MORE THAN ONE GOOD FOOTBALL TEAM HAS BEEN RUINED THROUGH INFERIOR GENERALSHIP

FOOTBALL HAS ONLY A FEW REAL FIELD GENERALS IN GAME

Team's Chances to Win Often Lost Because Wrong Play Is Called by Quarterback—Ackley, of Syracuse, Ranks Among Best Directors

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

Copyright, 1815, by Public Ledger Co. PUELD generalship is a wonderful thing in football, but few real field generals are discovered playing the game. Strange as it may seem, more bone-headed plays are pulled by the man calling the signals than in any other department. Time and again a feam's chances to win are lost because the wrong play is called, the runner is stepped and the ball goes over to the other side.

Once in a big game a team on third down had one-half a yard to gain. The thing to do in a case like that is to send a man through the line to gain the necessary distance, but the quarterback evidently forgot that a straight line was the shortest distance between two points. Instead, he called an end play, the halfback slipped when starting, was tackled behind the line and it was fourth down with 5 yards to gain.

Had a line plunge been called the chances are that a gain would have been made and the march toward the opponent's goal line could have continued. As it turned out, however, the attacking team was forced to resort to a forward pass to get out of trouble and the pass was grounded. Thus a bone-headed play, which could not be seen from the stands, ruined a chance

Football coaches constantly are drilling their quarterbacks to select the proper plays at the proper time, but it seems that it can't be done. Only occasionally does a regular field general appear before the public, and his work goes big. Last week Ackley, of Syracuse, directed his team against Rutgers as it should be directed and was responsible for the victory. He knew what to do on every play and never hesitated.

WHEN the ball was deep in his territory he kicked on the first down. Beyond the 35-yard line he took a chance with two plays, but if they were unsuccessful he punted on the third down. When within the opponent's 40-yard line he used forward passes.

Why Teams Fail When Near Goal

(JE ALL have heard of football teams which lacked that final panch to put over a touchdown when inside of the 10-yard line. Michigan fell flat in game against Harvard a few years ago, always losing the ball on downs when the goal line hove into sight. Some call it a weakness on the attack, but don't believe it. Nine times out of ten the players are exhausted and are anable to put over that final wallop which wins games.

Football teams make a mistake in playing their heads off when between the two 25-yard lines. They try to rush the ball, gaining two and three yards at a clip and perhaps three or four first downs are made. But what good does it do? Three yards on your own 25-yard line mean nothing. You still have 75 pards to go, and it's a tough journey. Also, there is a chance for a fumble. which might give the ball to the opponents within striking distance of the goal. The best thing to do is to kick that ball out of danger on the FIRST down when in the shadow of your own goal posts.

There is where a field general comes in handy. He knows a steady march up the field will use up his men and leave them in no physical shape to put over a touchdown. There are too many teams playing their best football where

Notre Dame came East with a great team several years ago and played Yale. Everybody expected to see the Blue take the count. But instead, she won a lop-sided victory. The westerners beat themselves in the first five minutes of play. After receiving the kick-off they called all of their trick iormations and the Yale players just laid back and looked them over. Notre Dame made four first downs in a row and then Yale got busy, took the ball away and converted the game into a marathon.

SOME quarterbacks use no judgment in calling plays. They shout the signals they happen to remember regardless of the value of the plays. The worst boner ever pulled was when a quarterback, on his own 15-yard line, called a signal for a fake place kick. Nobody knew is was a fake except the opposing team and all of the spectators. Field venerals should play according to the position of the ball on the field. It is a good plan.

No Chance to Question Bell's Work

DESPITE reports. Bert Bell used very good judgment in the selection of his plays in the Dartmouth game Saturday. The Penu captain was on the job and should not be criticized. True, he missed two important tackles the backfield, but unusual plays were responsible. In the first period Holbrook fumbled the ball twice, picked it up and ran for a touchdown. play should have been stopped behind the line, but the Red and Blue forwards were sucked in, and when the opposing halfback picked up the ball and dashed around the end he had a clear field. Bell was running toward the line of rimmage when Holbrook got clear and made a hard try to bring him down. In the third period when Jordan intercepted a forward pass and ran for chdown, Bell was on the other side of the field. He ran to the left to

receive the pass if it was thrown in his direction. From where we were standing Bell seemed to be directing the team in most able manner. At the start he called plays through the line and around the ends because the Dartmouth center was playing back and the

condary defense was waiting for forward passes. In the second period, when the center played in the line and the defensive backs came in close, Bell launched his forward pass attack, which proved successful, He called his plays according to the line-up of Dartmouth's defense and

no man could have done more.

In the fourth period, with time almost up. Penn had the ball inside of the Green's 20-yard line and a drop-kick was tried on third down. This was excellent judgment, because Dartmouth did not know whether the play would be a kick, line plunge, end run or forward pass. Therefore, the secondary se had to play back and less men were on the line of scrimmage to block the kick. Kicking on the third down when a goal from the field will win the game is pretty good headwork.

FREAK punt was pulled in the third quarter and it worked A against Penn. The ball hit in the field of play on the 40-yard line, about six inches from the side line. Ninety-nine times out of 100 the ball would have sailed out of hounds, but this time it bounded down the field, along the line and did not go out of bounds until the

"Pro" Football Going Big in West

DROFESSIONAL football is thriving in the Middle West and enormous crowds attend all of the games. In Ohio the Canton and Massillon teams probably will fight it out for the championship, but Cleveland and Akron also are represented. Gus Zeigler and Si Pauxtis are the stars on the Cleveland eleven and Pollard, the colored flash from Brown; Cobb, of Syracuse, and Purdy, of Brown, are performing well for Akron.

Last Sunday Massillon beat Akron by the score of 13 to 6. Skip Gougler

the old Pitt halfback, making a touchdown and kicking two goals from the field for the victors. Pollard made the lone score for Akron. Bob Peck, mhill and Herron, of Pitt; Nash, of Rutgers, and Dorina, J. Miller and Cofall, of Notre Dame, were in the Massillon line-up

Out in Hammond, Ind., which is a few miles from Chicago, there is football team which is said to have a payroll of \$20,000 for the senson. On Sunday this team played Jim Thorpe's Canton aggregation and the game in a 3 to 3 tie. Therpe booted a goal from the 25-yard line, and ohnny Barrett, one of the greatest players ever produced in the South, did

HE game is going big this year and all of the pro teams are making THE game is going big this year and at of the colleges, the spectators are satisfied, and that is the big thing.

Double Shift Not New Play

THE use of a double shift and two starting signals is nothing new in foot-bell, although Penn saw it and heard it for the first time in the Dartmouth game last Saturday. Georgia Tech has been using that same play for years and urgh also has it. In the Middle West many teams shift twice and the

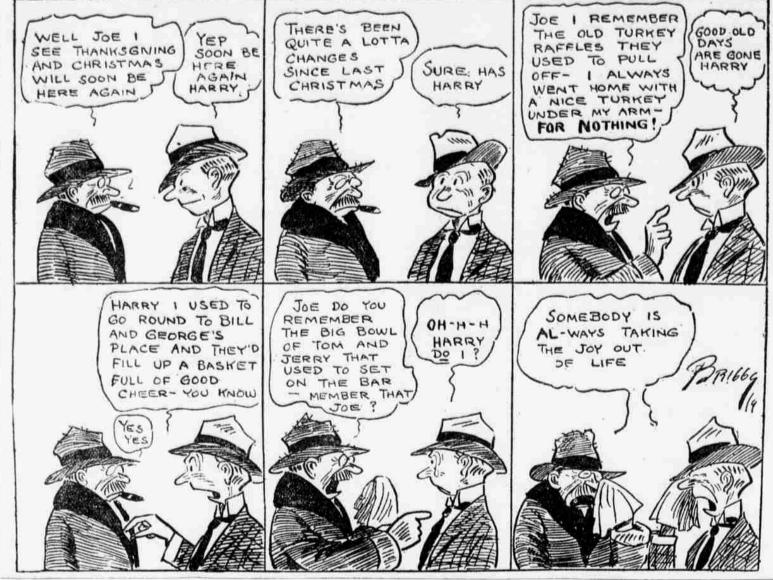
Penn was fooled on the play Saturday, but it was the fault of the players. In justice to Dartmouth, it must be said that the formation is perfectly legal.
The men shifted on the word "go!" and made another shift on the same signal.

nn charged on the first "go" and was off side. Charley McCarty, the referee, knows the football rules and is one of the best officials in the country. He made no mistake when he penalized Penn.

Although the backfield was in motion, the ball was not moved, nor did any tmouth men attempt to draw the others off side. The play was discussed re than a week ago by several officials in New York, Bill Langford, Dave Pults, Walter Okeson and Fred Murphy being among those present. Then it was ruled that the play was perfectly legal, provided the ball was not moved.

THE best plan is to watch the ball. As soon as it moves, charge into the line but pay no attention to conversation. Teams on the at-och use a starting signal to get off with the ball. The defensive layers what wait until it moves. That some of the first principals

SOMEBODY IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE



WEST CATHOLIC IN

First Football Team in History of New School Is Light but Speedy

Sports Scheduled Today on Scholastic Program

Miss Hill's vs. Miss Irwin's, at Overbrook.

the first time, is in the running for a 1919 local championship. The eleven bearing the colors of the new institution across the Schuylkill started its campaign for the Catholic title of Philadelphia by defeating Catholic High last Saturday by a margin of two touchdowns.

Conch John Reynolds, former St. At present the Yale players are much larg's College star, has one of the better tacklers than Princeton. This ghtest teams in the vicinity, but the lightest teams in the vicinity, but the lack of beef is being overcome by the specific solutions of his players. The average weight of the West Catholic line is about 150 pounds, while the backfield averages 138 pounds.

La Salle Big Game

championship series on Thursday of this week. St. Joe was eliminated when it was defeated by La Salle. In order to continue in the running for the laurels West Catholic must win from St. Joe, and then the deciding fracas will be staged on Thanksgiving Day, when La Salle Prep will be the opposition.

Six games have been played so far by West Catholic, resulting in three victories, two defeats and a draw. Friends' Central was first on the schedule and the interac eleven was outpointed, 6 to 0; then St. Luke's came along and took Coach Reynolds's youths into camp by 26 to 0.

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In the third contest Ridley Park way the Tigers held Harvard four times within the 10-yard mark shows that Roper has developed a sound defensive system, but in the open field many of the players in Philadelphia and vicinity, set back West Catholic 21-0, and the next two matches ended in victories, respectively, over Germantown Academy, 13 to 7, and Catholic High. 14 to 0.

"Greasy" Francis Hughes

Francis Hughes, 135-pound haif-

over for the 6-pointer.

Magee and Di Filippo are the heaviest men on the line, each weighing 170 pounds. West Catholic has a strong forward defense, which was proved in the Swarthmore contest, the latter gaining its three touchdowns mainly through its ability to complete forward

Harvard to Visit Severn

Annapolis. Md.. Nov. 31.—Harvard will have a week of rowing at Annapolis, ending with a regatia on April 24. R. is expected that the baseball and the lacrosse teams will oppose the Naval Academy during the annal wheek. The varnity, the second variation and wheek. The varnity, the second variation and wheek. The varnity, the second variation and the resolution of the second variation and the second variation of the varnity, the second variation and the resolution of the variation of the variatio

DEFENSE AT YALE NEEDS BOLSTERING

Sharpe Must Improve Sys- Brother vs. Brother tem to Stop Princeton Backs - Both Teams Physically Fit

BIG GAME WITH LA SALLE PRINCETON AT WORK

By SPICK HALL

IF YALE expects to beat Princeton next Saturday at New Haven, she will have to improve her defense. It is true that Brown was not able to score on the Blue, but the Tigers are going to uncover an offense that will surpass anything that Yale has seen this year. All this week Bill Roper and his staff fermantown High at Frankford High at Central High at Central High at South Philadelphia High at South Philadelphia High at Central High.

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The first time is in the running for a large of the same team, and displayed unusual ability in getting through the line on quick-opening plays in the Brown game. Webb had previously been considered a fixture in the Yale backfield, but he was replaced and contest ever staged on Frankfin Field, including the record attendance at the lust far they have never been pitted against each other.

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Francis Hughes, 125-pound haif-back, is very light for such a position, but he makes up for it by his flectness in the open field and on end runs. He has been dubbed "Greasy" by his pais because of his ability to shake off tackles and cleverness in picking out holes on line bucks. Jim Cunningham, 150-pound fullback, is the star line plunger, and Coach Reynolds has all the confidence in the world with Jeems carrying the ball when a yard or three are needed for a first down.

Speediest of all the West Catholic speedsters is Quarterback Woods, who tips the beam at 130 pounds. This youngster scored the first touchdown against Catholic High on Saturday in about three minutes. Catching the ball on his own 10-yard line, he scampered back to midfield, then made 10 yards through center on a trick play, and after two more line smashes he went over for the 6-pointer.

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J. T. Callahan, center, the Yale captain, will play against his brother, H. A. Callahan, who snaps

The Callahan boys have been play-

ng football for many years, but have

St. Aloysius C. C. has open dates for all first-class traveling teams around the city willing to travel for a reasonable squar-antes. Lew Weyler, 2554 Tasker street.

The Welcome A. C. has November 11 and 12 open for all first-class fives having halls and offering reasonable guarantees. Ernest Schultz, 1553 South Thirty-third street.

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State Fish and Game Meeting

The regular stated meeting of the Penn-givania State Fish and Game Protective association will be held tomorrow evening it its rooms, 313 South Bread street. J. ander Klienvine will address the meeting on Shark Fishing in the Surf." Other sport-our and manne matters will be considered. All sportsmen and anglers are welcome.

The Nativity A. A. and St. John's, of Marunk, battled sixty minutes of sensation othell, score 7 to 7. St. John's only touch win came in the first quarter. Jameson.

em back for Princeton.

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Langston Club, a first-class eleven, has November 15 and 22 onen for teams willing to travel to Chester for a reasonable guarantee. J. Locks, 112 Abbot street, Chester, Pa.

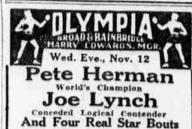
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Welcome A. C., a first-class eleven, would like to arrange Sunday games on home here. A section holds only about 575 grounds. Thomas Thornton, 1533 South Thirty-third street. consideration after the advance appli-cations of graduates and association members are filled. The Cornell game Thankegiving will be taken care of in the same manner." Union A. A. Reserves, of Lansdowns, would like to hear from any second or third class teams desiring games away. H. H. Jackson, Lansdowns, Pa.

JIMMY WILDE HERE

The Viel Club of the Northeast Manufac-turers' League wants games away for No-vember 13. 14 and 15 with any first-class five offering a reasonable guarantee. W. A. Hartaz. 3429 Frankford avenue. World's Flyweight Champion to Box St. Peter's D. A., claimant of the Catholic hasketball championship of Philadelphia during the 1918 season, would like to hear from all the first-class Catholic teams, especially Nativity and Our Lord of Mercy. Charles Adalr, 948 North Orianna street. In West

New York, Nov. 11.—Jimmy Wilde, world's flyweight boxing champion, has arrived here from England on the steam-ship Baltic. Wilde intends to remain here several months, and several exhibition bouts have been arranged for him in the Far West. Early next year he in the Far West. Early next year he plans to take part in a championship bout in the East. His opponent for this contest has not yet been selected. Wilde was the guest at a luncheon given in his honor by the International Sporting Club of this city, before which organization he will defend his title on February 3. The English flyweight was accompanied by his trainer, Benny Williams, and his English manager, Dave Hughes. Gaston Club, formerly of the Brotherhood Learne, would like to arrange sames with all first-class teams. Harry Fox, 2825 North Eighth street.



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> > ARMISTICE DAY

A message from those 20,000 American soldiers in France who will forever be "The Last to Leave"

We heard the drum fire rise and break-we heard the rifles clatter In one last echo through the fog—and then the world was still;
And some one said that Peace had come—for us it did not matter, For Peace and War were one to us, where only God might shatter The mounded grip of grass and sod by valley, plain and hill.

Homebound, we heard you leaving us-homebound in all your glory-The slogging tramp of marching men for ports that faced the West: And all in vain we tried to rise from battered fields and glory-But who is there to listen when a dead man tells his story?— Where only night and silence fell above our endless rest.

We caught the mighty full that came when the last gun had thundered; We heard the chow lines forming with their old-time songs of home; We heard their happy voices—can you blame us if we wondered That fighting mates would leave us here with ties forever sundered Where rusty rifles marked our dreams beneath the shattered loam!

We heard, a year ago today, the last far Hun shell flying. The last great roar—and then afor, a silence soft as dreams; But where it came too late for us in fields and woodlands lying, Our wooden crosses waved farewell—but there was no replying

For who could know that dead men turn to well-loved hills and streams?

Day after day-week after week-we heard your columns swinging By highways leading through Sedan—from Ypres to Red Lorraine;
Day after day—week after week—we heard our old mates singing
"The Long, Long Trail"—"The Last Long Mile"—their clear, clean echoes And then-a ghostly silence as see called to you in vain

Yes, you had left for living dreams of those at home scho scatted-Soft hands again—and happy eyes—warm arms that held you fast— The old, old lanes—the rolling plains—where life and love were mated— But we who stayed-who knows the dream that come to haunt The Fated Who wait behind to hold the line until all Time is pastf

At first we missed the rolling guns—the tramp of feet around us— The creaking caissons down the road—the bugle blown at dawn; Until at last, lost winds from home, far blown came on and found us And whispered of forgotten years before the stark night bound us, By Staff and Line of equal rank from paladin to paion.

Lost winds from home that whispered low above our grim, set faces, Of summer skies and starry eyes that we should never know; Of purple dusks and silver dawns in well-remembered places Before the last charge led us out through Time's eternal spaces

Where we should never see again the land of Long Ago.

Through the long war we've waited here-November to November-We've seen the summer poppies bloom-the rains have lulled our sleep; And through it all we've fanned again into a glowing ember
The dreams and hopes that might have been—(for dead men still remember)— Before the bugler sounded Taps across the starless sweep.

We've paid in full—and still we hear, where flesh and clay are blended,
The whining world—the snarling pack—their clamor shakes the sod;
What have they learned of sacrifice through lands that we defended? What darricade can hold our scorn, although our time is ended, "If ye break faith with us who die" for Country and for God?



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