



With the Athletes at the University of California.

Last year the authorities of the University of California and Stanford placed the taboo on football as it is played in America, and the English game of Rugby football was introduced in its stead. Of course the enthusiasts of the old game howled and the new game was criticized accordingly as effeminate and uninteresting. Being a lover of American football myself, I hadn't looked forward to the fall athletics with any degree of enthusiasm.

Last Saturday the annual Freshman game between California and Stanford took place on the Berkeley field. The regular annual varsity game is to be played at Stanford this year, and as I had no idea of going down there, I concluded to attend the Freshman game as a critical spectator, just to say I had seen Rugby played. From the moment of the kickoff I began to take notice. With the first long run made by California I was on my feet. When the Blue and Gold men crossed the goal line I found myself yelling and keeping time with my hat which was tracing circles in the air above my head. At the end of the first half I had decided to see the big game at Stanford on November 9th! Today I saw another game, California defeating the University of Nevada—and now I'm counting the days and hours until November 9th as impatiently as, when half as many years old as now, I counted those preceding the glorious fourth. This is the brief story of my conversion to Rugby.

To begin with, Rugby is no namby pamby sissy game as its defamers would have us believe. Just the opposite. In fact it calls for a greater endurance, more speed, agility and skill than the old game. In fact the premium is placed on these qualities instead of on beef.

Rugby is more of a spectators' or "grandstand" game. The play is much more open—there are many more spectacular runs with the ball, there is any amount more kicking. In fact once in a while it reminds one a little of the old fashioned game of kick. Above all there is this to its credit—there is something doing all the time, the teams surging back and forth across the field by hops and bounds.

There is none of your tedious and tiresome mass plays and line backing. Where you have one good long run in football you see a score in Rugby. Quick and accurate passing of the ball is called for and frequently the sphere is passed from man to man clear across the field, progress being made all the time.

There are no vexatious delays as the ball is seldom out of play. There are fifteen men on a team and all are busy all the time. As there are more chances for the spectacular, one can always expect something to break loose and happen and is hence kept on that thrilling verge of expectancy which sends the good red blood through him on the double quick.

The game is still rough enough. The tackling is fully as fierce as in the old game, for when a man's down the play is not stopped if he can get it to a team mate or if an opponent can take it away from him. But there is not that crashing and piling up of the two lines which so often has serious results in the old game. While weight is not to be despised, this game gives a chance to the lithe, wiry little fellows, to whom there are but one or two positions open on the football eleven. The game

should therefore find favor with the smaller colleges, which are generally shy on heavy weights, and are thus at a disadvantage in competition in football with larger institutions.

The attitude of the big, beefy heroes of the old game, the fallen idols, is pretty well described in the following verses written by a local "dopester." The author himself is hardly loyal to the game, however, for when he represents the Rugby boys as "playing gently" he wholly misrepresents the game.

Husky Algernon De Bruiser
Was a full-back big and bold,
He manhandled all the tackles,
And he laid the line men cold.
Husky Algernon De Bruiser
Weighed two hundred pounds or more,
With a head just like a hammer,
And he used to roll in gore.

Husky Algernon De Bruiser
Was the co-ed's beau ideal,
And their hearts went all a-flutter
When he made the center reel.

Husky Algernon De Bruiser
Is a rank back number now,
And the full-back's place is taken
By a lad with lofty brow.

Husky Algernon De Bruiser
Sits him down in great disgust
While the Rugby boys play gently
Lest their clothes or hair are mussed.

Husky Algernon De Bruiser
Grinds his teeth and bits his fist
As he sees a brutal player
Slap another on the wrist.

Husky Algernon De Bruiser
Now is playing tidily winks,
And with fervent voice he cusses
At the English Rugby jinks.

Husky Algernon De Bruiser
Is a very lonesome lad,
Since the latest importation
Put the old game on the bad.

Husky Algernon De Bruiser
Lets the tears fall now and then
And he does some earnest praying
For the old game back again.

But back to last Saturday's game. About six thousand people saw the California Freshmen take the Stanford "Babies" down the line by a score of 19 to 0. As Stanford has been winning the majority of the athletic events for a few years, the victory was peculiarly gratifying to the supporters of the Blue and Gold.

With the big crowd of enthusiasts, the opposing crowds of rooters, each with its band, gay streamers, flaunting pennants and waving colors, it was a magnificent spectacle. A Frisco sport writer says it was the greatest first-year crowd in all the fourteen seasons, the most spirited yelling and singing heard in years, and, for a final feature, the grandest serpentine procession of joyous undergraduate victors probably ever assembled on a university campus anywhere.

For a quarter of an hour after the sharp pistol crack suddenly terminated a game that had been fought by both sides with an admirable spirit of good sportsmanship and without noticeable injury to the contestants, a California collegiate throng of fully 900 men poured down into the arena, rollicking four abreast, then joined hands in a twining, frenzied processional parade, then swayed in a doubling and redoubling lockstep line three blocks long and trampled upon every yard of that field of glory, which for the first time in its history a blue and gold team had turned over to its supporters to christen and caress with joyous feet.

The scene was so thrilling and impressive as almost to wring poetry and romance out of a professional sport writer and dopefiend, as witness the following:

"It felt good to be a Californian and look over that scene in the Berkeley stadium, its high sloping east and west walls blazed with the colors of spring and flecked with shirt waists, blotched big in white, with the great masses of coatless collegians, painted with the beau-

ties of variegated millinery and dashed everywhere with its significant blue and gold on the east side and fiery cardinal on the west slope, until the place suggested terraced gardens in full bloom.

To look down over the heads of solid masses of college men, the glint of the bright California sun upon their bared heads, till you wondered at the fresh, well-groomed cleanliness of it all; the golden hair, the shades of brown and nowhere a bald pate, was a rare experience. There were the youth of this golden West in the vigor of college life, and the sight was one to make a Californian wish for some Easterners or foreigners beside him that he might sweep his hand over the great concourse of those 6000 young people and say, 'These are California collegians. Through all these pretty masses flanking those bareheaded men are Western young women. Where on earth can you see a more healthy, robust, cleanly looking body of men? Where so many hundreds of clear-skinned, bright-eyed, full-chested, royal young women? And where have you ever seen a better, more courteous partisan spirit?'

But just let the Graphic readers wait until after the big game—if California wins.

W. C. W.

Berkeley, October 19.

Real Estate Transfers.

Reported by the Yamhill County Abstract Company, McMinnville.

G A Graves to Wm A Bales lts 1, 2, 3 blk 2 H & L add Newberg \$1000.

Jas Silqua and wf to A J Bewley sw 1/4 ne 1/4 sec 29 t 5 s r 7 \$100.

S F Morgan and wf to Geo S Borg lt 6 blk 44 Oak Park add McMinnville \$40.

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Joseph Pazina and wf to Raymond Walter ne 1/4 sec 10 t 5 s r 8 \$300.

Green L Rowland to Sarah S Harford et al 25.81 a sec 2 t 3 s r 4 \$1.

Silas R Broadwell to R C Crosby lt 9 blk 26 Dundee \$25.

Melvin Needham (by gdn) to Nelson B Winters 2.75 a cl 55 t 3 s r 2 \$325.

Taylor Needham to Nelson B Winters 2.75 a cl 55 t 3 s r 2 \$1.

Mary F Hurley to D W Atkinson lts 2, 3 blk 33 H & L add Newberg \$200.

J M Ruggles and wf to A M Ruggles lts 1, 2 blk 9 Hauswirths 2nd add to North Yamhill \$400.

John Wennerberg to Henry Martin and wf lt 5 blk 12 Wennerbergs add Carlton \$200.

Colin McIver to Mabel P Braden 2 a cl 53 s r 2 \$400.

P C Thomason and wf to Christie McAuley 109.12 a cl 52 t 2 s r 4 \$4580.

Yamhill Novelty Co to C B Jones blk 10 Hauswirths 2nd add North Yamhill \$400.

Cyrus E Hoskins and wf to Joseph Herriott and wf 7.09 a sec 9 t 3 s r 2 \$673.55.

Harry A Littlefield to Melissa J Nash lts 1, 2 blk 13 Central add to Newberg \$600.

Harry A Littlefield to Elza E Finley lts 3, 4 blk 13 Central add Newberg \$500.

Taylor Needham et al Nelson B Winters 2.75 a cl 55 t 3 s r 2 \$1500.

M E Church of Carlton to W A Howe .38 a Carlton \$1.

W A Howe to Anna C Howe 2.27 a Carlton \$10.

Hannah K Kutch and hus to W A Howe small tract Carlton \$1.

M J Durham and hus to Niels Nielson lt 8 blk 3 Oak Park add McMinnville \$600.

Wm McHardy and wf to Wm G Moore & Jos McHardy und 1/2 567.07 a secs 5, 6 t 2 s r 5 \$1.

Paul Fundman to R D Webber lts 1, 2, 3 blk 6 Fairview add Willamina \$145.

Arthur Andrews and wf to G U Snapp 57x100 ft First and College sts Newberg \$2000.

John L Brown to Otto Flatau 44.54 a sec 10 t 6 s r 6 \$1900.

E U Henderson et al to A B Sunderlin sw 1/4 sec 8 t 5 s r 6 \$1700.

John Pratt and wf to Lester Wallace lt 3 and e 1/2 lt 4 sec 5 t 6 s r 7 \$1.

W E Foster and wf to Alva C Brown 5.85 a in sec 16 t 4 s r 3 \$850.

A P Oliver to Emily F Wood lts 7, 8 blk 4 Deskins 1st add Newberg \$350.

J F Taylor and wf to L H Shirley and wf lts 1, 2, 3, 10 and 10 lt 9 blk 2 Deskins 3rd add Newberg \$500.

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