

New Rules Speed Football

Greater Opportunity for
Offensive Teams Comes
With Changes. Forward
Passing Comes Into
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Given Trial by Wres-
tlers.

Intercollegiate football, struggling to reconcile those who demand a more daring game and those who insist upon greater safety, has adopted four amendments to the rules which may bring considerable change to the character of competition next season. Coaches with imagination and a flare for real strategy in open attacking will discover the offensive weapon of passing will come into its own. The over-the-goal line pass and its resultant loss of the ball on the 20-yard line has been eliminated. This has been a time-honored and often cursed feature of the forward-passing maneuver. It has kept down scoring and thrown the advantage with the defending eleven. The change gives the attacking team more confidence and less caution, for now it passes over the goal line and the play is incomplete, it loses only a down.

The forward pass has been merely restricted by those who would keep the game under cover. The most recent rule change to blast the forward pass was the five-yard penalty for more than one incomplete pass within the same series of downs. This penalty, happily, has been modified by the rules committee meeting in Atlanta, Ga. . . .

Punting has been defined once more and now one player is allowed to hold the ball for another. The increased accuracy and distance expected to develop should be a powerful offensive weapon for any team possessed with a good punter. . . .

Speeding up the offensive has been demanded by the followers of college football simply because they fear the rapid rise of the professionals. The professional player is expected to inject all the thrills possible in a single game and thus draw out the cash customers who insist on exciting offensive play. . . .

The colleges are trying to meet the challenge. . . . Football casualties and deaths have brought about the safety campaign. The peak of injuries and fatalities was reached in the 1932 season, and although there was a great number last season, it was reduced considerably over the preceding autumn. . . .

Equipment has been improved and coaches have been required to keep a more thorough check upon the physical condition of their players. Players must be taken from a game at the first signs of fatigue and injuries must be cared for promptly. . . .

Those football coaches who stress winning above all other things are coming to learn that a victory is worth a life or a permanent injury. . . . The rules committee re-stressed the general safety campaign and the utilization of proper equipment. . . .

The round system of wrestling has had considerable discussion in sports. Friday night it will be a trial by six wrestlers competing in the Legion hall arena. . . .

Since the possibility of a decision has been removed by wrestling rules, it probably will turn out that the round plan will be satisfactory, particularly to the performer. The wrestler holding an advantage at the end of the round, naturally, would be a little reluctant to give up his holds for a rest period. . . .

Wrestling, like boxing, should be scored and a decision made where there is a draw in the number of falls. Slugging, biting, heeling, punching, kneeling and all other undesirable features of the game should be scored against the wrestler who uses them. It would be surprising to witness how quickly wrestling changed character, and how soon science would come to rule the game rather than roughness and sheer physical strength. . . .

There is but one difficulty in ruling against the ruffian in favor of the sportsman. Remove the brutality from wrestling and you probably would remove the hundreds who follow the sport. . . .

Dorris Defeats Bonanza Team

In what started out to be a very one-sided game, the Butte Valley Bulldogs of Dorris, Cal., took the Bonanza basketball quintet into camp by the score of 27 to 25. . . .

The first quarter ended with Butte Valley leading 14-4. The Bonanza bunch came back scrapping and at the half were within four points of the smooth-working Bulldogs, the score being 19-15. . . .

Numerous fouls were called but neither team was able to capitalize on their free throws to any extent. Butte Valley made but three out of 10 tries and Bonanza three out of 12. . . .

Infield Reserve Signs With N. Y.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12. (UP)—Joseph Malay, substitute first baseman, has signed his contract for the 1934 season, the New York Giants announced today. . . .

1934 HOLDOUT SEASON OPENS

Big League Managers
Have Difficulty in
Signing Stars.

CHICAGO, Feb. 12. (UP)—The holdout season among major league ball players is in full swing with several prominent stars in both leagues balking over terms.

The newest addition to the holdout ranks is Vernon (Lefty) Gomez, New York Yankees star southpaw, who received his contract here today, took one look at it, and fired it back at the Yankees. Gomez's salary last year was said to be \$16,000.

Four Bails

"I won 18 games last year and lost 10," commented Gomez. "And I don't think I deserve a cut. I don't want to quibble about my salary, but I am not going to sign this one." Jimmy Fox, Philadelphia Athletics' first baseman and American league batting champion with an average of .356, is another of the leaders of the holdout group. Fox objected to a 25 per cent cut from his reported salary of \$20,000 last year. Pinky Higgins, Athletics' third baseman who was rated the best hot corner guard in the American league last year in his first full season, also is displeased with the terms offered him. Sam Brandon, St. Louis Cardinals' owner, has a salary battle on his hands with Pepper Martin, whose two-year contract signed after the 1931 world series expired last fall. Brandon is very unympathetic with holdouts, and Martin may find himself without a job or with another club unless the disagreement is patched up soon.

Four Cubs Signed

The Chicago Cubs signed four players today, bringing their total number signed to 21. Pat Malone, who refused the first contract offered him, but rushed to Chicago to talk terms as soon as the Cubs announced they planned to trade, personally signed at President William Walker's figure. Other signed contracts received today were from Lon Warneke, Dolph Camilli, first baseman and outfielder George Stainback. The only unsigned Cub is Babe Herman, who is being held by the Cleveland club, and Charlie Root, Bill Lee and Dick Ward, the latter two rookie pitchers. Billy Herman may be classed as a semi-holdout.

Virtually all the world champions in New York Giants have signed their contracts. Washington's contracts have been coming in slow, and Clark Griffith may find a holdout or two on his hands before long.

Brooklyn has a pair of holdouts in Hank Wilson and Van Mungo. After a conference with Wilson, Secretary Bob Quinn told the puggy outfielder to make a deal for himself if he could.

Indians Dissatisfied

Several members of the Cleveland Indians have expressed themselves as displeased with the terms offered them. In this group are Wes Ferrell, Monte Pearson and Earl Averill. Ferrell, who once was the highest paid player on the Cleveland club, has been offered a contract calling for \$5,000 flat salary with a bonus which would make it possible for him to earn as much as \$14,500 if he won 25 games. Ten victories would net him about \$10,000.

Cincinnati has inaugurated a new bonus system, whereby the players may benefit from increased attendance at home. Larry MacPhail, business manager of the Reds, has set the home attendance goal at \$75,000. If the Reds draw 325,000 fans, the increase will be 10 per cent, and if the attendance is 350,000 the increase will be 15 per cent.

Fire Losses in Oregon Higher For Past Year

SALEM, Feb. 12. (UP)—Fire losses in Oregon last year were greater than combined loss in the 21-year period from 1912 to 1932, State Forester Lynn Cronemiller said today.

Damage from fire, principally in Clatsop and Tillamook counties, was estimated at \$12,324,597, Cronemiller said. Damage in the 21 preceding years totaled \$9,879,205.

Fire Protective association in the state last year extinguished 848 fires, Cronemiller said. Total acreage burned over was 341,768. Approximately 200,000 acres was of merchantable timber. Merchantable timber lost was estimated at 11,167,885,000 board feet.

Two Lumber Firms Set Labor Wages

LONGVIEW, Wash., Feb. 12. Retroactive to February 1, basic wage of 45 cents an hour will be paid laborers of the Weyerhaeuser Timber company, and Long-Bell Lumber Sales Corporation.

The new scale is a return to 1929 wages, officials said, corresponding increases will effect higher brackets.

An average of 140,000,000 persons throughout the world attend motion pictures in the course of a week.

Lucas Sees Series Slice

That grin on the face of Red Lucas, displayed as he signed a Pittsburgh contract for 1934 at his home in Nashville, Tenn., is provoked by the thought of a world series share this year. Red, who has labored in vain for the Cincinnati Reds in the past, is heralded as just what the Pirates need to win the National League pennant.



Australian Mat System Will Be Presented Here

The Australian round system of wrestling will be introduced to Klamath Falls at Mack Lillard's weekly Legion hall program. Six wrestlers, headed by Leslie Wolfe and Al Schnell, in the main event, will perform on an all-heavyweight card.

Wolfe, successfully drawing with Al Karasick at his last appearance here, is expected to get quite a test against Schnell, of Sydney, Australia. The match will be wrestled through six ten-minute rounds with one minute rest between each work period.

Thye Returns

Ted Thye, Portland's veteran

wrist-lock artist, comes back to the Legion hall to meet Jack Kogut of Montreal, Canada. Kogut has not been here for several months, but Legion hall spectators recall him for his ability to win. This semi-windup will be for five rounds.

Bunny Martin and Frank Clemens, both Indians from Oklahoma, and two of the fastest light heavyweights to wrestle here, clash in the first bout. Clemens has not been beaten in Klamath Falls, and Martin has come through with a majority of victories. They will wrestle three ten minute rounds.

Peden Succeeds Hayes as Coach of Hoosier Team

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Feb. 12. (UP)—Don Peden, Ohio University football coach, has been selected to replace E. C. (Billy) Hayes as head gridiron coach at the U. of Indiana and is expected to sign a contract next week.

Hayes, head coach for the past three years, officially relinquished the post Saturday and probably will return as track and assistant football coach. Hayes was track coach when he was elevated to the job of football coach in 1931, succeeding Pat Page.

BERKELEY, Calif., Feb. 12. (UP)—University of California officials denied that the University was dickering with E. C. Hayes, resigned football coach at Indiana University, and also an outstanding track coach.

"We have no vacancies on our coaching staff," Kenneth Priestly, publicity man, said. Priestly pointed out that Brutus Hamilton, California track coach, came here last year under a three-year contract and that Bill Ingram, football coach, also had a long term contract.

Many Alasca villages have such a scarcity of water that pump handles are put up high so that they will be out of the reach of children.

STILL A FAN



Crowds and sports events have become so much a part of the life of Mrs. Tex Rickard that the widow of the foremost sports promoter of all time still can't stay away from the races. Here she is shown at Hialeah Park.

MEDFORD NEXT FOR KLAMATH

Pelicans Home After Win
From Ashland, 21-17,
Saturday Night.

The Klamath Pelicans, home after a successful invasion of the valley Saturday night, today were out in front for the championship of the Southern Oregon Basketball conference. Klamath, defeating Ashland here Friday night, continued their victory streak again Saturday night by downing the Grizzlies, 21 to 17, at Ashland.

The Pelicans wound up their annual four-game series against Ashland with three victories. The single game lost to Ashland—and, incidentally, the only inter-scholastic setback of the season—came in the first contest more than two weeks ago.

Medford Next

Victories Friday and Saturday nights placed Klamath at the top of the conference. Every other member of the league, Ashland, Grants Pass and Medford, has fallen before the attack of Dwight French's combination of Pelicans.

Difficulty confronts the Pelicans this week as they start preparations for the closing games on the schedule. The team moves over to Medford Friday night and meets the Tigers in the second game of the season. Klamath will return to the high school gymnasium Saturday to meet Lakeview, a member of this basketball district.

Title Sought

A second victory over Medford will give the Klamath boys undisputed possession of the conference championship. Another win from Lakeview will definitely place the Pelicans in a position of leadership in this conference. The regular schedule will come to an end on February 28 when the Pelicans play at Grants Pass. This final game will be followed by the district play tournament to determine who will represent the east of the mountains region at the state championship. Since the Pelicans have beat both Bend and Lakeview, they are outstanding favorites.

Klamath entered the state play-off last year and the year before.

Sports Editor Appointed to Irish Staff

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Feb. 12. (UP)—Donald C. (Chet) Grant, sports editor of the South Bend News-Times and former Notre Dame quarterback, will coach the Notre Dame backfield in 1934, Elmer F. Layden, head of football coach and director of athletics, announced today. He will report March 1. The contract is for one year. No salary was announced.

"We decided that our greatest staff need was an old head who also had backfield experience," Layden said. "Chet Grant links the present regime, not only to the early post-war period, but also to the immediate pre-war stage of Notre Dame football and he combines this association with the necessary knowledge of basic backfield play."

Grant, an Indiana letter back quarterback in 1918, 1920 and 1921. In the intervening years, he served in the World war.

Nebraska Youths Claim Hoop Mark

AVOCA, Neb., Feb. 12. (UP)—The Avoca high school basketball team claimed a scoring record after a 100 to 0 defeat of the Syracuse, Neb., high school quintet.

Carsteln, Avoca forward, scored 25 field goals and three free throws while the Syracuse players were so nonplussed that they were unable to score even on numerous free throw chances.

Stanford Poloists Defeat O.S.C. Team

CORVALLIS, Ore., Feb. 12. (UP)—Stanford University polo team had an easy time with Oregon State college, winning the second game of the series 19 1/2 to 7 3/4.

Will Rogers, Jr., and Fullerton were mainstays of the Cardinal offense, scoring five goals each.

Alturas Resident Commits Suicide

ALTURAS, Calif., Feb. 12. (UP)—Andrew Jasper, Alturas business man and member of a prominent northern California family shot himself through the head while on the porch of his home here Friday evening.

Jasper called out a brief farewell message to his wife who was in the house, before firing the fatal shot. The couple had been out during the evening and had just returned home when the tragedy occurred.

A nervous breakdown was declared by members of his family to have caused the suicide. Jasper was 45 years old and is survived by his wife, two sons and several brothers, all residents of Alturas.

The complete opening of a rice flower has been known to take place in 30 seconds. The bloom lasts from two to three hours.

Football Rules Committee Lifts Barriers to Passes

ATLANTA, Feb. 12. (AP)—The value of the forward pass as an offensive weapon in football was increased today by the removal of two penalties which had curbed the use of the aerial bomb.

The national football rules committee, in its annual meeting here, lifted the touchback penalty on the first forward pass thrown over the goal line and eliminated the five-yard forfeiture attendant to a second successive incomplete forward pass.

Fines Removed

The first alteration in the rules for 1934 takes away the heavy fine for failure to complete a pass over the goal and probably will result in many more of these daring scoring plays.

Except on fourth down, such an incomplete pass will result only in the cost of a down and not a touchback, and the resultant loss of the ball. The touchback feature has been retained for use in the event of a second incomplete pass over the goal.

This new rule is intended to add strength and versatility to the offensive team's attack within the 15-yard line. The widening of the defense to protect against the additional passing threat should also aid the running game of the attacking eleven.

Another action of the committee was to re-define the punt, so as to allow one player to hold the ball for another to kick it. The use of two men in the execution of a punt generally is only involved in the quick kick. Heretofore, the player holding the ball was required to release it before the kicker had made contact.

The change is expected to bring about better and more accurate kicks.

Safety Campaign Mapped

Another step to reduce injuries from the game was taken in prohibiting the use of shoe clips made of materials liable to chip or fracture.

A further move along these lines was taken in the planning of a safety education campaign among colleges and prep schools to emphasize the need for greater care of minor injuries and more general utilization of proper equipment.

KLAMATH GOLF TEAM DEFEATED

Northern Californians
Score 14 to 9 Win
At Medford.

MEDFORD, Ore., Feb. 12. (AP)—A team of 21 northern California golfers defeated a like number from Klamath Falls, 14 to 9, here yesterday to take home a cup posted by the Rogue Valley Golf club.

Bill Hackney, Klamath Falls pro, and H. D. Bentley, amateur of Ashland, defeated Jack Hueston, Medford pro, and Henry Frangle, leading local amateur, four up, in a special match arranged in connection with the team competition. A large gallery followed the foursome and witnessed some fine golf, the match being squared at the tenth hole.

Four Klamath Falls golfers won prizes in the competition at the Rogue River country club at Medford Sunday.

Marshall Cornett, Leo Carter and Dr. Paul Sharp received hams. Earl Weimer received a golf ball. William Hackney, Reames professional, brought Sharp's prize back to Klamath Falls.

Malin Defeats Wildcat Team

Malin high school moves a little farther toward the county basketball championship by defeating the Klamath Wildcats at the Klamath gymnasium Saturday night, 24 to 20. Malin downed the Wildcats at Malin on Friday.

The Malin second loss to the Wildcats seconds, 19 to 15, in the preliminary contest.

Records Made in Swim Meet

EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 12. (UP)—Jack Nedica, University of Washington swimmer, shattered the national intercollegiate 220 yard freestyle record here with a mark of 2:13.8 seconds. Oregon won the meet 49 to 35.

Jim Reed, Oregon sophomore, set a new Pacific coast record in the 150 yard backstroke with 1:46.5. Stice of Washington came within one tenth of a second of the coast record in the 220 yard breast stroke.

French Net Stars to Play Americans

NEW YORK, Feb. 12. (UP)—Henri Cochet and Martin Plaa, French professionals, will play in the nine-team matches against Bill Tilden and Ellsworth Vines, it was announced today. Cochet and Plaa will make their first appearance in this country in Madison Square Garden on February 19 and 21.

More than 2000 theaters in the world are now equipped for talking pictures.

BEAVERS FACE SEVERE TEST

Oregon State Plays Four
Important Games in
Title Race.

SEATTLE, Feb. 12. (AP)—Facing their toughest week of the season, four games, two with the league-leading University of Washington Huskies, the Oregon State Beavers, coast champions last year, must win all of them to remain in the running for the northern division Pacific coast conference title.

With a full week of rest behind them, however, the Beavers are confident of "taking" the Idaho Vandals in their two games on their home floor tomorrow and Tuesday nights, then invade Seattle at the weekend for their important series with Washington, in the mood to win.

Beavers In Second

The Huskies lead the league with 10 wins and two defeats, while Oregon State has won six and lost four. Washington's only two losses, however, were at the hands of Oregon State, at Corvallis.

In a non-conference game last night, Washington avenged its previous night's surprise defeat by the University of Montana Grizzlies by overwhelming them with a 60 to 24 win. The regulars piled up a good lead and the second string team then went in.

In the only conference game Saturday night, Oregon won its second straight game at Eugene from Idaho, 31 to 22, and took undisputed possession of third place in the standings.

BEAVERS FAVORED

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 12. (AP)—Though out in front by but one game, the University of California Beavers, were long-odds favorites today to win the southern division, Pacific coast conference, basketball championship.

The Beavers emerged from a crucial Saturday night battle in Los Angeles with a 37-25 win over the Southern California Trojans to regain the single-game lead which the Trojans had wiped out by taking a 41-34 victory Friday night.

It was the last meeting of the season between the two rivals for first place, and followers of the Beavers predict they will have little trouble in turning back the U.C.L.A. Bruins and Stanford Indians, their opponents in remaining games.

Stanford sent the Bruins deeper into the cellar by winning Friday and Saturday night at Stanford, the first 31 to 25 and the second 39 to 34.

Vancouver Ski Star Captures Championship

WENATCHEE, Wash., Feb. 12. (UP)—Propelling himself over the seven mile course under a blazing sun in 42 minutes and 34 seconds, Tom Moberg of the Vancouver, B. C., Ski club, won the northwest class A cross country championship over a field of 18 contenders here.

Moberg crossed the finish line one minute and nine seconds ahead of Ole Johannessen of Vancouver, B. C. A. Johannessen of the Vancouver club was third, Nordahl Kaldahl of Seattle was fourth and Finn Fladmark of Vancouver, B. C., was fifth.

DIESEL Tractor School

The fourth annual tractor school featuring the Diesel Tractor will be held on Tuesday, February 20th, from 10 a. m. until 4:30 p. m.

Free Lunch at Noon for Farmers

Prof. Gilmore of the Oregon State College will give a talk on the Diesel Tractor in the afternoon.

Several factory specialists will be on hand to explain the operation of the Diesel Tractor and also any problems concerning the gas tractor may be taken up at this meeting.

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