Richmond Athletic Association Now Seems Assured

BASKETBALL RULES FULLY EXPLAINED

Director Tousey Compares Collegiate and A. A. U. Rules, Making Explanations as to Differences in Two Sets.

BY FRANK S. TOUSEY.

For several seasons there has been quite a controversy among the few basketball teams in Richmond regarding the correct interpretation of the rules of the game. Some have held that the A. A. U. rules and the collegiate rules were so entirely different that a team coached under one set of rules was handicaped if required to play under the other set of rules. As a matter of fact, there is so little difference in the two sets of rules that a team properly coached under the A. A. U. or collegiate rules will be able to put up a fast game if the coach has taught the men to play basketball.

The trouble has been not with the rules, but with a loose interpretation, that is, the players in a great many instances have been allowed to take liberties with the rules, and those in charge as coaches or officials have allowed violations without protest until the voice of the official is resented, and the players run the game to suit themselves. In the recent Howitzer-William and Mary game neither the A. A. U. nor collegiate rules were observed, and a well-known physical director was heard to remark that he came to see a basketball game, but the contest was a football game under a set of special William and Mary rules.

Below are some comparisons of the main points of the two sets of rules:

Collegiate Rules.

Rule 8—If a player shall, while having the ball in his possession, advance in any direction, he shall be considered as running with the ball. Advancing with the ball in bounds is a foul.

Note: A player who is standing when he receives the ball may step one foot in any direction in starting a dribble, but the remaining foot must be kept in position until the ball has left the hands.

Rule 10—Any actual holding of an opponent, or impeding his progress, shall be considered holding.

Note: Any interference with a player jumping for a thrown-up ball shall be considered as holding.

Rule 11—The interference in any way with the progress of a player who has not the ball shall be termed as blocking.

Note: It is illegal for a player, by the use of hands or arms, to interfere with the motion of another player in any direction.

Rule 12, Section 1—Any act of violence, whether mentioned specifically in the rules or not, shall be termed unnecessary roughness. Section 2—When a player runs into or charges another player it shall be termed unnecessary roughness. The referee shall have power to disqualify for unnecessary roughness.

Rule 22, Section 1—A player shall not run with the ball. Section 2—Kick the ball. Section 3—Strike the ball with the fist. Section 4—Hold, block, trip, run into, charge or push an opponent. Section 5—Use unnecessary roughness.

A. A. U. Rules.

Rule 11, Section 13—A player shall not advance with the ball while in bounds; he must play it from the spot on which he catches it. Advancing with the ball in bounds is a foul.

The A. A. U. rules do not comment upon the dribble in this manner, though it is implied in the rule covering the dribble. (Rule 11, Section 15.)

Rule 11, Section 23 (a)—There shall be no tackling, holding, pushing or body checking of an opponent under any circumstances. Grasping the clothing or person of a player with one or both hands or putting one or both arms about a player shall be considered holding.

(b) The hands, arms or any other part of the body shall not be used to interfere with the progress of a player who has not the ball.

Section 24—There shall be no striking, hacking or unnecessary roughness of any kind.

Rule 12, Section 1—Fouls are classified according to their penalties, as follows (a): general—delaying game, tackling ball, kicking ball, striking ball, advancing with the ball, hugging ball, tackling opponent, holding opponent, pushing opponent, addressing officials.

(b) Specific—Fouls for which players may be disqualified: striking opponent, kicking opponent, shouldering opponent, tripping opponent, hacking opponent, unnecessary roughness, using profane or abusive language.

Note: In all cases not covered in these rules officials are to use their own judgment.

In reference to taking more than one step with the ball at the beginning of a dribble, or in the act of a try at goal, both the A. A. U. and Collegiate rules are very plain on this point, as follows: "A player who is standing still when he receives the ball, may, in making a pass or in throwing for goal, step or stride one foot in any direction and then may jump from one or both feet, but the ball must leave his hands before one or both feet again touch the floor. Due allowance is to be made for a player catching the ball while running, providing he stops as soon as possible."

The majority of basketball players in Richmond have the idea that they are allowed to take a hop, step and jump in trying for a goal. This is contrary to the spirit and letter of the rule, and is considered as running or advancing with the ball while in bounds.

The only difference between the A. A. U. rules and the Collegiate rules, is that under the Collegiate rules, a player who has properly dribbled the ball may, at the end of the dribble, use both hands on the ball in making a try for goal.

It has been generally considered by players in Richmond that to play under the Collegiate Rules allowed them greater freedom in mixing up things in general, and especially unnecessary roughness.

The fact that the two sets of rules are used by teams in Richmond, and frequently one-half of the game played under the A. A. U. and the other half under the Collegiate rules, it seems best for all concerned to become fully posted on what really is, and not to take for granted the opinion of those who do not fully understand the game.

Basketball is one of the finest sports for boys and mey, and it is to be hoped that within a short time that there will be a number of teams in Richmond and that within a year we may have several well organized leagues.

LACKS PITCHERS, MACK'S TROUBLE

ot Any Too Sanguine About Athletics in Spite of Roseate Reports.

Philadelphia, December 30.—Connie ck to-day admitted he is none too guine about his Athletics winning pennant next season, notwithstand- all the stories that he will have best team in the American League. We've got a team outside of our hing staff," said Connie to-day. nnants, you know, don't come easy. main problem will be pitchers. If turn out right we'll be there. erwise we will be lucky to be in running. I am none too sanguine it our success next year."

FILL THIS BLANK, QUICK.

For the purpose of forming a Richmond Athletic Association to develop field and track athletes, a meeting of representatives of every letic organization in Richmond will be held early in January. In der to know at once how many school boys, working boys and young n will be interested in taking part in a big indoor meet to be held me time in February, the following information is desired:

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t school do you attend? .....

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ning broad jump ..... Half-mile run .....

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AMERICAN HORSE MAY WIN DERBY

English Classic Once More May Come to Horse Bred in This Country.

New York, December 30.—Racing experts in England are awake to the strong possibility of an American-bred and reared colt winning the greatest of turf prizes in 1913, the Epsom Derby, by the fact that the only two-year-old of 1912 that has yet beaten the very fast Craganour is Rock Flint, a chestnut colt by Rock Sand out of Trigger, a Meddler mare which Clarence Mackay mated with Mr. Belmont's stallion in 1909, the result being the youngster above named and which in 1911 was sold at Newmarket as a yearling for $5,400. His purchaser was H. E. Bedlington, one of England's most prominent turfmen, whose horses are trained by George Blackwell, who at one time trained for the late Pierre Lorillard and won many races with Yankee horses, and, therefore, is no stranger to their peculiarities.

Rock Flint won, among other races in 1912, the Molecomb stake at Goodwood, defeating by a head C. Bower Ismay's Craganour, a bay colt by Desmond out of Veneration II., each carrying 131 pounds, distance, six furlongs. The third horse in the race was beaten six lengths. Craganour was an odds-on favorite, and there were many excuses for his defeat, especially as he was not before or afterward beaten, and he won six races in all, including the Middle Park plate, in which he easily turned the tables on Rock Flint. But, on the other hand, Blackwell contended that in neither the Middle Park plate nor in his next effort, the Dewhurst plate, did Rock Flint show his real form, as he was easily beaten in both, though in the later race he showed a better performance than in the Middle Park plate.

MANY GOLFERS GO ACROSS THE OCEAN

American Followers of Ancient Game Will Try Conclusions With Englishmen.

New York, December 30.—Those golf professionals who have not gone South for the winter are either busy getting things in shape for anothe rseason or have taken the opportunity to visit the other side, and there are quite a few in the latter class. The latest to sail were Isaac Mackie, of Fox Hill, and Tom Anderson, the veteran "pro" of the Montclair Golf Club. Anderson came to America nearly ten years ago, after having been the greenkeeper at North Berwick, Scotland, for eighteen years. Both Anderso nand Mackie will return about March 1.

Willie Tucker, of Ardsley, was another who recently set sail for Europe. He will visit such well known links as Prestwick, Carnoustie, Troon, Sandwich, and historic St. Andrews. Tucker makes a specialty of the development of turf on golf courses, paying particular attention to the seeds and the nurture of the grass. He expresses the opinion that the majority of the American links have inferior turf, as compared with some of the British courses, due to the fact that many of the greenkeepers go about their work the wrong way. Of course, a great deal depends upon the soil, for Long Island might be productive of different results than New Jersey, while Westchester County might be different from either. Each, therefore, requires study and special treatment. The ideal grasses, he says, are those which are deep in root, with comparatively little growth above ground.

Two professionals who are now at St. Andrews, Scotland, and are well known in this country, are George Braid, formerly at Midlothian, and Lawrence Auchterlonie, who had charge of the Glen View green for twelve years.

WILL MAKE FURTHER PROBE INTO DEATH OF "BOY GUIDE"

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Alexandria, Va., December 30.—A further probe into the death of Patrick Buckley, the "boy guide," whose body was found beside the fire escape in the rear of the old Braddock House on the morning of November 17 last, will be made by a grand jury in the Corporation Court Thursday morning. So far as known no additional evidence has been obtained by the authorities. The same jury during the early part of December probed the case but were unable to obtain enough evidence to warrant bringing in a presentment and recommended that the proper authorities obtain additional evidence. No additional evidence has been obtained, and the matter will in all probability be dropped. One criminal case will be presented to the jury for its consideration.

Coleman—Burnham.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Lynchburg, Va., December 30.—A pretty home wedding took place Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Burnham, when their daughter, Miss Mary Mildred Burnham, was married to Charles E. Coleman, of this city. Rev. Oscar K. Sams was the celebrant. Mrs. Lewis O. Ould was the matron of honor, and Bernice Coleman, a brother of the groom, was his best man. After a trip to Washington and Baltimore Mr. and Mrs. Coleman will live at 1321 Rivermont Avenue.

MATHEWSON AIDS GIRL ADMIRER

Charming Miss Who Cuts Classes to See Him Pitch Receives Reward.

Pueblo, Col., December 30.—Through the kindness of Christy Mathewson, the famous pitcher of the New York Giants, a Pueblo society girl was saved from the wrath of a college principal for having deserted her classes to see him pitch.

The girl in the case is Edwina Vories, daughter of Harry H. Vories, a lawyer here. She is a student in Bemis Hall Academy in Boston, and during the world's series last fall received a telegram from her father, who is an ardent fan, telling her to attend one of the games, when Mathewson was slated to pitch. She "cut" several classes and followed her father's advice.

When it became known that she went to the game instead of attending school, she was due for expulsion. Mathewson's attention was called to the incident and he wrote a letter to the head of the college explaining the matter.

Miss Vories is home from college for the holidays, and yesterday a brief note arrived from the great pitcher telling how he had explained the incident for her, and inclosing an autograph postal card.

WANT UNIFORM RULES TO HOLD

Collegians, With Dr. Lambeth at Head, Confer With A. A. U. Officials.

New York, December 30.—The members of the track committee of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, composed of Dr. William A. Lambeth, University of Virginia; Professor Marvel, Brown University, and Frank Castleman, of the University of Colorado, will hold a conference to-morrow afternoon with Gustavus T. Kirby, president of the Amateur Athletic Union, with the purpose of concurring on a standard set of rules to govern track and field sports throughout the United States.

It is not known just what the committee will have to offer in the way of improvements to the code now in use by the Amateur Athletic Union, which is almost identical with that adopted by the Intercollegiate Association of A. A. of A.

At the last general session of the national collegiate body, held last week in the Hotel Astor, there was some discussion as to the advisability of the I. C. A. A. A. A. making its rules in the running broad jump so as to have them similar to those of the A. A. U.

This would warrant the elimination of that part of the I. C. A. A. A. A. rules which provides "that the ground in front of joist (take off block) be removed to the depth of not more than one-half inch and the width not more than six inches."

In the A. A. U. rule the joist is flush with the ground in front of the block, rendering it less dangerous for the contestant. When any part of a competitor's foot is over the scratch line (the outer edge of a joist eight inches wide) it is considered a foul jump. The A. A. U. rule lessens the chances of a jumper overrunning the block and getting part of his foot into the small ditch in front of the block (as in the I. C. A. A. A. A. rules), which when done is likely to cause injury.

Alonzo A. Stagg, University of Chicago, who was the former chairman of the committee which will confer with Mr. Kirby, was unable to be present at the National Collegiate meeting, but his paper was read by F. W. Merrill, of Brown, who pointed out that Stagg's committee had found that the Amateur Athletic Union's code of athletic rules was admirably adaptable to the use of all athletes in all sections of the United States, and the suggestion was made that N. C. A. A. appoint a committee to confer with the Intercollegiate A. A. A. A. for the purpose of having it make a few minor changes in its rules, so they might conform with those of the A. A. U.

Stagg's paper further stated that it was absolutely necessary that a uniform set of rules be had, as it had been found when an Eastern college held a set of games with one further west there was usually a contention of some sort or other in regard to the manner of point scoring, etc.

Mr. Kirby is a member of the advisory committee of the Intercollegiate A. A. A. A., and it is expected that the N. C. A. A. committee will get his promise to present the desires of the larger body. James E. Sullivan, and others well up in the matter of athletic rules, have been conferred with on the subject, while among the many college trainers and directors of sport in the universities generally there is a feeling that the I. C. A. A. A. A. rules should conform to those in use by the world's greatest athletic organization.

DELIRIOUS MAN WANDERS FROM HOME AND IS STRUCK BY TRAIN

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Fayetteville, N. C., December 30.—Suffering from delirium, David A. McAlister, a prominent merchant of Wade, escaped from his bed some time last night, and wandered four miles on a railroad track, and was struck by an Atlantic Coast Line train and seriously injured. When found beside the track his left lung was punctured. He was brought here on the Palmetto Limited and taken to the Highsmith Hospital, where he is being attended by the A. C. L. surgeon. His condition is said to be precarious.

WILL PLANT COTTON.

Farmers in Williamsburg Section to Make It a Staple Crop.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Williamsburg, Va., December 30.—It is almost assured that from 150 to 250 acres of cotton will be planted in this section next season, many farmers having signified their intention of making this one of their staple crops.

A young mother, with her baby boy in her arms and a weeping girl of six or seven years begging her not to go, boarded the Chesapeake and Ohio train here a few days ago, declaring she was leaving her husband never to return. The scene was a pathetic one. The young husband was not present when his wife took the train. They have only recently moved here.

ORGANIZE "NOW" IS REAL SLOGAN

No Need to Waste Time in Forming Basketball League. R. A. A. Is Assured.

The committee back of the proposed Richmond Athletic Association composed of John Seay and R. E. Bell, of the Howitzers, and F. S. Tousey, of the Church Civic Association, have decided to form a Richmond Athletic Association Basketball League. This is somewhat premature, as the Richmond Athletic Association has not yet been organized, but the above committee is so intensely in earnest that they want to prove beyond a doubt that there is a need for an association to form leagues and encourage all kinds of winter sports, of which basketball is the leader.

It is suggested that a six or eight team league be formed at once. The following teams will be asked to cooperate with the above committee at once: Richmond Howitzers, Howitzer Reserves, Church Civic Association, West End Association, John Marshall High School, High School and Ex-Preps. There is room for two more teams, and those desiring admission to the league should consult one of the committee at once. Mr. Tousey can be reached at the Church Civic Association, phone, Monroe 2654-J, and will be glad to give further information.

The league games will no doubt be played at the Howitzer gymnasium on Monday and Thursday nights, beginning Monday, January 13. Do It Now, is the motto of the R. A. A., and now is the time to do it. A basketball league in the interest of of teams in the city of Richmond has been a long time coming, and the time is now ripe. Captain Myers, of the Howitzers, is delighted to have his men take an interest in developing all kinds of athletics and will aid the new organization all he can.

NEW YEAR'S RACE IS DECLARED OFF

Lack of Interest Caused Officials to Take Action Calling Off Meet.

Baltimore, December 30.—The fourth annual ten-mile Marathon arranged for New Year's Day by the Cross Country Club will not be held. A meeting was held last night at the Cross Country Club headquarters, when those in charge of the affair decided to call off the event on account of lack of interest shown by the local athletes. The race was worked up by competent men, who offered fifteen fine trophies, but more interest seemed to be taken by out-of-town runners than by those who run in local races.

Fifteen entries had been made, six of that number being members of the Cross Country Club. It was at first thought that the college athletes who are now eligible to compete with the runners, registered with the Amateur Athletic Union, would enter the race, but only one man sent in an entry. Clinton Newman, of City College, was the only local college boy to enter the event, and efforts to get more out provide futile.

While six of the fifteen entries were made by the local club, the Athenian Club made one entry, Hooker Athletic Club one, Carroll Institute, of Washington, sent five, and the Washington Athletic Association had made arrangements to have five of its runners take part.

The committee in charge of the event thanks its members for the interest taken by the Carroll Institute, but reluctantly notified them that the event would not be held. The local athletes are being scored by out-of-town athletic bodies and there should be a big awakening here or the sport will die.

The entries received were: Ike Ruth, A. E. Schmidt, De Royalileux, Steve Thearle, John N. Kelley and Baugher, of the Cross Country Club; Clinton Newman, of City College; G. Miller, of the Athenian Club; Robert E. Williams, of the Washington Athletic Association; Frank L. Hale, of the Hooker Athletic Club; Michael J. Lynagh, Daniel M. Healey, John D. Bolac, Francis Donovan and M. J. Lynch, of Carroll Institute.

BILLY LOCKE'S LOSS TO BE KEENLY FELT

When He Takes Charge of Phillies New Year's Day, Pittsburgh Club Will Lose Valuable Man.

WILLIAM H. LOCKE.

Pittsburgh, December 30.—Pittsburgh players, as well as Pittsburgh fans, will miss Billy Locke, secretary of the Pirates, who in a few days will leave this city to become president of the Philadelphia Nationals. The deal with Charles P. Taft, by which Locke will get control of the Phillies, is practically closed, and on January 1 the Pittsburgher will go to Philadelphia to take charge of his new interests.

For ten years Locke has been traveling about the country, modestly performing tasks of a sort that the ordinary man knows nothing about. He has been like the route man of a circus, and only the players, whose comfort Bill always has in mind, know how thoroughly he does his work.

Bill does the thinking for the team all the time, except when it is on the field. All the player has to do is to pack his trunk and Locke will do the rest. From the spring training trip until the end of the championship season, William Henry Locke is everybody's friend, and on the Pirate team he is every man's guardian.

Notwithstanding that he is one of the busiest men in baseball, Bill always has time to do any thing that is asked of him. Surely he will be missed by the Pirates when he goes to take charge of the Phillies.

Locke took up baseball when he was a youngster. When he went to work at the age of twenty-one his father was editor of the Pittsburgh Press. On a newspaper the closest thing to being a ball player is to be sporting editor. So Bill became sporting editor after he had done a year or two of leg-work around the various "routes."

Then for some years Bill got out the best baseball page in Pittsburgh and established for himself a reputation as an authority in all branches of sport. Incidentally in the years he traveled about the circuit he made many friends.

When Harry Pulliam was elected president of the National League, ten years ago, there was a vacancy in Pirate headquarters. Pulliam had been secretary. There were many applications for the position. Barney Dreyfuss chose Bill Locke, and that he chose wisely has been demonstrated by Locke's labors of a decade.

Locke was thirty-one years old then. In ten years he has earned a high position in the baseball world. His business acumen has been used to advantage in the affairs of the National League. He is on several of the league's committees. His suggestions are always valuable.

It was Locke who drove the ticket scalper out of Pittsburgh. When the Pirates played Detroit for the world's championship in 1909 the speculators took advantage of the baseball patrons here, as they had done in other cities. Locke wrote then a ticket-scalping ordinance and had it passed in the City Council. It applies to theatres as well as to ball games and other amusements and killed the ticket-scalping business in Pittsburgh.

It was in 1909 that the baseball writers got their first taste of good management in allotting seats in the press box. In the world's series that year each man got his seat coupon for the entire series, and Locke had telegraph wire service in the Pittsburgh press box that never was equaled in any ball park before that time.

The Baseball Writers' Association liked the arrangement so well that it persuaded the National Commission to let thfe association handle its own press tickets in the world's series thereafter. The result was that there is now no confusion nor any wild scramble for seats, and every baseball writer goes into a world's series assured of a fixed place and knowing his rights will be protected.

William Henry Locke has done a lot for baseball, and will continue to boost the game in the same conscientious way in which he has been going along in the last ten years. Pittsburgh is sorry to lose Locke, but it wishes him luck and success with the Phillies. So does every other man who has the pleasure of knowing Billy Locke.

MANAGER DAVIS SIGNS PLAYERS

Two Trenton, N. J., Lads Agree to Terms and Will Report to Newport News.

Newport News, December 30.—Charlie Zickwolf and Charlie Paxson, two Trenton boys who have been before the baseball public of Trenton for several years as two of the most likely youngsters that city has turned out in several years, have acepted the terms of the Newport News club of the Virginia League for next season. They will come South early in the spring.

John Paul Davis, the former Trenton Tri-State League club captain, will manage the Newport News team next year, and it was through him that the Trenton boys were offered a chance to try for the club. Paxson will try for a regular job on the pitching staff, while Zickwolf will make an effort to land an infield position, probably third base.

Both boys, although youngsters, have shown excellent promise. Zickwolf was tried out last year by the Trenton Tri-State club, and showed up splendidly during the few games in which he played. He was not quite seasoned enough, however, to suit Heckert, and was advised to try another year in the independent ranks. He played excellent ball all last season, and showed Tri-State class at the end of the year.

Bowling

The Palace team won two out of three games last night from the News Leader team in a snappy contest in the Palace Duckpin League. The scores:

Palace.

Players:	1	2	3	Totals.
C. H. Cosby	139	119	97	355
W. Anderson	111	102	81	294
Campbell	83	116	85	284
Measley	86	97	86	269
Brown	95	92	85	264
Totals	464	536	432	1,466

News Leader.

Players:	1	2	3	Totals.
Richardson	105	116	100	321
Cook	78	83	97	258
Barrow	86	97	85	268
Hutcher	86	92	83	261
Blind	83	85	82	250
Totals	438	473	447	1,358

Scorer, Gilbert; foul line, Askew.

Standing of the Teams.

Teams:	Played.	Won.	Lost.	PC.
Journals	27	18	9	.666
Virginians	21	13	8	.619
Palace	27	15	12	.571
News Leader	21	9	12	.429
Times-Dispatch	21	8	13	.381
Alcos	21	9	15	.321

Game Wednesday night at 8 o'clock—Alcos vs. Times-Dispatch.

In the Wake of the Game

By GUS MALBERT

Write it 1913 to-morrow.

Retrenchment seems to be the word in the Virginia League at the present time. Over in Petersburg they held a meeting of the directors last night. The first thing done was to reduce the number of those who sit in the inner councils from twelve to five members. After that had been officially agreed upon, it is understood that Jack Jones, who is still in the quintet, asked for an accounting of the expenses of conducting the club last season. His only reason for wanting to know was that report had it that the Roanoke club was far more economically maintained than the Petersburg club.

Those who know say that it cost Roanoke $5,000 less to carry a pennant-winning club than it did Petersburg to conduct a club which finished only second best last season. Mr. Jones simply wanted to know "why." There were no heated discussions. Everybody was at peace with everybody else, and Heinie Busch was agreed upon as the manager for next season. But in the family group and speaking one to another the directors agreed that spending money was a comparatively easy job, and that during the coming season the shekels would not be allowed to depart with so lavish a hand as had obtained in the past.

When the bank roll's still in twenties,
And the feeds are in the plenties,
Ain't it funny how the diamond stars hold out?
But when empty "tummies" bother
And the sock's without a dollar
They most always come back gladly with a shout.

The hold-out colony is fastly dwindling. It's been rather a hard winter, which may be something of an explanation. Sam Crawford has agreed to come to work at the price offered by Frank Navin, and there will be others soon. Sockless Jackson may be glad to take any kind of a job since Jimmy Callahan told the truth about him. And as for Rube Marquard, well, the Rube may like vaudeville and the gay life he has been leading, but away from the diamond he will always be a frost.

Doc Ayers is spending his Christmas holidays with his people near Galax. The doctor has about convinced his folks that baseball and medicine are not so far apart, and will report to Clark Griffith when the time comes.

The Board of Supervisors of Elizabeth City County has ordered the shooting season closed on New Year's Day, a very wise enactment, and one which should be adopted by the supervisors all over the State. The idea is to conserve game, not to destroy it. The selfish ones may suffer, but the more farseeing will agree that it is better to suffer to-day so that they may live to shoot another day.

A. A. U. rules are to govern intercollegiate track athletics in the future, if the committee from the National Collegiate Athletic Association accomplishes its purposes. Not only should these rules govern track meets, but the rules of the A. A. U., and especially the amateur standard set by that body, should govern all athletic contests everywhere, whether in college or club.

Garry Hermann's scheme to shorten the big league seasons to just 112 games, and after that to have interleague games, each club in the National League to play each club in the American League home-and-home games, in order to establish a real world's champion, sounds good, and may be good, but it will not be adopted for many years. Already the public feels that too much of commercialism enters into the great sport, and such a scheme would tend to increase this opinion. Too many flings at the integrity of baseball have already been made to admit of any radical changes at this time. Better live down the blots of the past few weeks than to take chances of creating more scandal. Let well enough alone in this regard.

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