

Try for Point Is Not Good Substitute for Goal After Touchdown, Stoney McLinn Finds

NEW FOOTBALL RULE DOESN'T HELP TEAMS WHICH LACK KICKERS

Careful Analysis of Games Played Thus Far Shows That Extra Point Is Made by Booting the Pigskin and Not by Plugging Line or Skirting Ends

By STONEY MCLINN

LAWMAKERS usually are more or less unpopularity, particularly those who prepare the code for a national sport. Those of us who have had experience in preparing legislation to govern sporting competitions are, and should be, leant in our criticism of rules which were written with the intention of improving the game—and after honest and faithful deliberation on the part of the Rules Committee.



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But a careful analysis of the football contests played last Saturday fails to reveal one good reason for the new rule which permits a try for point after touchdown; at this embryonic stage of the 1922 gridiron season it is impossible, even by the use of the most powerful "future glasses," to discern where or how the try for point will be even a slight improvement over the goal-after-touchdown rule which operated in previous years.

The goal after touchdown, which needs no explanation, was shown in the already jaunty football rules scrap book for the very good reason that it placed too great a premium on kicking. It made it possible for a team with a drop or place kicker of exceptional ability—a sure-thing booter, such as were the late Dan Tolan, Jim Hanlon, and the cool Yankee, Charley Brickley—to score two field goals and an opposing team which by clever and courageous tactics crossed the goal line for a touchdown, but did not have the player possessed of the skill to add the point by means of a placement kick.

Where Is the Advantage?

GRANTED, every football team will have a regular player with a sharp-shooting foot; then how will the new rule operate to the advantage of any one team more than did the discarded rule? For you may wonder the family mediocrity supply against a pair of odds that 99 per cent of the tries for point after touchdown will be drop or place kicks.

True, the rules provide that the point may be added by running with the ball, throwing a forward pass—in fact, any play from scrimmage. However, picture to yourself a team, pitted against opponents approximately equal in power, weight and courage. This team, by the hardest kind of a drive and superior tactics, has fought its way across the goal line of the enemy. Will the coach instruct his first-line lieutenant to throw a forward pass, skirt the end or hit the line? Would you ask men, immediately following the supreme effort which perhaps has made possible a tie or win, to continue the battle—yes, fight even harder at considerable risk—in order that you might add one point?

OF COURSE not. You would do just what all coaches will—develop a drop or place kick to add the point with the least possible chance for failure and the minimum in effort on the part of the remainder of the team. Honestly, in a tight game this year the team which attempts a run or pass to get that little figure one is flashing to the world the fact that it does not have a dependable kicker.

PRINCETON Coach Has Right Idea
The field goal is so undesirable as a means of scoring, reduce its value. At Princeton, assistant coach at Princeton, has the right idea—discard the try for point, provide seven points for a touchdown, but let the drop and place kickers display prowess with their brains. Goal kicking may soon become a lost art.

Wittmer also is quoted as being fearful of the change in the rule which provides for penalties—and well he may be. Offside play or a foul charged against the team trying for the point means no point, even if the attempt succeeds. An infraction on the part of the defending team gives the point, even though the try is a fizzle. Foul by both teams results in another try or point. A novice doing a nose dive in an attempt is enjoying life when compared with the official who is compelled to rule against a player after touchdown when he detects offside play.

However, this is not the most serious feature of the new rule, as we view it. Witness the Delaware-St. Joseph College game. A goal is attempted by St. Joseph and the boot is blocked by Delaware.

AN AGILE and alert St. Joseph player picks up the leather and crosses the goal line. The point counts. That the game ends in a tie for Delaware had scored a touchdown and the additional point by drop-kick.

Premium on Inefficiency

MORE power to the St. Joseph player, whose brains and hands and feet were active and who took advantage of the rule to save his team from defeat. But his team had scored to score by a kicked goal, the Delaware team displayed the strength and aggressiveness to block the kick. Do you think Delaware's efforts should go for naught? Is that not mighty near placing a premium on inefficiency?

Careful scrutiny of the reports of football games played in the East last Saturday developed nothing in the way of improvement, either for players or spectators, by reason of the new rule. In fourteen games, if the reports were correct, all attempts for the extra point were by the kick route. Not one important game was won or lost because of the kick.

Where a kicker had learned his business the points came easily. Washington and Jefferson and the Army in her first game scored five touchdowns and added a point each time. Cornell placed St. Bonaventure's goal line eight times and added seven points by place kicks. Hamer, at Penn, made the feat appear ridiculously easy upon the two chances which were offered him. Here is a table which tells its own story:

Team	Goals	Failed	Team	Goals	Failed
Penn.	2 (D)	1	Lafayette	1	1
Princeton	2 (D)	0	Syracuse	1	1
Harvard	2 (D)	0	Army	1 (D)	0
Yale	1 (D)	0	Army	1 (D)	0
Penn State	3 (D)	0	Bucknell	1 (D)	0
W. and J.	5 (D)	0	Villanova	0	0
Pittsburgh	1 (D)	0	Delaware	1 (D)	0
Cornell	7 (D)	1	St. Joseph	1 (D)	0

Note—The letter "D" after the figure under the heading "goals" indicates that the point was gained by placement kick; "D," drop-kick, and "R," run over goal line.

Warner Needs Kicker

GLENN WARNER apparently is finding it difficult to uncover a man who can boot the ball where the rules say it must go. In six attempts at Cincinnati, Pittsburgh scored only one point—that by means of a dropkick. The crafty Warner will tutor a kicker until he is virtually certain to get that little "1" five times out of six, instead of once. He will develop some other play, whereupon he might be inclined to favor the new rule.

Any rule has possibilities and strong points which may not be easily discernible at the outset. However, there is no desire to hedge in the statement that there is no real good reason apparent for the try-for-point rule. They build 'em strong at West Point. Didst read about that double-blessed team that the Army laid out Saturday? They won the first game, 25 to 0, against Springfield. The second game was not so easy, the final score being 12 to 0, with Lebanon Valley on the zero end. (By the way, note that Army failed at both try for points in this contest.)

WHAT we intended to bring out, however, was the fact that even West Pointers took part in both games. Nowadays a football man feels that he has completed a day's work when one game is ended, even though he was in the line-up for only two periods.

Speed Counts Now

RIGHTFULLY so, too, because the football of the last decade has called for speed, agility and mental alertness of the highest degree. The open line is more tiring, tends more toward injuries, than the brute-strength behavior of the guard-back era.

GOLF QUEENS LACK ONE STAR TODAY

Cecil Leitch's Injured Arm Makes Her Spectator at Berthelmy Tournament

GREATEST ENGLISH GOLFER

THE finger of Fate has interposed between Philadelphia enthusiasts and one of the finest spectacles that the women links experts could supply—a round between Glenna Collett, on whose prowess rest the crown of America's best woman golfer, and Cecil Leitch, who bears a similar honor on the heather of England and Scotland.

Had Miss Leitch's arm—which she injured quite some time ago—been in sufficiently good condition to allow her to compete for the Berthelmy Cup she would undoubtedly have been paired with Miss Collett and an excellent comparison could have been made between our fair star and the lady from over the water.

But it wasn't to be. However, the tournament for the Berthelmy Cup—which started this morning over the links of the Huntingdon Valley Country Club—offers some other treats for critics. Miss Collett is paired with Mrs. Dorothy Campbell Hard; Miss Edith Leitch, sister of England's greatest linkswoman, drives off with Mrs. Leitch. Interest has been raised in a comparison of the two by the fact that Suzanne Lougren in French tennis, and the simile can be carried farther since she has beaten in the American championship by Miss Leitch.

The Berthelmy Cup ranks second only to the national championship in drawing the queens of the links. Two years ago, it was held by the hardest kind of a drive and superior tactics, has fought its way across the goal line of the enemy. Will the coach instruct his first-line lieutenant to throw a forward pass, skirt the end or hit the line? Would you ask men, immediately following the supreme effort which perhaps has made possible a tie or win, to continue the battle—yes, fight even harder at considerable risk—in order that you might add one point?

Miss Stirling will not play at Huntingdon Valley today, but if golf runs true to form, her successor on the tin will repeat the feat of the ladies who she uncovered then. Glenna Collett was at the top of her game last year and the Philadelphia women will have the honor of watching when they match strokes with her.

Match play starts tomorrow, and the final round will be played on Saturday. It would hardly be fair to talk of the Berthelmy Cup tournament without mentioning the fact that Miss Collett, in whose capable hands the details of the affair are placed, has been for one of the finest women golfers in this country for many years. Certainly she was among the first to take to the game.

Ever since the women's national golf championship has held its place on the official calendar she has been a contender—and a hard one for any one to dislodge. Her record in the handling of tournaments, and her knack of their results, is sufficient that everything will go smoothly.

There are lots of good golfers, you know, but not so many to talk of as all the troubles that crop up in running a tournament.

A Close Match
The Old York Road Country Club was the scene of a tight and nifty mixed-gender contest yesterday. Russell Carlisle, the nation's picture secretary, and Mrs. Carlisle played Miss Hilgenbrand and John C. Plump, champion of the W. S. Spring Hill Club, of Canada.

Mr. Plump and Miss Hilgenbrand apparently had the match won on the fifteenth when they were 3 up and 3 to play. Carlisle finished a brilliant and unobtainable goal and evened the match on the fourteenth hole.

Darkness intervened and prevented the tie from going further, but it was a game which is fast.

Boots and Saddle
Laurel, the popular Maryland track near Baltimore, opens its fall meeting today with the Capital Handicap, \$5000 added, as the feature. Today will mark the annual "Great Hill" trial. King, the Rosedale stable from Canada in Maryland, is the favorite.

In the Capital Handicap appears such heavy odds as the favorite, H. P. P. Wilkins, stable; King and Archer, the Sam Ross string; Hilder and Baby Grand, of the J. K. L. Ross stable, and the great filly Careful, owned by J. C. Salmon. J. Salmon, the Maryland, Cambridge, Cole etc.

Latonia—First race, Green God, Archie Alexander, Mount Joy; second, Charles J. Daly, North Tower, Crisp; third, Findlay, Bolzelle, Rollad; fourth, Hadrian, John S. Beard, Guyver; fifth, Blue Nose, Prince K. In Memoriam; sixth, Megan, Red-Bell, Flying Prince, Lehigh, Bullion, Kewpie O'Neil, Sands of Pleasure.

Jamaica—First race, Rosents, H. P. P. Wilkins, stable; King and Archer, the Sam Ross string; Hilder and Baby Grand, of the J. K. L. Ross stable, and the great filly Careful, owned by J. C. Salmon. J. Salmon, the Maryland, Cambridge, Cole etc.

WONDER IF JIMMY MUFFED THIS ONE?



HUH—WHAS-MATTER?—THINK YOU'D BE STUDYIN' FOOTBALL SIGNALS OR SOMETHIN'—HAVE YOU QUIT 'N' THE SKIN?

NO SIR—JUST READING 'BOUT THE YANKS AND GIANTS THEY START 'N' WORLDS SERIES TOMORROW.

THESE GUYS MUST BE PRETTY SMART TO WIN TENNANTS TWO STRAIGHT YEARS—H-M-SH- TAKE LOTS O' SENSE!

YEH—IT TOOK DOLLARS AND CENTS—!

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BETHLEHEM NEW TENNIS DISTRICT

Many Clubs Affiliated With Organization Now in Process of Formation

STARS GIVE EXHIBITION

By CARL FISCHER
Philadelphia and Middle States Tennis Champs

A third tennis association is about to be formed in Pennsylvania. Included in the circuit will be Bethlehem, Easton, Allentown, Hazleton and other up-State towns.

The new organization, which will be entitled the Bethlehem and District Lawn Tennis Association, has already applied to the National Association for its charter. Interest has been so great and development so rapid during the last few years that organized tennis will be heartily welcomed by the many rapidly growing clubs in this territory.

The Northampton Country Club, Suncion Valley Country Club, Allentown Tennis Club, Goldenrod Club, of Allentown; Dickson Country Club, of Easton; Bethlehem, Palmyerton and Easton Tennis Associations, each consisting of several clubs, are already affiliated with the new body.

NATIONAL NET SINGLES AGAIN FOR GERMANTOWN
No Change Expected in Title Tennis Program Next Year
New York, Oct. 3.—That the tennis program of this season, both as to venue and sequence, will remain intact another year seems almost certain.

With the retention of the Davis Cup by America, Forest Hills may again be expected to stage the Davis Cup challenge round and under the circumstances Philadelphia will have the custody of the national singles championship again.

Managerial World's Series Standing

Name and Club	W.	L.	P.	C.
Bill Warburton, Red Sox	1	0	0	0
Jimmy Collins, Red Sox	1	0	0	0
Ed Barrow, Red Sox	1	0	0	0
Elmer Smith, White Sox	1	0	0	0
War. Houston, White Sox	1	0	0	0
George Stallings, Braves	1	0	0	0
Frank Chance, Cubs	1	0	0	0
Condie Mack, Athletics	1	0	0	0
Wes Coleman, White Sox	1	0	0	0
Fred Clarke, Pirates	1	0	0	0
War. Houston, White Sox	1	0	0	0
John McGraw, Giants	1	0	0	0
Fred Mitchell, Cubs	1	0	0	0
Wes Coleman, White Sox	1	0	0	0
Miller Huggins, Yankees	1	0	0	0
War. Houston, White Sox	1	0	0	0
Hugh Jennings, Tigers	1	0	0	0

FLOORED, FILIPINO FLASHES TO VICTORY

Dropped for Nine in First Round, Elna Flores Comes Back and Beats Ray Mitchell in Fascinating Fashion

WOLF TRIMS MURRAY

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

KNOCKED down for the count of nine early in the first round and virtually out on his feet for the remainder of the period, Elna Flores, Filipino lightweight, came back with the grit and tenacity of a bulldog, unfurled a flurry of fists and displayed sufficient class to finish a victor by a wide margin in his bout with Ray Mitchell, a mean right-handed puncher.

They met at the Olympia last night and it was put on as the second preliminary of the night. The referee, who was the talk of the entire evening's entertainment when the weekly show of the Olympia Club was over, finishing up with a rather disappointing set-to between Phil Kaplan, of Jersey City, and Joe Jackson, local entry.

IT looked very much as if Elna Flores was unable to get his feet before the usual ten-second fall that would mean a knockout.

But Flores did not fall himself. At nine he staggered to his feet. Then Mitchell showed that he lacked the skill of an experienced boxer. Instead of nursing for another night, he came into his brown-skinned opponent and let fly wildly with both hands.

Doesn't Hold
Flores was jostled all around the ring, but he kept his feet. Never was the Filipino guilty of holding. When he was not punching back, even though in a feeble condition, he covered up or blocked punches. Then the bell sounded and Elna, after looking defiantly at his opponent, staggered to his corner.

When Flores entered the ring he was greeted with only passing applause. Then, as Mitchell made a feeble appearance, the Filipino did something seldom seen in the ring: He jumped from his chair pulled up with his hand and stepped on the second round, thus helping Ray to enter the squared circle.

All of this occurred while Mitchell was being given a rousing reception. At the finish of the contest it was entirely different. Because of his great battle Flores earned the feelings of the spectators and it was the Filipino who was cheered, outnumbered and stamped their feet and whistled for almost five minutes.

Lopes Scores K. O.
Vicente Lopez, a Mexican, appeared in the opening bout and he also flattered the crowd with a pleasing exhibition, winding up by having Johnny McLaughlin in such bad shape in the fourth round that Referee O'Brien stopped the match after one minute and fifty-three seconds of that period.

RESULTS OF BOXING MATCHES LAST NIGHT

OLYMPIA—Phil Kaplan won from Joe Jackson, Tommy Murray defeated Joe O'Donnell, Kid Wolf outboxed Battling Murray, Elna Flores beat Ray Mitchell, Vincent Lopez stopped Johnny McLaughlin, fourth.

ALLENTOWN—Jack McCareon defeated Lou Schupp, Bobby Burke drew with Steve Cole, Billy Logan shunted Tony Ross, Ned McFadden stopped Battling Case, second.

COLUMBUS—O. Pete Harley won Judge's decision against M. O. Jenkin.

ATLANTIC CITY—Frankie Maguire outpointed Frankie Britton, Silent Purcell knocked out Battling Goodman, third, Honey Rice walloped Johnny Campy, Ray Sullivan drew with Young Chango, Luis Grove easily defeated Barney Egan, third.

BALTIMORE—Charlie Baum out with Eddie Burroughs, tenth, Battling Dundee knocked out Jimmy Williams, first, Harry Harlowe out to Kid Julian, "Dusout" Johnson stopped Barney Egan, third.

NEW YORK—Wolf Larsen knocked out Mike Burns, first, Willie Knicker won over Johnny Gomez, Paul Girmann knocked out Tony Gino, Young Seaman knocked out Kid Tibou, fourth, Mickey Brown knocked out Louis Watson, sixth, Harry Johnson knocked out Larry Colthorpe, third, Chick Dunn won over Sammy Harris, Johnny Vermyer won over Herbert Lester.

It was announced that the winner would meet Villa at the Olympia on the night of October 20.

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How Does It Strike You?

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Moran's Record
Alonso's Return
By THE OBSERVER

FORM is the medium through which strength and skill are expressed. With-out it power lies dormant.

The long hours devoted to practice in athletics, in music, in anything we do to attain form. Some fortunate few are blessed with natural form, but the vast majority of us must struggle tediously for it.

The football player in the early season will bury himself time after time in a black sandvust pile to learn form in tackling, the sprinter drills for hours on his crouching start, the golfer labors on his stance, and so it goes, all seeking the goal of style.

You have seen Ted Meredith run. The easy stride, the pumping of his arms, the play of his shoulder muscles, head up and legs driving his knees high, show the grace of a natural runner.

The famous Pennsylvania champion lost no time on the turns. There was little slowing of speed as he swung into the curve, his body at an angle, one arm almost still and the other pumping steadily.

Others marveled at his style. Many thought it was a gift and still do, but it was only after years of practice that Meredith attained the form which enabled him to break world's records.

Ted's father, James H. Meredith, and Hank Musser, former Penn. ball player, were discussing form recently.

"When Ted was a bit of a shaver," said Mr. Meredith, "I discovered him racing boys twice his size. I made him stop it. It almost broke his heart, but I lectured him on the value of form and from that time on he worked for form.

"Not until I was satisfied that his style was right did I let him compete, and I can safely say that only twice before he won the Olympic 800 meter in 1912 did Ted run his hardest. I saw to it that he was not burned out."

STRENGTH frequently conquers form, but where there is an equal distribution of power, form rules the field in every sport.

The Fighting Irishman
SEVEN years ago Pat Moran took the Phillies, pennant contenders for many seasons, and put them in the World Series.

Three years afterward he was fired—and hired by the Reds. Garry Hermann had a flock of cast-offs that year, but Patrick J. whipped them into a remarkable finish brings the Reds into second position on the last day of the 1922 campaign.

In the spring training camps Cincinnati was given last place unanimously, despite that of the Phillies having it clinched.

Pat doesn't do much talking out of uniform; he stands or falls on his records. It is also in order to add that he usually stands.

Moran has long been a student of baseball and men. He can get more work out of his ball players than any other manager in the league.

The athlete who "lays down" on Pat Moran is in danger of losing something more than his job. He is very likely to lose an eye and a couple of teeth.

Pat has the spirit of the fighter and he can inspire his charges to the same wild enthusiasm. It is this as much as his knowledge of the game that has made him respected as one of the greatest managers in baseball.

ALONSO BROTHERS Would Help Tennis Here
THE Alonso brothers, Jose and Manuel, have left this country for their native Madrid, Spain, but it is said that they are likely to return and make America their home.

The Spaniards, both of whom are engineers, have been offered positions with the Bethlehem Steel Company, and it is reported that they are seriously considering the proposals.

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