

AN UMPIRE IN FOOTBALL GAME CERTAINLY STANDS FOR PLENTY OF KICKING BY THE PLAYERS

FLYING WEDGE BEST OFFENSE FORMATION FOR KICK-OFF PLAY

"V"-Shaped Attack, Used Years Ago, Gained More Ground Than Present Methods—Hidden-Ball Trick Invented for Cornell by Glenn Warner

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ONE of the hardest problems which confronts a football coach is figuring out strong interference in running back a kick-off. It is seldom that the runner gets away for a good gain when the teams are evenly matched...

It seems strange, but this is one of the weakest plays in football. No matter how hard the coach works with his men, they never are able to take care of the opponents running down the field.

Sometimes the kicker tells his men he will boot the ball to the left side of the field and they hustle down there, where they watch the runner without difficulty.

In the olden days the return kick was used, but with the new rules this has been abandoned. Glenn Warner used to work the criss-cross—the man with the ball running across the field and slipping it to another, who runs in the opposite direction.

Another stunt was to have all of the men gather around the catcher as he came to the line and then start down the field, attracting the tacklers. In the meantime, the man with the ball was laid out on the field with his back toward the opponents.

THE only real offense for a kick-off was the flying wedge used years ago. The interceptors would form in a "V"-shaped formation, with the man with the ball in the center, and sweep down the field. Good gains resulted, but this was ruled out years ago.

Hidden Ball Used by Warner at Cornell in 1898

THE trick which gained more publicity and notoriety was the slipping of the ball up the runner's back on a kick-off, concealing it from every one, and when the men ran down the field with their arms swinging the opponents had eleven guesses in picking out the man with the pikekin.

But the stunt was not new, because it had been worked four years before—in 1898—in a game between Penn State and Cornell.

"I remember the day we worked that hidden ball trick on Penn State," orated Warner last Saturday after the W. and J. game. "It was in the second half and so dark that the players hardly were distinguishable.

"Some one on the Cornell team suggested that the ball should be put up the runner's back under his jersey, and it was tried. The men ran down the field and the State players, when they could not see the ball, imagined some one had fumbled. They searched for the ball and while they were doing it we scored a touchdown.

"Doctor Newton was referee and he was as much surprised as any one when he rushed to the goal line and saw the ball. He didn't know how the score had been made, but it was up to him to make a decision. He was silent for a time and finally said:

"If you can say truthfully that you have no underground passage on this football field and you didn't use it to make this touchdown, the play is legal. I don't know how it was done, but it's a good trick, anyway."

Harvard Bans Warner Trick and Then Uses It

WARNER likes to teach his men bewildering plays, for he figures he can gain lots of ground while the other fellows are wondering what is happening. Even on his simplest plays he uses a screen of interferers, and his reverse, which is an improvement on the criss-cross, always is good for a few yards, despite its age.

"It was at Carlisle, and I wanted to get something which would completely fool the opponents, not in one play, but in every play. In those days we wore padded jerseys, with heavy leather pads on the shoulders, elbows and breast. That gave me the idea. I had the breast protectors ripped off and substituted something else.

"I bought a lot of twenty-five-cent footballs—the kind the kids play with—cut them in half and sewed them in front of the jerseys, with the faces on the outside. When padded the new protector looked like a football, and the backs ran low with their arms held in such a manner as to make the other side believe there were a dozen footballs in the game. We tried it out in a game the week before we met Harvard, and it worked so well that one of the Crimson scouts feared we would put something over on Haughton's players and said it was contrary to the spirit of the rules.

"IT WAS then that Percy told me to remove the camouflage and play regular football, which I did. I am sorry, however, for I wanted to see how those cheap footballs would work in a big game."

Indian Had Right Idea, But Not for This Play

WARNER had some rare experiences while at Carlisle. It was a tough job to teach football to the noble Red Man, but Glenn made them think they were having lots of fun and got away with it. There was one athlete, however, who caused him lots of worry, and thereby gave a tale.

"I had an Eskimo named Nikiter Shoushuk," said Warner, "and he was the worst I ever have seen when it came to learning signals. He was playing center and in every game I expected him to pass the ball to a spectator in the grand stand when he got balled up. In practice, however, he would charge on every play and looked like a million dollars.

"Finally I decided to find out how much he knew and one day put him through a signal quiz.

"What do you do on 15-36-47?" I asked.

"Nikiter thought for a moment and said: 'Me run! Me run like a—!'"

Berry's Hancock Team May Play Here

J. HOWARD BERRY, formerly of Northeast High, Muhlenberg and the University of Pennsylvania, soon may be seen on Franklin Field as the leader of another strong gridiron aggregation. Just now J. Howard, a lieutenant in the infantry, is captain of the Camp Hancock football team which has been winning against southern elevens.

Today his team played Camp Taylor on Louisville, Ky., and it will be recalled Camp Taylor beat Camp Grant in a big service game in Chicago last Saturday. League Island now is making arrangements to have Berry's team play here on Franklin Field on November 30.

DICKINSON is more than anxious to clash with Berry's eleven. Lieutenant Berry has written Dickson for the game, and it is understood that the League Islanders are only too anxious to enter into the fray from the southern camp.



PITT CONFIDENT OF EASY VICTORY

Panthers Expect to Pile Up Large Score on Penn Today

WALKER WON'T START

Pittsburgh, Pa., Nov. 16.—There is confidence aplenty in the University of Pittsburgh football circle here today and the Panthers feel sure that they will be able to run up a large score on the University of Pennsylvania eleven in the fourth annual clash between the two institutions.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE CLUB BATTING AVERAGE

Table with columns: Club, Games, Puts, Assists, Errors, P. C., D. P., P. B., P. R.

JOHNNY MEALY MEETS DUNDEE

Lanky Lightweight Opposes Flashy Italian at National Tonight

DEMPSEY FIGHTS FLYNN

Johnny Mealy again will resume action against the tonpotters. During the better part of the last year Johnny has been taking on all comers at benefit shows, and has yet to suffer a reverse.

Champion Red Sox Lead League in Club Batting

Gedeon and McInnis Top First Basemen, Scott Heads Shortstops, Strunk the Outfielders and Baker the Third Basemen—Perkins's Average of .990 Leads Catchers

THE Red Sox led the American League in fielding during the season just completed. The world's champions showed the way with a rating of 95.1 per cent better than the Athletics in this department the Athletics finished in eighth place.

George Burns, of the Athletics, led well down in the list having a mark of 85.5. Burns, however, had most chances than any other guard in the initial sack. He had 1384 put-outs and 104 assists, making only twenty-six errors.

Eddie Collins was second with a .974. Combe Mack used four but none were near the top. Frank Baker was the lushest third baseman and at the same time the leading one. His average of .972 was 8 points better than that of Larry Gardner, who is entitled to second rating.

Scott, of the Red Sox, was the class of the shortstops with a mark of 97.6. Chapman, of the Indians, accepted more chances than any other short fielder. James Strunk showed the way to the outfielders. He had an average of 98.8, making only three errors out of 243 chances.

Leibold, of Chicago, and Veach, of Detroit, were two and three in the list, respectively. Pop and Jamieson made a good showing for the Mackmen.

Perkins, of the Athletics, had the best average for the catchers, a .990, but as he caught in only sixty-one games, the honors have to go to Steve O'Connell, who had a mark of .983 for 115 games. Geary, of the Athletics, was among the nine pitchers having a perfect fielding average.

LEAGUE ISLAND FAVORITE TODAY

Dickson's Eleven Picked to Beat Brown on Franklin Field

League Island Position Brown Cushman Newcomb left end... Rutgers vs. Great Lakes Strong Teams in Benefit Game at Ebbets Field

New York, Nov. 16.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels is in New York today for the gridiron struggle between the Great Lakes naval training station football team and the Rutgers College eleven at Ebbets Field, Brooklyn.

The combined sailor and marine team, now showing under the name of League Island, will battle Brown University on Franklin Field this afternoon. The kick-off is scheduled to take place at 2:30 o'clock.

It will be the first time this new League Island eleven has shown to Philadelphia fans, although the Marines, before they were broken up recently, had been defeated by Rutgers.

Despite the fact that Brown suffered a 24-0 defeat at the hands of Syracuse, it is believed that the Providence players will be able to give Dickson's team a good game. Prior to the Syracuse onslaught Brown did not have much time to practice because of the influenza epidemic.

Allie Corzog, the captain of the Providence eleven last season, will make his bow as a service player. Corzog was scheduled to start against his former teammates at Swarthmore last Saturday, but he refused to play against ex-brothers in arms.

There is some doubt expressed about the possibility of Ben Boynton, the All-American quarterback at Williams last year, starting the game. In case he is not available, Pard Pierce, quarter on the Penn freshman eleven in 1917, will be at the helm of the service eleven.

A. A. U. MEETING HERE

Hold Annual Session Tomorrow and Monday

The annual meeting of the National A. A. U. will be held at the Adelphi Hotel, starting tomorrow. The committee will go into session tomorrow afternoon and the big meeting will be held on Monday.

Plans for the renewal of track and field athletics for the coming year will be discussed, the national championships records will be accepted and the election of officers will take place.

Catcher Leo McGraw Dead Cleveland, O., Nov. 16.—Leo McGraw, a former professional baseball catcher, died at a local hospital here from Spanish influenza. He was twenty-seven years old. McGraw was a former member of the Chicago White Sox, Milwaukee, Memphis and Grand Rapids teams.

WELSH IN SEMIFINAL

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CENTRAL HIGH BEST PUBLIC SCHOOL TEAM

Gimbel Cup Is Virtually Clinched by Crimson and Gold; the Interacademic Gridiron Title in Doubt

EPISCOPAL LOOKS GOOD

BY EDWIN J. POLLOCK CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL virtually clinched the championship of the Public School League and the Ellis A. Gimbel trophy, emblematic of the title, when the Crimson and Gold athletes braced out the worst defeat in a long stretch of years to the Germantown High eleven on Houston Field yesterday afternoon.

The only team that now stands between the O'Brien boys and the championship is West Philadelphia, and by contrast with the Central High team the Germantown boys have played only two games, both with victories and that is enough to convince the followers of scholastic sports that the Crimson and Gold has virtually clinched the title.

The first Central victory was over Southern, 39-6, West Philly defeated Germantown, 7-0, and also beat South Philly 2-0. The fact that Central overcame both Germantown and the outworn eleven of Southern makes it plain, as far as comparative records go, that the O'Brien boys will be the ultimate winners.

The race for the championship in the Interacademic League, however, is much closer and the outcome still in doubt. It will be a battle royal between Penn Charter and Episcopal academy, but there are many who favor the Episcopal boys.

Episcopal nosed out Germantown Academy yesterday, 12-7, in one of the most thrilling games that has been waged on any scholastic gridiron. The scored two touchdowns in the first period, but Germantown staged a rally, and it was anybody's game from the second period on.

Mainly through the splendid work of Captain Dismore, the Germantown boys came back in the second session and scored one touchdown. There were several opportunities offered the suburbanites in the third and fourth quarter, but they lacked the final punch to put over another touchdown.

Episcopal Well Coached This Episcopal team is one of the best coached school elevens in the city. Their interference and runs compare with college elevens and the line plays low and knows how to shift to meet an opposing shift formation.

Episcopal was weak in one department. The defense against the forward pass was very insecure. In the third and fourth periods McCarthy's boys were in hot water continually because in connection with the united war work the forward pass. The Episcopal secondary defensive men were fooled into being drawn in on the aerial plays.

Penn Charter advanced a notch toward the Interacademic title by eliminating Friends' Central by the top-heavy figures of 32-0. The William Penn lads showed an attack that was sweeping and steady. The struggle against Episcopal will be the real battle.

Frankford Easy Central must also play Frankford, but Southern disposed of the uptown eleven 33-0 yesterday and the Crimson and Gold should have no trouble the same task.

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Results of Scholastic Games Played Yesterday

Table with columns: Football, Interacademic League, Soccer, Other Games.

Will Golf Today FOR FOCH MEDALS

Local Clubs Will Play for Rockefeller Victory Trophy

By WILLIAM H. EVANS Golfers of this city will celebrate the victory of the Allies and the United States by holding today one-day tournaments for the Foch victory medals presented by John D. Rockefeller, the elder, in connection with the united war work drive.

Had it not been for the war chest drive here every one of the thirty-two clubs in the Golf Association of Philadelphia would be holding tournaments today.

As it is a number of clubs are playing today for the beautiful bronze medals, the finest made for a golf competition, it will be a real pleasure to win one of them and the competition promises to be keen and spirited.

These tournaments will be chiefly eighteen-hole medal handicap events. The trouble with a scratch event is that the field is restricted at most clubs to a relatively few players, but handicap affairs permit the entire membership to play. As was the case in the Red Cross events held on the Fourth of July, each entrant will contribute the sum that he thinks he should give. It is expected that quite a sum will be raised.

MEADOWBROOK RUNNERS MEET PENN HARRIERS

Temple Team Also Entered in Three-Cornered Cross-Country Run Today

There will be a big three-cornered cross-country race here this afternoon. President Dallas, of the Middle Atlantic A. A. U., arranged this meet when he learned that the Penn-Lafayette dual run was called off. Penn was scheduled to run at Easton today. The Meadowbrook team also was expected to compete in the national junior race in New York,