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## V. M. I.

Two ancient and honored educational institutions meet here today for the first time in football. The game as an intercollegiate sport dates back for more than forty years at both Virginia Military Institute and Tulane University but because of geographical distances, the teams have not met before on the gridiron.

Today, with modern transportation reducing distances to a brief week-end trip, this great school of the Virginia Valley and Tulane of the "Deep South" are ready to kick-off in what promises to be a most enjoyable contest.
V. M. I., Stonewall Jackson's Old School, and Tulane, both are of relatively the same age. The "West Point of the South" had its beginning in 1839, which was just five years after Tulane's start.

Tulane today salutes V. M. I., and its capable superintendent, Major General John Archer Lejeune.

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Major Blandy B. Clarkson, Director of Athletics at V. M. I., was the coach of the original "Flying Squadron." That was the team of 1920 which was undefeated, beating the University of Pennsylvania, among others.

## WE VOTE "NO"

Mr. Howard Jones, the widely known coach of the University of Southern California Trojans, has come forward with suggestions for a change in the football scoring system.

Mr. Jones questions whether there is yet a proper balance between offensive and defensive football, and, in connection with this believes "there can be some experimenting done without radically changing any fundamental rules of the game."

Quoting the Trojan coach:
"It seems to me that the one thing that has never been given enough thought and consideration is the increased difficulty an offensive team encounters as it nears an opponent's goal line.
"I have always believed that any team which can carry the ball to the ten or fifteen yard line should deserve some credit even though they don't make a touchdown."

With that thought in mind, Mr. Jones offers the following suggestions:

First-Eliminate the try for goal after touchdown, which he points out has never been a very satisfactory method of deciding a game.

Second-If a team crosses the 10 yard line, permit them to score 1 point; if it continues and crosses the 5 yard line, permit them to score 2 additional points; if it finally crosses the goal line, it would score 4 additional points. This would make a total of 7 points, which amounts to the same as the present system of scoring a touchdown and goal. If a player, for instance, ran 25 yards for a touchdown, he would automatically score seven points.

Doubtless, there is merit to much that Mr. Jones says. We agree with him thououghly that the extra point has never proved a satisfactory method of deciding the game.

Yet, we feel that the public would like to see the game left alone for a few years. Give the average fan a chance to learn the basic points of play before trying any further innovations.

Perhaps, within a couple of seasons, it might not be amiss to try such a radical change as suggested but the touchdown and the extra point are just as much a part of the game to the fan today as the goal posts or the yard stripes.

Now, with the new rules encouraging lateral passing to the point that it threatens to revolutionize the offensive style of football, it seems no time for another radical change. Let's get the newness off this "hocus pocus" first.

We do believe that the wide use of laterals will be welcomed by the fans, at least for the time being. It will provide many, many thrills this fall.



## THE GRIDIRON ROUNDUP

King Football ascends the throne today. His Majesty reigns throughout Americasaluted by tens of thousands of loyal subjects.

On all fronts, colleges and universities are kicking off this afternoon in contests that will give the first inkling of where the greatest strength will be found to challenge for sectional and national honors.

The Southeastern Conference has several spirited battles scheduled for the day along with a number of other engagements which will prove but preliminary tests of power.

Your correspondent offers his selections on the outstanding games of the day as follows:
L. S. U.-RICE-A night game at Baton Rouge in which one of the most powerful teams of the Southeastern Conference tackles the potential championship outfit of the Southwest. Bill Wallace, the great Owl halfback, will vie with Abe Mickal, the fine all-around Tiger back. It's an eenie-meenie-minie-mo affair. L. S. U. is the "mo" but without guarantees.

VANDERBILT-MISS. STATE - Here's another that doesn't pack the color of the Rice-L. S. U. engagement but which is equally hard to "dope." Vandy won last year, 7 to 0 . Both teams have new coaching leaders and new touches to their offense. Vandy by a point or a touchdown.

## V. P. I.-CLEMSON-Clemson seems shy

 a punter and the Virginia Gobblers showed virtually no offense against Roanoke a week ago. We are inclined to nod toward the South Carolinians.DAVIDSON-N. C. STATE-Hunk Anderson's Wolves by a full length over the Wildcats.

DUKE-SOUTH CAROLINA - Wallace Wade will give the Gamecocks the "devil." Meaning the Blue variety as grown in Durham.

ST. MARY'S-NEVADA - The Galloping Gaels will meet Nevada in a Sunday game. Slip Madigan will reap full revenge for that 9 to 7 defeat administered his team a year ago.

CHICAGO-NEBRASKA-Clark Shaughnessy's Maroons will be improved again but they are up against one of the greatest teams in the country this season when they encounter Dana Bible's Cornhuskers. The Nebraskans by a lap but not before they get a few surprise jolts.

COLORADO-OKLAHOMA—Biff Jones' Sooners to get off on the right foot but not until after a real contest from the Buffaloes. Colorado, it may be recalled, tied Missouri and Kansas last fall and defeated all others.

IDAHO-WASHINGTON-Our heart is with Ted Bank as he sends the Idaho Vandals to the post for the first time but we must give the Huskies the nod. It'll take time for Ted to put the Vandals in the Coast Conference running due to the lack of seasoned material and insufficient time for him to install the single wing system as used by Tulane.

NOTRE DAME-KANSAS-The Irish to ramble.

NORTH CAROLINA-WAKE FOREST -The Tarheels over the Deacons.

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Chinaman: "Doc, what time you fixee tooth for me?"

Dentist: "Two-thirty, all right?"
Chinaman: "Yes, tooth hurty me all right, but what time you fixee?"

Newlywed Husband: "Honey, what in the world is the matter with this steak?

Bride: "Why . . . . , not a thing."
Husband: "But . . . ."
Bride: "Well, I did burn it a little, but I put Unguentine on it."

A recent show advertised a chorus of seventy, but some of them didn't look to be a day over sixty-five.

Teacher: "Johnny, if five sheep were in a field, and one jumped out, how many would be left?"

Johnny: "There wouldn't be any left, You know arithmetic, but you don't know sheep."

Mrs.: "Haven't I made you what you are?"
Mr.: "Have I ever reproached you for it?"
Tom: "My wife talks to herself."
Russ: "So does mine, but she doesn't realize itshe thinks I'm listening."

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Customer to Waiter: "Two eggs, please. Boil 'em four minutes."

Waiter: "Yes, sir. Be ready in a second, sir."
"Me a tramp? No, Sir. I'm a member of de army of toil."
"I never saw you toil."
"I belong to de reserves."
Diner: "This butter is so hard I can't cut it."
Waiter: "Excuse me, sir; that's a bit of the kitchen soap, sir."

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| SAFETY MA | The boy from the old home town. |
| OPEN FIELD.... | When it's every girl for herself. |
| ROVING CENTE | Just another travelling man. |
| DELAYED BUCK | Well, you shouldn't have borrowed in the first place. |
| TRIPLE THREAT | ? ? |

"Pop, what is a pedestrian?"
"A pedestrian, my son, is the raw material for an accident."

Restaurant Proprietor: "My old Ford turned turtle last week.

Patron: "Good grief, I thought this soup tasted funny."

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The other day Ole and Jens who are novices at the game, went fishing. Strangely enough, they happened to hit a good spot and hauled in quite a bunch of Whoppers.
"By yee, das fine fishing hole-las mark das place and come back tomorrow," suggested Ole, and proceeded to pull up the anchor.
Then as they neared the shore, Ole asked, "Did you mark das place where ve caught dose fish?"
"You bet," answered Jens, "Ay poot cross mark on da side da boat."

Ole snorted, "Well, lunkhead, how do you know ve'll get das same boat tomorrow?"

Angus: "Just coming from the bank? So ye have money to put away?"

Donald: "I didna put money in the bank."
Angus: "Then ye drew some oot, or borrowed?"
Donald: "Nae, Neither."
Angus: "Ah, weel, an' what did ye there?"
Donald: "I fillit my fountain pen."
She: "I've just had a telegram saying that father has lost all his money."

He: "H'm, I always knew he'd find some way of preventing me from marrying you.'

Molly: "Can you get married on $\$ 15$ a week?"
Cordelia: "I suppose so, but you can't get divorced on it."

Miss Catnip: "What do you expect to give up during Lent?"
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On a stone in the courtyard of Rugby School in England there is an inscription to a seventeenthcentury scholar "who, with a fine disregard for the rules of the game, picked up the ball and ran off with it, thereby inaugurating the distinctive feature of the game.

Football, Rugby, or "rugger" as it was played in England, is a game quite different from American football. No team has possession of the ball. When any man is tackled with the ball, it is put into play by massing the "forwards" of both teams in a circle around the ball and having them push and shove until one of them can get close enough to the ball to heel it out to one of his mates in the backfield. No interference is run in Rugby. When a man is about to be tackled, he either makes a lateral or backward pass to one of his teammates or else kicks the ball as far downfield as he can and hopes that one of his mates who has been "on side" will recover it.

Rugby was played, to a certain extent, in the United States, and was reinstated on the Pacific Coast in the early twentieth century when football, it was felt, was becoming too dangerous a game. It was a group of Coast-trained Rugby players who, in 1920, won for the United States the Rugby championship at the Olympic Games.

Way back in 1869, William S. Gummere, who was at that time an under-graduate at Princeton, felt that a new game somewhat similar to Rugby should be invented, so he made up a few rules, got William Leggett of Rutgers interested, and the pair drilled teams representing their respective universities, and the first game held on American soil -or any other soil, for that matter-was played November 16. Rutgers won.

This game, of course. did not resemble modern football at all. But gradually it spread. Columbia was the first recruit to the cause; next came Yale, and, after playinc an historic $0-0$ tie with McGill in a Rugby game, Harvard ioined the ranks in 1874.

Two years later, in 1876, at the instigation of two Princeton men, delegations from all these schools met and formed the American Intercollegiate Football Association, which adopted the body of rules which have been amended and re-amended until they have reached their present state.

Many differences have crept into the game since its oricinal inception. At that time, the ball was Dut into play by heeling from the "scrum," as in Kugby. At first, rules were changed so that the team having nossession of the ball-and recogniging possession of the ball was the great break which American football made with Rugby-should put it in play by having its "snapper-back" heel the ball back between his legs. Later the rules were amended to permit him to use his hands, but he is still given his choice of methods.

Other quaint practices used to prevail in the old days of football. Since only five yards were necessary to make a first down, with three tries allowed, and since forward passes were not then permitted, the main concentration used to be upon getting beefv linemen who could shove back their opoonents long enough to permit their burly fullback to gain two yards. Mass plavs, flying wedges, interlocked interference, and heavy players were all characteristic of this period.

During this period, a small quarterback was held to be a particularly important asset to a team. These quarterbacks would often wear handles on their trousers, and, with a couple of yards to go, the quarterback would receive the ball from center, find himself picked up by the trousers by a couple of his burly teammates and flung over the line of scrimmage for the necessary yardage.

These tough, little quarterbacks were also useful in wet weather. The ball would be oassed to one of the halfbacks who would brace himself, run up the slope of the quarterback's back, step on the broad back of his own guard, and leap over the outstretched arms of the opposing linemen to the other side of the scrimmage line, a couple of yards to the good. Backfield men were equipped with a ridge of escalator-cleats on their uniforms for this purpose.

In these days, football helmets were not known, and gridiron heroes used to keep clear of the barber shop in order to acquire a thatch thick enough to protect them from the blows of the game.

But football, having been born of restlessness. could not stay static. Three important changes were made in the rules of the game, all done with the intention of opening up the game, reducing danger to players and increasing the visibility for spectators. These three most important changes were changing the number of yards required from five yards in three downs to ten yards in four downs, forbidding interlocking interference and requiring that all men remain stationary until the ball has been put into play, and permitting the forward pass.

Since the inauguration of these new rules, the game has turned in a different direction. The emphasis upon speed, agility, and cleverness has become greater, and the need for size and strength has become less. By widening uo the game, it has made the work of the linemen on defense more difficult, for threats of forward passes and sweeps must keep the ends and secondary defense well spread out. It has a greater appeal to the sports fan. because he can see more of what is hadpening.

But football is still not a settled thing. The rules change each vear. Perhaps some day the rules and practices of football today will appear as grotesque to our grandchildren as do the tales of quarterbacks with handles on their pants to us.

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# RULES <br> (Copyrighted Feature) 

To-day's football game is one of speed, power and finesse. Once upon a time it was power alone. Once upon a time it was a game of pure brute bullish strength. And when the game was like that its dangers were more appalling than its enthusiasts would allow themselves to admit.

There is, of course, one tremendous reason for the change that has come over the game. That one reason is the playing code.

Once upon a time the flying wedge was the fashion note of the football day. This was a bone-crushing, head-cracking weapon and while it brought results it tended to bring the game into disrepute because of the injuries it caused. The rules were changed and the wedge was outlawed.

It was not so very long ago that the pileup was a part of every tackle. But like the flying wedge this section of playing tactics took a heavy toll in fractures, and even in life. The rule-makers appreciated this and now piling-up or any other unnecessary roughness is strictly tabooed and severe penalties are provided for infractions.

Examples like these could be continued indefinitely but they serve to show the tremendous importance of the code governing the playing of the game. Oddly enough these reforms which at first glance seemed destined to rob the game of some of its color served only to add to the beauty of the great autumn sport.

For two years now, the playing rules have been left essentially unchanged. The rulesmakers have clarified some of the phraseology in the code, but there has been no important alteration since the close of the 1933 season.

There is insufficient space here to make even a casual summary of the rules of the game, but it's interesting to consider two or three of them.

For example, the one rule which leads to the greatest difference of opinion is the one governing the receiving of a forward pass.

It should be remembered that the player of the offensive team who is eligible to receive a pass, has the right of way over a defensive player. Thus if there is bodily contact between the receiver and the defensive player, the latter is automatically in the wrong. The pass is considered complete at the point where the foul occurred and a first down is declared.

One of the least understood rules is the one covering a kicked ball. Confusion on this point can be avoided if the spectator (and player) will always remember that a member of the kicking side cannot, under any circumstances, advance the ball. If you are on the side which kicked you can recover a fumble by a player of the receiving side, but the ball is dead at the point of recovery. It is amazing to know how many players don't understand this rule.

The most frequently violated rule is the one governing offside play. Besides, this rule, or violations of it, constitute one of the major headaches for the coach. While the rule carries a penalty of only five yards, and often is relatively unimportant in the early part of the game, its violations at climatic moments often make the difference between winning and losing.

The one section of the rules on which even the more erudite followers of the game are not always clear, is the one governing the safety. One fundamental which should be borne in mind is that a safety occurs only if the impetus which sends a ball over the goal line originates with the team defending that goal. This could occur on a bad pass from center, on a blocked kick, an ordinary fumble or a pass which falls incomplete behind the goal line. One play which is especially confusing is this: A forward pass, from near one's own goal line is batted back by a member of the team on defense and the ball rolls back over the goal line. Such a play is a safety, despite the fact that the impetus which sent the ball over the goal line came from the opposite team.

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