still stick with him.

This savage little 133-pound boxer looked every fighter in his day, amassed about \$200,000, saved the greater portion of it, and it might be explained to the benefit of strangers, suffered as starting a string of ailments and misfortunes as any prize boxer who ever stepped into the ring.

Adv's mourning periods, together with a list of his ailments, are detailed as follows:
1906—Left ear "cauliflowered" into a frapped egg effect.
1907—Right ear scrambled to balance.

1908—Bones in both hands broken and knocked out of joint.
1909—Bridge of nose caved in. Surgical operation necessary.
1910—Arm broken in bout with Jack Redmond and rebroken against Tommy McFarland.

1911—Stricken with appendicitis and appendix removed.
1912—Bones in both hands injured again.
1913—Suffered serious attack of ptomaine poisoning. Ribs cracked in bout with sparring partner.

As his present gait Wolgast should go into his 40th year with a cork leg, a mahogany wing, a glass eye and a couple of rows of "hand-me-down" molars.

Back in Boston Duffy Lewis, Sox outfielder, has placed himself in charge of his present trainer to learn how to run. Rip Hagerman should join the class.

A New York newspaper carries a headline, "Boxing, Wrestling and Sport." It seems to have the right idea.

Yale officials have made a proposition to Harvard to play the annual game on Thanksgiving day instead of on the Saturday preceding. Harvard likely will not favor this, because it will give Yale a few more days of rest between its Princeton and Harvard games.

The Cincinnati management fired Joe Tinker because he wanted to manage his team. We'd like to be present when they offer his job to Fielder Jones. Jones would about tell them

CUB'S FATE IS AT ISSUE

CALIFORNIA MAGNATE MAY RUN CLASS B FROM PORTLAND.

Future of Southern "Bushers" Depends on Action at Meeting to Be Held in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 1.—Men who direct the fortunes of baseball in the Pacific Coast and California State Leagues will meet here tomorrow and Wednesday and on their decisions hinge the fate of the California State League, and that of the Portland club in the Northwestern League. The latter question probably will not come up for discussion until Wednesday.

With regard to the California League J. Cal Ewing, who runs the Watsonville club, has asserted that he will drop out unless many changes in the method of conducting the league are approved.

What Ewing particularly desires is a written agreement from the other officials that only young players with a chance of being graduated into the major league be employed in the California League.

The Northwestern club in Portland is owned by the McCredies, also owners of the club in the Coast League and owners of teams in California, contend that baseball in Portland will be improved by the elimination from that city of the Northwestern team. Another objection of Californians against the invasion of Coast League territory by a Class B club is that the Coast League club has asserted that he will drop out unless many changes in the method of conducting the league are approved.

His letter in part follows:
"Am just at present fattening a Turk and nursing a broken rib. This I owe to Nelson, who broke it for me in our battle at Milwaukee."
"It was just getting properly knitted when Rivers broke it again. I'll stay out of the game for some time."
"I expect to be in Portland soon for a stay of several days. I am just putting wheat and rye in the ground, and will leave just as soon as that is all over."

Women Handle Union Election.
UNION, Or., Dec. 1.—(Special).—Four hundred votes, a record in the history of the city, were polled today. The count is slow, but indications point to the election of C. E. Davis for Mayor and J. C. Crawford for Chief of Police. Three Councilmen were in the field with two to be elected and the result is in doubt. Two popular young women of the city, Ruth Seibold and Irene Eaton, served as clerks of the election board. The election passed without any disturbance.

GRANGES OF LANE PROTEST
Game Wardens Not Wanted, and Referendum Is Criticized.

CRESWELL, Or., Dec. 1.—(Special).—Condemnation of the warlike system of protecting game, determining the referendum in the state's referendum laws, and commendation of the Lane County Court for its method of raising funds for the road work problem, and prepare a bill correcting abuses in the use of the referendum.

The discussion of the referendum laws led to the appointment of a committee of three to make a study of the problem, and prepare a bill correcting abuses in the use of the referendum.

The resolution in regard to the manner of levying taxes for the road work of the county arose from report that the County Court intended to abandon the practice of past years, and levy a millage for roads and bridges. That had been the practice until a few years ago, when the City of Eugene recovered from the county several thousand dollars that had been collected from Eugene property-holders as county road tax. The courts held that, inasmuch as the municipality is a separate road district, it is entitled to its share of any road money collected upon its property. The county thereupon adopted the policy of submerging the road levy in the general fund levy.

Navy Suspects Rival Plot
Attempt to Weaken Team by "Sick Message" to Be Investigated.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 1.—An incident in connection with the Army-Navy football game in New York on Saturday is being investigated by Naval Academy authorities. Just before the game started, Nicholls, Navy quarterback, was handed a telegram which said his father was seriously ill and begged him to start immediately for home. The initials were not those of Midshipman Nicholls and he did not connect the signature with any of his relatives.

The telegram was dated Baltimore, while Nicholls' family live in Sparta, N. C. Although Nicholls discredited the telegram, he felt some anxiety until he learned his father was in good health. If the telegram was the work of someone who wished to weaken the Navy team, as has been suggested, Nicholls naturally would have been selected, as upon him devolved the selection of Navy's play.

Walla Walla May Have League.
WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 1.—(Special).—A city league is being talked of for the basketball season, as teams will be in the field from Whitman, High School, Y. M. C. A. and Company K of the National Guard.

Mrs. Dinslaff, explorer and traveler, is the only woman in France who is permitted to wear a uniform, she having been passed specially for her benefit.

"It's none of our business," remarked a football enthusiast yesterday, "but we'd like to know how a man can write a running account of a game he is refereeing."

It is easier to write a running account than any other. That explains it.

Ping Bodie says he has never yet received a scented note from the stands. Ping's conception of "scented" presumably is one that has been soaked in a stein of beer.

LADD BOYS DEFEAT CHAPMAN 14 TO 7

Fast Game Played on Multnomah Field for Grammar School Championship.

FORWARD PASSES SUCCEEDED

Young Players Show Football Knowledge.

Edge That Would Put Some Interscholastic Teams in Background—May Meet Again.

The Ladd Grammar School football team downed the Chapman School eleven 14 to 7 on Multnomah Field yesterday before more than 600 enthusiastic young fans. The game was to have decided the heavyweight championship of the Grammar School League, but unless the directors decide otherwise another contest for the championship likely will be played Thursday.

Both teams showed knowledge of the new style game that would put some of the interscholastic teams in the background. Time after time a forward pass would be sent into the air and the waiting player would run several yards before being downed. Of 11 forward passes tried by either team only two failed, one for each squad.

The little Ladd players seemed to be better trained with the open style of play than their opponents, and one forward pass netted them 45 yards and a touchdown. With the score tied 7 to 7, Quarterback Rogers called for a forward pass on the Chapman 45-yard line. Winters threw the ball to Dickinson, who ran 29 yards for the winning touchdown.

Dickinson also distinguished himself by kicking both goal kicks and catching several other forward passes for big gains. Along with Jackson, Captain Rogers and Ordway broke up play after play started by the Chapman eleven, and no gains were made around his side of the line.

At advancing the ball the little left half, Jackson, was a "bear," and several times he went through for the necessary yardage. Captain Rogers was a big factor also in gaining for the Ladd aggregation, and in opening up holes Dawson and Dicknell featured.

Although defeated, too little credit cannot be given the Chapman representatives, for they fought gamely throughout, and at the beginning of the last period they were leading 7 to 0. Their points came after successfully executing a trick play. Chapman kicked off at the beginning of the second half and Noonan, doing the kicking, just touched the pigskin so that it went the regulation 10 yards. Wright grabbed the ball before the excited Ladd players could secure it, and four more yards were added to the Chapman gain.

After a series of end runs, forward passes and line smashes, the ball was brought to the Ladd three-yard line, where, after three unsuccessful attempts for a score, Captain Smith went through center for the first touchdown four minutes after the third period had started. Noonan kicked an easy goal.

The rest of the third period found the ball surging up and down the field, but at the end of the quarter the ball rested on the Chapman 15-yard line. The Ladd boys started the first portion of the game with a triumphant rush, and before four minutes had lapsed Captain Rodgers had scored a touchdown. Dickinson kicked the ball on to do a "brickey stunt" and he responded, making the score 7 to 7.

Then came the climax of the exciting game. Ladd kicked off and a Chapman runner carried the ball back 15 yards before being downed. A forward pass, Noonan to Mills, annexed 20 more yards, and after a long punt by Noonan, the pigskin was placed on the Ladd 20-yard line. Ladd tried several line plays and made yardage twice. A short pass placed the ball on the Chapman 45-yard line and then Rodgers called for the play that caused the long run by Dickinson for the winning touchdown.

For the Chapman team Noonan, Captain Smith and Youmans did excellently well.

The lineup follows:
Chapman (3) Position. Ladd (14)
Chapman C Fox
Hall R G Jackson
McBride RT Dicknell
Mills R B Jordan
Rader LG Hayden
Wright LT Walker
Lesh LB Dickinson
Youmans Q Rogers
Captain Smith R H Jackson
Fisher R H Rogers
Noonan F Winters

Officials—Hugh Boyd, referee; Earl H. Goodwin, head linesman; R. E. Higdon and O. M. Higgins, timekeepers.

Scores—Captain R. Smith, of Chapman, one touchdown; Noonan, of Chapman, one goal kick; Captain E. Rogers, of Ladd, one touchdown; Dickinson, of Ladd, one touchdown and two goal kicks.

CREDIT IS NOT DUE TO YOST
Army Denies Michigan Coach Gave Pointers to 1913 Cadet Team.

WEST POINT, N. Y., Dec. 1.—The forward pass formations and other plays used so successfully by the Army

football team against the Navy last Saturday were not the result of outside coaching, according to a statement issued today by the Army athletic council. Coach Yost, of the University of Michigan, the statement says, spent only one day at West Point and did not assist Lieutenant C. D. Daly, head Army coach. The statement says:

"Much has been said in the newspapers in the last few days in regard to the assistance given to the coaches of the West Point football team by Fielding H. Yost. The facts in the case are:

"In 1908 Yost did assist in the coaching of the Army team. This year he arrived at West Point in the afternoon of November 25 and left in the evening of November 26. Yost frequently has been to West Point and will always be welcomed, but the statement that he was in any way connected with the coaching or training of this year's team is without foundation. As a result of his visit not one play was added, neither was any change of even the smallest importance made."

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