

Grange Says Free Substitute Rule Has Faults, Virtues

Red Points to 25-Second Speed Proviso

Second of six introductory articles on football.

By RED GRANGE

The Original Man-in-Motion
NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—Due to what transpired in the all-star games, more than a little furore has been kicked up by the inter-collegiate football rule change permitting free substitution.

Let go by professional officials, who misinterpreted the rule, the professionals, who made no such change, took full advantage of the college regulation. So did the All-Stars, largely because their coaches feel they should show as many of them as possible. This is especially true in the Chicago game, for which the All-Stars are elected by popular vote.

The New York game required 25 more minutes than its predecessor of 1940.

Opponents of the alteration hasten to assert that Walter R. Oakeson and his rules committee can expect repetitions of these row affairs in every college game.

The picture isn't quite that bad. Free substitution has its virtues as well as its faults. There will be some delay, of course, but college football will not be slowed down as much as some suspect it may be.

TEAM HAS 25 SECONDS TO PUT THE BALL IN PLAY

As Chief Rulemaker Walter Oakeson stresses, college officials will follow the true interpretation of the rule, which is this:

As quickly as the official gets the ball after a play is completed, he touches it down. From that time the offensive team has 25 seconds to put the ball in play. A longer delay on the part of either side will result in a five-yard penalty.

Professional officials in the All-Star games waited until substitutes had reported before touching the ball. Then the teams had 25 seconds to put it in play.

The average college coach does not have sufficient Grade A material for mass substitutions, anyway. In many cases, he cannot remove a first-string player without weakening his unit.

College teams are not stocked with crackerjack players like the professionals and All-Star squads, where because one fellow is great on offense and another on defense, coaches rush men in and out of each position. **SUBSTITUTES WILL STEP LIVELY UNDER NEW RULE**

On occasions other than the three time outs allowed each team in a half, here's an example of how substituting will have to be done in college football.

A forward pass falls incomplete. As soon as the ball is dead, the substitute rushes in and reports to the referee. If he

IT'LL HARDLY LOOK LIKE THIS



These are not fresh hands coming into a game under the free substitution rule. It is the University of California at Los Angeles squad romping into a workout. As Red Grange points out, no college coach has sufficient grade A material to run boys in and out in wholesale lots.

moves fast enough he will have been accepted by the time the ball is put down for the ensuing play. Time will not be called out for him.

If his reporting requires five seconds after the ball is put down, the players will have to come out of the huddle in 20 seconds, or suffer a penalty.

Thus, reserves will be dispatched hurriedly into the game after any form of a score, before kickoffs, on incomplete forwards, after the ball goes out of bounds, after a fair catch, safety, touch-back, etc.

GAME WAS IN HANDS OF COACHES, ANYWAY

Fans should see better football in the late stages of games, as the players will not be so weary. Coaches will give stars more rest since they can return if things get tough.

Generally, the lads will be fresher at the finish.

With substitutes no longer having to wait one play before communicating instructions, the game is in the hands of the coaches more than ever before. But hasn't it been pretty much in their hands all the while? There is no use saying coaches will not chase substitutes in with instructions for signal-callers at critical moments, especially in scoring territory, but this has been done before, too.

Coaches might just as well call 'em, as a matter of fact. The average fan will be sure the coach has called a play every time he sees a substitute racing on the field down near the goal line.

If the team scores, the coach will get credit for calling it right. If the team fails, the coach will

be a bum, and not the Brooklyn variety.

PASSING ENCOURAGED INSIDE 20-YARD LINE

Offense should have its greatest year. An aid to the attack is the rule alteration no longer considering an incomplete forward pass behind the opponents' goal line on fourth down a touch-back.

This encourages passing inside the 20-yard line.

If his team is on the eight-yard line, the quarterback will feel comfortable in calling for a pass on the final down, knowing the opposition will only get possession there, and not on the 20-yard line, as in the past.

The defense will be loosened up considerably. They will no longer be almost certain the opposition will buck for the final yard or so.

The new rule permitting the ball to be handed in a forward direction provided it is not given to a player on the line of scrimmage simply clarifies something that backs have been getting away with for years.

Usually the infractions were so hard to discern that officials hesitated to call them.

Look for more scoring. And what do we flock to stadiums to see, if not touchdowns?

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Gordon Hero? Yes, But Yanks' Chief Scout Picks Two Hurlers

By GAYLE TALBOT
NEW YORK, Oct. 8 (AP)—Joe Gordon, the Yankees' great second baseman, was having his right arm pumped practically off at the champions' victory celebration the night of the fifth and deciding world series game.

His coat off and his tie loosened, Gordon could only grin happily as the invited guests congratulated him on his spectacular play against the Dodgers and his selection as the official series hero. President Ed Barrow, the septuagenarian head of the greatest empire the sports world has seen, smiled benignly from a table near the door.

Lull
Paul Krichell, chief scout of the Yankees, the man who passed final judgment on promising players dug up from a thousand diamonds over the country, was

NEW YORK, Oct. 8 (AP)—Joe (Flash) Gordon, the great second baseman of the New York Yankees, was chosen Tuesday by the baseball writers of nine New York papers as the finest player of the world series.

He was presented with a \$15 hat, several sizes too large, by acting Mayor Newbold Morris at a ceremony on the steps of city hall.

Gordon's automobile was parked nearby and immediately after the ceremony the Yankee star, his wife and 14-month-old daughter, Judy, headed for their home in Oregon.

braised solidly out on the floor, sipping the rewards of victory and accepting a few congratulations, himself.

The writer chose a lull in the happy conversation to assume that Paul agreed with everybody

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else that Gordon had been the bright shining star of the playoffs.

"No," he said decisively. "I don't. Gordon only did what we expected him to do. We knew he was a great player. The real heroes of the series were two pitchers—Ernie Bonham and Marius Russo."

There was a shocked silence for a moment while Paul's words were digested thoroughly. He noticed it.

Looking Back

"What did Russo and Bonham do?" he asked, patiently not expecting an answer. "Here were a couple fellows we didn't know what they would do. Russo had a bad stomach and Ernie had a bad back. Neither had been in a world series before. And all they did was pitch a couple four-hitters and win games we had to have."

Looking back on the five-game series, there was a lot in what Krichell said. Gordon with his .500 batting average, his seven walks, his slick fielding and his homerun that jarred the Dodgers at the outset of the classic, undoubtedly supplied the Yankees' sustained punch. But what if either Russo or Bonham, owners of inconspicuous records for the regular season, had failed to come through exactly when he did with one of the greatest performances of his career?

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Following the game, the senior class sponsored a dance in the high school auditorium.

FRACTURE

REDMOND, Oct. 8 (AP)—The neighborhood football team's line failed to hold at a critical moment and opponents swarmed all over the ball carrier, Miss Joyce Van Matre, 11. She fractured her right arm and collarbone.

Time can be placed under priority—but in this emergency, time is so precious and priceless that it cannot be price-controlled.—Leon Henderson, price administrator, OPM.

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