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Sports

University of California Is Victorious at Rugby

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Freshmen Supporting the Blue and Gold Score Three Points and Then Shut Out Their Old Time Gridiron Rivals.

LOWELL DEFEATED BY THE PLAYERS OF LICK

By Romer Shawhan.

The husky gridiron heroes supporting the black and gold colors of the California School of Mechanical Arts (Lick) administered a decisive defeat to the Lowell High School boys in the initial contest of the San Francisco sub-league of the A. A. L. in North Berkeley yesterday morning.

Boston of the Tiger team started the battle shortly after 10 o'clock by kicking off to Lowell's fifteen-yard line. Lowell tried a couple of straight bucks, but instead of advancing toward their opponents' goal, were forced back three yards, so they were forced to punt. The ball traveled as far as their own forty-yard line, where the receiver was downed in his tracks. Lick gained five yards on bucks and then fumbled. Lowell getting possession of the ball. Then Lowell did the same thing almost. The ball was boot-ed to their ten-yard line, only to be fumbled on by Lick. The straight bucks took the ball safely over the line for the first touchdown of the season. Score 5 to 0. Rodgers missed the goal.

BENNETT USES HIS FEET. Bennett of Lowell then kicked off to Lick's ten-yard line. Consistent work on the part of Bell, Lick's full-back, and Rodgers, a half, brought the ball to Lowell's five-yard line, when a buck by the former took the ball over Lowell's line for another touchdown. Score 10 to 0. Rodgers kicked the goal, making a total of 11 points—all that were made by Lick during the entire contest.

In the second half the Lowell boys improved very much. They seemed to pull themselves together, for the forward passes they used seemed to keep their opponents guessing most of the time. Bennett of the Sutter-street School kicked off to Day of Lick, who was downed where he received the punt. Rodgers of Lick was forced to kick, but his efforts were useless, for Captain Deuprey of Lowell broke through the line, blocked the kick and fell on the ball. Lowell got as far as Lick's five-yard line when they lost the ball.

On the first play Lick's quarter-back, signaled for a punt, but Captain Merrill passed the ball over Rodgers' head. The latter, however, was fortunate enough to fall on the ball before a Lowell man could get it. Touchback for Lowell. Score 11 to 2. This ended the scoring.

The game from this point on resolved itself into a kicking contest, with little individual work. The twenty-five-yard run of Jim Sparks of Lowell and the thirty-yard run of Sobe, and Lick's halfback, however, jived things up. Perry, one of Lick's ends, also showed to good advantage.

The lineup was as follows: Lowell Perry, right; Schless, left; Boston, right; Lick, left; Bennett, right; Fuller, left; Merrill, right; Day, left; French, left; Massie, right; Everett, left; Lynn, right; Weber, left; Ibo, right; Sobe, left; Hamilton, right; Rodgers, right; Sparks, left; Bell, Rodgers, full; Flynn, left.

HAL CHASE WILL PLAY ON COAST FOR FEW MONTHS

San Jose, who distinguished himself on New York Diamond, Home for the Winter.

SAN JOSE, Oct. 13.—According to an interview given out this evening by Hal Chase of the New York Americans, who arrived tonight and was loyally greeted by a host of fans, this sterling young player will remain on the coast throughout the coming season and play State League ball with the locals. This is because of exceptional inducements which have been made by local merchants. Stricklett, the Brooklyn twirler, is expected here tomorrow and both stars will appear in Frisco Pickers' uniform against Alameda. Chase denied the report that he was engaged to be married, but intimated that it was a case of "not yet, but soon." A tremendous ovation will be given Chase when he appears on the diamond tomorrow.

WILLIAMS SECURES MILLER.

NEW YORK, Oct. 13.—Jockey Walter Miller will ride the coming winter at San Francisco in the colors of Thomas H. Williams, president of the California Jockey Club. The contract was made today by Williams with Thomas Welsh and W. A. Stanton, who are in charge of the boy as far as riding is concerned. Williams became deeply impressed with Miller's riding and did not let up in his efforts until he closed the contract. The boy will continue to ride in this section until the close of the season at Benning, at Washington, when he will leave for San Francisco and will report to Dr. H. E. Rowell, who will train Williams' horses. Last year Miller rode at Los Angeles.

BOY "PHENOM" DISCOVERED.

MARTINEZ, Oct. 13.—The little town of Tracy, just across the Contra Costa line, has produced one of the most phenomenal ball players in the history of the sport in this country. The star's name is William Britton. He is only five feet six inches tall and is but 17 years old. In a game played at Byron last Sunday, Britton pitched for the home team and struck out seventeen men in nine innings. Fourteen of them were retired in the first seven innings.

"Good Game," Declares Jordan

THE GAME was a good one and I believe the better team won today. Rugby is an improvement upon the old game and I hope it has come here to stay. From the point of the spectator it is not as intensely exciting as the old sport, but it is easier for the watchers to follow the players. The men today showed the tendency which the coaches have tried to break, namely, the habit of playing as they did in the old game. They employed many tactics similar. The California "scrum" was the best, which, I believe, accounts for the victory in a great measure.



Captains of the Freshman Football Teams of Stanford and of California and Stirring Incidents of the Exciting Rugby Game Won Yesterday by the Latter.

Berkeley Freshmen Are Victorious Three Thousand Persons Watch in the First Rugby Game.

University of California's freshmen football team won a history-making game of Rugby yesterday afternoon on the field of Stanford University. This is the first game played in America in an effort to take from the old intercollegiate game some of the roughness which has crept into it in its present highly developed form. The new game as played yesterday lacks the tense interest of the old style of play which was the image of war without its dangers.

The score was 3 to 0, the California players making their lone goal near the middle of the last half. The score was made on a free kick resulting from a free catch. This try for goal was the third which the Blue and Gold players had made in rapid succession, and was the most difficult of accomplishment. The ball was at the edge of the field on the 25-yard line and at an acute angle from the goal posts. The ball was held by Captain Burnham while Johns did the kicking. A hush came over the spectators as the ball was being delicately balanced on the brown earth so that its flight would be as true as that of an arrow.

The spectators arose to their feet as with one impulse as they heard the impact of boot against pigskin. The ball soared gracefully between the posts and the adherents of the Blue and Gold burst into a perfect frenzy of applause which seemed unending. The cheering had hardly subsided when the Berkeley men had another free kick, this time after a foul. There was not the same accuracy behind this mark and the ball went wide of its mark.

Earlier in the game Johns sent the ball between the posts for Berkeley, but to the surprise of the spectators, who were not up on the finer points of the game, Referee William Unmack did not allow it. In bringing the ball back for a safe kick the players took it into the field placing it in a direct line with the goal. The referee explained that it was the duty of the players to know that this was not permissible and not his duty to inform them of their infraction of the rules.

While the game was a strange admixture of Rugby and intercollegiate football it was an undoubted success from the viewpoint of the spectator, who is not an expert on the sport of the gridiron. It was full of action and the long runs, together with the spectacular kicking, kept the spectators interested throughout the game. As these were the baby teams and both players and coaches are still a bit new at it there is sure to be a marked improvement before the big intercollegiate game next month. There will be time for the development of team work and the other fine points of the game and those who witness it will undoubtedly be satisfied with the spectacle and will not sigh for the departed glories of the old intercollegiate game.

When the stirring contest was at an end the Berkeley students swarmed on the field in keeping with time-honored custom and danced the serpentine to the accompaniment of a riot of sound and of color. The Berkeley drum major in his immense hat led the way, followed by the musicians and then the great winding line of students singing their famous "Boola" song. There was a triumphant note in this which fairly carried the auditors off their feet. Bringing up the rear of this whirling crowd of singers was a white bulldog, the mascot of the Berkeley boys, and all bedecked in their colors.

From the point of view of the spectators the game was a great success, if one may judge by the enthusiasm with which they greeted all runs and good kicks. However, there is not the strain on the people in the grandstand that there is with the old game, due to the fact that the loss of the ball does not amount to anything in the Rugby game, while it is everything in the old game. In the old game the rooters and spectators were held at a very great tension until the side in possession of the ball had gained its distance or been thrown back and the ball taken away. Heretofore one could sit in the grandstand at a college game and feel the

person next to one pushing either one way or the other, in other words, following the movements of the ball. In the new game they are too busy jumping up and down and shouting for the good passes and runs.

It is indeed a spectacular game and one that keeps one guessing to the end. For this reason it should be a very popular game with the spectators, who are always looking for brilliant plays. The one great drawback to the game as it is being played by the colleges lies in the fact that they haven't been able to get the players to forget their old habits in the intercollegiate game. They will insist on falling on the ball too much, when it would gain them more if they would try to dribble it out of the crowd. Again, they seem to find it hard to make up their minds to let go of the ball when in a crowd and try to plow their way through the mass instead of passing the ball to some of their backs.

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NATIONALS UNABLE TO HIT WALSH'S SPITBALL.

CHICAGO, Oct. 13.—Out of a bedlam of errors, long hits, vanquished pitchers and the vociferations of half-frenzied spectators, the Chicago American League team emerged victorious over the Nationals today, 8 to 6.

The Americans won in spite of five ghastly errors, which were accountable for nearly all the runs made by the Nationals. The Nationals lost because they could not hit Walsh's spitball. The Americans fielded like amateurs, and the Nationals, fielding perfectly, batted very much in the negative. Time after time when a hit meant runs, the batters with the impressive averages failed to live up to their reputations.

The Americans began business with vigor. Hahn, the first man up, drove a single over second. Jones sacrificed and Hahn scored on Isbell's double to right. Davis hit weakly, but was safe when Isbell was tagged out between second and third. Roho promptly followed with a double to left. Steinfeldt was apparently nervous and allowed Donohue to walk, filling the bases. Dougherty, however, went out by the narrowest possible margin, and two runs were kept from counting.

The Nationals in their half piled up three runs. Schulte hit safely, but Hoffman was held at second. Chance was hit by the ball and the bases were filled. Steinfeldt forced Chance at second and Hoffman scored, but Isbell, attempting to make a double play, threw the ball into the crowd and Schulte also scored. Steinfeldt reached second. Tinker knocked an easy one to Walsh, who threw low, and Steinfeldt scored. Tinker went out stealing.

The Americans evened matters up in the third. Isbell again hit for two bases, this time to left field, and Davis followed with another scoring hit. At this point Captain Chance substituted Pfeister in the pitchers' box. He began by striking out Roho.

In the fourth the Americans clinched the game with four runs and incidentally sent Pfeister to join Reulbach on the bench. Pfeister allowed Walsh to walk, and Hahn forced him. Jones hit safely over third. Isbell sent out his third double to right center and Hahn scored. Isbell and Jones scored a moment later, when Davis hit to left for two bases. At this point Pfeister went out and Overall went in. He inaugurated his reign by passing Roho, following which Donohue doubled to left and Davis scored.

The American League partisans were fairly wild with delight. The so-called "hitless wonders" had driven two pitchers to the bench and seemed about to treat the third one likewise. The scoring for this inning ended, however, when Schulte scored. Douglas of his shoestrings and caught Roho at the plate when the latter tried to score. In their half the Nationals tallied one run on the misplays of the Americans. Tinker was safe when Roho threw into the crowd and reached second on the error. Davis walked and Kling struck out. Tinker stole third and scored on a wild pitch.

In the sixth Isbell scored on his fourth double and Roho's single. In their half the Nationals made two runs. After Evers and Kling had faded away Overall and Hoffman were safe on hits. Scheckard reached first on Roho's fumble. Schulte doubled to left center and Overall and Hoffman scored. Hahn hit Isbell and was out at first. Thereafter neither side was able to score, although the Nationals looked dangerous in the seventh. Steinfeldt doubled to left along the foul line. It was apparent that Walsh was weakening, and Captain Jones very promptly took him out. White finished the game. He had good control and the inning closed with Steinfeldt on third.

The Americans have now won three out of five games. Tomorrow's game will be played on the American League grounds and should they win this game they will gain the world's championship. Score:

Table with columns: NATIONALS, R, H, E, PO, A, E. Rows include Hoffman, Scheckard, Schulte, Chance, Steinfeldt, Tinker, Evers, Kling, Overall, and Totals.

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Moves of Players in Detail by an Expert.

The freshmen fifteen of the University of California won from an equal number of stalwart lads of Stanford yesterday afternoon upon the Stanford field by the narrow margin of 3 to 0, in a closely contested game of well-played Rugby ball. The game was one which brought out many of the characteristic features of the English sport, and it was regarded by Referee Unmack as a first-class exhibition of the sport. As the rules under which Rugby is played by California and Stanford differ from the rules governing the Britishers, the game was re-

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Referee Unmack Is Surprised

"It was a great game, and I am surprised at the knowledge the two teams have picked up in such a short space of time," said Referee W. Unmack. "To be sure, they have much to learn, but they played a creditable game of Rugby ball. The play differed from the true British game in one respect, however. Under the rules agreed upon by the two universities the ball is allowed to be held and a 'scrum' originated. This does not occur in the English construction of the rules. This resulted in the 'scrums' of today, which took so much time. I have never seen the American game played and can form no comparison. California could not help win; in the second half with the ball given to them for such an easy try for a goal."

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