

he should also be able to make a long punt or drop kick. It is the most responsible position on the team, and requires a man who is cool and can think quickly what to do in an emergency.

The half-backs who play in front of the full back should all be sure tacklers, and at least one should be a good runner and another a quick and accurate drop-kicker.

The quarter-back, who plays just behind the scrumage, should be able to make a swift, accurate pass, and should be able to punt over the scrumage if ne-

short kicks from foot to foot. A good dribbler will be able to dodge or pass the ball accurately while going almost at top-speed.



Wing men "scrapping."

The work of the wings is to follow up the ball and tackle the opposing half-back before he has time to kick or run, and also to prevent the opposing wing from doing the same thing when the ball is passed to their own half-back. This causes each pair of wing men to confine their endeavours almost wholly to one another and to pay little attention to the ball; and as it is impossible for the referee to watch them, at the same time keeping his attention fixed on the ball, there is usually a good deal of man-to-man "scrapping" done by these players.

The game is started by a place kick from the centre of the field, the whole forward line following it up. As soon as the man having the ball is down, the ball is "held," and is put down in the centre of the scrumage which is formed, and the forwards heel the ball out to their quarter-backs, or else try to break through and dribble the ball down the field.

If it is heeled out to the quarter-back he usually passes to a half-back, who kicks or runs, or perhaps passes to another of the halves, whose position may be more favourable for a good play. A great deal of passing can be done among the half-backs when running with the ball, and this makes the play very open and exciting.

B—Plan showing the lines of an American Football Field.

