

Tar Heel Sports

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A New Rule

THE NEW FOOTBALL SUBSTITUTION rule adopted by the rules committee of the NCAA is going to make quite a few changes in the game next fall, but the spectators aren't supposed to be aware of it.

"The guy sitting in the stands will be able to tell who's playing, and that's the only difference," said Bill Edwards, former head coach at Vanderbilt and one of George Barclay's new assistants. "Sure, the game will be slower, but it won't be noticed because all phases of the game will slacken. Anyhow, the games over in Durham will be just as slow as they are here."

The rule, which goes into effect this fall, is this: A player who leaves the game in the first quarter can not return until the second quarter. A player leaving the game in the second quarter cannot return until the last four minutes of the half. The cycle starts over in the second half with the same rules applying.

Edwards personally doesn't like the new rule (or old, as it is about the same one used before free substitution). He coached in the Southeastern Conference against schools like Tennessee and Alabama where football is carried to its highest degree, and this degree can't be found without specialists. "I love technical football," he said, "and you need a specialist for each part of the game. There will be a tremendous difference between professional and college ball now."

The rules committee adopted the rule in the face of a four to one vote by college coaches against it, presumably to protect the small colleges and to save money. The small schools couldn't afford to subsidize a hundred or so boys, nor could they attract crowds enough to support two-plateau football. The change will unquestionably save a great deal of money, and for that reason Carolina officials are probably in favor of it.

Some People Like It

Fitz Lutz, glum faced and friendly Carolina trainer, is a staunch advocate of the new system. "Why, every time the ball changed hands fifty people would run all over the field. There was too much confusion. The play might be slower, but the game won't last as long. This way a boy gets to play both offense and defense, and believe me, the players will be in shape now. They'll have to be to take the grind. The only thing I don't like is fewer boys will be able to play."

Ken Yarborough, Tar Heel tackle and newly-elected captain of next year's football team, is a trifle unsure about the whole thing. He thought that "nobody will be playing sixty minutes, but you'll still have to be in top shape. I like the rule okay, even though it will work you pretty hard."

There Will Still Be Strategy

Each coach will use a different strategy under the system, but Edwards outlined a plan that most colleges will follow. Start the first team, and let it play most of the first quarter, pull it until the second quarter is about five minutes gone, and then put it back in the game. Anytime the second team gets in trouble, shove the best squad right back. There will still be offensive and defensive teams of a sort, however.

"Say you are backed up to your 20-yard line with three minutes to go in the half," said Edwards. "A last minute score will hurt you, so in goes the boys who are best on defense. The same is true if you have the ball on their twenty—throw in the offensive team."

The new rule will probably re-introduce into the football crazy conferences a little evasion known as the "red shirt" team. A college athlete has three years of varsity eligibility with five years in which to take it. A school will play a boy for one year, then with about 24 others, put him on a red shirt squad. The following season the red shirt team will scrimmage every day with the varsity, but never see a uniform on game day. This way, the player is a year older, harder, and better, but still has two years of eligibility. We at Carolina refuse to do that.

Duke Track Team Is Favored To Cop Meet With Tar Heels

The Tar Heel track team will face the Duke Blue Devils tomorrow on Fetzer Field in what is slated to be one of the top track events of the season. The Blue Devils, led by Joe Shankle, will be rated as slight favorites over Carolina, but the meet could easily go either way.

Charlie Yarborough, who has been out with a twisted ankle is slated to compete tomorrow and should be the biggest Tar Heel threat to Shankle's broad jumping.

Other Tar Heel leaders will be Sonny Beal and Bobby Bell in the hurdles, Billy Duke and Sam Jordan in the pole vault, Bobby Barden in the mile run, Boyd Newman in the 880 yard run, and Roger Morris in the Shot put.

Carolina will sorely miss the services of sprinters Jeff Newton

and Harry Brown who are both out with pulled leg muscles.

Golfers Fourth In College Tourney

Thornton Has Lowest Score For Tar Heels

By Biff Roberts

ATHENS, Ga., April 30—Rain which lasted all morning caused the scores to soar as first round play in the Southern Intercollegiate golf tournament got under way here this afternoon.

The Carolina team finished in fourth place as many players were not able to get in the full eighteen holes. None of the members of the North Texas State and LSU teams which are considered the favorites were able to finish.

Billy Thornton was the low man for Carolina with a 78. He was followed by Bill Williamson who had a 79 and Jim Ferree and George Mountcastle who had 80's.

These four lowest scores are the ones which count in computing the team's standing. The winner of the team competition will be declared after eighteen holes tomorrow and the lowest fifty individuals will play 36 holes Saturday for individual honors.

Low man for today's play was Hillman Robbins of Memphis State who shot a 71. Bob Lowery of the Citadel was runnerup with a 72.

Tickets

The Athletic Association has announced that its ticket sale for 1953-54 home events to members of the faculty and University employees will begin on Friday, May 1.

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Baseball Game Is Washed Out

Rain yesterday forced postponement of the baseball game between the Tar Heels and Duke and caused the cancellation of the tennis match between the Carolina netters and Rollins College.

The tennis match was predicted to be the best one of the season on the home courts and could not be rescheduled since Rollins had a match with Virginia today.

The important Big Four contest with Duke was rescheduled for Monday afternoon at Emerson Field at 3:30. Lore or Port will probably get the starting pitching assignment for Carolina. They will end the season with the Southern Conference tournament in Davidson on May 14-16.

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