

DEFENDS "SOCKER"  
FOOTBALL GAME.

### THE SYSTEMS COMPARED.

It is not surprising that President Roosevelt has condemned the game as brutal; it is nothing else, but surely it is not so brutal as it is made out to be. So long enough without being fostered in the public schools. By all means, let us have football, but let us have the game played scientifically to a minimum of danger to the players.

The fact of the players protecting themselves from possible injury in the manner they do, shows they recognize the risks they run in playing the game, and that they are fortunate in playing an international match between English and Welsh schoolboys at Leicester, "A town in the Midland counties of England," that is, a town in England.

After a year's age are under, and a higher expression of the game can, could not wish to see. I mention this to show that the game, when played scientifically, could be played by boys of such tender age.

Undoubtedly there are many boys attending the University of Utah, equally sound in mind and limb, if not so big

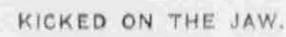


What is needed is a few good English and Welsh teams over here to give exhibition games, and prove the superiority.

ty of the English over the American style of play. It might possibly mean the adoption of the English style, resulting in international games, which would be conducive to the good feeling now existing between the two countries.

Yours very truly,  
A LOVER OF GOOD FOOTBALL.

**WHAT HARVARD SAYS:**  
On the other hand, the Harvard Bulletin severely condemns the present game. The Bulletin says:  
"Something is the matter with a game which grows more and more uninteresting every year; which takes the time and attention not only of players, but also of the undergraduates as a body, until for weeks they talk and



think also of nothing but football, which requires the constant attendance of skilled surgeons to conduct the field where one of the most eminent has called "A hospital clinic," which injures men so that they are crippled for weeks and in some cases made permanently unfit for athletic exercise. There is something wrong with such a game."

"It is the testimony of a well-known surgeon who has coached football teams that the human body is not fitted to endure the game as it is played in the American colleges. If one could see the

straps about the ankles, the bandages on the knees, the harnesses on the shoulders, the padding of all over the body—to say nothing of the headgear and nose guards which we can see, and would then recollect that in spite of all these protections men are injured day after day so that they cannot play for weeks—if one could see and understand these things he would admit that the game was not the kind which boys ought to play.<sup>45</sup>

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