

Mass Athletics at Notre Dame Contributing Factor in Success of Westerners in Football

NOTRE DAME SHOWS SOMETHING NEW IN FORWARD PASS PLAYS

Westerners Give Tossers Chance to Throw Accurately by Furnishing Protection—South Bend Team Ranks With Best in Country

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NOTRE DAME paid a flying visit to the East last week, played two games, won both and scored 76 points to nothing for the opponents. The Army was walloped 28 to 0 on Saturday, and in New York on Tuesday, while Hyman was being re-elected, Rutgers floundered and flopped 48 to 0. Winning two games in four days is quite an accomplishment, but not for a high-class, well-trained, brainy bunch of gridiron warriors, but for a Notre Dame team up to that standard, and might be even better than that.

Many football teams have played in the East this year, but it is doubtful if any made such an impressive showing. Chicago looked good in defeating Princeton, Centre showed some great football in winning from Harvard and Nebraska surprised by outplaying Pittsburgh, but none can compare with the athletes from South Bend, Ind. To my mind, Notre Dame has got a football team as there is in the country and that is the main reason for the success of the team. The team has been in the East for the first time, but that is a boost for Iowa, Harvard Jones' team is exceptionally good this year.

Notre Dame showed something in the Rutgers game that was entirely new in the East. The old style but very popular running attack was subordinated to the aerial game, which it was more effective. This does not mean that forward passes were used most of the time and the ball seldom was advanced by rushing. Far be it from that. The Westerners used the pass, but as a last desperate measure, that is, a desperate attempt to gain, and not as a matter of course. On three different occasions Notre Dame had 2 yards to gain on the fourth down. Ordinarily in a case like this the ball either is rushed or, if close to the goal line, punted out of danger. But nothing like that happened. A short forward pass was used, and not once did it go astray. This is modern football, but too modern for the majority of the coaches. The conservative used insist on keeping the ball as long as possible and the aerial game is used only in case of an uncompleted pass.

It might be said that Notre Dame, playing against such a weak opponent as Rutgers, was able to take liberties with the overhead attack which would not be possible in a close contest. This is a good argument, but those who saw how perfectly the play was worked and the absolute confidence of the Westerners in working it will maintain that the pass can be used against any team at any time, no matter how strong it is.

All of which means that Knute Rockne is a few steps ahead of the other coaches. He has seen the possibilities of the overhead game and had the courage of his convictions.

Passer Properly Protected

The average football coach, when figuring his chances to get away with a forward pass, allows 50 per cent for the execution of the play and 50 per cent luck. Most of the time the percentage of luck is higher than that. The ball is thrown haphazardly and, if caught by an eligible man, both the passer and the receiver are surprised.

The reason for this is interference with the passer. He is hurried by linemen breaking through and is forced to throw the ball before he knows who is going to get it. The receiver, on the other hand, knows that his teammates should be at a certain spot, and he hopes the receiver will arrive in time. Seldom does he have a chance to look around, and his man, and then throw the ball to him.

With Rockne the percentage table is all upset. He allows about 90 per cent for execution and 10 per cent for luck. I don't know whether these are his figures, but having watched his team I am inclined to believe the proper ratio. In other words, he expects a line of ten short passes to be successful.

Of course, there is a reason, and it is a very simple one. The Notre Dame coach starts at the beginning of the pass to make it effective. He takes nothing for granted. He knows that a forward pass, in order to be successful, must have to be thrown correctly. The passer can't close his eyes and trust to luck, but must have some definite object to throw to.

Therefore, he does something that few coaches do—protects the passer. When Mohart gets the ball he stands back and is given as much defense as a kicker. Linemen fall back to block opponents sitting through the line, and they do their work so well that the passer has ample time to look around, find a man who is free and then throw the ball. The passes travel straight on a line and with the speed of a baseball, and the receivers seldom perpetrate any muffs. They leap in the air, turn sideways, dive along the ground and catch the ball with their hands. It is a wonderful sight to see the forward pass attack all at once.

Long passes, averaging from 20 to 30 yards, are not successful all of the time, but the percentage of completed ones is higher than on other teams. This also can be traced to the fact that the passer receives lots of protection. He always has time to spot his man and get the ball away without interference.

Protecting the passer seems to be the most logical thing to do, and it is strange that more coaches have not perfected it. Not only does it insure accuracy, but it also is a measure of safety. In case the pass is intercepted there are four men back to get the runner if he gets clear.

So little protection has been given the passer in the past, and he has been bowled over so frequently, that a rule was inserted in the book this year penalizing players who unnecessarily run into and rough the man who has thrown the ball. Notre Dame doesn't need that rule.

NOT once was the passer hurried and not once was an opponent near him before or after he threw the pigskin. All of which was responsible for the success of the plays.

Castner Great Kicker

NOTRE DAME had a great running attack and the man with the ball was given lots of interference. In this Rockne has a system similar to that used by Glenn Warner. Where the interferers leave their feet and when a tackler is taken out of the way, he stays out. The halfbacks made many long gains around the ends, and the line-plunging also was good.

The backfield men are about as fast as any in the country. Thomas, Mohart, Castner, Wynne, Coughlin, Pheasant, Walsh and Dech are eight very speedy athletes, and very dangerous in an open field. Dech is the holder of the world's record for the 440-yard low hurdles. Wynne is a 15-second high hurdler. Castner is one of the best block players in the West and the others have made good marks on the track. Castner does the punting and drop-kicking, and is one of the best we have seen in years. He kicks with his left foot and gets the ball away quickly.

In THE Rutgers game he kicked a goal from the field from the 32-yard line in the first period, and in the second he dropped one from the 35-yard line.

Mass Athletics Develops Players

"HOW does Notre Dame get such wonderful football teams?" was asked in the Polo Grounds when the Westerners were anxiously eyeing one with their sensational game. This also can be answered easily. Coach Rockne has inaugurated a system of mass athletics at Notre Dame, the same as Beadek has done at Penn State.

He has eleven football teams practicing every day, and a large staff of assistant coaches to see that the players are properly drilled. He keeps a close watch on every player, and as soon as one shows promise he is promoted to the varsity squad. About half a dozen of the teams are made up of students in the preparatory school, but they are nursed along, taught the Rockne system and when the time comes to enter college they are ready to step into the varsity line-up.

There were two linemen who deserve special mention for their work against Rutgers. They handled themselves like real players and are good enough to hold their own against any of our stellar performers in this section. They are Garvey at left tackle and Dooley at right guard. Garvey was all over the field, tackling and interfering, and Dooley took care of the middle section of the line.

The ends, Captain Eddie Anderson and Kiley, are experts at catching the forward pass, and also play a great defensive game. They also are stars.

Notre Dame uses the quarterback in a unique play. The center has an original way to pass the ball, using only one hand. He grabs the ball on top near the face point, and slides it along the ground. The quarterback gets it, tosses it to Mohart, who runs to either side and makes the pass.

BUT the big thing is the Rockne forward pass. It is the modern version and consists of the following: First, protect the passer and see that he has a chance to throw the ball. If that is done, it's a cinch to catch it.

Big Independent Battle Tomorrow

TOMORROW football fans will have a chance to celebrate Armistice Day by traveling out to the Philadelphia park and have a look at Leo Conway's Philadelphia Quakers when they collide with the strong Holmesburg eleven. This is one of the best independent battles staged this year and many former college stars will be in action. Henrie Miller, Lud Wray, Swede Youngstrom, Lou Little, Johnny Scott, Stan Coffal and others will perform.

Last Saturday Holmesburg lost to Frankford by the score of 3 to 2, the Yellow Jackets winning in the last minute of play with a goal from the field. The Quakers lost to Brickley's team in the same day, also because of a field goal. Holmesburg has a powerful eleven and plays good football. The game will not be one-sided by any means, and a large crowd will be there to see what happens.

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Lehigh Has Long Workout
Baltimore, Pa., Nov. 10.—In a cold drizzle and a muddy road, the Lehigh football team drew its longest workout of the season, none of the players being injured through the Saturday afternoon, but included in the practice were many new players outlined for the Saturday game, the week following.

Rain Falls to Halt W. and J.
Washington, Pa., Nov. 10.—A drizzling rain and a heavy fog prevented the Washington and Jefferson practice yesterday in the afternoon for the game of Saturday. The practice was held through the morning from the rural training quarters indicated in the program, but the rain was so heavy that it was necessary to postpone the game in spite of the inclement weather.

TIGERS BACK AGAIN AT FUNDAMENTALS

Roper Drills at Kicking, Passing, Signals and Even Drags Out Tackling Dummy

LEAVE FRIDAY MORNING

By JACK QUINTERBACK

Princeton is back to the fundamentals again. The varsity was given a lay-off Monday while the second string started with the Omelettes. But Tuesday they were at it again, with the exception of Keck and Witmer, who are being given a rest. Keene Fitzpatrick thought they were getting a little fine-tuning before leaving for a couple of days. However, they were in there yesterday.

With a view to correcting some of the outstanding faults of Saturday, Roper drove the men hard until darkness intervened. There was no scrimmaging, but the squad came in with their tongues hanging out. The early part of the practice was spent in kicking and passing. Lourie and Van Gerbig alternated on the punting and both were well up to standard, averaging around fifty yards. Baker and Smith hit at the goal posts, for around the 30-yard mark with more than average accuracy.

Then the outfit was introduced to an old friend whom they had almost forgotten, the tackling dummy. Saturday the tackling was very disheartening. It took usually three and sometimes four men to bring a Princeton back to the soil. The coaches are out to correct this as much as possible before Saturday, and the poor old dummy was given a rather painful afternoon. And Roper's war cry was "hurry."

Drilling Against Pass

After the outfit had been interviewed at Omelette backfield, center and ends lined up against the varsity and, using I-I formations and plays, three pass after pass. This was a rather stalling tactic, but the Princeton Harvard got away with too many forward passes. So the defense was pumped full of dope on this subject. Pass after pass was known and every effort was made to bring the Princeton Harvard got away with too many forward passes. So the defense was pumped full of dope on this subject. Pass after pass was known and every effort was made to bring the Princeton Harvard got away with too many forward passes. So the defense was pumped full of dope on this subject.

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Busy Captain

Miss Steinmetz is captain and an enthusiastic one. Every effort is being made to improve the material at hand and develop new players. Besides Miss Steinmetz, there are two experts on the team. Mrs. Jones, a well-known player from South Carolina, will be our entry in next year's tournaments, and Mrs. Edith Larzabere Glenn, formerly of Old York Road, will also be in the Plymouth line-up.

Mrs. Glenn was the C. Y. R. championship three times straight and used to captain the Jenkintown team. She won the Plymouth title this year from Miss Kathryn Scudiff.

Every courtesy is shown the women players, on Saturday and Sundays particularly, for the men are anxious to have a women's team and are backing the project in every way.

Norman Maxwell will be a prominent member of the Philadelphia golfing team at Lakewood. The date is November 12 to 16. Many locals are expected to compete there.

Tony Natale, one of the most promising young picks in the district, had difficulties with his left eye.

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M'KNIGHT SUCCEEDS SWED

Sewickley, Pa., Lad Named Captain of Princeton Cross-Country Team

Princeton, N. J., Nov. 10.—Francis H. McKnight, of Sewickley, Pa., has been elected captain of the Princeton cross-country team to succeed Allen Swede, resigned. McKnight has been a member of the Tiger squad for three years, but has not been on the varsity until this fall. Only one race remains this season, the intercollegiate in New York Saturday.

The loss of Swede is a severe blow, for he was one of the greatest long-distance men ever turned out here. For two years he has been bothered with hip disease. It is hardly possible that he may be able to compete in the tri-annual next spring. He holds the Princeton record of 9:25 for this distance.

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WONDER WHAT HE THINKS ABOUT THE MORNING AFTER



PLYMOUTH AIDS FAIR GOLF TEAM

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EXPERT PLAYERS THERE

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With the fifteenth at Trenton in a green that seemed to punish all but the leaders, Tony was almost thrown for a loop when he went twenty feet up to the cup and sailed back fifteen feet.

Charlie Hoch turned in the sensational score of 12 to the other day. His eighteen was not only low for a triple, but his handicap was only a 10, the low score for a 10.

HOW TO PLAY GOLF

Winter zephyrs nip the fingers. Stocks have been tucked away in mothballs. This is the season of the year to study up on the ways to improve your game.

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U. S. Amateur Champion
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SNOW IS NO BARRIER TO BIG GREEN TEAM

Dartmouth Holds Final Scrimmage Before Meeting Penn

Hanover, N. H., Nov. 10.—A blinding snowstorm did not keep the Dartmouth squad indoors yesterday for their last home practice before the game with the University of Pennsylvania at the Polo Grounds in New York Saturday.

It was a hard workout, and Head Coach Jack Cannell kept the men on the jump from early in the afternoon until after dark. The practice consisted mainly of a severe scrimmage, in which the first and second teams battled against each other. The practice was secret, conforming with the policy adopted by the coaches following the Cornell game.

Virtually all the men on the first squad were used at some time, and it was not until the close of the drill that Cannell was able to decide on the men that would make the trip. The list of players to be taken contains several men who have not been taken on a trip this year and who have not played to any extent in any of the games.

Brown May Meet Princeton

Providence, R. I., Nov. 10.—Brown may play the Princeton team at Princeton today. Coach Robinson, who conferred with W. W. Roper, the Tiger coach, after the Harvard-Princeton game last Saturday, discussed the chances of a game with the Brown squad and while he would not make a definite statement it is understood that Princeton sentiment favors placing Brown on the schedule for the third of fourth game.

Plan Barnstorming Trip

Havana, Cuba, Nov. 10.—A barnstorming aggregation of the Brooklyn Nationals, headed by catcher Otto Miller, is soon to begin a twenty-game series here.

TIGER TILT BIG CHANCE FOR CHARLEY O'HEARN

If Yale Quarterback Comes Up to Expectations He Will Be One of Season's Finds—Crop of Stars Increases

By GRANTLAND RICE

Two Songs of the Field
1—November 10, 1921

The wind is hushed—but the guns are singing
"Over the top! On down the charge!
On with the drive! Where life is bringing
The thrill that comes from the sword and shield!"

"Over the top! And on to the charge!
On and on through the red barrage!
We've cleared the road—that is red and wet
We've opened the way for the bayonet!
We're soaced to the wind—now reap the crop!
Over the top, now—Over the top!"

2—November 10, 1921

The guns are hushed—but the wind is singing
"Sleep forever! Beneath the field,
On with your dreams, where death is bringing
The peace that follows the sword and shield."

"Under the top of the crust that knew
The thud of your feet when the guns Home,
where the long, long trail is over,
Where poppies send from the fragrant clover
A last Godsend from the silent streams."

ANOTHER duel worth observing on Saturday will be the rival display of Keck and Into, two of the star tackles of the day. They rarely compete in any direct fashion, but at least their comparative merits can be judged when they are at work on the same field. Keck has already had some rare competition. He found himself on the same field with two great tackles in King and Bolles, of the same field with another great tackle in McGuire, of Chicago, who is rated by many as the best tackle the East has seen all year. He will meet another star in Into, who is big, strong, fast and aggressive. With Louie Spring O'Hearn, Keck involved indirectly with Into, and with other problems to be solved on that day, the Yale-Princeton game will be a big factor in deciding the ultimate status of several notable personages in the football realm.

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Boots and Saddle

The Walden Handicap at a mile brings together a large field of good two-year-olds at Pimlico today and partially toward the field will be necessarily with a view to the muddy track conditions, which will prevent a true measure of speed between the royally bred youngsters. Old Man and St. Henry as probable contenders. Others not to be overlooked are Calumet, Jane, Bet Mosie, Hely and Spanish Maize. The latter ran fourth in Futurity, while Runnelt ran third. Horses well placed in other of the races are: First race—Bribled Vote, Explosive, Fantoche; second (Patience Steplechase)—Minata, Le Mourin, Vigilante; third—Beverly Bells, Exuse Me, Delhi Maid; fifth (The Oriole Handicap)—Super, Comeli, Merrimac; sixth—Polly Ann, Ten Buttons; Arrow of God; seventh—Super, Anniversary, Attorney Muir.

Extremator, who has been assigned an equal top weight with Yellow Hand, is pumiled on Saturday, will probably start, weight to Trainer "Villie" Knapp. The calling out route traveler's absence from the race was explained by the fact that Willie Shivers considered it unwise to give him two races so close together under the best of weights he is always required to carry. At the conclusion of the Howie, Extremator will ship to Extremator to Sun Day Court, at Huntington.



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