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THE MERCANTILE MEETING

New Light Thrown on Matters on Friday Night—Decision Reached.

A meeting of the Mercantile League was held on Friday night in the rooms of the London Life Insurance Company with President Kane in the chair. The gathering was called to deal particularly with the case arising out of the mix-up during the game between Retailers and Insurance on August 22nd.

From evidence given at that meeting, it now turns out that the player who was suspended by the president on the field at that game was not nearly so much in the wrong as first appeared. The umpire admits that he was partly to blame, and the general ragging of both men by members of other Mercantile teams being taken into consideration, the occurrence has been set down to a little hot-headedness on both sides.

However, the action of the president has been upheld by the league with the amendment that the player in question be reinstated if he so requests in the proper manner. The decisions of the meeting were reached in short time and every aspect of the evening's work was very orderly and satisfactory.

PLUMBERS VS. MOVIES

Seven All Game Played on Saturday Afternoon

Plumbers and Movies, famous rivals of their section in the Mercantile League this year, met again at the cricket field on Saturday afternoon, and after a good game, the score stood seven all.

Both teams were crippled by lack of some of their regular players but managed to put fairly strong teams on the field. Davison, Plumbers' manager, took the mound and did good work. Quinn pitched his usual steady game for the Movies, although Manager Whitly was not on hand to direct operations. Gallagher played a new role at short for the Plumbers.

The teams:
Plumbers—McCullough c, Davison p, Fenning and Kennedy 1b, O. Fenning 2b, Gallagher ss, Murray 3b, Coulson lf, McGuire cf, Guthrie rf.
Movies—J. Quinn c, K. Quinn p, Bone 1b, Downey 2b, Compeau ss.

Good Sportsmanship

Probably no other game offers so many opportunities for a player or coach to use unfair tactics in an attempt "to win at any cost." Those guilty of using unfair tactics seem to fail to recognize that the first obligation of every football player should be to protect the game itself, its reputation, and its good name. He owes this to the game, its friends, and its traditions. There can be little excuse for any player who allows the game to be smirched with unsportsmanlike tactics; if the spirit of the club management is sound.

The rules committee has endeavored to prohibit and suitably penalize all forms of unfair tactics and practices. It has also, so far as possible, endeavored to remove special temptation or opportunity for unsportsmanlike play. So far as the rules themselves are concerned, the committee has endeavored to evolve a game that will prove attractive to a spectator's point of view and also give a light, skilful player an equal opportunity of successfully participating with a heavy player who may be less skilful. For the benefit of those who are just beginning to learn the game and those who may be ignorant of what the proper standards are, we desire to publish, along with the official rules, the following suggestions:

Holding.
Holding is prohibited by the rules because it does not belong to the game of football. It is unfair play. It eliminates skill. The slowest man in the world could make a long run at any time if the rest of his teammates would hold their opponents long enough. The game of football is to advance the ball by strategy, skill and speed without holding your opponent. If your coach cannot show you how to gain distance without holding your opponents, dispense with his services. It is fair to assume that he does not understand the strategy of the game.

Side Line Coaching.
Coaching from the side lines is prohibited in the rules because it is considered unfair practice. The game is

Kathleen Finished First In Saturday Yacht Race

A yacht race was held from the yacht club Saturday afternoon over the 7.7 mile course, the start being made at 2.30. Three boats were entered, the Kathleen, skippered by E. C. Gilderleeve, the Sylvia, by William Casey and the Chirya, by A. Dalton. The finish was as follows: Kathleen, 4.22.03; Sylvia, 4.35.27; Chirya, 4.42.45. C. Kirkpatrick acted as starter and George Smith, timekeeper.

INTENTION AND SPIRIT OF NEW RUGBY RULES

C.R.U. Requests All Players to Maintain Highest Standard of Play.

The new rule book issued by the Canadian Rugby Union contains the constitution and official playing rules as revised this year by the rules committee. In addition the officers of the union have inserted an article entitled, "Intention and spirit of the playing rules," which is deserving of the widest publicity. It is as follows:

While we believe that in general the sportsmanship shown by the players of rugby football has improved of recent years, it may not be amiss to say a few words for the benefit of those who are either just learning the game or those who have overlooked or neglected the preservation of the traditions of the game. In order to maintain a high standard of sportsmanship in the game of rugby football, those actively interested in the management of the various clubs should seriously consider their responsibility, as the conduct of a team on the field reflects either to the credit or discredit of the club which it represents.

In some sports it is possible to attain reasonably high standards simply by the adoption and enforcement of rules, but this is not true in football. There are so many men engaged in action, the action is so rapid and so constantly shifting, that it is impossible for any official to discover every possible infraction of the rules.

Announcement that Nationals will have an intermediate rugby team again this season gives assurance of a four-club league in Montreal. St. Lambert has decided to play intermediate, which will give the four clubs to draft a schedule for. St. Lamberts, Nationals, Westmount and Montreal Amateur Athletic Association.

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to be played by players using their own muscle and their own brains. If for example, an onlooker, having seen all the hands in a game of cards, undertook to tell one of the players what card to play, the other players would have just cause to object. The sending in of substitutes for the purpose of giving information as to the following play is an unfair evasion of the spirit of true sportsmanship.

Talking to Officials

When an official imposes a penalty or makes a decision, he is simply doing his duty as he sees it. He is on the field representing the integrity of the game of football, and his decision, even though he may have made a mistake in judgment, is final and conclusive, and should be so accepted. Even if you think the decision is a mistaken one, take your medicine and do not whine about it. If there is anything to be said, let your captain do the talking. He has that privilege according to the rules. You have not, therefore keep quiet and play the game.

The Football Code

You may meet players and even coaches who will tell you that it is all right to hold or otherwise violate the rules if you do not get caught. This is the code of criminals and men whose sense of honor is sadly lacking.

The football code is different. The football player who intentionally violates unsportsmanlike tactics, and whether or not he escapes being penalized, he brings discredit to the good name of the game, which it is his duty as a player to uphold.

Dempsey May Fight Brennan

Officials of the Queensbury Athletic Club, Buffalo, N.Y., said that the club is negotiating for a bout between Jack Dempsey and Bill Brennan to be staged in Buffalo in November. An offer of \$20,000 was made to Brennan as his share of the purse, but it is not stated what Dempsey was to receive. In view of the state boxing board's ruling against large purses for boxers, it was said by club officials that the plans would be revised, and the men would be asked to fight on a percentage basis.

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