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SEVERAL CHANGES IN RUGBY RULES MADE

Holding Penalties Modified and Others Were Tightened Up.

Toronto, April 20.—The Canadian rugby union rules committee met at the King Edward hotel on Saturday in an effort to revise and simplify the rules governing the game of rugby for all Canada. The following members were in attendance, John DeGruchy, chairman; Prof. Malcolm, Queen's University, representing the Inter-Collegiate Rugby Union; Dave McCann, Ottawa, representing the Inter-Provincial Rugby Union; Reg. DeGruchy, Toronto, representing the Ontario Rugby Football Union; W. Foulds, Toronto, representing the Western Canada Rugby Union; Bob. Isbester, Hamilton.

The committee made a ruling that in future the size of cleats that a player may wear shall not be less than 3-16 sq. in. end area, and the smallest dimension shall not be less than 3-16 inches.

The holding penalty was modified to a three minute penalty to the offender and a loss of ten yards to his team, and not loss of the ball as is at present the rule.

A penalty was provided for late starting of games as follows. Where only one team is at fault the penalty shall be the loss of fifteen yards, but where both teams are at fault the home team shall lose fifteen yards and the visiting team may be subject to a fine not exceeding \$50.

A penalty was also provided for an extra man coming on the field, being three minutes for the player coming on and for the player being relieved.

Clause four dealing with "offside" on a loose ball from a fumble or blocked kick was changed, and the penalty provided was amended to read: "Penalty—The side not offending shall have first down on the spot where the offence occurred." The former penalty was loss of ten yards as well as possession of the ball.

A new clause dealing with blocked kicks was inserted as follows: Clause five—In the event of a kick from scrimmage, the ball before crossing the line of scrimmage strikes a player of the kicker's side who is offside the penalty shall be loss of the ball on the spot where the offence occurred.

The O.R.F.U. made an earnest effort to have some change made in the rule governing "Onside Kicks," which would give protection to the half back who is attempting to make the catch from having two and sometimes three opponents charging him in their efforts to secure the ball, but the feeling of the meeting was that if the wing line was alive and well-coached, they should be clever enough to prevent many of their opponents from getting down under the ball that fast.

Several minor changes were also made in cases where the interpretations of offences and penalties conflicted, these did not effect the interpretation, but merely changed the wording in order to make meaning clearer.

Old Country Football

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

First Division.
Aston Villa 1, Preston N.E. 0.
Blackburn Rovers 1, Sunderland 1.
Bury 1, Birmingham 4.
Huddersfield T. 0, Cardiff City 0.
Liverpool 1, Tottenham H. 0.
Manchester C. 4, Leeds United 2.
Newcastle U. 0, Bolton Wand 1.
Nottingham F. 0, W. Bromwich A. 1.

Sheffield U. 2, Notts County 0.
West Ham. U. 4, Everton 1.

Second Division.
Barnsley 1, Southampton 1.

FROM THE OUTSIDE LOOKING IN

The goloshes came in mighty handy on Sunday for those who had not thrown theirs away. You never can tell how long winter's going to last and it might be well to take the tip for next winter and hang on to the overshoes a little longer before throwing them in the ash heap.

On Saturday night two or three baseball adherents were getting warmed up to working it so that the Kingston City League could be started again. Her's hoping Sunday's wintry weather did not chill their enthusiasm too much.

Those changes made in the rugby rules made on Saturday were due. The penalty for holding, that of the offending player being given five minutes and his team the loss of the ball, was too mighty strict, and the rugby heads made a wise move when they modified this ruling and made it a penalty of three minutes for the offending player and a loss of ten yards for his team.

The death of George A. Little of Lindsay, a former well-known Kingston boy, is regretted by his friends in Kingston. Mr. Little was one of the most prominent curlers in the province and was known for his curling abilities in Manitoba as well as in Ontario. Mr. Little had intended coming to Kingston in August to take part in the Old Boys' celebration.

"The Arena's closed a month now and here's hockey weather starting right in again," remarked a hockey fan on Sunday when the little flakes and big ones were coming down the thickest.

Jack Adams says he's going to take another winter at hockey instead of retiring from the game. Why not? Many others are getting away with it.

Blackpool 3, Coventry City 1.
Bradford City 0, Manchester U. 1.
Derby County 1, Stoke 2.
Fulham 0, Clapton Orient 2.
Hull City 1, Oldham Ath. 0.
Middlesbrough 1, Chelsea 1.
Portsmouth 1, Wednesday 1.
Portvale 4, Stockport C. 1.
South Shields 1, Leicester City 1.
Wolverhampton 3, Crystal Palace 1.

Third Division.
Northern Section.
Ashington 1, Bradford 0.
Barrow 3, Rotherham C. 1.
Crewe Alexandra 3, Grimsby Town 1.

Doncaster R. 2, Rochdale 1.
Durham City 0, Hartlepool U. 1.
Lincoln City 3, Chesterfield 1.
Nelson 2, Wrexham 4.
Southport 1, Darlington 0.
Tranmere R. 2, Accrington St. 1.
Walsall 0, Halifax Town 2.
Wigan Borough 0, New Brighton 1.

Southern Section.
Bristol Rovers 0, Gillingham 0.
Charlton Ath. 5, Aberdare 1.
Exeter City 2, Bournemouth 1.
Merthyr Town vs. Bristol City missing.

Newport County 1, Luton Town 1.
Northampton 1, Norwich City 1.
Queen's Pk. Rov. 1, Swindon Town 0.

Reading 0, Plymouth Albion 0.
Southend United 1, Millwall 0.
Swansea Town 1, Brighton Hovs. 0.
Watford 3, Brentford 1.

Scottish League.
Airdrieonians 2, Hibernians 0.
Celtic 1, Queen's Park 1.
Hearts 1, Dundee 0.
Kilmarnock-St. Johnstone not played.

Morton 2, Raith Rovers 3.
Motherwell 1, Rangers 1.
Partick Thistle 1, St. Mirren 3.
Third Lanark 4, Falkirk 0.

Second Division.
East Fife 3, Arthurlie 0.
East Stirling 2, St. Bernard's 0.
Dundee United 2, Broxburn United 2.
Dunfermline A. 3, Albion Rovers 0.

Forfar Athletic 1, Clyde 3.
Bathgate vs. Arbroath not played.
Clydebank 0, Bo'ness 0.
Alloa 1, Armadale 0.
Stenhousemuir 2, King's Park 1.

Rugby League.
Harlequins 24, Headingly 7.
Bath 3, Bristol 5.
Birkenhead Park 5, Leicester 11.
Coventry 22, Old Edward's 10.
Devonport Serv. 6, Gloucester 8.
Northampton 43, Old Alleynians 8.

Torquay 3, Plymouth 8.
Weston Super 6, Pill Harriers 11.
Cardiff 13, Swansea 9.
Crosskeys 20, Newbridge 3.
Llanelli 17, Penarth 3.
Neath 8, Newport 21.

Midland Cup Final.
Birmingham 3, Moseley 14 (at Birmingham).

INSIDE GOLF

By Chester Horton

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It is so necessary in the back swing to get started slowly because a slow and flowing start does two

very essential things. First, it promotes rhythm, since if the start is rhythmic the entire action is likely to continue with rhythm. By the same rule if the beginning lacks rhythm this elusive necessity is not likely at all to be picked up enroute in the swing. Next, the slow start aids the back swing of the troubles that will accrue from a quick start after the quick start is made. The quick start leads to jerkiness and an almost certain lack of control of the club at the top of the back swing, where it must be nicely and thoroughly under the player's command.

OLD HIDDEN BALL TRICK STILL GOOD, EVEN IN LEAGUES

By AL DEMAREE (Former Pitcher, N. Y. Giants)



THE "HIDDEN BALL" PLAY IS LIKELY WHEN BASE RUNNER IS THINKING OF SOMETHING ELSE



Catching a base runner and a

coach napping with the old hidden ball trick is one of the funniest plays in baseball for the spectators, and one of the most irritating for the victimized player, coach, and team. Babe Pinelli, third sacker of the Cincinnati Reds, has been unusually successful in pulling this play in the major leagues. While with the Chicago White Sox in 1918, he caught George Harper of Detroit, Manager Jennings, coaching. Playing with Detroit in 1920, he caught "Stuffy" McInnes of Boston, Oscar Vitt, coaching; just three days later, he caught Same Rice of Washington, Manager McBride, coaching. With Cincinnati in 1923, he caught Ray Schmandt of Brooklyn, Manager Robinson coaching.

Cubs in Bad Luck.
Chicago, April 20.—The Chicago Cubs were dealt another blow when it became known that Art Wels, utility outfielder, is suffering from an attack of scarlet fever, and will be lost to the club for four or five weeks. In addition to Wels, the Cubs are still without the services of Captain "Rabbit" Maranville, who is suffering with a broken ankle, and Outfielder Denver Grigsby, who is out with a broken collarbone.

Tomorrow ought always to be taken conditionally.

Everywhere!

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BASEBALL SCORES

National League.			
	R	H	E
New York	4	9	1
Brooklyn	3	6	8
Pittsburg	3	7	1
Cincinnati	6	9	0
St. Louis	6	11	1
Chicago	0	4	1
International League.			
	R	H	E
Baltimore	8	9	1
Rochester	3	4	1
Syracuse	3	11	1
Jersey City	5	7	1
Buffalo	5	13	1
Newark	7	9	2
Toronto at Reading—called in third; rain.			
American League.			
	R	H	E
Chicago	4	8	4
St. Louis	11	19	3
Cleveland at Detroit, rain. Boston at New York, rain.			

To Work Later.
When President Johnson of the American League announced the umpire assignments for the opening series, the name of Chief of Staff Billy Evans was missing, causing not a little speculation. Johnson later announced that Evans was still on the staff and would get his regular assignments later. Evans, who has been writing sports all winter, said that the omission of his name was due to the fact that his signed contract probably went astray in the mails and did not reach the executive in time.

Olympics in Holland.
New York, April 20.—Brigadier-General Charles H. Sherrill of New York, a member of the international Olympic committee, told the American Olympic Association that the committee had "definitely and decisively" decided to hold the 1928 games in Amsterdam, Holland, and the 1932 games in Los Angeles. General Sherrill deplored recent press reports that Holland would be unable to finance the next contests, and asserted that such rumors were without foundation.

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