

## BIERMAN DOUBTS RAZZLE-DAZZLE IS ON WAY OUT

## Expects More Intelligent Use of Plays

Mentor of Gophers Thinks Coaches Will Stress Timing and Accuracy.

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MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 13.—I disagree with those who contend that the 1937 football will see the passing of the so-called razzle-dazzle stuff from football.

I realize that every one has a different idea as to what is meant by razzle-dazzle. My conception of it is a lot of lateral passes, more forward passing, particularly deep in a team's own territory, and many tricks that once didn't come under the heading of orthodox and sound football.

The lateral pass is one of the most effective offensive weapons that have come into the game on a large scale in recent years. It carries a touchdown threat anytime that it is used in the open field—with perfect ball-handling, of course.

I feel positive that most coaches will not abandon it. However, I believe that it will be used more intelligently than ever before and that coaches will spend much more time improving the timing and accuracy of the passes.

If a lateral pass is tried at the psychological moment, which means when the ball carrier is about to be tackled and his forward progress stopped, it frequently is good for many additional yards and quite often a touchdown.

## Points Out Danger

If throwing forward passes deep in one's own territory is considered part of the razzle-dazzle, then I say that we won't see much of that form of it.

Such dangerous tactics are attempted only in the Southwest. Elsewhere, certain beaten squads will in the late stages throw passes recklessly, but they are the exceptions.

I don't give Minnesota players any specific instruction as to where or when not to throw laterals. I merely tell them to be on the alert for opportunities afforded by perfect set-ups for laterals. We overdid the use of this play when we were edged by Northwestern last fall, but it was because the boys tried so hard to come from behind in the last quarter and took many chances.

It's the same old way to success in football. First a team must have a sound running attack, which is the backbone of the offense. A team must be proficient at handling forward passes, and must possess defensive qualities.

The razzle-dazzle is just a side-issue that must be handled intelligently.

As a matter of fact this great college game hasn't changed much throughout a long period of years. Look back through history and you'll find that champions of every conference were soundly schooled in the same rudiments.

## Makers Officiating Harder

Lateral passing has made officiating vastly tougher.

Officials have to make many more hair-line decisions and frequently are under fire. They must decide whether the carrier or the ball of the carrier is stopped when he passes the ball backward. They must know closely that a lateral does not develop into a forward as is often charged when a touchdown in a close game results from such a play.

But the lateral makes the game more thrilling for spectators and rewards players who not only are alert for opportunities but who become proficient at handling the pigskin.

The lateral isn't new. It was used when I was in high school, but it did not become popular until its employment was made a deal safer by the rule change that made the ball dead at the point where it was fumbled.

It was only when laterals are used too promiscuously that teams get into trouble.

## Linemen Neglect Blocking

There are three types of laterals—those used back of the line, down field, and those employed after receiving kick-off, punt, or pass.

Linemen often are too anxious to hang around back of the carrier in hope of taking a lateral instead of being ahead of him to do effective blocking.

Players who bungle lateral passes frequently are those who dislike to be tackled and who do not think very much on the field.

Hence, I believe that you'll see as much lateral passing as ever, but with superior judgment by the players and with coaches setting up specific set-ups under which lateral passes can be used.

## FOR POP WARNER

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 13.—Temple's opening game victory over Virginia Military took the form of a little present from the Owls to Pop Warner, when they presented the veteran coach with his 300th gridiron conquest.

## SO WHAT? DEPARTMENT

NEW YORK, Oct. 13.—Hal Schumacher of the New York Giants is the only big league pitcher to earn a college degree and score a world series victory in the same year.

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## Hoosiers Will Battle for Wildcats Against Purdue



Nick Cutlich, 222-pound sophomore left tackle, is an East Chicago product.

## Both Teams Have Won 11, Tied Once Since Series Started in 1895.

## PREVIOUS GAMES

1893-Purdue	6	Northwestern	24
1898-Purdue	0	Northwestern	10
1901-Purdue	37	Northwestern	10
1908-Purdue	16	Northwestern	10
1912-Purdue	21	Northwestern	12
1913-Purdue	24	Northwestern	6
1914-Purdue	28	Northwestern	14
1915-Purdue	6	Northwestern	24
1920-Purdue	0	Northwestern	14
1921-Purdue	32	Northwestern	14
1923-Purdue	6	Northwestern	3
1924-Purdue	13	Northwestern	3
1925-Purdue	27	Northwestern	22
1926-Purdue	10	Northwestern	22
1928-Purdue	6	Northwestern	2
1929-Purdue	7	Northwestern	6
1930-Purdue	11	Northwestern	6
Games Won-Purdue, 11; Northwestern, 11; tied 1.			

negie Tech team a 7-to-0 defeat last Saturday. The Boilermakers flashed a strong defense by repelling two goal-line threats.

Northwestern showed flashes of its 1936 form while winning its first conference start from Michigan, 13 to 9. The Wildcats' defense was hard-fighting. Wolverine eleven that held off efforts to gain on the ground. It required a third-quarter air attack for the Purple to push over the lone score of the game.

The game proved the Wildcats

will be forced to rely largely on their first-string eleven. Three regulars played all of the Michigan game and others were rushed back into action after a few minutes' rest when the Wolverines began a drive against the reserves.

Northwestern's passing attack which eventually brought victory was the one bright spot of the Wildcat offense. With Capt. Don Heap, Bernard Jefferson, veteran halfbacks, and Jack Ryan, sophomore fullback, doing the throwing, the

Wildcats completed eight out of 13 aerials for 128 yards. This trio, along with Fred Vanzo, blocking back, completed Northwestern's starting backfield.

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