

# News of the Sporting World at Home and Abroad

## BUT FEW CHANGES IN THE RULES.

**Demands for Radical Reform in Football Were Apparently Ignored.**

### CAMP'S PLAN TURNED DOWN

**University of Colorado Gets Out Schedule—Will Play U. of U. on Nov. 4—Madcock Is Interested.**

THESE met in New York recently the so-called "Football Rules committee," originally constituted in 1896 by the University Athletic club, which itself went out of existence some years ago. The committee is limited, self-perpetuating, or association of colleges. It holds its sessions in private, and gives to the public only so much of its proceedings as it deems wise. It met this year to deal with some extremely important questions bearing upon the future of the game, which in haphazard manner, is entrusted to its care. It adjourned without accomplishing any reforms save minor alterations of the rules made necessary by the attempts of coaches and captains to cheat or to take unfair advantages. That there was even a discussion of the vital changes demanded did not become known until A. A. Staggs, the only representative of the western colleges, let out some information.

Fortunately for the reputation of the committee, Mr. Staggs is able to report that there was some discussion of the grave football evils which stirred the public and fell into a universal demand that the game should be opened up, let it all interest and become merely a question of how best to have another around the field. In the west antagonism to the brutality of the game grew so that bills forbidding the sport were introduced in four legislatures, a patent actually being the 20 or more deaths of players during the last season of two months. On the side of the colleges, Prof. Weatherly of the University of Indiana called for the limitation of college games with a view to their ultimate abandonment in their present form. Present Eliot's masterly indictment of the game in his annual report met with widespread approval and no one even attempted to refute his description of the game's lack of moral quality. Since his utterance, college players themselves have taken action against the abuses, and startling evidence of the growth of professional methods has been obtained from one source after another, and has been strongly set forth by Henry A. Needham.

Obviously it was impossible for the committee to sit down to the deliberations without a knowledge of all this stream of hostility to the game. Its members did not, however, believe in more open game to be desirable, or in the words, that the popular demand for reform should be listened to. But when it came to the method of opening up, the committee promptly showed its incapacity by failing to agree on any radical changes, although Walter Camp, perhaps the greatest football expert, offered a resolution that the distance to be gained by teams before being the ball should be 10 yards instead of five. As Mr. Staggs puts it, "After Camp's plan was turned down, a similar fate befell Mr. Staggs' own suggestion that to make the game the defense be weakened and the offense strengthened. Instead, the committee threw some interesting side-lights on the various theories of (1) preventing unfair coaching from the sidelines; (2) stopping the "stealing" of the ball; (3) guarding against a third player speaking on to the field without the recognition of the referee; (4) preventing unfair communication with players by persons pretending to be injured. This, in a game supposed to be played only by gentlemen and amateurs.

As at present made up the committee consists of Robert D. Wrenn, Harvard; P. A. Doherty, Annapolis; Walter Camp, Yale; John C. Bell, Pennsylvania; John B. Pine, Princeton; L. M. Dennis, Cornell; and A. Staggs, Chicago. The west is not represented on this committee except by Staggs, who, by the way, is a Yale graduate. The south has not a commitment, and small colleges are without representation.

It is only a matter of a few weeks before the various "college" teams will be in action in preparation for the arduous struggles next winter. Already some of the universities have made out their schedules. The Colorado schedule, which is of interest to Salt Lake, will be of interest to Salt Lake. The Colorado team will meet the local eleven on Nov. 4. Word was received from Coach Madcock during the week, and the general boys who will constitute Utah's team for this year get together and begin to work. Madcock wants all the boys to take exceptional good care of themselves. He will have good proper football form. It is confident that last season's record will be beaten this season.

Following is the schedule of Colorado "Varsity" team:  
Sept. 25—Sacred Heart College, at Denver.  
Oct. 7—University of Wyoming, at Boulder.  
Oct. 14—Practice game with second eleven, at Boulder.  
Oct. 21—Leland Stanford at Los Angeles.  
Oct. 28—University of Kansas, at Denver.  
Nov. 4—University of Utah, at Boulder.  
Nov. 11—University of Nebraska, at Lincoln.  
Nov. 18—Washington College, at Boulder.  
Nov. 25—(Thanksgiving)—Haskell Indians, at Denver.

**OLDFIELD AND BALD.**  
Characteristics of Ex-Nike Riders Known To Salt Lake Fans.

An unlighted cigar usually sticks out from the lower part of Eddie Bald's countenance when he is driving a car in a race. This is a characteristic of



CHICAGO'S CRACK BACK STOP.

Kling, the catcher for the Chicago National League team, has been doing some excellent work this season. He has shown himself a wonder in the West, and is considered a sure thing. While playing the New York team everybody saw that he was far ahead of the usual line of catchers.

## KNEW FITZ IN THE ANTIPODES.

IN a letter to Little Big Hart, the lastling bit of Aussie activity who was here with Jack O'Keefe recently, Fred Diamond of Peterham, Sydney, N. S. W., grows reminiscent over Bob Fitzsimmons. Diamond knew the lanky one long before he branched out in the game.

"Yes," writes the antipodean, "Bob Fitzsimmons I knew better than any man living. When he was living here he followed his occupation as blacksmith, shoeing horses. He worked for a man named Lapark in Dixon street, Haymarket, Sydney, and was always looked upon as a hard working, quiet, unassuming fellow. He was given to putting in his spare time at Foley's club, adjoining the White Horse hotel, in George street, and was always sure to have a four-round spar with someone, but most often with Steve O'Donnell, who is now also in America. The pair used to make a pretty and profitable four rounds. But that was all there was in it. No one ever thought that Fitz could fight; in fact, he looked such a thin and lanky fellow that most people did not think that he could live long. I remember well the night that he had a benefit at the Empire theater. The house was well giving. Young Griffio a dollar to spar four rounds with another fellow named Jim Dempsey, just to keep the ball rolling and help Fitz out a bit. The chief attraction of the benefit was a six-round go between Fitzsimmons and a chap built exactly on the same lines as Fitz—tall and lanky. I can't recall his name, but he was now Fitz knocked the man out in five rounds. The benefit was a failure in every way, and Fitz declared that he could never again put a glove on in Australia. He kept his word, for he sailed shortly after for America."

## Spokane Fireman After Jim Jeffries.

ANOTHER big man with championship aspirations has come to light. He is only one of the many light promoters are digging up all over the country in an effort to find a successor to Jeffries, the self-styled champion. His name is "Boomer" Weeks, and he is a fireman at Spokane, Wash. Just how big a man Weeks can be seen by a glance at his measurements as compared with Jim Jeffries.

Weeks' measurements are admirably balanced, there being no perceptible difference in right and left arm. On the other hand, Jeffries' right forearm is 10 inches larger than his left. The all-around physical superiority of the "Boomer" over the former heavyweight champion of the world is amazing, as Jeffries has been described throughout the world as a man of perfect fighting build. Lacking experience, Weeks is no more handicapped than was the California boilermaker when he first entered the fighting game some eight years ago.

Mark Shaughnessy has the big fireman in charge, and says he thinks he has a good one in Weeks. "I am willing

to try out with a good big man," said Weeks. "I am not green at the business, but I think I have got a good chance to be a topnotcher. I enjoy boxing—in fact, I have been boxing for the past six years or so, and the game is not a new one to me." If Weeks can get a release from the fire-fighting service he will be taken on the road by Shaughnessy, meeting all comers. They don't know as yet if he will be in Spokane that he would have no trouble at all to get all kinds of backing against either Gus Ruhlin or Marvin Hart.

The following measurements show Weeks to be a larger man than Jeffries in almost every part of the anatomy:  
Weeks, 6 ft. 2 in., Height, 185 lb., Weight, 225 lb., 25 years, Age, 30 years, 58 1/2 in., Reach, 37 1/2 in., 19 in., Chest, normal, 43 1/2 in., 45 in., Chest, expanded, 48 in., 36 in., Waist, 33 in., 35 in., Biceps, 13 1/2 in., 13 1/2 in., Forearm, 13 1/2 in., 8 in., Wrist, 8 in., 25 in., Thigh, 22 in., 16 1/2 in., Calf, 16 1/2 in., 8 1/2 in., Ankle, 10 in.

Barney Oldfield, also. When they were bicycle riders, and had to keep in training, neither of these men ever smoked. Now that they may indulge, they seem to be as inseparable from a cigar as was Gen. Grant. Bald was in the "Climb to the Clouds," up Mt. Washington, with his 35-40 Columbia this week, and had the best opportunity he has ever had to test out his theories on the scientific aspects of hill-climbing. Bald contends that the five points involved in a good hill-climbing performance, though of an entirely different nature, are quite as exacting upon the driver's ability and judgment as is track work. Usually the element of danger is wanting, or, at least, the dangers encountered are of a milder type than those met with in turning corners at a mile a minute. "But the opportunity for great head work is all there," says Eddie. Going up Mt. Washington, however, the element of danger is considerable, and Bald is likely to have learned from the ordeal with some farther ideas.

### "HAS BRITT GONE BACK?"

That is the question asked by Malachy Hogan of Chicago.

Malachy Hogan, the well known fistic writer, asks:  
Has James Britt gone back? Judging from his fight with "Kid" Sullivan Friday night at San Francisco it looks that way. If he has not, then the fight on the coast must be regarded as a hippodrome.

Britt's fight with the easterner lasted the full 20 rounds, and although the "native son" was given the decision at the end he did not cover himself with glory. That he outpointed Herford's

## SOMETHING ABOUT WEEK'S RACE MEET

**Quite Evident That "Knocking" Injured the Attendance At Track.**

### BUT EVENTS WERE BEST EVER

**Local Turf Devotees Have Never Seen Better Races—May Be a Long Time Before a Repetition.**

Just a few words about the big circuit meet which ends at Agricultural park this afternoon.

Through the efforts of W. S. Jones this meet, the greatest ever given in Utah, was made possible. Salt Lake was taken into the Western Racing association circuit. Many weeks ago Manager Jones sent Mr. Hammer to Denver to make arrangements for the shipment of fast horses to Salt Lake. His mission was entirely successful. The splendid trotters, pacers and runners seen here for many years, came on and entered the race meet. Mr. Jones did everything in his power to make the meeting a success. He spent hundreds of dollars to get the horses here and take care of them after they arrived. He hung up liberal purses for each day, and arranged these events the people like.

Now the meet is a thing of the past, and those who attended the race day after day, are free to admit that they were the best ever seen here. They will admit that everything was run "on the level," and that the races were of a high class order, as good as can be seen anywhere. The meet has been a success. Financially perhaps not. There are perhaps two reasons for this. Many people thought the admission price, at \$1.00, was too much. But the fact remains that those who did pay \$1.00 for admission were free to admit that they got their money's worth and a little more.

The attendance was not all that could be expected. The events each day drew a large crowd, but there was a large crowd present but not nearly the number expected. Why?

The hour set for the races was 1:30 p. m. A street wagon advertisement tied them to start at 2:30. With reference to the latter it is said that it was either a bad blunder, or a deliberate move to keep the races off the track. It is well known that there has been knocking in certain quarters, because certain ones could not build down a long time. Here is what the rules and regulations for the protection of the sport. He adhered faithfully to these rules, giving all an equal chance. When some broke away from the track, Jones fearlessly enforced the rules regardless of what any one said. That is right. By doing so he kept the sport clean and honest. Not a word of criticism has been heard up to date. There have been no false races or "rings." The horses ran and won on their merits. The races each day were marvellous. The judges stood for no foolishness. All the events were run under the rules of the American association, and the rules were not violated.

The final and most exciting event, both harness and running, was close and exciting. Several records were broken. The judges had little or no trouble in their work. They were efficient and that not a serious one. The crowds in attendance were orderly and there was never a suggestion of trouble. What more could be asked. Those who enjoyed the races give Manager Jones credit for pulling off the best race meet Utah has had, and they predict that unless the people support the game better it will be a long time before such another meet.

### TRISCO FIGHT TALK.

Something About the Britt-Sullivan Scrap—Future Prospects.

The fight situation on the coast is rather interesting at this time. There is nearly always something doing there, while in Salt Lake we have a match which is a long time. Here is what "Wally" Young has to say about the outlook there:

"These are piping times in local fight circles. It is not true, as some of the two-sided lights as the Ryan-Peterson and the Britt-Sullivan matches come so close together. It is not often, in fact, that such good fights come so close together. The Ryan-Peterson fight, that was a real one, and that matter, but two nights apart, they made up a fine carnival which will be recalled pleasantly for a long time to come by those who follow the mainly art."

Both battles were of a sort to cheer the soul of the confirmed fighter, although the Ryan-Peterson fight was the more of their attractiveness. Those who journeyed to Colma on Wednesday to see the welter-weight contest between Ryan and Peterson saw as game a battle as was ever fought anywhere. They saw the sport of battlers in its elemental, thrilling form; swung along by the tide of events within the canvas, where they noted change and stood there, hatless and wide-eyed, cheering with one voice Ryan's incisive, clean-cut fighting and Peterson's wondrous ability to assume the most grueling of punishment. It was a great battle.

No was Friday night's affair, between Britt and Sullivan, but from a different viewpoint. Britt was never so clever as he was against Herford's boy. In and out with incredible swiftness, ducking and blocking with precision, he fairly played with Sullivan as a child might toy with a doll. And yet at every stage of the contest, that dangerous right hand of Britt was to be fast to avoid it. To men who do not know the finer beauties of boxing, this fight might have seemed tame, but to those who follow the sport and know its possibilities, it was an absorbing exhibition.

There are more to come. On next Friday night Frankie Neil and Harry Tenny, a recruit from the so-called "amateur" rank, will hook up for the American bantam championship. "Fris" will be at Colma. The following week's fight at the suburban club looks even better. It is between Jimmy Granger and Rufe Turner. Granger has a splendid reputation in the sport and Turner has always been considered a fighter of class who might have been a champion had it not been for Joe Gans and for the suspicious promise which certain white fighters have against his color.

Then there is the biggest battle of all in prospect—Britt and Nelson. The regrettable thing about this is that it is only "on prospect." Sam Berger has the two men signed up for a battle in August, but Sam hasn't yet got a permit, and even if he did have, the match would not be by any means a coronation of consummation. This is so because the articles which bind the two men are very flimsy and a disagreement of the division of the prize would knock the bottom out of them.

Coffroth's offer for a 50-round battle in an arena at Colma for a purse of \$25,000 with \$10,000 added for the movie picture privileges looks to be the most feasible means of bringing the two premiers together. Nelson is more than willing to accept this proposition. Britt at present will not discuss the matter on the plea that he is signed up with the Barger-Britt Western club for August. Until that club is actually turned down for the August date, he will be secure behind this trench.

The Britt-Nelson match is quite the biggest thing that the pugilistic calendar and the Britts do not want to get away from them. If they can handle the club's share of the receipts by a Britt-Nelson fight, the fighters' share, they intend to do so. That is why, perforce, Jimmy shies at the Colma offer and is waiting, waiting for a permit—very much like the young lady who waited for the letter that never came.

### WHY THEY UMPIRE.

Question asked Why Some Men Choose That Unpleasant Job.

The average citizen finds it hard to understand how anything but dire necessity can drive a man to be an umpire, says a writer in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. The course, rather than starve to death almost any one would consent to become a butt for the bullying jeers and insinuations of the bleachers, a target for pop bottles and the common enemy of all players.

But it isn't the prospect of starvation that fills the umpire's ranks, for an umpire is not a man who is so brainless enough to get along at some other kind of a job, if he chooses. Why he doesn't choose another more humble, but certainly less terrifying branch of labor is the mystery. There must be a peculiar fascination about setting one's self up in opposition to the world. League presidents are deluged with applications from would-be judges of play.

So far as quantity goes, the supply is greater than the demand. As for the quality, that is another story. The fact remains that there are plenty of good men who seem to prefer to take their battle, murder and sudden death on the ball field rather than enter some quieter and safer employment.

One big reason is that a good umpire makes fast money, enough to keep him comfortably through the winter. Even in the class A and B minor leagues the judges of play draw from \$200 to \$300 a month besides their traveling expenses. That is a good deal.

Then there are lots of men who enjoy the position of authority, even if it is accomplished by the frequent antagonism of players and fans. They look upon their work as honorable, and a healthy love of the game is another inducement to keep at it.

Above all things, an umpire must be strictly on the level. On false move and it is all over with him. It speaks well for the character of the men in the business that an attempt to fix the umpire is rarely thought of—never in the bigger leagues.

### AUTOMOBILE NOTES.

With the Golden tour completed and the "Climb to the Clouds" accomplished, there will have passed into history the most convincing, most satisfactory and splendid demonstration of the efficiency of American automobiles that has yet been made. In combination, as they occurred, these two events, each by their importance, constitute the biggest task that has yet been set by any contest, and that practically all the cars are performing it successfully. Many of these automobiles are in combination, as they occurred, these two events, each by their importance, constitute the biggest task that has yet been set by any contest, and that practically all the cars are performing it successfully.

It is related that a Brooklyn woman, a resident of the fashionable Park Slope section, is devoted to the motor. She has recently employed it when making a change of residence. She removed the chassis of her car and put it on the rear of the chassis the thills of a light wagon. The "trailer" and the platform of the car were speedily loaded with her bric-a-brac and light household effects and driven a few blocks distant, where the "colored gentlemen" employed for the purpose carried the articles into the house. No more expert operator than she could be seen. The car, the platform system, and when she drove her car, it is the subject of much comment. It is added.

It had been supposed that pretty nearly every crime in the calendar had been charged against the automobile, but it seems that this is a delusion. The motor vehicle has offended most grievously. According to Police Officer Maas, hundreds of automobiles are spreading the pest of stopping on the highway, thus blocking the traffic. The motor vehicle is spreading the pest of stopping on the highway, thus blocking the traffic. The motor vehicle is spreading the pest of stopping on the highway, thus blocking the traffic.

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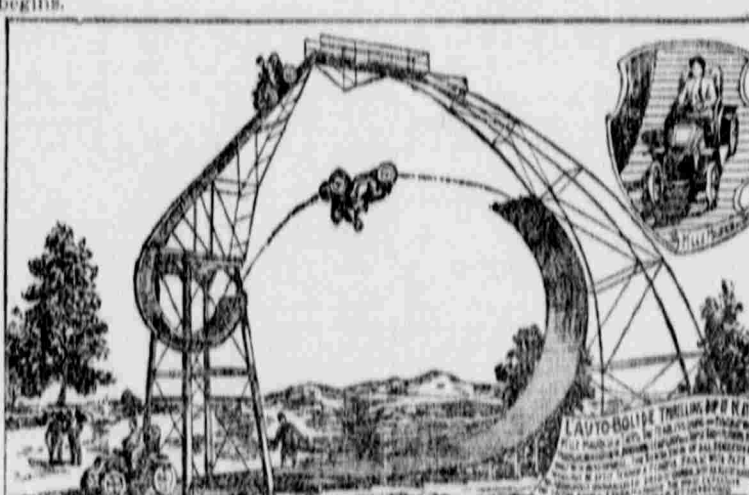
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