

ANCHOR ANOTHER BOND AND PUT THE HUNS ADRIFT BY KNOCKING THE HELM OUT OF WILHELM LAYER BOOTS BALL, COACH BOOTS RULES, GAME GOES FLOOEY

Halfback Kicks Pigskin Over Own Goal Line, Recovers and Runs for Touchdown—Illegal Plays Put Over Because of Ignorance of Laws

WHEN it comes to losing hard-luck games and being handed the short end of the breaks, said the football coach, "I nominate myself for the world's championship. No matter what comes up in unusual plays, I always get the worst of it, and it seems as if the old line was sticking close to my heels from September until Thanksgiving Day."

This hard-luck chatter was spilled the other day by a noted gridiron monitor stationed in the East when a number of fans were talking over the wire and trying to believe the football season really was here despite the war and the flu.

"I was a victim of an unusual play last year," resumed the hard-luck coach, "and a wild and woolly break, put my team up in the air so high they didn't come down until the other side had scored fifty points. At that, I can't blame my players, because they were knocked over by the biggest piece of dumb luck I ever have seen."

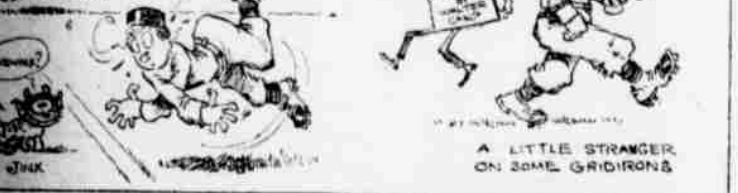
"We kicked off and a halfback caught the ball on the five-yard line. He started forward, but after taking a couple of steps fumbled. In an attempt to pick up the pigskin he accidentally kicked it to one side and started after it again. By that time the other members of his team were hustling down the field and he was all alone."

"He tried to pick up the ball again and once more he kicked it, sending the ball over the goal line. My players were running around in circles, no one knowing what to do, when the opponent picked up the ball—this time with his hands—and ran the entire length of the field for a touchdown."

"WHAT one play took the life out of every man on my team, and those lucky stiffs romped over the gridiron as they pleased until they were too tired to make any more touchdowns. Now wasn't that a tough break?"

Herein Is Exposed the Greatest Weakness in Football

THE coach was right. He surely did get a tough break, but has no one to blame but himself. Instead of getting off on the wrong foot and having a touchdown scored upon him in the first minute of play, conditions should have been reversed.



A thorough knowledge of the rules would have saved the day, but unfortunately no one thought of looking up the play to see whether or not it was legal. It is surprising, but few players or coaches are well acquainted with the playing code compiled by Walter Camp. Sometimes a team can get away with murder and nothing will be said unless the officials step in and assert their rights. Even the simplest points are overlooked and the spectators wonder what kind of a game is being played.

Now on this particular play the ball should have gone over to the kickers' side on the spot where the halfback first kicked the ball. It was not intentional or anything like that, but the rules distinctly state that "a loose ball, in possession of neither side, may not be kicked or kicked at." The penalty is "loss of ball to opponents at the spot where the foul occurred."

Let's dope out the play. The halfback caught the ball, had it in his possession until he had taken two or three steps and then fumbled. When the ball left his hands and dropped in the field of play it was in possession of neither side and a free ball. The halfback stooped over to pick it up and accidentally kicked it. There is no rule in the book which distinguishes between intentional and unintentional fouls, so the ball should have gone over to the other team on the spot where the ball was kicked.

The second kick, which sent the ball over his own goal line, would have started a sweet little argument, for the impetus came from the side defending the goal, and if the man were tackled behind the line the referee would have been forced to call it a safety.

BUT the second kick was superfluous. The first did the damage, and it was lack of knowledge of the rules that cost the hard-luck coach the game.

Unintentional Foul Gave State a Victory Over Lafayette

WHEN State played Lafayette in Easton in 1915 an unfortunate foul was the turning point of the game. In the third period, when Lafayette was rushing the ball down the field, a forward pass was tried. Two Lafayette men jumped for the ball, but it bounced off the fingers of one and landed on the foot of the other. In some way the ball was kicked about ten yards down the field and State was given the ball on the spot where the foul occurred.

Billy Morice gave the decision and there was some argument about it until Willie Crowell, coach of Lafayette, and Bill Hollenback, who then was at State, rushed on the field to find out what had happened. Fortunately both knew the rules and ended the argument.

I remember an incident in one of the biggest games played in the East, which can serve as an example of how hard the players study the rules. It was in the fourth period and time was taken out when a player was injured.



The captain rushed up and said: "Don't penalize my team yet. I know we have had time taken out three times and this is the fourth, but don't penalize. I am going to send the injured man to the sidelines."

He seemed quite excited and breathed a long sigh of relief when the player was taken out.

"That was a narrow escape," he told his players. "We just missed being penalized half the distance to the goal line."

HAD the captain read the rules he would have discovered that the penalty for taking out time more than three times in a half is only two yards instead of half the distance to the goal line.

By Dickson Discovers a New Ruling on a Fair Catch

THIS is one for the book which was unearthed by Byron Dickson, coach of the marines at League Island.

"We were playing a game the other day," said By, "and my team was forced to punt when near the goal line. It was a bum kick and one of the opponents raised his arm in signal for a fair catch. However, the ball fell short and another player put it in front of him caught the ball and ran it back for a good gain. We protested to the official, but there was nothing to do."

"After the game I asked him to give me a ruling on that particular play, and this is what he handed me:

"A man has a right to signal for a fair catch and another player may catch the ball providing he runs in front of him. That makes it legal. However, he runs behind the man who signaled for the catch the play is illegal and should be called back."

Another time we punted down the field and Mike Wilson, who was on the line, hit it while it was bounding and before it touched an opponent. The ball went over the sidelines, and the referee brought it back into play fifteen yards from the spot it crossed the line. That ruling is wrong for the ball should have gone to the other side on the spot where it was caught by Wilson, who was offside."



MARINES FINISH ALL THEY START

Football Team Learning to Put on Steam for Final Drive

HOLD SPEEDY PRACTICE

In every branch of activity the finishing punch counts most. This asset has been developed to perfection in the United States marine corps. The marines finish every thing they start whether it is wiping out a machine-gun nest or "swabbing the deck." No job is too big or too little for the Devil Dogs to complete. This follow-through idea has been inculcated into the football team at League Island and is going to play an important part in the games which By Dickson's charges are scheduled to play.

Wants Driving Strength

To this phase of the game By Dickson has paid special attention. He is drilling his marines to master exceptional driving strength when the time comes to use it. He figures that if a team can carry the ball to the twenty-yard line, there is no reason why it should not carry it the remaining distance.

Villanova Game Off

Unfortunately, the game that was to have been played with the Villanova eleven could not be staged because the Main Line institution is under "flu" quarantine. At the last minute Lieutenant McNamara was unable to get a team to play the Marines today, so there probably will be no regular contest before the Penn game on Franklin Field next Saturday afternoon. During the coming week Dickson will send his team against one of the battalions eleven.

May Play Brown

On November 16 the marines probably play Brown University on Franklin Field. Penn was to have played Heisman's Georgia Tech team, but that contest had been canceled. Penn was very anxious to meet the Atlantans again and get a bit of revenge for the drubbing the Southerners handed them last season. The score of that game was 41-9 and the bitter taunt had lasted a long time in the mouths of the Penn players and followers.

If Brown comes here to meet the marines it will prove to be one of the biggest drawing cards of the year. Brown has a great team this year and the contest will be a speedy affair with two well-drilled, powerful elevens playing.

NO GAMES IN WEST

Football Schedules Again Upset by Influenza

Chicago, Oct. 19.—Football schedules of the Middle West again will be upended today as a result of Spanish influenza, which has caused cancellation of virtually all games. Health authorities, fighting to check the spread of the disease, caused some of the games to be called off, while others were canceled on orders of the college authorities.

W. AND J. PREPARED

Opposes Camp Sherman in Big Game Today

Washington, Pa., Oct. 19.—Washington and Jefferson and Camp Sherman will clash here today in the biggest football game in the West in western Pennsylvania. The game is the only one of major importance hereabouts.

Chick Simler Scores

Saratoga, Pa., Oct. 19.—Word has been received here from France announcing that in a ten-round bout, held at the Casino Club at a hotel in Saratoga, Chick Simler, of this city, was returned a winner over Johnny Kelly, a former New York fighter. Both boys are attached to the United States navy.

St. Joseph's to Have Team

The Athletic Association of St. Joseph's College has decided to have a football team in the fall. The material is promised about eight candidates having returned from the front. Among them are Quinn, Hines, Singer, Dowd, Healy and Temple.

Today's Football Games

Lehigh vs. Lafayette, at Easton.
Baylor vs. Penn State, at State College.
W. and J. vs. Camp Sherman, at Washington, Pa.
Dartmouth vs. Norwich, at Hanover.
Brown vs. Rhode Island State, at Providence.
Amherst vs. Trinity, at Amherst.
West Philadelphia High vs. Norris-town High, at Norris-town.

RISLEY, SHORE STAR, BEATEN BY HOFFNER

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Atlantic City, N. J., Oct. 19.—MARINE RISLEY, probably known to every blade of grass on the links of the County Club of Atlantic City, got it did not do him a bit of good in his match with George W. Hoffner, of Woodbury, yesterday. Risley has won more Atlantic City tournaments than any other living golfer, yet a corporal in Uncle Sam's big army who had a four days' furlough took him into camp on the seventeenth hole, and even Risley was glad of it, for he was perfectly satisfied to see a doughboy win the match.

High Wind Handicaps

There was a gale blowing in the afternoon and low scoring was out of the question. Against the wind it was stiff going and long drives were beaten to the earth by the big wind. Qualifying day was a mid-June day, but yesterday was one of those cold October days when every golfer tightens up and does his best.

Three Leagues Fail to Start Opening Games

National, Delaware Shipyard, and Allied Leagues Postpone All Matches Scheduled Today

The three games scheduled for the opening of the national cup tournament have been canceled. The Delaware Shipyard and Allied Leagues Postpone All Matches Scheduled Today.

Postpone Match Race

Billy Kelly-Eternal to Clash at Laurel on October 28

Baltimore, Md., Oct. 19.—Because of the epidemic of influenza in Maryland the running of the \$30,000, \$10,000 a side, with \$10,000 added, match race at the Laurel track between Eternal and Billy Kelly, which is to be known as the John H. McLean Memorial Cup of 1918 and is to be demonstrative of the juvenile championship of the season, has been postponed from Thursday, October 27, to Monday, October 28.

WEST PHILA. OPENS TODAY

Opposes Strong Norris-town High on Foreign Field

West Philadelphia High School's football team, after many postponements and delays, will open the season on the gridiron with the Norris-town High School eleven at Norris-town this afternoon. This contest was originally intended to be played in this city, but owing to the ban on football here, was transferred to Norris-town.

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SHIPYARDS PLAN FOR BASKETBALL

Chairman of Sport Will Call Meeting to Decide on Circuit Next Week

OUTLOOK VERY BRIGHT

The shipyards in the Delaware River section are preparing for a busy season in basketball, and Henry Gallter, of Chester, chairman of the committee, will call a meeting for next week to arrange plans for the coming season. At a gathering of the Delaware River Athletic Association he reported that the only reason he had not proceeded with the matter prior to this time was due to the epidemic influenza.

Western Golf Tournaments

Net Red Cross \$303,775

Chicago, Oct. 19.—Exhibition matches in aid of the Red Cross, under the auspices of the Western Golf Association, have netted \$303,775 this season, according to the report of Charles F. Thompson made public today.

STATE PICKS TEAMS

Bezdek Selects Varsity for Bucknell Club Today

State College, Pa., Oct. 19.—Coach Bezdek today selected the men who will start for Penn State against Bucknell in the first local game of the season today. He gave two eleven spotted workups, but omitted all scrimmages. Both the defense and offense were carefully rehearsed in extensive drill of strong opposition from the Bucknell outfit.

Football for Bryn Athyn

Manager T. H. Doering of the Bryn Athyn Academy's football team, has announced the following schedule for Captain Kintner's squad: October 26, Swarthmore Prep, at home; November 1, Radnor High, at home; November 8, Chestnut Hill Academy, at home; November 16, Berwyn High, at home; November 22, Cheltenham High, away.

Title Billiard Match Halted

Chicago, Oct. 19.—Owing to the epidemic influenza and the ban on public gatherings in Illinois, the world's championship three-cushion billiard match between Augie Klechheffer, of Chicago, and Charles McCourt, of Cleveland, which was to be played in Chicago, October 23, 24 and 25, was indefinitely postponed last night.

CLUSTER OF STARS IN PITT'S SURPRISE BAG

Stein, Kiski Product, Is Touted as Another Bob Peck; Horner and Davies Shining Backfield Men

CAPT. McLAREN HEAVIER

THE old fox of football isn't sleeping in these days, even if the gridiron sport is napping. Glenn Warner is right on his toes, ready and anxious to get the University of Pittsburgh away to a start that will lead to the highest heights on the collegiate horizon.

Stripped of such giants of the gridiron as Stein and Sutherland, the big guards; Carlson, the feet end; De Hart and Hastings, the speedy backs; Peck, one of the greatest centers known to the game, and others who aided in bringing the Panthers to football supremacy in the last few years, Warner has collected a new cluster of stars to maintain eastern mastery.

First and foremost of the newcomers is Stein, all-schoolastic center at Kiski last year. Touted as the best in the State, Stein has lived up to his school-boy reputation and has even beaten it in the practice scrimmages out Sunkly City way. They think so much of him in the college erler of gossip is ringing his bell and announcing that another Bob Peck has arrived.

Stein Built Like Peck

Bob Pecks are few and far between, but it's a cinch that this Kiski lad has something that's going to make football fame or fate, depending on which team you are backing. He's built along the same lines as Peck, according to reports, not so tall, but wide. With his five foot ten inches and 175 pounds, Stein is stocky, speedy and aggressive in him.

Pert Penn Patter

Bill Hollenback says that he's the time the Penn football season starts, his two-month-old son will be a candidate for the varsity.

Horner Fleet Quarterback

Last season, Dave Pitter handled a lot of the quarterbacking for Warner, but this year he is being outgeneraled and outplayed by Horner, a marvel from the freshman eleven, and he is looked for to lead the team in the coming season.

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