

CURE FOOTBALL ILLS. MORE DRASTIC CHANGES.

Rules Committee Makes Progress in Reforming the Game.

The American Intercollegiate football rules committee met for the second time at the Murray Hill Hotel yesterday, and after a long session of eight hours adjourned to meet again in three weeks.

Two members of the committee of fourteen were unable to attend, and no substitutes were present. Dr. Alonzo A. Staggs, of Chicago, and Professor James T. Lee, of the University of Nebraska, were the absent ones.

Chairman, Professor L. M. Dennis, of Cornell University, of Yale; Professor J. B. Fines, of Princeton; John C. Bell, of the University of Pennsylvania; Dr. Paul J. Dashiell, of Annapolis; Dr. Harry L. Williams, of the University of Minnesota; Professor James A. Rabbitt, of Haverford College; E. K. Hall, of Dartmouth College; F. Homer Curtis, of the University of Texas; Lieutenant Charles D. Daly, of the Military Academy at West Point, and William T. Reid, Jr., of Harvard University, secretary.

The committee went into executive and secret session at 10 o'clock in the morning, and with the exception of an hour for luncheon worked hard all day over the many knotty problems before it. At 6 o'clock the meeting was adjourned until March 3 at the same place.

First—That the distance to be gained shall be ten yards in three downs. Second—That every player on the kicking side shall be on the side when the punter ball touches the ground.

Third—That one forward pass shall be allowed in every play provided the ball has not touched the ground before being touched by a player of either side, such a pass to be made by any player who is behind the line of scrimmage.

FOR CENTRAL BOARD OF OFFICIALS. The sub-committee on suggestions as to ways and means of appointing a central board of officials, consisting of Dr. James A. Rabbitt, W. T. Reid, Jr., and Professor L. M. Dennis, made the following detailed report:

It is recommended that a central governing committee of three or five, elected to continue in office, be appointed as a sub-committee of the intercollegiate rules body, to constitute a national committee on officials.

Colleges and universities throughout the country be requested to select by joint agreement from this list officials for games, and be urged to complete all arrangements at least two weeks prior to the date of the game in question.

Every college subscribing to this plan be requested to fill out and send to the secretary of the central committee, within one week after the date of the game, a blank statement in detail of the officials of the college as to whether the services of the officials were in all respects satisfactory.

AGAINST UNNECESSARY ROUGHNESS. The rules looking to the elimination of brutality and foul play tentatively adopted at the last meeting were revised as follows:

That the striking of the runner with the ball in the face with the heel of the hand in descending, or the striking of the runner with the locked hands by linemen in breaking through, be punished by disqualification.

SOME OF THE DOGS WHICH WILL STRIVE FOR BLUE RIBBONS AT THE WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB SHOW THIS WEEK.



MRS. R. C. VANDERBILT'S FRENCH BUNDOG DOMINO.

CHUMBER SPANIELS TO BE SHOWN BY D. MURRAY BOILEN.



RED BROOK KENNELS' FRENCH POODLE CHAMPION, SINBAD THE SAILOR.

DOG'S DAY HAS COME. ANNUAL SHOW THIS WEEK.



Westminster Kennel Club Exhibit Bigger and Better than Ever.

The thirtieth annual bench show of the Westminster Kennel Club, which opens in Madison Square Garden to-morrow and lasts through Thursday, promises to be the best ever held in this country. Not only is the number of entries larger than that of any other show held in America, the total being 2,012, but the number of entries is more than ever benched at any other show in the world, not excepting the great show of the British Kennel Club in the Crystal Palace, London.

From the tiny toy spaniels to the huge mastiffs and St. Bernards, practically every breed will be exhibited in more or less profusion. All the champions will be there and many newcomers as well, and the blue ribbon winners of previous years will again pass muster before they can hold the places they occupy to-day as the best of their kind. These are the stories of the quality of this new one of the great points of that, till one is led to believe that the old favorites will have no easy time in maintaining the prestige won in the past.

BLOODHOUNDS AGAIN ON SHOW. Bloodhounds were missing last year from the benches, but this year they will be back again. Dr. Suggs will have a new and better specimen in Dr. Know, while the Westbury Kennels will have a new one, and many new dogs will be on show in place of the old champions. A trio of good mastiffs, headed by Sir Bedivere, are all that are left of the scores which were seen at shows of some years ago. The St. Bernards are a fine lot. Some good youngsters will be there, as well as Walter Johnson's Ch. Mayor of Watford, the Willowmere Farm's Ch. Willowmere Judge and Ch. Baby Beautiful, Mrs. Yello Goff's Ch. Beauty, the greatest in Watford and Ransom Caygill's Ch. Columbia's Hope.

IN THE SMOOTH COATED variety there will be Ch. Newton Abbot Squire, an old friend, and Ch. Dolly Varden II, from Willowmere Farm, and Ch. Bonaparte, from the Rannam Kennels. The Great Danes, those big, clumsy, good tempered dogs, should make a strong display. Among them are W. Nephew King's Lady Sheppard, W. C. Ellis's Dan Dagbert, Edward Bingham's Ch. Guide, Broughton, Miss C. Whitney's Portia II and Dr. Lutz's Infanta Mica. There are also some good looking puppies, which it may be necessary to consider in making the awards.

There are only five Newfoundlanders entered, but the Russian wolfhounds will be seen in numbers. The Valley Farm Kennels will be represented by a good dog as Ch. Duke of Fetic, Macdonald's Scotch Terrier, Servan of Valley Farm, Alaska of Valley Farm and Servan of Worswore. Others will be Dr. J. E. De Munda's Ch. Princess Vedma, W. B. Closson's Sonya and Mrs. Richard Harding Davis's Crossroads Caesar, to say nothing of a lot of good puppies. The greyhounds will include B. F. Lewis's Ch. Lansdowne Hall Stream, Mrs. Philip Bone's Leeds Elect II, Mrs. H. C. Kenna's Ch. Ruffian III and Miss Amelia M. Scullery's Bill of Blue.

PLENTY OF COLLIES BENCHED. There will be a great contest among the collies, for all the old favorites will be on hand, while Pierpont Morgan and Samuel Untermyer have entered long strings, some of which have been especially for the show. Among the champions to be benched will be Greystone Bredalbane and Laurel Laddie, belonging to Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Edson, and the Whistler, belonging to Mrs. J. S. Edson. Among the old English sheepdogs will be Reginald C. Vanderbilt's Ch. Bouncing Babe and the Scotch terriers, headed by the Scotch champion, Ch. Frits III, George Douglas's Ch. Standard, the Whistler, belonging to Mrs. J. S. Edson, and the Waverly Sweetheart, the Fen Craig Kennel's Fen Craig Blue and a lot of youngsters bred in the puppy.

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ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

League Games Postponed on Account of the Snow.

Grounds blanketed by snow for the first time this winter checked the following of "soccer" football yesterday, and interfered with the progress of the championship series of the Metropolitan Association Football League.

The games between the Bronx Rangers and West Hudsons, Brooklyn Thistles and Calcedonians, and Favorites and Paterson Rangers had, therefore, to be postponed, much to the disappointment of the players.

Another important game postponed yesterday was the one between Columbia and the Staten Island Football Club, at Staten Island. The Staten Islanders have made a home engagement with the eleven of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad for Washington's Birthday.

The Bronx Rangers have a date with the team of the steamship Baltic for this afternoon, but will hardly be able to play the game. Next Saturday's fixtures are the following: Calcedonians vs. West Hudson; Paterson Rangers vs. Camerons; Hollywood Inn vs. Favorites.

A number of games with the college teams will in all likelihood be played here prior to the opening of the intercollegiate soccer series on March 10, when Pennsylvania and Haverford will start the ball rolling at Philadelphia. The rest of the schedule for March is as follows: March 17—Princeton vs. Haverford, at Princeton; 24—Pennsylvania vs. Princeton, at Philadelphia; 31—Haverford vs. Haverford, at Cambridge.

"POLY PREP" INDOOR GAMES.

Regimental Relay Won by 23d Regiment Team—Boys High Beats De Witt Clinton.

The second annual indoor games of the "Poly Prep" Institute, were held yesterday afternoon at the 23d Regiment Armory, Bedford and Atlantic avenues, Brooklyn. The games were well contested and the entries numerous.

The interregimental relay race resulted in an easy victory for the 23d Regiment Army team, Sedley crossing the line for the 34 ten yards in front of Waters, who finished second for the 12th Regiment.

The high school relay race aroused the most enthusiasm among the schoolboys. It was one of the best school relay races seen this year. The Boys' High School won, with De Witt Clinton second.

CADETS BEAT YALE FENCERS. Army Team Wins Eight Bouts Out of Nine in Annual Tournament.

West Point, N. Y., Feb. 10.—In the annual fencing tournament here to-day the Cadet fencers defeated Yale, by 8 bouts to 1. The Yale fencibles gave a good exhibition, and all the bouts were closely contested.

In the fourth round, Bedwell tied Willford, an extra minute each way being fenced. Willford got the decision. Endicott also fenced an extra period to decide his bout with Humphreys. The latter won.

The Yale team won Yale's only bout from Dickinson. The Yale team was composed of Bedwell, Endicott and State. Willford, Humphreys and Dickinson represented the army.

ball except his hands or feet touch the ground when in the grasp of an opponent.

IN COLLEGE BASEBALL.

Yale and Princeton Better Off than Harvard in Old Players.

The outlook is particularly bright for some stirring baseball battles on the college diamonds this year. The schedules announced up to this time indicate an active season, and the losses by graduation in the majority of cases were not such as to materially weaken the strong teams which made the fight for the mastery last spring such a memorable one.

From now on work in the cages at the various universities and colleges will be carried on in earnest, and it will not be long before the candidates are out in the open to put on the finishing touches. It looks as if Cornell, Pennsylvania, Amherst, Georgetown and Columbia would be well represented again this season, and it is not beyond the bounds of possibility that one or more of the nines developed may have something to say in the disposition of the so-called championship with Yale, Harvard and Princeton.

It is with the three last named, however, that chief interest lies, as is usually the case, and for that reason the development of the teams will be watched with more than passing interest. Yale seems to have a slight advantage over Harvard and Princeton in the matter of old and experienced players, and will start the season with a particularly strong nucleus of last year's championship team.

This does not detract in the least from interest in the coming struggle, however, as one has only to recall the conditions last spring, when Yale seemed to be hopelessly outclassed by both Harvard and Princeton during the early part of the playing season.

The engagement of Billy Lush for a term of three years to coach the Yale nine means much in the development of a strong team. He will probably give up professional baseball as soon as he can obtain his release from the Cleveland club, of which he is still a member. His success with the Yale team last year will not soon be forgotten.

Walter Camp will continue as advisory baseball coach, an innovation started by Captain Bowman, of last year's team. Previous to last year the captain relied upon a small army of coaches who came to New-Haven to assist or he took practically the whole responsibility upon his own shoulders.

In neither case has there been any one coach whom the captain could consult on all questions which came up, and with whom he could share the responsibility. The new plan will well last season, as, for the first time in six years, the championship went to New-Haven.

As for the team itself, the candidates will be called out for practice in the cage in a short time, and with so many of the old men back there is no cause for worry. All last year's victorious team have returned to campus, and the regular practice was held as usual and a fairly large squad of candidates presented themselves. No really definite idea could be gotten as to the value of the new material, but many of the men showed up good advantage.

The old players who are eligible this year are: Capt. F. O'Brien, '05, shortstop; C. H. Chapin, '05, first base; J. E. Conroy, '05, catcher; F. V. Jackson, '05, second base; E. L. Pratt, '05, pitcher; A. G. Camp, '07, and W. B. Church, '07, second baseman; C. Hulekman, '06, S., and B. D. Smith, '05, outfielders.

All candidates for the Harvard team have been ordered to report to-morrow for work in the cage. The forty-six men in developing the nine, Harvard and Princeton have retained the prospect for a strong team this year are not so encouraging as they were a year ago. Among the other candidates, who were substitutes last spring or who have played on second or freshman teams are A. L. Castle, I. A. pitcher; F. W. Kemble, '08, infielder, and H. Treadwell, '07, catcher.

The problems before the captain and coaches this year will be to fill the pitcher's and fielder's positions to develop the rest of the outfield, which was weak last year, and to find first and second basemen and a shortstop.

The outlook for a strong team at Princeton is bright. Four good men have been lost, however, in the graduation of Wells and Forsyue, the death of Hedin and the resignation of Cook. The difficult task of forming an entirely new outfield will again occupy the attention of the coach, and in this respect the greatest stress will be put on the batting ability of the candidates for the field positions. The infield, with the exception of the pitcher's position, will be filled out.

The battery will probably be composed of the following members of the 1905 team: still in the university, D. Doyle, '05; Captain Reid, '07; Byron Bard, '06; Cooney, '07, and McLean, '07. The pitching staff will be composed of Doyle, '05; Byron Bard, '06; Cooney, '07, and McLean, '07. The batting staff will be composed of Doyle, '05; Byron Bard, '06; Cooney, '07, and McLean, '07.

Candidates for the freshman class will be called out for practice in the cage on Monday, the 13th inst. The battery will probably be composed of the following members of the 1905 team: still in the university, D. Doyle, '05; Captain Reid, '07; Byron Bard, '06; Cooney, '07, and McLean, '07.

FOR THE GOLD RACKET.

Waterbury Beats Hewitt in First—DeVans Wins at Squash.

Tuxedo Park, N. Y., Feb. 10.—In the opening round of the racquet championship for the Gold Racket, held under the management of the Tuxedo Tennis and Racquet Club on the courts here to-day, Lawrence Waterbury, of the New-York Racquet and Tennis Club, defeated Erskine Hewitt, of Tuxedo, 8 games to 1.

The squash tournament was also opened to-day for the amateur championship of America. In the opening round A. L. Devans, Jr., of New-York, defeated William Post, of the Tuxedo Tennis and Racquet Club, by a score of 15-2, 15-6. To-morrow Reginald Fincke, winner of last year, will meet A. L. Devans, Jr.

The squash tournament has been held at Tuxedo ever since 1900, when Eustace H. Miles, of England, won. In 1901 and 1902, George J. Scott took the honors, only to be succeeded by W. P. Blagden, in 1904, while last year Reginald Fincke won. With the exception of Miles, all the others are members of the New-York Racquet and Tennis Club.

Play for the Gold Racket began in 1904, Milton S. Barger winning. Last year Clarence H. Mackay gained the title. R. Moore was marker to-day for the racquet match and Ellis Moore at squash. The courts were kept lively pretty much all day, and the gallery had its full quota of spectators, many being here to attend the ice sports as well. There was skating on the big lake for the first time this season, while tobogganing and sleighing also came in for a share of attention.

The racquet match, which had as principals Lawrence Waterbury, of the New-York Racquet and Tennis Club, the national champion, and Erskine Hewitt, of the Tuxedo Club, was keenly contested. The former won handsily after four games, the first being lost to the Tuxedo player, 11-15.

Thereafter, Waterbury used his cut stroke with oldtime brilliancy, while after the first game Hewitt resorted to a drop service, which only occasionally bothered the other. The scores in this match were as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Player, Score. Includes Hewitt vs Waterbury (1-8), Waterbury vs Hewitt (8-1), and other matches.

National squash championship (preliminary round)—A. L. Devans, Jr., Harvard Club, best William Post, Harvard and Tennis Club, 15-2, 15-6. Hale, New-York; W. P. Bunien, Tuxedo, plays E. Hale, Raquet and Tennis Club.

Gold Racket Championship (preliminary round)—Lawrence Waterbury, Raquet and Tennis Club, best Erskine Hewitt, Tuxedo, 11-15, 15-6, 15-6. First round—Charles E. Sands, Raquet and Tennis Club, plays E. T. Irvine, Tuxedo; W. P. Bunien, Tuxedo, plays J. W. Whitney, Raquet and Tennis Club; C. H. Mackay, Raquet and Tennis Club, vs. Lawrence Waterbury.

KEELER AND HAHN SIGN.

New Schedule for Southern Training Trip of Highlanders.

Because of the decision of Ben Johnson, president of the American Baseball League, to open the season on April 14, it has been necessary to revise the plans of the New-York Americans.

According to the new schedule the team will start on its Southern training trip in the early part of March, and remain for a month in Birmingham, where it will play several games with the Birmingham team of the Southern League. The finishing touches will be put on the team in Atlanta.

Clark Griffith yesterday received the signed contracts of Willie Keeler and Eddie Hahn, as well as letters from "Doc" Newton, Jack Kermow and Tom Hughes, all of Topeka, Kan., accepting terms for the season of 1906.

FOOTBALL WAR ON.

Holy Cross Students Rebel Against Faculty Engaging Coach.

Worcester, Mass., Feb. 10.—Holy Cross College is confronted with a football war. Hostilities were opened when the decision of the faculty in engaging as coach George W. King, of Springfield, centre of the 1905 eleven, was announced. Frank W. Cavanaugh, the coach who practically made football at Holy Cross, was allowed to go.

PRIZES FOR CRICKETERS.

Championship Pennant Presented at Smoker to Paterson Club.

The annual smoker of the New-York Cricket Association was held at the Cosmopolitan Hotel last night, and a large gathering of cricketers enjoyed thoroughly the entertainment which preceded the presentation of prizes for results accomplished in the season of 1905.

The championship pennant went to the Paterson club, which also received the Dewar and Cliff cups, and the eleven gold medals for the individual members of the team.

The silver cup for the highest batting average was presented to H. S. Alexander, of the West Indian club, and E. F. Giddard, of Union County, won the cup for the best bowling average.

Rendle cups for wicket keeping, fielding and throwing the cricket ball, were presented to T. L. White, C. P. Edwards and A. H. Gibson, respectively, while medals for performing the hat trick were given to J. P. Bates, G. A. Breeze, D. A. Gibson, E. F. Giddard, S. Livingston, W. S. Patmore and G. Shaw.

The Columbia Oval club received the pennant for finishing first in Section B, and individual prizes for batting and bowling. In that section were presented to G. R. Stodman, A. A. Thomas, C. Vickers, G. Shaw and A. Gittens.

RACING AT NEW-ORLEANS.

Goldsmith Gallops Home First in Audubon Selling Stakes.

New-Orleans, Feb. 10.—The Whitney castoff, Goldsmith, with Jack Martin up and weighted at 115 pounds, galloped home in the Audubon Selling Stakes, worth \$2,250 to the winner, at the Fair Grounds to-day.

Colonel White was a well backed favorite and finished gamely after a hard race. Lieber was never prominent until the end. Colonel White, Captain White and Decoration were the beaten favorites. The weather was fine and the track slow and lumpy.

The Heaslip Cup, at two miles, and worth \$1,500 to the winner, was the feature of the day. Harry Stephens, who was but little class to the field, yet the seven starters furnished a good race. Harry Stephens, the well backed favorite, won by a neck in a drive from the back of the pack to the front.

PAIR GROUND SUMMARIES. First race (six furlongs)—Lady Henrietta, 103 (Gardner), 2 to 5; won; Gay Adelaide, 102 (Sawell), 3 to 1; second; Mrs. J. P. Smith, 101 (Sawell), 4 to 1; third; Mrs. J. P. Smith, 100 (Sawell), 5 to 1; fourth.

Second race (one mile)—Zick Abrams, 105 (Bell), 4 to 5; won; Our Own, 102 (L. Smith), 10 to 1; second; Mrs. J. P. Smith, 101 (Sawell), 15 to 1; third; Mrs. J. P. Smith, 100 (Sawell), 20 to 1; fourth.

Third race (one mile and seventy yards)—Canyon, 111 (Sawell), even; Sincerity Belle, 60 (McCord), 12 to 1; second; Mrs. J. P. Smith, 101 (Sawell), 15 to 1; third; Mrs. J. P. Smith, 100 (Sawell), 20 to 1; fourth.

Fourth race (one mile)—Zick Abrams, 105 (Bell), 4 to 5; won; Our Own, 102 (L. Smith), 10 to 1; second; Mrs. J. P. Smith, 101 (Sawell), 15 to 1; third; Mrs. J. P. Smith, 100 (Sawell), 20 to 1; fourth.

Fifth race (one mile)—Zick Abrams, 105 (Bell), 4 to 5; won; Our Own, 102 (L. Smith), 10 to 1; second; Mrs. J. P. Smith, 101 (Sawell), 15 to 1; third; Mrs. J. P. Smith, 100 (Sawell), 20 to 1; fourth.

SCHOOLBOYS ON THE ICE.

Brooklyn Skaters Capture All the Races at the Clement Rink.

Brooklyn schoolboys captured all the interscholastic races to-day at the Clement Rink in Brooklyn. The best race was the one-half mile handicap for the Clement Cup, which was captured by Augustus Fevearly, Jr., with a handicap of 80 yards in 1 minute 41-5 seconds.

The one-quarter mile handicap for the Van Rensselaer Trophy was won by Herman Messenger, Poly Prop, (43 yards), from a large field in 48-5 seconds. This is the fastest time for the quarter mile made so far this season.

The one-quarter mile novice, for boys under fourteen years, was won by G. Gebhardt, of Public School No. 46, by a very unequal margin, for interfering with C. Crofts, of Public School No. 41, who was placed first.

The standing to date in the competition follows: One-quarter mile (Van Rensselaer Trophy)—Alfred H. Pomeroy, 51; M. Woods, 52; Norman, 53; Burnside, 54; J. P. Schmidt, 55; J. S. Schuler, 56; H. Messenger, 57.

One-half mile (Clement Cup)—H. Prop, 21; A. Pevsley, 18; L. Faria, 6; Edgar, 5; Baker, 5; O'Donnell, 1; Darcy, 1; Halstead, 1; Schuler, 1; Schuler, 1.

One-quarter mile handicap (for boys under fourteen years)—Alexander Van Rensselaer Trophy—won by Herman Messenger, Poly Prop, (43 yards); F. C. Schmidt, 51; M. Woods, 52; Norman, 53; Burnside, 54; J. P. Schmidt, 55; J. S. Schuler, 56; H. Messenger, 57.

One-half mile handicap (for the Clement Trophy and for boys under sixteen years)—won by Augustus Fevearly, Jr., Public School No. 11 (80 yards); Herman Fevearly, Poly Prop, second; Norman, 53; Burnside, 54; J. P. Schmidt, 55; J. S. Schuler, 56; H. Messenger, 57.

SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS. The national amateur skating championships will be held at Beacon's open air rink, 160th-st., and Jerome-ave., to-morrow afternoon. The races were to have been held at Verona Lake yesterday afternoon, but were transferred to Beacon's Rink because of better ice available.

WILL TRY FOR DIAMOND SCULLS.

Toronto, Feb. 10.—Selby Henderson, the Winnipeg carman, will try for the Diamond Sculls at Henley next summer. He is a member of the Argonaut Rowing Club in this city, and will row under the Argonaut colors in the contest.

"MERCURY FOOT" CARNIVAL.

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