

Hear Me Talkin' to Ya

By BILL

THOSE MERRY GENTS, the football doctors, performed several major operations upon the 1932 football rules, and already there are cries that the good old grid game is gradually becoming emasculated.

The lovers of blood and thunder, who in years gone by gloated as the stretcher bearers removed from the field of battle some youthful warrior, mowed down by the enemy thrusts, will have to relive such scenes in their memories only, if the rules are enforced as the grid czars decree.

The 1932 changes are aimed primarily at reducing the number of casualties during the season, and as we reported last week these were six major changes made. That there should be padding on all hard and unyielding equipment, goes without saying but there are other changes and recommendations which do not seem necessary.

From where I sit, the change which forbids the rabbit punch on the part of a defensive player, aims to kill an evil which never legally existed. I don't see how the new rule is to improve the game any more than the old one, for the new one still permits a player to "use palm of hands to ward off or push an opponent in an effort to get to the ball carrier." I believe that there will be just as much socking as ever, unless, of course, players have a change of conscience or unless we add an official to watch each player.

As many predicted, the flying wedge and the flying tackle were abolished, but hear you me, it is going to place a mighty heavy responsibility upon an official in forming a quick judgment on whether a player had actually left his feet before coming in contact with the ball carrier.

As a complement to the rule abolishing the flying wedge on kickoff is the one which will permit the kickoff to be made by placement, punt or dropkick. This should aid materially in the case of teams which have been handicapped by a poor place kicker but which boast a player who can punt successfully. The two rules, I believe, balance rather well.

While the rule liberalizing substitutions has already been heralded with joy by many coaches, I am not so sure that it will take so well with the fans. The rule makers, of course, with an eye toward minimizing injury, have made it possible for a player withdrawn from the game to return in any subsequent period in order to protect players, who, because of a minor injury, are kept in the game by their coaches.

Removal of such players, the coaches have felt, might cost a victory, while letting them stay in the game will expose them to more serious injury. Under the new rules a player may be withdrawn and substituted in any subsequent period. It seems that the rule is going to call for an even greater parade of substitutes, a thing to which the fans have always been opposed. The fans pay their money to see certain stars perform and find themselves frequently robbed of the thing for which they paid their hard-earned coin, by a carnival of hammy subs.

Another important change involves the "dead ball," for according to the new rule, "When any portion of the ball carrier, excepting hands or feet, touches the ground, whether or not he is in the grasp of an opponent, the ball will instantly become dead, and the referee will blow his whistle." This change, it is hoped, will eliminate all incentive to crawling and piling up. To be pretty hard on the stumble-foot player though, you must admit, particularly upon a slippery and muddy field.

I am glad that the rule makers concluded their report as they did. They said: "Of course, there will always be accidents and there will always be injuries in any game involving physical contacts and speed, but we believe that results will show that it has been possible to accomplish much by modification of the rules alone."

From the point of view of the fans, there are other changes which would be welcomed, such as placing all of the players of both teams in separate bull pens an hour before game time for the purpose of identification, or imposing a penalty upon the fellow in front of you who insists upon rising every time someone is tackled. These and many other changes may some day be incorporated in a separate book of rules, which, by the way, will in all probability include the Gibson system of football bidding (contract) which I hope to release in this pillar before the year is out.

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A SPORT YARN, related in connection with the Golden Gloves boxing tournament for sub-novices at the Long Island Moose Club, white, in New York, interested me the other day.

Paul Gallico told it and I'm passing it on to you. Read on:

Then there was the lone colored boy in the tournament. A brave kid, too. They told me that he drew a bye. "What's a bye?" he said. They explained that he was lucky and advanced to the second round without having to fight. That he had won without drawing on a glove and could go home.

But he wouldn't go. He said he didn't want to win that way. He wanted to fight. He had come there to fight. Couldn't he please fight? He hung around in his boxing clothes. About nine o'clock, a lonely glover from Staten Island wandered in. It had been a long trip which had made him late. The colored boy got his wish. He was paired up with the Staten Islander, a tall, dark Italian.

I saw them when they came into the hall. Someone shouted, "Hey, Red!" and the colored boy turned around and grinned from ear to ear. The Staten Islander knocked him out in a round, and that was that.

MORAL: When you draw a bye, say "good-bye" lest you go bye-bye.

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HELP! HELP!

THE FOLDER BULGES with hot baseball dope for the column.... with more C.I.A.A. nooze.... tidbits about the local boxing situation.... Kid Chocolate.... the Olympics.... old-timers, and ever so many other things.... but I promise you that when space and time permit, I'll get around to them.

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MOTHER OF TWO PASSES D.C. BAR TESTS

WASHINGTON—Announcement of the results in the December bar examination, made Friday, shows that 186 (or 45 per cent) passed out of 410 who took the tests.

Of the three colored who passed, two were graduates of the Howard University law school, and one a member of this year's senior class. The two successful Howard graduates were Sumner R. Swancy, graduate of the law class of 1925, liberal arts, 1930; Mrs. Thelma Davis Ackiss, law graduate, 1931, and J. F. Derricotte, brother of the late dean of women at Fisk University, who is a member of the present senior class.

Mrs. Ackiss, who is also a graduate of the college of liberal arts, 1925, is the wife of Dr. Smallwood Ackiss, college class of 1918, medicine, 1923, and the mother of two small children. Mrs. Ackiss was the valedictorian of her law class, having made the highest average in the school for the entire three years of her enrollment. She is a native of Oklahoma City, and the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A. I. Davis. Mrs. Ackiss resides at 631 M Street, N.W.

In addition to her legal qualifications, Mrs. Ackiss is also a writer. One of her latest contributions, "Shouting in Church," the story of an atheist, having appeared in the Illustrated Feature Section.

Work vs. Prayer

A woman in the West End, To her doctor who had inquired as to her financial welfare, she said: "My husband is a 'vangelist' who is always telling folks to pray for what you want; that Gawd will provide. It's all a lie. I been praying for five long years, been nearly starved all the time, got hardly nothing to wear and been put out by landlords seven times. Now I'm finished with this praying business. Am go'n out to get me some work, for when it comes to washin' clothes, I know my stuff, and don't have to wait for no Lawd to provide."

Poor woman, neither she nor her 'vangelist' husband seemed to know that "Heaven helps those who help themselves."

A Lesson From Animals

Animals never worry about their young after weaning them. In that they show far more sense than people. The latter work hard, rear their children and then when they should be settling down to a happy old age, here come the children; that is, if they have troubles. If they have money, they rarely impose their presence upon their parents.

New York, Phila., Atlantic City, Kansas City, D.C., Have Fire Cos.

Nine large Northern and border cities have separate colored fire companies, and several cities have colored men serving in mixed companies.

Strangely enough, Baltimore, although a border city, has no colored firemen in any capacity.

Washington maintains a company of firefighters, and according to Chief Engineer, George S. Watson, their service has been generally satisfactory and efficient.

Pittsburgh also has a colored company in a semi-colored neighborhood. The record of the company is above approach.

While Boston has no separate company, there are two colored firemen employed and assigned to white companies. These men have given their service in a high satisfactory manner, according to Daniel P. Sennott, chief of the department.

Louisville, Ky., has a nine-man company that operates in a mixed neighborhood without any apparent dissatisfaction.

Cleveland has only one colored man on the fire department payroll. He is a driver of a truck and is not forced to keep regular firemen's hours.

His work is such that he is permitted to spend his nights at home.

Minneapolis also has a colored fireman assigned to a white company. He has been on the payroll for three years and has an excellent record for efficiency.

Philadelphia has a colored company operating in an exclusively colored neighborhood. The officers of the company are white.

Chicago has one colored company on the southside and they have built up an enviable record.

Engine Company No. 3, of Denver, Col., is composed entirely of colored firemen. John P. Healy, chief of the fire department is pleased with their service.

Cincinnati, Ohio, has no colored men in the fire department, but boasts of several in the police department.

Atlantic City and Los Angeles also have separate companies operating efficiently.

BOY, 16, GETS 3RD DEGREE 36 HRS.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — Describing the torture to which he was subjected in a 36-hour third degree session during which he says police beat, sweated, twisted his arms and otherwise tried to get him to admit killing little Dorothy Lutz, white, Willie Brown, 16, emphatically denied any connection with this crime, recently.

In his statement, made to Raymond Pace Alexander and Robert N. C. Nix attorneys, who volunteered their services to defend the friendless youth, Brown stated that he was on his way home when arrested on February 12 and taken to the station. From noon of that day until three the following morning he was kept without food or water and a large number of detectives took turns in questioning and beating him.

After three hours, intermission and still without food, the third degree treatment was continued until four o'clock Saturday afternoon. Besides being beaten, he was told, he said, that he would be taken out by a mob and lynched if he did not confess. It was following this that the alleged confession, submitted by police, was forced from him, he told his attorneys.

Analysis of the crime, says Mr. Alexander, indicates that this was the act of a sex-crazed degenerate at least 40 years of age, and not that of a youth. The girl was not only mistreated, but torn and choked to death. Perplexed, he believes, because of their failure to establish the responsibility for this and the slaying of Bechtel, they have tried to fasten it on Brown. The youth is described as a bright-faced boy and has shown no tendencies towards abnormality, such as would have to be present in the commission of a crime of this nature, the attorney said.

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