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FOOTBALL ORIGIN OF INTEREST TO LOVERS OF SPORT

Name Occurs in History Before That of Any Other Athletic Sport

(By T. S. Davies)

It is to me, and has been for some years, a most fascinating hobby to study the origin, history and developments of athletic games, and also the efforts to originate a set code of rules, until they reached their present day completeness.

Since coming to Canada, I have primarily centered my interests on association football, and therefore it is fitting and proper that the grand old game of Soccer should receive first consideration at my hands.

It must be gratifying to those who have during the past decade or so, lent their energies to the task of popularizing the game of association football in this city and district, to have undoubted evidence of a decided increase in the number of its votaries, especially so among native born Canadians. More gratifying still must be the fact that these new recruits are taking their place in the first ranks of soccer enthusiasts.

It will be interesting to these latter, who are new to the game as well as to old time followers to have placed before them, if only very briefly, some facts in connection with the rise of the game from a very crude stage to its present world-wide popularity.

While history bears no record of Great Britain having been the birth place of association football, it may be asserted without fear of contradiction that it was undoubtedly its nursery and home.

From the earliest time games with a ball were no doubt popular as history bears record of such being indulged in by the Greeks and Romans. The Greeks had a game, which consisted simply of throwing the ball from one player to another and also one in which the ball was thrown from player to player with tricks and feints. These had very little resemblance to football. There was, however, a game played by the Romans called "harpastimi" in which the players divided into two bands strove to carry the ball over two lines. While there is no evidence to prove that the Romans introduced this game into England it is very probable that they did so and that it was the forerunner of English football.

There is no possibility of doubt that whatever the precise origin of the game of football, it was known at a very early time in England, as its name occurs in history before that of any other athletic sport, which is popular at the present day.

We find football mentioned as being played as early as the year 1175, by London school boys. Then in 1314 history states that King Edward II forbade it being played as the result of a petition of the citizens of London. In 1349, King Edward III put a ban on the game as it interfered with the practice of archery.

It is interesting to notice that Shrove Tuesday seemed to be the most favored day, the game was played between two parishes, or villages, in which all the able-bodied men took part, and very often lost the major portion of a day. In all these early contests the element of danger both to life and property was considerable.

In the times of Henry IV, A.D. 1410, Richard II and James II of Scotland endeavored by proclamation the imposition of fines and imprisonment to stop the game, but without avail, it being played to a very great extent in the reign of Elizabeth. In 1681 we find Charles II making a match between two servants and those of the Duke of Albevalrie. During these times there was practically no opportunity for the working classes to indulge their liking for football save on Sundays, as there was no half-holidays or daylight saving or eight hour days then. This desecration of the Sabbath provoked the wrath of the religious people of the time.

Towards the end of the 18th century, football waned in popularity, and between the years 1820 and 1840 it was hardly ever played.

Out of the chaos of which the preceding extracts give but a brief outline the game shaped itself through the centuries. Out of the aimless violence and multitudinous scrambles of which history bears many records, came the well ordered and enjoyable game as we know it today. It is to the public schools such as Eton, Harvard and Rugby, who in 1846 decided to resume this game that the development of association football is due.

Previous to the year 1846 there was practically no set rules for the game. In this year an attempt was made by Cambridge to originate a code of rules to enable old boys to play together, and between this date and the year 1863 unsuccessful attempts were made to reduce the numerous school rules to one satisfactory code.

In 1863 the Football Association was formed and gradually assumed control of association football over which it now has supreme authority in England. Similar associations govern the game in Scotland, Ireland and Wales. The most

SPORT PROGRAM FOR WEEK END

Following is the sport program for the week end:
FRIDAY, 6th
Football
Victoria-High Boy Scouts—No. 1 vs. No. 18.

Baseball
S.S. Athletic Church League Junior "B"—Highland Park vs. Westminster.
S.S. Athletic Church League Intermediate—S.S. Baptist vs. McDougall.
Golf links (East) Junior "B"—1st Baptist vs. Robertson.

Golf links (West) Senior—Robertson vs. Presbyterian.
SATURDAY 7th
Baseball
Diamond Park 2:15 Senior League—K.C.'s vs. Grotto.
Diamond Park 4:15 Mercantile—N.V. Biscuit vs. Journal.
Patricia Square Church League Junior "B"—Westmount vs. Excellence.
Oliver School Church League—Tigers vs. Norwood.

Football
Diamond Park 7:30 Senior League—Canucks vs. C.N.R.
C. M. SMAIL,
Sport Supervisor.

MUCH TOURING IS PREDICTED FOR COMING SEASON

There will be more motoring for recreation over the highways of the country this coming season than ever before in the history of the automobile, is the prediction of the officials and road experts of the Ontario Motor League. Its touring bureaus report a steadily increasing number of inquiries regarding pleasure tours for long distances, among them being many requests for transcontinental road information.

A large amount of information about present road conditions, hotel and garage accommodations, and scenic and historic features has been collected especially from the western sections of the country.

SAN FRANCISCO CEMETERY WORKERS NOT DEAD YET

After a struggle lasting five weeks Cemetery Workers Union at San Francisco, Cal., won its demand for increased pay, which is fixed at \$5 a day. The strike was declared after negotiations extending over a period of eight months had failed of results, one of the cemetery companies in the meantime having granted the demands of the workers.

IMPOSSIBLE TO BEAT THE TRADE UNIONIST

One of the pleasantest thoughts which comes to those who endeavor to keep on using our old and well-known shibboleth, is that Trades' Union members have an unfailing amount of confidence in gaining success in the end. They decline to be "stalled," they refuse to be "stuck" and keep going when workers of other trades pull out the what's the users' sign of distress and land upon the quitters' bench.

important competition, because open to all clubs, is the English Cup, instituted in 1871. The Scottish Cup competition was instituted in 1873. Ireland and Wales have similar competitions.

The English League was formed in 1888, the Scottish League in 1890. Besides these there are numerous other union professional and amateur leagues, all playing a first class brand of football and having their particular following.

Association football was previous to the war being played practically in every country in the world, and as the outcome there was formed the "La Federation Internationale de Football Association." All countries including Canada and the United States are members of this International body. Association football everywhere is played according to the laws promulgated by the International Football Board and the articles of their constitution are included and accepted in toto by all associations governing association football throughout the world.

There are other phases of historic interest which I would like to have referred to in this article. As they have special reference to the laws of the game it will be my privilege to refer to them as occasion arises.

The next article will be about "Laws."

AMATEUR CARDS FOR ATHLETES NOW AVAILABLE

Cards Are Good Until December 31, 1919, and Cost Twenty-five Cents Each

Leroy J. Chown, Secretary of the Alberta Branch A.A.U. of Canada, has forwarded to the Assistant Secretary at Edmonton a supply of amateur cards for athletes of the northern district. Every athlete competing with clubs affiliated with the Alberta branch in games where a gate or collection is charged must secure one of these cards. Same are good until December 31st, 1919, and cost twenty-five cents apiece. Following the ruling made at the recent general meeting they are available to all athletes who have not infringed upon amateurism since May 17th, 1919. Club secretaries may secure cards for their players from G. R. Jackson at the Y.M.C.A., Joseph Driscoll at McGill & Driscoll's, or F. H. McPherson at the Journal office. Affiliated clubs and leagues who have not yet paid their annual fee for 1919 are asked to forward same at the earliest opportunity to the Assistant Secretary.

E.A.A.A. DECIDES TO HOLD TWO BIG SPORTING EVENTS

Two big sports meets will be held in Edmonton this summer. The first meet will be held on July 1st, and the second on the civic holiday. The decision to hold these meets was made at a meeting of the executive of the Edmonton Amateur Athletic Association held in the Y.M.C.A., Monday night. The first meet will probably be held on the south side athletic grounds. The second promises to be the main sporting event of the season, it being open to athletes from any part of Alberta, providing they can produce an amateur card.

ROCKEFELLER SUBSIDY WORKERS DEMAND EQUALITY

The Rockefeller "union" is headed the way of all trade union substitutes, and has been rejected by local employees of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, a Rockefeller subsidiary.

The Sopris workers show by this declaration that this scheme was forced on them: "That the aforesaid company permit their employees at the mines to hold an election without interference by officials of the company, where a vote will be taken to determine whether or not we will continue to work under the representation plan as now in vogue."

These employees call on all workers employed by the company, "individually and collectively, to join with us in demanding that we be accorded the same treatment as the great majority of the coal miners of the United States are now enjoying."

Copies of the resolutions have been forwarded to officers of the company, to John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and to the United Mine Worker, official magazine of the United Mine Workers.

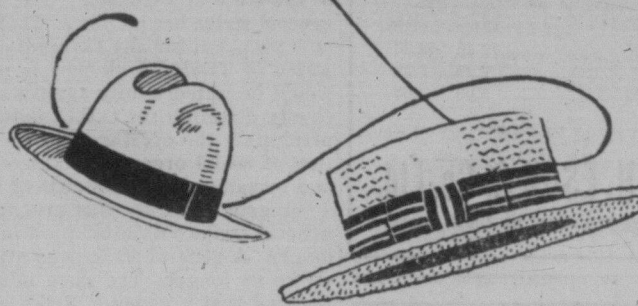
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Growth of Trades Unions in Washington, D.C., Shows Increase

President Luther C. Steward, of the National Federation of Federal Employees, of Washington, D.C., in commenting on the growth of trades unions in Washington, said:

"The government workers are by far the largest element of the population of Washington and the four local unions of the national federation include a membership, which is approximately 25,000. To these are to be added the organized trades employed in both government and private establishments, the school teachers, who are 80 per cent. organized, the railroad office workers, who are several thousand strong in this city, the city firemen; school custodians and janitors; making a probable percentage of one person in every five residents of the city, now carrying union cards."

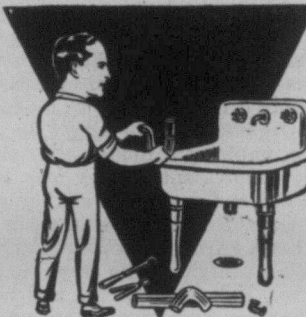
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