

FOOTBALL GOSSIP

FOOTBALL IS PRACTICALLY UNCHANGED BY NEW RULES.

WALTER CAMP EXPLAINS Long Runs Just as Frequent as in Past—More Accurate Determining of Scrimmage Line Possible.

Walter Camp, dean of football, has written the following in the new football rules:

While there was much discussion, both publicly and privately, regarding possible changes in the football rules for the season of 1905, and while the rules committee held protracted meetings devoted to the discussion, no radical alterations were made.

It is probably not unfair to say that the majority of players and coaches were, to say the least, not displeased at the final resolution, although a good many of the others would have been willing to make a trial of the rule insisting upon a greater number of yards to be gained had there been greater unanimity of opinion.

One of the best explanations advanced of some of the criticisms of older players was put forward by Summer in the following words:

"I have discussed this matter with a great many football players in the last year, and have become convinced that there are just as many long runs made nowadays in the course of a season as there were in my time.

"When a man is an undergraduate he sees all the long runs as well as the one or two big games. That is why the undergraduate is satisfied with the game of today, and believes in its possibilities just as we did in our time.

"In our time we made a good many long runs in the minor games, but in one or two big games the long runs were very limited. Now, as graduates, and there are many others so situated, we do not get back to see that one of the small games, but see only the big one, and contrasting it with what we saw of football in our undergraduate days, when we witnessed the lesser games, we begin to think that there are not so many long runs made as were made in the old times. I make the game of today has greater possibilities in it than our game and is quite as interesting."

"This is only a view of one man, but it throws some new light on the question, and perhaps may give my readers a better view of the point.

In the first edition of the rules book there is an article which attracted attention should be called. The committee increased the penalty of side line coaching from five yards to ten yards, and this is duly recorded under rule 27-1-1.

Under rule 28, this coaching is grouped under five yards, instead of ten yards. An errata slip has been printed covering this point, but some of those referred to are not aware of the change.

One of the changes in the rules has been the more accurate determining of the line of scrimmage. It has already been pointed out that the new rule allows greater freedom in the line of scrimmage than was formerly allowed.

More careful legislation has been directed at false starts made to draw the referee's attention to the ball.

But by far the most important of the alterations is the definite instruction to the referee to blow his whistle immediately the forward progress of the ball is stopped, thus in a measure doing away with the rapidly growing and very detrimental practice of stalling the ball when its progress has been stopped and when the ball was really "down." There is nothing that so irritates the average player as to have the ball taken away from him after it is "down," and it is this fact that sometimes led to bad feeling between the players. It was certainly on the increase in the Eastern football games last season and one of the principal differences between Eastern and Western football was the earlier blowing of the whistle by the referee when the forward progress of the ball was stopped, and the distinctly greater confidence displayed by the players of the West and the certainty of the referee in determining with accuracy who had the ball and the point where it was "down." Western play was quicker on this account and more satisfactory.

One very serious change in the rules has been that providing that the substitute when sent on to the field must report to the official before taking his place in line. The sending out of substitutes has been a source of players when these players still cling to their positions, and the general discussion ensuing, or even more than 11 players being engaged at a time.

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to play not more than ten or less than five minutes before the end of the game. It is at the time when this legislation was passed no especial difficulty had been expected. It was found, however, that some officials would give the time on the entire game, and others would refuse to give any further information at any time. It was hardly the intention of the rulesmakers originally to give the captain knowing approximately how much time remained for play, and a rule has been passed this year to the effect that the linesman may give the approximate time to the captain who inquires at any time during the game. In order, however, to provide against his being harassed with questions every few seconds during the game, the committee decided that such inquiries, a note has been made as follows:

"There is no objection to the linesman giving the approximate time to the captain of the team who inquires at any time during the game. He may not, however, be asked for the time more than three times within the last five minutes of the half."

Some difficulty was found last year with the rule allowing the quarterback to run in that it stated that he must run at least five yards on the side of the snapper-back. The snapper-back was apt to be moving, and this made quite a difference, the intention of the rule having been that the man should run at least five yards out from the position of the snapper-back when he put the ball in play.

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LIFE OF BOXERS IS HARD

THEY SELDOM EARN BIG SUMS REPORTED. Expenses Are Large, While the Fight Promoters Get Large Share of Receipts.

The reports that have been circulating from time to time that boxers earn fabulous sums of money in the ring have led the public to believe that the life of a boxer is one of ease and pleasure, and that his path is strewn with the traditional roses, says an exchange. These reports are misleading.

The life of the successful boxer is anything but a bed of roses. He is a man of many sorrows, and his life is a constant struggle for existence.

When a boxer wins the large end of a purse the statisticians get busy immediately and figure out how the victor was able to do it. The promoter gets a large share of each minute he was engaged in actual boxing.

"It was an enormous house," they say; "there must have been 25,000 people in the arena, and the promoter must have made at least \$50,000. He just cleaned up \$10,000 to the round—pretty nearly \$600 a minute—and we'll bet if the truth were known and John had been given a fair cut at the gate, his bit would easily have been \$600 a minute, and he would have been \$180,000."

How different from the reality. The average \$50,000 gate, when it is counted by the promoters and representatives of the boxers, is split 50-50 between the two. The promoter gets 25 per cent, and the boxer gets 25 per cent. The promoter's share is \$12,500, and the boxer's share is \$12,500.

Of this amount, in the majority of cases, the club retains 50 per cent, which leaves \$6,250 for the boxer. Here and there the percentage may vary, but it is usually 50-50. The promoter's share is \$12,500, and the boxer's share is \$12,500.

Then this \$12,500 is to be divided between the two contestants. In many cases the money is evenly divided; occasionally it is split 60-40, and sometimes 65 to the winner and 35 to the loser. We will compute on the last basis.

Sixty-five per cent of \$12,500 is \$8,125, of which amount the boxer's manager will take anywhere from 25 to 50 per cent. It has taken probably six weeks of arduous training to prepare for the battle, and the boxer has been through a series of deprivations if he is making money. He has been through a series of deprivations if he is making money. He has been through a series of deprivations if he is making money.

Then an army of trainers, rubbers, boxing partners and seconds must be paid. Of course, when the boxer wins, he has several menials who must be remembered with small presents.

One of the best proofs is in the small number of boxers who have amassed competency. While many of them have laid aside snug sums for future reference, it is doubtful if there are over a dozen boxers, either active or retired, who are worth \$50,000, earned in the ring.

Few Earn Big Sum. While it is palpably impossible to correctly estimate the wealth of any class of people, owing to values appreciating and depreciating, it is pretty safe to say that the average boxer is not worth \$50,000. The average boxer is not worth \$50,000. The average boxer is not worth \$50,000.

Joe Choynek, Gus Ruhlin, Jack Root and several others will always have something to fall back on, but it isn't likely that they will ever be rich. The average boxer is not worth \$50,000. The average boxer is not worth \$50,000.

Several other boxers, like Billy Myer and Alex Gregorina, have made large sums of money since retiring from the ring, but this was as a superintendent of race tracks, a restaurateur, a politician, their respective callings, that made their money.

TELL STORY OF JAMES LYNCH Player Refused to Chase Ball Batted Into the River.

In the long time ago, James Lynch, the Southern League umpire, was a catcher of high repute. In those days the mask, the chest protector and buggy cushions for catching flies to all parts of the suburbs, a countryman from Flowery Branch with a bludgeon hewed from a hickory sapling lifted the ball toward South Bay.

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Nichols Says Cleveland Leader Batted Ball Hardest. Pittsburgh Commercial.

While the Pirates and Quakers were waiting for the raindrops to cease a few days ago several of the players and their friends started a discussion. Naturally, the subject was the batting of the Cleveland leader, and the players were hopeful of again striking a winning ball, now that Nichols has proved that he is yet the terror of old to batsmen.

Someone asked Nichols what player had ever made the hardest hit off him. "Nick" modestly replied that many of his curves had been slammed to and over the fence, and he did not exactly recall who to give the credit to.

An outsider settled the question, even Nichols and Manager Duffy agreeing. "The hardest hit ever made off Nichols," said Manager Magrann, "was made yesterday afternoon, when men parted company with horses that were in their stables. Many of them went to the buyers, while some of them were sold to men who will take them to Spokane and a number were sold to trainers and owners who were fortunate to have money left. Only a few of the horses that were offered for sale by Mr. Magrann were retained by their owners. W. Lynch retained Dotterel, so was April's Prize retained by her owner, Max Bee and Pincushion and one or two others were bid in by those who entered them for sale.

Fred Merrill bought Sally Goodwin and Aminta, Sally Goodwin is an Oregon-bred mare and, although she is old, she can yet step out and beat the best of the younger stock. Merrill bought the two mares for breeding purposes and will send them to his ranch at once. Billy Nevell bought Skip Mae, and paid \$150 for a mare that under ordinary circumstances would have been obliged to have paid \$200. Harry Cosgrove, of Spokane, bought Rosebud, Judge Thomas and Joe Jewitt, but he turned and sold him to a member of the hunt club. In turn he bought Sir Christopher, who was bid in by W. Ayers.

The others were sold to the following: Mollo, J. Jackson, \$185; April's Prize, Dr. Fehr, \$400; Aurora B, H. Cosgrove, \$250; Thoma, H. Cosgrove, \$150; Sallie Goodwin, F. T. Merrill, \$200; Joe Jewett, H. Cosgrove, \$190; Stiny, W. M. Davis, \$130; Sir Christopher, W. M. Ayers, \$135; Mosketo, W. Gabriel, \$100; Mabel Bates, W. Gabriel, \$250; Skip Mae, William Neville, \$150; Laureates, W. Durker, \$250; Aminta, F. T. Merrill, \$180; Max Bee, H. Burger, \$250; Pin Cushion, L. C. Williams, \$45; Prestissimo, V. Warren, \$50; Foxy Grandpa, W. P. Fine, \$250; Come Again, J. Caine, \$50; Rosebud, H. Cosgrove, \$250; Bert Davis, B. Tucker, \$115; Our Choice, L. Tong, \$50; Kicker, J. Krause, \$170; Louisa Long, W. M. Davis, \$50; Allot, F. Kaufman, \$200; Rose of Illia, B. Tucker, \$195.

ASHAMED OF LONG HIT. Baseball Player Remembers One He Is Not Proud Of.

Cleveland Press. "It sounds queer for a ball player to say he is ashamed of a home run, but I can never recall one four-bagger without feeling a little twinge of conscience," remarked Billy Bradley, the other day.

"This happened when I was with the Auburn team of the New York State League. It hadn't rained for six weeks, and the diamonds were as dry as a stick. Clat street ash heap.

"I swung hard at the ball, and actually drove it into the ground, or rather, into the dirt. The pitcher, catcher, shortstop, second and first base men were all on their feet, and began clawing and kicking up the earth in an endeavor to find the ball. They did find it eventually—about six inches underground. The pitcher, catcher, shortstop, second and first base men were all on their feet, and began clawing and kicking up the earth in an endeavor to find the ball. They did find it eventually—about six inches underground.

"I'll never forget the first time I pitched a home run. It was a long one, and I was proud of it. But I can never recall one four-bagger without feeling a little twinge of conscience."

NEW KICK ON FOUR-STRIKE RULE. "Dead" left field hitters, smashing hot ones over third base or poking short flies just back of the third baseman and in too close for the left fielder. Then they would cut out, for the batter didn't dare take a chance of fouling off a lot of good ones until he got just the one he wanted and could plant it in the proper hole. The pitcher would be in a quandary when the foul-strike rule got busy."

Substitute Hitters Bat Poorly. Out of 309 times that men have been sent in to bat for somebody else in the National League this season 17 hits have been made. This would give a batting average of .054.

"Spec" Hurlburt Loses Out in Oklahoma City—Danny Shay Slated for Manager of St. Louis Team.

"SPEC" HURLBURT, who once graced a Portland uniform, is in trouble again. Hurlburt is a natural ball-player, but his love for "boozing" has caused him to be fired from almost every club he ever signed a contract with. Only recently "Spec" was playing great ball for Oklahoma City. He tumbled off the water wagon, was fined \$100, and now has been kicked out bodily.

Danny Shay, who formerly played short for the San Francisco club, has been slated for the management of the St. Louis team. Danny is well known in Portland and on the Coast, and his many friends would be glad to hear of his being made manager.

There is some talk of Oakland releasing Bert Devereaux. The old red dog has fallen off in his hitting and may be turned adrift. Since this news became bruited about, it is said that Russ Hall, manager of the Swabbers, will get busy with Devereaux, and if he is turned loose, Coaches of the Devereaux type are scarce. He is a player always full of pepper, and he would be greatly missed by the Coast League fans.

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GOOD HORSES CHEAPLY GOT Owners Who "Went Broke" Are Forced to Sell.

Irvington Sale. At least a few of the horseowners who were broke because the races were stopped here, now have money and will get out of Portland as quickly as the trains will carry them. With Mr. Magrann on the auction block yesterday afternoon, these men parted company with horses that were in their stables. Many of them went to the buyers, while some of them were sold to men who will take them to Spokane and a number were sold to trainers and owners who were fortunate to have money left.

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