

DECLINED GAME WITH BAYLOR

Championship Not in Dispute—Baylor Declined at One Time.

Contrary to announcements from Waco no post-season football game between Baylor and the A. & M. team will be played.

Baylor has tried for several days to get A. & M. to play a post-season game, but her requests have been turned down. Monday the Baylor manager asked Mr. Moore by telegram to agree to a post-season game to settle disputed championship. The Baylor manager received the reply that he had a chance to play A. & M. and refused it, and that there is no dispute regarding the championship.

Baylor declined to contract with Manager Moore last spring when he was making up his schedule. The Baylor manager kept the contract two or three weeks and returned it, saying that Baylor did not want a game with the Farmers. The open date was arranged with another college.

The team has gone out of training and the players are getting down to hard school work. The suits have been put away till next fall, and it is not the intention of the football management to make any other football engagements for this season.

CENTER GREAT FACTOR.

New Rules Make Him Most Important Member of the Team.

One man more than any other on the football team has been brought into the limelight by the new code of rules, the center looming up as the most prominent offensive and defensive player on the eleven.

Quickness of body and brain must be combined with weight and courage for the ideal center this year, and teams which have been weak in the pivotal position have found to their cost that without a strong man at this position the defense is greatly weakened, while offensive plays lose much of their effect. Every team in the country which has done good work this season will be found to have a veteran center and a man whose quickness in thinking and accuracy in playing his position have proved important in the result of games.

In former years coaches used to search high and low for mountains of beef and strength to play the center position, but since 1906, when the first changes were made in the grid-iron game, tutors have been searching for fast, rangy men. The difference between the centers of now and years ago may be seen by glancing over the pages of any old football guide of ten years back and comparing the pictures of the center with those of last season and this season.

Centers this season have more to do with the success of their respective teams than any other player on the eleven, declare some critics, and this does not seem too broad a statement to make. Not only must the center be a good man on defense, but on offense he must carry in his head complicated signals and formations, and, in addition to the difficulty of playing a line position, must watch his own backs carefully to avoid making a poor pass. With speed, one of the prime requisites of the game his passes must be quick and snappy, but withal accurate.

Under the rule permitting the direct pass from the center to the runner, the center, instead of passing to the quarter back directly behind him, must be able to shoot the ball back to his teammates at unexpected angles shooting it to a different man nearly every play. In addition to the difficulty of placing his passes accurately to standing men, he meets a further difficulty in passing the ball to a man who already has started his run. In one out of every three plays the man who receives the ball from the snapper-back is already on the run, making it extremely difficult for the center to make accurate passes.

Every pass must be accurate, for with the open game now played a fumble seldom fails to result in the loss of the ball for the fumbling side. With the development of kickers, the loss of the ball means the loss of from forty to fifty yards and a chance to score. The center, therefore, must be careful to make every pass accurate so there is no danger of the ball going to the opposing side on a fumble. In this particular the center takes the place, in a measure, of the quarter backs of the old game. Old-time quarter backs were coached to hand the ball to the runner, or, rather, to slam it into his arms. The throwing of the ball was abandoned several years ago because it was found the time gained by the throw was more than offset by the danger of fumbling on the play.

Obviously the center can not put the ball into the runner's arms as the old quarter back used to do, but he must make his passes hard and true, so as to minimize the possibilities of mistakes in handling the ball by the runner. The center, then, has to pass the ball not only accurately, but fast and strong.

With a different pass called for by every signal, the difficulty of accurate passes becomes greater. On nearly every play a different man must take the ball and on nearly every formation the man eligible to receive the ball takes a different station. It is seldom, therefore, that the center passes the ball to exactly the same spot twice in the same game. Most of his passes are radically different from their predecessors, and anyone who has tried passing the ball to a different spot every attempt soon realizes the difficulty of obtaining accuracy. In addition to this, in order

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to aid the success of trick plays, he can not indicate, by his movements the direction and style of play and permit the defense to meet it before a fairly was started.

In order to know what pass is required the center must be as well, if not better, versed in the signals and formations as any other man on the team. He must grasp the signals instantly, without so much as a sign of the object and direction of the play. He must also be able to steady his back field and to prevent any mistakes or costly fumbles through misinterpretation of the signal.

On defense of his position is equally as important. Most coaches this season are playing a "loose" center. That is, on defense, the center is played back of the line of scrimmage, in a place usually filled by the defensive full back, when the five-yard and mass play rules were in force. In going back to this position the center is in no way relieved of responsibility for his own position, and must fill it if a play is directed against it. His duty back of the line is to "size up" the plays of the offense and assist his teammates to meet them. Much had been said regarding the player occupying the position, and nothing need be repeated here. The center, therefore, must combine with his offensive qualifications the ability to "size up" plays on the defense and meet them properly.—Dallas News.

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