

BASEBALL RULES AND IMPLEMENTS THE EVOLUTION OF THE GAME.

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The first code of rules drawn up to govern the game of baseball was that of the old Knickerbocker Club, of Hoboken, in 1845. Prior to this date the game had been one of recreation and exercise, in which men of mature age used to take part after business hours.

The field was laid off in a very simple way in those early days. After "home" had been located, a distance of forty-two paces was stepped off and the pacer arrived at third base.

The runs were called "aces," and the game consisted in awarding the victory to the side that first made twenty runs or "aces" at the end of even innings.

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But it was not long until it was found that this would not do, and there was in vogue for many years a practice of "jockeying" the ball, as it was called.

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Washington's favorite entertainers, accompanied by an orchestra, will render the latest songs at "The College Inn" every evening.

A low ball was above his knees and below his waist. The last year that this rule existed was in 1857.

The "box" was stationed forty-five feet distant from the home plate by the earliest code and remained there until it was moved to fifty feet in 1880.

The American Association rules of 1884 allowed a batter hit by a pitched ball to take his base, but the league rules did not provide for this until the next year.

The "catcher" was a position of no protective covering of any sort was worn by the early catchers, and those who caught the swift pitchers of those days yet bear abundant testimony to the frightful punishment they took.

In 1884, in consequence of the abolition of the "catching-on-the-bound" rule, a tenth man was employed on the field.

When a survey is taken of the changes that have been made and have received a permanent place among the rules year by year, it is very evident that the things that are very evident, are the remarkable resemblance that the game of to-day bears to the game that was first shown about sixty-five years ago.

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TROTTER AND PACER

Matinees Will Begin Again About Middle of February.

HORSES RECEIVE LONG REST. No man devoted to Speedway events has risen faster in public esteem as an amateur driver than he.

No list of Speedway horse owners would be complete with Peter Loftus left out. As owner of Miss Arcola he has long stood foremost in support of the Speedway in matters of horse, money, and hard labor.

And then there is Barney Dougherty, that true son of the Old Sed and of his father, who long since joffed the saints, but whose ready wit in repartee will not be soon forgotten.

While bouquets are being distributed with such a liberal hand the claims of Louis Hodges must not be forgotten.

Local horsemen will regret to learn that Harry Bowling, of Washington and Leonardtown, who made such a brilliant campaign last fall with Bedworth, jr., is in Garfield Hospital again for repairs.

A meeting of the greatest importance to members of the Drivers and Riders' Association will be held Tuesday evening at 8 p. m. at the Metropolitan Hotel.

The "Old Glory" sale, which horsemen all over the country were for months looking forward to with intense interest, has come and gone.

It is announced that Ad Wolgast is going to build a fine house with the money he has made since he took up boxing.

Stanley Dean, the lanky middle-weight boxer from Philadelphia, recently brought to Philadelphia from Texas, is perhaps the only fighter in the business who wears a gold medal for strict attendance at Sunday school.

Jack O'Brien is pushing the work on his new club in West Philadelphia, and he expects to have it ready to open by the first of January.

Conditions that can be improved upon are herein noted. An athletic field is a prime necessity for training and match games.

Each year the pupils of the schools await with interest opinions as to players who deserve a place on the all-high eleven.

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