

# Football Playing Code Undergoes Radical Changes in Order to Speed U Game

## Artificial Tees for Kickoff to Be Abolished

### Number of Changes Made to Clarify Rules Often Misinterpreted—"Heeling" Ground Allowed.

By Associated Press. NEW YORK, March 22.—Four radical changes in the football playing code, all intended to speed up the game and increase its versatility, were adopted today by the national intercollegiate football rules committee at its annual meeting.

The abolition of all mud or artificial kicking tees, the advancement of the kickoff from the 40-yard line to the center of the field, an increase from two to five yards of the penalty for excess time out and decision to try for point after touchdowns from the three instead of the five-yard line were the most important measures approved. A number of others were made to clarify rules often misinterpreted.

Despite a recommendation by the coaches' association that the rule against the flying tackle be abolished on the ground that it is admittedly seldom enforced, the committee after a lengthy debate, decided not to do so.

It was understood members felt that if bars were let down in this respect, it might encourage rougher play.

**Eliminate Kicking Tees.**

Elimination of all kicking tees was adopted to place a greater premium on the feature while the advancement of the kickoff from the 40-yard line to the center of the field was described as a natural consequence of the former rule.

"Heeling" the ground to make a groove for the ball on the kickoff or place kick will be permitted.

In an endeavor to discourage delays, the rule permitting three "times out" during a half, with a two-yard penalty for each one in excess, was changed so that a team will be allowed four "times out." A five-yard penalty for each period over that number.

The rule changed which allows a team to put the ball in play from the three instead of the five-yard line on the try for point after touchdown will, in the opinion of the committee, tend to make this play more versatile.

As under the present code, however, the captain of the attacking team may elect to put the ball in play on any line back of the three-yard mark.

A more radical change than the one adopted in connection with the try for point was advocated, but pigeon holed for the time being. It was the new rule would accomplish the desire to put greater pressure on use of a forward pass or line play than on a drop or place kick. Proponents of the tabled plan would give two points for a goal from forward pass or run and only one extra point for a goal from kick.

It is probably would be adopted in 1925 if the change enacted does not secure the remedy desired.

**Pass Rule Clarified.**

The rule to guard against interference with the forward pass by an ineligible player on the offending team was clarified to read: "If an ineligible man on the attacking team touches a forward pass, in an endeavor to keep it from being intercepted, but it is recovered by the defense before it touches the ground, the player catching the ball may run with it and retain whatever ground he may have gained, instead of claiming the penalty for illegal interference."

No rule changes resulted from extended discussion of shift plays, but regulations were clarified to place the burden of proof upon the attacking team, instead of the officials.

Other changes involved definition of the "screen pass" as "passive interference" and "passive interference" as "passive interference" with authority to curb deliberate delays in play and the umpire with power to decide whether cleats or other parts of equipment were unnecessary dangerous.

To avoid confusion over the expiration of time, the committee recommended that referees use a gun to notify the referee of the end of a period. Actual play would not stop, however, until the referee blew his whistle. To eliminate further chance of confusion, it was decided that no official other than the referee carry a whistle.

Walter Miller, former claimant of the world's middleweight wrestling title, has started for Australia, where he will engage in matches.

**Exhibition Games**

Mobile, Ala., March 22.—R. H. E. St. Louis (A.) 10-0. B. H. E. St. Louis (A.) 10-0. B. H. E. St. Louis (A.) 10-0.

## Directors of Omaha's Municipal Golf Association



J. B. Hummel, Dr. H. W. Weeks, Robert Cuscaden, Jack Shearman, Ben Youseff.

## Tales of Wayside Tee

WE heard an earnest debate some days ago as to what constitutes the most interesting type of hole in golf.

To arrive at the center of this discussion the two main classes of golfers must be considered, since a hole that might appeal to a par golfer would be an abomination and curse for the 104 man.

It is enough to say at the start that the three-hole shot is the least interesting of the lot—the three-shot that can't be reached by any one in two volleys.

**Average Player.**

For the average player the two most interesting types are the short hole and the drive and pitch. The most attractive short hole to play is from 130 to 145 yards, where there is no great length to consider, but there is serious trouble for those who miss the green.

The crack takes his 3 for granted here. But the average player as he stands on the tee has a vision of a 3 or a spewer of a 5. If there is water to be carried, the thrill is all the greater for a mistake is almost certain to cost a 5 or more.

The crack may not get any thrill out of a 3 on a short hole, but in duffer gets a thrill out of a 3 on any hole. There are not so plentiful in his life as to become monotonous, common and dull. He frequently endures his 7s and 8s in silence in the thought of the possible 3 just ahead to bring down the average. And so, when he reaches the short hole, tee his entire afternoon is at stake.

He gets no such thrill out of so-called short holes from 130 to 230 yards long. They are par 4s to him and the dulllest holes on the course, for they are usually 4s whether he plays them well or badly.

But the short pitch to a small green that may yield a 2 or a 6 is the gamble that thrills.

**The Drive and Pitch.**

A type of hole just as interesting as the drive and pitch, of which there are not so many good ones.

A drive and pitch for Sarazen, Hagen or Jones is a drive and spoon for countless players.

The best type of drive and pitch is in the neighborhood of 300 yards long where the green is well trapped and where the drive must be placed to bring about a simpler approach.

Here it isn't a question of distance. If the player can only drive 170 yards he has only 130 yards to go for his second shot, so on this type of hole the green should be trapped in all directions, leaving a small opening for run up for the golfer who can walk long one straight and far, placing a long drive where he wants it placed.

The average golfer is not extremely brilliant with the brassie or the long iron. So he is keener about the type of hole that will yield him a par 3 or 4 and that is within his limits. He doesn't expect to get many 4s on a hole 420 yards long. He will most of the time lose this hole to the scratch player. But he has his chance for a half or win at the short hole and the drive and pitch. So here are two types of holes that should be given the most careful consideration by all golf architects. There should be at least four good short holes and four or five good drive and pitch holes, not too long, upon every course.

**For the Star.**

The most interesting hole for the star golfer is the two-shot affair where a fine drive and a full iron are needed to get home—possibly a drive and brassie.

Here there can be no mistake. He can often miss his drive on the

## Omaha U Letters To Be Awarded Soon

Athletic committee of the University of Omaha has not yet made up the list of men to receive letters and sweaters this year for the basketball season, but the awards will be made soon, probably before the first of April.

The men to receive sweaters probably will be Anderson, Fried, Nellan, Slater, Meek, Drella, Bozandahl, and Reeves. Awards of track letters will be made after the track season is completed.

## Black Gold to Enter Races

Chicago, March 22.—Black Gold, winner of the Louisiana derby, will enter any derby or 3-year-old special race included in the Hawthorne racing program this season, according to Joseph A. Murphy, racing judge and general manager of the Chicago Business Men's Racing association, owners of Hawthorne.

The Hawthorne meeting may start in July, about the time Latonia's season closes.

## Boise Team to Enter Meet.

Boise, Idaho, March 22.—The Boise polo team will enter the northwest polo tournament at Vancouver, starting May 9. It was announced by officers here last night. Boise will have the only civil team, the others being from other army units it is understood.

## Chance to Join Team Soon.

Los Angeles, March 22.—Frank Chance, manager of the Chicago White Sox, will leave Palm Springs, a health resort near here, early next week to join his team at Jacksonville, reports received here state.

## Better Hurling for Phillies Says Fletcher

### Ring, Glasner and Mitchell Ready to Do Big Things for Team.

By NICK FLETCHER. EATSBURG, Fla., March 22.—"I will have a much better pitching staff this year than I ever had," Art Fletcher, manager of the Phillies, declared today, adding, "So we'll have a much better ball club."

Thusly Arthur, who seemed to be attached to a chronic tallender, expressed his spring ball team that he has for the past two seasons, and he doesn't seem to have any startling young material. But he is hopeful.

Tallend ball clubs have to build from the pitching staff out, and the Philly sharpshooters, in Mr. Fletcher's opinion, will be more effective this year than last.

Some of the more or less pertinent reasons are:

Jimmy Ring, who was one of the best in the business in 1923, reported this spring, for the first time in his busy career, down to playing weight. He was given a good contract and is perfectly satisfied.

Whitey Glasner, former pirate, also has been made easy in mind and temperament. He was not exactly happy with the Phillies last year.

Clarence Mitchell, southpaw, and a hitter, won eight games in a row last fall. He is anxious to come through this season.

Couch, who came from the Reds, had a fine start in 1923 and then went wrong. His spring form, however, is the very best.

With these four veterans Fletcher has Harold Carlson, for several seasons a Pirate, Hubbell and Betts, who have lingered around for quite a few years, are also on the staff.

Two youngsters, Lewis and Bishop, are giving Hubbell and Betts stiff competition for positions, however.

Fletcher expects his infield to be much improved. He has Ford from the Braves, whom he considers a better second baseman than Tierney. Young Sands, who was slow starting last summer, is playing bang-up ball. Walter Hoike will play first with Cliff Lee in the offing if the old boy sags.

Fletcher's big trouble is at third base. Wrightstone and Parkinson have the call on the job over many youngsters.

The Phil outfield will be Mogan, Cy Williams and Ray Powell, late of the Braves. Henline and Wilson, a very good pair, will do the catching, while Wendell, a smart old bird, has been gathered in to smart up the club.

The club is hustling for Fletcher and will be trying from the drop of the hat. And a club that does that is likely to get anywhere.

## Short Shots Sports

Boston has 10 municipal gymnasiums.

Chicago university will open winter baseball season at Iowa April 12.

Zurich, Switzerland, will stage the European rowing championships August 30 and 31. The events will be decided in a huge basin well suited for the tests.

Hamilton (Ont.) soccer referees are about to launch a new governing body.

Georgetown university baseball nine will open the season against Bowdoin at Washington, D. C., March 31.

Brooklyn and Madison Square Garden may soon add ice hockey rinks.

Fall River soccer football eleven, eastern champions, have won 25 out of 22 games this season. They are leading the American league, an eight-team circuit of strong teams, and have a chance to life the America cup, the oldest of the soccer trophies, as well.

"Boots" Levor, former University of Pennsylvania captain and sprint champion, has finished second to Loren Murchison, the present sprint champion, 12 times this season in various indoor competitions.

In the final of the Prince of Wales polo tournament, played at Delhi, India, recently, the famous Tigers who competed in New York and Philadelphia tournaments last summer, made up of Count de Madro, Jawant Singh, Thakur Singh and Jogindra Singh, beat the Eleventh Hussars, composed of Maj. J. C. Humfrey, Capt. C. H. Tremayne, Lieut. R. W. Verelst and Lieut. G. E. Youngusband of the British army by 9 goals to 5.

Georges Carpentier has been signed to box Arthur Townley of England in Vienna on April 27. The match is scheduled to go 12 rounds.

Paul Berlenbach, the sensational middleweight boxer of New York, is reported, however, to be competing in the Olympic middleweight wrestling championship at Antwerp in 1920.

Oarsmen of the Illinois Valley Boat club of Peoria will engage the Culver (Ind.) Military academy 8-oared scull crew in a race at Culver April 26.

Victoria Racing club of Australia will construct a new grand stand to accommodate 6,000 members of the organization at Flemington course. The stand will cost \$750,000. The ground section will include various offices.

Princeton will engage in only three dual track meets this season.

It is probable the winner of the Pacific Coast (Northwest Division) Golf association tourney to be held at Vancouver, B. C., next June, will be sent to the annual national championship, scheduled for the Merion C. C. course, adjacent to Philadelphia, September 29 next. The idea has been suggested by E. B. Kerry, president of the association, who has a list of subscribers who will gladly aid in putting the idea over.

Seven of the champion players of the United States Olympic rugby football team of 1920 are among players selected from Pacific coast experts to again wear the stars and stripes at the Paris rugby festival the latter end of May.

Jack Wardle of Toronto, eastern Canada billiard champion, won the English style billiard championship of Canada recently at Montreal by defeating Tom Brownie, western title holder, by 207 points in their three-day 4,000-point match. The scores were: Wardle, 4,500; Brownie, 4,193.

## McKenny Dentists to Practice Today

Manager Pat Cahill of the McKenny Dentists, who signed the first amateur players this season, announced yesterday that his team will take its first workout on the Central high grounds at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The Dentists have signed nine ball players and Manager Cahill has several more prospects who he expects to sign soon.

Under contract to the dental nine are Howard Cottrell, Cahill, Lucky, Doc Carr, Lamb, Huff brothers, Doyle and Dewitt, and Duke Trautman.

## And So She Took Up Golf

Seattle, March 22.—Education at the University of Washington is keeping strides with the times. Golf has been added to the curriculum as part of the physical education course. Sophomore girls may take golf in preference to gymnasium. Take golf and receive collegiate credits. At present the hard thing to do is to find time to take care of the ambitious followers of the Scotch pastime.

As one cued remarked, "You have to carry on conversation in social circles and enjoy the humorous magazines." Sixty girls are learning the secrets of the fairway pastime, under the supervision of William Jefferson, professional at the University Golf club.

Professor Jefferson has little trouble keeping the attention of his pupils. They dig in and swing into the studies with a will. True, it is sometimes hard to keep their eyes on the ball when a football or crew hero passes, but Jefferson is sure he has several Colletts and Cummings in the making, not to count several Mrs. Jacksons.

## Scrambled Sports

### Wayne (Big) Munn is ready to prove to the wide, wide world that Champion Ed "Strangler" Lewis is not as good as he claims to be.

Recently Lewis made a loud and delayed squawk in which he said that he could pin Munn's shoulder to the padded surface twice within 30 minutes.

Now Munn isn't a champion and doesn't claim any great record; a record that would entitle him to a match with Lewis, but when a champion comes right out in the open and says that he can throw the largest wrestler in the world twice within 30 minutes, it is time for the wrestler to reply to the champ's squawk.

Munn did. He said that he is willing to take Lewis up on the latter's proposition and guarantees that he will stay with the king pin wrestler longer than 30 minutes.

Munn, who is thought a lot of back in New York, is a Nebraska product and a former grid star at the University of Nebraska. He hasn't been wrestling long, but has yet to lose a bout or a decision. His first professional match was held in New York. He has wrestled in Kansas City, and on April 3, returns to Kansas City to meet Ogurkiewicz in the semi-windup to the Pesek-Mondt finish match.

Tuesday night Munn wrestles Zanogowich in a finish match in Chicago.

**Pesek to Wrestle Mondt.**

THE mad fans down Kansas City way are all "hot up" over the John Pesek-Toots' Mondt match scheduled for the evening of April 3.

The promoter of the bout has lined up three matches, namely, the Pesek-Mondt, McGill-Davis and the Munn-Ogurkiewicz matches.

Pesek and Mondt each have posted \$1,000 checks that neither will dis-

## Dempsey Busy Denying Rumors

Los Angeles, March 22.—Jack Dempsey, who arrived at his Los Angeles home yesterday, was dividing his time today in establishing a track camp in the foothills and in making vigorous denials of rumors concerning his plans for the future.

The champion views the announcement of Luis Firpo that he contemplates retirement as a "publicity stunt" and said that a return bout with Firpo probably would be his only engagement this year.

Dempsey denied rumors that he is interested financially in the proposed Carpenter-Gibbons bout, that he expects to fight soon at Tijuana, Mexico, and that he will go into motion pictures. "Perhaps Kearns, my manager, has something planned of which I know nothing," he said. "I don't know anything definite until Kearns arrives next week."

## Jack Renault Beats Bob Roper

Grand Rapids, Mich., March 22.—Jack Renault, Canadian heavyweight champion, defeated Capt. Bob Roper of Chicago in a 10-round boxing contest here last night in the opinion of newspaper men.

Renault's weight was announced at 194 and Roper's at 195 1/2 pounds.

Roper was sent to the floor twice in the third round. Renault used a right cross to the head repeatedly and inflicted considerable body damage. Roper fought cautiously, using a left jab as his best weapon.

## Polish Baseballers To Join Junior League

The Polish Athletic base ball team, which was recently organized with the intention of joining the senior division, has reorganized and will now join the new Junior league which is for players under 18 years of age. Eddie Sledge, well known to, and who was to manage the senior team has turned the management over to H. Klust who will play the outfield for the clubmen.

Manager Klust has the following men under contract: H. Heah and F. Sawkolski, catchers; A. Heah and F. Sawkolski, pitchers; S. Pankowski, A. Kisicki, V. Cherek, W. Stoldolny, A. Kuzur and T. Karbowski, infielders.

In the outfield R. Byard, L. Globe, H. Kluzer, E. Sturek, W. Ryznarowski and R. Stollinski will fight it out for berths.

If old Sol will come out in full force and dry the soil enough to permit the lads to practice, the Polish team will work out at 10 this morning on the field at Twenty-sixth and Martha.

## Iowa Fighter Enters Troutys.

Entries for the Mid-western A. A. U. Olympic preliminary troutys are coming in thick and fast, according to Denny Ryan, athletic director of the Omaha Athletic club under whose auspices the tournament will be held April 8.

Edward H. Fidler, 112-pounder of Parsons college, Fairfield, Ia., is the latest entrant.

## Norfolk Club Elects Directors

Norfolk, Neb., March 22.—At a meeting of basket ball fans of this city last night at the Chamber of Commerce the board directors for the Norfolk Tri-State league club were elected. The new directors are: C. J. Hulec, J. R. Carter, Charles Sheeler, Frank Lowry, Frank Baker, Joe Daly, Pat McNeely, McFrazier and A. W. Moldenbauer.

The combined electric timer and automatic camera which the French Olympic games officials may use at the track and field events in Paris in July will record 1,000 of a second.

## Dempsey's 'Movie' Work Puts Stop To Fight Plans

### Champion Heavyweight to Spend Seven or Eight Weeks in Picture.

NEW YORK, March 22.—Jack Dempsey left for California several days ago, and the plans of the heavyweight champion are covered with the veil of uncertainty. The champion is going west to make a moving picture and the date of his return depends upon the arrangements which are made with the picture company. No contracts have been signed as yet, but two offers await the approval of Dempsey and his manager, Jack Kearns, and one of these contracts will be signed almost immediately.

According to present arrangements Dempsey will spend from seven to ten weeks in the pictures, and then return east for any fights which present themselves. However, there is a possibility that the champion may do a second picture and that event he will not fight until Labor day, which will be his only appearance in the ring for the next six months.

Dempsey stated before his departure that he felt great and did not suffer any after effects from the operation which he has been under. He intends to keep in active training all during his picture work so that he will be able to defend his title at short notice. In regard to the champion's future fight engagements, little definite information could be elicited from Jack Kearns after the departure of Dempsey. The fact of the matter is that nobody has anything definite to offer the champion and therefore Kearns is just as much in the dark as ever concerning the heavyweight fare for the summer.

"All I know is that Dempsey has started for the coast," said Kearns. "He intends to do one picture, which will consume the next 10 or 12 weeks. Then, if any attractive proposition for a ring engagement presents itself, he will return east and go right into intensive training. If nothing comes up in the way of a real offer, then he will continue in pictures."

## Schlaifer-Smith Bout Called Off

Memphis, Tenn., March 22.—Morrie Schlaifer and Cowboy Warrick Smith left here last night for Chicago. Any pocketbook lighter by about \$200 each, but their store of experience much greater. Smith was first matched with Jock Malone. Malone emerged from the West fight at Omaha much the worse for wear, and Schlaifer was sent on to substitute.

The change in the card did not take with the fans here and the newly organized Chicago Athletic club faced a deficit. Promoter Davey canceled the bout this morning without notifying the fighters. He then disappeared. The fighters headed north tonight, disillusioned, but vowing never again.

## Schneider Ball Team To Practice Today

The Schneider Electric of the Metro loop will practice at Fontenelle park at 3:30. Manager Emil Schneider announced late last night. The Electric men are still looking for some fast ball players to play with them. Any one wishing to try out with the "juice shooters," are requested to apply to Manager Schneider this afternoon at the ball grounds. Schneider has turned in the signed contracts of Kibbler, left handed hurler, who proved a tartar to many of the Metro teams last season. Taylor, who played short for the Nebraska Tire men, and Carney, a newcomer to amateur baseball.

## Nebraska Guard Nine Seeking Players

N. J. Lipp, manager of the Nebraska National Guard team, wants several ball players to complete his lineup. The militia men will practice at Thirty-second and Dewey this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock and any one who wishes to try out with the state guards should apply.

John N. White, Norman J. Lipp, Dr. Richard Harry, Russell Lipp, John Lankston and Bob Winters are some of the militia players who have signed contracts.

The Athletic conference of American college women governing women athletic activities will meet at University of California April 9 to 12. It has 55 colleges enrolled as members. The organization aims to plan a uniform policy for college women's athletic associations.

The principals of St. Louis high schools have ordered all athletic trophies withdrawn from competition for one year. The action was taken for the "good of the game" and in the hope that schoolboys' sports would be placed on a higher plane.

## Tijuana Results

(Results of other Tijuana races can be found on page 12.)

Fourth race: 1-13-14-15 miles.

Time: 1:12 (1st), 1:24 (2nd), 1:36 (3rd), 1:48 (4th), 2:00 (5th), 2:12 (6th), 2:24 (7th), 2:36 (8th), 2:48 (9th), 3:00 (10th).

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## WHAT'S YOUR HURRY?

A Review of the Week's Sports.

The week in sports was comparatively dull. No baseball stars threatened to quit, not a single sporting article appeared, and Eddie Collins was to be traded, and only three boxing referees were shot.

Greatest surprise occurred when big league manager predicted his club would finish second, not first. Generally all 16 of 'em cable joyful report to old folks at home that team will cop pennant as sure as taxes.

Ninety-five per cent of promising rookies were canned, but everybody knew that would happen a month ago.

Sport in Spain consisted of marzotto dancing contest. Girls wore out \$283 pairs of shoes and 1,429 pairs. Winners collected \$25,000 in prizes and \$50,000 in hospital bills.

Perspiring dancers washed themselves between encores, while Mom and Pop stayed home and washed dishes. Contests proved that male is weaker of the species.

There were quite a few trades. New York farmer traded his wife for a horse and horse died after finishing one day's work. Two Connecticut women swapped husbands and both claim they got stung.

Only one injury occurred in boxing world. Luis Angel Firpo put penny in chewing gum slot and broke right hand walloping machine because it wouldn't work.