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Suggestion of Prohibiting Clipping From the Side in Football Does Not Meet With Much Favor

CHANGE UNNECESSARY JACK JOHNSON IS IN CLIPPING RULE OF COLLEGIATE FOOTBALL

Players Not Violating This Rule Much Because They Are Being Coached to Eliminate It-Further Protection for Forward Passer Needed

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger POOTBALL coaches from all parts of the country met in New York the other night and talked over some proposed changes in the rules for 1922. They held a long session and, outside of exchanging views on various topics, nothing definite was done. In fact, nothing could be done. The Rules Committee, which is an entirely different organization, meets in March and takes

not so good, but not so bad. For some reason or other the subject of clipping from behind came up. me of the highly excitable gentlemen urged that a rule be made which prolibits clipping even from the side, but this did not meet with much favor. Other drastic changes were lost in the shuffle, so the good old game remains

official action. The New York gathering merely offered suggestions, some

In regard to clipping, we don't believe any further change in the rule is necessary. The players are not doing it so much as before, because they are being coached to eliminate the practice. It was not necessary for the officials to inflict severe penalties, because there were few infractions. In the college games in which we officiated last season we did not see a single case where a man was clipped from behind. At a football officials' meeting held in the Hotel Stenton recently, out of twenty men present, only six were forced to penalize players for violating the rule. Next year it will be less than that.

There is no doubt that elipping from behind has no place in football. However, if the suggestions of some of the coaches are taken seriously, the game will suffer. An interferer will not be allowed to leave his feet to dive at * tackler and long runs will be frequent. Diving interference has helped the game because it almost has eliminated holding and illegal use of hands. The idea is to prevent permanent injury to a player when he is entirely

out of the play and an opponent comes up from behind, dives into his legs and knocks bim down. This is entirely unnecessary and has been stopped to a great extent. Hitting a man from the side or from the front, however, is an important part of football, and the best thing for the conches to do is to lay off that feature. They would be the first to utter shrieks of protest if a change

EURTHER protection for the forward passer is a good idea, and increasing the penalty for a defensive man interfering with a forward pass also should be done.

Vote Against Professional Football

DROFESSIONAL football also was discussed, and the coaches voted to eliminate it as far as possible. Dr. John W. Wilce, of Ohio State, moved that "professional football, in the opinion of the meeting, was detrimental to the best interests of American football and American youth, and that the football coaches lend their influence to discourage the professional game."

We hold no brief for professional football, but if any one can tell us how it is detrimental to the best interest of American youth we will be much obliged. The coaches have taken a one-sided slant at the game, have shown a narrow-mindefiness which nobody ever believed possible and made them selves look ridiculous. The conches baven't a chance in the world to discourage the professional game.

Let it be understood that we are for college football from start to finish. It is the grandest, cleanest and most sportsmanlike game that is played, and nothing can take its place. The hundreds of thousands will continue to ness the important contests, and the sport has become so popular that Yale intends to increase the scating capacity of the bowl to 119,000. Penn is installing new stands which will seat 50,000, and there has been some talk of lacreasing the capacity of the stadiums at Princeton and Harvard. Professional football cannot burt the college game and never will. Therefore, the loud talk is very much out of tune.

Leo Conway, who successfully managed the Philadelphia Quakers last season and stands out as the only man who was able to stage professional griding battles in this city for two years in succession, has something to say about the recent uprising.

66 FT IS the public, not the football coaches, which will decide the fute I of professional football." said Conway. "If former college playars get up a team, play every week and the public expresses a desire to see the games, then we will have pro football. We played here his straight Saturdays, and more than 60,000 paid to see the contests.

"Farcical" Is Opinion of Conway

COLLEGE player is through after three years on the varsity. He is from the arguments of the coaches in New York, he will be the same as a burglar or some lawbreaker if he plays football after that. If that's a square deal, it's a funny one. The coaches wish to control the men not only while they are in college, but after they get out. There has been some talk of taking away the college letters from the

men who play the professional game after leaving school. The players should worry about that. If a football player is offered \$250 a game for ten games he will consider the offer. He can get more with the \$2500 than the college letter. To me the entire thing is farcical.

"Professional football is all right in its place. No attempt has been made to oppose the college games. In the West they play on Sundays, and in Philadelphia the important games are staged in December and on days when Penn is away. If former players wish to continue to play they should be allowed, the same as in baseball. They have their living to make, and you can get more at the corner grocery with a \$2500 contract than with a college

"Only men who have completed their college courses are eligible for places on my teams," continued Conway. "I will not even talk to a man who still is in school and wants to sneak away to play a couple of games. Those men are detrimental to the game and will not be handled. "I have been criticized for using Glenn Killinger in the Canton game two

weeks ago. Killinger was through with athletics at Penn State. He graduates in February, was ineligible for basketball and, anyway, was all set to sign a contract to play baseball with the New York Yankess. He had a perfect right to play a professional game if he wanted to, and the Penn State authorities have not entered a protest.

COROFESSIONAL football is here to stay, and the college coaches a cannot put the game out of business."

Bill Brennan Kicks In With Some Startling News

Now that Fredward Fulton is on the trail of Jack Dempsey, and was so anxious to get a match with him that he went to New York when he knew the champion was in California, Bill Brennan, through his astute manager. Leo P. Flyon, has issued a defi to the titleholder. Leo flings a nasty typewriter and here is the latest offering, which he wishes us to publish free gratis and for nothing : "Have you a Meavyweight who has not been flattened by Bill Brennan.

Jack Dempsey's only obstacle? 'Does your town boast of an autitions pugilist who imagines he is an-

other Dempsey in the rough? Brennan sell return to the ring in two weeks and will meet all comers in his campaign to force Jack Dempsey to give him "Georges Carpentier and Jack Dempsey have refused to meet Brennan

Why do they fear the Irish giant?

into a semi-coma state.

BIX REASONS WHY DEMPSEY SHOULD GIVE BRENNAN A CHANGE 1. Brennan has lasted longer with Dempsey than Georges Carpentier. Fred Fulton, Jess Willard, Battling Levinsky, Carl Morris, Billy Miske, Gunboat Smith and Terry Kellar combined. "2. It took Dempsey fourteen rounds to batter the New York Irishman

3. By knocking out fifty our opponents, Breanan has created a new American bearyweight knockout record. Fulton has stopped only fifty

enemies, while Dempsey has stowed away forty-six battlers. "4. Bill came closer to knocking out Dempsey than any human alive. Brennau staggered the Manassa mauler repeatedly in their Madison Square

Garden battle. Jack also received a cauliflower ear. "5. Brennan is confident that he can knock out Dempsey in another

"6. Every champion has a Nemesia. Besides being the possessor of the greatest knockout record ever compiled by a heavyweight in the history of puglism, Brennan has the distinction of being Jack Dempsey's Nemesis. If the New York battle had been ten rounds to a decision. Bill Brennan would have been crowned beavyweight champion of the world. For ten rounds Dempsey was battered, bruised, cut, bleeding, punch-drunk, groggy and a pitiful looking spectacle. Dempsey was forced to use an illegal blow to defeat

OUR memory might be at fault, but it seems to us that Dempsoy once hit Brennan on the jaw so hard that the blow sprained his ankle, and the R. O. in New York was the second administered to Bill, Also, nothing has been said about a match with Bill and Fred Fulton. Why not dispose of the Phew-rious One first? Copyright, 1981, by Public Ledger Company

Dream, Archie Alexander, Valor; sixth **Boots and Saddles** -Phelan, Wadsworth's Last, On High; seventh Horeb, Jack Straw, Harvest Blarneystone appears best in the fea- King. ture handicap at New Orleans today.

the light impost. Rapid Traveler At Havana—First race—Last Girl, and Incog perhaps will furnish the Athgarven. Mad Nell; second—Mays—matention. Horses well placed in other ville, The Englishman, Beverly James; third—Currency, Judge Budrow, Approval; fourth—Algrette, Don Trush, Reverly James; third—Currency, Judge Budrow, Approval; fourth—Algrette, Don Trush, Bell Hunley; fifth—Tony Beau, Harry M. Storms, Takalon March; sixth—Inquire Alverida; fourth—Irish Inquire

Negro Heavyweight Pleads for Chance to "Come Back." Ready to Meet Any One

PAYS FOR M'VEY FUNERAL

"There is so much that is good in the worst of us and so much that is bad in the best of us that it ill behaves any of us to find fault with the rest of us. -Old Ariam

The above quotation emisquoted, perhaps) drummed through my cars all the while I talked to Jack Johnson, the giant Negro and former heavyweight champion of the world, at the Pennylvania Station vesterday afternoon. Thither had I gone to tend a gun to Jesse James, Jr., and bid him and the Egg, Damon Runyon, as well as Colonel Charles J. Crowley, godspeed to Dever Hall, writes W. J. Macbeth in the New York Tribune.

me after the party had entrained. We had first met in better days-better days for Johnson, at least, I mean; when he returned from Europe to sign papers for a tight with Jim Jeffries at Reno. Nev., a fight that made him at once and the same time the most no-torious and the most despised pugilist that ever wore a championship crown.
Gone was the smile of gold; gone the flashing nura of ivery-polished white, thrown into bolder relief by its ebony border. Slightly shrinking of mien nou furtive of eye, as a child abashed through correction, he stood the en-

Saved From Potters' Field

"I came to bury Sam, not to praise him," he paraphrased, and there was a he paraphrased, and there was a oggestion of dewdrop in the challenging eye of a stoleal face

"Sam meant much to me." he hastened on. "The old black guard is vaning. Athletic decay has set in in the race that was once physically

The giant Negro referred to Sam Mc-Yey, short-time dead, and destined to be buried in Potters' Field if Jack Johnson had not hurried East from Cincinnati to guarantee funeral expenses For many years Johnson knew McVey his dusky rival, and appreciated him.
"We fought three times," said John

left hand I ever encountered. a short chop, loaded with TNT. Sam Langford had just such a hook in either hand, but Langford, great as he as for his weight and inches, had neither the weight nor leverage to drive his socks home.
"I fought McVey three times. Twice

I gained the decision over limited dis-tances. Once I knocked him out in the twentieth round at Mechanics' Pa-vilton, San Francisco. And I wish to tell you in that fight I was hit the hardest blow I ever wor in my life. It was one of those short, left chops to the mouth that stove in my teeth and left my head dizzy and body numb for ten rounds or more. Finally, when I nailed McVey. I hit Sam on the jaw right hand, all the while he was making barder than I ever hit any other man, a rather unpleasant impression on my Other bouts: and at that the count scarcely heat him. nose. Standing with my right arm ex-A good, game man, MeVey. That's tended, as I do now. Matty continwhy I'm here.

Pleads for Another Chance "I want to come back," be pleaded;

want to come back in vindication of race and decency. I've made good obligations to society; atoned my errors in growful days in Leavenworth Prison. Prison made a new man of me, mean morally as well as physically. came from the 'cage' as physically fit finish. Boston as I had been since the day I beat Jim Jeffries in Reno. A kind warden made this possible. He gave me every adhis vicious right Jeffries in Reno. A kind warden made this possible. He gave me every advantage to improve my physical well-but the blow fell on my nose. I bled pro-but the blow fell on my nose. I bled pro-but the blow fell on my nose. I bled pro-but the blow fell on my nose.

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"You writers all figure me an old thas been." Jack Johnson continued. "Well, look here." He unbuttoned his leather automobile coat and under a leather automobile coat and under a light gray suit of tweed disclosed a light gray suit of tweed disclosed a light gray suit of tweed disclosed a look proposed in one of his weight of a lad expect in one of his weight of a lad of twenty. There was absolutely no of twenty. There was absolutely no of twenty. There was absolutely no of twenty of "front" or "bay win
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Laurel, Del., is to be managed by a most improved boxer, baving beaten all the celebrated boxers imported to fight him. Among his victims are Arthur Wyns, European featherweight showed in the payagestion of "front" or "bay win
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soon as I go to Philadelphia for my car. ably that Billy was winning. Yes, I have a car. I've saved something and here is something I wish to cor-now and for all time. I never said Public Ledger. "And here is something I wish to cor-

rect now and tor all time. I dever said
I 'faked' that bout with Willard in
Havana. He beat me on his merits. I
fought my best, as everybody at the ringside must realize. I held him cheanir, I'll admit. He was rough and tough and took all I had. When I had worn myself out he stopped me,

Willing to Prove Case

with the Willard I met. It may be all an old man's fancy. We all die bard. But I in willing to fight up to a challenger's chapter through Wills and Fulton and Fulton and Mickey Sullivan, who the Jeffries I encountered. Nor do us and all the rest to Dempsey. be can take the old man medicine. McVey is dead: Langford is 'Of course the shell of his former self. I'm the citti, 'I am the Olympia.'

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?



important football games in the East

last season, has been selected to

umpire the Centre College-Texas A

and M. game here Monday, January

2. Ernest Quigley, the National

League umpire, will referee the cou-

Bouts Arranged for Olympia, Cam-

Y'S KRAX

Tex Rickard got the laugh from

tennis experts, but he is having a few court battles of his own.

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That French woman champion, who

Brocco, the biker, now says he

French and not Italian, Either he'

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a misused word in adver-

tising, smoke a Men-De-

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is challenging Johnny Kilbane, have trouble getting bouts here.

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"The Hardest Ring Battle of My Career"

Matty Herbert, New York, R. W. Maxwell to Umpire Socked Danny Kramer Around in an Amateur Bout in 1916

NOSE BROKEN

By DANNY KRAMER BROKEN nose brings back reminis-

"He was the toughest man I ever A cences of a rather rough evening ever hit before or since. I returned for me in the ring. I was boxing in the compliment. Sam had the worst



bert, bantam repre- programs for Monday afternoon have sentative of the been arranged, first bouts at the Olym-New York contingent.

The big crowd that night in 1916 at Mechanics' Hall in Beston was certainly impressed the Anditorium Towney O'Teola and the O'Impression of th

tainly impressed the Auditorium. Tommy O'Toole and with Herbert's Mike Credell will be opponents in the DANNY KRAMER

system they had in amateur boxing in those days, because I was all in at the Boston lost that bout and I got

dow."

"I weigh less than 230 pounds." said
Johnson; "less than I weighed when I
went into training for the big Reno
mill. I climbed into the ring at 212
then; I can make 215 now. I'll fight
anybody. I'd like to fight Dempsey or
Willard or Fulton or Wills. Anybody!

"Say, you don't have to take my word
for it. You sporting writers of New
Lork can pick your man and bring him

broken.

A professional bout that I had which
really was a hard one was with Billy
Bevans in my Philadelphia debut. It
was tough, because I wanted to make
good. I came to Philly from Boston
with the reputation of being a knockerout, and I was anxious to make good.
But Bevans was a tough man against
when to make a good bout. He made it
hard for me, because be continually
token. Fork can pick your man and bring him covered up and held on in the clinches. It is a gym with me. I'll stand on your I tried my hardest to make Bevans verdet. If you say I'm passe I'll hang open up, but he wouldn't, and because up the gloves forever. I'm coming back I was unable to land with my punches to town for a theatrical engagement so as often as I wanted to I thought probably its Billy was reinning.

BROADWAY BOUTS MONDAY

Revised Program Will Be Put on at National

The boxing show scheduled for last

night at the new Broadway A. C. (Na-"But the Willard I met was nothing tional A. A.) was postponed because of

chance through Wills and Fulton and were to box in the wind-up last night. Tunney and Roper and Martin and Gib- will appear in one of the bouts on the Dempacy. If new card, on which Pacitti expects to "Of course, you know," smiled Pa-tti, "I am making no attempt to buck

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TWO BOXERS SHINE

Gridiron Game in Dallas Mendies, a Flyweight, and Jamito, Filipino Featherweight, Dallas, Tex., Dec. 29. - Robert Loom as Ring Stars W. Maxwell, of Swarthmore, who refereed the Yale-Harvard and other

WILL SEEK NEW FIELDS three months away.

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

where the kangaroo roams, once more flitters loud and boisterous praises of a great boxing find—rather, finds, meaning a pair of 'em. One of these where the kangaroo roams, once of dead BOXING PROGRAMS HERE latest sparkling scrappers is a bomebred, George Mendies by name, and he have the most elaborate schedule on have the most elaborate schedule on There will be no New Year's Day attraction at the National A. A. Three are being written. He is being boosted

as a coming opponent for Jimmy Wilde, as well as for Johnny Buff, and, also, is being touted as a future world's cham-Georgie has knocked everything CORNELL and the Navy you can always figure among the top suris weight in the kangaroo country for

tended, as I do now, Matty continually led with a right and, invariably, he connected.

Those right bands on my jaw had me rocking like a cork on water. I was doing a toe-and-heel act, and once or twice Herbert lifted me almost off my feet. But he couldn't knock me down. I certainly approved of the three-round system they had in amateur boxing in

Jamito, the Filipino, has been flailing his fist in winning form against any 126-pounder the promoters may choose for him. In fact, Silvino is punching himself out of competition in Austra-lia, and he will have to leave for the

week has gone by without Jack Demp-being sued.

Spargo. Victorian featherweight and lightweight champion, also lost to him and there are dozens of others. Jamito's most notable performance, however, was to go twenty rounds with Eugene Criqui. Others failed to go the distance, and it was left to this dusky son of the tropical Our Phils probably wouldn't give a whoop r McGraw's barrel if Baker could only get isles to last for the journey.

Boxing is booming in Australia. it is stated, and at Sydney they are building a \$250,000 stadium especially for boxing contests. It will seat 10,000 Imitation of a Ful-ton falling no doubt would result if the Phew-roclous One were to meet Dempsey again.

Andy O'Boyle Scores Kayo

New York, Dec. 29.—Andy O'Boyle knocked out George Bush at 'the Hunts Point Sporting Club in the feature bout of last night's show. Andy's hard and continued body punching weakened Bush and sarly in the fifth a swift right to the stomach sent George to the canvas for a row of lilies. Eddie Crozler, former amateur champion, knocked out Marty Brooks in the sixth round of the scheduled twelve-round semi-final. Because Johnny Ray is such a good run-rer, he ought to prove as good as some of our well-known mittmen.

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ROWING LEADS SPORTS IN CALL FOR STAMINA

Oarsmen Have No Breathing Spells in Race, and Training Period Extends Over Nine Months. Gibson, Yale Captain, Praised

By GRANTLAND RICE

the Yale crew, "a few words about rowing, by way of variety?"

CAPTAIN GIBSON, of the Yale crew, ing, by way of variety?"

displacement 140,295,000 square miles him but praise for those in the game. are water and only 56,645,000 square which to him is the greatest of miles are land. With water leading all. "Yale will be strong," he said nearly 3 to 1, why should landlubber and, of course, the Navy and Cornell, sports receive almost nine-tenths of the We should have the greatest season polite mention accorded various ath- rowing has yet known." letic activities? The Pacific Ocean alone, embracing 68,634,000 square miles, is THERE are fewer "ringers" in row. larger than all the land there is. In addition to this, there are over 1,000. sport of first rank. It has no "summer baseball" feature and no football progeface on the land, showing that Mr. Coleridge had been investigating before be wrote "Water, water, everywhere."

ROWING, of all sports, calls for the last word in stamina.

There are no resting places in a three-mile run, but here the legs carry he brunt of the burden. In a crew race legs, arms, back and all the rest of it must do their part of

the work where timing must be carried on, even in moments of impending exopinion that crews begin training in

the spring, and after a short, sharp season are all through. Yet no other ollegiate or intercollegiate sport call for such an extended program of development. Nine months fro. the year are needed before coaches and trainers are needed before coaches and trainers call it a season, and various crew candidates from Yale, Cornell, Harvard, Princeton Navy, Pennsylvania, Columbia, Syracuse, etc., have already put in three months of development, with the opening splash of oars still more than The Big Boom

A FEW years ago rowing in the East knew only two main events-New FROM far-off Australia, in the land London and Poughkeepsic.

wind-up.

tests worth going far to see.

loop, and he is about to seek other vivors. Any time Jim Rice gets fair material the same coes for Columbia Mendies is planning to leave Australia of the Philippines. Sounds rather have fine crews this spring, but it is a funny for a boxer to leave so well known matter of extreme doubt whether any a boxing country as the Antipodes for rival crew will be good enough to beat the Islands, but it is true. The Filiback the man power of the Navy compinos have developed a number of fairly bleating. Those husky youngsters from good boxers and the natives are taking the native are taking t Mascot vs. Jimmy Mendo, Pedro Campo
Mascot vs. Jimmy Mendo, Pedro Campo
Earl Hartman.

EW AUDITORIUM — Joe Belmont vs.

In Store Willie Thomas vs. Joe Standard Mendies is the belief of AustraIdan Hartman.

A short stay in the Philippines will have a rowing punch as powerful in its suffice Mendies is the belief of AustraIdan Sports, and after cleaning up there is vs. Frankle Malone, Tommy Acker vs.

In Mascot vs. Jimmy Mendo, Pedro Campo
A short stay in the Philippines will have a rowing punch as powerful in its suffice Mendies is the belief of AustraIdan Hartman.

Willie Ritch managed by the smash of Jack Dempsey. tives are taking the neighborhood of But they will find the worthiest sort managed by James Chip,

WHY not," casually remarked of competition from many rivals before Langhorne Gibson, captain of the final standing is completed.

Why not? As a starter, it might be manship that rowing knows, suggested that the area of the earth is rowing methods or of other crews. It was impossible to extract anything from

dividual notice, individual public crit-icism and individual public praise that world. There are breathing spells in football, basketball and tennis. Also boxing. rather than any one or two star indi-

planning a long naval holiday, with just that much additional room provided for water sports. Copyright, 1921. All Rights Reserved. In many quarters there is a general Scraps About Scrappers

Tim Dreney is preparing to go to the post again. After his hard buttle with Beam Leonard the Irishman returned to his home in Lancaster, where he has been resting. Now Timothy is planning to start training in a day or so. I don't care for anything soft. writes Dreney. "Let them bring on Low Tendier. I have met him twice before and believe that Lew hits harder than the champion. I am anxious to prove that I whipped Tendier last Fourth of July." is entirely recovered from an attack as in. He has been in light training for about week and will be in all ape to get back into

Jamito, a Filipino and a featherweight. record, where each crew will be called Of Mendies reams and reams of copy upon at repeated intervals to meet some worthy opponent or opponents in con-

Boby McCann, of Grave Forry, has been matched by Herman Hindin to meet Danny Rodgers at Reading January 10. It will be a return enoughtor. They put on a rip-snorter in the same town a fortnight ago

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lyting. Its amateurism is as close to

100 per cent as one can figure from

present mathematical devices. There is also lacking to a lurge extent the in-

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FTER all, the 140,000,000 square

A miles of water should receive their

viduals upon the crew.

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As a rule it is "the crea

Willie Clark, a Manayunk lightweight, Joe McGovern, brother of the late Tarry McGovern of Tiora, has been beeing in good form up through the State. He won matches recently in Reading and Lancaster. Jos Kennedy has McGovern in tow.

evening defeated Key Moore, of

Willie Thomas, Eighteenth Warder, is a cromising lightweight. He has scored seven onsecutive knockouls, according to his manger. Filly Silverman, Silverman in pro-Jack Sharkey, of New York, has quit his nanager, Joe Wagner.

Willie Ritchie, n 125-pounder, to be

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