

YES - SAYS KELEHER

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This situation, resembling very much that good old game of "Ducks and Drakes", comes under heavy criticism by the spectators, as the height of disorganization.

Long boots in the Canadian game are usually taken on the third down with all players on side and able to converge on the receiver as quickly as they are able and to make the tackle.

In English Rugby if the ball is kicked out on the full i. e. it must be brought back to the place where it was kicked from and results in the opposing team gaining possession. In Canadian football the team kicking the ball outside loses possession only, and has the advantage of a long gain in territory. The Canadian game makes use of a player who is able to kick a long ball.

This play is particularly effective in the scoring of the Canadian game, which counts one point. On this play a kick which goes into the touchdown area and is not caught and run out is a scoring play. In English Rugby such a play results only in a five yard scrum or a twenty five yard drop kick. The long kick then in this game is not effective.

A field goal in Rugby results from a dropkick and counts two points. This play however entails the clean heeling of the scrum, the handling of the ball by the ball half before the kicker gets the ball into his hands. Meanwhile the opposing team have all this time to converge and make the play on the kicker. Players are not allowed to give the kicker any protection by blocking and as he is usually hurried the kick is unsuccessful. I have seen only two field goals scored in the past three seasons of play. The Canadian game provides the line as protection and gives a kicker a more even chance at scoring.

In the convert after a try the ball is carried out on a line, from the point where the try was scored, parallel with the sidelines at any distance inside the twenty-five yard line. The kick is then taken without any opposition from the opposing team. The Canadian game makes it necessary for a convert to be carried out as a regular play and allows the opposition an opportunity of preventing it. It is thus scored on a competitive basis.

In English Rugby for a successful try the ball must be touched down in the goal area. This area is eight feet wide causing a player to cut down on speed in order that he may not cross the area completely and be declared out of bounds. I can see no advantage of falling on the ball with the resulting pile-ups and injuries. The rule in Canadian football calls for a player to cross the line only.

In order to gain possession of the ball the English game adopts two main methods, the scrum and the "play the ball" situation. Heeling by the scrum is usually a slow process with both sides putting up a dogged fight for possession. Scrum usually results in a lot of vain heaving back and forth, wheeling and falling and a waste of a lot of good energy. Although the ball is usually delivered to one of the two teams after many delays.

A "play the ball" situation results when a player falls on the ball or is tackled. The ball is then said to be down. The player in possession gets up, takes the ball in both hands, faces the player who made the tackle and drops it in the centre of this diminutive scrum. This ball must be played with the feet. The player reaches forward and attempts to heel the ball back to his teammates. The opposing player has only to kick for-

ward and he usually succeeds in "buck kicking" the ball to any imaginable place which causes disorganization to both teams. However the player in possession may kick the ball forward and he now has an equal chance. Usually he is the only one who knows it and he leads a one man charge against thirteen, which anyone will agree is overwhelming odds and will usually produce touch-downs.

The "play the ball" rule gives a side possession of the ball, the side must have possession in order to score, however the player attempting to heel the ball to his backfield is usually kicked all over the lot by the opposition and this results in a loss of ground. Here is the situation with the team in possession and yet loosing ground. I haven't seen the solution to this problem in the last two seasons.

These two methods the scrum, and the "play the ball" rule are to my mind two questionable ways of gaining possession. Pushing, vain stabs with the feet, "Back Kicking" does not deliver the ball to the backfield with good opportunities to get away quickly on substantial runs.

The Canadian game provides the line which handles the ball with the hands, delivers the ball to the backfield and provides blocking. On each play the linesmen and backfielders each know what they are going to do and where the ball is going. This tends for greater organization and allows the backfield to make decent runs.

In English Rugby the scrummers heel the ball and then fall in as secondary potential ball carriers behind the three-quarter line. They are not permitted to go ahead and block and thus assist the backfield in advancing the ball. As secondary ball handlers the scrummers very seldom get an opportunity to carry the ball and usually follow behind the play more or less as spectators.

Before each play the Canadian game provides a huddle in which the play is called and each player automatically knows his assignment in English Rugby signals consist of furtive signs, whispers, and other doubtful methods of relaying the play to follow, which results in many plays being confused and the outcome being anyone's guess.

The Quarterback in Canadian Football is the field general. He has a variety of plays to choose from. He knows what each man is going to do, and the players know their individual assignments. This is another feature of organization. In the English game the Captain usually decides on the strategy to be used. If he should happen to play in the scrum then he can not possibly follow the backfield play.

Our short pre-season training period does not allow players to round into good enough condition to be able to absorb the bumps and bruises but padding which will not be injurious to players on the other team is allowed. However by convention I suppose none of the players wear padding which, I guess is one of the idiosyncrasies of the game.

Thus players attempt to plunge, take heading dives at the ball under the cleats of all players, and try head on tackles without protective padding. The number of broken collar bones, dislocated shoulders, serious muscle injuries in the past have been the result of this policy. The Canadian padding ensures a player a degree of protection.

English Rugby allows two substitutes in case of injuries. This rule calls for iron men to play sixty minutes of the game. In view of the short pre-season training period again, I don't think that a forward is able to

get in top-notch condition to give his best in each scrum and possess the speed to follow up on each play. The scrum is called upon to do the majority of the tackling, and in an exchange of punts I think the average scrum man will mark time and just view the proceedings until the confusion is at its height and then attempt to make a play. He must conserve strength if he wishes to finish the game, and cannot therefore go at full speed on each play. The Canadian game provides for substitution which enables a player to go at top speed knowing that if he wants a rest he will get it. We must remember that a tired player is more liable to injuries. Substitution speeds up the game and gives more players the opportunity of getting in playing time.

Our team is not bolstered up every year by an influx of new blood from Maritime High Schools. The training schedule consists of teaching fundamentals each year. Men who have played the Canadian game usually make the transformation without too much trouble. An outstanding example is "Big Chief" Carl Laurier, who three seasons ago was rushed in as a reinforcement, and remained a first stringer and a great all around player. Other Canadian football players have proven that the game which they have learned under their system has enabled them to become outstanding players in English Rugby in one season. This points to a game which teaches a sound game of football. I say change to Canadian Rugby and I know that the Maritimers will make the change with equal success.



Five Pennies

The Editor,
The Brunswickan,
Dear Sir,
The clamor for a rink in preference to a library at UNB reminds me of a Bible story. Remember when God offered Solomon his choice of wealth, power or wisdom, Solomon chose wisdom. If he had held out for a "rink" do you think his name would have been of any importance in Biblical History as the wisest man?

The extra \$100,000 bait that the Beaver holds out also reminds me of an episode in my childhood days. I was offered a choice of one coin (a quarter) or five coins (pennies) - I chose the pennies and thought I was doing fine. I could count, but I just did not realize the values involved. Let's not take the five pennies merely because there are more of them.

Yours sincerely,
Vernon W. Mullen

We're Sticking Our Necks Out

WE AREN'T GALLOP BUT . . .
Here are our predictions on the plebiscite this coming week:
FOR RINK 95%
FOR LIBRARY 5%
FOR CANADIAN FOOTBALL 71%
FOR ENGLISH RUGBY 29%
P. S. These results were obtained from our expert who conducted a personal poll of a large number of students.

Model Parliament Thursday Night

Hiram says: In Christianity a man can have only one wife. This is called Monotony.

NO! REPLIES PETRIE Lothian Speaks on Pests

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with the other MIAU teams if they wanted to.
UNB should not abandon English rugby while it is still the form of football recognized by the MIAU. We have our MIAU commitments, and it would be unfortunate to violate them in any way, thereby prejudicing our very old athletic rivalry with Mount A. Acadia and St. Francis Xavier Universities.

Should the UNB student body decide to adopt the Canadian game, the only competition available would be against Dalhousie University. As faculty adviser on athletics I am unalterably opposed to such a move for the reasons outlined above, until such time as at least Mount A. Acadia and St. F. X. decide to do likewise. In my opinion the Canadian game would not be well played here for some time, and when played poorly it can be a most dismal spectacle. It is likely that as much opposition would be aroused as there has been recently in connection with the English game.

Many of us remember when rugger was played well and College Field was filled with ardent fans who got their full money's worth. Rather than change the game, why not concentrate on playing it as it should be played?

Color slides depicting a restful summer life on the shores of beautiful Lake Nipigon showed also the devastating effects of a little insect on the basswood trees in the vicinity. This insect, known as the Basswood Leaf Miner, was the object of a study by Prof. T. M. Lothian who presented his findings to a meeting of the Scientific Society on Thursday, January 13. Said Prof. Lothian, "no previous study has been made of the biology of this pest and a preliminary study was undertaken with a view to controlling the attack on basswood."

Pest in Summer Resort
Prof. Lothian found that the beetle attacks the basswood trees very heavily in the Nipigon area in Ontario but that it did not feed on other trees. Speaking of possible control measures suggested by his study the speaker said: "Disease organisms may be important for control, but predators are mostly absent and would be insignificant as a means of destroying the insects. Chemical control is possible but would be very expensive for a mixed stand."

The speaker described the life history of the insect in interesting detail. He illustrated his talk with beautiful color slides showing not only the insect and the brown trees affected by it, but also some beautiful scenes of summer life around Lake Nipigon.

Shakespeare's Macbeth

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to bother him that he was also, later Seward: the result was that he needed a lot of prompting. Surley it was a mistake to use one with such a characteristic face, voice and accent for two quite important roles? Oris couldn't help wondering whether Banquo had risen full-fledged from the grave.

Of the other secondary characters Vernon Acker made a striking success of Macduff. Apart from the two leads, he seemed to have a finer sense of the beauty and power of Shakespeare's language than anyone else in the play. He managed his big scene admirably, though a little more restraint in his earlier scenes would have led up to it more satisfactorily. Professor Hicklin, of course, did Lennox to perfection.

Some of the minor characters did

excellent work. I was especially impressed by Terence Rankin, as the porter, by Robert Abbott, who was a villainous looking murderer, by Roger Cattle as Macduff's little boy and by the unearthly voices and sinister appearance of Anne Sanson, Mary Needler, and Jean Edwards as the three witches.

All in all, it was memorable evening, and sincere congratulations are in order for all those who contributed to its success. I must mention particularly the director, Professor Hicklin, who is obviously a dynamo of energy, and his co-worker, the president of the society, Miss Alice McElveny.

Hiram says: It takes a mother 21 years to make a man of her son, and another woman one evening to make a fool out of him.

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