CHANCE ELEMENT IN FOOTBALL NOW

Results Under New Rules Often Dependent Upon Mere Luck.

REVIEW OF THE SITUATION

Little Teams Have But Poor Show of Retaining Possession of Ball.

By Sol Metzger.

After Yale had smothered the Princeton team 51 to 6, and Princeton had made 52 against Lehigh, and Pennsylvania had had an easy time of it, all making points against Franklin and Marshall, though starting their first team play by letting Lehigh, the Franklin and Marshall halfback, feel some of an old smash, was to the extent of an eighty-five-yard run and a touchdown, it would seem that the new rules had fulfilled the demand made upon them, but an analysis of the play in these games proves nothing of the sort, although the opportunity was much in opposition to the numerous press reports that have been sent broadcast concerning these games.

As I had only the opportunity of viewing one of these games, my view of them is, therefore, entirely based on the opinions that have been expressed upon them in the newspapers and by the players and officials that have witnessed them. The best example of open football so far played has been exhibited in Princeton, that is in doing the forward pass, which is the only one of the radical changes in the game that differs very materially from last year, so far as a possible groundbreaking is concerned.

Ten-Yard Rule.

Princeton pulled off a slight gain in the Washington and Jefferson game by using the pass to Winter, the new end rush, who worked it for a long run and a score, as has happened several times this season, with the same man carrying the ball. Outside of this performance none of the big teams have worked it with much effect, and it has resulted most disastrously for Cornell, as they last Wednesday's game with Syracuse, the team gobbled up the first attempt that Cornell made for a forward pass for a clean touchdown. Yale has tried it with varying success, and Harvard has had the misfortune to be scored against by Bates on the same play. The Harvard-Bates game was a peculiar one, as Cummings, the Bates team, got off a quarter-back kick from midfield to the Harvard forty-yard line early in the game, and from there a play was started for Harvard's right end, Schneider, playing at the opposite end of the line for Bates, had a clear way for a touchdown when the quarterback passed him the ball as the entire Harvard team had rushed to meet the interference that had been aimed the other way. The Crimson team then got together, after being fed blood, and ran up twenty-seven points.

In all of these games, which were between big and little teams, the result, when the score was large, has been as predicted in these articles.

The big team has forced the little teams to surrender possession of the ball as soon as they got it. Yale seems to gain in ground more than they can hope for, and this year's Harvard team, trusting that the big team horse will fumble so that the kick will be of such a nature that it will hit the ground first and give them a chance to regain it or make a touchdown. In the games where big scores have resulted, the smaller teams have had opportunity to attempt to retain possession of the ball, and the big teams, with the advantage of practically total possession of the ball, have made very large scores by slowly grinding their small opponents in a series of end runs and plays off tackle.

Element of Chance.

Where the scores have been close, the little team has been given the opportunity to carry the ball or fumble it as well as the big and fine-looking big teams, with superior formal knowledge in all branches of the game, down to a very small gain.

One possible reason for the fumbles this year was very interesting, for it showed most conclusively that the result of a game may, in the new game, almost wholly depend on chance. It was the first day that the varsity squads had gotten together, and under the new rules it was a team highly polished showers than the rush. In nearly minutes of play the varsity team carried the ball over fifty yards by all kinds of plays and mass plays, but each time, on getting the scrubs' goal line, they lost the ball on downs. The scrubs would kick out of danger the next play, as they were totally unable to make any headway against the varsity, and the varsity would always fumble by the time it was recovered a wild scramble for the ball the varsity each time luckily getting it in the pile. Back would come the punt, with the same result. The first fumble, I believe, the varsity left end picked up for a score, and the second he gathered in on the scrubs' ten-yard line. From where the varsity took it every in one down. I use this illustration because there can be no doubt of the relative strength of the two teams, and it proves most conclusively that the result of the game is dependent on chance. Had luck been with the scrubs in this practice, instead of with the varsity, the score would undoubtedly have been reversed, and the unusual and unhoped for sight of the poorer team winning easily would take place. There is little doubt that such will be the case.

Best Teams.

At the present writing, Yale, Pennsylvania and Princeton have the best teams in the East. Yale possesses two splendid tackles and the fastest backfield in the country, but it may be too light for the big games. Their line is weak in the centre, a fault that counts for little these days, for the centre is a most unlikely point of attack.

Pennsylvania has the three best round backs that have ever represented the Red and Blue, in Captain Greene, Fidwell and Bennis, and her ends are very fast in covering kicks. In Draper and Zeigler she has a fine left tackle and right guard, but outside of these men the team is not much, and these it is inclined to keep on.

Princeton has a well-balanced team, but fails to play successfully with one, and in B. Dillon she has the best quarter of the east. The ends and backs are excellent in form, and the team is strong on the forward pass or play of the quarter.

Harvard's team, on paper, should be the best team in the East, but it has not shown most conclusively that it is so. Its success in the Bates game, which was a most unlikely one, was due to a fluke, and its success in the Dartmouth game was due to the fact that Dartmouth was not in condition to play the game. Yale, Pennsylvania and Princeton have all shown more than Harvard has, and it is a most unlikely proposition that Harvard will be the winner of such a nature that it will hit the ground first and give them a chance to regain it or make a touchdown. In the games where big scores have resulted, the smaller teams have had opportunity to attempt to retain possession of the ball, and the big teams, with the advantage of practically total possession of the ball, have made very large scores by slowly grinding their small opponents in a series of end runs and plays off tackle.

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Who Has Won the Single College Championship.

MISS HARRIET CURTIS NOW NATIONAL GOLF CHAMPION

WEST NEWTON, MASS., October 13.—The title of national golf champion was won this afternoon on the Brookline links, when Miss Harriet S. Curtis, of Boston, and a member of the Essex County Club, of Manchester, Mass., won the Robert Gray trophy, with its name on the shield, will go to her club. Miss Curtis won her success partly in one of the best played golf matches ever witnessed in the finals of a championship for amateurs. Miss Mary E. Adams, of the Worcester Golf Club, another Boston champion, being defeated on the seventeenth green by a score of two up and one to play.

BURLINGHAM AND ROCKINGHAM,
High Steppers, Owned by A. Randolph Harrison, of Fredericksburg.

PLUCKY MIDDIES LOST TO TIGERS

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With the final score Princeton 6, Navy 0, the teams:

Navy.	Position.	Princeton.
Dugan	left end	Wurst
Phoenix	left tackle	Foster (Capt.)
Morton	left guard	H. B. Dillon (Capt.)
Flanagan	centre	Bartlett
Weldon	right guard	McCormick
Mountford	right tackle	Vanney
Bergesen	right end	Bonsall (Capt.)
Norton	quarter back	H. A. Dillon
Blumer (capt.)	left half back	Dunn (McCormick)
Inglis	right half back	Tillotson
Northcroft	full back	Cook (Capt.)

Referee, Mihan, of Pennsylvania. Umpire, O'Brien, of Yale. Linesman, St. John, of Princeton, and Yates, of Navy. Time of halves, 20 and 15 minutes. Touchdown, McCormick.

V. P. I. AND CAROLINA TO HAVE GREAT GAME

Perhaps the largest football game of the season to be played in Richmond is the game between the University of North Carolina and Virginia Polytechnic Institute on October 27th, now only two weeks off. These two teams always draw well, both being strong favorites in this city. Carolina does not play Virginia this year, and all the more is it important that Virginia Polytechnic Institute should help up the honors of the State and vanquish the Tarheels. Certainly it will be a rare treat for the money. Both Carolina and Virginia Polytechnic have fine teams this year, both having lost many of their last year's stars to graduation and strict eligibility rules. Both are well coached, both have had each which one direction under the best from the Dartmouth team, as there will be little, if no difference in the method of weight.

Coach Mills seems to be realizing the fact that to play his schedule, which is full of hard games, he will be compelled to have several sets of backs. He is trying new men in every game so far.

HANNAH BELLE,
Blue Ribbon in Park Hack Class, Owned by Richard P. McGrann.

and nobody seems to know the day before just how the back field will be placed. For the line V. P. I. has lots of heavy men, and though new and lacking in experience, will doubtless round out in good form.

Carolina has about sixty applicants who succeeded in holding the University of Pennsylvania down to 11 to 0. They are developing rapidly, and will undoubtedly be a strong foe. The strangest thing—Carolina and V. P. I. have been playing annually for about fifteen years; they have tied at bird two times, and both have to their credit an equal number of victories. It will be a little royal when they meet in Richmond this year.

Troubles of an Amateur.

"I thought you had gone to raising bees," said the man from the city. "I don't see any sign of them around here."

"I had half a dozen colonies of the finest bees I could get," answered the suburbanite, "and a whole library of literature on bee raising; but they swarmed one day, and while I was looking through my books to find out what was the proper thing to do when bees swarmed the blamed things flew away, and I've never seen 'em since."—Chicago Tribune.

HAMPDEN-SIDNEY SCORES ON VA.

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substitute, only three additional touchdowns could be made.

Despite the Sidney fumbling, opposing punters to land fair kicks, as on four different occasions Virginia lost the ball on her twenty-fourth line by failure to work the forward pass, and in each instance the ball went wide of the mark.

Only one penalty was inflicted during the contest, Virginia being penalized five yards for off-side play. Cooke, Randolph, Neff, Williams and Stanforth did the best ripping for Virginia.

Fletcher and Randolph alternated at quarter back. Bleakon, Buffner, Joyces and Kinna put up the best article of ball for Hampden-Sidney.

The lineup:

Virginia.	Positions.	H.-S.
Myers (Gresham)	left end	Joyce
Williamson (Connell)	left tackle	Jones
Frear (Vaughan)	left guard	Smith
Gloth	centre	Thayer
Williams (Dabney)	right guard	Buffner
Cooke	right tackle	Joyce
Maddox	right end	Blackoff
Fletcher	quarter back	Hosley
Randolph	left half back	Dare (Atkinson)
Finch	right half back	Struss (Stanforth)
Neff	full back	Hoy

Touchdowns—Neff (3), Randolph (3), Myers, Stanforth, Joyce. Goals from touchdown—Randolph (3). Referee, Peck. Umpire, Sawyer. Timekeeper, Whiting. Linesman, Waples. Time of halves, twenty and eighteen minutes.

FARMERS DEFEAT THE V. M. I. CADETS

One Touchdown and Three Place Kicks Gave a Score of Seventeen to Nothing.

[Special by Southern Bell Telephone.]

LEXINGTON, VA., October 13.—The Agricultural and Mechanical College of North Carolina defeated Virginia Military Institute at football here to-day in a hard fought game. One touchdown and three place kicks gave the Tarheels the score of seventeen to Virginia's no-to-zero. The visitors put up a splendid aggressive game. Their forward passes were frequently used for long gains.

The whole team made up a strong aggregation for the gridiron. Harvey made the touchdown and Hampton made the place kicks. Captain Wilson, Beebe and Faircloth were the stars. The V. M. I. team played an off game. Toward the close, however, Captain Buckner and Stude got in some fine work through the line of their opponents, but they lacked support. The line-up was as follows:

V. M. I.		A. & M.
Stude	left end	Hampton
Fray	left tackle	Stroud
Miller	left guard	Lykes
Hancock	centre	Temple
Brooder	right guard	Perkins
Montgomery	right tackle	Beebe
Nichols	right end	Stevens
Byrd	quarter back	Christian
Cosby	left half back	Hardie
Buckner (Captain)	right half back	Wilson (Captain)
Bogue	full back	Stanford

Coach Brown was referee, and Stevens, Shannon and Bailey, umpires, all of Washington and Lee University. Halves, twenty minutes each. The North Carolinians will play Washington and Lee here Monday.

CLEMSON AND V. P. I. FAIL TO SCORE

Two Touchbacks Were Made, But Under the New Rules Did Not Count.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

GREENVILLE, S. C., October 13.—Clemson and the Virginia Polytechnic Institute played to a standstill on the Clemson gridiron this afternoon, neither team scoring. Two touchbacks were made, one by each eleven, but under the new rules they did not count a score.

Weather conditions were perfect, and the short fifteen-minute halves did not tax the energy of the men to the slightest degree.

Clemson showed surprising strength and showed better team work than the Virginians, who contented themselves with individual playing. Straight, hard football was played, and there were no brilliant long runs. Both lines were strong, and but few times did either eleven gain the required ten yards, and therefore much kicking was done. Clemson used the forward pass to great advantage. Neither goal line was in great danger at any time, and most of the playing was done in the middle of the field. Furtick did the star work for Clemson. He was a great ground-gainer, and was in every play. McFadden also did good work for the Carolinians. The punting of Worthington and the straight charging of Nutter, for the Blacksburg boys, were features of the game. Clemson had a slight advantage of her opponents in weight. Williams, of Clemson, and Stepanek, of Welsh Neck, officiated. The teams lined up as follows:

Clemson.	Positions.	V. P. I.
Summers	centre	Johnson
Gaston	left guard	Cunningham
Keel	right tackle	Branch
McLaurin	left tackle	Diffendal
Lykes	right end	Worthington
Cannon	left end	Grant
Furtick	right half	Smith
Furtick	right half	Nutter
Cole	left half	Hodgson
McFadden	quarter	Montague

Spencer Assistant Coach.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

WILLIAMSBURG, VA., October 12.—Dr. J. B. Spencer was appointed assistant coach and physical director to the football team at a meeting of the William and Mary Athletic Association, held last night in the college chapel. Other matters were taken up, among them the plan for building a grandstand to overlook the athletic field. It was decided to build the grandstand and to leave the plans to the executive committee.

Staunton Military Team Wins.

STAUNTON, VA., October 14.—The Staunton Military Academy football team defeated the Miller's School team of Crozet, here to-day, 15 to 0. Five hundred people witnessed the game.

Heaven's Judgment.

An elderly man in Shrewsbury, England, was showing a couple of friends about the town. They turned before the place where the statue of Shrewsbury's great son, Darwin, sits and broods. "That," said the Shrewsbury man, pointing with a bulging umbrella, "is Darwin." "Yes," answered one of the visitors, after a rather uncomfortable silence, "that was him as told us we all come from monkeys." "He did," went on the Shrewsbury man, "and I'll tell you another thing. Not long ago the steeple of one of our churches fell down. There are many as says it is a judgment upon the town for putting up a statue to 'im."

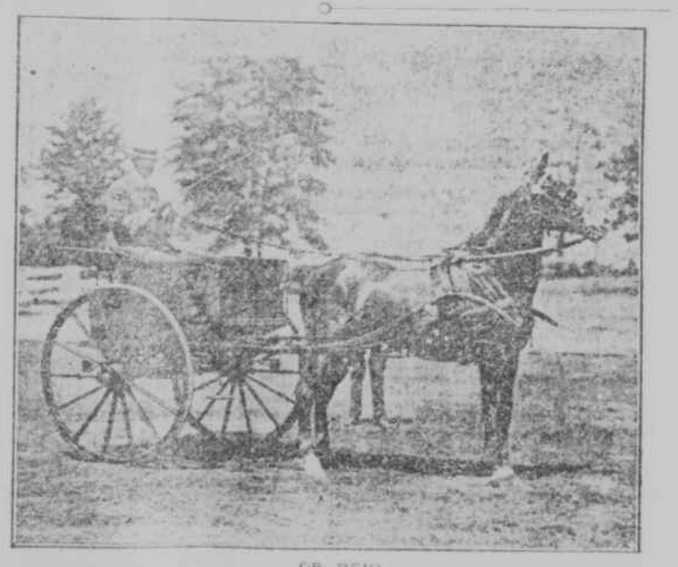
Not a Fair Deal.

Two boys who managed to be rather unruly in school so exasperated their teacher that she requested them to remain after hours and write their names one thousand times. They plunged into the task. Some fifteen minutes later one of them grew uneasy and began watching his companion in disgrace. Suddenly the first one burst out with despair between his sobs and said to the teacher: "'Tain't fair, maam! His name's Hush, and mine's Schluttermeyer."—

Really Encouraging.

Friend—So you have been revisiting Somerville, after all these years. How is it getting along?

Returned Native (enthusiastically)—Oh, Somerville is progressing splendidly. They have just built a fine, new jail, the finest in the county, and they needed it, too.—Life.



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LAKESIDE WINS VIRGINIA CUP

Handsome Trophy Now Becomes Property of Country Club Which Hitherto Held It.

CONSOLATION CUP OFFERED

This Was Won by Hampton Team—Scores Made by All Teams.

All day long yesterday, from 9 in the morning until the approach of darkness, five golf teams, representing as many clubs, disputed the possession of the Virginia Cup in the annual State competition at the links of the Lakeside Country Club. The contest was very close and exciting, and completely successful in every particular. Through the efforts of the green committee and the park authorities, the course was in splendid condition. A sky undimmed by a cloud, a mild but bracing atmosphere, and the absence of wind contributed to perfect golfing conditions.

The result of the match was in doubt up to the last few minutes of play, the Lakeside team winning out by a narrow margin.

The Virginia Cup, which is a very handsome sterling silver trophy, by the victory scored yesterday becomes the property of the Lakeside Country Club.

In the preliminary round, eighteen holes at medal play, the following is a list of club teams and the scores:

Lakeside Team.

	Out.	In.	Total.
Palmer	44	39	
Slayton	40	47	
Jones, H. S.	45	48	
MacKay	37	38	
Harrison	45	45	
Warwick	47	39	
	258	256	538

Hermitage Team.

Moon	46	42	
Meade	45	48	
Grayson, J. B.	49	49	
Whiting, P.	47	47	
Atkinson	52	43	
Dickinson	48	49	
	287	280	567

Hampton Team.

Bagby	51	38	
Small	41	46	
Pressley, J. B.	48	52	
Pressley, B. J.	45	47	
Faison	53	54	
McMenamin	50	47	
	288	285	573

Roanoke Team.

Flagatt	48	46	
Davant	50	54	
Cocke	45	41	
Denton	52	48	
Saunders	51	51	
Reid	48	46	
	311	286	597

Lexington Team.

Campbell, H. D.	48	46	
McElwell	51	53	
Graham	52	54	
Pettigrew	50	51	
Campbell, J. L.	53	53	
Hopkins	47	49	
	301	312	613

The two best net team scores brought the local clubs together in a hot contest after luncheon at 18 holes, match play, with the following results, Nassau system of scoring:

Lakeside—Palmer, 1; Ellyson, 3; Jones, 2; Howison, 1; MacKay, 0; Warwick, 2. Total, 10.

Hermitage—Moon, 2; Meade, 0; Grayson, 0; Atkinson, 2; Winston, 2; Dickinson, 1. Total, 7.

A consolation round of 18 holes, medal play, for a cup offered by the local clubs to the teams left at the finals, resulted as follows, and was won by the Hampton team:

Teams.	Out.	In.	Ttl.
Hampton	289	296	573
Roanoke	299	313	612
Lexington	323	299	622

Gourmet's Love Song.

My love to me is more than all
The pleasures life can give;
Faster she holds my soul in thrall
Each moment that I live.
All qualities that make for bliss
And for I look for in her.
Nay, more, for just one loving kiss
From her I'd miss my dinner.

Her blush contains that lovely hue
That lies in rare roast beef;
Her eyes like Blue Point shells are blue,
And bright beyond belief.
Her lips outvie the cherry in
The cocktail of Manhattan,
Her hair is like that brown film thin
On pommes de terre au gratin.

I hunger for her soft caress,
So tender and so sweet,
She's all the world to me, and—yes,
She's good enough to eat!
And, ah, her smile is like champagne,
Like brandy is her laughter
That sends a thrill through every vein,
And leaves no headache after.

—Cleveland Leader.

Her Choice.

"It's so strange," said Mr. Sloman, "that we have no national flower like the lily of France and the rose of England. We surely ought to have one."

"Yes," replied Miss Waite, coyly, "now I think the orange blossom would be nice."—Philadelphia Press.

The Height of Them.

Cokeley: "It's queer how the styles change."

Joakley: "Yes; it seems it will be the fashion for the women to wear high hats this fall."

Cokeley: "High hats? Nonsense!"

Jokeley: "At any rate, my wife just told me it would be impossible to get a stylish hat for less than $15."—Philadelphia Press.

A Sure Winner.

"There are lots of arguments for and against the peek-a-boo waist."

"Yes, but the peek-a-boo will win out."

"How do you know?"

"Because it is keeping cool."—Houston Post.

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