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were winded, dejected and "tuckered out."

The referee decides, in cases of accident, the fitness of an injured man to continue play; if unfit, a spare man fills the gap. Except where there is a bona fide change of residence, a player must finish the season in a single club of a series.

The time allowed for a match is set down as one hour in two halves with a ten minute interval. A match is won by the side scoring the greater number of goals. In case of a tie at the end of the hour, the play is continued till one side scores.

A game is started by facing the puck, technically a *bully*, at the centre of the rink, a player from each side puts his stick beside the puck which thus lies between them lying on its flat surface. At the word "play" from the referee the sticks are raised, hit on the ice simultaneously, then clapped together above the puck. This manœuvre having been repeated three times they scramble for it, the successful player passes back, and the game is started.

When the puck is driven off the ice it is out of play, and play is resumed by "a bully" five yards directly out from the point on side or end where the rubber crossed the boundary; play is resumed in this way after a foul also.

A player is "off side" when he is

nearer his opponent's goal than the one on his own side who has the puck, and must not hit it till after it has been touched by an opponent.

This rule is taken from Rugby football and is an improvement in a fast game like Hockey. For rough play a man is warned, and if he persists is ruled off for the rest of the match.

In spite of the "off side rule" the game is very fast and interesting throughout, while some of the rallies in front of the goals, with their hair breadth escapes, rouse the wildest enthusiasm. "Why don't they all knock it the one way," a young lady remarked after a shot had been cleverly stopped. "That's why they can't get it through," she added in triumph.

Hockey in England is a field game and differs from Association Football only in the fact that it is played with a small ball and stick with a crook at the end instead of with a large ball and the feet.

The field is a parallelogram one hundred yards by fifty broad. The goal posts are twelve feet apart. The object is, of course, to drive a cricket ball, painted white, through the opponents' goal.

The play is as yet largely experimental, because its popularity is of comparatively



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