#### MORE PROTECTION FOR THE PLAYER WHO MAKES FORWARD PASS URGED BY GRIDIRON OFFICIALS AT WALTON

"Roughing the Passer" Should Be Penalized the Same as Running Into a Punter, and Change in Rules Is Asked-Multiple Kick Is Dead

WORLE protection for the man who makes a forward pass was urged by football licials, coaches and players at a meeting held in Hotel Walton last night. It was the unanimous opinion that the present rules are inadequate and this point would be fully covered in the playing code. A report of the meeting will be sent to New York, where the annual interpretation gathering will be held on Saturday night under the supervision of Walter Camp, with a request that a clause be Inserted in the rules to guard against this feature. This was the most important action taken at the meeting last night, which was attended by almost 100 of the leading football men in this section of the State.

The rules clearly state that the punter shall not be knocked off his feet or otherwise roughed unless a bona-fide attempt is made to get at the ball. The protection extends even further than that, for the man who kicks the ball is considered a kicker until both feet are on the ground and he takes at least two steps. This is a very good rule, as it guards against serious accident. If a player is roughed after he kicks the ball, he is in no position to defend himself. One leg is in the sir and he is balanced on the ball of his other foot. For that reason drastic action was taken, but in some manner protection for the forward passer was overlooked.

Like the punter, a player cannot protect himself after throwing the ball. He stands with one arm extended, his eyes fastened on the flying ovoid and pays no attention to the opponents. He is not in the play and has no chance to get into it a player on the opposing side catches the ball and gets clear for a touchdown. Then he becomes an active player, and should be put out of the way, if e. But until that time, or until he has regained his bearings by walking two steps in any direction, no attempt should be made to knock him off his feet.

FOOTBALL official may penalize the offending side in a case like this A by calling it unnecessary roughness. Unfortunately, however, there is nothing specific in the rules which covers the point, and the official has a swell opportunity to get in bad by giving a penalty not clearly defined in the playing code. And there are hundreds of coaches who study the rules, not to live up to them, but to find out how they can evade them.

Forward Passer Was Roughly Handled in Big Game Last Year

IN ONE of the important games last year, the forward passer was roughed considerably in the first half and the offenders were allowed to get away with it because there was nothing in the rules to prevent it. Every time the ball left the player's hands, three and sometimes four opponents would pile into him, some diving into his legs and others above the walst. No attempt was made to block the pass-the object being to rough the passer and destroy his effectiveness later in the game. Between the halves the referee asked the coach of the offending team to tell his men to discontinue the practice, but the coach refused. "I am playing according to the rules, and everything is fair. My men are playing the same as it should be played." There was no argument against this, but the referee nsisted that the roughness be eliminated. "The next time the passer is intentionally fouled," the official said, "I shall inflict a penalty for unnecessary roughuess. I don't care whether it is in the rule book or not. The action of your men is unfair and it will be stopped."

It was not long before the passer was roughed again and a fifteen-yard penalty Inflicted. This happened three times and the offenders imagined they were being discriminated against and threatened to walk off the field. However, they thought It over, and decided to finish the game and keep away from the passer. Now this is only an example, but it shows the inadequacy of the rules. Had one line been inserted to prevent the roughing of the passer the same as a man who kicks the ball, there would have been no trouble. The offenders believed they were playing according to the rules and were not indulging in unfair tactics. They were not the kind of boys who would deliberately foul an opponent, but they were told that the play was legal and acted accordingly.

AFTER the season last year Philadelphia officials met at Hotel Walton and .old of their experiences with the rules. This point about the forward pass was taken up and a report sent to the rules committee which met in March. Nothing was done, however, and it is hoped that some action is taken next Saturday night. A new rule must be inserted

#### Substitutes Will Be Closely Watched By the Officials

IN ORDER to force the men on the field to decide on proper plays at crucial times, a new rule has been adopted which prevents a substitute from talking to any member of his team until after he has participated in one play. He is not allowed to make any sign which, in the judgment of the referee, can be used as a signal for a certain play. If he has orders to shift his men from one position to another, he must tell the referee, who will impart the knowledge to the others. He is not allowed to give signals, unless he replaces the man who has been giving them. In other words, there must be absolute silence on the part of the substitute until after his first play. Then he can talk all he cares to, for the rules committee evidently figured that nothing could keep him silent or prevent him from com-

An interesting point was brought up and disposed of after some discussion. It was as follows: If a man who is giving the signals shows that he is not qualified in that department, but is of value as a runner and interferer, must be leave the game if the coach decides to send in another man to give the signals? That is to say, if a halfback starts out to give the signals, must be leave if a substitute quarterback is sent in? It was decided that a substitute can call out the signals after he has been in one play, and the first man may stay in the game. The rule only applies to substitutions where the new man gives the signal on the very first play. In that case, the original signal giver must leave, whether he played halfback, guard or tackie. In regard to signs and other attempts to evade this rule, it is left to the discretion of the referee as to whether or not a penalty should be

A team is allowed to take time out three times in one half, but on the fourth time, a penalty of two yards is inflicted. The first three times are taken out whether or not the injured man is replaced. On the fourth time out, however, no penalty is given if the player who asked that play be stopped is taken out of the game. The captain must designate the man and the substitution made.

THE fair catch again came up for discussion and it was the consensus of opinion that interference is legal provided the offender made an attempt to catch the ball. This also is the same in case of a forward pass. It simply means that the men should play the ball at all times and pay no attention to the opponent.

#### New Forward Pass Rule Is Vague and May Be Misleading

NDER the heading of "Alterations in the Rules," on page 123 of the football guide, there is a section which reads as follows: "Interference with a man attempting to catch a forward pass has been changed to loss of ball to the offended side at the spot of the foul." This seems to cover everything, but officials and coaches should know enough by this time to take nothing for granted. The only thing wrong with this section is that it covers only one-half of the subject, and the other half will cause lots of trouble if one is not careful. The change in the penalty was adopted to allow more forward passing, but only the defensive side is subject to the severe penalty. Rule XVII, section 3 (b) reads: "No player of the side which did NOT put the ball in play shall, after the pass has been made, in any manner interfere with an opponent who has crossed the line of scrimmage until the ball has been touched, except in an actual attempt to catch the ball him-seif. The penalty is loss of ball to the offended side at the spot of the foul."

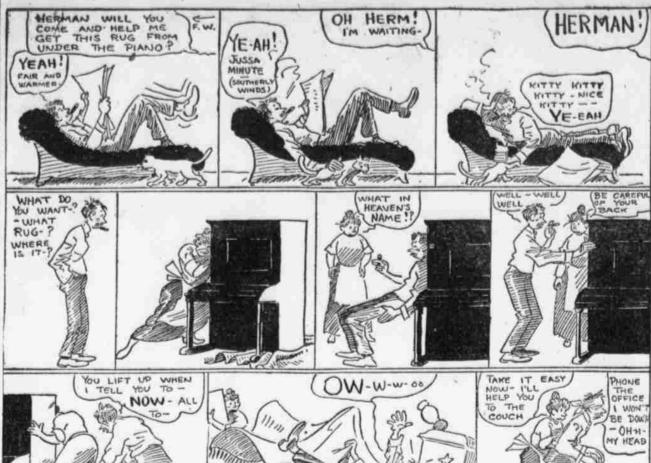
That's all there is to it. If a deliberate foul is made by a player on the defensive side, the ball goes to the passer's team on the spot where the foul occurred, whether one yard or fifty yards from the line of scrimmage. The offended side also gets first down. BUT-when a player on the passer's side interferes in any way with an opponent who is about to catch a forward pass, the penalty is the same as if the pass had been incompleted. On the first three downs the ball is taken back to the spot where it was put into play and it shall count as a down. On the fourth down, the ball goes to the opponents at the spot of the preceding down. This is a good rule to study, and perhaps some one will be able to discover the reason for the discrimination.

THE multiple kick, which never was and never will be any good, has been legislated out, probably to save the coaches any useless worry. A place kick, under the new ruling, is not legal unless the ball is kicked while it is resting on the ground. The only important feature in this rule is that it prohibits a player from holding the ball on his fingers on a try for goal from a touchdown. It is something to remember, as the goal will not count unless the ball is resting on the ground.

HERBERT W. TAYLOR, secretary of the board of officials, said that the number of officials appointed this year was just a little more than half of last year's figures, but he hoped that more colleges would arrange their schedules within the next two weeks. "Last year we appointed 1028 officials," said Mr. Taylor, "but this year it has dropped to 551. This is due to the uncertain conditions test spring, when many colleges called off their football schedules. When they ed to resume, new managers were appointed in many cases, and they evidently argot all about the officials. I expect to hear from a number of the colleges as the on progresses, and perhaps football will be as popular, from our viewpoint, as

The meeting, which was the first of its kind ever held in Philadelphia, was a fed success and should be held each year. Charles J. McCarty, Jr., Episcopal y's new coach, presided, and was assisted by Fred Gillender and Wilmer

A HANDY MAN AROUND THE HOUSE



Managers' Predictions for the World's Series

John J. McGraw, manager of the New York Giants has refused to discuss the chance of his team in the coming world's series.

Clarence Rowland, manager of the Chi-cago White Sox, says his pitchers will win for him.

Here's what managers of other clubs in the major leagues think:

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Fielder Jones, Browns-Nothing but White

Fielder Jones, Browns—Nothing but White Sox.

Bill Denovan, Yankees—Leans toward White Sox.
Clark Griffith, Senaters—White Sox pitching will win.
Hugh Jennings, Tigers—A toss-up.
Counie Mark. Athletes—Chicago.
Lee Fohl: Indians—Nothing but White Sox, Jack Barry, Red Sox—Chicago can win.
NATIONAL LEAGUE

Fat Moran, Phillies—Glants, because they beat the Phillies.
George Stallings, Braves—Glants, as they have the greatest haseball team on earth.
Christy Mathewson, Redi—Toss-up.
Hugo Beziek, Firates—Glants, through Metiraw's generaliship.
Wilbert Robinson, Dodgers—Glants, through pitching of Sallee.

Miller Huggins, Cardinals—Favors Glants, Fred Mitchell. Cubs—Refuses to pick the winner.

#### HERZOG TO JOIN GIANTS FOR PHILLIES' SERIES

Suspension of McGraw's Captain Is Lifted-Moral Victory for Buck

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.-Another ball dayer won a moral victory over a New York baseball club when the New York Glants announced today that the suspension placed on Charley Herzog, second baseman Nipper Campbell and H. H. Francine were and captain, had been lifted. Herzog will the participants. The seventeenth showed report to the club in Philadelphia

BATTLING is a fit prefix for the little South Philly Italian who has adopted

the fighting name of Murray for ring pur-

poses. Battling Murray has been boxing for three years. He started in the first bout and has appeared in the second and

bout and has appeared in the second and third numbers, too. Sometimes Murray also has been a semi-finalist. Tonight he will add a new chapter in his career, one that is the ambition of all boxers when they first break into pugdom. Murray is to box a windup. The Battler is to be the other

principal in the stellar scrap at the Broad-way. This is an honor a lot of boxers, who

have never been in the windup limelight, would like to have bestowed on them, will-ingly without compensation for their exhi-

bitions. Murray's opponent tonight is Johnny Rosner, of New York, and Murray's debut into the major mix is not to be strewn

with roses. Rosner doesn't believe in pre-senting flowers, not as long as he has his right hand working in a knockout shape.

The Gotham youngster is defending the American flyweight championship on the st ength of his recent kayo over Steve

Figure in Baltimore. Murray and Rosner have shaken hands in the ring before. They boxed at the National the week after Johnny

shocked Philadelphians by knocking out Joe Tuber, and, considering, Murray put up a fairly good bout. Murray is a confi-dent little boxer since handing out so de-cisive a trouncing to Battling Dundee, of

TT WAS apparent that Murray suc-

ceeded in doing that which he had

planned the first time he boxed Rosner; to stay the limit. Murray has improved since, and he will be in there tonight

. . . Pai Moore, of this city, put on so impressive a bout against Johnny Harvey in New York-the other hight that the pair have been re-mached next Monday mant. Eddle Wallace and Tomby Tuchey will show in another ten-

Jack Brady, of Smoky Hollow, will try to make things uncomfortable for Jim Hosle, the negro, in the semi at the Broadway tonight. Joe Agustis vs. Reddy Hell is an intersectional sorap that carries a lot of local interest. Gene Gannon vs. Young Nelson and Pat Mariey vs. Mike Traber are other numbers.

Jack Britton, the weiterweight, is to be Benny Leonard's next opponent. They are stirring up a little interest by wranging about weight, Isp pounds, but it's all settled, and they will box in New York in about two weeks.

Peter Herman will get the first \$6500 that filters through the turnstiles at New Oricans on the night of November 12, when the champ of Frankis Burns in a twenty-rounder The remainder of the money will be split between Burns and Promoter Tortorich, if there is any.

Baltimore, three weeks ago.

fighting his head off.

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

#### BIG JIM BARNES, CHEWING HIS BLADE OF GRASS, AND L. T. DEMING WIN BIG EVENT AT MERION CRICKET CLUB

Whitemarsh Professional Back on His Game With a Vengeance-Nipper Campbell, Wittiest of Pros, Is Playing in Open Event

IG Jim Barnes, with a blade of grass ; and hit a heauty dead on the pin, but about between his teeth and L. F. Deming, one of the most capable and efficient chairmen of a green committee any club could boast of, walked off the eighteenth green of the east course of the Merion Cricket Club yesterday with the prizes for the amateur professional golf match safely tucked away. Those who have watched the western open champion play golf have always seen him chewing on a blade of grass. It does not seem to be Barnes without it. Early in the day Wilfred Reid and J. R. Balley, of the Wilmington Country Club, had turned in the very useful total of seventy-two strokes for the best-ball competition, and as hours flew and no one seemed to be able to equal this mark some of those in the gallery who seemed to forget that Jimmy and Lou were still out on the course predicted that the Wilmingtonians would win. But when it was learned that the White-

marsh Valley pair had thirty-five for the first nine and twenty-two for the next six holes there was a change in opinion, and soon a big gallery was in the wake of the four-ball match in which Barnes, Deming. some very fine golf. Deming used the wood

Dropped by the Army

CAMP MEADE, Admiral, Md., Sept. 17.—
Joe Biderberg, better known as "Louisiana,"
Philiadelphia boxer, has been disqualified by
the medical experts at the National Army
training camp here because of a bad right
sye, and will go home. Four other men
from the same local board, at Frant and
Westmoreland streets, have been disqualified
and will go home because of minor physical
defects,

O'Malley. They met at the National last year, Bonny McGovern, of St. Louis; will meet Frankle Whits, Mike Ertle will take on Willie Spencer and Johnny Viggt will box Al Bauer.

Johnny Nelson begins his 1917-18 lightweight ampaign tomorrow night at the Cambria A.

He will show in the star erap pitted gainet Harry Boyle, who proved a tough nutere in previous bouts. Steve Joyce and Tompy Golden open the show, followed by bouts etween Fred Turner and Young Corbett, Little lear and Young McGovern and Joe Keens and Joung Jack Teland.

Knockout Sansam, local middleweight boxer, is with the Third Resiment at Augusta. Galie has been matched to box at Camp Hancock, Warren Park, Ga., October I with either Johnsony Gill or Jackie Clark as his opponent.

The Daily Mail Pouch

Hot Off the Gridiron

Louisiana, the Boxer,

Barnes as Good as Ever

tent with seventy.

Those who delight in seeing Barnes play, and there is no better exponent of the game of golf in this country than the big fellow from Whitemarsh, will be glad to know that Barnes is back on his game. Down South last winter Jim broke his foot and ever since then he has been favoring it. But it is well again, and the way he shot golf in the western open was indicative of the quality of his game. A few days ago ne was second in the Vermont tournamen at Hartswellville over the private course of W. B. Plunkett. The tournament was won by Mike Brady with a 296, and Barnes was only a few strokes away. Thirty of the best pros in the country competed.

twelve feet over. Barnes was just off the green to the right. Nipper shot an iron and

the ball was just inside Deming's. Fran

Barnes advised Deming to play for a sure hree, and the Whitemarsh amateur just

missed a two by a hair. Four threes was the net result of this hole. This virtually gave the honors to Whitemarsh, and they

had a four to break seventy, but both ap-proaches were short and they had to be con-

The amateurs did not expect to help the

professionals much, and when they did the chances were that their contributions were pars or birds. Barnes told his partner that

he counted on him for three holes, and Deming delivered the goods with a bird and two pars. In many cases the amateurs

helped only on one hole, but every little bit

elne was short of the green.

Every one has heard of Nipper Campbell, who is now the pro at the Baltimore Coun-try Club. More stories have been told of Nipper than any other living professional. Nipper than any other living professional. Perhaps the best known is an old one. Years ago, when he was pro at one of thee famous Boston courses, he was asked to visit a new golf course which was fearfully and wonderfully made. After they had walked over it, the chairman of the green committee, who thought it was wonderful, asked Nipper what he thought of it; but the canny Scot said nothing. "What do you think would improve it?" the chairman asked. "An earthquake," was Nipper's laconic reply. laconic reply.

The Wit of Nipper Campbell

Nipper and Wilfred Reid and two other pros were at a tournament, and after it was over Nipper stood treat. All took heer but Reid, who ordered a bulldog, a drink familiar to all who play the nineteenth hole at all well. The check amounted to ninety-five cents, and Nipper demurged. The Patsy Kilburn and Mike Wagner will box "for the love of a giri" in the first hout at the Southern next Tuesday. The show will be postponed from Priday night. Kid Curry va. Young Erown and Eddie Daley vs. Young Curey are the other prolims, with Kid Beebe and Battling Stinger, two of the oldest hoxers in town, in the semi. The star bout will bring together Willie Moore and Pat O'Malley. waiter explained that the beer was a nickel apiece and the buildog eighty cents. "I'm glad you didn't ask for a Great Dane, Wilfred," was Nipper's remark.

At Shawnee last year a pro who was playing with Nipper hit a short drive on the first into the brook, while Nipper slashed out a long one. "You have shortened your swing, Nipper," he remarked. "You have shortened your drive," was Nipper's only

## Frank Espesite—Johnny Rosner is a Hebrew Tes. Battling Murray was stopped by Fete How-ell. Yes. Rocky Kansas knecked down John-ny Kilbane at Buffalo for a count of five. TO ORDER

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### GIANTS' INFIELD HAS SLIGHT EDGE ON WHITE SOX SO FAR AS ATTACK AND DEFENSE IN WORLD SERIES FIGURE

Weaver and Fletcher Stars, but Neither Is Safe Type-Zim Has Drop on McMullen, but Margin of Effectiveness Is Slight

By GRANTLAND RICE

TUDGING by all the advance notices now of at hand, the battle around shortstop will be between Art Fletcher and Buck Weaver, with young Risberg only an outside chance Weaver is a star. There is no chance to leave him off the line-up, and as McMullen has been playing so well at third and tap-

ping the ball with such daily consistency, there is very little chance that he will be dropped to leave Weaver at third, with Risberg in at short. The Sox, naturally enough, desire all the unching power they can muster, and Mc-Mullen has been outbatting Risberg by a

good ninety points.

Fietcher and Weaver are two very lar types. Both are brilliant infielders, with a tendency toward erratic days. Both can hit above the shortstop average

—and both are dangerous in a pinch.

What is still more to the point, both are scrappy, hustling, aggressive types—in the thick of every game, lighting for every inch thick of every game, agating for every inch and every ounce.

In 1915 and 1916 Fletcher outbatted Weaver. But through this waning season Weaver has been outbatting Fletcher, the Giant star having dropped some thirty points below his normal status at bat. Fletcher, as a rule, is good for .286 or .295. This season he has spent most of the year under .260

year under .260. year under 260.

Weaver, a brilliant infielder, is an inspiration to his club. He is an eternal hustler and his battling spirit has been a big factor in gearing up the Chicago muchine.

Fletcher, as announced above, is a player of the same mold—one of the hardest workers and one of the best fighters in the

Yet, with all their brilliancy and effectiveness in other ways, neither Weaver nor Fletcher is a safe world series type. Neither has the dependable steadiness of an Everett Scott or a Peckinpaugh. They can go far—they can go both ways—but. ng inlaid with so much nervous energy no one can tell just at what moment a fatal tumble or a fatal throw will up-set the scheme of things. If Fletcher and Weaver meet the ad-

cance comparison is a stand-off. If the lox play Risberg the Giants have the call. For the Sox youngster is a good fielder, but he isn't nearly as dangerous as Fletcher at the bat. Zim vs. McMullen

Heinie Zim sent out against Buck Weaver at third would have brought on a spicy Against McMullen Zim will have more

oe his way.

It has been charged that Zimmerm being a temperamental cuss, will be unsteady and rickety in a big series.

Sea

Gleason and Weaver may "ride" p into a budding frenzy, but in a big series into a budding frenzy, but in a hig series "riding" isn't as prevalent as it is through the year. Heinie's lone world series start was in 1910, when he took Johnny Ever's place at second for the Cubs. In that series Heinie must have restrained his temperament, for he gave vent to only one error in something like twenty chances. Heinie only batted around .235, but as that was seven years ago, it has very little Heinle only batted around .235, but as that was seven years ago, it has very little to do with the present argument. Heinle has had seven years since then to establish a sedate and poised manner under

fire.

Zimmerman has just completed the best year he has ever known. He had a better year at bat in 1912, when he turned in 372, But his play around third through the came drifting to a finale has been designed. But his play around third through the cam-paign now drifting to a finale has been superb, as brilliant an exhibition of third-basing as Jimmy Collins and Bill Bradley

Helnie has been getting them to his len and to his right, coming in spectacularly on slow bunts and playing all in all a ism-up game. He has also been hitting well enough to hang within short sprinting dis-tance of 300. McMullen, who stepped in when Buck Weaver suffered a finger wound late in the race, has been playing first-class ball But his batting has been a shade lower than 250 and far below Zim's slugging range.

On cold, unbiased form McMullen could hardly be ranged in Zim's class. In a short series anything might happen, but we are ranging the rivals here man by man, and

if McMullen works at third the Glants have

This infield margin to the left sticks in New York's favor. If Risberg plays short Fietcher will have the call.

If Weaver plays short and McMullen works at third. Zim has the advantage. Neither Fietcher nor Zim will have any coverness over Weaver. But the advantage. advantage over Weaver. But the advantage will be over Risberg or McMullen, as the case may be. Just as the White Sox have a share the better of the right infield wing, so the Glants have the margin toward the left.

So far as the complete infield is con-cerned, you can enter it a stand-off and not be far wrong, with New York's infield just a trifle better balanced all the way around when both attack and defense

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