

Local Football Players and Officials Will Discuss Rules at Hotel Stenton Wednesday Night

MAN-IN-MOTION RULE WILL BE DEFINED BY COMMITTEE THIS WEEK

Football Officials Ask That Legislation Be Made to Govern Shifting of Players Before Ball Is Put in Play. Clipping Also Is Denounced in N. Y. Meeting

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A REAL 1921 definition of the meaning of a man in motion will be rendered by the Football Rules Committee some time this week. It will have an important bearing on shift plays and many coaches are anxiously awaiting the verdict. The big question is whether a backfield man must come to a complete stop after shifting from one place to another before going through with the play, or whether he can land on the ground simultaneously with both feet and keep on going, regardless of the fact that the body is in motion when the ball is snapped.

In other words, the gridiron raters want to know if starting before the ball, which is known as offside, is permissible. This was the most important subject taken up at the annual interpretation meeting in New York on Saturday night. Everybody had something to say about it, and at the end it was voted to submit the problem to the Rules Committee for final consideration. However, it was the consensus of opinion that the backfield men should come to a complete stop or pause momentarily before going through with shift plays.

A majority of the coaches, men like Glenn Warner, Gil Dobie, Buck O'Neil, Foster Sanford, Tad Jones and Major Charlie Daly, of West Point, favored a new interpretation; not that they were against shift plays, but for the good of the game. They contended that the one line in the rule book governing a man in motion was inadequate, misleading, cumbersome and, as Foster Sanford put it, "left too many openings for cheaters."

The rule in question was as follows: "A player shall not be ruled to be in motion if he has both feet stationary on the ground." Not very illuminating, would you admit? nor does it explain anything. Had this rule been allowed to stand, football would have dropped back to the old days of flying interference. A change was necessary, and when it is made the game will be much improved.

After more than an hour of oratorical pyrotechnics, in which the pros and cons had their say and one amendment was turned down, Sanford struggled to his feet and submitted the following, which was accepted and turned over to the committee:

"In all shift plays an interval of time shall be allowed to elapse sufficient to permit the officials to see, first, whether the play is legal, and second, to determine whether the ball was snapped when the men were in motion."

THAT seems to cover everything. The pause does not have to be very long, but just enough to show that the men have ended their forward progress.

Major Daly Argues Against 1921 Ruling

MAJOR DALY, of West Point, was the first to urge a change in the rule. "It is all a question of motion," he said. "A man can jump forward and land on both feet, but in so doing his body does not cease to move forward. He may land on his toes and thus get a flying start, or rotate from the heels to the toes, without violating the rule as it now stands. If this is allowed to continue it will not be long before the old-time flying interference is introduced again and the game completely changed."

I have conferred with many of the leading coaches and football officials in the last six months and have formed a rule which I wish to introduce. It is merely a suggestion, and offered as such.

"Shifts shall become legal, he read, "when all forward or sideward movement of the player has ceased and he has come to a complete stop, making a pause plainly discernible to the referee. In case of doubt, the referee should rule in favor of the defense."

Major Daly also took a broad-minded view of the rule and made no effort to curtail the use of shifts in football. He made it plain that he wanted legalized shifts which could be used without argument from either side, not plays which looked like offside to those on the sidelines, but perfectly proper going just far enough to keep inside of the definition of men in motion without incurring a penalty.

It must be remembered that this proposed legislation deals only with backfield men. The linemen will be allowed to shift sideways, an end can be in motion, as Bill Roper uses it at Princeton—because the rules state clearly that one man may be in motion before the ball is snapped, provided he is running toward his own goal line. No effort is being made to do away with light fast men in the backfield, but handicapping them with rules, nor do any of the coaches or officials take a stand against the quick-shifting attack. All they want is a rule which will guard against offside and leave no room for argument.

Some of the speakers said the officials who handle the games could easily determine whether or not the plays were legal. This is correct, but the referee's decision according to the rules, but sometimes the coaches do not interpret the rules in the same way. Unless there is a cut-and-dried clear definition in the book, the official is open to criticism and he gets enough without wishing any more trick stuff on him.

THERE is no doubt that the rule will be interpreted along the lines suggested by Major Daly and Foster Sanford. This means the backfield men on shift plays must come to a stop after snapping to a new position, something they have had to do every week except last, when the new definition was introduced. The game will not suffer and coaches will find that they can perfect their plays better than before.

Rigid Legislation Against Clipping From Behind

ONCE more the practice of cutting down from behind, commonly known as "clipping," was condemned, and everybody at the meeting voted to eliminate it as much as possible. Foster Sanford has urged this for many years, but only of late has he been able to get many converts.

Last year the officials voted against the practice and the following was adopted: "The officials assembled here interpret 'cutting down from behind'—i. e., throwing the body laterally from behind across the leg or legs (below the knee) of a player not carrying the ball—as unnecessary roughness."

For some reason or other this was not included in the rules this year, so it was voted to put the clause back again. It simplifies the 1921 version, which reads: "Unnecessary running or diving into or throwing oneself against a player obviously out of the play before or after the ball has been declared dead, or unnecessarily roughing the man who has made a forward pass, may be deemed unnecessary roughness."

Clipping has no place in football. If a man is obviously out of the play and is standing waiting for the ball to be declared dead, no opponent should come up from behind, dive into his legs and knock him to the ground. The player offers no resistance, his body is relaxed, the attack is unexpected and in many cases the victim is seriously injured.

Legislation can be made against clipping if the officials can be instructed to inflict severe penalties and keep constantly on the lookout, but there is only one real way to stop it. The coaches must do that. If they start in right now to instruct their men to check the interference with their bodies and go after the men from the front or sideways instead of behind, we will not have much trouble in the future. But so long as the coaches teach their men to clip from behind, all of the legislation and work of the officials will not be able to stop it.

Of course, there are times when cutting down from behind is permissible and cannot be termed unnecessary roughness. For example, if a player is on the way to make a touchdown, has a clear field, and an opponent is running behind close enough to make a diving tackle to bring him down, a player on the runner's side should be permitted to dive into an opponent to take him out of the way, because that is the only method of doing it. He must get him from behind or take a chance on losing the touchdown.

THERE were three interpretations, but some was important. If the Rules Committee have up the rule dealing with a man in motion, and hands out a stiff ruling on clipping from behind, the game will benefit.

Football Meeting at Hotel Stenton Wednesday

FOOTBALL rules are difficult to understand, or the annual meeting of officials and coaches would not be held in New York. Many of the men who officiate and coach were present on Saturday night, but hundreds in Philadelphia were unable to make the trip. They should have the benefit of the discussions and interpretations, and with this object in view a meeting has been called for next Wednesday night, September 22, at Hotel Stenton, Broad and Spruce streets. The meeting will begin at 8:30 P. M., when dinner will be served, and the discussions will take place about 8:30. This meeting is open to every one. Prominent officials and coaches will speak and all questions regarding the rules will be answered. High school coaches, captains of the teams and officials are invited to be there, and also managers and players of the independent teams in Philadelphia and vicinity.

This is not held under the auspices of any club or organization—just a number of the football officials in Philadelphia who desire to help make the game a success. It will be a grand opportunity for high school and independent, to say nothing of college players, to get an idea of what the game is all about and have a clearer understanding of the rules.

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GOLF STARS LAUD FOREST VIEW CLUB

Newest Layout Holds Auspicious Opening on Fine Course. George Hoffner Wins

DARK HORSE CHAMPIONSHIP

By SANDY McNICOLL

The Forest View Golf Club, our latest district links layout, held a unanimously auspicious opening over the week-end. Carved out of a strip of Jersey woods and set aside from the beaten track, there wasn't a sign of anyone to lead the way, but nearly 400 citizens of the environs found the club. It was "open house," with a dinner and dance and a pleasant time.

Three rounds have been completed on the golf course, and a feature of opening day was the tournament in which there were nearly a hundred entries, and to line-up contained many of the best players in Philadelphia and Jersey.

Words of praise were bandied about right and left. The entire field was enthusiastic over the course. "The best greens I've pitched to in some time," stated George Hoffner, "when the ball lands there it sticks away."

"I was surprised at the greens," chimed in Charlie Green. "Most of them were as true as though years old."

"A wonderful layout," added Bob Ransford. "They are going to have some of the best holes here we have in the district."

The fine part about the course is that you have to keep straight. J. J. Hensle asserted, "There's no fluff in this. The better you play the more you get out of it. The fairways demand a straight shot to be played. The fairways are not narrow either."

Modern Layout

All were surprised at the finished condition of the club. The clubhouse is one of the most modern in the city, complete and commodious. It was beautiful. New Jersey golfers will be attracted from friends on all sides.

The club is only about half an hour from Philadelphia, but a feature is its dormitory. It is expected the club will have a big demand for winter golf. The soil is sandy and ideally situated for all-year round play.

The golf played by George Hoffner to win the first tourney was remarkable. He was out in 38, with scarcely a mistake, and back in 42 for an 80 (other golf scores in the morning which fell heavily, were Ed Carey, 81; Charlie Rooker, 82; Paul Jennings, 82; W. Flynn, 83; R. Ransford and Charlie Dooly, 84).

Aye Fair Weather

"Climate conditions never worried any golfer, not any you ever heard of, for golf is one game they play, come what may. Postponed golf on account of weather is as rare as double eagles."

The tourney for the St. Martin's cup were played in pouring rain and Norman Maxwell won eleven straight holes in par figures. That's how much rain bothers here is one for the bulletin board. Down in one of the lower digits in the "Cricket Club" tourney E. O'Hanlon was embarrassed by winning the second round. He was overhyped because he expected to lose and wanted to, as he had a lot of office work on for Saturday morning.

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After that the caddies went ahead. When they heard the balls light they ran to the spot. It was the only thing light about the match. There wasn't even a mou.

Every one and then they would "halloo" to each other to be sure no one was lost.

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WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



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CAMPBELL STARS IN SOCCER WIN

"Baby" Member of Local Eleven Tallies All the Points Against Coats Team

American Soccer League Standing

| Team | Games Played | Points |
|-------------------|--------------|--------|
| Todd's Shipyard | 1 | 0 |
| Philadelphia | 1 | 0 |
| New York F. C. | 0 | 0 |
| Hartman | 0 | 0 |
| Pat River | 0 | 0 |
| F. P. Coats | 0 | 0 |
| Jersey City Coats | 0 | 0 |

The American Soccer League has made an impressive get-away, and all the opening matches were well played, despite the fact that the Todd's Shipyard representatives ran up a score of 7 to 0 in one of the games played yesterday with the New Jersey Celts.

The other match of the day resulted in a 2-2 draw between the New York Field Club and the Harrison Field Club.

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Other youngsters fighting for places on the eleven are Peabody, Tolson, Quinn, Mitchell, Fleming, Smith and Reed.

At Quakertown High Quakertown High School, of Quakertown, Pa., once more will be represented with a first-class team.

The initial call for candidates brought out a number of the greatest young men of the county, which was elected.

The season will open on October 1 with Sellersville High. The completed schedule to date follows:

October 1—Sellersville High.
October 11—Perkasie Reserves.
October 12—Wilson High.
October 23—Swarthout Hall M. A.
October 25—Swarthout High.
October 26—Lansdale High.
October 29—Perkasie High.
October 30—Perkasie High.
Open dates—October 8, November 5 and 19.

Another for Blackstone The Blackstone Juniors defeated the "Barons" A. C. yesterday at the Southwark grounds. Sixth and Oregon avenue, 13-2. The game was one-sided for the Blackstones, the first five innings, when they scored ten runs. An eight and ninth inning rally for Carmichael forced many men over the plate, but not enough to win the game.

Moline Gets "Lena" Styles Catcher William "Lena" Styles has been traded by the Athletics for James H. Sullivan, who pitched this year on the Moline team of the Three League. Sullivan was named to the Baltimore International League Club and was farmed out to Moline.

Runs Scored for Week in Three Big Leagues

| League | S | M | T | W | T | F | S | T |
|----------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|
| National League | 11 | 4 | 11 | 9 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 5 |
| St. Louis | 10 | 10 | 10 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 3 | 4 |
| Chicago | 5 | 2 | 10 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 7 | 2 |
| Pittsburgh | 1 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Brooklyn | 3 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Boston | 8 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Hartford | 4 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| Philadelphia | 1 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 8 |
| American League | 8 | 11 | 8 | 23 | 2 | 8 | 6 | 0 |
| Cleveland | 4 | 15 | 0 | 11 | 10 | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| New York | 4 | 15 | 0 | 11 | 10 | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| St. Louis | 5 | 7 | 0 | 5 | 7 | 7 | 3 | 1 |
| Detroit | 6 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| Athletics | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| Boston | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 2 |
| Chicago | 1 | 6 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 1 |
| Washington | 7 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| International League | 11 | 9 | 4 | 11 | 4 | 12 | 5 | 1 |
| Rochester | 20 | 14 | 12 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 3 |
| Baltimore | 5 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 6 | 14 | 4 |
| Toronto | 4 | 8 | 9 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 4 | 3 |
| Buffalo | 4 | 11 | 9 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| Rochester | 3 | 10 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 6 |
| Newark | 5 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Jersey City | 8 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

BIG GOLF BATTLE ON FOR MISS STIRLING

Georgia Girl, in Defense of Her American and Canadian Crowns, Is Threatened by Cecil Leitch, Champion of the Old World

BY GRANTLAND RICE

SIX years ago in Chicago, when she was still many summers this side of "one and twenty," Alexa Stirling carried Mrs. Vanderbilt to the twenty-second hole in the semi-final round of the women's golf championship.

That was Miss Stirling's final defeat in any golf championship on this side of the sea.

She won the title a year later, defended it in 1919 at Shawnee and again at Mayfield last fall.

And last summer Miss Stirling extended her conquest of the North American plateau to Canada, where she annexed the Canadian title at Hamilton, having one round as low as 75 over a 6400-yard course.

The First Check WITH her reign complete on this side of the Atlantic, Miss Stirling found her match upon additional kingdoms checked by Cecil Leitch in the rain and wind of Turnberry.

Here, upon the Scottish Coast, within sight of the dismantled castles of Bruce and Wallace, Miss Leitch stopped the American star in a hard-fought battle through a Scottish storm.

Later on, in the French championship, Miss Stirling was beaten by Miss Joyce Wethered, who in turn fell before the triumphant play of Miss Leitch. Now the situation has changed. Miss Stirling is back again, ready to defend her Canadian and American titles, while Miss Leitch is the invader who hopes to expand the borders of her golf domain.

It was, of course, something of a blow to be stopped in Scotland and in France, but it will be an even greater blow to have her two North American crowns taken away, so the Georgia girl has been training with rare patience and steadiness for several weeks, knowing that in Miss Leitch she will meet one of the greatest women golfers that ever played.

It has been seldom in the history of sport that women champions have traveled so many thousands of miles to gain new titles, and we can recall no other instance where two such famous stars have had their paths cross in any

such fashion. In view of past records and what took place abroad at the meeting between these two in Canada and New Jersey should be among the sporting classics of the year.

Fifty-Fifty THE climatic and course advantages abroad were with Miss Leitch. Ours here they will be in Miss Stirling's favor to about the same extent. If both are at top form it will be about fifty-fifty. Both are capable of doing such wonderful things with wood and iron that it may be a mere matter of the game's break.

Miss Leitch is a bit longer. The low run-up she has is more useful for the British type of course. But the American champion, with her fine control of the pitch, a shot better adapted to our courses, and her steady putting, should successfully defend at least one title, and possibly both.

Both are fine, determined fighters, so if they meet when both are playing well the gallery will look upon a competition that will not be forgotten soon.

ANOTHER break of luck is the type of battlefield at Hollywood, N. J., a golf course pronounced by Vardon, Ray, Jim Barnes, Hazen and others as one of the finest tests in the game.

THE young American star has been hard at work for several weeks, with practice hours broken by occasional trips to the championship scene. In the same way Marion Hollins, who carried Miss Leitch to the final hole, has also been playing her best golf, and she, too, may be a decisive factor in the American defense. But the spectacular feature of the Stirling-Leitch duel is that one has won the last three American championships, while the other has won the last four British titles. If that isn't a Champion vs. Champion there is no such word.

CONSIDERING the number of things that have happened to so many star entries in so many leading fields, 1921 may go down as the "Little Year" of sport. The athlete, male or female, who has been able to duck the hospital or a broken hand has been one of the rare exceptions of a busy season.

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