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REFEREES MAKE THE RULES

THIS IS THE OPINION OF INTERCOLLEGIATE PLAYERS.

Further Revision of Rugby Rules Promised for Next Year in View of Recent Gridiron Incidents.

The consensus of opinion as expressed by former intercollegiate players of Queen's, McGill and Varsity is that the rules now in force in the intercollegiate can only be determined as referee rules. By this they mean that different referees have opposite views of the way the game should be played, and the players and coaches thereby suffer accordingly, as an official may rule certain plays illegal, and the next week another official may rule them legal. The intercollegiate union made the mistake this year that they didn't have a joint meeting of all the referees and coaches and have the rules thrashed out.

When the intercollegiate rules were revised this fall the three-year interference rule on the line of scrimmage was done away with, and interference only for the purpose of rendering bucking possible was permitted. This meant that interference was only permitted for opening a hole in the line, and only by men in the line of scrimmage, and the man carrying the ball must then be the first to pass through the hole. How often did this happen in Saturday's game at the stadium? Probably once in five times. Holding on the line is also not permissible, but McGill were allowed to do this on Saturday, the best evidence being the finger marks yesterday on the Varsity players.

Those connected with the intercollegiate say that the rules are all right if enforced properly, but they regret that Shaughnessy, with his rare knowledge of both the American and Canadian game, has worked out a system that on Saturday fooled the officials and made them think it was the Canadian game. Those at the game, will remember in the second half that Varsity did better work, and at one stage made their yards twice in succession. Under the strict interpretation of the rules they should have lost the ball on their first down, as they committed the most glaring interference of the afternoon. However, they believed in the old axiom, "When in Rome do as the Romans do," and east-aside what they considered legal and started it legal playing according to the rules. Probably when the two teams meet again under different officials the rules will be interpreted differently, and thus once more the players and coaches will be at disadvantage.

Radical changes are promised before another season comes around, and some are in favor of returning to the snap-back game and having interference of any kind barred. Others advocate taking up the American game, while some of the boys who have been overseas are of the opinion that English Rugby would be better than the present form of intercollegiate game, where it is not the league, but the officials, who are making the rules.

COBOURG GOLFERS.

Shareholders Sublet Property to New Organization.

Golf is to be revived in Cobourg, and indications now point to a successful season for 1920. The shareholders at their annual meeting sublet the grounds to a new organization, the officers of which are as follows: Hon. president, Senator Clive Pringle and W. J. Crossen; president, D. H. Kay; hon. secretary-treasurer, D. C. Dick; chairman of house committee, Miss May Johnston; chairman of greens committee, John Dick; chairman of tennis committee, F. N. Black.

It is proposed to put the golf course and tennis courts into good condition, and work has already begun with this in view. It is hoped to extend the course to the full eighteen holes, and to championship length.

"Marking The Catch" Abandoned. Toronto Star: Why under the sun has "marking the catch" been abandoned by the new crop of rugby players? There hasn't been a catch marked in senior rugby this season. Why? It's a good play—a heady move, if made at the right time. Just figure the advantage a team is at if their kicking half marks a catch any place within his opponent's forty-yard line and then sends a sky-scraper which lands just on or over his opponent's goal line. Every man of the kicker's side is inside and has an equal chance to recover the ball. Even if the defending side gobles it up safely a rouge is almost bound to result, while if the ball is fumbled consider the grand chance for a touchdown. Wake up, halves.

The brilliant work of Ohio state has made the Buckeyes strong favorites for the football honors of the Western Conference.

LET SHAUGHNESSY RETAIN HIS POST

This talk of the intercollegiate Rugby Union forcing Coach Shaughnessy from his position at McGill is unwarranted. If Shaughnessy can "beat" the intercollegiate rules, all credit to him. Let him remain where he is, and perhaps the day may come when the college rugby authorities may be able to formulate rules that will eliminate interference on the line. Shaughnessy is showing up the flaws in new rules that were thought to be beyond any question. After having viewed the work of the McGill coach, surely the intercollegiate stalwarts, including E. O. Slier and Prof. Malcolm of Kingston, can counter his trick plays. The fault must lie in the present rules and not with the McGill coach.

WESTERN CANADA IN CANADIAN UNION

The Western Canada Football Union held its first annual meeting since 1914 in Regina Saturday. Representatives were in attendance from Alberta and Manitoba. The following officers were elected: President, J. E. Armstrong, Regina; first vice-president, L. S. Fraser, Edmonton; second vice-president, E. S. Chown, Winnipeg; secretary-treasurer, E. Murray-Thomson, Moose Jaw.

The Western Football Union will immediately apply for affiliation with the Canadian Union, and will send a delegate to the annual meeting of that body. Alberta will be requested to produce a winner to play the final championship game of this season on November 11. Everything points to a great revival of football in the west.

TWO SENIOR LEAGUES IN MANITOBA HOCKEY

Two leagues will control senior hockey in Manitoba this winter as the result of a meeting held on Saturday to endeavor to place the senior teams wishing to play senior hockey. The Winnipeg League will be composed of the Winnipeg, Victorias and Monarchs, with a possibility of Portage la Prairie being included.

The Manitoba Hockey League will be composed of Brandon, Selkirk and Falcons of Winnipeg. The winners will play off for the Manitoba championship.

Donnelly for Edmonton. "Babe" Donnelly, the Sault Ste. Marie hockey star, is the first man from the section to join the migration of hockey talent westward. He received a splendid offer from Edmonton and left the "Soo" Wednesday. He was counted upon as the nucleus of a strong local team here this winter. Donnelly was the star defence man of the 227th O.H.A. team in 1916 and was sought after by the Hamilton Tigers.



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NEW QUARTERS FOR COBOURG CURLERS

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The Cobourg Curling Club has shown a very progressive spirit in the building of a splendid new rink of brick and cement, which is nearing completion, and the club expects to have same ready for occupation in about two weeks.

This fine structure will have four sheets of ice, with very commodious well-fitted club rooms and dining room, and it is expected that the rink will be free from debt and fully paid for when opened. The rink adjoins the Cobourg Club, a social organization that has excellent accommodation, reading rooms, cosy fireplaces, billiard and pool tables, etc., and is available to members of the curling club. The tankard games for the district will be played at Cobourg this year, and during the curling season it is hoped that many clubs from other places will visit Cobourg. The following officers have been elected: Hon. president, W. J. Crossen; president, A. J. Gould; vice-president, A. W. Middleton; secretary-treasurer, W. L. Allen.

AMATEURS TO SPLIT GATE.

Serious Charge Made Against Calgary Hockey Officials.

What amounts to a serious accusation has been made against the Alberta Amateur Hockey League by the Winnipeg Telegram. It states that a Winnipeg player has received a wire from Calgary asking him to come west with the understanding that the gate receipts are to be split and the players will average about \$600 each for the season.

Capt. Robert Pearson, M.P.P., president of the Intercity League, is taking the matter up immediately. He says that it will be investigated thoroughly and if the report is substantiated by direct evidence, immediate action will be taken against the local hockey promoter who issued the bid.

"We are going to keep the records of this clean," said Capt. Pearson, "and whenever such an accusation is made we shall certainly probe it to the fullest extent."

The following is a copy of the item which appeared in the Winnipeg paper with an eight-column heading—"Calgary Amateurs to Split Gate Receipts."

"Calgary amateur hockey players will split the gate this winter and expect to pull down at least \$600 for the season. This is the information contained in a wire received by a local hockey player, inviting him to journey west, transportation was waiting for him at the station, and all he had to do was jump on the train and hike west. The player is still here, and the hockey officials have the wire."

FIRST BASEBALL CLUBS

Were Formed in New York, Back in 1845.

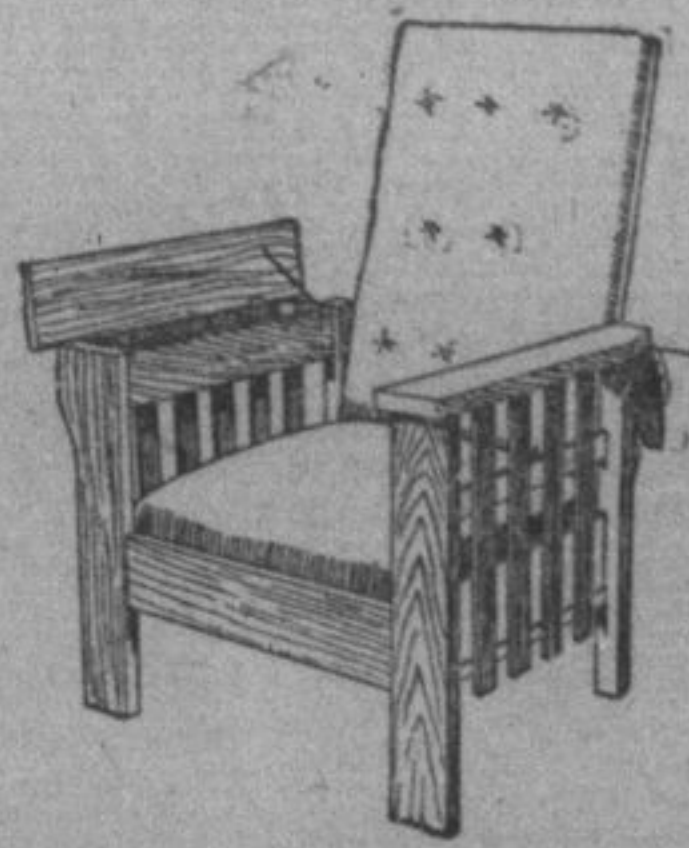
Whether the national game of the United States was ever not developed from "rounders," is a disputed question. Certain it is that when it was first regularly organized baseball was a far different game from what it is today.

It was 74 years ago, on September 23, 1845, that the first baseball club, in the United States, and therefore, in the world, was organized. It was located in New York, and the organizers of it were Alex. J. Cartwright, chairman; Duncan F. Curry, E. R. Duppaignac, Jr., W. H. Tucker and W. R. Wheaton. It was called the Knickerbocker Baseball Club of New York. Another club called the New York Nine was organized shortly afterward, and the next season the summer of 1846, these two clubs played the first game of baseball ever played between two regular organizations. The game was played at the Elysian Fields, Hoboken, N.J., then perhaps the chief pleasure resort of New Yorkers.

In these days, when the excellence of games is supposed to be measured by the fewness of runs scored, and when winning scores of 1 to 0 are not unknown and are highly esteemed, it is interesting to recall that in those early years a very different rule prevailed. Instead of the game being won by the team which scored the most runs in nine innings, it was won by the team which first scored twenty-one runs. It was necessary to make twenty-one runs to win a game. Sometimes that number was scored in three or four innings; sometimes, indeed, in a single inning, and in consequence the game was then ended. On the other hand, a game was sometimes prolonged for four or five hours, through thirty or forty innings, before the requisite number of runs was scored. It was because of this uncertainty as to the length of the game that the rules were after some years radically altered. Because there were nine players on each side, nine was the number of innings determined upon to constitute a game.

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Takes Years to Make Football Team, Says Chancellor Beatty. "Don't be discouraged. It takes years to make a football team. Queen's is sure to come back."

This is what Chancellor Beatty told the students of Queen's University when he was in the city recently, and the students no doubt are thinking about what the chancellor said. The team has certainly been in hard luck so far this season, but it is a light team and the players have not been seasoned, but if they are all in the game next season, Queen's no doubt will be heard from.

Bathless Sport. There is one activity at Harvard where to make good one has to go bathless for six weeks. The great army of unwashed are better known as the cross country squad, numbering twenty-five men. Strict training rules are laid down for the conduct of the cross country runners. No breaking in training is permitted, the penalty being expulsion from the squad. And the most strict rule of all is that forbidding bathing.

It is claimed that a shower, especially after practice, weakens the runner who cover from five to seven miles daily. The ban against bathing is on until after Nov. 27th, the date of the intercollegiate.

Off Deer Hunting. Tris Speaker, manager of the Cleveland ball team, and Catcher Nussmaker, of the same club, along with Morris Ackerman, the fish and game writer, passed through the city last night on their way north for three weeks' deer hunting.

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