

NO RETURN TO OLD DAYS

Two-Platoon Football Cut For Fall Says Committee

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Football this fall won't be two-platoon as it was known 12 years ago when the maneuver was knocked out by the rules committee.

The impression that there would be a return to the days when full teams could be sent in when necessary is a fallacy. This despite reports from the meeting of the rules committee last winter that the two-platoon system was being restored.

People on the rules committee wanted a boy to be coached both ways, so they got the substitution rule to say that a full team could be sent in only when time was out.

In 1952—the last year of two-platoon football—entire teams could be substituted when the ball changed hands. That meant that a coach could get his defensive team in as soon as the offensive team gave up the ball.

But now time isn't out when the ball changes hands. The only instances when the clock is stopped come after scores, incomplete passes, kicking out of bounds, an intercepted pass that is run out of bounds or a run that goes out of bounds.

Of course, a team still has four free timeouts per half and can use them to change full complements. And faked injuries can stop the clock but the rules committee so trusts the coaches now that it didn't even put in a rule that would thwart such a maneuver—forcing substitution only for the injured man, so that platoons could not be sent in.

While the rules this year won't allow as much platooning as in 1952, there still is one thing that is more liberal. Now two players can be substituted at any time. Thus the kicker and center who passes the ball back to him can be brought into the game when need-

ed. And the coach can quarterback from the bench with ease.

Some coaches think they can successfully platoon under the new rules but few of them are expected to have strictly offensive and defensive teams. Rather, they will coach both ways, or at least give the offensive team enough defensive instructions that it can carry on even if caught in a squeeze, and do the same for the defensive team, giving it enough offense that it won't be caught short.

Chances are that there will be more kicking out of bounds than ever before since a kick outside stops the clock and gives the opportunity for changing from offense to defense. However, Coach John Bridgers of Baylor observes that the punters are not going to be accurate enough to pinpoint their boots every time.

Since 1952 the rules makers have been deciding how many times a player might substitute. It got so complicated that even the coaches weren't quite sure at all times what they could do.

But that's one of the significant changes under the new rules. No longer will anybody have to worry whether they are going in at the right time. There isn't any restriction on how many times a player can substitute. In fact, no record will be kept on substitutions.

There are other rules changes of interest. One of them intrigues as much as the free substitution rule. How many times was there a dispute when a field goal was tried? If the ball goes over the goal posts it sometimes is difficult to determine if it went between the posts.

The rules committee decided it would remove the controversy by allowing the goal posts to be raised. The posts have been 20 feet from the ground—10 feet to the crossbar and 10 feet above. Now the rules-makers have inserted this: "The goal posts must be at least 20 feet." In other words, they must be 20 feet but they can be any height above 20.

Many schools will raise the goal posts to say 30 feet. Field goal tries seldom are higher than that. Thus, it can better be seen if the ball has gone between the goal posts.

Another rule eliminates the practice of grounding a pass to save time. This was prevalent last fall—the quarterback would just drop the ball to the ground to use up a down and run out time. It was possible to do it because the rule said "intentionally grounding a pass is ruled only when done to save yardage."

This year the device can not be used even if it's not to save yardage.

This fall the fellow who signals for a fair catch won't be able to let the ball hit the ground, then pick it up and run with it. The new rule says if the safety man signals for a fair catch, he can not advance with the ball under any circumstances.

When Al Besslink sent his second shot on the final hole of the ICO skidding across the green, PGA tournament supervisor Joe Black gave him a free lift. But Bessie skidded his third shot past the hole and got a bogey 5.

Ags Set Practice

Although a real look at the 1964 Aggies' Cotton Bowl bid will not come until September 19 when A&M University meets Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, the Cadets will begin work Tuesday.

The Aggies will arrive Sunday with physicals being given Monday. Workouts are scheduled to begin Tuesday with two workouts daily.

The cadets will be returning 24 lettermen and are dedicated to a winning season in 1964.

Workouts are scheduled for 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

CS Swim Club Wins 1st Place

The College Station Swim Club won first place in the intermediate division of the Central Texas Invitational Championship Meet held at A&M University Sunday.

The College Station team took top honors with 82 points in the 14-15 year-old class. Houston's Shamrock-Hilton team was runner-up with 77 points, and West University of Houston placed third with 61.

Shamrock-Hilton easily won the open division with 168 points to runner-up College Station's 66. Tropicana of Houston was third with 47.

College Station's girls medley relay team also won first place honors. The winners included Mary Amyx, backstroke; Barbara Hedges, breaststroke; Kay Callham, butterfly, and Judy Perry, freestyle.

The College Station girls freestyle relay team won a second place award, along with two boys' teams, the medley relay and the freestyle relay.

Outdoors In Texas

TPA—Take a small Gulf Coast fishing village rich in historical lore, boasting miles and miles of attractive beaches, the magic lure of the open sea, and an abundance of year-round sunshine, combine these with an area population fired with unbounded enthusiasm—and what do you have?

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Brazosport is no single town. It is an area composed of Freeport, Lake Jackson, Clute, Lake Barbara and Richwood, plus residential areas of Jones Creek, Oyster Creek, Surfside Golf Park and historic Quintana, which are drawn together by a giant industrial complex and many luring attractions provided by nature.

It also is a dream! In fact it is many individual dreams fostered by enthusiasm and the push of several gifted individuals and interwoven into one giant dream designed to improve, build and create a large, more attractive area. But here in the Brazosport area a dream is coming true!

Brazosport did not develop into what it is today without hard work and the vision of individuals combined with the enthusiasm and belief of an area people. They knew what they had to offer both industry and pleasure-seeking visitors.

Stephen F. Austin landed his first Texas colonists at Quintana in 1822. Since that date people have converged on the area to settle and enjoy vacation visits.

Commerce became a vital artery in the life-blood of Brazosport in 1824 when Mexico recognized Quintana as the Port of Entry. Since then boats have plied the mighty Brazos River, the Intracoastal Canal and the open sea, joining inland Texas to the ports of the world. Over the years industry located there to take advantage of the natural transportation facility. Today, the new, modern facilities of Brazos Harbor accommodate the

largest ships afloat.

Brazoria County is rich in Texas history. Texas' first capitol was built in West Columbia in 1836. In the same year, Gen. Santa Anna signed the Treaties of Peace with the Republic of Texas at Velasco, four years after the famous "Battle of Velasco."

Today Brazosport is a bustling, dynamic area comprising industry, shipping and the varied attractions of the Gulf. It provides excellent river, bay and deep sea fishing, swimming, boating, skiing and beach campsouts.

Industrial giants include the Texas Division of the Dow Chemical Company, whose two plants employ some 5,500 persons; Phillips Petroleum Company's Sweeny refinery; E. J. Lavino & Company; and Nalco Chemical Company. In 1960 these giants were joined by the U. S. Office of the Saline Water's first demonstration plant to produce fresh water from sea water.

Deep sea fishing off Brazosport is indeed as "fabulous" as described by the Chamber of Commerce.

It knows no "season." Party boat fishing fleets—provided by such concerns as Raymond Muchowich's Party Boats, Inc., and Crosby's Party Boats—operate the

year-round. Deep sea catches of red snapper, the taking of King Mackerel in the bays, and the thrill of landing the Brazos River's flashing tarpon have spread the fame of the area around the globe.

Coastal housing developments are providing more interest in the area "living quarters." Bridge Harbor Marina, a new \$1,000,000 development, furnishes the utmost in marine service and luxurious channelland homes!

South of Freeport is Bryan Beach Development offering sea homes on an intricate canal and lake system which has been described by Texas Parade magazine as "An American Venice."

Far to the north of Freeport, at San Luis Pass, the Treasure Island Development Corporation has opened a vast area of homes and beach to sea-lovers.

If all of this is the present, what is left for the future?

More development is the answer—thanks to an enlightened and enthusiastic public.

Soon to be started—within the next two years—will be a mammoth steel bridge spanning San Luis Pass. It will join Galveston County and Brazoria County.

Galveston County will erect the huge structure as a toll bridge.

Mary Gaines, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Gaines of Somerville, Texas, is a graduate of the Somerville High School where she won many honors. She enrolled for the Secretarial Course at McKenzie-Baldwin Business College and received her diploma for successfully completing all subjects. She is now employed as secretary for the Credit Bureau of Brazos County.



Mrs. Buddy Francis, the former Evelyn Milberger and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Milberger, Rt. 1, Wheelock, was also a secretarial enrollee at McKenzie-Baldwin Business College and proved to be a quick and apt student. She is employed by Plant Sciences, A&M University.



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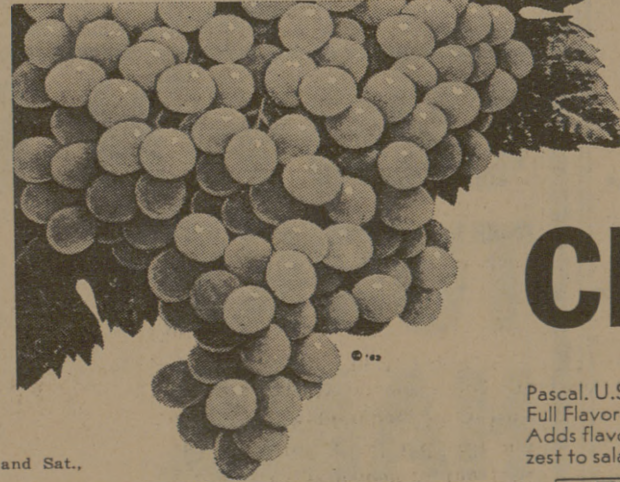
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