

Favors Reducing Points Scored by Forward Pass

Lively Discussion on Subject Promised When Grid Mentors Gather to Frame Rules Recommended.

By Associated Press. NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Although a majority opinion now among football coaches, experts and rule makers apparently is opposed to placing restrictions upon the use of the forward pass gathering demand for curbing the aerial game as a menace to the gridiron sport and urged as corrective steps that only three points be allowed for a touchdown due to a pass and that the run by the receiver of a pass be eliminated.

The attack launched a few days ago on the forward pass by Harold M. Gore, coach of the Massachusetts Aggies, has aroused keen discussion and drawn support from several sources. Gore branded the aerial game, in its present usage, as a "menace" to the gridiron sport and urged as corrective steps that only three points be allowed for a touchdown due to a pass and that the run by the receiver of a pass be eliminated.

L. C. Bales, director of athletics at Wooster College, O., sides with Gore in criticizing the aerial game as a "menace" which is relegating football to the category of outdoor basketball, while further criticism was made public today by Foster Sanford, former Rutgers coach and advocate of the rushing attack.

None of these critics, however, apparently wishes to abolish the pass, regarding their recommendations as means of putting restrictions on the aerial game. The pass is needed to give balance, says Sanford, admitting the aerial game has come to stay, but nevertheless he believes it is top unfettered in its present form.

Supporters of the Gore plan for cutting in half the allowance of points for a touchdown from a pass, point out that scoring by this method is no more difficult than by field goals, which now gains but three points.

That the rules committee is taking cognizance of present agitation against the pass was indicated today in a statement by Fred W. Moore, secretary of the Harvard Athletic association and member of the committee, that the question no doubt would come before the mid-winter session of the rule makers.

While pointing out the advantages of the pass in giving the game balance, Moore declared: "This season's returns from football games throughout the country would indicate that some teams weaker in many departments have scored victories by forward passing. There is no question that the pass is dangerous, and yet, I believe that it cannot be ruled out of the game without substituting something for it."

**FRANCO-AMERICAN CUE MEET PLANNED**  
Paris, Dec. 18.—A Franco-American three-cornered billiard tournament, presenting Roger Court, Albert Grange and Edmond Derbier, in competition with Willie Hoppe, Jate Schaefer and Walker Cochran, is being planned by the French billiard federation.

At the conclusion of the present French 15.2 championships, now in progress, the federation intends to send the three leading French players to the United States. Negotiations are now under way with the billiard authorities of America to arrange for the tournament.

Conti, playing in his most brilliant form, won his initial match of the championships today, going out in six innings with a high run of 257.

**Walker May Start Against Notre Dame**  
Palo Alto, Cal., Dec. 19.—Walker, sub-halfback for Stanford, seems to have earned a regular berth for himself by his meritorious conduct in the big game with California, and probably will start the game against Notre Dame at Pasadena New Year's day.

In the Berkeley classic, Walker, going into the game late, tossed the two passes that resulted in tying the score in the last few minutes of play. Kelly started the California game, but Walker has been working out ahead of him in the post-season practice.

Never will he be at fullback if he has recovered from his injuries. If not, Hey is likely to start, with Bogue in reserve for a later stage of the game. It is considered improbable, in any event, that Never will be able to play the entire game. His ankles are weak. Cuddeback, the sure-shoot place kicker, will occupy the other backfield position.

Practice was resumed today after an intermission of several days for examinations.

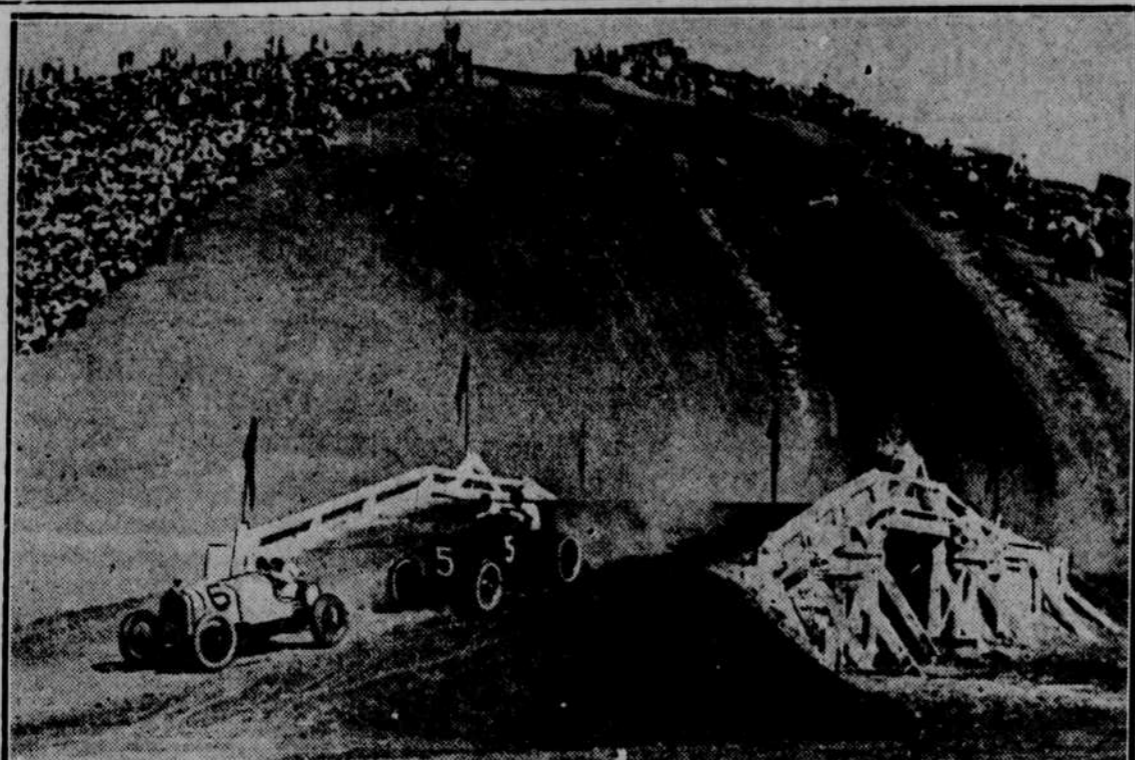
**Millers Purchase Duncan.**  
Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 19.—Pat Duncan, outfielder formerly with the Cincinnati Nationals, was purchased today from the Washington Americans by the Minneapolis American association club.

**BRIEF CITY NEWS**  
Visiting Doctor Here—Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Davis and son, Robert, of Hollandale, Minn., are spending the holidays with Dr. Fjord at Mount 210 South Twenty-fourth street.

**Funds Delay Signals**—Automatic electric traffic signals will be installed when funds for current revenues are received from the collection of delinquent taxes. The police department has already advertised for bids on the material and let the contract for the work.

**Acquitted by Jury**—John Petroski, 4416 South Thirty-fourth street, was acquitted in district court Thursday on a charge of felony in connection with the shooting of Tony Salata, 4436 South Thirty-third street. Petroski said he thought Salata was attempting to steal a revolver which had been placed in Petroski's yard.

Dead Man's Curve on Ascot Race Course



FRANK LOCKHART WINS 171L.

Here is a view of the "Dead Man's" curve on the Ascot Cup race course, near Los Angeles, showing some of the entrants in the 250-mile race, won this year by Frank Lockhart, 22-year-old race driver, who covered the course in three hours and 21 minutes at an average of 80 miles an hour over the most dangerous course in America.

Says "Bugs" SQUASH IS THE Baer: SPORT OF KINKS

It Gives You Kinks in the Neck, in the Back and Kinks in the Legs.

VERY few people know what squash is and imagine it is a game by athletic vegetarians.

It is a game of science and skill played indoors at our most exclusive clubs. The nearest outdoor equivalent to squash is a bow-legged traffic cop trying to stop a mad bull from taking a detour.

It is played by two players each equipped with a tennis racket on a broom handle. They spend the afternoon slapping each other on the skulls and every new lump on the head is scored as a point.

Kinsella is the world's professional squash champ. Jay Gould is the amateur duke. The difference between the pro and amateur game is only in the spelling.

The title of this game is derived by the sound made by the racket crashing into the soft section of a player's head. This noise is "Squash." If the game happened to be baseball it would be called "Bong" or "Sap."

It is a game played without spectators, so nobody knows just how good a squash player squashes. For this reason every player is a champ.

Basketball Results

Butler, 26; Iowa State, 22. At Ames: Iowa State, 21; Cornell college, 20. At Fairfield: Denver Tigers, 35; Parsons college, 34. At Cedar Rapids: Cor, 28; Dubuque, 12.

POULTRY HOUSE AT CLARINDA BURNED

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Clarinda, Ia., Dec. 19.—W. E. Keeny's poultry house was destroyed by fire at 4 o'clock this morning with a loss of \$25,000, partially covered by insurance.

PIG LEAD GAIN IS SHOWN HERE

With the value of pig lead and other metals refined in Omaha showing an increase of more than \$3,000,000 over 1923, Omaha will undoubtedly retain its place as the largest pig lead producing center in the United States.

According to figures compiled by the Chamber of Commerce, the value of metals refined in Omaha this year will exceed \$42,000,000 as compared to \$39,346,879 in 1923.

Plans Made for Red Cross Campaign in Cass County

Atlantic, Ia., Dec. 19.—Although the annual roll call of the American Red Cross was officially begun last Armistice day, the local committee has just completed details of a campaign in Cass county. Miss Lona Trott, Iowa City, district supervisor of Red Cross nursing service, is here to assist in the work.

"Santa Claus" Trees Are Scarce This Year. But Prices Are Reasonable

A brisk demand for Christmas trees is reported by Omaha grocers, who say that unlike last year, the market is not glutted with the evergreens.

John Ek, secretary of the Omaha Retail Grocers' association, predicts that all available trees will be sold by Christmas eve. Prices seem reasonable, however.

One grocer is basing his Christmas tree prices on the aesthetic value rather than on the size of the trees. He insists that a small but beautiful tree is more valuable than a larger but less attractive one.

Prices on his large stock of cedar trees range from 25 cents to \$25. The average price is from \$1 to \$1.50.

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WIFE NEAR DEATH WHEN MATE DIES

Missouri Valley, Ia., Dec. 19.—George S. Green, 72, died here early this morning after several months illness of arterio-sclerosis, and Mrs. Green, a few years younger, is lying unconscious and at the point of death from a paralytic stroke suffered a few weeks ago. No funeral arrangements will be made for Mr. Green until the outcome of Mrs. Green's condition is determined, and it is expected that the funeral will be a joint one.

The Greens have been residents of Missouri Valley for nearly 40 years. At one time Mr. Green had a bank here, known as "Green's bank." Mrs. Green played a cornet in the band. Mr. Green was also the author of a number of hand pieces, some of which are still bringing him a royalty. They have one child, Mrs. F. P. Hansen.

PROBE VINDICATES CUSTOMS AGENTS

Washington, Dec. 19.—Investigation into the firing upon and boarding of the private yacht of H. H. Belding, millionaire silk manufacturer, by customs agents, who suspected the vessel was a rum runner, has resulted in vindication for the customs officers, according to a report filed with the secretary of the treasury today by the special treasury investigator.

Letters to this effect have been dispatched to Belding, the Miami Chamber of Commerce and some members of the Florida delegation in congress, all of whom had protested the actions of the customs officers and demanded an investigation.

HUSBAND SHOPPER FAILS TO RETURN

Oscar C. Lidster went downtown on July 20, 1920, to shop and never returned. His wife, Katherine, 1722 South Twenty-seventh street, testified in domestic relations court.

Cardinal Cagers Given Hard Drill by Coach Adams

Considerable Time Devoted to Under-Basket Work; League Disbands Through Holidays.

HE University of Omaha basketball squad yesterday was reduced to 15 men by the nearness of vacation and vacation jobs. The league was discontinued until after the holidays, when the full quota of men will report for practice.

Coach Adams ran the Cardinals through a hard course drill, and worked considerably on under-basket work. Twelve men will be picked for the first string during the week, and suits will be given out before school resumes.

Out of the many combinations that Coach Adams ran through the offensive formation, Schneider at center, Cowan and Prather at forwards and Emigh and Slater at guards looked the smoothest, but Anderson, Howard, Nelson and Krogh, when they went in, looked about as good. It looks very much as though Coach Adams will not be harassed by that bugbear of coaches, lack of material, as there are at least two good men for every position.

A dash of cold water was thrown on the squad when Ben Mead, clever forward, was the victim of a laboratory explosion, and suffered severe acid burns on his face and eyes. It is yet unknown whether the accident will permanently affect his sight, but immediately after the explosion Mead could not see out of one eye.

Starting today, the squad will practice every day through the vacation, leaving out only Sunday, and January 5 should find the men in tiptop shape and a couple of practice games which are pending with Omaha Central High and Fort Omaha should put the five in fine fettle for the Doane game on January 10. Kearney has been signed for January 16, and the Cards will have to be at top form at the very start of the season, as these teams represent the class of the conference.

MATE DESERTED HER 10 YEARS AGO

Cletice and Charles Stanfield were married December 24, 1896, when she was but 15. Ten years ago he deserted her, she testified Friday in domestic relations court, where she is seeking a divorce. Since then the support of their four living children has rested on her shoulders, she said. Three of the children are of age.

OIL MAN KILLED AS AUTO SKIDS

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 19.—J. B. Schimmel, 40, prominent Fort Worth oil operator, was instantly killed last night, when the automobile which he was driving turned over two miles south of Throckmorton. He was vice president and director of the Schimmel company and the Associated Petroleum company.

CHRISTMAS FRUIT CAKE

Northrup-Jones BUTTERFLY SHOE 309 S. 16th, Just So. of Farnam

New Spalding's Basket Ball Guide Arrives in Omaha

The 1924-1925 official Spalding basketball guide is in Omaha and the changes in the rules are discussed fully. Many of the rules have been rewritten to make them more intelligible.

Nebraska conference basketball has been given a big review this year. The following sections of the basketball rule book are new or have been revised:

Rule 2—New note to Section 1. Section 2 revised to make legal certain types of basket which are in common use, but which were illegal under the former wording of this section.

Rule 5—The third sentence of Section 2 is new. The last clause of Section 3 is new. After a substitute has reported he must participate in the game. Section 6 is new. A new part has been added to Section 10 revised. Section 11 rewritten to enlarge the duties of the umpire. A new part has been added to Section 12 stating what shall be done if the umpire's signal is not heard.

Rule 7—The word "firmly" has been inserted in Section 4. In this connection, see Question and Answer No. 19, Page 25. The last part of Section 7 has been written and (5) introduced a new ruling. If a foul is committed by a player while in the time he holds his team's ball in the goal, it made, does not count, except that if the foul occurs after the ball has left the player's hands, it counts.

Section 8 is a new definition. Section 9 is an important change in the rules. A player who receives the ball while standing still, may give it to another player if the latter is noted that under the definition of a pivot, a single step with one foot may constitute a pivot.

After pivoting, if the player is to start a dribble, the pivot foot must leave the floor. If he pivots with both feet on the floor, he may lift the pivot foot or jump, but the ball must leave his hands before one or both feet again touch the floor. The second sentence of Section 10 is new. In Section 11 the note on guarding from the rear has been enlarged. Section 21 is the definition of a new term.

Section 13 has been rewritten and the length of intermission changed for high school games, and for younger boys.

Rule 9—In Section 3 a one-minute intermission allowed before each period of an overtime game.

Rule 11—Slight rewording in various parts of this rule.

Rule 12—The first sentence of Section 2 states what shall be done if the wrong player attempts the free throw after a foul. Section 4 has been reworded and a sentence added to indicate that the 15-second limit for a free throw applies to each free throw.

Rule 14—Section 5 is revised. An important statement is added, giving the officials authority to disregard the violation.

Rule 15—Several changes have been made in this rule. Section 1 (5) changes what was formerly a violation to a technical foul. Tapping the ball "on the way up" is now a foul. Attention is called to the note under this clause. The second sentence of the penalty to Section 5 is new. In the penalty following Section 11, a new clause is added specifying that two free throws are awarded when a foul is committed upon a player immediately after he has thrown for goal.

The latest jockey to join the big colony of riders at Toluca is Frankie Murphy, who will ride for the Lincoln Stable. Murphy comes from a family of turf followers, his brothers and other members of his family being jockeys, trainers and owners.

New Comptroller Is Ex-Nebraskan

J. W. McIntosh, New Treasury Official, Began Career at Eustis Bank.

J. W. McIntosh of Illinois, who has been nominated comptroller of the currency by President Coolidge, began his banking career with the Farmers State bank at Eustis, Neb. After spending some time there he returned to Macomb, Ill., where he was born. He is 51. Upon his return to Macomb he was with the Citizens bank of Macomb. He later became manager of a department of Armour & Co. in Chicago.

McIntosh was commissioned a major in the army in 1917 and served through the war, retiring as a colonel. He served with the army in France, Italy and the Balkans. He was given the distinguished service medal by the War department.

In 1920, McIntosh was appointed director of finance of the Emergency Fleet corporation and remained at that post until appointed deputy comptroller of the currency in May, 1923.

McIntosh has been appointed comptroller of the currency to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of William Dawes, brother of Vice President-elect Charles G. Dawes, who formerly lived at Lincoln, Neb.

J. R. McCarl, former secretary to Senator Norris, whose former home was at McCook, Neb., is comptroller-general at Washington.

Father and Mother Both Ill When Young Daughter Dies

Shenandoah, Ia., Dec. 19.—Nate Waldron is in the hospital, having had an operation for appendicitis. Mrs. Waldron is recuperating from an operation and Betty Jean Waldron, five-year-old daughter, who has always been an invalid, died of meningitis Wednesday night. Two other children survive.

AT THE THEATERS

It is not often that a person in the early 20s is accepted in musical circles as a premier violinist. This is the distinction credited to Murgit Hegedus, appearing at the Orpheum this week. Miss Hegedus is a pupil of the famous Seyck. In her native Hungary she gained the heights in the concert field and is now playing her way to fame in this country on her first vaudeville tour of the Orpheum circuit. Miss Hegedus' technique is perfect and her music is said to possess that something of utmost importance, generally known as "soul."

A Christmas bill of unusual importance begins a seven-day engagement at the World this afternoon. It is one of the best balanced vaudeville bills of the season and features among its six acts Edith Murray and company in a pretentious all-girl revue. Spencer and Williams, Lucille Benstead and Little Lou Roberts are important added attractions.

A laugh wave will strike the Empress theater today, where the Empress Players introduce the merry musical comedy of holiday cheer, "Three Weeks." Telling the humorous story of three sailors, all by the name of "Weeks," this newest musical show is certain to prove highly diverting and productive of an unusual amount of comedy and song.

Columbus Cagers Organize.

Columbus, Neb., Dec. 19.—A basketball team of boys whose weight averages 100 pounds was formed at the Y. M. C. A. this afternoon and it will play its first game with a group of boys from the Norfolk Junior High school selected on the same basis.

Advertisement for Richard Dix in the play 'Manhattan'. It features a portrait of Richard Dix and text including 'STARTS TODAY', 'With Jacqueline Logan', and 'The story of a rich young man who found New York tame, until he met a pretty girl and—oh, boy! How things hummed!'

Advertisement for Christmas Fruit Cake by Northrup-Jones, located at 309 S. 16th, Just So. of Farnam.

Advertisement for Branigans TODAY, Last 2 Times, featuring Adolph Zukor and Jesse Lasky presenting Cecil B. De Mille's 'The Ten Commandments'.

Advertisement for Vaudeville-Photoplay WORLD featuring a Merry Christmas Bill with six feature acts, headed by Edith Murray and company of six.

Advertisement for Orpheum featuring Jos. E. Howard and 'The Toy Shop'.

Advertisement for Sun featuring 'Wine of Youth' and 'Our Gang'.

Large advertisement for Scott's Cold Weather Clothing SALE. It features 'Leather Coats--Vests' priced as low as \$8.90, 'Sheep Lined Coats' priced as low as \$8.75, and 'Wool "Snuggers" Vest, \$3.00'. It also lists 'Sweaters \$3.85' and 'Knit Jackets \$3.85' with values up to \$9.75. The store is located at 15th and Howard, opposite the Auditorium.