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RULES SHOULD BE UNIFIED

FOOTBALL UNIONS SHOULD ADEBE BY COMMON STANDARDS

Now Is The Time To Have A Conference To Discuss The Changes—Intercollegiate Union Should Have Representative Present.

Many times has it been suggested that the Intercollegiate Union, Ontario Rugby Football Union and the Interprovincial Union should get together and draft one set of playing rules. As it is now they are all different and it is very difficult for the public to understand. There is no reason why there should not be one set of rules. The officers of the unions all agree that it should be done, but there has never been a get-together meeting to bring it about. It is up to the Canadian Rugby Union to call a meeting at once and do something along this line. In Toronto there will be three unions operating this season and all play under rules that are different. Why this should be no one can fathom. When a young player starts out to take up the game he is invariably plays in a city league or with a high school or collegiate team. In this section of the province now these teams are playing O.R.F.U. rules. If he goes to college he has to make himself acquainted with the rules. They learn one style that prohibits certain things and then take up another that does not bar them. Then he comes back again to the style he learned at first and finds that it is difficult to break away from his old habits.

The playing rules of the Ontario Union are practically the same as those in the Canadian Union, with the exception of the few changes made by the O.R.F.U. during the war period. These changes are the elimination of the scrimmage buck and the giving of only three points on a touch down secured as the result of a fumbled ball behind the line and of five points for a touchdown when the ball is carried across the line. The O.R.F.U. has been ready with suggested changes to the rules for a number of years. Just before the war John DeGruchy, of Toronto, and Dr. Fairbank, of Petrolia, drafted some suggested changes, but they were never taken before the C.R.U. as war broke out, and the matter was left in abeyance. The O.R.F.U. is ready right now to attend a conference.

It has been suggested that the matter be left over until next year. This is a mistake. There will be many young fellows taking up rugby this fall, and they should not be left to learn one set of rules only to have them revised next season. Start right now with one set of rules and put the popular fall pastime on a plane where a fan may go to a game at any time and know just what the rules are. As it is now the fans have to become acquainted with all three styles to know the fine points of the game. They learn none of them thoroughly, whereas with one set they would take more interest.

What is desired more open play and that is what should be left to a conference is held. The O.R.F.U. tried the elimination of the scrimmage buck and found it a good thing. It does away with massed plays, which are not pleasing to the fans, and also lessened the number of injuries. The question of interference is, however, the big thing, and it is doubtful if there are twenty-five fans in the city of Toronto who know just what constitutes interference. Continuous arguments are heard on the playing field when an official rules on this play. A clearer interpretation should be made. It is pretty well assured that the three unions are willing to send representatives to a conference, but they are waiting for it to be called. It is up to the Canadian Union, and the sooner it is done the better. There is no time to waste. Rugby is bound to be popular this fall, but it can be made more so if there is one set of rules governing the game in all unions.

FLETCHER-CAHILL HORSE CAPTURES RACE

Amaré, the black Canadian pacer campaigned by Claude B. Fletcher, of Watertown, N.Y., and John Cahill, Syracuse, N.Y., captured one of the greatest betting races ever held in Cleveland, O., when he won the 2:10 class, purse \$1,500, at the North Randall meet Saturday.

Mr. Fletcher was among the spectators, and it is said he cleaned up a tidy sum in the pools. Amaré and Britton Forbes, winner of the 2:15 trot, were the only favorites to win. Amaré reduced his record to 2:05 1/4 to take the event. He lost one heat in 2:04 1/4 to Mowbray Boy. Amaré is well known throughout northern New York. Brought out by Oliver Hawkins, Wolfe Island, Ont., he first attracted attention as an

ice campaigner, cleaning up on the American circuit. Ross Savage, Dexter, N.Y., campaigned him one winter.

Unlike most snow champions, he proved equally good on turf. He has raced at the Jefferson County Fair and passed last winter in Mr. Fletcher's stable, being sent to the Syracuse State Fair track last spring.

MILITARY SOCCER GAME.

Vocationalists Defeated A. and N. Veterans—A Protest Lodged. The game of football played between the Army and Navy Veterans and Vocational Tuesday evening was won by Vocational by a score of 3 to 0. Unfortunately a protest was entered before the game started against A. G. M. Strouger, the manager, putting on the team because, it was alleged, he was recently appointed treasurer and as the by-laws adopted by the league prohibit the officials from playing on any team it was claimed that the game could not be counted. The Army and Navy Veterans filed a written protest with the secretary seven minutes before the kick-off, but the game proceeded nevertheless, and was well played by both teams. The line up was:

A. and N.—Heaton, Fulton, Battle, Campbell, Scott, Verr, Bird, Norwood, Eccles, George, Bingham. Vocational—Taylor, McLeisch, Singleton, A. G. M. Strouger, Baylie, Guy, Tibbets, McFarlane, Donaldson, Watts, Rintoul. Referee—McFarlane.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT AT COUNTRY CLUB IS IN PROGRESS

Great interest is being taken in the mixed doubles tennis tournament at the Country Club, which started on Monday, the prizes for which are being given by Mrs. Iva Martin. Capt. Howard Penhale and Miss Doris Folger were defeated on Monday by Miss Aileen Rogers and Harold Brownfield, while on Tuesday Mrs. H. Lafferty and E. H. Pense won from Capt. Genet and Miss Rose Rogers; as the first round is to be played off this week, the courts at the club will be very much in demand.

OTTAWA RACING ATTITUDE.

Expect Provincial Authorities to Prevent Betting.

News from Montreal that local race tracks will open next Saturday in defiance of the Federal order prohibiting racing presents an interesting situation. The tracks are opening up on authority of a provincial license. Such a license is for the purpose of raising provincial revenue, but it is subject to the Dominion law.

There is a popular misconception on the subject of racing being banned. Racing, as such, is not banned, and never has been. It can go on every day in the year but Sunday. What is banned is racing, "with the privilege of betting." The provincial license authorizes "racing." It does not over-ride the ban against betting, and the provincial ministers are fully aware of that fact.

The enforcement of all criminal law is a provincial matter, and it is presumed that if racing with betting is attempted the provincial or municipal authorities of Montreal will carry out the law. If they fail to do so, any citizen or society may lodge an information and institute proceedings. Ottawa goes on the assumption, however, that the provincial or municipal policy will stop betting. No one is prepared to make a statement as to what will be done if betting is resumed and is not suppressed. The attitude here is one of "wait and see."

Bowling on Tuesday. At Queen's bowling green on Tuesday evening Skip W. M. Campbell won from Skip R. C. Cartwright by 17-12, Skip D. Buchanan from Skip E. Green by 16-12 and Skip Manahan from Skip W. R. Givens by 16-9.

Hamilton Rugby Club. The Hamilton Tiger Football Club has reorganized and elected R. Isbister as president. It was announced that there is much good material in the Ambitious City.

Fred Gilbert, a well-known professional shooter of Spirit Lake, Iowa, broke the world's record for continuous target breaking at Hampton, Iowa. Gilbert cracked 589 consecutive targets without a miss.



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