

THERE'S A FLOCK OF REAL AMERICANS WHO WON'T BE PLACED ON THAT ALL-AMERICAN ELEVEN.

FOOTBALL COACHES ALWAYS ON LOOKOUT FOR SOMETHING NEW

Mob Follows Leader, Even on Gridiron, and Doubtless Penn State's Daring Forward Passing From Behind Own Goal Will Be Given Trial by Others

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IT'S a good thing Penn State got away with that forward pass behind its own goal line in the last game of the season, because every small team in the country would have adopted it and tried to get behind their own goal line to pull it off. It was such an unexpected and entirely uncalled for play that everybody was taken by surprise at first, and then became very much peeved because they never thought of it themselves.

Funny how the mob follows a leader in football. Coaches constantly are on the lookout for new stuff, and no matter how wild or woody it seems, a lot of teams try it out. Way back in 1902 when Carlisle scored on Harvard, the first hidden ball trick was worked successfully. One of the Indians shoved the ball under the back of his sweater and crossed the goal-line without being touched. Much publicity was given the stunt, and in a week nearly every team in the country tried to use it. Some of the players discarded their padded jerseys and insisted on wearing sweaters.

Then came Warner's famous criss cross, known as the reverse play. That still is being used. Frank Hinkley's bewildering lateral pass attack was copied far and wide, and when Foster Sanford sprung the multiple kick which never amounted to much, other colleges fell in line and tried it out. It seems that football coaches are willing to try anything—once.

But that forward pass play worked by Penn State against Pittsburgh last Thanksgiving Day was a wonder. It was commemorated, and resulted in a touchdown, but if you had asked any coaches two weeks ago about the advisability of using the play, nine out of ten would have said you were crazy. It was entirely too risky and gave the other side too much of a chance to recover the ball and score a touchdown. However, the play was tried. Hess tossed the ball to Higgins from behind the goal line and the speedy end romped from end mark to chalk mark until the goal line was crossed.

Hugo Bezdek was the man who doped out the play, and it's a safe bet he got the idea fifteen years ago when playing with the University of Chicago. In 1904 when Walter Eckersall was going good, the little quarterback used to drop behind his own goal line in kick formation and run with the ball instead of punting it. He scored many touchdowns on the play and Bezdek never has forgotten it.

BUT the real reason the play now is popular is because State got away with it. Had the forward pass dropped into the arms of a Pittsburgh man, Hess would have been Fred Merkle's running mate in the concrete hall of shame. It's all right if you get away with it, but if not—remember what happened to Kempton, of Yale, when that lateral pass went flooie?

Cornell Had Chance to Pull State Play

STILL, when you dope out the play and the conditions under which it can be worked, it is strange that no one ever tried it before. When a team is kicking behind its own goal-line you can bet almost anything that no funny stuff will be tried. The object of the game is to get the ball away from the goal line and the safest method is to punt. Therefore, the secondary defense moves up to the line of scrimmage, two men go back about thirty yards to catch the ball and there is an unprotected area where any sort of a forward pass can be worked successfully.

Bezdek knew this and also was aware that no one would be expecting an aerial play. Therefore, Higgins and two other State men were all alone when the ball was tossed, and with those interferers it was a cinch to score a touchdown. It was a daring play which worked beautifully because the Pitt players were caught off their guard.

This same play almost was worked in the Cornell-Penn game on Franklin Field last Thursday, but the chance was lost because Speedy Rush, the Cornell coach, refused to take an unfair advantage. We have heard a lot about the ethics of football, but Rush is one man who plays the game absolutely fair. This is not a slam at other coaches or anything like that, because there is a higher type of sportsmanship in football than in any other branch of athletics. But this incident speaks for itself.

Cornell held Penn for downs on the one-yard line, and Shiverick dropped back for a punt. Before the ball was passed, "Pink" Dunbar, the old Yale center, who was on the Cornell side, rushed up to Rush and said:

"Look at the way Penn is playing for that kick! The secondary defense is on the line of scrimmage, Bert Bell is back for a kick and it is a cinch to work a forward pass! Why don't you send in a substitute and try it?"

Others told him the same thing, but Speedy Rush never moved. He sat there, saw the ball kicked and then turned to his man:

"I DECIDED not to do anything," he said, "because I believe it is up to the men on the field to do their own thinking. It was a great spot for a pass, and I only with Shiverick had thought of it." Wouldn't it have been strange if the same play had been worked at both ends of the state?

Rush Had Too Much Embryo Material

WHILE on the subject, it's about time to say a few words about the Cornell football team this year. The Ithacans had a disastrous season, losing to Colgate, Dartmouth, Lafayette, Penn State and Penn, but those who saw the team in action against Penn last Thursday were surprised. Cornell did NOT have a weak eleven. Good football was played and it was not until the second half that the Red and Blue was able to clinch the victory.

Cornell was up against it this year and Speedy Rush cannot be blamed for the poor showing. Only two letter men were back, and a new team had to be selected. This took time, as the coach had to study all of the candidates.

When he got one combination working together, Colgate was played and several of the men were injured. After that, another crowd was selected and Dartmouth was played. Then came Lafayette and Penn State, two very powerful teams. Rush never had a chance to develop a varsity.

TOO many hard games ruined all of his plans and embryo star players. He will have better luck next year.

Professional Football Menace to Colleges

UNLESS something is done to curb the professional football teams out West, the college game is likely to be undermined next year. Too many college players have been approached and offered large sums of money to play on Sundays, and sometimes the temptation has been too great to resist. To a boy in college the sum of \$100 and expenses for playing one football game is a whole lot of money, and many are likely to take a chance for the "soft pickings." If they are caught their college careers are ruined forever.

Professional football managers should get together and agree not to approach players who have not finished their college courses. If a senior has played his last game and is through with athletics, there is no reason why he shouldn't play in post-season professional contests, if he is so inclined.

FOR the good of football this should be done. Pro managers should lay off the freshmen, sophomores and juniors, and should agree not to even mention money to them.

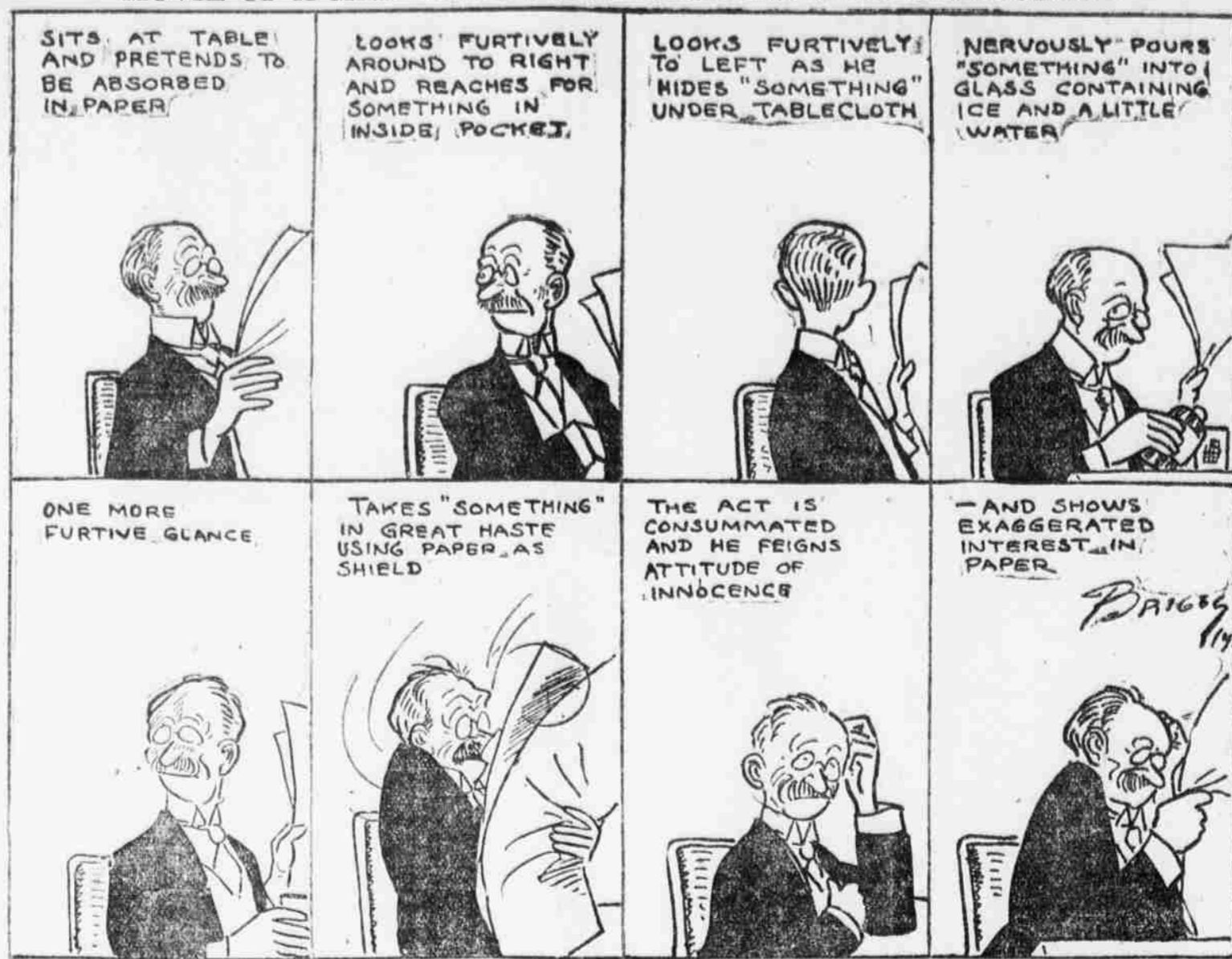
Modern Attack Is Highly Developed

COLLEGE stars again will grace the gridiron Saturday when the big independent football game of the season is pulled off on the High School arena at Norristown. The hostile elevens are Conshohocken and Phoenixville. The latter has had a good record this season as far as scores are concerned, but has not been up against the stiff propositions that Conshohocken has met on the chalked field.

As an exhibition of the modern game the affair Saturday will be all that can be desired. Conshohocken has developed an open attack that, coupled with their straight, dashing play, has made Crawford's eleven one of the best in the land and in this day of so many high-power machines, "one of the best" means something. There is no doubt that Conshohocken with her array of luminaries could make a stand against any team in the country, including the two great teams in Ohio—Canton and Massillon.

CONSHOHOCKEN and Phoenixville have decided to get officials from the central board for their big clash. In spite of their growing popularity independent games would draw far better if they would make it a rule to get competent officials.

MOVIE OF A MAN TAKING A PRIVATE NIP IN A RESTAURANT



TENDLER TO GO UNDER OPERATION
Lightweight Ace, Suffering With Hernia, Will Be Inactive for Six Weeks

AN EIGHT-YEAR AILMENT
Epiney lies the head that wears the crown, or words to that effect as used by an author many years ago, but Benny Leonard, possessor of the lightweight diadem, will not have to worry about the readiness of his hair for at least a period of six weeks. All of which means that Lew Tendler, most persistent challenger of Leonard's lightweight laurels, will be on the sidelines for that length of time.

The Philadelphia lightweight ace, moaning Tendler, will be admitted to the National Hospital tomorrow morning, and on Friday he will undergo an operation. For eight years Tendler has been suffering from a hernia, of which ailment he was unaware until he was examined by a club physician at Detroit, prior to his bout with Harvey Thomas.

At that time the club doctor narrowed at the physical disadvantages under which Tendler had been boxing, unconsciously, and he advised the "murderer" left-hander to undergo an operation immediately. However, it was not until after Tendler had shown little signs of his victory over Johnny Noye in Denver was not a foul, by stopping the same scrapping at the National in two rounds here Thanksgiving Day, that Tendler consented to permit himself to do battle with the knife.

The operation on Tendler will be performed on Friday by Dr. M. P. Warmuth. Because of this operation Phil Glassman, Tendler's manager, was forced to cancel at least four bouts. He had a contest scheduled at Lancaster with Tim Doney, another with Eddie May, at the Olympia, and bouts at Boston and Jersey City.

Doctor Warmuth says that Tendler will be forced to remain on the sidelines for a period of at least six weeks. The boxer's plan, after recuperating from this operation, is to partake in two contests; then he will rest up previous to leaving for England, for which country he will leave late in February. Tendler is signed for two matches in England, for which he is to receive a guarantee of \$15,000.

SCHMEELK STAR PERFORMER IN GERMANTOWN'S SIXTH VICTORY
Nat Holman Divides Honors With Big Forward in 24-18 Victory Over the De Neri Five

GERMANTOWN annexed its sixth victory in the Eastern Basketball League last evening at the expense of De Neri by the score of 24-18. The margin of six points, and all from fouls, tells, however, to show the superiority of the Suburbanites over the Down-towners.

The G's were a new combination with Garry Schmeelk and Nat Holman in the line-up, and they made good with a bang. They played basketball de luxe, whatever that means, and were all over the opposition throughout the game.

Schmeelk, the same old Garry, always on the ball and ready to let go the old pill for a shot. He has improved wonderfully since his last appearance here, in that he is a bear for teamwork and is ever ready to hand the leather to a teammate when it will turn the pass into a goal or a good attempt.

Schmeelk and Holman were the stars in the triumph. Garry caged three beautiful tries on Joe Dreyfus, while the latter landed a pair; but the Germantown man had a dozen flirting with the rim, as did Holman. Nat was really unfortunate and deserved a better fate. He made but one shot on Kid Dark. The De Neri player also scored once from the field, but it was while Armstrong was in the game. Holman is as fast as chain lightning, and while teasing fouls assumes a posture which, if nothing else, is original.

His pose was the subject of considerable amusement as he teed the mark with one foot and drew himself back, but he did not miss a single shot of his four tries, and as foul chances were the game, it can be seen that he played a big part in the victory.

The home talent went out front at the start on two baskets by Schmeelk and Franckle. Dreyfuss and Leonard then came through and the lead switched twice on shots by Franckle and Dark. The totals were 10 to 0 and the period ended De Neri 11, Germantown 10.

Schmeelk's beauty gave the home talent the upper hand a minute after the second act was under way. Some fouls and another clever try by Garry boosted the figures to 17-13. During the remainder of the play, Chris Leonard registered twice and Holman came through with the feature shot of the evening.

All told each side shot six double-deckers, they going to Leonard 3, Dreyfuss 2, Dark 1, Schmeelk 3, Franckle 2 and Holman 1. At foul shots Germantown made 12 out of 21 and De Neri 6 out of 22. Camden will endeavor to make it

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Their opponents of this evening gave them a run on Monday evening, but on that occasion the Steekers were away off and they are due for a better exhibition tonight.

At last night's game Allyn McWilliams announced that Saturday's contest at Musical Fund Hall against Camden would mark his last appearance in the Eastern League, as he will open the Parkersburg season next week.

LAYTON "SCRATCHES" WAY TO CUE VICTORY

Sedalia Star, After Taking 15-Point Setback, Noses Out Maturro in Thrilling Match, 125-121

By JAMES S. CAROLAN
A BASEBALL game is never over until the last man's out, a football game is never closed until the final whistle sounds and a pocket billiard game is never decided until the winning point is pocketed.

This was demonstrated very clearly in the in-and-out, up-and-down, won-and-lost and won again marathon staged in the concluding match of the second round of the national pocket billiard championship tourney at the Parkway Building early this morning. The game started last night, but the referee did not blow the whistle at midnight and no time was taken out for tea or lunch or naps or anything.

When the clock on City Hall thunders midnight, Referee Charles C. Peterson chirped: "Maturro, play for one."

The crowd began to move toward the exits, the electrician was headed for the switchboard and every one was willing to leave but one man. That was John C. Layton, of Sedalia, Mo.

He was seated quietly and comfortably in the well-upholstered chair in the northwest corner of the ring. His red-thatched head and ruddy face glistened beneath the incandescents. His smile was illuminating.

Maturro carefully ironed the kinks out of the tip of his cue with sandpaper, applied the chalk lavishly, then set himself for the final shot.

"Two ball in corner," muttered Maturro as he took careful aim and fired. He had everything on the ball but direction and the ivory avoided the trap.

This was the chance James Maturro, of Denver, had to clinch the game and with this failure went victory. Maturro fought a brilliant, upbill fight all the way until he was resting upon his beam, perspiring, brow, it "blew."

John C. Layton, overcoming the handicap of surrendering a seventy-two point lead, showed the old courage in the pinch and delivered the honor with the bases loaded. Layton at one time led 96 to 24.

Layton won by 125 to 121 after an exhibition of pocket billiard that will be difficult to surpass. Layton and Maturro played perfect pocket billiards and overlooked nothing in the way of generalship or execution.

Maturro showed that he was following the game closely when he informed the referee as well as Layton that twenty-fourth inning that Mr. Layton had perpetrated three consecutive scratches.

Mr. Maturro won and Mr. Layton was set back fifteen points. After making the proper deductions, it was discovered that Layton's score dwindled from 119 to 102. Maturro at that time had 122 and retired to 121 through the scratch run. Layton scored eleven, scratched two and then went out with an unfinished run of fourteen. Incidentally it was the fourteen ball that went in for the final and winning cue.

The score by innings of the hectic struggle:

Maturro—0 4 0 0 4 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 7 84 0
Layton—0 0 14 0 13 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 121
High run 34, Scratches 10, Safeties 7
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