

TWO PLATOONS STILL OUT

New Grid Substitution Rule Clarified By SWC Officials

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The new substitution rule in football, which had even the coaches going in a daze and proclaiming that they wouldn't know how to use it, now has been clarified by the official rules.

Abb Curtis, supervisor of Southwest Conference officials, has visited all the schools and explained it. The coaches are quite clear on it and have found it isn't so complicated after all. That doesn't mean, however, that all of them like it.

This is the rule that allows more liberal substitutions but does not, as first reports by the press indicated, mean a return to two platoons.

REASONS FOR the first erroneous report are not clear but it probably came from the confusion created by having the middle downs allow platooning but the first and fourth—the ones needed to furnish two-platooning—not allow it.

Actually, the majority of coaches want a return to the two-platoon system and it was a trifle surprising that they didn't get it since they dominate the rules committee. But perhaps their representatives on the committee were among the minority that didn't favor two-platoons.

Reasons for the rule are threefold: it forces the coaches to teach their players to go both ways, it prevents the messenger system whereby a quarterback is shuffled

into the game on each down to call the plays devised by the coach and it does away with the officials having to keep a record of the substitutions.

A PLAYER CAN be substituted as many times as the coach can get him into the game and he no longer is limited to substitution only twice in a period. Thus, there is no need to keep a record.

The new rule permits unlimited substitution on second and third downs if the clock is stopped but only two can be substituted on each team when the ball changes hands (first down) and on fourth down. However, these two can be put in while the clock is running. The purpose is to allow the teams to get quarterbacks and punters into the game without penalty.

On a pass out of bounds on fourth down that gets the first down, there will be an automatic timeout. Thus the team with the ball can make 11 substitutions. After any score—safety, field goal or touchdown—each team can substitute 11. Between periods they can do it on penalty time outs and incomplete passes, 11 also can be sent in.

ON FIRST DOWN if Team A (offense) retires the ball and on

second and third downs 11 players may be substituted if there is a time out. But if A becomes B (defense)—the ball changes hands—two substitutes are allowed on first and fourth downs whether there is a timeout or not.

Allowable timeouts have been reduced from five to four per half. This is just another move to insure that the players will be coached to play both offense and defense.

In other words, the rules-makers want rounded football players and they want the game to be run by the players themselves and not by the coach sitting on the bench.

BOTH MOVES should result in smaller squads since not as many players will be needed if the boys play both ways, and there doesn't have to be a whole company of quarterbacks so a new one can go in each down to take a message from the coach.

But whether there will be a cut-down in number of players is problematical. The coaches may still want large squads so they may exploit the angle of fresh players being better than tired ones, even if the fresh players are not equal in ability to those being rested. But they still have to coach all of them both ways.



A Solemn Farewell

Stan Musial, 42, of the St. Louis Cardinals gropes for the right words as he announced his retirement from baseball earlier this week. The Man, who played 22 years with the Cardinals, will play his last game Sept. 29. "Baseball has been my life," said Musial, who three times won the National League Most Valuable Player award, seven times led the league in hitting and broke numerous career records. "I have had fun all these years." (AP Wirephoto)

Leases Compiled In Hunters' Guide

The word "POSTED" is well sprinkled over the Texas landscape and the hunter with gun and license still has problems.

Texas, never a federal territory, came into the United States as a Republic on its own, and her lands are either state owned or privately owned so hunting arrangements must usually be made with the landowner.

To get Texas hunters in touch with the landowner, and vice versa is the primary purpose of the annual edition of the Texas Hunters Guide, a publishing feat accomplished by listing name of owner, ranch and address of over 3000 ranches, by county, registered with the state as shooting preserves. Hunters desiring leases may contact these ranches for hunting arrangements.

LAST YEAR THE publication began as a new concept in service to sportsmen. Ray Sterr, a Californian accustomed to using federal lands without pre-arranged rights, came to Texas—the land of private leases. To answer his own problem, he solved it for others.

The publication was sold through deputies selling licenses at sporting goods stores. Late this spring Sterr sold the publication to a Dallas publishing company headed by Mitch Mayborn and Ted W. Mayborn.

In its second year of publica-

tion, the Texas Hunters' Guide, available from the publisher, Box 6701, Dallas, for \$1.50, has been expanded to include features written especially for Texas hunters.

Articles, written by the outdoor writers give the hunter on when, where, and how to hunt some of Texas' most interesting game animals and birds. The articles include: Javelina, Deer in the hill country, brush country, javelina, ducks, geese, antelope and

Here's what they say:

DAN KLEPPER of Austin, javelina, "The javelina is a vicious man-killer. It is a retreat if possible, even wounded. If its path of retreat is blocked by the hunter, the animal will run by, over or under him, if necessary, to escape. Then add information on how to hunt the elusive javelina.

Fred Strong of Victoria, ducks, "As for duck calls, out of every three hunters, only one knows how to use them. Kill more ducks if they call at home. Improper use is a great aid in the conservation of waterfowl, but used properly it is a great asset to the hunter. Strong goes on to explain the use of the call.

Favorite Fish On Gulf Coast Is Flounder

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Our favorite fish in the Gulf of Mexico knows no particular season. It is the flounder . . . one of the most unusual of all fishes.

This is a fish with many aliases, the most popular of which is the fluke. Webster describes fluke as mistake. And that's what a flounder looks like.

IT IS A fish flattened by nature's steam roller in the process of creation. But it is a wonderful fish to catch and eat.

Flounder fishing long has been considered one of the favorite night fishing sports. The bottom-dwelling creatures can be found in shallow waters, with the use of a Coleman lantern or strong beam lamp of similar nature.

During the last few years rod and reel anglers also have discovered that bait fishing for flounder can be real sport.

A flounder will hit on most anything that will tempt a speckled trout. It will fight lures. Or it will nibble away at a live shrimp and finally take it with a grab.

YOU CAN catch flounder while fishing off boat docks, also in the middle of Laguna Madre, or in any of the back-bay waters along the Texas coast. There is particularly good flounder fishing along the coast from Rockport south to Port Isabel.

Last fall Doug English, who makes Bingo baits, was standing on the concrete wall of the basin around Red Fish Lodge at Port Mansfield. He was just killing time while his boat was being readied.

Doug flipped a yellow Bingo alongside a concrete revetment. Next thing he knew he had a big flounder. He caught a half-dozen in as many casts.

ANOTHER TIME a group of biologists working down the intra-coastal canal decided to spend the night off Padre Island near the Port Mansfield cut. They caught flounder until they were tired.

A group of Sweetwater businessmen, headed by Earl Webb, go to Port Isabel each summer. They fish in Laguna Madre in the vicinity of Three Islands and catch enough flounder in a couple days to fill their deep freeze.

Usually flounder are found on the bottom, where they do their feeding in the mud. That is why in the fall of the year they move into the shallow waters to feed.

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