

THERE'S NOTHING NEW UNDER SUN UNTIL GLENN WARNER SPRINGS DUST-COLORED FORMATION

GOOD MEMORY MOST IMPORTANT REQUISITE OF FOOTBALL PLAYER

Faint Knowledge of Rules Also Essential, but Ability to Recall Old-Fashioned, Dusty Plays Is Necessary. Warner Pulls Something "New"

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IN modern football, two of the principal requisites of a player are a faint knowledge of the rules and a good memory. The knowledge of the rules sometimes helps, but the memory stuff is very important.

When the University of Pittsburgh played West Virginia last week, Glenn Warner pulled something "new." The man with the ball arose to his feet slowly after being tackled and the opposing players took their time in lining up. In the meantime, the Pitt players got on the line of scrimmage, one man was back of the man with the ball and without a signal, the pignskin was passed back and a long run resulted. The West Virginia players did not know what happened and that one play, more than anything else, caused their defeat.

Now this "new" play, which started the 20,000 spectators on Forbes Field, has been in retirement for ten years and dragged out, dusted off, for use against West Virginia. The first time it was sprung was back in 1904 when Warner had his Indians from Carlisle standing all college elevens on their ears. Other coaches took it up and it was used extensively in the East. In 1905 Swarthmore used it to good effect and Yost also tried it at Michigan.

When the 1909 season rolled around, everybody was using it and Warner, who always had a penchant for new stuff, put it in camp and placed it on the shelf. It soon was forgotten and now the second edition promises to go as big as the first. Also it's a safe bet that other coaches throughout the country will use it, so he prepared to seek quick line-ups and series plays without signals in the future.

Warner always is pulling something like that. Remember the old, moss-covered criss-cross? Well, that play became so old that coaches were ashamed to use it because of respect for old age. It was forgotten until one day Warner worked it on a kickoff and scored a touchdown. Then he improved upon it, worked out his famous reverse play and still has the other fellows guessing.

PITT has used the reverse for five seasons and always gets away with it. No one yet has figured out a good defense and the brainiest coaches in the country have been on the job.

Can't Describe It When You See It

LAST week a scout from one of the big eastern colleges was in Pittsburgh and spent a few days watching the Pitt team practice. He was especially interested in the reverse play and Warner allowed him to go on the field to get a closer view. After the play had been run a dozen times the scout turned to Warner and said:

"I think I know how the backfield acts on the play, but what do you do with the guard and tackle on the short side?"

That's how easy it is to get the low-down on the formation. Several years ago when Warner was at Carlisle, he had as an assistant an alumnus from a big university whose alma mater was on the Indians' schedule. A week before the game, the assistant went home and before he went, Warner said:

"You probably will be asked a lot of questions about the Carlisle team, and you have my permission to tell anything you know. The reverse play surely will be discussed and to make things easy for you, here is the formation." And Warner drew a diagram, showing how every man acted after the ball was passed.

The assistant met the coaches of his college team and not only explained the reverse play, but also drew Warner's diagram on the blackboard. Then something funny happened. The scouts, who had been watching the Indians, disagreed with the diagram, pointed out where it was wrong and turned it down. All of which shows there is something mysterious about the play if the originator's word is questioned.

WARNER has many new plays, but he is not afraid to use the old stuff when the occasion arises. That's the reason he is so successful.

Improvement on Old Quarterback Kick

NOW for that point regarding a knowledge of the rules. Last Saturday Yale played North Carolina and was leading by a large margin in the fourth period. The southerners decided to punt and the quarterback lingered behind the kicker until the ball left his foot. Then he rushed down the field.

The Yale players took their time, allowed the ball to hit the ground and seemed surprised when the North Carolina quarterback grabbed the ball and ran for a touchdown. There was more surprise when Referee Bill Langford allowed the score, ruling that the man was onside and had a perfect right to recover the ball.

That play was nothing but an improvement on the old quarterback kick, which seldom is used in the modern game. The kicker cannot recover the ball, but any man standing behind him when the pignskin is kicked can recover it legally. Now that it has been worked successfully, this play also will be quite popular this year.

Speaking of onside men getting the ball recalled a play in the Yale-Princeton game a few years ago. On the kickoff the Princeton men stood still after the ball had struck the ground and allowed a Yale man to fall on it.

THE Tigers forgot that everybody is on side on the kickoff, or forgot to read the rules.

Lafayette Scare Should Help Princeton

PERHAPS that lucky victory over Lafayette last Saturday will be a big help to Princeton. First, it proved that the Tigers are not so formidable as was supposed, and, secondly, all of the weaknesses in the team—and there are many—were glaringly exposed. Coach Roper saw many things in that game and no doubt is working hard now to rectify the mistakes. It takes a big scare to show a football team just exactly how good it is, and now that it has occurred it's up to the boys to get busy.

Princeton will have an easy time of it next Saturday, but after that a strenuous time will be had by all. Colgate will be entertained on October 25 and that team is only considered one of the best in the country. West Virginia follows on November 1 and the Mountaineers, by that time, will be all loaded for bear. Thus Roper's team has a couple of mighty important engagements to look forward to. They say the line is slow and does not get into the plays, and if such is the case some tall work must be done in the next two weeks.

Lafayette's unexpected showing was quite a surprise, but it shows beyond question of doubt that Dr. Jock Sutherland has a real eleven up at Easton. It takes a good team to play Princeton off its feet so early in the season, for a small college eleven usually must be two or three times as good as a member of the "big three" to win. By that I mean the players never forget they are playing against Yale, Princeton or Harvard and are overwhelmed by the thoughts. That moss-covered tradition is difficult to overcome.

But what do you think of Leibig? While Lafayette was putting on its act at Princeton, Tom Kennedy's men were smearing the field with dear old Rutgers. That victory is more significant than any one imagines. It demonstrated to all concerned that the South Bethlehemites are "there" this year and that confidence will go a long way toward putting through a successful season. Foster Sanford always has a strong team and it took a high-class aggregation to administer a 19-to-0 wallop.

WITH Lafayette back on the map with a swell team and Leibig also out in front this year, the annual battle between the rival colleges will be well worth seeing.

PRINCETON hasn't beaten Yale or Harvard in eight melancholy years, but as 1919 has been overturning the dope and the past-performance chart right and left, this seems to be a good season for the Tiger to slip coyly through. The only impediments just at this moment happen to be Yale and Harvard, who may decide to enter a strong physical protest when the season arrives.

SOMEBODY IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE



SOUTH PHILLY HAS ANOTHER ROSETSKY

Dick Blumenthal Expected to Emulate Fullback Star of 1916 Championship Eleven

AERIAL ATTACK PLANNED

Sports Scheduled Today on Scholastic Calendar

SOCCER Central High vs. South Philadelphia, High Germantown High vs. West Philadelphia, High Northeast High vs. Frankford High

By PAUL PREP South Philadelphia will be represented by another Rosetsky on the grid this year.

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PETROSKY IN WILD BUT LOSING CHASE

One of Few Thousand Reasons for Kaiser's K. O. Outpointed by Greb, Who Covers Many Kilometers

HE NEVER RETREATS

By LOUIS H. JAFFE ONE of the few thousand reasons why Bill, the Kaiser, was started on his way to dethronement in July, 1918, at Chateau Thierney and eventually was clearly knocked out, appeared in the wind-up at the Olympic last night.

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HERMAN POINTS FARESE Champ Goes Eight-Round Battle at Steady Clip in All-Star Show

Johnny Dundee Wins Lawrence, Mass., Oct. 14—Johnny Dundee, of New York, was awarded a referee's decision yesterday in a twelve-round bout with Young Kloby, of this city.

Amateur Sports THE Covenant team, of the German town Church League, has reorganized for the coming season and will place one of the strongest fives in years on the floor.

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POLO GROUNDS TO HOLD 45,000 FANS

Plans Now Under Way for Increase in Baseball Attendance at Stadium

BLEACHERS ARE IMPROVED

New York, Oct. 14.—Plans are now under consideration to enlarge the Polo Grounds for next season so that the Brush Stadium will have a seating capacity of 45,000 spectators.

Baseball became so popular here in both leagues during the last season that it was demonstrated time and again that the Brush Stadium was not large enough to accommodate the fans.

The double-decked stand in left field was not completed when the stadium was constructed, and the first work will be to make an addition to this stand which will carry it far out into left field.

The additions which are contemplated before next season will provide for an extra seating capacity of from 10,000 to 15,000 spectators.

William Strickler, of Frankford holder of many track records in the east, has been selected to drive the motor car.

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Palace Rink 30th & MARKET STS. Skating Afternoon & Eve

IMPOSSIBLE TO NAME 3 GREATEST COACHES OF FOOTBALL HISTORY

Camp, Haughton, Warner, Williams, Sharpe and Others Have Turned Out Winning Machines—Cutting to Trio Is Drawing It Too Fine

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The Great Why In college days he hit a line And hit it with a thud; He had an india rubber spine And did not care for blood. And he could lift a teething punt Athwart the autumn air; While from the triple to the punt The nectarine was there. But now beyond his college fame He seeks another game. Where he has found another game To kill an afternoon. And you can hear him curse and sigh And ponder on his fall— And cannot keep his bally eye Upon a silly ball.

Too Much Territory An expert has attempted to name the three greatest coaches of football history.

This is covering a trifle too much ground. From a list composed of Walter Camp, Perry Haughton, Glenn Warner, Fielding H. Yost, Foster Sanford, A. A. Stagg, Doctor Williams, Larry Bankhart, Al Sharpe, Frank Cavanaugh and fifteen or twenty others here and there who produced victorious machines, cutting the list down to three is drawing it a trifle too fine.

The Camp system or the old Yale system held the longest sway. But the atmosphere is rife with winning systems and powerful teams now, where ten or fifteen years ago there were only a few from the elect and the others were merely "practice elevens."

You can never tell today when an October "practice eleven" will suddenly rise and scatter fragments all over the lot.

Then and Now TEN years ago and Yale, Harvard, Princeton and Pennsylvania stood alone in the East.

But who would care to wager his final shirt today that these four elevens could beat Colgate, Pittsburgh and West Virginia?

The former Big Four haven't slumped in any respect. A multitude of others have merely come forward to annoy the expert and start that many more December arguments in ranking the different stars.

Golf Is Still Golf IT is not Dick Kerr, writes a fan, "the only small pitcher that ever started in a world series?" Kerr is certainly the smallest, although Eddie Cicotte is no whale. Most of those starring in the past have been huskies, such as Walsh, Mathewson, Coombs, Ruth, Alexander, etc.

With the average fan the ballplayer is either a hero or a bum. While the average athlete may not care for the quick shift that follows he should also remember that it is this attitude which makes the fan and thereby provides the necessary flow of dollars through the busy turnstile. If every fan was a normal being, ballplayers would be lucky to knock down 100 iron men a month.

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Advertisement for 'The Neverout' motor and garage heater, highlighting its features and availability for purchase.