Study Shows Football Held Sway Twenty-Five Centuries one town would challenge another which was often miles away. Every

EDITOR'S NOTE

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According to Park H. Davis, formfootball was played at Sparta, in read: Greece over 2,500 years ago. The "And now in winter when men kill English along the border. In the fagame, as then played, was called in Greek "harpaston" meaning to hurl forward. It was played on a rectangular field with goal lines, similar to our present-day gridiron. The ball was put in play by a long forward pass from a player at the center of the field. Any number of players could take part just so the sides had equal numbers of players. The players could kick, pass, or carry the ball. The opponents could With foote and with hande the bladblock, tackle, trip or hold. The game usually resolved itself into a ro a and tumble scrimmage.

Greece, they adopted the Spartan form of football as a sport to make

adopted by Britons and Gaels, and ball was put into pay at a mid-way tweny centuries.

English Called Balls "Pigskins" made from pig's bladders. The ball opponents. was oval in shape and called a "pig-

written four hundred years ago, there against the side of their opponent's or Princeton star and member of is a football poem in which all lovers church. the national football rules committee, of the game will be interested. It Often, ferocious contests were

the fat swine,

great and thine,

cleere and fayre, While it is thrown and caste up in the to the contest in the following rhyme:

Each one contendeth and hath a great delight

der for to smite; And if they fall to the ground they

leap up again When the Romans conquered And this way to labor they count it no payne."

Shakespeare, Chaucer, Isaak Waltheir soldiers bold and hardy. This ton, Sir Walter Raleigh and many game was carried into England by the other noted English writers have givinvading Roman armies, where it was en us many clever allusions to this

sport, for many decades a favorite in "Merrie England". In the quaint old days of football,

citizen was expected to play. The where it has flourished for almost point between the two cities, and the fierce contest would continue often a whole day or until either side landed In England, the first footballs were the ball in the market-place of its

Whole Parishes Joined in Sport Similarly, whole parishes joined in skin," a name still clinging to our present day manufactured product, the sport and the victors were those In the poems of Alexander Barclay who could finally drive the ball

waged between the Scots and the mous contest in 1915, at Caterhaugh, They get the bladder and blow it the Earl of Horn led the Men of Yarrow against the Men of Ettrick, who With many beans and peasen put were captained by their Sheriff, Sir Walter Scott who was an ardent lov-It rattled, soundeth and slimeth, er of the game. Football captain, Sir Walter Scott summoned his men "From the brown crest of Newark

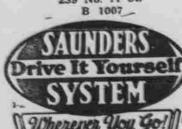
its summons extending, Our signal is waving in smoke and in flame.

And each forester blithe from his (Continued on Page Nine)



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