

# New Football Rule Change Will Restrict Two-Platoon

**HAROLD V. RATLIFF**, Associated Press Sports Writer, says college coaches have been waiting for a return to two-platoon football and there was a lot of talk about it when the rules committee held its annual session. The rule change that resulted from unlimited substitutions—something necessary to two-platoon football. In fact, the committee made it more difficult to play two-platoon football than under the old rules-makers restricted the number of substitutions that go with two-platoon football—the fourth and the fifth—that follows the ball changes.

The new rule says a coach can substitute a full team only when time is out, and those time-outs are restricted. Only two subs will be permitted with fourth down coming up and only two will be permitted on the down following the ball changing hands. No substitutions whatsoever are allowed on second and third downs unless time is out.

If the coach gets in a full team he will have to waste a play—run the ball out of bounds or throw an incomplete pass. On running plays time remains in. And suppose he does waste the play and gets his defensive team in, then what's he going to do about getting his offensive team back in if the offensive fumbles the punt and the ball goes back to the kicking team? He can't substitute a full

team without wasting another down or taking a time-out.

There are supposed to be 11 to 13 changes of the ball per half and the coaches can substitute only four times.

THE RULES committee made its changes this year with three things in mind: to force the players to go both ways (thus the coach will have to instruct accordingly), to do away with recording of substitutions (this eliminates the lines of players who have to be listed by the officials while the crowd grumbles about the slowness of the game) and to stop the so-called "messenger service"—sending in a player every down to call the coach's play.

Since there is no two-platoon football, all players must go both ways. Since there is no restriction on the number of times a player may enter the game, there is no need for listing them as they come in. Since there can be no wild-carding on second and third downs, the messenger service has been taken care of. Now the game is being turned back to the players. The coach won't be able to call each play because he won't have enough timeouts to do it. Only four per half now are allowed without penalty.

IT APPEARS there should be less kicking on third down since the kicker can't be gotten into the game on second or third down without wasting a timeout.

This was the major change in the rules but there was another of some importance. At least it showed the rules-makers were trying to open up the game more. The T quarterback has been ineligible to receive a pass because he was unable to be a yard back of the line of scrimmage if he took the passback from under the center.

So the quarterback will have to be a triple threat—pass, run and receive passes.

## SPORTS SECTION



### Fish Statistics Show Prospects

Coach Shelby Metcalf's Fish cagers, who now hold a 4-1 record, are not to be outdone by their varsity mates. Freshman statistics show promising prospects for next year.

Three starters have connected on one-half or more of their field goal attempts. John Beasley, 6-7 center from Linden-Kildare, owns a .506 shooting percentage, is the team's leading scorer with 94 points and rebounder with 56. His scoring average is 18.8.

Billy Atkinson, 5-10 guard from Dallas (Jefferson), has shot at a 51 per cent clip and has 62 points for a 12.4 norm; and Dick Rector, 6-1 forward from Cactus, has hit 50 per cent from the field, totals 41 points and a 10.3 average. His figures are for only four games.

Dick Stringfellow, 6-4 forward from Cooper, has only a 37 per cent shooting average, but is the club's second leading point-maker with 74, or 14.8 per game.

Joe Roberts, 6-2 guard from Corpus Christi (Ray), has flipped in 33 points for a 6.6 average and John Reynolds, 6-3 forward from Ussum Walk, is averaging 5.8 off 29 points.

The Fish have fouled 111 times to their opponents' 98 and are behind in free throws, 74-91. But they own a lead in field goals, 160-128, and in rebounds, 266-227.

# Former Aggie Football Great Dies Suddenly In Venezuela

Richard E. (Dick) Callender Jr., 36, a star linebacker for the A&M football team in the late 1940s, died suddenly last Saturday in Venezuela.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Callender of 209 Lee Street in College Station.

Callender was graduated from A&M with an engineering degree in 1950. He was employed by Brown and Root Construction Co. for seven years, part of that time in Venezuela. He then joined Romanin Construction Co. and became superintendent of its plant at El Tigre, Venezuela.

He lettered in football in 1948 and 1949 and was often cited by sportswriters for his defensive play as a linebacker for the Aggies. His coach, Homer Norton, described the 170-pounder as the "toughest little man on Kyle Field."

In addition to his parents, Callender is survived by his wife, the former Jo Ann Nason of Aberdeen, Miss.; a son, Richard III, 5; a daughter, Julia Ann, 3; and one sister, Mrs. Merrill Smith of New Orleans.

The body is scheduled to arrive Thursday in New Orleans from Venezuela. Burial will be at Aberdeen. Other funeral arrangements Home of Aberdeen were incomplete Wednesday.

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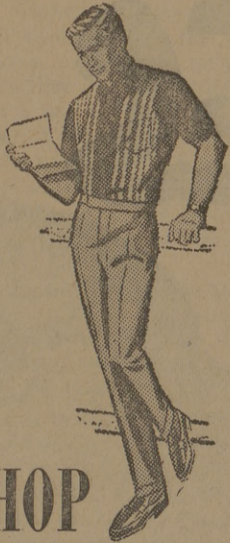
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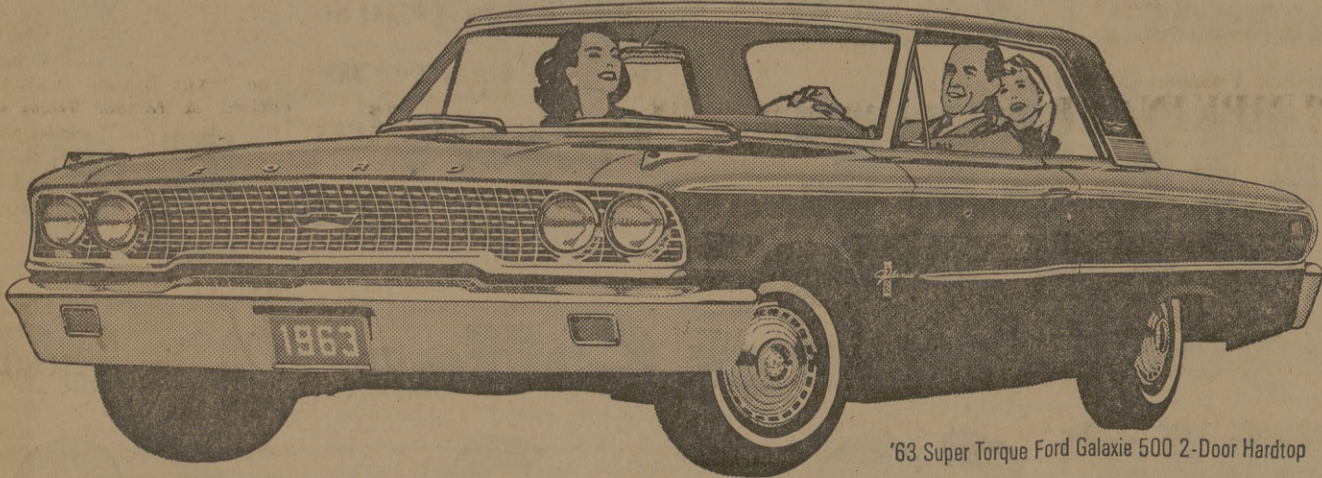
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