

THE NEW FOOTBALL REGULATIONS Closing Chapter of the Criticism By Harvard's Head Coach "Pickle" on the New Football Regulations

The following completes the discussion of the football rules by William T. Pickle Jr., the first part of which was published in yesterday's Journal: If the 10-yard rule were my only basis of argument on this question of the possibility of mass play, I should consider my case a strong one, but fortunately I have one or two other measures to consider which it seems to me will make my position almost unassailable.

The first of these is like the 10-yard rule in one respect; it is another of the indirect type of new legislation. It, too, seeks to gain open play by eliminating the mass play which is practically forbidden by the rule which practically forbids the guards and tackles of the rush line from being brought behind the line.

It is perfectly obvious, will deal a hard blow to mass play, for it practically forbids the very men who have made it successful from participating in it further. It goes further than simply depriving a team of this rushing ability, because, whereas under the old rule, it was possible to divide the strain of the rushing game between five or more men, it now becomes necessary for three men to bear it all.

The Mass Play. In spite of this there are those who predict that it will be possible under this rule, through the use of the lineman, who may be brought back so long as he is at least five yards back, or through the use of the rule permitting the two ends to play in front of the line. It is my opinion that neither of these views is sound.

Turning now to the question of the ends and their connection with the play, I do not believe that ends will be used much in mass play, if at all, because in the first place, unless someone takes their places, they will stand outside the line and the side foot of the player on the end of the line. As this player, according to the new rule-line rule, will have to be on the line in a bona fide manner (and there will be no pinching himself a little he can allow the end to stand outside of his outside foot and yet be pretty close to the center where it is in company with fast backs, he can hardly expect to head the interference.

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On these grounds, then, and on many others which I have not time to state, it seems to me that we shall see only occasional long passes, with perhaps many short ones.

The On-Side Kick. The on-side kick, on the other hand, does not present any serious risks. It will be possible for anybody on the offensive side to recover the ball at any time so long as he first touches the ground. The kicks may be long or short, high or low, and they may cross the scrimmage line at any point. The only advantage the forward pass has over the on-side kick being the possibility in the forward pass of the ball passing and consequently of greater accuracy. It is easy to see, then, that as between the two, the on-side kick will probably prove the much more practical weapon.

THE OREGON DAILY JOURNAL, PORTLAND, TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 1924. IMPRESS EXPERTS OF THE EAST, NORTHWEST CHAMPIONSHIP BEGINS. SOME FAST HORSES PERFORM IN GRAND STYLE AT SEATTLE TRACK.

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NEW YORK WILL HAVE MANY TEAMS ENTERED. STAR PLAYERS ARRIVE FROM MANY CITIES. Portland Players Are Entered for the Protection of the Thorne and Multnomah Cups—List of Entries and Drawings—Who Are Playing.

Great Preparations Have Been Made for the Premier Rowing Event of the Western Hemisphere on Lake Quinsigamond. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Worcester, Mass., Aug. 7.—The first of the crews entered for the national regatta to arrive here is that of the Portland (Oregon) Rowing club, which made the longest trip ever undertaken by any club to compete in the premier rowing event of the western hemisphere, which takes place Saturday on Lake Quinsigamond.

The crew came from Nelson, B. C., where the week before last they defeated the James Bay crew in the senior fours. Dan Murphy, formerly of Boston, is coach, and came with the boys. The Portland lads are husky looking rowers. They will start in both the senior fours and the intermediate fours. The former is one and one half miles with a turn, while the latter is the same distance straight away.

Every detail has been perfected and the course will be policed as it has never been before. This will insure perfect rowing conditions for the contestants. The New York crews arrived today. There will probably be 60 crews from the various clubs about the metropolis.

Backers and to increase the length of his arm. Backers Not Avoided. Summing up now the various conclusions which I have reached, it seems to me that the new game will be cleaner, that mass play will be reduced, that more open play will be frequently seen and that there will be much more interesting. I believe, also, that we shall have as many injuries as heretofore, owing to the increase of open play, and that these injuries will be centered especially about the forward pass and on-side kick will afford many opportunities for one player to block off an opponent (who will be ill prepared to stand the shock because he will not be expecting it) in order to give one of his own a better chance at recovering a ball which there would be some doubt about his being able to do in case the opponent were allowed to try for it.

I do not believe that the new game will require a very different type of player from that which has been used, except perhaps, that the ends and backs will probably have to be unusually quick and intelligent. The same weight will be a requisite for the linemen because with a weakened defense they will be called upon to meet plays directed at the line, without so much assistance from the backs.

I realize, in thus attempting to predict what may happen next fall (and particularly in having to give my predictions for this prediction in such a superficial way as the limited space prescribed to me will allow) that I may be hitting very wide of the mark—in fact, in all probability, I am hitting so far from the mark that I am transpiring as a result of the change in the rules which affect the game from so many different standpoints, it will be strange if I do not make some bad errors, and yet I feel that such predictions are wise and justifiable if they lead to discussion which, in turn, may possibly have a beneficial effect in securing the kind of game that we all desire.

NATIONAL LEAGUE. Chicago Won. Lost. P.C. 69 30 .627 Pittsburgh 61 33 .649 Philadelphia 58 35 .620 Cincinnati 43 55 .439 Brooklyn 41 54 .432 Boston 32 62 .341

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WILL DAN KELLY'S RECORD BE ACCEPTED BY THE A. A. U.? Will Dan Kelly's record for the 100-yard dash of 9.3 seconds go in the A. A. U.? That is a question that is still open, but it is likely that the college boy who wore the winged M at the Spokane meet and started the athletic world with his great performance will have it recorded. A rigid investigation of the record is being made by the officials of the A. A. U. who have reached no decision, although it is learned from interviews with President Tom McCabe of the Amateur Athletic Union that he favors giving Kelly all the credit that is due for his performance.

DANDELION CAPTURES SARATOGA HANDICAP. Saratoga, N. Y., Aug. 7.—The opening day's racing at Saratoga was a success. Six furlongs, selling—Edna Jackson won, Rusk second, Husted third; time, 1:13 2-5. The Saratoga steeplechase, about two miles—Herculeo won, Gold Four second, Kasell third; time, 4:13. Five and a half furlongs—Peter Pan won, Electoneer second, Aroite third; time, 1:06 3-5. The Saratoga handicap, mile and a quarter—Dandelion won, Tangle second, Gallavert third; time, 2:04 2-5. Mile, selling—Russell won, Lancar first second, Russ Russell third; time, 1:32 2-5. Five and a half furlongs—Killkrankie won, Alpenmarchen second, Waterbury third; time, 1:08.

ALBANY COLTS LOSE SPRINGFIELD GAME. Eugene, Or., Aug. 7.—The Springfield Blues defeated the Albany Colts in a one-sided game of baseball at Springfield yesterday afternoon by the score, 15 to 2. The Springfield team has been defeated only three times out of 15 or 16 games played this summer.

YESTERDAY'S RACING AT THE MEADOWS. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Seattle, Aug. 7.—The Meadows summary: Five furlongs—Bonnet won, Nettie Hicks second, Wheatstons third; time, 1:01. Five furlongs—Ban Lado won, Dominio Arvi second, Mrs. Matthews third; time, 1:01 1/2. Seven furlongs—Storma won, Flo Manola second, Vions third; time, 1:24 1/2. Mile and a sixteenth, Duffell won,...