

NEW RULES FOR FOOT BALL

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In these latter days of the century, when legislators who never saw a ball game are demanding anti-foot ball legislation...

1. At the beginning of a play the ball shall be put in the center of the field and the umpire shall think of a number between one and fifty...

2. Before the ball is put into play after a down, the umpire shall put up his hands and count them off as follows: One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, sixteen, seventeen, eighteen, nineteen, twenty, twenty-one, twenty-two, twenty-three, twenty-four, twenty-five, twenty-six, twenty-seven, twenty-eight, twenty-nine, thirty, thirty-one, thirty-two, thirty-three, thirty-four, thirty-five, thirty-six, thirty-seven, thirty-eight, thirty-nine, forty, forty-one, forty-two, forty-three, forty-four, forty-five, forty-six, forty-seven, forty-eight, forty-nine, fifty.

3. Any player who takes hold of an opposing player's uniform, or who strikes or kicks another player, or who commits any foul, shall be penalized by the loss of ten yards.

4. After a touch-down has been made, the professor of rhetoric shall give five hard words from the back of the book to the back of the player who has been touched-down. If the fullback spells the five words correctly, his team is credited with two points. If he fails on any word, the ball goes to the opposing team on the line of scrimmage.

5. On a "tag" play the member of the team who stands highest in his classes is given the ball to run with. The opposing players must touch him on the back with their hands. If he is touched, he must stop. If he is not touched, he may run as far as he wishes.

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7. Both spectators and players are expected to be quiet during the game. Any player who is noisy or who commits any other offense shall be penalized by the loss of ten yards.

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throughout the season with a bad case of tonsillitis, but he played his position and played it well in it but one game during the season. In the Brown game at Providence he played with fannel wrapped around his neck and a handkerchief over his mouth. He made several remarkable runs, the last of which was nearly sixty yards. Then one of the spectators, noticing the handkerchief, asked Dr. White what was the matter with the player, when he told him that "Great Heaven! What would he do if he had diphtheria!"

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C. J. Hamlin refused \$5,000 for the Abbott, 2:11 1/2, during the eastern horse show.

Muta Wilkes, 2:11, has been sold to a Russian turkman and will be raced in Russia.

Golden Gateway, which the Hamline sold three weeks ago for \$300, cost them \$5,000.

Que Allen, 2:09 1/2, is one of the fastest stallions that has been bought for racing purposes in Europe.

The Axtell horse, Allentel, 2:20 1/2, has been one of the heaviest winners of the European turf this last year.

Think, 2:19 1/2, the brother to Guinette, 2:05, which was raced on the trot in 1897, will be tried as a pacer next year.

Arlecchino, 2:24 1/2, is the champion 3-year-old of Italy. He is a son of the American-bred stallion, Van Tassel, 2:25.

John R. Gentry and Robert J. earned enough this season to pay for themselves, also for the elaborate equipment which Tewksbury furnished for the exhibition.

The racing out on the coast has been as successful during the past seven days as it has been since the season opened. As much can hardly be said of New Orleans, where the management is in the dumps.

The weather has been very bad in the south and the attendance has been poor.

The death of Charles Fleischmann, the veteran and millionaire turkman of Cincinnati, is a distinct loss to the western turf and is being generally lamented.

He put his horses on the track for the pure pleasure of winning and not for the money that was in it. Reports have it that his stable will be continued next season under the management of his son.

Turkmen and sporting writers of this country and England are comparing Sloane with the great English jockey, Archer. The chief characteristics of these two really great

horsemen, their mode of riding, and their phenomenal ability to get the most out of their mounts, may be briefly summed up as follows: Archer, the English jockey, is a perfect hand, and a perfect rider. He has a perfect distribution of weight. The similarity between the two riders did not end in the saddle. Archer's irreproachable breeches, faultless-fitting boots and spick and span make-up are accurately reflected in Sloane's fastidiousness in dress, luxury of living and size of cigars. Sloane, however, has eclipsed all English records by making twenty winners out of forty mounts.

A list of the winning jockeys for the year just closed places Sloane, as far as percentage goes, at the top. The record for the tracks in this country, Sloane had 225 mounts, eighty-one of which were victories. In fifty-seven he got second place and in thirty-three third place. He was unplaced fifty-five times. His percentage is 26.81, or better than one winner out of every three mounts. Sloane had the greatest number of mounts, and the most victories. He was unplaced 194 times. Thorpe is also up near the top, having had 335 mounts, out of which he landed sixty-four firsts, sixty-two seconds and fifty-three thirds. He was unplaced 147 times. Taral got forty-six firsts, forty-three seconds and twenty-eight thirds out of 255 mounts and failed to get a place 116 times. Scherer, Doggett and the two Martins are the others at the top.

The Coney Island Jockey club stakes for 1898, including the Grand National, have been announced, and with them comes the announcement of the closing of the Futurity for the year 1900. The Futurity will be run at the autumn meeting, the thirteenth century will be the first to close, the time fixed being January 4 next. The other stakes for the June and autumn meetings of 1900 are to close on January 10. The most important of these is the suburban handicap, to be run at the June meeting on the famous Sheephead Bay course, at the time-honored distance of one and one-quarter miles. The value of this has been increased to \$10,000 guaranteed cash value, as against \$7,500 for the suburban of last spring. The other stakes are the Great Trial, \$20,000, and Double Event, \$10,000, for 2-year-olds at the June meeting, and the Great Eastern handicap, \$5,000, for the autumn meeting.

Omaha Considered the Best Town in the Western Circuit.

By the time this appears in print it is to be presumed that the Western Base Ball league will have taken some definite action with regard to the Omaha franchise.

Incidentally it may have been noticed that Frank Bundie packed his grip and took a trip to Dayton, O., the other day. While he was undoubtedly visiting that city before he returns it is equally certain that he won't be far away when the league managers are in session in Chicago. He is one of the men who believe that base ball will pay in Omaha if it is properly managed, and he has been quietly working for a western league franchise for some time. Whether any of the deals that have been mentioned are included in his plans is not apparent, but it is safe to expect that if the franchise comes to Omaha he will have some connection with the enterprise.

The official averages of the Western association have just been published and as many of the players are more or less familiar with the local fans their records will be of interest. The batting list with a percentage of .353 in 112 games. Vlasner and Kid Mehlber of Des Moines hit out 320 and 316 respectively and Pate of the Athletics was close after them in the 300 list. McKibben and Letcher tied at 278 and your old friend Hekey dropped in further down with 247. Buck Enright was away down the list with 217.

Among the backstops Dugdale of Peoria ranks first with an average of .972. Bill Bradley is fourth with .952 and Lohman is ninth with .902. Kreig of Des Moines heads the first basemen with .902 and Klusman of St. Joe follows with .884. Fisher of Cedar

Rapids is the star second basemen with .848. Mohler is fourth with .833 and Boright in way down the list with .775.

McCormick and Metz of Quincy lead the third basemen and shortstops respectively and Newman of Hopedale ranks first among the fielders.

Among the pitchers Mauck of Des Moines leads the league in the percentage of games won and Pardee of St. Joe has allowed his opponents the smaller batting average. Carlsch of Cedar Rapids has allowed his opponents the least earned runs per nine innings and Riley of St. Joe leads in fielding his position.

The shaking up in National league circles goes merrily on and the result will be that about half the teams will scarcely show themselves worth keeping out on the diamond. It has been a number of years at least since there has been such a general and promiscuous exchange of players, and the general opinion seems to be that the reorganization will have a salutary effect and that some of the men who were not regarded as worth keeping will do better work by reason of a change of company.

The last and most sensational deal of this sort was that by which Washington secured American Doyle and Reitz of the Baltimore in exchange for McCann, McJames and DeMontreville. This appears to be a master stroke on the part of the Washington management for it strengthens an infield that has been notoriously weak, in addition to one of the best pitchers in the league. How Baltimore expects to profit by the deal is not apparent, but it seems to have been a big slice of money to boot. Here are the trades that have been made up to date, and there are others in prospect:

Philadelphia to St. Louis—Clements, Taylor, L. Cross and Dowd.

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St. Louis to Brooklyn—Hallam.

Brooklyn to St. Louis—Schoch.

St. Louis to New York—Hartman and Grady.

New York to St. Louis—Wilson, Holmes and Donnelly.

St. Louis to Pittsburgh—Murphy.

Pittsburgh to St. Louis—Sugden.

Pittsburgh to Cincinnati—Smith and Hawley.

Cincinnati to Pittsburgh—Schriver, Rhine, McCarty and McCann.

Baltimore to Washington—Dyble, Reitz and Amole.

Washington to Baltimore—De Montreville, McJames and McCann.

And there are others coming.

Every county in Ohio has recently been stocked with Mongolian pheasants. They cannot be legally killed until 1900, and it is expected that by that time the state will be well stocked. The pheasants are said to be thirty times as hardy and capable of standing any degree of cold weather. They travel in pairs and no more than four or six birds are ever put together, thus making them less subject to the depredations of the market hunters.

The editor of a California paper made a great kick in his editorial columns over "the cruelty of leaving Blue Rocks to die a lingering death on the grounds, as none of them were returned to the state." It is in that city that a few partially broken targets and hung them up in the front window and marked them "wounded Blue Rock pigeons."

Rather unexpectedly, Samuel Boyle, captain of the University of Pennsylvania crew, has been elected to go to a hospital in New York to recover from a severe cold which he contracted while coaching the crew.

Joe Dolan of this city, who made a great hit at short with the Colonels during the latter part of 1896 is expected to show up again in good form next season. Last year he was handicapped by a severe cold which settled in his arm and practically crippled him through the season. But the management had so much confidence in his ability that they kept him through the season and now his arm is all right again and he may be expected to duplicate his success.

ALL SORTS OF SPORTING GOSSIP.

Fatalities in the Pursuit of Pleasure or Amusement Compared.

There has been so much agitation of late over the abolishment of boxing and foot ball, because of the alleged brutality of these two sports that it is interesting to notice how the number of fatalities that have resulted in them compares with those resulting from other sports. An interesting table for this purpose has been compiled by Griffen of the Philadelphia North American. This table shows the number of fatalities that have occurred in different branches of sport since 1884 and is as follows:

Boxing 1,526

Boating 1,200

Hunting 624

Horseback riding 581

Bicycling 264

Ice boating 264

Base ball 11

Tennis 2

To this may be added: Hoiking, 12.

This table ought to furnish food for reflection for those who are agitating against the marked sports. The number of fatalities in swimming, boating, horseback riding and bicycling, which are considered the most dangerous of the alleged brutal sports, is certainly much greater than the number that have occurred in boxing and especially foot ball, and then consider, also, that in boating, tennis and golf have had their victims and certainly they are not regarded as particularly rough.

The interest in intercollegiate tennis during the past season has been aroused to a greater extent than ever before, not only because of the fact that the game is growing in popularity in college circles, but also because of the closeness of the deciding games in the tourney.

Yale was expected to win, but the phenomenon of the shut-out in foot ball, Thompson, soon brought him into prominence, and finally landed him in first place. Thompson is by long odds the best particular player in the college circles this year, and greater work is expected of him in the future. There is a rumor afloat that he intends to enter the state and national tournaments next year, following in the footsteps of his eminent predecessor, Champion Robertson, who several years ago won the intercollegiate tennis tournament for his college, Harvard, and who is now holding the international championship honors between America and England.

Incidentally to this it may be mentioned that Princeton's grief over the loss of the foot ball match with Yale this year is assuaged not only by this tennis champion-

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the innumerable moments of supreme enjoyment that these figures represent.

The worst feature of this sort of hunting is the alarming frequency of accidents. Up to the end of November seven men were killed outright in Maine, four in Massachusetts and two in Vermont. This was in addition to the numerous cases in which serious injuries were inflicted. In most cases the shooting was the result of the carelessness which the excitement of a search for big game seems to breed. In fact, the danger from this cause has become so great that many sportsmen refuse to venture into the woods during the best part of the season for fear that some fool hunter will mistake them for deer.

Jack Fanning won another prize for the general average at the Indianapolis shoot last week. The professional competitor was about the same as at the St. Louis event, Hollis Helges, Budd, Grimm, Elliott and others participating.

That was a pretty chunky aggregation that represented Kansas City at Chicago. The average weight of the Kansas City men was just 210 pounds.

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