

GOSSIP FROM THE GRIDIRON

Test of the New Rules Shows Some Merit in the Change

ONE MAN GAME RESULTS UP TO DATE

Back Field Needs but Single Star and Best of Team Has Not Much Left of the Spectacular.

The changes in the foot ball rules for the present season have been greater and far more radical than during any season since the abolition of the momentum plays.

A crusade had been carried on looking to the elimination of the "mass play" and for a time it was feared there would be such a dearth of material as to practically cause the game to die a premature death.

Still the general public was dissatisfied, as the list of casualties was not materially decreased. The situation developed into such a one as to render it necessary for the rules committee, for the sake of the sport, to make such changes as would at least assist anything that might tend toward bettering the game in the view of those having its interest at heart.

Under Rule 18 appears the most important change in the rules for the season. This rule now provides that when the ball is put in play in the scrimmage, at any point within the middle portion of the field, extending from one twenty-five yard line to the other, that at least seven players of the side having the ball must be on the line of scrimmage when the ball is put in play.

Other changes are provided for in the new rules, but the above constitute the more important. Previous to the opening of the foot ball season there was much criticism of the changes in the rules. This was so far as to cancel the managers and coaches of the western eleven to seriously consider the plan of continuing with the 1902 rules.

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dealing with the rules governing the gridiron game without in any manner consulting with the western foot ball people.

And now comes the question as to what the new rules have done for the game of foot ball. One thing above all others seems to be indicated and that is that a situation has developed which makes the game of foot ball practically a one-man affair.

The fallacy of leaving too much for one man to do, or rather the policy of permitting him to dictate in everything concerning the training and coaching of a foot ball team, has been demonstrated.

Yet there is an abundance of material at Drake, probably more than at any other university in the west today. Monday had too much to handle. It was preposterous and sheer folly to think that one man could both train and coach a foot ball team.

The day of the "big four" which for years stood for all that was best in eastern foot ball, has passed and in its place stands the "big six"—Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Pennsylvania, Columbia and Cornell.

Some CHAT ABOUT GOLFERS How to Determine the Eyes in Starting a Tournament Fully Explained.

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A curious incident occurred during a recent golf match on one of the Florio links. In a two-some, one player's ball got into some canal water and he was compelled to lift and drop.

leading western golf professionals are against the policy adopted last year by the Western Golf association of having the championship event open to all golfers.

body in. The result of the championship event at the Euclid course at Cleveland was a victory for Willie Anderson, an easterner.

St. Louis golfers hope to combine several events for out-of-town golfers during the Louisiana Purchase exposition. Three clubs—the Country, Field and Glen Echo—all have links and will devise some kind of tourney for the edification of visiting golfers.

The tour of the Oxford-Cambridge golfers in the United States, about which so much interest has been manifested, has closed and the Britishers have departed for home.

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has tied up with the Colorado pair it is easy for him to announce that Bill Rourke is to be fired from the Western, but that bunch wants to remember all the time that Rourke owns the Omaha franchise.

About the matter of players: The Times charges that Rourke wanted the other teams to give him their stars; this is simple falsehood. All Rourke asked was that the other teams give him the men they were not using and which he needed.

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This week the National Association of Minor Leagues meets at St. Louis. Each of the leagues will send delegations, and much business is to be transacted.

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