

SOME RULES SHOULD BE RULED OUT OF RULE BOOK GOVERNING THIS YEAR'S PLAY ON GRIDIRON

1919 GRIDIRON CODE, IN NEED OF CHANGES, MAKES SEASON'S BOW

Rules Virtually Same as Last Year, Which Means Every One Will Be Annoyed by the Vague, Indistinct Meanings Concealed in Bunches of Words

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IT HAS been definitely proved that the 1919 football season is among us. The evidence appeared last night when Jake Gray, our local sports booster, sent us one of Mr. Spalding's very latest football guides, containing the rules, regulations and other reading matter pertaining to the great gridiron sport.

The rules are the same as last year's, which means we still will be annoyed by some of the vague, indistinct meanings concealed in bunches of words scattered haphazard through the pages. This does not mean that every rule requires close study, but many could be rewritten so as to make it possible for athletes not hampered by college educations to understand what they're all about.

However, the new volume is as welcome as the well-known flowers in the often-mentioned May, for it is entirely different from the others. It is dedicated to our gridiron heroes who fought and died on the battlefields in France, and a special section is devoted to service football. A complete record of games played at home and abroad has been compiled by Walter Camp, and a pretty tribute is paid to Bert Bell, captain of the University of Pennsylvania eleven, who saw service in France.

"It seems a long cry from the gridirons of this country to 'Over There' on the fields of France," writes Mr. Camp, "but one of the startling signs of the times is that American football was played behind the lines by hundreds of men whose names have made up the roll of football players in this country in the past.

"For instance—just a single case—there was a base hospital unit that for stars can well compete with any of our teams of the past, and those who remember the playing of young Bert Bell, son of John C. Bell, for so many years a member of the rules committee, will be interested to know that this young captain-elect of the Pennsylvania team played on an eleven made up of a base hospital unit. Weldon, the star from Lafayette, was on the team, as well as Heinie Miller and Mike Dorians, the Greek wrestler, who played on the line. Moreover, this team was coached by Doctor Carnett, senior major of the hospital. Doctor Carnett was a Penn star years ago."

ONE of the features of the new guide is the manner in which the rules are placed in the back of the book. They can be removed without injuring the remainder of the contents. Jake Gray is highly pleased over the volume and says it is the forerunner of a successful season.

Football Officials Urged to Enforce Rules

THE committee is unusually severe and uses harsh words in explaining the meaning of the football code. Every player is expected to conduct himself as a gentleman while on the field or suffer the consequence.

"You may meet players and even coaches," says the book, "who will tell you that it is all right to hold or otherwise violate the rules if you do not get caught. This is the code which obtains among sneak thieves and pickpockets. The crime in their code is in getting caught.

"The football code is different. The player who intentionally violates a rule is guilty of unfair play and unsportsmanship tactics, and whether or not he escapes being penalized, he brings discredit to the good name of the game, which it is his duty as a player to uphold."

Football officials are urged to be very strict this year and see that the game is played according to the rules. During the last two years many teams gave up the sport, and when they resume this fall the players are likely to have forgotten the fundamentals. In regard to talking to officials the guide says:

"When an official imposes a penalty or makes a decision he is simply doing his duty as he sees it. He is on the field representing the integrity of the game, and his decision, even though he may have made a mistake in judgment, is final and conclusive and should be so accepted. Even if you think the decision is a mistaken one, take your medicine and do not whine about it. If there is anything to be said, let your captain do the talking. That's his business. Yours is to keep quiet and play the game."

WITHIN the next two weeks an interpretation meeting will be held in New York, where coaches, captains, players and officials will discuss the rules and straighten out some of the laws. After that the Philadelphia officials and players will meet at the Hotel Stenton for further discussion.

Penn Starts Real Football Training

PENNSYLVANIA starts training in real today for the best-looking Red and Blue football season in a long stretch of years. For the last few weeks a small number of the veterans have been throwing a football around at Franklin Field, but it is today that the lid goes off for the campaign. Bob Folwell, Bill Hollenback and the other score or more coaches will be on the job to give the boys the up and down, to say nothing of the side to side.

Any one who makes that Pennsylvania football eleven this season must be good, provided the veterans live up to their reputations. There are a flock of good men who are back from the war, and there are going to be some sweet battles for the eleven positions. Bob Folwell will not play any favorites, and even Cap'n Bert Bell will not get his regular job at quarterback if some one else looks better. But there's a small chance of any one looking better than Bert this year. That boy is out to beat every team on the schedule and is well aware of the fact that Pittsburgh is on the slate.

Speaking of battles for positions, there is going to be a great fight for the two end jobs. Bud Hopper and Heinie Miller are the favorites, but they will have such men as Ray Miller, who looked like a wonderful man when he played with the freshmen two years ago; Ed Weil, who was a regular last year until he entered the service, and Joe Van Ginkle, a regular wingman of two years ago, to contend with.

All are good men and would land a post on any Red and Blue eleven when end material was not so plentiful. There's a chance that Ray Miller may be switched to the backfield. He's a good defensive player and runs well with the ball. Also he can throw the forward pass better than his star brother, Ray Miller, Heinie Miller and Hopper are in training now and Weil and Van Ginkle are expected soon.

THE Quaker squad works at Franklin Field today and then they will move to George H. Frazier's farm at Willow Grove, which will be their headquarters until September 22. It was a wise move to take the boys to the country and the preliminary practice should be highly successful.

Sluggish Ruth and Scientific Cobb

BABE RUTH is the most sensational hitter in baseball because the average fan would rather see and hear an extra-base hit than a single, and Ruth is the baby who can whittle out the home runs. Cobb is the most consistent hitter in baseball. But he is not the sluggish Ruth in, never has been and never will be.

Cobb is as different from Ruth as the White Sox are from the A's, and we might state that that is SOME difference. Ruth is up there always to take a terrific wallop at the ball. Cobb is up there to take a nice scientific cut. Ruth slams the ball over the outfielder's head, or at least tries to. Cobb places the ball over the infield and in too far for the outfield, or at least he tries to. Ruth depends on his strength and Cobb on his cleverness. Both are getting results.

RUTH has hit twenty-five home runs this season, while Cobb was credited with his first circuit clout of the year on August 30. Yet Cobb is out in front and Ruth has a chance to get him.

Shannon Congratulates Himself

MORRY SHANNON, who used to second base for Mr. Mack, is the most pleased ball player in the world because he was sent to the Red Sox. He's joining the Boston aggregation the Jersey City youth has played better baseball. Not only is he hitting better, but he is fielding better, and he shows more snap, more get-up-and-go in his play, something he lacked while with the Sox.

"It's great to be with a ball club that wins once in a while," said Morry yesterday. "The Sox are not setting the world on fire by winning, but we win often enough to keep the morale of the men right. At least that's the way I feel about it. I had myself fighting harder and giving my best all the time. I don't mean to infer that I did not try for Mr. Mack while I was with the Athletics. I did, but, like the rest of the players, I didn't have the proper winning spirit."

SHANNON is a regular Jersey City commuter whenever he reaches this city for a series. He slips over to his home whenever he has a half a chance.

THAT GUILTIEST FEELING



COBB HAS 23 POINT LEAD OVER JACKSON; CRAVATH STILL RETAINS TOP WITH .340

Star Georgian Has Excellent Chance to Head American Batters for Twelfth Time

SISLER-VEACH IN TIE

Club Batting Averages in American League

Table with columns for Club, G, AB, R, H, SR, P.C. listing batting averages for various teams like Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, etc.

TY COBB holds such a commanding lead that it will take a record sport for any of the challengers in the American League to overtake him. Ty now has an excellent chance to snare the batting crown for the twelfth time. His present rating of .371 is twenty-three points better than that of Joe Jackson, who is in second place. Cobb lost nine points during the week.

Sisler and Veach are tied for third place with .345 marks. Stuff McInnis has started to spurt and with a thirteen-point gain during the week boosted his mark to .314.

The American League sluggers have pounded out 204 homers during the year, which is thirty more than the number in the National.

The averages, including the games played Wednesday, follow:

AMERICAN LEAGUE BATTING INDIVIDUAL AVERAGES

Table with columns for Player, Club, G, AB, R, H, SR, P.C. listing individual batting averages for players like Cobb, Jackson, Veach, etc.

NEW ORLEANS GETS HOYT

Pitcher Now With Boston Americans Property of Minor-League Club Cincinnati, Sept. 6.—The National Baseball Commission yesterday held that the New Orleans club has a prior right to the services of Pitcher Waite C. Hoyt, but recommended that the Boston American League club, with which the player has been tied since the season, be given an opportunity to purchase his release at a reasonable consideration.

The commission, in its finding, said if the two clubs fail to come to terms within ten days the award of Hoyt to New Orleans is to become effective and will be enforced.

Barnes Only National League Twirler to Break Into 20-Column of Games Won

Table with columns for Pitcher, Club, W, L, P.C., last last listing wins and losses for pitchers like Barnes, Reuther, Ballew, etc.

Ciccotte, Williams and Coveleskie Only Pitchers in American to Win Over 20 Games

Table with columns for Pitcher, Club, W, L, P.C., last last listing wins and losses for pitchers like Ciccotte, Williams, Coveleskie, etc.

AMATEUR BASEBALL NOTES

Kingston A. A. is without a game for September 20 and would like to hear from such teams as Kaywood C. C., Canton Black Sox or any other first-class teams paying guarantees. L. Sumner, 4215 Girard avenue.

Roush, of Reds, With .323, Nearest Hitter to Pilot of Phils; Meusel Is Third

JESS BARNES LEADS

Club Batting Averages in National League

Table with columns for Club, G, AB, R, H, SR, P.C. listing batting averages for various teams like Cincinnati, New York, Boston, etc.

AS THE National League season is rapidly closing, with the Cincinnati Reds virtually assured the pennant and with the Phils an even money bet for last place position, Gavy Cravath continues to hold down first place in the batting race.

The Phil pilot was idle during the week and none of the contenders made any appreciable advances. Hence his .340 is still attractive enough to set the pace.

Jess Barnes leads the pitchers with twenty-two victories and six defeats. During the season 174 home runs have been registered with Cravath leading the individuals with eleven.

The averages, including the games played Wednesday, follow:

NATIONAL LEAGUE BATTING INDIVIDUAL AVERAGES

Table with columns for Player, Club, G, AB, R, H, SR, P.C. listing individual batting averages for players like Cravath, Roush, Meusel, etc.

BRADY TO DEFEND TITLE

Oakley Star Enters Massachusetts State Open Tournament Boston, Sept. 6.—Twenty-nine professionals and twelve amateurs are entered in the state open golf championship which will be contested on Monday and Thursday at the Worcester Country Club.

DOPE DUE FOR UPSET WHEN THE REDS OPEN WORLD SERIES DRIVE

Succulent Statistics, Which Often Have Been Joke, Favor White Sox This Season, but Morans Look Better on Field Than on Paper

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Forward, swing forward, O Time, through the glen, Bring us in sight of the Kick-off again; Where the two ends in their rush to attack Dice for the quarter who's "running it back"; Bring us the away of the lines as they meet, Tossed in a tangle of shoulders and feet— Bring us the color, the scramble and fuss, Bring us, in short, to the opening muss.

"AFTER all the discussion," queries a reader, "just how good is Gerald Patterson, the Australian star?" Patterson was good enough to win the English championship, beating Brookes in the final match. He was good enough to take the brilliant Johnston to a spectacular finish in the fifth of the American championship. He may be a trifle wild at times, but for all that he is a grand young tennis player, certainly one of the three or four best now in existence.

World Series Psychology

ON ORDINARY world series occasions you can afford to follow the dope. For example, the palpitating dope showed the Athletics to be a notch or two above the Giants and the Red Sox to be a notch or two above the Phillies and Dodgers.

But there are unique occasions when the dope may split apart. This upset developed in 1906, when the White Sox, after coming from seventh place in their own league, crushed the Cubs when the Cubs looked to be a much stouter combination.

The same thing happened in 1914, when the Braves, coming from last place, obtained such impetus that they romped over the startled Mackmen in four games. Man for man, Mack's team looked to be the better machine. But the succulent statistics were a joke when put to the test of combat.

In the same way the Reds are quite likely to play much better ball than their personnel might indicate. Breaking the deadly spell of a fifty-year drought may hold them on the rampage, no matter how the White Sox work. Most of those doing the early topping have already picked Chicago via the man-to-man selection.

BUT the Reds are quite likely to look better on the ball field than they do on copy paper when the post-season pot is opened.

Tack and the Trench Mortars

WE NOTE where Tack Hardwick is to assist in coaching Harvard half-backs. If they would only permit Tack to employ a brace of trench mortars there would be nothing to it.

Before they stuck in the armistice and shut off the war some ten months ago, Tack was able to take out a trench mortar and bean a Hun at 800 yards. It may be that football has produced some star who was a finer blocker and interferer than Hardwick, but no one seems to remember his name.

HE WAS always the game's ace at this job.

THERE are a number of ways to tell that you are growing old. One of them is to observe Tish Speaker batting below .300. When we saw Wagner slipping and Matty losing his stuff we felt old and decrepit for a couple of weeks.

ATLANTA hopes to get even with Pittsburgh for the defeat of Bobby Jones by Dave Herron when Georgia Tech tackles Pittsburgh University next month. Our idea of no way to try to get even with Pittsburgh is to tangle up with Glenn Warner's machine. The job can be accomplished, but it very seldom is.

Revised

I stood on the bridge at midday And gazed at the eddying pool, Where down in the depths below me Lay a golf ball, white and cool; I had hoped to lift it neatly To the next green—just instead Of lifting the ball with the proper haul I lifted my bally head.

THE National League has won only one world series in the last ten years. But you've got to slip the other circuit credit for at least one achievement—it has finished second in this period no less than nine times.

"WILLARD has been remarkably quiet since his meeting with Dempsey," remarks a contemporary. There is nothing very remarkable about it. When a Maxim silencer explodes under the right and left jaw there is very little left in the way of snappy repartee.

WE ARE not so much interested in standardizing golf balls as we are in standardizing golf scores. Why not establish a standard round of 72 and make it compulsory.

NORTHEAST STAR BACK FROM FRANCE

"Dick" Kinsman, the former Northeast High School athlete, has returned to this country after thirteen months' of foreign service in the United States navy. Kinsman arrived in this country last week and now is stationed at the Westside barracks, Brooklyn, awaiting his discharge.

Kinsman, although small in stature, is one of the best athletes ever developed in Northeast. He was the shining light during the 1916 season, in which Southern won its first championship. The following year Kinsman captained the team which brought the Gimbel trophy back to Eighth and Lehigh avenues.

During his stay in the service Kinsman has put on considerable poundage and also added a few inches in height. He expects to receive his release within a week and if he does will enroll at Swarthmore College and as a matter of course, report to Coach Roy Mercer for football.

Kinsman will find quite a few of his former team mates out at Swarthmore and must compete against "Nick" Carter and Russ White, members of the 1917 backfield at Northeast, for varsity berth in the Swarthmore backfield. James and Christensen, who played on the 1917 line at Northeast, also are at Swarthmore.

The school season will open this Monday and already football gossip is filling the air. The chances of the varsity team in the Public High School League are being discussed. Central High School will have a veteran backfield with only one regular in the line. West Philadelphia High School and Southern are virtually in the same fix.

Little is known concerning Frankford and Germantown. Northeast will be back in the fold after a year's absence. There are quite a few hunky youths at Northeast this season and Coach Harry Snyder can be counted upon to bring out the best that is in them. Practice at the various schools will start Tuesday or Wednesday.

Big Offer for Jersey Ampsey Rene, N. J. to Jack L. Meehan. Fall Boxing Contest. Enroll for Boxing Tournament Sept. 29. Joe Mendell vs. Phil Frenchini. Young Robinson vs. Eddie O'Keefe. Jack Ryan vs. Johnny Maloney. Frank Carey vs. George Fren. Prices: 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00.

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DOUBLE-HEADER TO SHIBE PARK, STARTS 1:30 P.M. Athletics vs. Boston. TWO games for one admission. Best place to spend Saturday. Seats: 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00.

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