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J. Walsh	110	83	145	338
W. Arms	130	125	128	383
R. Smith	98	119	73	290
A. Moakler	139	119	146	404
	477	446	492	1415

### HOCKEY RULES AND PROBLEMS.

(By LOU E. MARSH.)

#### The Body Checking Area.

There is bound to be a lot of discussion among amateur hockey fans, players and coaches over the prohibition of body checking except in the forty-foot defence areas in either end of the rink.

Right now I can see a move coming which may result in the O.H.A. changing the rule so that the 40 foot line will be marked out 40 feet from the goal line irrespective of the distance the nets are from the ends of the ice.

The C.A.H.A. rule—C.A.H.A. rules, in case you do not already know, govern all amateur hockey in Canada—says that the no-offside area shall be measured from the end of the rink, and another rule prohibits all body checking except by defending players when they are in that area. The fix in the ointment is that in all big rinks the goal nets are placed ten feet from the end of the ice surface, which reduces the distance to the "dead-line" to 30 feet. A defensive man, who wants to use his body, must be behind the line, or suffer a penalty for "walking into" an attacking forward. In the smaller rinks the nets are sometimes four or five feet from the ends of the rink, and this increases the footage from the goal posts to the red line to 35 to 38 feet, thus giving defence players additional latitude for body checking.

Most defensive players line themselves up about 40 feet out from the nets.

#### Forty Feet From Goal Line.

The obvious remedy—if you desire to give sturdy defence men full scope in body checking—is to measure the 40 feet from the goal line, thus standardizing the area, and giving every defence an even chance on all rinks. That extra five or six feet makes a lot of difference to defence players. As matters stand now up at the Arena Gardens—and all the big rinks—the attackers are only subject to poke, sweep and hook checking up to a point 30 feet from the nets. Thirty feet is a sweet shooting range, and especially effective when the snipers are drilling them in through the defence players' legs. A goalkeeper has to have the eye of a blooming eagle and the speed of a bally panther to head off shots he cannot possibly see until they have passed through the defence players' legs.

Forty feet from the end fence is alright as far as offside play is concerned, but the enforcement of the body checking rule has raised the question whether or not the distance should be made standard from the goal out.

#### Better Chance For Goals.

Referees, defence players and coaches are already pointing out to O.H.A. officials the defect in the basis of measurement from the body checking point of view, and the matter will be given consideration. However, before O.H.A. or any other hockey body, makes the change for its own purposes another feature requires consideration. For years there has been a growing feeling that the defensive end of the game was becoming too strong for the offensive, and that goals were becoming too scarce. For the purpose of producing heavier scoring the goalkeepers' pads have been restricted to twelve inches in width, and there is now under consideration, in the N.H.L., a proposition to enlarge the goals so that the scoring will be heavier, and the new holders will have more chance to cheer.

The fact that the amateur defence are being backed in closer to the nets by the prohibition of body checking, beyond a line drawn 40 feet from the ends of the rinks, is resulting in heavier scores. Maybe the fact that on the larger rinks the line is only 30 feet from the goal line is a blessing in disguise.

### NOTES OF THE PRO. BOXERS.

WARREN, Pa., Dec. 24—Jimmy Slattery, Buffalo, knocked out Joe Burke, of New York, in the third round of a scheduled 10-round bout here.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24—Ernie Jarvis, flyweight champion of England, boxed a fast draw with Izzy Schwartz, of New York, in the first of three ten-round bouts at a Christmas Fund boxing show in Madison Square Garden. It was their second meeting in two

weeks, Schwartz having won the first fight by a judges' decision.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24—George Godfrey, 22 lbs., negro heavyweight challenger, of Lelperville, Pa., outpointed Martin Burke, of New Orleans, in a ten-round contest, but failed to impress a crowd of 15,000 by his triumph. Burke, weighing only 117 1-2 lbs and fighting purely on the defensive, escaped the knockout, which had been anticipated by the throng, and the ineffective efforts of the two men were booed throughout.

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 24—Luis Firpo, the Argentine heavyweight, declared that he would sign articles before the municipal boxing commission for a match with Erminio Spalla, the Italian heavyweight. The fight, at 15 rounds, will be held at Buenos Aires, March 6th.

### "I AM THE DAUGHTER OF A CHAMPION."

PARIS, Dec. 25—A four year old girl, skating laboriously, held the centre of the rink at the Ice Palace on a recent evening when she refused to heed the usual nine o'clock order for beginners to clear the ice for experts. The manager, fearing she might be injured by the flying speedsters or figure skaters, scolded her gently: "You have no right to be skating with all these champions."

"Why not?" was the rejoinder, in a tone of hurt pride. "I am the daughter of a champion. I am Jacqueline Carpentier."

### MUNN GIVES UP IDEA OF RING CAREER.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 24—A. P. J. Munn, a battered chin, Wayne (Big) Munn to-day has given up dreams of a career in the prize ring. Munn concluded that the equipment necessary to the wrestling game avails nothing in boxing shortly after he stepped inside the ropes last night with Andre Anderson, heavyweight boxer of Chicago.

Gloves thudded on Munn's chin and two minutes after the opening of the first round he was counted out. It was his second and final appearance in the role of boxer.

"I guess I wasn't cut out for boxing," Munn said after the bout. "I'll stick to wrestling hereafter."

Munn showed no aptitude with the gloves, scoring only one solid blow. He had no defence for the short jabs delivered by Anderson.

Munn, weighing 259 pounds, had a 20-pound advantage over his opponent.

Munn's second attempt to turn his brawn into account in boxing was no more disastrous than his first, for he was knocked out by Jack Clifford, in 1923, after leaving the University of Nebraska, where he played football. It was then that he took up professional wrestling.

### JOE RAY IS TO RETIRE.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25—Joe Ray, veteran runner, declared here to-night he is through with amateur track competitions. Ray, who is employed in the sporting goods departmental store, denied reports that he would commence training in January for his seventeenth year of amateur work.

### WALKER UNDERGOES TOE OPERATION.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25—Mickey Walker, world's welterweight boxing champion, underwent an operation yesterday, necessitated by a toe infection. The operation involved removal of the toe nail which had frequently caused Walker trouble. The champion will be laid up for a week, but expects to resume training at the end of that time in preparation for defending his title against Tommy Milligan, of England, on January 22.

### AMATEURS WANT SMALL FORTUNES TO TURN "PRO." NOW.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 24—Amateur hockey players of current vintage want the First National Bank and a mortgage on the City Hall to turn professional, according to Art. Ross, manager of the Boston Bruins, who recently returned from a week's trip into Canada in search of ivory. He returned to Boston with the impression that something is rotten in Scandinavia, or words to that effect.

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the howls of the wolf at the door. All the boys are willing to play professional hockey if they get their price, but the itch of their palms is almost insatiable, says Arthur.

"I talked to four players," he says, "and they wanted from \$6,000 to \$10,000 a-piece to play for Boston. All of them have shown class in the amateur ranks but their ratings of their own worth in the professional world makes it unlikely that we that we shall sign any of them."

"The matter is closed and we shall have to scour around in other sections for new material. I would like to get a couple of fast forwards to supplement our present line. I believe that our defence, with Sprague Cleghorn back in the game, will be as good as anyone's."

The latter left yesterday to spend the holidays in his home in Montreal, and took his skates with him. He expects to work out daily up North and believes his injured knee will be fully mended in time for the game with St. Pats, at the Arena next Tuesday. That is the next playing date of the Boston team, consequently Ross and several of the players left yesterday to spend Christmas in Canada. "Red" Bill Stuart has gone to Nova Scotia; Dr. Charley Stewart is on his way to Hamilton, Ont.



### A Professor on Simplicity and Its Counterfeits

"It was necessary to distinguish between simplicity itself and its counterfeits. Simplicity did not mean boldness or monotony, as though there were something which distinguished the simplicity of the man of genius from the complexity of the ordinary man," said Professor Alexander in an address, records the Manchester Guardian.

"The man of genius was usually far more complex than the ordinary man, but he had always with him a ray of light which illumined his complexity." A simple meal did not mean a meal of one dish and nothing else; a simple scheme of decoration did not mean a plain monotony of colour or the absence of design.

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trouble, and not for the effect of simplicity.

"If there was one thing, Professor Alexander emphasised, that was simplicity. In the North we prided ourselves on the simplicity of our manners, but bluntness was by no means the same thing as real simplicity of manner, which was quite compatible with deference to others. We need not be afraid of courtesy because we wished to cultivate directness of speech. It was only when courtesy became exaggerated into an elaborate courtesies that manners lost their simplicity."

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