

GUIDE BOOKS BRING CHANGES

CONDITIONS OF PLAYING FIELD ARE CHANGED.

Many Small Changes Being Recorded Need Close Study.

With the arrival of the new football guide books all the material changes of the new rules are noted. While the general laws are radically changed, there are also some of minor importance that are not generally listed but which will have to be dug out by actual experience. The new rule prologue says:

Alterations in Rules for 1912.

The chief changes in the rules for the season of 1912 may be outlined in a few words, although their effect on the play will be considerable. The principal alteration was the addition of an extra down. Instead of three trials in which to advance the ball the specified distance of ten yards, four are allotted. In other words, while the necessary average to the down last season was 3 1-3 yards, this distance now becomes 2 1-2 yards.

The field has also quite materially changed, as will be seen by the reference to the diagram printed on the page preceding the rules in the guide. The field was formerly 330 feet long. The goal posts have now been brought in so that the distance from one goal line to the other goal line is now 300 feet or an even hundred yards, behind each goal the extra space, 10 yards, thus cut off is retained for the purpose of the forward pass; that is, the player may receive a forward pass in this end zone and it will still be legal. Formerly if a forward pass crossed the goal line it was a touch-back for the defenders of the goal, no matter whether the opponent caught it or not. Owing to the changes in the field the kick-off instead of being made as formerly from the middle of the field, the 55-yard line, will now be made from the 40 yard line of the side that is doing the kicking, that is, 60 yards from the goal towards which the ball is being kicked.

One other change of importance is that on the kick-out the opponents, instead of lining up on the 25-yard line of the opponent's goal, line up on the 20-yard line, and the ball must be kicked from some point behind that 20-yard line.

The intermission between the first and second and third and fourth periods has been shortened from two minutes to one minute.

Only one man of each side, instead of three, will be allowed to walk up and down the side lines. The office of field judge has been dispensed with and the three officials will now be the Referee, Umpire and Linesman. The restriction that the forward pass should not go over 20 yards has been removed and a forward pass of any distance is legal. The on-side kick has been cut out altogether; that is, a kicked ball striking the ground does not put the kicker's side on-side. The balance of the changes are of lesser importance. An endeavor has been made to simplify the rules and make the arrangement more satisfactory.

MOOSE GOING TO ELGIN

Because the local grounds could not be gotten into shape, the Elgin Moose-La Grande Moose ball game slated for here tomorrow has been transferred. The local team will go to Elgin Sunday.

A DAY WITH HANS WAGNER AND HIS WONDERFUL PLAYING.

Will Hans Wagner ever slow up? Although the burly shortstop of the Pittsburgh Pirates has been playing a brilliant game for fourteen years, the 1912 season shows him performing in greater style than ever. In a double header in Pittsburgh Aug. 23 Wagner's playing was nothing short of marvelous. It stood out far more prominently than the work of any of the mound artists who figured in the double bill. His achievements that afternoon will compare favorably with those of any one day during his long and notable career on the diamond. The big Teuton starred alike with the bat and in the field. In the opening engagement in four times up he touched up the New York pitchers for a double and two singles, scoring two of Pittsburgh's three runs. In the second encounter he completely distanced this performance with a single, a double, a triple and a home run. This quartet of hits figured in every Pittsburgh run, three being scored by the Teuton and the other three chased home by his timely smashes. In his nine trips to the plate he reached the Giants' two leading boxmen for seven hits, which totaled fourteen bases and scored five of Pittsburgh's nine runs. On the paths he showed that Father Time is still a stranger by stealing two bases, and in the field he galloped nimbly on all sides of his position, accepting fourteen chances out of a possible fifteen. Without Wagner the Pirates would have been defeated in the first game and would never have been in the chase during the second.

INTERNATIONAL CHESS.

New York-Havana Matches Will Begin in Gotham Nov. 30.

Play in the New York-Havana international chess championship tourney will begin in New York Nov. 30. Invitations have been sent to seventeen of the world's masters to take part.

The matches will be played four days each week, and after every contestant has encountered each of the others once an adjournment will be taken until Saturday, Jan. 4, when the second half will open in Havana.

UMPIRE HILDEBRAND HAS NEW WAY TO DUCK BLEACHER FANS.

A new scheme for dodging the wrath of the bleachers has been put into effect by Umpire George Hildebrand of the Coast league. All the uniform that he now wears is a cap. Exchanging the cap for a hat, he appears as a civilian. "It's this way," said Hildebrand. "If trouble should start all I would need to do would be to grab some one's hat, make a quick change and then join the crowd in yelling 'Kill the umpire!'"

Brothers of Famous Boxers in Ring.

Mike Gibbons' younger brother Tom my, who is only nineteen years old, is a clever middleweight boxer. "Philadelphia Jack" O'Brien is developing his eighteen-year-old brother, Jack Junior who is making good as a lightweight.

FEW IRON MEN IN BASEBALL

JOE M'GINNITY WAS PIONEER OF THIS CLASS.

Coombs One Striking Example of This Class of Ball Players.

That peculiar niche in baseball affairs which is filled by what are known as iron men is one that has had few occupants. The iron men of note, real iron men, have been few and far between. The term is applied only to pitchers and means those pitchers whose constitutions are sufficiently strong to permit them to do more work in the box than most twirlers could stand. Unusual capacity for work and exceptional pitching ability are attributes of the iron men of the mound.

The first pitcher to whom the term was applied was Joe McGinnity, and he came into it not so much because of the frequency with which he pitched as his capacity for double headers. To this day he goes into the box often, and few pitchers have worn so well.

There are two other leading exponents of the iron man business. One is Ed Walsh of the Chicago White Sox, the most noted of the three, and the other is Jack Coombs of the Philadel-



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JACK COOMBS OF PHILADELPHIA ATHLETICS.

phia Americans. Coombs isn't pitching as frequently as he did last year, but his capacity for work, coupled with his skill as a boxman, tided Connie Mack and the Athletics over many a rough spot and pulled out many a game in which some other pitcher had wobbled.

Coombs, like Walsh, could stand being hurled into the breach many a time beyond the ordinary, and then his expertness on the peak did the rest. Walsh has probably pitched in more games a year for the length of time he has been in the game than any other pitcher baseball has known. It was predicted half a dozen years ago that the inordinate wear and tear would get him, but he is still at it and as effective, if not as strong, as ever. He is a spitball pitcher, too, another thing supposed to be very trying, but he contends that with him that form of delivery is no more exacting on the arm than any other way of pitching.

In his line there is and has been only one Walsh.

ONLY ONE TY COBB.

Experts Still Trying to Figure When He Will Reach His Limit.

Baseball has produced some wonderful players, but it has produced only one Ty Cobb. There can no longer be any doubt that Cobb is the greatest player of all time. Year after year Ty becomes more wonderful.

Last year, when he hit .420, most critics believed he had hit at his top gait and never again would approach that figure. But Ty is ambitious and each year aims to go higher. On the Tigers' last eastern trip Tyrus hit .560. He is still maintaining a .480 clip and believes he can boost his last year's average by about twenty points.

No ball player in the history of the game ever hit like this. There have been 400 men before, but they were not handicapped by the foul strike rule. Will Cobb ever reach that point of efficiency where he can sting the ball for a season's average of .500? Perhaps not, but if Cobb keeps going at his present pace he will come nearer this figure than any mortal ever has come.

SQUAD GROWING WITH PROMISE

FOOTBALL SQUAD BOTH LARGE AND VERSATILE.

New Men Have Beef and Muscle, as Needed to Round up the Team.

Around a group of men close to a dozen in number, who have had more or less practical experience with football, the La Grande football squad is now augmenting many good new men so that, barring the unforeseen, there should be but little difficulty in turning out a representative team and a possibility of making it a championship team. True the new rules change the game considerably but men with experience are still an asset and while many of the veterans and stars went the diploma route last spring some are back who have a good knowledge of the game. While Manager Ralston is busy scheduling games, which calls for one with Pendleton and one with Baker, Coach Caylor and Captain Bohnenkamp are turning out and tutoring their recruits with a vim. There is a good variety of old men to help up the team and fortunately many of the new timbers have beef and muscle. Hunter, a half back, Winters, formerly of Union, Morris, an athlete from Imbler, Gilman, H. Garrity, a brother of the famous end, Kiddle, and some others are added to the squad of old men, many of whom played last year, and who include: Snider, Bohnenkamp, Conkey, Crawley, Geddes, Huff, Carroll, Casey, Ralston, Lefell and various others.

The new rule books are here and have been gone over with considerable diligence.

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