

Rockne's Four Horsemen perfect football's rhythm -- Notre Dame shift

By George Abbott

Of all the things Knute Rockne is remembered for; his All American players, his nationally famous teams, his innovations of the forward pass and the improved shift; for these things he will be remembered but, behind all of it was a certain strategy—a psychology which involved brainpower in the game of football—as well as brawn-power.

A great believer in psychology, Rockne was constantly looking for new ways to achieve some point in his training program.

Perhaps one of the best examples of this sort of training is demonstrated in the origination of the idea for improving the backfield shift...

"A little treat tonight."

It happened one night in the dressing room following the last game of a very successful 1921 season, in which the Irish rolled up some 150 points to none for their opponents...

"Well, boys, I'm going to give you a little treat tonight! Something you haven't had since last September—at least, not to my knowledge—a musical show in Chicago!" This was Knute Rockne talking—to a group of athletes from his own school. It is hard to imagine that a visit to a night club would be included in the training program of a great bunch of players, even though it was a post-season training.

The show made a hit with the team and they applauded to the echo when the girls danced toward the footlights in perfect rhythm. Then—and this was the amazing thing—they noted to the wonderment the intense absorption of their beloved Coach! He sat on the edge of his seat watching the

Special police curb drinking at football tilts

Drinking liquor will not be allowed at Nebraska football games this year. The city commission is awarding in 50 special police to enforce the statute forbidding the consumption of liquor on any state-owned property.

Anyone found drinking liquor will be taken immediately to the police station and will be released under bond only if found sober by the desk sergeant. Otherwise, he will be jailed.

Section 44, Nebraska Statutes reads: It shall be unlawful for any person to consume alcoholic liquors in public streets, alleys, roads or highways, or upon property owned by the state or governmental subdivision thereof, or inside vehicles while upon the streets, alleys, roads, or highways. Maximum state complaint: \$500 and costs and 30 days in jail.

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dancers. Suddenly he took from his pocket an envelope and began to make mysterious, penciled notes on the back of it.

Rhythm's the thing.

For it was in that night-club that Rockne first got the idea of adding to the backfield shift something which had been missing until that time—rhythm. The idea for the new Rockne shift was based entirely on one thing—and that was rhythm.

Four men, Elmer Layden, Harry Stuhldreher, Adam Millier and Jim Crowley were to be the first pupils of this new art as taught by Rockne.

With the aid of an old upright piano placed in the gym, the four gradually learned the technique of this remarkable addition to the already remarkable game of football.

To say that it was a help to Notre Dame's team is to put it mildly. In the brilliant hands and feet of the Four Horsemen—for this became their official nickname—the Fighting Irish held the key to winning games—and they used that key.

For three years the mighty Horsemen rode. In 1924 they won

Society offers membership to undergrads

Students may become members of the American Academy of Political and Social Science by paying a fee of three dollars a year, according to a letter received from the organization recently. This fee not only gives the student the privileges of other members but also gives him "The Annals," monthly publication of the society.

"The Annals" consists of six issues per year with each issue a volume of about 250 page and containing 20 or more articles on some subject of current importance. Recent issues, for example, have been, "Mexico Today" (March); "Marketing in Our American Economy" (May); "When War Ends" (July); and several others similar in nature.

A two-day annual meeting is held each spring and other meetings are held from time to time throughout the year.

Students who are interested should write to the following address for membership: The American Academy of Political and Social Science, 3457 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

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but they are not exempted from draft registration.

Conscription on this campus took place at ten registration "offices" in which sixty registrars were stationed. The offices and the number of men who registered in each are:

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the national title. A sportswriter of the time had this to say about the Notre Dame team:

Speed, fury, yet music.

"What is this new miracle that Rockne has wrought—this bolt of Irish lightning that strikes from all sides with such blinding speed and fury? A 'shift' they call it. Yes, but Heisman of Georgia Tech has a shift too. So has Ted Jones of Yale. But their's are simple tunes compared to Rockne's symphony—for this shift is music—the music of a master's hand!"

"Whatever it is, the Notre Dame shift has become a prairie fire, burning North, East, South and

KU eleven out for Husker, Big Six scalps

LAWRENCE, Kas., Oct. 16.—Fresh from respective victories over Indiana and Drake, the Universities of Nebraska and Kansas renew their long-time gridiron rivalry Saturday at Lawrence.

The Cornhuskers, always one of the nation's top ranking teams, boast one of their finest elevens this year. Almost two full teams of veterans returned from the crack squad which defeated Minnesota and Pitt, among others, during the 1939 season.

Added to these veterans of the gridiron wars were a fine crop of sophomores. The result is a combination, which might well be described as a coach's dream.

Husker backs aplenty.

Biggest problem for Glenn Presnell, Husker backfield coach, is to decide which four men should be in the starting backfield. He has to pick between Roy Petsch and "Bus" Knight at quarterback, Herman Rohrig and Harry Hopp at left halfback, "Butch" Luther and Allen Zikmund at right halfback, and Vike Francis and Henry Rohn at fullback.

Kansas, on the other hand, did not receive much recognition in the pre-season ratings. The Jayhawks tied for fourth place in the Big Six last year and lost a number of valuable backs from that squad.

However, undaunted, Kansas is making preparations to give the Cornhuskers one of the hard-fought battles for which this rivalry is becoming noted. The Jayhawks have not beaten Nebraska since 1916, but every year recently they have made UN sweat profusely to win.

Jayhawks stronger.

Coach Gwinn Henry has developed the best ground attack this fall that a Kansas team has had in recent years. With a group of fine ball carriers available, the veteran coach has spent much time on the blocking in the line and by the backs.

The result is that the Jayhawks are breaking those fancy stepping backs into the open where their ability pays big dividends. Even in their loss to Iowa State, Kansas backs rambled thru the line in impressive style, rolling up 13 first downs.

Ringleaders of Kansas' ground attack are Ed Hall, Jake Fry and Don Pollom. Hall sucks in the defense with his lightning-like bucks into the line, while Fry and Pollom, alternating at right halfback, reverse the procedure with forays off tackle and around end.

Adler suggests no more texts

BOSTON, Mass. (ACP). American colleges and universities should abolish textbooks and substitute the study of 100 of the world's greatest books, according to Dr. Mortimer J. Adler, author of "How to Read a Book."

As a model for such a move he suggested St. John's at Annapolis, where the teachers lead discussions on the great thinkers like Homer, Plato, Galen, Hegel, Marx and Freud.

Adler says that learning requires reading and that one must read the great works to be able to read. He doubts whether more than a few students—or even teachers—really know how to read a book.

He added that smaller schools must lead in any change because "the larger ones are so top-heavy with watertight compartments of so-called fields of learning."

West, relentless and unchecked—"And whatever it was, Notre Dame and Knute Rockne will remain forever in the minds of millions of American schoolboys—a legend for every would-be football star or coach to dream of—a legend of contribution of something to the great American game we call football.

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