

SIDE LIGHTS ON  
MANY SPORTSALL THE NEWS  
THAT IS NEWS

## A DAY IN THE SPORTING WORLD

RADICAL REVISION IN POOR SPORT AT  
FOOTBALL PROMISED

Stagg, Dudley and Savage Ap-  
pointed to Formulate Changes  
in Rules.

## TACKLING BANE OF GAME

National Committee Abolishes the  
"High Dive"—Four Periods  
Favored.

New York, Feb. 5.—A radical revision of football is under advisement by the intercollegiate rules committee in charge. Greater safety for the player and more variety for the spectator are felt to be essential if the game is to be permitted to live by public opinion.

The rules committee adjourned tonight until March 25, after appointing a sub-committee to consider three plans of reorganization. The sub-committee is composed of A. A. Stagg, University of Chicago, Dr. W. L. Dudley, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., and O. W. Savage, Oberlin, Ohio. When the rules committee reconvenes it will pass finally on the recommendations decided upon in the meantime by the sub-committee.

In the main, the committee now feels that injuries to players are largely due to so much as to mass plays as to savage tackles.

Three Plans Suggested.

The three plans upon which the sub-committee will report provide in substance for the following changes of alignment and play:

- 1.—Seven men on the scrimmage line.
- 2.—No pushing or pulling of the ball with the ball.
- 3.—Prohibition of diving tackles.
- 4.—Ends going down the field not to be body checked.
- 5.—Players going down the field under a punt not to approach nearer than five yards to catcher or punter until he has touched the ball, and then not to tackle him or charge forward unless he starts to run with the ball.
- 6.—Eliminate on-side kicks.
- 7.—First man receiving the ball to be allowed to carry it anywhere.
- 8.—Forward pass allowed over any part of the line to men on ends of the line or behind the line when the ball is put in play.

Second Plan.

1.—Divide the halves as already specified, play to be resumed by the side in possession of the ball when the preceding period closed.

2.—Seven men on the line of offence and three of the backs to be at least four yards in the rear of the line. This would eliminate the tandem play perfected by Harvard.

3.—Forward pass to be made and caught only by players standing behind the line when the ball is put in play.

Further Advice Wanted.

4.—In offensive plays between the two 25-yard lines the line of offence must advance at ten yards in consecutive downs or forfeit possession. On this article the committee states itself open to further advice.

Third Plan.

1.—Seven men on the line of scrimmage, with the back field limited to four men, centre rush always in the centre and no interchange of players permitted.

2.—Eliminate neutral zone and on-side kick.

3.—No runner with the ball to receive any help until he has reached the line of scrimmage. This would reduce the weight of the attack.

4.—Distance to be gained, seven yards in four downs.

SIX TEAMS ENTER NEW  
COMMERCIAL LEAGUE

Y. M. C. A. Basketball Organization  
Reorganized With Sixteen of Clubs.

The Commercial Basketball League, which has been reorganized, will be composed of 6 teams—Cook's (boot and shoe man), Diamond Hall, Gurd's, Graham Bros. The businessmen and medical students are also putting in teams. The schedule is as follows:

FEB. 10—Gurds vs. Diamond Hall; Graham Bros. vs. Cook's; Meds. vs. Businessmen.

FEB. 17—Graham Bros. vs. Businessmen; Cook's vs. Gurds; Meds. vs. Diamond Hall.

FEB. 24—Cook's vs. Meds.; Businessmen vs. Diamond Hall; Gurds vs. Graham Bros.

MARCH 3—Diamond Hall vs. Graham Bros.; Businessmen vs. Cook's; Meds. vs. Gurds.

COOKS—Martin, Shaw, Davidson, Eckert, Weir, Wood.

MEDS.—Stephens, Maudsley, Brereton, McAllister, Duncan.

GURDS—Smith, Marsh, Munce, Crook, Watt, Logan, Swazie, Mulvin.

GRAHAM BROS.—Gough, McQueen, Alford, Wortman, Logan, Swazie, Mulvin.

YOUNGS—Jones, Short, McCormick, Hamilton, Van Com, Swazie.

BUSINESSMEN—Harris, Sovereign, Clark, Winnett, Stevens.

The games will start promptly at 8:15. Any captain failing to have his full team on the floor at the sound of the referee's whistle will have to play with what men he has. The public are invited to attend these games, and there will be no admission charged.

GIVE PAYNE AND  
"SULLY" A TUSSELE

Jimmy Block Anxious To Become a  
White Sox Catcher.

[By Associated Press.]  
Chicago, Feb. 5.—Jimmy Block, of Milwaukee, recruited from the Minnesota team, sent in his signed contract yesterday to the Chicago American League club headquarters, with the information that he was going to fight hard for the catcher's berth.

New Orleans Track in Bad Con-  
dition and Drivers Fail to  
Break Records.

## LYNCH THROUGH FENCE

Barney Oldfield Furnishes a Little  
Excitement in the Ten-Mile  
Event.

New Orleans, Feb. 5.—Less than 5,000 people were in attendance this afternoon when the New Orleans automobile speed carnival opened at the old fair grounds race track. The track was in bad condition and poor time was made. Such drivers as Ralph De Palma, Barney Oldfield and Ben Kirscher scored far below their records. The fifth race, a 10-mile event, attracted some interest when Oldfield, who was already leading in the first mile, finally overtook him and going to the front before the ten miles were finished.

Lynch in Accident.

In the fourth race, 25 miles, for stock cars of all classes, Leigh Lynch, driving a Jackson car, crashed through the fence which surrounded the fair grounds track. He escaped injury, however, but Oldfield, who was already leading in a Knox car, won easily.

Purses of \$50 were the prizes in all races except the third and sixth. In the third, a special trophy was given as a prize and a purse of \$200 was awarded the winner in the sixth. Tomorrow will be the last day of the meet.

Summaries.

First race, 20 miles, stock cars, with piston displacement from 301 to 450 inches—Jackson (Leigh Lynch), 21 minutes 44 seconds; won; Packard (H. E. Fulton), second; Buick (J. W. J. Fritsch), third.

Oldfield Forced Out.

Second race, 5 miles, free-for-all—Flat (Ralph De Palma), 4 minutes 41 seconds; won; Darracq (Kirscher), second; Barney Oldfield was forced to retire at the end of the first half mile on account of tire trouble.

Third event, 10 miles, open to all amateurs driving stock cars—Flat (C. S. Briggs, New York), won, 10 minutes 36 seconds; Buick (J. W. J. Fritsch, Cincinnati), second; Buick (J. W. J. Fritsch, Cincinnati), second; Buick (J. W. J. Fritsch, Cincinnati), second.

Barney Wins.

Fourth race, 25 miles—Knox (Oldfield), 25 minutes 45 seconds; won; Buick (Fritsch), second; Buick (Fritsch), second; Buick (Fritsch), second.

Fifth race, 10-mile handicap, free-for-all—Flat (De Palma), scratch, won; Buick (Oldfield), 25 seconds handicap; Darracq (Kirscher), 10 seconds; third.

Sixth race, 5 miles, special—Benz (Oldfield), won, time, 4:33 4-5; Darracq (Kirscher), second. No other entries.

Sunday's Programme.

Barney Oldfield, defeated De Palma in what was scheduled to be the chief event of the meet. The contest was to have been a 10-mile match. In the fourth mile, De Palma burst a tire and was forced up. Up to that time he and Oldfield had been running neck-and-neck, and the race promised to be close. De Palma used a Fiat, and Oldfield a Benz car.

Five miles, Klaw & Elanger trophy for amateurs—Fred Shaw (Knox), first; 9:25; Knox (Oldfield), second; 9:32; Stoddard (Dayton), third; time, 6:05; Stoddard (Shaw), 15 seconds; Bragg, scratch, 15 seconds.

De Palma Withdraws.

Ten miles, special world's championship match—Oldfield (Benz), first; 20:25; Knox (Oldfield), second; 20:32; Handicap—Kirscher, 15 seconds; Oldfield, 25 seconds; De Palma, 30 seconds.

Ten miles, special handicap event—Oldfield (Knox), first; De Palma (Flat), second, time, 9:47; Handicap—Oldfield, 25 seconds.

SEVENTY ENTRIES FOR  
GRAND NATIONAL

Fifteen Less Than Total Nominations  
Received Last Year.

[By Associated Press Cable.]  
London, Feb. 6.—The Grand National Steeplechase, to be decided atintree on March 18, has closed with 70 entries. This is fifteen less than the total nominations received last year, but almost every animal in training with any chance of staying and jumping this testing 4 miles 500 yards has been entered, and a contest worthy of the best traditions of the historic race is promised.

The Grand National is unique in that there is no other race like it in the world. Among those that have entered are the French horse, Luteur III, Judas and Caubert (who last year filled the three leading berths), Hercules II, Tom West, Carsey, Leinster, Shady Girl, and Phaeton, all of whom completed the course twelve months ago.

## HOPPE COMES TO TERMS

Will Meet Sutton at Chicago in One-  
Night Match.

[By Associated Press.]  
Chicago, Feb. 5.—Word was received from Willie Hoppe yesterday to the effect that he had decided to abide by George Sutton's terms in their controversy over the proposed match in this city for the world's 18.1 ball billiard championship, and that the "boy wonder" will meet Sutton in Orchestra Hall here on the night of March 16.

## NELSON INSISTS ON SIDE BET.

[By Associated Press.]  
Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 7.—Batting Nelson, who arrived here yesterday with his manager, insists that he will consent to sign for a fight with the Milwaukee lad here. As a consequence no match has yet been made. Nelson will remain here for another day before proceeding to San Francisco.

## RECEIVE BASEBALL PLAYING

Chicago, Feb. 5.—Changes made in the playing code of baseball at the recent meetings of the rules committee in Pittsburgh arrived at American League headquarters yesterday, but no hint was dropped as to what is the nature of the changes. Accompanying the few modifications which were made for the purpose of clearing up the game on a few points was a note from Secretary Heyler, of the National League, requesting that they be withheld from publication, pending their approval by members of the rules committee of both leagues.

## AMERICUS WON OUT.

[By Associated Press.]  
Baltimore, Md., Feb. 5.—Americus (Gus Schoenlin) last night defeated the Cuban wonder in a wrestling match announced for the light-heavyweight wrestling championship of the world, in two straight falls. The first was gained in 22 minutes and the second in 15 minutes.

ANOTHER CRIGER DUE  
TO SHOOT AT FAME

## ELMER CRIGER.

The name of Criger appears about due to be perpetuated in baseball. Although Low, the great backstop, is a southerner, who was tried out by the Boston Americans two years ago, at that time although Criger, full of promise, Criger did not show enough to warrant keeping him on a big league pay roll. He did splendid work by that time maybe another generation of Crigers will take up the job.

HAL B. TAKES 2-20 TROT  
AND PACE ON OTTAWA ICE

Sebringville Horse Has Three Straight  
Heats—Tom Dillard, Blenheim,  
Third—Perfection Second in  
Classified Race.

[G. N. W. Service.]  
Ottawa, Feb. 6.—The concluding day of the Central Canada ice races was a good one. The summary was as follows:

2:20 trot and pace; purse \$500:  
Hal B. Jun., P. L. Kastner, Sebringville 1 1 1  
Joe Swine, E. H. Hodge, Syracuse 2 2 2  
Tom Dillard, Ed. Peters, Blenheim 3 3 3  
Purloia, E. B. Cowan, Lindsay 4 4 4  
Wawa, H. Leadley, Cookstown 5 5 5  
Black Bill, Phonograph Stables 6 6 6  
Hazel Belle, C. Quinn, Ylmier, Que. 7 7 7  
Classified race, purse \$400:  
Dan K. R. Kennedy, Ottawa 10 10 1  
St. Anthony, E. Burnham, Kingston 11 11 1  
Direct Adair, S. G. Camp, Oneonta, N. Y. 12 12 1  
Black Bill, Phonograph Stables 13 13 1  
Ottawa 14 14 1  
Lulu Mac, J. Frumty, South River 15 15 1  
Time—2:29 2/5, 2:31 2/5, 2:33 2/5.  
Five-mile race, stake \$1,000:  
John McEwen, Nat Ray, Toronto 1  
Prince Greendancer, N. L. Kavalier, Montreal 2  
McAdams, J. Wood, Woodville, Oshawa 3  
Peter Millar, P. Tracey, York 4  
Time—12:45, 12:46, 12:47, 12:48, 12:49, 12:50, 12:51, 12:52, 12:53, 12:54, 12:55, 12:56, 12:57, 12:58, 12:59, 13:00, 13:01, 13:02, 13:03, 13:04, 13:05, 13:06, 13:07, 13:08, 13:09, 13:10, 13:11, 13:12, 13:13, 13:14, 13:15, 13:16, 13:17, 13:18, 13:19, 13:20, 13:21, 13:22, 13:23, 13:24, 13:25, 13:26, 13:27, 13:28, 13:29, 13:30, 13:31, 13:32, 13:33, 13:34, 13:35, 13:36, 13:37, 13:38, 13:39, 13:40, 13:41, 13:42, 13:43, 13:44, 13:45, 13:46, 13:47, 13:48, 13:49, 13:50, 13:51, 13:52, 13:53, 13:54, 13:55, 13:56, 13:57, 13:58, 13:59, 14:00, 14:01, 14:02, 14:03, 14:04, 14:05, 14:06, 14:07, 14:08, 14:09, 14:10, 14:11, 14:12, 14:13, 14:14, 14:15, 14:16, 14:17, 14:18, 14:19, 14:20, 14:21, 14:22, 14:23, 14:24, 14:25, 14:26, 14:27, 14:28, 14:29, 14:30, 14:31, 14:32, 14:33, 14:34, 14:35, 14:36, 14:37, 14:38, 14:39, 14:40, 14:41, 14:42, 14:43, 14:44, 14:45, 14:46, 14:47, 14:48, 14:49, 14:50, 14:51, 14:52, 14:53, 14:54, 14:55, 14:56, 14:57, 14:58, 14:59, 15:00, 15:01, 15:02, 15:03, 15:04, 15:05, 15:06, 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