

"Don't Blame Me"

Sam's Song

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Football coaches get gray hair if they don't have a winning season and a heart murmur if they have a triumphant year, but now these mentors are being plagued with the sport's past misdeeds—football's fatalities.

In a recent article the newly installed substitution rule and the coaches were named at fault to the fatalities reported in collegiate football. As odd as it may seem the coaches are taking the most blasting.

After the first several weeks of the revitalized one-platoon game—just when the fans and the players had begun to enjoy it—death cast its shroud over the game, the magazine stated.

Why is it that the critics charge the new ruling? Wasn't the one-platoon used before? Did fatalities result in such quantities that the trend is quite noticeable? The only noticeable year we find is in 1920. Every pileup and tackle produced extreme awe for the fans and coaches.

Although the magazine doesn't blame the new rule entirely (which would be wrong anyway), it steps out of bounds when it places the fault before the coaches.

With the present equipment and rules, each serious injury is classified a freak or else laid directly at the feet of the coach, the magazine read. The article says "It is a poor coach who does not have his men in top physical condition prepared to play 60 minutes if necessary."

As we understand football training programs, the coach only spends several hours a day with his players. Once the player leaves the ball field, conditioning is placed into his own hands. Maybe the magazine writer expects the coach to travel with each player. Say, 60 of them?

Harry Garyson, NEA sports editor, told us at the West Virginia game "I wouldn't coach for \$100,000." Now, it is understood why.

SPORTS' KINSEY REPORT

The greatest thing since Kinsey hit the sports world yesterday, Norman Werking, writer for ALLsports, made a list of nine sport stars—eight past and one present. The list was then presented to 12 and 13-year-olds who were to identify the celebrity. Some of them follow (with answers):

GENE TUNNEY—Boxer, 24; movie star, 15; singer, 2; actress, 1; ton of fat, 2; what a doll, a movie actress, 1; wrestler, 1; actor, 1; don't know, 17. **MAN O'WAR**—Horse, 47; house, 3; hoase, 1; rash hours, 1; horse-race, 1; football player or boxer, 1; don't know, 7. **WILLIE HOPPE**—Billiards, 12; plays pool, 4; actor, 4; football baller, 1; golf, 1; baseball, 1; don't know, 40. **BILL TILDEN**—Tennis player, 1; swimmer, 1; newscaster, 1; announcer, 1; wrestler, 1; newspaperman, 1; don't know, 57.

He then checked to see if there were more ignorant about sports than about anything else. This time he listed non-athletic names. Result?

ENRICO CARUSO—Singer, 29; actor, 4; car dealer, 3; don't know, 27. **AL CAPONE**—Gangster, 15; gambler, 5; criminal, 1; gun man, 1; actor, 1; baseball player, 1; star, 1; cowgirl, 1; don't know, 37. **MAHATMA GANDHI**—Indian, 8; ruler of India, 6; gambler, 3; millionaire, 1; Prime Minister of England, 1; religious faster, 1; don't know, 43. **TOM MIX**—Cowboy or radio star, 63.

Mr. Werking's conclusion? "Either that the public schools are wasting too much time on basic fundamentals or that the modern little scudder, dandled on Daddy's knee at bedtime, hears about the latest housing project (with garbage disposals) instead of mopping up such essential information as the fact that Bill Tilden won seven U.S. tennis singles titles."

Ping Pong Aces



RONALD HART, Harry Bray, Louis Landon, and William Ziegler (l. to r.) are the University ping-pong aces. Bray is the All-University champ. He outpointed Landon who copped fraternity honors. Hart is the independent runner-up and Ziegler is fraternity runner-up.

Campy Gets MVP Award

NEW YORK, Nov. 19 (AP)—Roy Campanella, Brooklyn's chunky, veteran catcher, today was voted most valuable player in the National League for the second time in three years.

When reporters finally tracked down Campanella—who was celebrating his 32nd birthday—at his Harlem liquor store, he grinned and said, "It makes a man feel pretty good. I can't ask for too much more in life. I guess."

The vote by a 24-man committee of the Baseball Writers Assn. of America, three from each league city, was decisive. Campanella drew 17 firsts and piled up 297 points, highest point total since Stan Musial of St. Louis won with 303 in 1948.

Campanella became the fourth man to be named most valuable in the National League more than once. He had won in 1951. Musial is the only three-time winner with victories in 1943, 1946 and 1948. Carl Hubbell won in 1933 and 1936 and Rogers Hornsby in 1925 and 1929.

Eddie Mathews, the home run hitting third baseman of the Milwaukee Braves, finished second, 81 points back at 216. The point score is figured on the basis of 14 for first place, nine for second and so on down to one for a tenth.

Duke Snider, Brooklyn's slugging center fielder, nosed out St. Louis' Red Schoendienst for third place, 157 to 155.

Two-Platoon Era

LONDON, Nov. 19 (AP)—American football—minus the free substitution rule—goes on display before a critical London audience Nov. 28.

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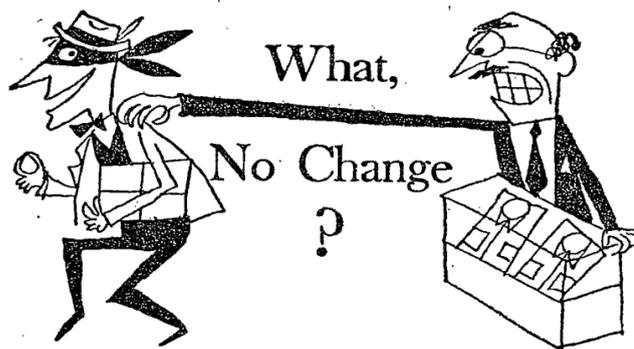
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The obliging clerk unwrapped the first shirt, wrapped the second one and handed it to the student, who turned to leave. "Just a minute," cried the clerk. "You forgot to pay for it."

"I gave you the other shirt for it," answered the youth.

"But you didn't pay for the other shirt," continued the clerk.

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Diamond Squad Repeats

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