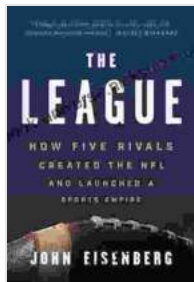


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The NFL is one of the most popular and successful sports leagues in the world. But it didn't start out that way. In fact, the NFL was founded by five rivals who couldn't agree on anything. But they had one thing in common: they all loved football. And they were determined to create a league that would be the best in the world.

The five rivals were: Jim Thorpe, a Native American who was one of the greatest athletes of all time; Walter Camp, a Yale University coach who is considered the father of American football; Amos Alonzo Stagg, a University of Chicago coach who is considered one of the greatest coaches in college football history; Pop Warner, a Carlisle Indian School coach who is considered one of the greatest coaches in NFL history; and George Halas, a Chicago Bears owner who is considered the father of the NFL.

These five men had very different personalities and coaching styles. Thorpe was a brilliant athlete who was known for his speed and agility. Camp was a strict disciplinarian who believed in fundamentals. Stagg was a brilliant innovator who developed many of the game's most basic plays. Warner was a master motivator who could get his players to play above their heads. And Halas was a shrewd businessman who knew how to promote the game and make money.

Despite their differences, these five men were able to come together and create the NFL. They did this by agreeing on a set of rules that would govern the league. They also agreed to share the revenue from the league's games equally. This was a major concession for Halas, who owned the most successful team in the league. But he knew that it was necessary for the long-term success of the NFL.

The NFL's first season was played in 1920. There were only eight teams in the league at the time. But the NFL quickly grew in popularity. By the 1950s, the NFL was the most popular sport in America. And it has remained one of the most popular sports in the world ever since.

The NFL is a huge success story. But it's important to remember that it didn't happen overnight. It took five rivals coming together and agreeing to work together to create the league. And it took years of hard work and dedication to make the NFL the success that it is today.

The Legacy of the Five Rivals

The five rivals who founded the NFL left a lasting legacy on the sport. Their contributions to the game are still felt today.

Jim Thorpe is considered one of the greatest athletes of all time. He was a member of the first NFL All-Pro team. He also won two Olympic gold medals in track and field.

Walter Camp is considered the father of American football. He developed many of the game's basic rules and strategies. He also coached the Yale Bulldogs to 13 national championships.

Amos Alonzo Stagg is considered one of the greatest coaches in college football history. He coached the University of Chicago Maroons to seven national championships. He also developed many of the game's most basic plays.

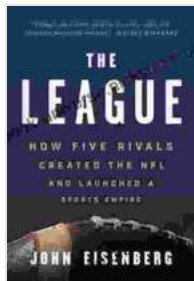
Pop Warner is considered one of the greatest coaches in NFL history. He coached the Carlisle Indian School Indians to two national championships. He also coached the Pittsburgh Steelers to the NFL championship in 1934.

George Halas is considered the father of the NFL. He owned the Chicago Bears for over 60 years. He also served as the NFL's commissioner for many years. He is credited with making the NFL the most popular sport in America.

The five rivals who founded the NFL were all pioneers in the sport. Their contributions to the game are still felt today. They left a lasting legacy that will never be forgotten.

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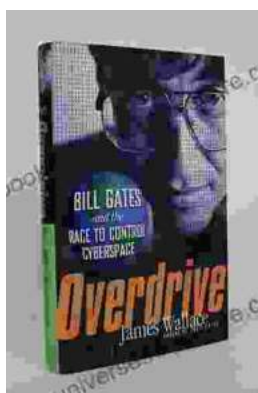
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