College Gridiron Elevens Now Are Playing Football With Their Heads Instead of Feet

OTHER TEAMS LIKELY TO COP TRICK PLAY USED BY REX WRAY

"Hip Ball," Sprung Against Dartmouth by Penn Captain, Too Good to Be Left in Dressing Room. Pitt May Stage Comeback

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FOOTBALL is getting to be a game which is played more with the head than the feet. Instead of outkicking the opponents, as was once the case in the dim and distant past, the modern teams attempt to outguess and outthink the other side. And in this they have been quite successful.

Deception plays an important part in the game. Double and triple passes, fake kicks, hidden-ball tricks and things like that are used constantly, with very good results. Harvard and Penn State use the hidden ball or the old split play, the Navy has a fake forward pass, Princeton uses the split formation and the pass threat, Dartmouth has the shift—but it remained for Penn to pull something entirely new this season.

Against Dartmouth last Saturday, Rex Wray, the little captain who was reported to possess a few cracked ribs, sprung a surprise when he made a long gain on a play which can be called the "hip ball." This should be popular, because that part of the anatomy is used to carry other things besides footballs and it is a well-known place of concealment.

The idea is to fool the other side, and Wray does it. He gets the ball, fakes it to one of the backs and then holds it with one hand on his hip. The hip furthest away from the opponents always is used, and when he runs around the end with one arm swinging it is impossible to tell who has the ball. Captain Rex almost got away for a touchdown on Saturday and made a long run before he was downed.

This play is new in college circles. Nobody has had the nerve to try it before, because only one hand is used and there is a great danger of fumbling. Wray, however, took a chance, and the results were so satisfactory that the "hip ball" will be used by a majority of the Eastern colleges next year. It is too good a play to be left in the dressing room.

Up the State the hip ball has been very popular. So far as I know, it was used first by Kaufman, who played with Frankford and later coached Shenandoah. He taught it to Bush, the Shenandoah fullback, and he used the play in the big games last year. He also scored a touchdown against Gilberton at Cressons three weeks ago. The coal-miners hold the ball differently. They hold it against the leg instead of the hip, and this seems to be the better way.

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IN THE Cornell game the Penn cheering section will be entitled to shout "Hip, hip! Wray! Wray!! Wray!!!"

Pitt on Short End

COLONEL JOE THOMPSON, head of the Pennsylvania American Legion and former coach of the Pittsburgh football team, stopped into the office yesterday to inform us that Pitt should not be counted out as yet and there still was a good chance to beat Penn State in the game on Thanksgiving Day.

"Pitt has been trimmed three times this year," said the colonel, "but that means nothing. They will come back stronger than ever before and State will have a tough game on her hands. It is strange and unusual to see a Panther eleven enter a game on the short end of the betting, and this will spur the players on to greater efforts.

"The Lafayette game was early in the season, but the Nebraska battle was different. Those corn-huskers had a wonderful team and deserved to win. They had the best charging line I ever have seen, and it reminded me of the old days to see those crimson-jerseyed forwards charge shoulder to shoulder, sweeping everything before them. Fred Dawson has a great eleven, and I don't believe many teams could have beaten them on that day.

"Pitt has a good team this year, especially when all of the regulars are in the line-up. Against Syracuse the men of Warner played together beautifully, and I look for them to do the same thing against State. If they play like that next Thursday, Bezdek will have a very hard time in winning. Just watch our smoke."

Pitt has had a tough season—the toughest since Glenn Warner took charge in 1915. The wonder coach's record, however, is in no way impaired. He put football on the map out there, turned out great teams year after year and always was in the front rank.

This year more games have been lost to colleges than in the other six seasons Warner has been on the job. In all, five college games have been lost. State and Syracuse scored victories a couple of years ago, and this year Lafayette, Nebraska and Washington and Jefferson took them into camp. The first game lost by Pitt was in 1918, when the Cleveland Naval Reserves won a post-season game.

THE Panthers will close the Thanksgiving Day contest with everything to gain and nothing to lose. This hasn't happened so many years.

All Onside on Kickoff

ONE of the intricate football plays of the season came up recently in an independent game and caused quite a discussion. It was a question as to whether the ball was out of bounds or not after it had hit a player who was partly out of bounds.

Coaldale was playing Conshohocken, and Coaldale punted. A Conshohocken man, in running for the ball, fell and landed on the sideline, with his head and shoulders out of bounds and his legs in the field of play.

The ball hit the fallen man in the foot and then rolled out of bounds. A Coaldale player fell on it and was given the ball. That started the argument.

Although the man was out of bounds, the ball, which it touched him in the field of play, was put onside. This is because he touched the ball and did not hold it.

The rule says: "The ball is out of bounds when either the ball or any part of the player WHO HOLDS IT touches the ground on or outside the sidelines or sideline extended."

So that's that.

"Does a short kick on the kickoff have to reach an opponent before the members of the kicker's side are put onside?" inquires F. B. K.

Every man on the kicker's side is onside on the kickoff, because they are behind the ball when it is kicked. It is not necessary for the ball to touch an opponent. However, the kick must be 10 yards or more before it can be recovered.

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THE Navy used this play twice against Penn State. The first time they recovered the ball and carried it straight down for a touchdown. The second time State got the ball.

Real Pointers on Inside Football

Lehigh points for Lafayette.
Lafayette points for Lehigh.
Yale points for Harvard.
Harvard points for Yale.
Swarthmore points for Haverford.
Haverford points for Swarthmore.
Etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc.

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Lehigh "Scares" Lafayette

LEHIGH threw a scare into Maroon, writes Sands McMunnigal, one of the most loyal and optimistic of the Lehigh alumni. Mr. McNiblick, however, is holding back on his heavy wagers until he finds out whether Jock Sutherland will start the varsity or the cross-country team against the Brown and White over Saturday.

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Speaking of Penn's Record—

SPEAKING of records, Penn hasn't fared so badly this year. Only two games have been lost, while Pitt has dropped three, Princeton three, Harvard two and Syracuse two.

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THERE'S many a slip twixt the hip and the slip.

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GIANTS BEATEN IN CAGE DEBUT

Friedman, Sedran and Riconda Barred Until Releases Are Produced

CAMDEN SETS RECORD

Basketball Statistics

EASTERN LEAGUE

	W.	L.	P.C.		W.	L.	P.C.
Trenton	10	1	.909	Wilkes-B'rre	4	6	.400
Camden	8	1	.889	Phila	3	8	.273
Scranton	8	3	.800	Reading	3	8	.273
Coatesville	4	6	.400	New York	1	9	.100

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Tonight—Scranton at Coatesville.
Friday—New York at Philadelphia; Camden at Trenton.
Saturday—Scranton at Camden; New York at Wilkes-Barre; Coatesville at Reading.

Tonight's Games

MANUFACTURERS' LEAGUE

Art Loom vs. Dobson, Fleisher vs. International Harvester. Yonah Hall, 2727 West Columbia avenue.

NORTH PHILA. CHURCH LEAGUE

Mt. Hermon at St. Michaels, High and Bambion streets.

OTHER GAMES

St. James of Kingessing at South Phila Hebrews, Seventh and Snyder avenue.

Last Night's Results

EASTERN LEAGUE

Camden, 58; Reading, 42; Wilkes-Barre, 41; New York, 37.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Twentieth Century, 34; American Independents, 21.
Holy Name, 49; Alpha, 18.

OTHER RESULTS

Kayonia, 40; Fleisher, 30.
Nicetown Boys' Club Blues, 31; Madeline A. C., 23.
St. Stephen's, 30; St. John's, 22.
St. Stephen's 2d, 47; St. John's 2d, 17.
Immaculate Conception, 26; Triangle, 22.

President William Jacob Scheffer, of the Eastern Basketball League, partly spoiled the opening of the New York Giants last evening. The head of the cage organization made the trip to Gotham for the initial game with Wilkes-Barre but refused to let Harry Riconda, Barney Sedran and Marty Friedman play with the Gothamites, as they failed to produce their release from the president of the New York State League.

Yesterday afternoon in conversation with William Myers, owner of the Phillies, Sedran assured him that they had received their releases from the New York State body, that they would play last evening and would also be here at the National A. C. tomorrow evening. The Camden management had also notified the president that they were not satisfied with the deal and still insisted on receiving players in exchange for Sedran and Friedman.

Anyway, the game was played, a fair-sized crowd announced its approval and the New Yorkers were beaten by Wilkes-Barre, 44 to 37. The feature of the game was the shooting of "Chief" Mueller, who gets better with age. He caged eight baskets on Garry Schmedik, and these sixteen points, with a pair of fouls, provided almost half of Wilkes-Barre's total.

Reading Needs Center

The Camden Skeeters need an easy workout last evening. In view of the approaching games at Trenton tomorrow and at home on Saturday with Scranton, Manager Will Kennedy ordered the boys to take it easy in the game with the Reading Bears last evening.

And the Skeeters did. They never exerted themselves once during the forty minutes of play. And yet they rolled up a couple of season's records.

The final count was Camden, 58; Reading, 42, an even hundred points. The Jerseymen also established a new mark in getting twenty-five, while the visitors dropped in twenty, which is said to be the greatest number of field goals ever made by a losing team in an Eastern League game.

The big drawback with the visitors is the lack of a first-class center. Babe Klotz established an individual mark for himself when he caged four baskets, but his work otherwise was very poor.

Harold Costello Debuts

Captain Roy Steele removed himself from the line-up at the start of the second period in favor of one of the home-boys, Harold Costello. All the youngster did was to drop in five field goals and play a whale of a game.

As is customary in all Reading games Dave Kerr switched positions with Jimmie Campbell, the former moving up to forward and the latter playing guard.

The second half of the Philadelphia Manufacturers' League will start this evening at Yonah Hall, 2727 West Columbia avenue, when Dobson meets International Harvester and Fleisher tackles Art Loom. The latter is a new team, but is directed by Howard Wood, the veteran Hancock star, and he is said to have a fast quintet.

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELING?

SELECT GRID TALENT IS NOW NATION-WIDE

Thirty Good Football Teams Against One Twenty Years Ago. Asserts Grantland Rice—Writer Says Best Western Elevens Have Edge on Eastern Leaders

By GRANTLAND RICE

The Real All-American

You fought your way down Harvard's field
And tore along through Yale.
You passed and run through Michigan
And made the Badger quail.
But soon thrown back on every play
You'll mope within your den.
For bucking Calculus, old top,
The boy who gives 'em all the flop.
Is something else again.

You put the Navy on the run
And crushed Ohio State.
You tossed Devine across the line
And gave Mahardt the gate.
But soon with weary brain and eyes
You'll move a moody pen,
For tackling Calculus, old dear.
The kid who never gets a cheer.
Is something else again.

"WHY is it?" asks Old Timer, "that the old-time Michigan and Yale teams around 1901, or the Carlisle Indians, never had to 'point' for one or two games?" One reason is that three or four universities no longer amass all the select talent, and there are thirty good football teams against one twenty years ago.

Perhaps the age is getting to be entirely too advanced in keen competition. Even great golfers can only be right for a limited engagement. Hutchison cleaned up in the early going and then skidded. Barnes took the middle of the campaign and Hagen the closing stages. None of the three could stand the dizziness of the far heights for any extended stretch.

Call for Space

DEAR GRANT—Gimme space, gimme space! I require it after digesting an epistle to a certain paper which says: "Some football enthusiasts out West harbor the mistaken impression that just because Chicago beat Princeton when Princeton was not at her best, they can produce better teams than we can."

Correct, absolutely, but the harboring is not restricted, necessarily, to enthusiasts out West. Being just a nomad I hold no brief—a new and snappy line, eh, what?—for any section. Having watched football for some years in this, my native land, I have come to the following dispassionate conclusion: High-class Western teams carry more punch, versatility and speed, when attacking, than is shown by the best teams the East produces. Again—incredible as it may seem, with all the talk about fundamental football in the East—one observes more crisp and deadly tackling, fiercer line charging, better covering of opposing players, in and around the corn belt than is visible to the naked eye in the lair of the codfish and the lamented shad. To sum up, when it comes to modern football, the rough tribe of the cherished R has it over cultured broad-A-ere like a tent.

Why always peer through a fog? One writer added this: "In beating the Army, Notre Dame looked like a finished machine while the cadets played very raggedly."

The cadets weren't so darned ragged against Yale. Several football hounds who saw the game told me the latter was lucky to win. Let me whisper in your ear—the Eli's work would look just as tattered and torn against the lashing Western attack which the Army met last Saturday. Please to remember also that Notre Dame has been beaten this season by another Western team. "The leading Conference eleven," Ray calls it. Mebbe so, and mebbe not. At any rate, Chicago didn't show half her stuff while she toyed with Princeton, and everything she had wasn't enough against Ohio State. JOHN TAINTER FOOTE.

OUT on the coast Ty Cobb is still leading such talent as Hornsby and Sisler. The Tiger mandarin glides along in the immediate neighborhood of .410, even at his advanced baseball age. A few rivals can appreciate what the Old Man must have been as a kid around twenty-five or twenty-six. Next spring will start him out upon his eighteenth major league campaign, with youth struggling to hold his eternal pace.

THE Navy will mantge to struggle along, whatever the disarmament program, as long as the disarmers don't take away those seven backfield stars, plus King and Bolles, until after the Army game.

WE WERE taught in our early youth that one must learn to say "No." This habit has become fixed lately as the multitude at large desires to know whether we can't dig up two or three Army-Navy game tickets. Why are most of our stadiums, amphitheatres, coliseums and arenas only large enough to accommodate one-fourth of the seat seekers?

BRICKLEY, Hardwick, Mahan and Casey are gone. But Yale isn't taking "From Buell to Fitts" any too lightly as a meaningless phrase.

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MAY SPLIT CIRCUIT

Three I League Considers Forming New Organization

Chicago, Nov. 17.—Club owners of the Three I League met here today to consider the advisability of wrecking the present organization and forming two new leagues. The present circuit is considered unwieldy because of the mileage involved between Cedar Rapids, Ia., and Evansville, Ind.

The plan to split up the league would group the cities in the northern section of the league with another circuit taking in the cities in the southern section. The cities suggested for the new league are: Cedar Rapids, Ia.; Rockford, Rock Island and Moline, Ills.; Marshalltown, Dubuque, Davenport and Waterloo, Ia. The first four are members of the present circuit.

The new circuit planned for the southeastern half of the league includes Terre Haute, South Bend, Richmond, Ind., and Fort Wayne, Ind. The first four cities now have clubs in the southern part of the present circuit.

President Tearney said committees probably will be appointed to ascertain the baseball interest in the additional cities required to make up the proposed new circuits. Definite action will not be taken until another meeting early in January.

Michigan Loses Kirk

Ann Arbor, Mich., Nov. 17. — "Bernie" Kirk, the Michigan football squad's star at right end, is the latest regular to be declared out of Saturday's contest here with Minnesota. Captain Dunn and Usher were ordered out of the game by trainers on Tuesday owing to injuries received at Madison, and yesterday it was announced Kirk could not perform against the Gophers. Kirk hurt an ankle in the Wisconsin game, and the injury proved more serious than at first believed. His place will be taken by Dean or Curran.

LEONARD IS IN SHAPE, BUT LACKS OLD FORM

Champion's Punching Not So Consistent in Six-Round Sparring, and His Footwork Lags

SURE OF VICTORY

By LOUIS H. JAFFE
New York, Nov. 17.

FIVE months on the side lines—an inactive period from the ring since last June—appears to have separated Benny Leonard from some of his skill. The champion may not have gone back a mite, still his long lay-off has done him no good, if his workout in preparation for next Tuesday night's contest at the Ice Palace, in Philadelphia, with Sailor Freedman can be taken as a criterion.

Leonard is in good shape, he says his breathing is fine and he appeared in that condition during his sparring yesterday afternoon in Stillman's here. But there seemed to be something lacking. The titleholder's judgment of distance on several occasions was not so good, he did not appear to hit with his usual velocity nor consistency, and after three rounds his footwork subsided; or else—maybe Leonard just naturally let up.

Six rounds of boxing with three sparring partners and about five minutes of shadow boxing with his youngest brother, Joey, was the bulk of Leonard's training yesterday afternoon. While Benny was perspiring freely at the finish of the boxing workout, the champion looked in the pink of condition just before being "rubbed down." He is carrying no superfluous weight to mention, if any; he is sleek and seems to be down to boxing weight.

Weight Question.

When asked about his avoirdupois, Benny smiled and answered good naturedly, although seriously:

"That question seems to be worrying a lot of people, but not me. If I were to step on the scales now I wouldn't go more than 138 pounds—139 at the most. When I enter the ring in Philadelphia Tuesday night I shall be down to 136—not more than 137." Leonard is in high spirits and apparently has no worries about the coming contest.

Willie Fifer, an elongated youngster almost six feet tall, but rather thin, probably weighing about 140 pounds, was the first partner with whom Leonard sparred. Fifer started off like a race horse, stepped rings around the champion and connected with a lot of left jabs. Benny warded off a number of straight lefts, skipped around friskily himself, but missed several right crosses. Probably Fifer's heighth was a handicap for Leonard.

Leonard slowed up Fifer near the end of the second round with a series of body smashes, and then in the clinches bombarded the lean one with enough uppercuts to send him out of the ring with his face a crimson hue—but smiling. Spider Roach followed Fifer into the Stillman ring, and it was the Spider who showed up Leonard's slowness of foot somewhat. Roach succeeded in crossing his right on Leonard's chin time and again, and also hooked Benny with a left occasionally. But in the clinches Leonard tied up the Spider.

Joe Sullivan was Leonard's third and final sparrer for the afternoon. Sullivan is a former amateur boxer and he is a likely looking lad. He stood up squarely in front of the champion, stepping in and out, exchanging jab for jab, and once in a while slipping over a right-hander. Leonard ducked a number of right crosses and got in some hefty wallops to the body himself.

Some Workout!

At the finish of his boxing, Leonard, flushed and grinning, hopped out of the ring with the ejaculation: "Some workout, eh?" And it was.

While in his dressing room Leonard explained that he has been doing lots of road work, although he did not go out for a run yesterday morning. "It hasn't been the usual jog that an ordinary boxer takes," explained Benny. "I have been running hard and fast—in reality, a consistent sprint. My brother Joey has been unable to keep up with me, and I usually meet him on the way back, after covering about three miles through the Park."

Leonard is confident that he has not lost any of his speed and, of course, does not expect much trouble in winning from Freedman. "Freedman is a tough fellow, I know," said the champ, "but I believe I can whip him handily. Certainly, I'll try for a knockout, because I want to show my many Philadelphia friends that I have not lost my punch."

Tomorrow and Friday Leonard again will work out at Stillman's. On Saturday he will train at a new gymnasium which will be opened by Manny Seamon at Third avenue and 117th street. Jack Weinstein has arranged to have Earl Hartman, who meets Bobby McCann in one of the prelims, box with the champion in the latter's final workout at Seamon's on Sunday.

Leonard will arrive in Philadelphia some time Monday afternoon, in accordance with the twenty-four-hour rule of Philadelphia police boxing code.

Leonard's Brother Joey May Succeed the Champion

Joey, youngest brother of Benny Leonard, will start his fistic career in about six months. Just now Joe has been boxing around in the gymnasium with the titleholder and other star mittmen. He is nineteen years old and weighs about 130 pounds. "When Joey finally gets under way he will be ready for the topnotch lightweights," says Benny, "and I wouldn't be a bit surprised if the time would come when I can turn over my title to him with public approval. He knows all the rudiments of the game, is strong, fast and can punch. Take a tip—watch Joey when he starts."

Duffy Lewis Now a Manager

Salt Lake, Utah, Nov. 17.—George E. (Duffy) Lewis, former Boston and New York American League outfielder, has been appointed playing manager of the local Coast League club for the season of 1922 H. W. Lane, president of the club, said Lewis will go East on a player quest at the time of the minor leagues meeting at Buffalo, N. Y., on December 6.

Colgate Again on Princeton Schedule

Hamilton, N. Y., Nov. 17.—Colgate University will meet Princeton again next year on the football gridiron. The Maroon is reported to have been offered the choice of three dates on the Tigers' schedule, and Saturday, October 14, has been agreed upon by the athletic authorities of the two institutions. The game will be played in Palmer Stadium at Princeton.

K. O. PUNCHERS IN BOUTS AT NATIONAL CLUB HERE

Hart, Fitzgerald, Angelo and Mack on Same Program

Knockout punchers and hitting fools galore are mixed up on the second program arranged by Jack Hanlon to be staged Saturday night at the old National Club. This novelty card is in the form of an all-star show, and at least half a dozen of the boxers have appeared in wind-up matches in Philadelphia at different times.

Among the hard-hitting battlers are Alex Hart, Johnny Kilbane's lightweight hope; Whitey Fitzgerald, Knockout Billy Angelo and Battling Mack. Hart is down for the last bout to meet Harry Kid Brown, a clever two-handed boxer. Fitzgerald and Angelo will clash in the fourth number, and Mack will try to stop the fast little Patsy Wallace.

The other two bouts will be between Marty Burns, of Southwark, and Tony Daniels, of Frankford, and Eddie Dempsey, of Southwark, and Pat Marley, of Grays Ferry.

The National was re-opened successfully last week with new men behind the club, which has been greatly renovated.

Boots and Saddle

Two purse races are the feature attractions of the Bowie card today. Large fields obtain generally, with a good class of horses. In the Gossip Purse Dresden appears best, with Lunetta and Arrow of Gold as contenders.

Horses well placed in other races are:

First race, Theo. Elias O., Feigned Zeal; second, Clansman, Tangerine, Opperman; third, Ultra Gold, Arrow of Gold, Charlie Summy; fifth, Lady Lillian, Yorkist, Veteran; sixth, Frank Fogarty, King Trojan, Antillas; seventh, Bribed Voter, the Decision, Queen Blonde.

Officials for the Fair Grounds racing meet at New Orleans have been named and are as follows: Stewards, Allen Hohle, E. C. Smith, M. F. McFarland and L. M. Holmes; judges, Joseph McLennan and J. B. Campbell; racing secretary, Joseph McLennan; starter, A. B. Dade.

B. Marinelli, although he failed to win a race last week, still holds the lead among American jockeys. Out of 856 mounts during the year he has been first 118 times, second 103, third 80. E. Sande ranks second.

Plans are going forward for a winter race meeting in Mexico City to begin January 1.

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