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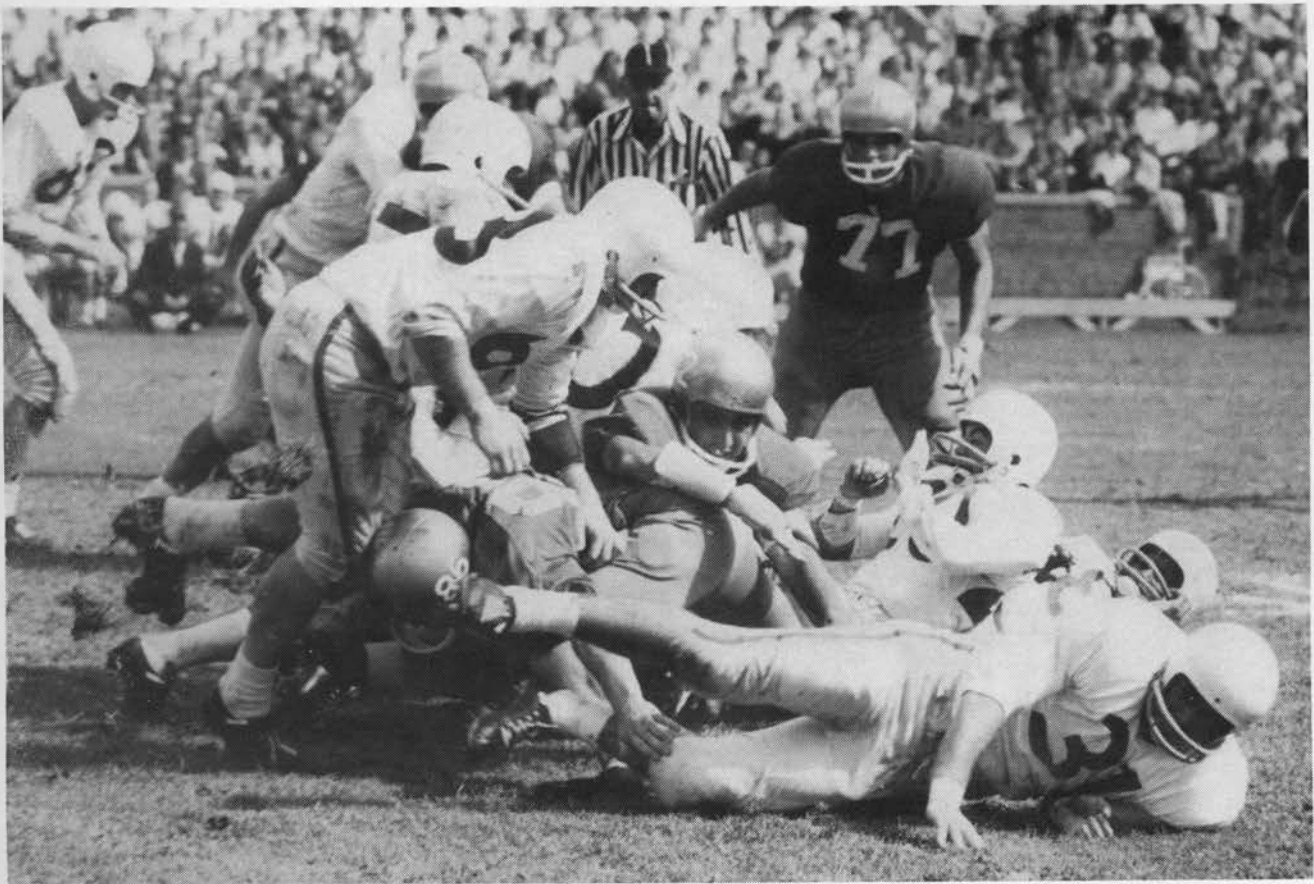


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How do you rate as a football date? Could you explain "wild card substitution" or what happens when there is a touchback?

Sitting beside your date like an automatic question box is no way to make an impression. Several members of the Iowa State football team stated that fellows don't like to answer questions when an important play is being executed. Men seem to have a way of becoming involved in the games, so if your date is completely oblivious to surroundings (you), don't feel slighted. The team members also said that they would like to have a date who could discuss the events after the game. This doesn't mean you have to know more than the coach or your date, but just enough to carry on an intelligent conversation.

In case you're wondering what the team members consider necessary for you to know, here's the pertinent information. First, be familiar

with some of the players' names and the positions they play. Second, know the difference between a T-formation and a single-wing formation and which team is offensive and which is defensive. Third, know what a penalty is, and what happens when there is one. Fourth, know that those little sticks, chains and numbered boxes men carry on the sidelines are yard markers and down numbers. Fifth, a knowledge of scoring — six points for a touchdown, one point for a kicked point after touchdown, two points for a run or passed point after touchdown and three points for a field goal — is necessary to determine who is winning the game. Sixth, know that a first down means there are four plays to make ten yards.

Oh, yes, if you really want to impress that football date, know that a "wild card substitution" is an NCAA ruling which allows a man to be substituted at any time during the game.