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## A Comparison Of The Playing Codes Of American And Canadian Football

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It's a far cry from Chestertown, down on the good old Eastern Shore, to distant Canada, or, more specifically, to the central part of western Ontario, but the news of a Washington victory over St. John's sifted through and came to gladden the heart of one Maroon and Black alum. During the fall months of each year Old King Sport wears his crown of pigskin throughout the length and breadth of the United States, and each week he sways the hearts of hundreds of thousands at the colorful courts he holds. But take a peek across the international boundary into the Dominion of Canada, and you will find that one leg of the old gentleman's throne is embedded securely in the soil of this vigorous and growing young nation. And you will find that he wears his elliptical tiara equally as jauntily and equally as proudly as he does among Canada's neighbors to the south. Here, as in the States, you will see thousands making weekly trek to bow down submissively and kneel before this mighty but seasonal ruler of sportdom.

Football appeals to all red-blooded lovers of sport who thrill at the spectacle of clean, hard physical combat. The element of battle calls, and in this vast army of sport enthusiasts Canadians stand side by side with their American cousins.

A natural question now arises. Why, you may ask, are there no great classics of the gridiron staged between Canadian and American universities? Why do we not find University of Toronto, McGill University of Montreal, or Queen's University of Kingston on the football schedules of Yale, Harvard or Princeton?

The answer to this question is the theme of this article—the differences in Canadian and American playing codes.

On the surface, to the casual observer, there may appear to be very little difference in the two styles. The uninitiated, gazing upon his first football game in Canada, sees a similarity laid out field with the usual white lines; he sees goal posts at each end; he sees the two teams smashing at one another's line, kicking, throwing the ball, piling up in heaps, suffering yardage penalties, and even a sly poke by some overheated player at an opponent.

But let's dig under the surface and—metaphorically speaking—find a woodpile wherein a certain number of "niggers" are snugly hidden whom we are about to bring into the broad light of day.

The first woolly cranium reveals the fact that there are twelve men on the Canadian team, as compared with eleven on the American. The extra man under the Canadian code is known as the "flying wing." It may be well here and now, that we enumerate the various positions on a Canadian team and place them opposite their corresponding positions on an American team. Our list then reads:

Canadian	American
Flying Wing	(None)
Right Outside	Right End
Right Inside	Right Tackle
Right Middle	Right Guard
Snap	Center
Left Middle	Left Guard
Left Inside	Left Tackle
Left Outside	Left End
Quarterback	Quarterback
Right Half	Right Halfback
Left Half	Left Halfback
Centre Half	Fullback

The "flying wing" is sort of a rover. He is somewhat of a hybrid, not exactly a lineman nor yet a backfield man. You may find him taking up his position with the backfield behind the line of scrimmage, or again he may be away out on one end. We will let him alone and keep up our hunt for more back heads in the woodpile. We quickly find another—the forward pass.

Under the Canadian code the forward pass is absolutely and positively taboo. There is no half way business about it. This is one of the biggest shocks the American football fan will get when he first sees the Canadian game. But he will see some of the most brilliant lateral and backward passing he would care to feast his eyes upon. In recent years there has been more or less agitation for the adoption of the forward pass into the Canadian rules, but this suggestion has been howled down promptly by a very sizeable majority. Coach Shaughnessy of the McGill University squad has been a consistent proponent of the forward pass, and it is the writer's humble opinion that before many years roll around the forward pass will find its way into the Canadian code, but on a modified scale as compared with the American feature of heaving the pigskin forward. A year ago the writer had the privilege of seeing Red Grange and his professional action at the Maple Leaf Stadium, in Toronto, in a regularly scheduled professional game that had been transferred to the Canadian city on a Dominion holiday. It is a safe bet that what the great majority of the spectators wanted most to see was the forward pass in operation. They got a real "kick" out of it, as was attested by their chorused "There She Goes" every time an attempt at the forward pass was started. But they didn't like the great number of incomplete passes, and they simply couldn't figure out the procedure when a pass was grounded. "Why isn't it anybody's ball?" they asked.

One of the prettiest plays in Canadian football is the sweeping end run by the four backfield men with

lateral and backward passes bobbing about in lightning-like succession. A player may pass to a teammate at any time. He may receive a punt and start down the field, but when about to be tackled he will suddenly heave the ball laterally or backward to a mate.

A feature of the Canadian game that in a measure balances the lack of the forward pass is the outside kick. This play is a prominent feature in nearly every game and meets with a fair amount of success. But the forward pass? It simply isn't done. Any team that so far forgets itself as to heave the ball forward finds itself suffering a ten yard penalty and the loss of a down. If it is the last down, possession of the ball is lost.

And here's another kinky head. They bob up in so many places we scarcely know which one to swat next. This dark youngster is little Mr. Interference. Canadian rules allow interference, but—here's the whole thing in a few words—only to a point three yards beyond the line of scrimmage. Just before each play starts you may notice the umpire step off three yards while some distance to the side of the battling teams and there stand eagle-eyed to watch for interference beyond that point. Presumably the privilege of continuing lateral or backward passing even beyond that point demands that interference cease beyond the three yard limit.

Still another woolly head. This time as big as any of the others. We swat him and find that he has to do with the scoring. Just as in American football, the Canadian game caters to the touchdown. In Canada it counts five points, as it did in the States some years ago. The "convert," or kicking goal after the touchdown, counts one point. The method of "converting" has been changed this year, with the rule declaring that the "convert" must be made by dropkick from the 35 yard line, directly in front of the goal posts, regardless of where the ball was carried over for the touchdown.

The ordinary dropkick from scrimmage plays its part in the Canadian game as well as in the American, and also counts three points.

The big difference in the two scoring regulations, however, lies in the fact that a single point may be scored in the Canadian game by a play that has no parallel in the American code. Twenty five yards behind each goal line is another line known as the "dead line." A punt going beyond that line immediately nets the team on the offense one point. Should the punt be caught between the goal line and the dead line, the player catching it must "run it out" beyond his own goal line, or, if he is downed, the punting team again receives one point, provided the receiver of the punt was downed behind his own goal line before he could run the kick out. After either of these plays the ball is put in play on the 25 yard line of the defending team and in the defending team's possession. There is no "touch-back," in the Canadian game as it is known in the American style, though there is the "safety" which is practically the same as in the States, and likewise counts two points.

It is readily seen that in Canadian football a good kicker means a whole lot to a team. Not only will his punts outdistance those of his opponent, but his good toe registers single points where the poor kicker fails to score for his team.

Our next swat is directed at the dusky young gentleman who has to do with number of downs and yards to be made. Under Canadian rules there are three downs in which to gain ten yards. Very "straight" and very orthodox football in Canada is simply "two backs and a kick." We presume, of course, the attacking team has failed to make much headway with its line plunges. The playing field itself measures 110 yards in length and 60 yards in width. This exclusive of the 25 yard area behind each goal.

Under Canadian rules a team may suffer a penalty by having the offending player removed from the game for a certain number of minutes, and he cannot be replaced in this interval. One minute penalties are fairly frequent. A player may be punished for a very patent "necking" of the ball carrier instead of tackling him in a more approved manner. Slugging will also call for a sojourn on the side lines. In a recent game the writer saw nine men playing against twelve for a very short time, three having been waved off the field in rapid succession by the referee.

Despite all these differences we have seen, football in Canada is, nevertheless, football. Canadians have their punting and their line plunges; they have their shifts and trick plays, and—yes, sir—they have their huddle. Open play is encouraged. The kicker gets his reward in points; the lateral passes and brilliant broken field running, and—get this—it's anybody's ball if the pass goes astray.

We have covered the major points of the Canadian code insofar as they differ from the American game. There are those students of the game on each side of the international boundary who see features in each applied to the other. They look beyond this and see the day when a common code will be in use, when the universities and colleges of Canada and the United States will meet in mighty battles of the gridiron—contests that mean infinitely

## MT. ST. MARY'S SCORES OVER WASHINGTON

### Mountainers Take 20 To 0 Victory Over Emmitsburg As Result Of Saturday's Game

#### Wind Handicap To Both Teams

By GRIDDER  
"Too much wind" proved the undoing of the Washington College football team last Saturday and when the slowly settling sun dropped down behind the fence of the Washington College athletic field, the big bus carrying the Mt. St. Mary's football team rolled out of the college grounds and with it took a 20 to 0 victory over the local collegians.

The story might have been a little different had Captain Norris, of Washington, been fortunate enough to win the toss at the start of the game. He did not. It was this latter fact that proved to be a big part of the Mounts' victory. Called upon to battle the superior weight of the visitors the little Washington eleven found the sweeping wind an additional handicap throughout the first quarter. After that time they would hold the Emmitsburg boys as they approached the goal line and Captain Norris would kick out. The wind, however, was a stronger kicker than Norris and as the ball went skyward it would straighten up like a kite getting its first breath of the fresh spaces and then it would come toward the Washington goal. With this handicap the play was always in Washington's territory. It was fight, fight, fight every minute for Coach Brown's little charges and the constant hammering of the big boys from Emmitsburg finally wore them down. It was then that a pass was tossed to Roscaevac, elongated end, who ambled forward and fell across the goal line with several of the maroon jerseyed kids hanging around his leghold form.

In the second quarter, with the wind to their back, the Washington St. Mary's recovered a fumble and straight away started a march on the goal. They got as far as the one yard line and then the Washington line broke through and smeared them for a five and then a three yard loss. A forward over the goal line was grounded. A poor kick by Washington gave the Mounts the ball again in local territory and this time they started a goal line march that Washington couldn't halt. They scored the extra point and the score stood 13 to 0 as the game ended.

Washington lived up to its reputation of being a second half team and fought the visitors foot for foot in this second session. A 75 yard run by Emurich after receiving a Washington punt accounted for the score in the second half. Loading on the part of a Washington and allowed Emurich to get away. It should have been nailed as he caught the ball. This game in the final quarter.

## Chestertown Wins Soccer Game From Rock Hall High

### Two Teams Now In Deadlock For Lead

Chestertown got sweet revenge last Thursday afternoon for the early season soccer defeat handed them by Rock Hall and walked all over the high school boys from the lower county town to win 4 to 0. The score does not indicate the margin by which Chestertown outplayed the Rock Hall team. Only by desperate fighting near their own goal did the Rock Hall team save off several other scores. Just once did the visitors get within real striking distance of the Chestertown goal and then their efforts were thwarted.

While Chestertown won it was no more than they should have done. They greatly out weighed the boys from Rock Hall and used this to an advantage to score.

Both of the Chestertown goals were scored in the first half. In the second session, although the play was constantly in the Rock Hall end of the field the boys from Professor Strang's school managed to prevent a further scoring by Chestertown. A large crowd of enthusiastic spectators accompanied the Rock Hall team and stuck with them nobly in defeat. The field ball game between girls of the two schools resulted in a tie.

## Basketball Nears Seasons Opening

Basketball at Washington College begins to look like the sport of the season. Coach Kibler, after several weeks work with the squad, has knocked the rough edges off and the team looms now to be ready for the opening game.

No definite line as yet can be gotten on the lineup for the 1927-28 "Flying Pentagon." One thing is fairly certain, however, and that is the team that takes the floor on the opening night will have Carrington and Girafitis at forwards and Captain Cavanaugh at guard.

The other guard post seems, at present, to lie between Dopson and Jacobs.

### Student Marth To Meet Old Fistic Rival On Nov. 12 In Centreville

Student "Pete" Marth, 147 pound class artist of Washington College, Chestertown, will meet Max Hecker, 148 pound rival, of Kent Island, in a three round bout in the arena of the newly formed Athletic Club at Centreville on Saturday night, November 12th, at 8:15.

Both have fought together on several occasions with very good draws. This fight is expected to draw rings far from all parts of the Shore, as both of these boys are excellent mit-men, as well as great favorites.

Besides the Marth-Hecker setto there will also be four other bouts between boys of very good calibre, as follows:

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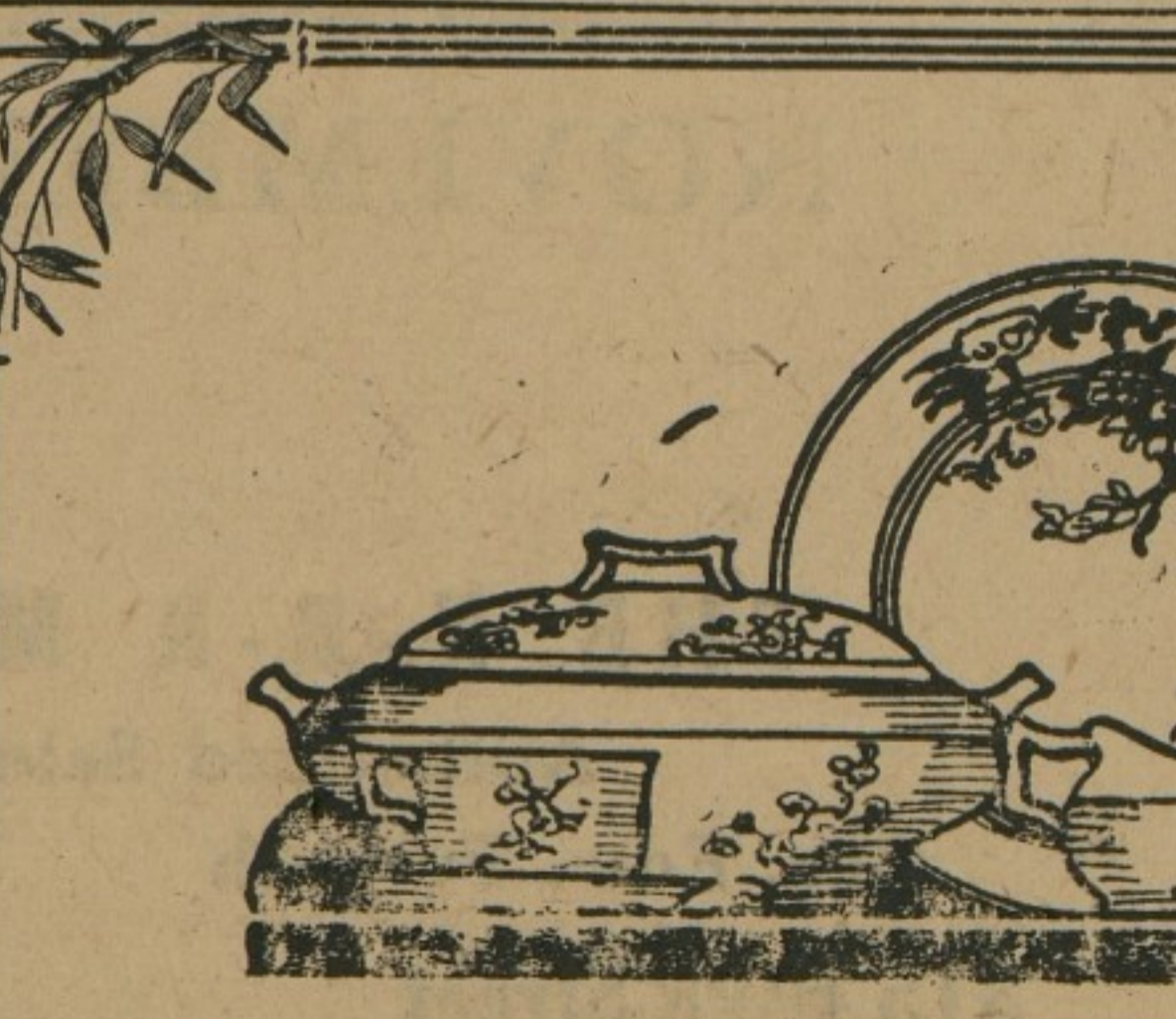


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## PUNTS AND PASSES

When Washington College meets Temple University's football team in Philadelphia on Saturday they will be going up against one of the strongest college teams in the East. Temple has lost one game this season—that to Dartmouth. The Big Green of Dartmouth found it necessary to make all their gains by forward passes and had the Temple team not been victims of stage fright in their first appearance against a big league college the score might have been different.

Last week Temple won from Albright 13 to 0. This is the same score that Western Maryland hung on the Albright team. A little comparison of scores, which is not so safe, will show you just about what class of ball Temple is playing.

To concede Washington College the remotest chance of victory is impossible. All that the Brown coached eleven can do is to show the best they can.

Washington College will close the season of November 19, with Drexel. At the start of the season Drexel looked to be the one team that Washington would have a chance of defeating. After the St. John's victory the Drexel game was put in the bag as won. Now it looks as if Washington will have a harder time than was anticipated. In the past two games Drexel has scored just 94 points. Against Upsala two weeks ago they ran up a 43 to 0 score and last Saturday they took the measure of the New York Agricultural College and found it to be 51 to 0 in favor of Drexel.

Drexel may not have much of a team. But still, a team that can score that many points is not made up of a bunch of cripples. And at the same time in these last two games they have kept their goal line safe from all invasions.

It looks like Walter Halas has finally whipped together a sort of a team at Drexel anyhow. Washington College by playing the kind of football it did against St. John's has a chance of trimming Drexel. But the St. John's spirit will have to be there.

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## SPLASHES IN SPORTS

By H. S. ARE

The report that Schnauffer, Washington tackle, had transferred to Mt. St. Mary's is untrue.

It was just a case of mistaken identity. It wasn't Addison Simms, of Seattle, but two other fellows.

They gave Schnauffer the wrong directions and therein lies the tale.

He didn't know which way to run. But certainly did his best. When the Eastward going got too tough, he turned and traveled West.

As he tore across the whitened lines he had visions of seeing his name in the paper, no doubt.

It got there, too.

Those Mt. St. Mary's players don't appreciate a good thing.

Here was Schnauffer trying his best to make a touchdown for them and all the time they were running alongside spoofing him.

No wonder he got mad and tried to return the ball to where he had found it.

One of the Mounts even went so far as to suggest that they purchase Pat a suit with a blue jersey.

Schnauffer made but one mistake. He should have kept on across the goal line and then tossed the ball over the fence.

Someone suggests that to finish off the play he should have then jumped over after the ball and forgotten to return.

Anyhow he can't say "he didn't choose to run in 1927."

Washington College got one break in the Mt. St. Mary's game that the public at large didn't know about, but leave it to me.

It is customary for a winning visiting team to take the ball.

The officials of Saturday's game took the ball to the gym at half time and forgot to bring it back for the second session.

The last half was played with an old ball and that is the ball that Mt. St. Mary's took home.

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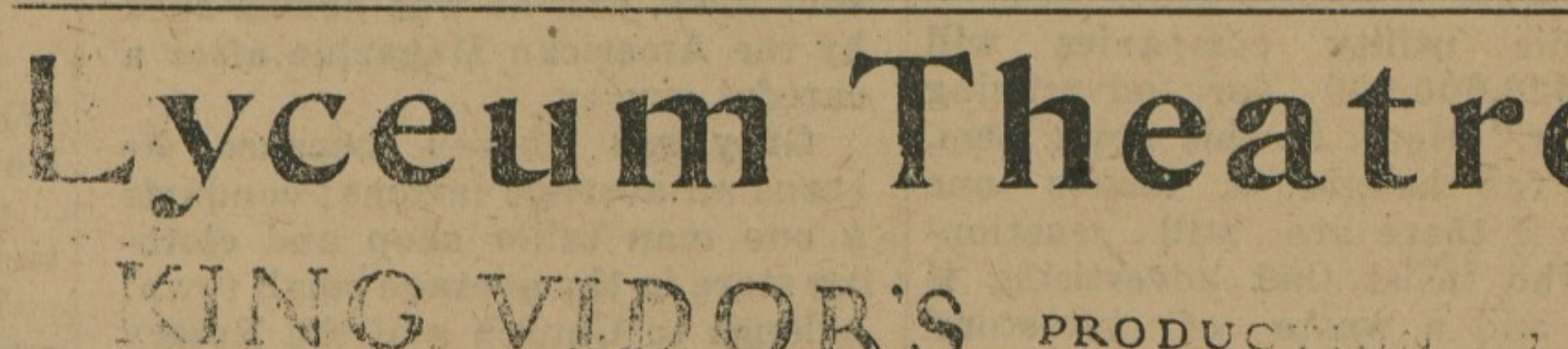
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