

The Most Spectacular Football Play I Ever Saw



This is the seventeenth of a series of spectacular football plays written for the North American Newspaper Alliance (The Kansas City Star and other newspapers) by twenty-four of the greatest coaches and former players in the game. Others will appear daily in The Star.

XVII—FORTY-FIVE YARDS FOR GEORGIA TECH.

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DURING my years of coaching at Georgia Tech I have had some remarkable backfield and line stars who have shown me many spectacular plays. The work of Douglas Wycoff against Notre Dame two years in succession was brilliant in the extreme, as was his plunging against Penn. State when we defeated them twice. But the palm for ultra spectacular play probably should go to Dick Wright, a sensational young player who died last summer just at the beginning of the year which should have shown him at his best.

On November 7, last year, Georgia Tech met Vanderbilt university on their home grounds in a game which was full of thrills, and about as stubbornly contested as any of my experience. In this game both teams were at their best; Tech heavyweights having been saved out of the Notre Dame game a week before to go harder for victory, while the Vandy eleven had been especially primed against our offense.

During the entire first half it was nip and tuck, with neither team able to score, though we gained more ground and came nearer scoring than did Vanderbilt. The third quarter was fought out the same way. Vanderbilt had one possible chance to land a score, but our boys rallied and stopped them. We were never able to get within real striking distance of our opponents' goal line in this quarter.

During this period Douglas Wycoff was injured slightly, but remained in the game. In the fourth quarter neither team made any serious headway, and it began to seem to all the spectators that the contest would end in a scoreless draw. Here, with less than five minutes to play, I determined upon a view of strategy, and withdrew Wycoff, our star, from the game. In his place I sent Dick Wright, fast and elusive.

Wycoff had been watched like a hawk all the afternoon, and we figured Wright might get a chance. We knew

if he did he would come nearer scoring than anyone.

When he went in the game we were about forty yards from the Vanderbilt goal line. On the very first scrimmage the quarterback called his signal for an off-tackle play. Our line opened up a hole for him and he shot between the Vanderbilt right guard and tackle. Getting through, he cut for the other side with all his speed. Five yards past the line of scrimmage it looked as if he was gone when the Vandy quarter dived for him, but Wright side-stepped and got clear.

He shot forward and in a few seconds was clear of the secondary defense, with only the safety man between him and the goal line. It had rained heavily that week and the field was very slippery. Wright's new shoes helped him and he was flying as he headed for the goal. Gil Reese, usually a sure tackler, was playing safety for Vanderbilt. Gil got set in the mud to stop Wright. To the crowd it looked as if he would succeed.

Wright figured otherwise, however, and correctly. He ran straight at Reese, but just as the latter prepared to dive for him, Wright stopped suddenly, side-stepped and dodged past Reese, who sprawled in the mud. Dick went on for the touchdown and when the goal was kicked it gave us a 7 to 0 victory.

The run was forty-five yards and as brilliant a piece of football as I ever saw.

Tomorrow: "Zupke's Super-Play," as told by the Illinois coach.

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ANOTHER BREAK IN EAST.

Pittsburgh and Lafayette Discontinue Football Relations.

(By the Associated Press.)

EASTON, PA., Nov. 12.—Football relations between the University of Pittsburgh and Lafayette have been discontinued, for a year at least, after seven successive meetings on the gridiron.

Authorities at Lafayette announced that Pitt had refused to come to Easton for a game next year, and that Lafayette was unwilling to go to Pittsburgh again, as six of the seven games since 1919 had been played there.

No ill feeling exists between the institutions, it is stated.

This is the third break of the season

between eastern elevens. The other ties cut were Army and Syracuse, because of roughness, and Harvard and Princeton, because of general ill feeling.

STRIBLING WINS A TAME BOUT.

Levinsky Is Decisively Outpointed in Ten Rounds.

(By the Associated Press.)

DES MOINES, IA., Nov. 12.—Young Stribling, Georgia light heavy weight boxer, decisively outpointed "Battling" Levinsky, former champion, in their 10-round bout here last night, in the opinion of newspaper men. The fight was a tame affair after the third round.

Stribling showed his skill and speed in the first and second rounds, driving his powerful left home almost at will, but not delivering a knockout punch. Levinsky was never off his feet, although groggy from eight hard lefts in the second.

TEETH AN IDENTIFICATION AID.

Method Compares Favorably With Finger Prints, Expert Says.

From the New Orleans Times-Picayune.

In the horse age, now rapidly fading into the past, almost any man and a great many women as well, could press back a horse's lips, prod the beast into opening his mouth and almost at a glance could read the nag's life history in the record of his teeth. There was no guesswork about it—teeth would not lie.

With such positive evidence of reliability at hand, it is rather surprising that it took man so long to realize that what could be done with horses also might be done with men, in short, that man's tooth record was equally positive. Meantime the world's "Puddin'-head Wilsons" were elaborating their thumb-print theories and the police of great cities were using that system in Bertillonizing their prisoners. Now those older methods, we are told, have taken less important places and the record of the men's teeth is counted on for an easier and far surer personal mark of identification.

Recently Chief J. H. Taylor of the naval identification bureau explained in detail the tooth system, which he says can be used in cases where finger print identification is useless, as for example when the hands have been burned or so disfigured that the prints are lost. By the tooth method classification can be accomplished in a few minutes.

The method is simple and consists in a short description of the character and defects in the teeth, taking each tooth separately and in numbered order.

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