IT TAKES 25 YEARS TO TEST BALL RULES

Regulations for Game on Diamond Insufficient.

NEW FAULT JUST FOUND

Material to Be Used in Manufacture of "Pills" Is Not Specified by Laws of Game.

BY GEORGE CHADWICK.

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NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—(Special.)—It has taken 25 years to develop the fact that the rules of baseball, which are as the laws of the Medes and Persians, are not complete and sufficient for the proper government of the game. The omission in the rules is in that section dealing with the kind of a ball with which the game shall be played and thoughtful men of baseball, having discovered the point which had been overlooked, are now considering deeply how the rules should be changed to keep the game uniform.

The omission in the rules came to light when the Pacific Coast league sent out word a day or so ago that it intended to use a baseball made of different material from those now in use in the major leagues. At first the rule makers, who have been prodded in the ribs and asked what this meant, thought it did not mean much of anything. Today, however, they have changed their opinion.

Standard Game Wanted.

The original rule makers agreed that the game must have a standard ball or it would never become a standard game. Boston would be playing with one kind of ball, New York with another and Philadelphia and Washington with still others, so that every time teams from those cities met there would be a preliminary squabble as to which kind of ball should be used.

The first rule makers thought they had settled the question when they adopted a rule which says that the ball shall have certain dimensions and a certain weight. They did not realize that not a word had been said about materials of which the ball should be made.

In those days the materials with which to make baseballs were limited. Homemade yarn and four-piece horsehide covers were the usual thing. Having, as they thought, standardized the ball, the rule makers retired with a healthy glow in their cheeks as they contemplated what they thought was a satisfactory job.

Material Not Mentioned.

Their successors have just discovered that the ball which they had considered standardized is not standardized more than 5 per cent. It is true that there is a contract between each of the major leagues and the baseball manufacturers which specifies just how balls are to be made, but the general rules of baseball forgot to say anything about the material.

When the present rule was adopted there was no such thing as a cork-center ball. All baseballs were presumed to have a rubber center. Today the cork-center ball is commonly in use and has been found to be a better ball than that previously used. The Pacific Coast league has announced that it will use a ball with a rubber center.

If there can be a cork-center ball and a rubber-center ball, there may also be a wood-center ball or a bone or papier mache-center ball and each of these varieties would produce a different variety of the national game. The present rule is only half a rule. The question agitating thoughtful men is how to change it.

ALPS TRIO TO CLIMB RAINIER

European Mountaineers Will Explore New Routes to Summit.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—Final arrangements for the mid-winter climb to the summit of Mount Rainier by a trio of European mountaineers, veterans of the Alps, were announced today by W. H. Peters, superintendent of Rainier National park. The party, consisting of the three mountaineers, Peters and two pack carriers, will set out Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock from Tacoma, reaching Longmire that night. Besides Jacques Bergues and Jean Landry, a third mountaineer Henri Landry, a brother of Jean, will join in the ascent.

The party expects to reach Paradise Inn Thursday evening and will proceed to Camp Muir the following day, where they will camp for several days while exploring routes to the summit.

With Peters, the mountaineers believe that the summer route is not feasible. Experience in the Alps has proved this, they say. A new trail will be sought.

Maps will be made and pictures taken, the equipment including a motion picture camera and an ordinary camera. From Camp Muir the dash to the summit and return are expected to take 15 hours, once the trail is selected.

FOOTBALL SPEEDIEST SPORT

Stagg Says Game Under Right Coaching Makes Player Fast.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—Football is speedier than any other sport, says Alonzo Stagg, coach of the University of Chicago football team and director of athletics at that institution. He declares that under the right kind of coaching a man can be made speedier in football than he can in any other branch of team athletics.

This is rather interesting because it has been generally held that baseball and hockey, among probably a couple of more sports, had it on football for speed. But if Stagg has discovered it to be true that greater speed is possible in football than in baseball, for instance, many will gladly side with him.

Stagg says: "Football is a glorious game. It calls for the highest in courage and sacrifice, for the good of the school and to win. It is a vigorous game and in a certain sense it is the glory of football that men will play the game in spite of injuries that quite often do come. One of the chief developments of the last 30 years is a recognition of the worth of football to athletics."

RELAY PROGRAMME FILLED

440 and 880 Events Added to Pennsylvania Carnival.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 28.—To the list of college relay championships to be decided at the University of Pennsylvania carnival, April 28 and 29, were added today a 440-yard and an 880-yard event, thus giving the programme a full list of recognized relays. In the 440-yard race each man will run 110 yards, and in the half-mile each runner will travel 220 yards.

Relays over the sprint distance have become deservedly popular during recent years, and it was in answer to the popular demand as much as its desire to make the programme more attractive that the Penn relay management decided to add the new championships to the list of events. Metric distances, corresponding to 440 yards and 880 yards, are a part of the relay programme at the Olympic games, while the national track and field championship programme now includes these two races.

At the Pasadena games last summer the New York A. C. sprint relay teams hung up new world's records at both distances, covering the quarter in 0.42 2-5, and the half-mile in 1.27 2-5. The former records were held by the University of Pennsylvania team of Haymond, Davis, Landers and Smith.

Other college championships to be decided at the Penn relays include the one, two and four-mile relays and the sprint and distance medley relays.

With the Hoopers.

The Highland Juniors defeated the Iroquois of the Y. M. C. A., Friday night at Highland school, 13 to 11, after five minutes of overtime play. The score at the end of the first half was 5 to 4 in favor of the winners. When regular time was called each team had 9 points. The lineups:

Highland (13).		Iroquois (11).
Parker, 3	F	7, Crendsua
Clinty, 8	F	DeWolfe
Girvan, 2	C	4, Figgel
Yarnell	G	Phoebus
Phipps	G	Stark

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The Centenary-Wilbur 126-pound quintet defeated the Holladay Aces team, 14 to 12, Thursday night, at Holladay school. The victory was the 13th for the Centenary-Wilbur team this season. The lineup:

Cen.-Wilbur (14).		Aces (12).
Chance, 12	F	6, Jasmann
Morgan, 2	F	2, Wright
Reeves	C	4, Roeder
Griffith	G	Morgan
Clasper	G	DePetre
	S	Nelson

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The Amicus club defeated the Woodburn National guard basketball team Thursday at the Holladay school, 25 to 23. The game was in doubt until the whistle blew. Smith and Lauder played the best game for the winners. After the game President Hallier, of the Amicus club, presented a silver loving cup to the team for winning the championship of the Commercial league.

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The Lobby five is open for afternoon games with any basketball team in the city. Any team wishing a game with the Lobby team should call Warren Oliver at the young men's division of the Y. M. C. A.

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The Newberg high boys' and girls' teams won a basketball double-header Friday night at Newberg. The girls' team defeated the McMinnville high school girls, 12 to 3, and the Newberg boys won from the Tillamook high boys, 33 to 18. The victory over Tillamook makes the fourth straight win for Newberg high, which is now leading the Willamette valley conference league. The Newberg quintet will play the Corvallis high school five at Newberg Saturday.

SIGMA CHI WINS SWIM MEET

Delta Upsilon Second in Fraternity Competition at Corvallis.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Jan. 28.—(Special.)—Sigma Chi won the national fraternity swimming meet by the score of 29 points, Delta Upsilon was second with 10 points, Sigma Alpha Epsilon came third with 8 markers, and Phi Delta Theta was tied with Kappa Sigma for fourth place with 6 points each. A crowd of more than 200 witnessed the meet.

In the 30-yard free style swim Porteous of the Delta Upsilon won first place, Coleman of the Sigma Chi won first place in the 60-yard free style and Bichert, also of the Sigma Chi, won first place in the 90-yard free style event. Good of the Sigma Chi was placed first in the 30-yard back stroke and in the 30-yard breast stroke Faust of the Kappa Sigma fraternity was placed first.

Turner of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon won the plunge for distance, and the relay was won by the Sigma Chis. "Happy" Kuehn swam for the Sigma Chi.

CITY LEAGUE LAUNCHED

SEVEN BASEBALL TEAMS ARE SCHEDULED TO ENTER.

Permanent Organization Will Be Effected at Meeting Called for Present Week.

A city baseball league is in process of formation. Leon S. Jackson, vice-president of the Intercity Baseball association last year, is organizing the new circuit. Seven teams have promised to enter, he says, and several other nines will send representatives to a meeting some time this week.

The following teams were represented in the preliminary organization: Woodlawn, Nicola, Montavilla, South Parkway, Railway Mail Clerks, Standard Oil and Woodmen of the World. At this week's meeting officers will be elected.

The city league will have no connection with the intercity league, also being organized. Only Portland teams will be included in the city league. Mr. Jackson is arranging with the park bureau for use of the city park grounds for the games.

MEMBERS WILL BE PROCURED

Grays Harbor Rod and Gun Club to Increase Its Roll.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—A campaign for 1000 members will soon be launched by the Grays Harbor Rod and Gun club, with Harry L. Green as drive chairman. Plans for the campaign were outlined at a meeting of the club last night. With him on the committee will be P. P. Foelkner and J. E. Pachacek, who will name sub-chairmen to solicit memberships.

H. P. Brown, county game commissioner, announced at the meeting that 250,000 brook trout will be planted in the streams of the county this spring. These trout, he said, will be fingerlings, larger than those ordinarily planted.

Co-eds to Play Lebanon.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Jan. 28.—(Special.)—The co-ed freshman basketball squad will play the Lebanon high school team as the first game of their schedule this season. Two other games are being arranged with Monroe and Corvallis high schools. There has been a large turnout for the freshman basketball team and the girls have a team composed of good players, says Miss Winniger, coach of the co-eds' squad.

Football Men Get Letter.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—The following members of last year's high school football squad have received letters: Harvey Robinson, captain; Dale Lusk, captain-elect; Charles Spray, Wilbur Spray, Jack Beager, Wendell Cochran, Ernest Kurre, Ray McCargar, Francis Wicks, Rex Wheeler, Harry Skilling, Roy Heck, Glen Haney, Daryl Hinkle, Henry Hubbel and Brighton Leonard.

COUCH BASKETBALL TEAM, PORTLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL CHAMPION.

THE PLAYERS ARE, BACK ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT—RICE, McMATH, COE, FRONT ROW—BUDLONG, HILL AND CLAY.

AGGIE MAT MEN SICK

THREE HEAVIES UNABLE TO WORK OUT FOR WEEK.

Coach Rathbun Worried Because Meet With Oregon Is Less Than Week Away.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Jan. 28.—(Special.)—Aggie mat men have held tryouts for the Oregon meet February 3 in Eugene. Sickness in the ranks of the heavyweight division has made Coach Rathbun worry. Mickelwait, Thomas and Felstead, who loomed up as good pre-season prospects, are all ill.

Johnson is the only real Aggie competitor left in the heavy division. Some one of the men from the light-heavy division may have to be shifted to the heavier class, according to Rathbun. After the second call there were six promising aspirants out and now there is only one left with the meet less than a week off.

In the 125-pound division there are seven classy prospects out and six candidates are also out for each of the following classes, 135, 145 and 158 weights. It is not probable that the Aggie mat men will meet either the University of Idaho or the College of Idaho, according to Rathbun. It would keep the team off the campus for too long a stretch, as they are meeting both the University of Washington and Washington State college on the same trip north.

BOXING TEAM TO BE CHOSEN

Grays Harbor Amateurs Expected to Enter National Meet.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—An amateur boxing team representing the whole county, to be picked from the winners in the amateur meet of the Aberdeen Athletic club, Monday night, will meet Tacoma and Seattle teams, and if victorious will go to Spokane for the national amateur boxing meet next spring, Chet Strayer, amateur promoter, announced today.

Mel Ingram, Harold Little and Hugo Daniels, three of those who will appear Monday night, are classed as among the best amateurs on the Pacific coast, and have had several offers to enter the game as professionals.

Checker Title at Stake.

GLASGOW, Scotland, Jan. 28.—Play began today between Newell W. Banks of Detroit, Mich., and Robert Stewart of Glasgow for the world's checker championship. Three games were played, all of them resulting in draws. The match will consist of 40 games.

BACK SPIN IS OBTAINED BY HITTING BALL ABOUT CENTER

In This Case Ground Must Not Be Too Soft, as Globule Is Practically Played Into Earth Much Like Masse Shot.

BY JOCK HUTCHISON,
American Winner of British Open Championship.

IF ALL goes well, I intend to return to England and defend the British open championship. The tournament will be played this year at Sandwich, a course that I saw many years ago and one that ought to be a fair test for the game.

I won't be permitted to take my ribbed mashie niblick with me this time, so I will have to depend on a smooth-faced club for approaches to the greens. I do not think it will be so much of a handicap as the British golfers imagine. Those who saw me play at St. Andrews insisted it was the club and not the man that won this championship.

There were many in the tournament using ribbed clubs and this included a lot of English and Scotch golfers who had the same chance I had. All our own boys played with these clubs.

Long before the ribbed club came into use I played my back-spin shot and was meeting with great success. I began practicing it years ago as I had an idea that it would be a much more profitable shot for me to know than the run-up. With this uppermost in my mind I gradually began to make some progress. A golf shot of this description is not learned in a day or a week or a month.

It was always with a smooth-faced club that I practiced. That is, it was smooth-faced with the exception of a few lines running across the face which were more ornamental than useful.

Club Is Invented.

I soon discovered that I could get about all the spin on a ball that I needed for holding the green. Then the club with the corrugated face came into vogue and naturally I took it up to experiment with it. I soon found that I could get my back spin a little easier with the new club. I invented one of my own and later on sold copies of it in my shop.

The ribbed club, as most golfers know, was barred at the last meeting of the Royal and Ancient some time last summer and although we were permitted to use it at St. Andrews in the open tournament it went out of existence so far as British golf is concerned, immediately afterward.

We will continue to use it over here just as we did the Schenectady putter when Great Britain barred that immediately after Walter J. Travis won the amateur championship over there. We will have to do as the Romans do, as the saying goes, when we go back next spring, and smooth-faced clubs will be the only weapons in use.

This will work no hardship on me as I have already begun practicing with a mashie-niblick without ribs. If it so happens that I cannot make the trip, the practice will have done me no harm.

There were many who doubted that my recent description of the way I play the back-spin shot was correct. I realize that it is sometimes hard to understand a golf shot and pros have had many discussions about the methods of playing different ones.

What seemed to puzzle nearly everyone was the statement that I always made it a point to get my hands in ahead of the club. This is true and I meant what I said. The shot is not what we all know as the wrist shot or a shot made with the lower part of the arms. I make the shot with the motion starting almost entirely from the shoulders. Great speed is not necessary to obtain the back spin.

There must not be the slightest effort by the player to make the ball rise in the air. The club will do this and the player must think only of hitting the ball properly.

It is necessary to let the club continue along the ground, or in other words let it come up of its own accord. Considerable more force can be put into the shot in this way. The face of a golf club is lofted for this purpose.

I explained once before that there are three kinds of mashie shots, all of them used more or less by the best golfers. The run-up is the oldest and perhaps the easiest.

Ascending Shot Popular.

The ascending shot is quite popular in England, although our players prefer the backspin. Vardon and Ray used the ascending shot a great deal. The ball is merely pitched high in the air and permitted to drop with quite a little run. Both these experts can play the back spin, no doubt, but they seldom did it during their visit here.

The spin is obtained by hitting the ball at about the center, sometimes a little above it, in which case the ground must not be too soft as the ball is practically played into the ground much after the manner of a masse shot in billiards. In this shot turf is usually taken with the club after the ball has been sent on its way. Turf taken in any other way with the mashie is fatal unless some freak shot is attempted, or the ball is literally torn out of the ground.

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China has only seven wireless stations.

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY GRIDDERS NON-CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS.

Back row, left to right—Long, guard; Wolf, tackle; Walker, guard; Blackman, end; E. Wolf, fullback; Leo Frank, coach. Middle row—Sneider, tackle; Adams, halfback; Hoar, quarter; McKeever, guard; Captain Jimmie Lane, tackle; Develin, end; Sheeley, center; Caldwell, end; Rannow, guard; Garrigus, guard; Fowler, halfback; Frank, halfback; Tucker, fullback.

PLAY TO REOPEN TUESDAY

SIX QUINTETS WILL CLASH THIS WEEK.

Several Changes Made in Lineups. Commerce to Make Debut Against Jefferson.

Play will be resumed Tuesday in the Portland public school basketball league after a layoff of one week for school examinations. The following teams will clash this week: Jefferson and Commerce on Tuesday, James John and Benson Wednesday, and Washington and Franklin Thursday.

Several changes in lineups are expected this week. James John will be permitted to use Captain Bauer at forward and Surber and Robertson at guards. Bauer entered school too late to be eligible to play until after the opening of the new term Monday. Surber and Robertson have made up scholastic deficiences that kept them out last term.

With Robertson, Surber and Bauer in the lineup, the James John team from one of the weakest should become one of the strongest in the league. All are last year's lettermen, Surber's work especially being noteworthy. Although he played guard, he nevertheless was one of the high point scorers in the league.

And after the Washington game Thursday two Franklin players, Thomas and Hobson, will be reinstated from a suspension of 60 days by the Amateur Athletic union for playing semi-pro baseball last summer. They played on the Franklin team which won the state interscholastic championship last year at Salem. Their absence from the Franklin lineup has hurt the team greatly.

Commerce will make its debut Tuesday, against Jefferson. Commerce has only one man from last year's team in the lineup, and the substitutes playing regular positions are inexperienced. Gurian is the only veteran. Mix Grider, although a student at the school, is not eligible for the team as he has played four years.

Benson has the strongest team in years. Its defeat of Washington January 11 was the first win any athletic team at Benson has had over Washington.

Lincoln is the dark horse of the league. It sprang the first surprise of the year when it defeated Franklin. Lincoln has a bye for this week and Coach Campbell will devote the whole week to practice.

Although Washington lost to Benson, it has a strong quintet and must be considered in the running. Jefferson does not expect to have to exert itself until it plays Benson on February 8. Commerce being considered a setup. Broughton, Jefferson's center, is high-point man of the league with 21 points.

REGATTA PLANS FORMULATED

Gold Cup - Harmsworth Trophy Races Promise Good Sport.

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 28.—Plans for the 1922 gold cup-Harmsworth trophy regatta here, announced recently, show that the regatta committee proposes to stage in seven days as many events as were held in the 11 days of last year's regatta. The regatta next autumn will be in two divisions, August 26 to 29, inclusive, being set apart for the gold cup section and September 2, 3 and 4 for the Harmsworth trophy races.

Although no formal challenge has been received for the Harmsworth trophy, held by Gar Wood of Detroit, the committee considers it almost certain that Sir W. Mackay Edgar will bring over a new craft, probably Maple Leaf VIII, to attempt to wrest the British international trophy from Miss America II, which captured it last year. The challenger has until February 28 to announce intention of competing for the "R. I. T." as the world's trophy is known among power-boat men.

Besides the gold cup event the first section of the regatta will include three 50-mile heats in the Wood-Fisher trophy for runabouts; the Sallan trophy handicap race at 75 miles in three heats, for cabin cruisers with a speed not to exceed 17 miles an hour, and the Detroit trophy event at 30 miles for single-step hydroplanes, with piston displacement of not more than 1500 cubic inches. Miss Chicago of the Chicago Yacht club won the trophy last year.

LINFIELD WINS, 36 TO 14

Philomath College's First Rush Is Stopped by Home Team.

LINFIELD COLLEGE, McMinnville, Or., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—Philomath college and Linfield college met in a fast game of basketball here in the college gymnasium last night. Linfield won, 36 to 14.

Philomath started with a rush and led for some time during the first half. During the last part of the half the Linfield team staged a comeback and forged ahead. The score at the end of the half was 17-10.

The second half was more one-sided as the Philomath team only succeeded in obtaining two field baskets and no free throws, while Linfield won nine field baskets and one free throw.

This makes the second victory for the local college in the conference. The boys will play Pacific college next Saturday at Newberg. Coach Marice Pettit of Linfield college has his men working all the time and they are rapidly developing into a championship combination.

The lineup for the game was:

Philomath (14)		Linfield, 36.
Sharpe 12	F	6 Hickok
Haskins 2	F	6 Miller
Barriman	C	4 Coe
Emerick	G	4 Hoberg
Epley	G	10 Kratt
	Subs	6 H. Larson
		L. Larson

GOLF CHAMPS LOSE AGAIN

Barnes and Hutchison Beaten by Pasadena Players.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 28.—Jim Barnes, American open golf champion, and Jock Hutchison, British champion, suffered their first defeat in southern California at the Pasadena Golf club today when they lost a 36-hole match, 3 to 2, to Dr. Paul Hunter, state amateur title holder, and Eddie Loos, professional of the Pasadena club.

The brand of golf shown was good, considering the strong wind prevailing. The eastern players will compete tomorrow at the La Cumbre course, Santa Barbara, against two local professionals.

DANES MAY GET SWIMMER

Proposal Made to Duke Kahanamoku to Teach at Beach.

HONOLULU, T. H., Jan. 6.—(Special Correspondence.)—There is a Danish newspaper man in Honolulu who wants to take Duke Kahanamoku, world champion swimmer, to Denmark to teach the Danes surf riding and swimming. His name is J. M. Thomsen and he has written to his paper suggesting that a group of the Danish beach hotel proprietors be lined up to stand the cost.

To receive any pay for his services would professionalize the Hawaiian swimmers and so Thomsen proposes merely to pay the Duke's expenses in connection with the trip and four months' stay.

"We have surf similar to that at Waikiki. It may be found at two of our beach resorts, Horenbeck and Fanoe. Whether surfing can be done there is a question, but I think the Duke could do it."

Kahanamoku has been non-committal, but has not refused the proposal. Of course such a tour would have to be sanctioned by the national Amateur Athletic Union as well as the Hawaiian Amateur Athletic union, and the invitation would have to come, not from the Danish hotel proprietors, but through the swimming federation in Denmark. A cabled answer is now being awaited before further steps are taken on the project.

ALBANY BASKETEERS LOSE

Corvallis High School Quintet Tramples Upon Opponents.

CORVALLIS, Or., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—The Corvallis high basketball team trampled upon Albany high yesterday afternoon by a score of 37 to 13. The game was fast and clean, though one-sided, there being no doubt as to the result after the first five minutes.

Phil Baird, Corvallis center, was high man of the game, making six field baskets and converting three fouls for a total of 15 points. The Corvallis team will play McMinnville a return game next week.

The line-up:

Corvallis.		Albany.
Calloway	R F	Steinisher
Rawlings	L F	Brandenburg
Baird	C	Stellmacher
Hammersley	R G	Roney
Schweiling	L G	Gray

BALL PLAYERS' PAY CUT

Virginia League Reduces Salary Limit of Teams $200 a Month.

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 22.—Virginia Baseball league owners have fixed a salary limit of $3000 and a player limit of 14 men, exclusive of the manager. The salary of the manager was not included in the salary limit, which is a reduction of $200 a month, as compared with last year.

The salary limit was one of the chief causes of difficulty in the Virginia league last year, and threatened for a time to cause disbandment of the circuit. Wilson and Rockymount lost leadership of the league during the first half of the season because owners of these two teams exceeded the salary limit.

Scio Five Beats Lebanon.

LEBANON, Or., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—The Lebanon high school basketball team was defeated on the local floor last night by the fast aggregation of tossers from Scio high school, by a score of 24 to 22. At the close of the first half Lebanon led, 16 to 15. They continued 1 ahead until the last two minutes of the game, when a foul by Lebanon resulted in one point for Scio and in the last minute of play Scio scored a field basket, giving them the two winning points. It was a fast, clean game. Scio has not suffered a defeat this year, even beating Willamette freshmen. The lineup was as follows:

Scio.		Lebanon.
John Densmore	R F	Roy Bilyeu
Maurice White	L F	Rodney Busey
Fred Sims	C	Paul Snider
Glen Holland	R G	Karl Gatchell
Vern Neal	L G	Rollin Kuhn

Official Job No Longer Soft One.

The life of a college football official is no longer a soft job. Once upon a time the colleges accepted the rulings of the officials without comment. Those were the happy days for the officials, but they no longer exist. Off-side and holding plays are a question of judgment merely. They are similar to the ball and strike, or the out and safe decisions of the baseball umpire. The baseball official reaches a decision and gives it. Often he is the only person in the ball park who takes that view. Often one important ruling gets a football official in bad. A ruling similar to the one that kept W. and J. from defeating California has caused many an excellent official to be scratched by the college so penalized.

World Classic Bowlers Announced.

CHICAGO, Jan. 28.—Twenty-four bowlers who will compete in the first annual world's classic championship tournament here February 9 to 25 were announced tonight. Each contestant will be obliged to roll 115 games in a series of five-game matches, with each of his 27 opponents. A combination of total pins and the number of games will be used to determine the final rating. The selections announced were mostly from Chicago.

Sophomores Win Swim Meet.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Jan. 28.—(Special.)—The sophomore class won the interclass swimming meet with 16 points and the seniors were second with 14 points. The freshman team made 13 points, the juniors six, and the vocationals five. Eva Schultz of Portland won most of the sophomore points in the distance races and Florence Wharton of Roseburg made the majority of the senior points on the races for form.

Silverton Hoopers Win.

SILVERTON, Or., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—The Silverton high school basketball team last night defeated the freshman team of Willamette university by a score of 26 to 16. For Silverton, McKee scored 6, Taylor scored 12 and Moser scored 18. For Willamette, Nee scored 4, McKinney scored 10 and Schriber scored 2. The Silverton high school girls were defeated in a preliminary game with Corvallis by a score of 12 to 5.

North Bend 35, Marshfield 29.

NORTH BEND, Or., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—The local high school basketball team defeated Marshfield last night on Marshfield's floor in the armory building, 35 to 29. The game was fast and was played before a large audience. The result of the contest leaves Marshfield and North Bend tied for the honors of the season, each having won two and lost one.

Lebanon Girls Defeat Co-eds.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Jan. 28.—(Special.)—Lebanon High school girls won the first game from the Aggie co-ed freshman basketball team Friday night by the score of 17 to 12. Avis Langmack of the Lebanon team was the visitors' star, and Martha Berger starred for the freshman team.

Athena Wins 9 Straight Games.

ATHENA, Or., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—The Athena high school basketball team kept up its winning streak this week by defeating Columbia college, 51 to 11, and by beating Pilot Rock, 25 to 15. The team has won nine straight games. The Athena girls' team defeated the girls of Pilot Rock high school last night, 26 to 18.

11th Cavalry 12, San Mateo 9.

DEL MONTE, Cal., Jan. 28.—The 11th cavalry polo team of the Monterey Presidio defeated San Mateo, 12 to 9, today in the initial round of the junior handicap event in the first sanctioned tournament of the American polo season.

OARS SQUAD IS TRAINING

WASHINGTON PREPARES FOR STIFF WORKOUTS.

Endurance and Stamina Needed for Three-Mile Stroke Still to Be Developed.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, Seattle, Jan. 28.—(Special.)—Gradually bringing his varsity rowing squad into physical condition preparatory to the period of stiff training, which will begin February 1, Coach Ed Leader piloted his charges across Lake Washington Friday afternoon and sent them in the crew house for the longest practice sprint of the quarter.

Endurance and stamina needed for the three-mile pull at a racing stroke are still to be developed. The finish of the dash showed some of the oarsmen hanging over their blades and lacking the punch for a snappy, powerful drive.

With a few men missing because of sickness, Leader shook up the combinations developed in the Merrily and Lulu, changing Luft and Skibeness over to the Merrily. Of the original Lulu eight from last quarter only three men now remain in the shell.

Leading over the entire course by a half length and uncorking a powerful sprint in the last half mile, the Washington, stroked by Melvin Anderson, headed the Lulu for a two-length win. Mike Murphy's combination in the Merrily loafed across the entire width of the lake, dropping about three lengths of open water. Evidently deciding to get back into the running, Murphy boosted his stroke to 32, while opposite Laurelhurst point he passed the Lululu at the first lighthouse and crowded the Washingtonia to the finish.

PACIFIC QUINTET VICTOR

WILLAMETTE LOSES AT FOREST GROVE, 25 TO 20.

Both Teams Have Poor Luck in Converting, but Long Shots Provide Thrills.

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, Forest Grove, Or., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—With the stands in continuous uproar from the first to last minute of the game Pacific university defeated Willamette university in basketball here last night, 25 to 20. The game was 40 minutes of thrills, both teams being well matched and about equal in ability. Pacific led by a bare point or two during the entire game and won the second victory of the year over the Bearcats by outfighting them. The Methodists had the edge in the passing game and both teams had poor luck in converting easy shots but provided the thrills in long clean shots.

Willamette men were smaller than the Badgers and were hampered by the loss of Gillette, star forward, who was out of the game until the last three minutes. Captain Sneider of the Badgers was high point man with five baskets. Logan and Dimick, for Willamette, each made three.

Many fouls were called, Referee Gawley of the Portland Y. M. C. A. calling them closer than either team was used to.

Forest Grove high school lost to McMinnville high, 19 to 15.

The lineup:

Pacific.		Willamette.
Hoar (2)	F	(9) Logan
Fink	F	(6) Dimick
Sneider (10)	C	(2) Doney
Blackman (9)	G	Patton
Adams	G	Soesbefsky
Amburn (4)	S	Caughlin
	S	(3) Gillette

BASEBALL VETERANS LACKING

Aggies Must Train Team of Raw Recruits—Babb Is Only Pitcher.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Jan. 28.—(Special.)—The Aggie baseball nine is worrying Coach Rathbun because eight of last year's letter men are gone. The only veteran pitcher left is Bert Babb, and he now has in his possession contracts from at least three professional ball clubs.

From the infield, McKenna, Keene, Gill, Hubbard and Newman either have graduated or will not be in college during the spring quarter. Hartman, the heavy-hitting outfielder, and Pitchers Miller and Hughes will also be among the missing.

This leaves practically a team of raw recruits. Of last year's freshman team, it is understood that two good infield men will not be eligible for varsity this spring.

Boxing Commission Resigns.

LA GRANDE, Or., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—As the result of dissatisfaction with the decision at a recent boxing match, the municipal boxing commission has resigned. The dissatisfied element made the point that the chairman and only active member of the committee, C. D. Emshiser, had acted as referee following a ringside vote, the basis of a petition asking his removal by the city commission. The latter body asked the commissioner to attend its next meeting and explain the facts from their side, the result being that the members all resigned. New appointments have not been announced yet.

Centralia High Basketeers Win.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—The Centralia high school basketball team defeated Montesano last night by a score of 21 to 19 in a Southwest Washington league game played on the Montesano floor. The count at the end of the first half stood 13 to 5 in Montesano's favor. The Centralia second team lost its fourth straight game in the Lewis County league last night when it was defeated by Pe Ell by a score of 37 to 7.

Corvallis High Girls Win.

CORVALLIS, Or., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—The Corvallis high school girls won their third straight game of basketball last night when they defeated the Silverton girls 12 to 5. The game was in doubt up to the final period, but in this period the Corvallis girls ran up 7 points to their opponents' 1. Ethel Miller and Mildred Newton, forwards; Abbie Keasy and Effie Bedynek, centers, and Lela Thurman and Emma Leder, guards, were the girls who shared in the victory.

Junction City Beats Halsey.

JUNCTION CITY, Or., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—The Junction City high school basketball teams scored a double victory over the Halsey teams here last night. The girls' team tied and an extra five minutes was played during which the score was raised to 11 to 10. The score for the boys' game was 36 to 20.

World Champion Pigeon Dead.

DERBY, Eng., Jan. 28.—"King of Rome," the world's champion pigeon, has just died here. In 1913 the bird won the world's longest pigeon race from Rome to Derby, a distance of roughly 1600 miles.