

Pro Grid Coaches Seek Something New; Defenses Catch Up With T-Formations

By HAL WOOD
SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — The defense has caught up with the T-formation—and coaches are looking around for something new in professional football.

That would have to be the conclusion after talking to coaches Red Hickey of the San Francisco Forty Niners and George Halas of the Chicago Bears.

Both men used a variation of the wing formation in scoring touchdowns over Baltimore and Dallas on Sunday.

Hickey called his operation the "slugging offense." Halas referred to his as the "twin right."

"It would be just speculation to say that the T-formation is on the way out," said Hickey. "But overall, the defense is catching up with the T-formation offense."

Live as (game) life

"We plan to make our shotgun offense an important part of our offense for the rest of the season. I think the game is getting a little dull with the T-formation in every game."

"We went into that thing against the Colts knowing we were not strong enough to beat them head-on. So we had to come up with something to change their defense and we did it."

Some referred to the formation as a double-wing. It called for the quarterback to line up right behind the center, as in the T-formation. But before the ball is snapped, the quarterback drops back to the same position the tailback on a single wing might occupy. Meanwhile, the halfbacks are spreading out to the outside.

Halas used a little something different. It is a variation of the shotgun. This one put one man in a tailback slot—presumably a man who can both pass and run.

Brodie Likes It

John Brodie, who quarterbacked

most of the way for San Francisco in its 30-22 upset of Baltimore, liked the new Forty Niner formation.

"It seemed I got more protection than I did before," he recalled. "But the boys up front did a lot to do with that."

One thing about playing the winged formation: It takes a nimble quarterback to handle the job. He must be a man who can run around or take a run, while waiting for his receivers to get downfield.

This means that Y. A. Tittle, the San Francisco veteran, will be on the sidelines for the Los Angeles Rams tilt in the southland on Sunday.

"Y.A.'s main injury doesn't seem to get any better," said Hickey. "And I expect that we'll start Brodie. But I won't be afraid to send Brodie Wickers in there at any time."

Brodie, playing in his first pro signal-calling job last week, tossed the two passes that gave San Francisco its go-ahead touchdown in the closing minutes of the game against Baltimore.

"I guess you could say that Brodie did everything that could be asked of him," quipped Red as he made the understatement of the week.

French, fish culture consultant for the Fish Commission of Oregon for the past two years, and director of fish culture from 1946 to 1958, will retire Dec. 1, it was announced by the commission.

Of early pioneer stock, French, whose boyhood in Enterprise, Ore., where his enthusiasm for baseball earned him the nickname of "Casey." He started his career with fish in Oregon City in 1921 where his first job was counting migrating fish at the Willamette Falls fishway. He says he has been counting them ever since, in one capacity or another.

He was active in fish hatchery work with the game commission from 1937 to 1941 after which he joined the fish commission as a fish culture supervisor. In 1946 he was reclassified to be director of fish culture in Portland to supervise the operations of the commission's hatcheries.

Robert W. Schoning, state fisheries director, at the time of announcing French's retirement said: "On behalf of the fish commission I want to express appreciation for your service to the state over the past many years and trust that your retirement will be filled with many new and fruitful experiences."

Fish Expert Ends Career Academic Question In Oregon Notre Dame Worry

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Coach Joe Kuharich, while suggesting modern football works in cycles, said he was "weighing things in my mind" when questioned about continuing at the Irish helm. His four-year contract extends through 1962.

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Either-Sox Deer Hunt Causes Beef

RED BLUFF (UPI) — Four pickets from the Northern Counties Wildlife Association protested today to a precedent-setting city-exposed deer hunt in Northern California.

"The hunt is an effort to educate the people to kill deer," objected Charles Bull, Redding, president of the association.

Bull said his organization decided to picket the Tehama County Fairgrounds to call attention to the hunt proposed to kill 250 deer on the Sheldon Jeffers ranch in Tehama County. A drawing for permits was held today.

"We are basically against deer killing," he said, "but not in cases of proven depredation, poisoning or damage to a local basis." He denounced the Jeffers hunt as a "phony."

The hunt, set for early December, set a precedent because the Fish and Game Commission generally does not issue special permits to halt depredation of range land, only crop land.

Tehama County Sheriff Lyle Williams, a director of the wildlife association, issued a statement against the hunt. He said that the Jeffers ranch actually was overgrazed by goats many years ago and that killing 250 deer would not solve the depredation problem.

Navy Guard AP Lineman Of The Week

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
John Hewitt of Navy, "the man in front of Bellino," was named Lineman of the Week today by The Associated Press.

Hewitt, a 31-year-old guard, was the outstanding lineman on the field in Philadelphia last Saturday as the Phillies beat Army 17-13 and earned a trip to the Orange Bowl.

During the season Navy Coach Wayne Hardin lauded him as the player "who springs Bellino loose for most of his runs."

The reference was to Joe Bellino, Navy's star back, who has made numerous long runs.

As Hardin described it: "Bellino needs to get a start as any back does. We've built our defense — and everything else — around him, but all we do is try to get to the line of scrimmage and turn him loose. Hewitt is the one who gives him the start."

Hewitt, a native of Belle Vernon, Pa., is president of the junior class at the Naval Academy.

Another Navy guard, Vern Von Sydow, was high up in the voting by sports writers and broadcasters in the final weekly AP poll of the season.

Sydow played a great defensive game and when Army closed to within 17-13 at 5:40 of the last quarter it was Von Sydow's interception of any Army pass that balked the Cadets' try for a 2-point conversion.

Other linemen nominated: Bobby Lane, Baylor end; Jerry Mays, Southern Methodist tackle; Joe Edders, Texas A&M tackle; Joe Goodrich, South Carolina tackle; Gary Hanson, Colorado end; Johnny Brewer, Mississippi end.

Today's Sport Parade An 'Inconsiderate' Opinion

By OSCAR FRALEY
NEW YORK (UPI) — People keep asking, so it is a very inconsiderate opinion that:

— In Horse Racing: More people ask whether horse racing is general, and trotting in particular, is on the up-and-up than almost any other question you get in sports. On the whole, you have to think it is.

But my grandpappy used to say that as long as horses don't train themselves and are ridden by people who can talk to each other, you're going to have conversation, tricky as well as straight.

One thing sure, unless you own it, you never know if a stable is "trying" or simply sending its rag out for a "sharpening." The only time I feel sure everybody is "shooting" is in a big stakes race.

— In Boxing: If I'm a fight fan, I've got to

know the way boxing champions, throwing my lot with the American Football League if the salary isn't anywhere near equal.

Chances of breaking into the National League as a full-fledged star are pretty slim. But a guy can make it big in the name-hunt. AL right off the bat. And, if the AL does go bust, which it says it won't, don't tell me the NL would senilely turn its back on a guy who can produce.

— In Tennis: The short pants set gives me a pain by insisting on funeral silence during the playing of a point. If baseball hitters can stand up to the plate concentrating on a lethal object while 70,000 people rock the joint with their roars, how come the 40-lb. lads can't do it with no bruises at stake?

Go ahead, throw your rocks. But that's what I think.

in taking. The snow swirled around, blotting out the clumps now and then. The ducks appeared out of nowhere, flashed over with a roar or whistle of wings and disappeared in the muck. Our hunters grew colder and colder. One of them split the crech of his waters and filled both hot legs with icy water. No matter, he stayed right on. Kept shooting.

Limit Reached

Finally, limits, either human or birdwise, reached, the hunters repeat the muscle-tacking task of crossing that stretch of open marsh to firm ground. A pitch stump is located and a tiny, flickering fire got started. Not much real warmth but at least an illusion of it. Then the long, weary road home, backtracking through the snowbound timber to the sleek tiled highway.

Are these men crazy? Or are they inspired with something that goes above more ordinary living? I don't really know. I would like to think that all hunters are inspired. But in the light of cold realism I'm afraid that it appears inevitable that they are all crazy.

You can buy meat far less than you can go out and shoot. And you can maintain your health longer in a steam heated room than you probably can on a vast flattened marsh. But all the same it is an inspired kind of craziness. The sort of mental adjustment that works for the benefit rather than the detriment of the individual and all those around him.

Safe, Same World

I like to think that as long as there are men of this caliber still with us it is going to be a pretty safe and sane world to live in. With men who are willing to put forth this sort of effort for their sport I think we can lick the anti-gun cranks, the anti-hunting clan, the sticky-fingered crowd who would reduce all sport to something that would line their personal pockets.

I hope we always have those crazy idiots, the duck hunters, with us.

UCLA Back Leads Three Departments

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — UCLA tailback Bill Kilmer, current Big Five Back of the Week, has the playing statistics to prove it. The single wing star leads in three of the single individual categories.

Kilmer leads in rushing with 636 yards at 4.8 yards a carry, in total offense with 1,068 net yards gained and in punting with a 42.3-yard average.

In passing the All America candidate is third with a .94 average.

While Kilmer's stock rose, the Bruins sank in their statistics race with conference-winning Washington.

The Huskies lead in four categories: Scoring, with 25.5 points per game, total offense, with 319 yards per game, rushing offense, with 219 yards a game, and rushing defense, with 112 yards given up on the ground per game.

The Bruins head total defense with only 261 yards given up per game and scoring defense with 8.7 points scored against them per game.

Stanford took over the passing lead from the Bruins with an average of 131 yards per game. California heads aerial defense with 107 yards given up to passes.

In other individual categories, Washington's George Fleming heads scoring with 65 points. Stanford's Dick Norman leads passing with a 47.3 average for 1,067 yards, and Skip Face of the Indians is in front of other pass receivers with three touchdowns and 271 yards gained.

Statistics will close out Saturday when the Bruins are host to Duke. It is the last game for any member of the conference.

Rebel QB Earns Honor

OXFORD, Miss. (AP) — It's hardly confidential information that the success of the Mississippi Rebels in college football is partly due to a long line of outstanding quarterbacks. And Jack Gibbs is no exception.

For his season-ending performance against Mississippi State last Saturday, Gibbs was named the Back of the Week by The Associated Press.

Topping such backs as Joe Bellino of Navy, Bill Kilmer of UCLA and others required some doing, but consider Gibbs' showing against the Maroons.

He completed 13 of 15 passes—two for touchdowns—while scoring one himself and made two key tackles on defense.

Gibbs is easily one of the nation's top players and a prime contender for All-America honors.

Italian Duo Topples U.S.

MELBOURNE (AP) — Italy's Nicola Pietrangeli and Orlando Sirola joined America's Davis Cup hopes (today by beating the teenage pair, Dennis Ralston and Chuck McKinley, in the doubles semifinal of the Victorian tennis championships 6-7, 11-9, 15-13, 6-2).

In the other semifinal, Australia's Neale Fraser and Roy Emerson crushed America's Barry MacKay and Earl Buchholz 6-1, 6-3, 6-1.

The first match was a preview of the Davis Cup interzone final at Perth, Dec. 31.

The turning point apparently came in the second set when Ralston's powerful serve failed him in the 10th game. After losing only 9 points on 7 previous serves, he dropped serve without winning a point. The Bakersfield, Calif., lad never was the same after that.

The U.S. Davis Cup captain, David Freed, said he was disappointed over the result, but was not ready at this time to make a decision on the probable Davis Cup pair to the Perth matches.

Riddle Me This Are Duck Hunters Crazy?

By BILL JENKINS
Guest Columnist
Are duck hunters crazy?

This question was propounded several times recently by various members of a stormy day punket to the marsh in search of the elusive mallard.

In taking a critical look at the question one must consider the circumstances. Five hunters had gotten up in the wee small hours long before daylight. They rose to a blinding swirl of wet snow and wind. Before them was a 50 mile trip in the black darkness, the last 15 miles or so of it over dirt roads winding through the jackpines. Where the cars and trucks stopped wasn't the end of the line by any means. It was just the edge of the marsh. Before them lay that sticky barrier of two or three hundred yards of mixed water and mud that had to be waded before you got out to where the ducks would fly. It was still snowing. It was bitterly cold. And the wind was blowing.

Tricky Ooze

Our hunters piled out of the vehicles and struggled into a lot of expensive and heavy gear such as waders and waterproof hunting coats. They loaded their pockets with expensive shells, picked up trusted old slugs and faced the ordeal of the initial wade. Every step meant that the hunter sank anywhere from four inches to a foot and a half into the tricky ooze that forms the bottom. He then had to swing the other foot forward, trying not to trip over a tule root or grass mound or sunken branch, and get it set firmly. Then the heave and haul to get the first foot pulled free and repeat the process all over again. I estimated that it took nearly half an hour to cover something over two hundred yards what with time out for getting your wind back.

Then the long wait, the sweat you worked up getting out there slowly turned to ice on your shirt. Ducks flew all right, but many of them too far out. Also there were a lot of divers and other trash ducks that no one was interested

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I think it might be well worthwhile to set up a chair of research in the back room of some sporting goods store and delve more deeply into the many ramifications of the situation. If we could come up with some amiable old duffer who had an abiding passion for hunting and more money than he knew what to do with this could well supply him with a purpose in life.

Head Shrinkers

In a day when the head shrinkers are the ruling cult, the sportsman at large is being cruelly bypassed. Having been a member of the clan for a long time I can't really believe this is because the average hunter isn't neurotic enough to rate attention. I think it is just that he has been forgotten. Humiliating though it may sound I'm afraid he's been pushed aside by the beatniks, the Madison Avenue moguls and the sick, sick, sick school of woka-day practitioners of living.

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Irish Mentor Plans For 61

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (UPI) — Joe Kuharich, whose 1960 Notre Dame football team equaled the worst problem record in 72 years of competition by the Fighting Irish, already has begun work to prepare for the 1961 campaign.

With a simple explanation that "the situation is status quo," he ended speculation that he would quit to return to pro football.

The Rev. Edmund P. Joyce, executive vice president of the university and chairman of the faculty board in control of athletics, also ended speculation that Kuharich would be discharged.

The statement that "Notre Dame has 300 and 400 prospects to screen for 1961."

"We're already screening the list to find the boys of our caliber," he said.

Over Christmas holidays Kuharich will coach in the Shrine Game and the Hula Bowl, but he said he planned to return promptly because "I've got to start lining up kids."

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