

BASEBALL AND ATHLETIC SPORTS

TWELVE CHANGES IN BASKETBALL

Many flaws found by Intercollegiate Rules Committee—Weight of Ball Has Been Changed.

No less than 12 changes have been made by the intercollegiate basketball rules committee this season. Many flaws were found in last year's code, and the men in charge, headed by Harry Fisher, a Columbia college member of the committee, decided that several changes were needed to put the game on a more substantial basis, and make the sport even more interesting. The fact that Harvard has played one part that interested was not represented on the board last year. The most important change in the rules is one relating to ending the ball after one foul. It has been a common practice for most players to jump up to the basket and take one step and shoot. This is now forbidden since the new rule. Precision is made, however, for a player catching the ball after a foul. A foul is now a judgment, and in this case the referee will give the player a chance to show up.

Another very important change, and one that may do a lot to do with deciding the issue in many of the games, is the interpretation of the rule relating to the foul ball. One of the clauses states that the ball is dead when thrown against the wall in such a manner that it cannot get into the court. This rule is made to prevent a player from deliberately throwing the ball against the wall, so that it will spring back to him, one of his teammates in some way, so that he will easily slide his opponent and score. This was a favorite trick of one team that have small swift and many a game has been won by this device.

Like the National A. A. U. rules, the intercollegiate committee has decided that a legal background for the baskets will be legal hereafter. Some of the players already have such backgrounds and find that the game is better than no wooden affairs.

THE OUTSIDE RULE.

The same rule as will be in vogue in the games played in A. A. U. tournaments will hold good for the interpretation of the outside rule. The reason the rule was changed was because it was hard for the referee to determine whether or not the player's foot or part of his person was across the line under the new rules, merely touching the line makes the ball out of bounds.

A change in the weight of the ball has been thought advisable. This was done in order to make the manufacturers live up to the required standard. Last year the requirements were that the ball must weigh 16 oz. to 18 oz., but the balls were light and the standard has been raised to from 20 to 22 ounces, so that the sphere will conform more with the regulation weight.

The rule relating to the spitballs is the same as the A. A. U. and provides that the player shall not throw the ball soon as he stops. The players did around last year's rule by turning and running and thus the officials could not determine when the ball came to a stop. In this year's ruling the ball only will be considered. When this is not in motion, it must be passed or thrown for goal.

Under the new system, also, the referee will call foul on all foul balls on all of the players, while the simple foul on all foul balls on the right only who are out of the scrimmage for the ball. Like the A. A. U. rules, the reason for this is to do away with the tendency for the other players to run, thus enabling the ball to commit a foul. The other rules are the only changes. The other rules will be the same as last year.

GRIFFITH SAYS "SPIT BALL" WILL DIE NATURAL DEATH

Armenians split ball and against the merits of the spit ball will probably never be extinguished as long as the break delivery is in vogue and the cause is still alive for debate. Carl Griffith of the Cincinnati Reds recently became entangled in an argument with the National League. The Cincinnati manager, when in the American League, was a strong supporter of this style of pitching, but a season's experience in the National League has altered his views entirely on the subject.

Griffith, entering the Illinois that the spit ball is 20 per cent less popular this year than last. While there have been frequent rumors during recent seasons as to the popularity of the spitball, the majority of the big leagues would try to stop the "saliva style" of pitching off the hook, and by legislation, Griffith's belief is that this kind of dramatic action will be unnecessary.

The spit ball is dying a natural death, said the Reds' leader, "and within two years time it will be entirely forgotten. All pitchers of a year ago were spit ball crazy, especially the young stars. The first thing they would do is to learn the 'saliva' ball. Many ready curves ignored curves, and straight balls altogether. A few seconds of hunting culmed a few wins and sank into oblivion."

According to Griffith's idea, the pitcher in the National league is, as a whole, far superior to the twirling and spinning of the American, and he added that it always had been that way. He claims this state of affairs is easily accounted for when records show that fully



SOME FAST THOROUGHBREDS AT BUENA VISTA.

Sam Barber, Good Money, John Lewis, Eudora (the Oaks Winner), Rather Royal, Sir Carter, Proper (the Suburban Winner), Galor, Force and Gatos.

Five hundred fast thoroughbreds are soon to be at Buena Vista for the opening of the fall meeting. The fact that the new race course is a mile track brings some of the fastest horses in the country. Some of the owners have declined to permit their horses to race on half mile tracks for fear that the difficult racing on the short track would permanently injure their runners.

In the accompanying cut are shown ten fast horses that occupy adjoining stalls at the new race course. Of these Proper and Eudora are the best known all over the United States. Proper made a famous winning of the Suburban handicap and Eudora won a spectacular victory in the Oaks. Most of the others have been winning races at Santa Anita, Oakland, Seattle, Vancouver, Butte, Anaconda and Salt Lake.

Of the other fast ones at the track Glorio and Jack Nunally are the best known. Glorio has held the world's records for the mile and for the three-quarters. Glorio was the first horse to make a mile in 1:37 3/5. The time has since been lowered one-fifth of a second. Glorio was also the first horse to run three-quarters in 1:11 1/5. Shortly afterward Chapulitepec, the present champion, made the distance in 1:11, the present record.

Glorio will start in the Buena Vista handicap, which will be one of the two fancy feature events of the first day's racing next Saturday. The other feature will be the inaugural purse in which all of those shown in the cut are probable starters.

COMMITTEE MEET TODAY TO DISCUSS FOOTBALL

Whether or not there will be any football games among the grade schools this winter will, in all probability, be decided this afternoon. There is a meeting of the executive committee on athletics of the grade schools for the purpose of discussing the question and deciding what shall or shall not be done with reference to football.

Chairman Coombs of the committee has requested that the principals of schools attend the meeting and express opinions on the subject. Most of the boys are anxious to form a league and organize teams, but some of the principals are opposed to the game.

Griffith, no doubt has the correct line of dope on the subject, and his statement that the use of the "spitball" is becoming less popular, together with twirlers makes it appear that it is certain to be forgotten a few years hence.

SOME REASONS WHY BASEBALL PAYS

The 16 games played in the National and American leagues last summer drew a total of 1,363,227. The American league outdrew the National in the morning attendance, N. 363,227. That's because but two cities on the old circuit staged a. m. shows. They were in Brooklyn and Philadelphia. The National league had the call in the afternoon, 982, against 60,667 in the junior body. More than 20,000 people paid to see the afternoon game between the Pirates and Cubs in Smoketown. The Monday a. m. battle, in Brooklyn, was the largest ever seen.

The American league's big crowd was in Philadelphia, 22,357 turning out to see the Athletics and Nationals in the afternoon. The figures:

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Morning game: In Brooklyn-Philadelphia, 6,000. In Pittsburgh-Chicago, 18,731. Total, 22,357.

Afternoon games: In Philadelphia-Washington, 22,357. In Boston-New York, 14,173. In Detroit-St. Louis, 12,756. In Cleveland-Chicago, 10,661. Total, 60,667.

SENIORS TAKE A COUPLE.

The Seniors kept up their winning streak. The team defeated the Parades twice yesterday afternoon, winning 4 to 3, and 8 to 6. The scores:

First game—Score: R. H. E. Paradise 3 8 1 Seniors 4 10 0 Batteries—Seniors—Harris and White. Parade—Denison and Morgan.

Second game—Score: R. H. E. Paradise 0 5 2 Seniors 11 8 2 Batteries—Seniors—Brinkley and White. Parade—Colton and Smith.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Morning game: In Philadelphia-Washington, 10,825. Total, 65,659.

CHARGES PLOT TO PREVENT CUBS WINNING

Charles M. Murphy, president of the Chicago Cubs, was mad clear through when President Heyder of the National League noticed him that Players Change, Tinker and Steinfeldt had been fined \$20 each. He did not hesitate to charge that "a conspiracy to beat the Cubs out of the pennant" was afoot.

Murphy sent the following telegram to President Heyder:

"Klem's brainstorms in Tuesday's game in Pittsburgh was a disgrace to baseball. If Klem again uses language in the character of his, I shall have him arrested by the city authorities. Klem is totally unfit to be an umpire in the National league."

Continuing the discussion of ructions over the "spitball," Murphy said:

"Overall is ready to make affidavit in Cincinnati make the statement that it would be a bad thing for the Cubs to win in the fall, everything would be done to stop them."

The performances of Klem and Haynes are so rank as to lead to only one conclusion—a conspiracy to defeat the Cubs."

BALL TOSSES TO DANCE.

In the Twenty-third ward hall this evening there will be a dance given by the Oregon Short Line baseball team. The team was a majority of the games played this season and will celebrate the victories. Members of the team which played against the railroaders have received invitations to the dance.

MANTI DEFEATS RIVALS.

The Manti and Spring City baseball teams clashed on the diamond at Manti yesterday and the Manti boys defeated their hosts 10 to 4. The team will play Ephraim today and on Saturday the same teams will play for a ride of \$100.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

Thursday and Friday of this week the English association football team will practice on the field at the corner of Main and Main from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from then on the team will be busy in preparation for games. Unusually, a crack player from the north of England, and Tynan, another English crack, will be the line-up. Many of the old timers are back on the team, and it is sure to be one of the strongest hereabouts.

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