

SOFTBALL RULES STANDARDIZED AT COMMITTEE MEET

Two Sizes of Diamond Decided On—Different Size of Balls to Be Used—Pitching Motion Is Defined

By FRED BAILEY
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CHICAGO—(UP)—Softball, which sprang into a major sport almost overnight, has a national rules committee, a set of standardized rules and a "steering committee" to guide it next summer.

Organization of the game as a national sport was made at the first convention of the game, at which 100 recreation executives, representing 30 states, were present.

The most important result of the convention was the adoption of the first set of rules ever drawn up with the approval of all the organizations sponsoring the sport.

Since softball began to spread like wildfire two years ago, there have been almost as many rules as there were teams, and almost every community played its own particular type of game.

Out of the two-day session there evolved a set of rules which are to be placed into effect next summer. A rules committee of prominent recreation directors was appointed.

The points most commonly disputed were clarified in the new rules, including the size of the diamond, size of ball, what constitutes a legal pitch, base running and batting rules and the infield fly rule.

Two Sizes of Diamonds. It was decided to set two standard size diamonds, one with 60-foot bases and the other with 45-foot bases. On the larger diamond the 12-inch regular seam ball is to be used. On the smaller diamond, the 14-inch ball is to be used. The pitching distance in both cases is to be 37 feet.

Aside from the size of the diamond, the rules are identical throughout both types of game. A legal pitch—the most disputed point under the many varied rules which have prevailed—is defined as:

"A ball which is delivered by the pitcher with a full arm swing, following through with the arm parallel to the body, the hand below the hip, and the ball not more than six inches from the body. Snappy or jerky release at the hip or delivering the ball across the front of the body shall be considered illegal."

Bunting or attempting to bunt was made an automatic out. A team is to consist of 10 players, according to the new rules. On an infield fly, the batter is out and the ball becomes dead, no play being possible on any of the base runners, who cannot advance.

Base-running rules were changed to bar the runner from taking a lead off any base on penalty of being declared out, and from trying to steal unless the ball has passed home plate.

Plan Tournament. Reports to the newly-formed National Softball association indicate that last summer more persons probably played softball than any other sport, excepting golf. Colorado reported 700 teams and 25,000 players. Detroit had a similar number. Popularity of the game was general throughout the United States.

Tentative plans for a national tournament to be conducted by the association were approved. A committee was named to work out detailed plans.

GUN CLUB DRAWS SUNDAY THROUGH

The traps of the Medford Gun club were kept busy Sunday, until mid-afternoon to accommodate the large number of shooters who turned out to enjoy the sport. Interest was particularly keen at the skeet traps, Russell Semon making high score with an 18 and a 20 for a total of 38 out of 50.

At the regular traps Sid Newton was high with 49 out of 50. Four 25 straight were made during the day. Sid Newton, Bill Bates, Elmer Wilson and Ralph Green turning the trick. Next Sunday, February 25, the club will stage the first of a series of registered shoots at which special trophies will be awarded.

- At 50 targets
- Sid Newton 49
- Bill Bates 47
- Ed Lamport 47
- Geo. Porter 46
- T. E. Daniels 46
- Elmer Wilson 46
- B. L. Deaton (Pro.) 45
- H. Crockett 44
- C. M. Brewer, Jr. 38
- Dr. B. L. Lagason 37
- Chas. Woods 35

- At 25 targets
- Ralph Green 24
- Clarence Eads 23
- Sam Jennings 22
- E. W. Pease 21
- Ray Coleman 21

- At 25 Skeet
- Russell Semon 20
- H. Crockett 20
- Ron DeVore 19
- E. O. Soltinsky 19
- Sam Jennings 19
- B. L. Deaton 18
- Jas. Moore 18
- Ray Coleman 18
- E. H. Pierce 17
- Dr. B. L. Lagason 15
- Con DeVore 14
- Chas. Woods 13
- T. E. Daniels 13
- H. Fluhrer 13
- Freddy Brayton 13
- Dr. E. H. Dutton 9

The CWA ordered 572,500 employees dropped from its pay roll next Friday.

Another Contender



Steve Hamas (above) was hailed as another potential challenger for the heavyweight championship when he decisively whipped Max Schmeling in Philadelphia to win a 12-round decision. (Associated Press Photo)

MILE RUN HONORS GO TO BONTHON, PRINCETON STAR

By Alan Gould
(Associated Press Sports Editor)

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—(AP)—The honors in the All-America battle for mile running supremacy rest today with Princeton's black-haired Bill Bonthon, the boy who says he hates track sports and doesn't seem to care what old Pope Time thinks about it.

Bonthon outprinted and beat his Kansas rival, Glenn Cunningham, Saturday night in the first and perhaps only time these two great college runners ever will meet at the mile distance. His margin of victory was by inches, gained in the last sweeping stride of a hair-raising finish that provoked a highly emotional outburst by a crowd of 16,000 spectators in Madison Square Garden.

World records bloomed before and after this dazzling mile finish. Keith Brown of Yale lifted his own indoor pole vault mark to 14 feet, 4 inches. Walter Marty of Fresno, Calif., State college, hoisted himself to a new record of six feet, 8 1/2 inches in the high jump and John Collier of the Boston A. A. twice equalled the world stand of 7.4 seconds for the 60-yard high hurdles.

Brown added 2 1/2 inches to the indoor record he set last year and beat Bill Graber of Southern California, whose outdoor mark of 14 feet, 4 1/2 inches made in the Olympic tryouts at Palo Alto two years ago, is the only performance superior to the latest achievement of the EU ace.

Graber's best Saturday night was 13 feet, nine inches. Marty also took the measure of his greatest rival, George Spitz of New York University, in negotiating the greatest height man has ever jumped without some artificial assistance. The blond Californian, who attempted 6-0 1/2 after his first record jump, topped Spitz's previous world indoor mark of 5-8 1/2 and his own unofficial outdoor standard of 6-0 1/2, made last year.

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French Tire of Allen Bankrupts

PARIS.—(AP)—The city of Nice and the department of Alpes Maritimes have petitioned the chamber of deputies to pass a law whereby "any foreign merchant established in France who goes through bankruptcy three times, shall be expelled."



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3 TEAMS IN TIE AS ELKS BOWLING TOURNEY WANES

Three teams, those captained by E. Wood, E. Orr and Erickson are tied for first place in the Elks club bowling tourney as the competition rolls into the final week.

Erickson's outfit copped the cash prize again last week for high team total.

The DeVore and Saylor quintets roll tonight.

Individual and team standings for week ending February 14:

	Gms.	Ttl's	Avg	Hdp
Pruitt	36	7270	202	—
Eads	39	7584	194	—
Gill	38	7104	187	—
Erickson	39	7243	186	—
Rankin	36	6435	179	—
Soltinsky	36	6339	176	3
Golinsky	30	5250	175	4
Paake	36	6248	174	4
DeVore	39	6738	173	4
Orr, Eugene	39	6571	168	9
Sherwood	39	6471	166	10
Watson	39	6451	165	11
Guenther, Hugo	39	6453	165	11
Guenther, Herb	15	2454	165	11
Jerome	36	5830	162	13
Saylor	39	6260	161	14
Ferguson	33	5285	160	15
Bowman	27	4280	159	16
Alenderter	27	4295	159	16
Brayton	33	5157	157	17
Orr, Bert	33	5186	157	17
Smith	30	4711	157	17
Andras	27	4212	156	18
Sanderson	30	4615	154	20
Rose	33	5014	152	21
Strang, Herb	39	5868	151	22
Thompson	30	4509	150	22
Rostel	15	2105	150	22
Edel	6	905	151	23
Fredette	33	4988	151	23
Brown	18	2692	149	23
Erickson	8	872	148	24
Wood	39	5760	148	24
Strang, Virg	39	5685	145	25
White	33	4776	145	26
Pabrick	18	2604	145	26
York	39	5542	142	28
Holmes	37	3760	139	31
Fliegel	19	2629	138	31
Shade	3	417	139	31
Olmsted	39	5363	137	32
Bosmer	33	4269	129	38
Corum	6	778	130	37

Team Standing

Team	Won	Lost	Pctg
Erickson	12	6	.666
Orr, Eugene	12	6	.666
Erickson	12	6	.666
Guenther	9	9	.499
Soltinsky	7	11	.388
Watson	7	11	.388
DeVore	7	11	.388
Saylor	6	12	.333

PLAYOFF LOOMS FOR BEARS AND TROJANS

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Prospects of a play-off series between the California Bears and Southern California Trojans for the southern division, Pacific coast conference, basketball championship loomed today.

The Bears lost their one-game leadership as they were upset 40 to 38 by the U. C. L. A. Bruins in Los Angeles Saturday night while the Trojans conquered Stanford at Palo Alto 33 to 22.

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Scientists Doom Wingless Rooster To Sift Nature's Secret of Flight

By F. B. COLTON
Associated Press Science Writer
WASHINGTON, D. C.—(AP)—"Lindbergh," the wingless rooster, is doomed to die for a group of scientists soon, to give them not a chicken dinner but a chance to learn how and why he was hatched without wings.

The first bird ever known to live to grow up after being hatched abnormally "wingless," "Lindbergh" struts and crows as proudly as any other male fowl in the Birdbourse of the National zoo here, but without the customary wing flapping. He has no wings to flap and know it. Placed when hungry on a high table, with corn on the ground below, he clucks indignantly, but won't jump.

Degenerative Fault. The rooster seems to be a victim of a degenerative tendency that began attacking some birds as far back as 25,000,000 years ago. A bird called the Hesperornis, also without wings, was living then in Kansas.

When "Lindbergh" goes to the chopping block the scientists studying him hope to learn something new about what makes birds lose their wings, or the use of them. There are many birds, either wingless or with wings too small for flying, such as the ostrich, the New Zealand kiwi, the penguin, and the great auk, now extinct.

The kiwi, though wingless, has rudimentary wing bones inside its body. When a young kiwi starts to develop within the egg its preliminary wing structure has a "strut" bone and three "fingers," but when it hatches only a single "finger" bone is left. Wings are modifications of the same bony structures that turn into front legs or arms in animals and man.

Checking On Nature. The same thing that regularly happens to kiwis may have happened to "Lindbergh." On the other hand, if there are not even rudimentary wing bones, the scientists believe they can deduce what happened inside "Lindbergh's" egg to cause nature to forget his wings. It was something that happened before he was hatched, they feel sure.

It takes only a small upset in the normal development of an egg to spoil the chicken developing inside it. For example, says the Smithsonian institution, a chicken normally develops in an egg with its head under its right wing. If the head somehow is placed under the left wing, it dies.

"If the point of failure in the development of this bird can be established," says the Smithsonian, "we may throw some light on the general problem of the physical mechanism of bird flight, itself, and of its loss in some species, not yet understandable from normal embryological material."

The earliest known birds possessed well-developed wings. Loss of the power of flight represents a degenerative rather than a primitive condition among living birds.

All this doesn't interest "Lindbergh," who at the age of six months seems happy and healthy without his wings. He's a Plymouth Rock from Rose Mill, Ky., and seemingly proud of it.

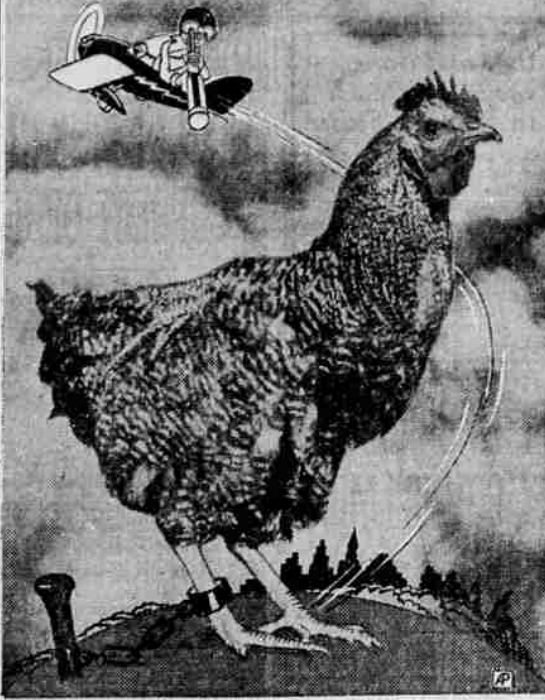
McGraw's Illness Takes Bad Turn

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—(AP)—John J. McGraw, Feb. 19.—(AP)—John J. McGraw, who is ill with uremia in a New Rochelle hospital, was reported worse today.

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"Lindbergh," wingless rooster at the National zoo, Washington, is as earth-bound as though he were chained—but in his bone structure, scientists think, may be found the secret of flight.

ELEVEN REASONS IN DIVORCE PLEA

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—(UP)—When Mrs. Mary E. Dirker, 46, decided she wanted a divorce she appeared in Circuit Judge Hoffmeister's court and enumerated 11 reasons why she should have her petition granted.

The reasons: One—A week after the wedding her husband discovered she had \$280 in a bank and demanded the money.

Two—When she refused to give him the money he choked her.

Three—He beat her 20 times in six months.

Four—Since their separation he has continued to visit her and beat her.

Five—He nagged her every night until 3 a. m.

Six—He wanted her to open a beer tavern before beer was legal.

Seven—He threatened her life several times.

Eight—He called her "terrible names."

Nine—When visitors came he met them at the door and told them to get out.

Ten—He wouldn't work and expected her to support him.

Eleven—He drank continuously.

And, Judge, Mrs. Dirker said, "that all happened in six months—then I left him." The divorce was granted.

STOCK CAR RACE WON BY GORDON

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Al Gordon, a jokester off the track but a stubborn speed merchant when he gets a whiff of gasoline fumes in his nostrils, added a 250-mile road stock car title to his unbroken list of automobile racing victories today.

The veteran Long Beach pilot led a field of nationally prominent drivers in his dust before more than 50,000 persons at Mines field yesterday when he recklessly wheeled his machine around the sharp turns of a 2-mile course to beat out W. H. (Stubby) Stubblefield, Los Angeles, by thirty-two seconds.

His time of four minutes, 14 seconds was slightly more than 62 miles an hour.

Third and fourth place went to two of the country's leading exponents of the speedways, Lou Meyer, South Gate, Calif., and Peter DePaolo, Los Angeles.

"Hopper Poison Kills Cows" MERRILL, Wis.—(UP)—Molasses and bran, prepared to poison grasshoppers, tasted good to a herd of cows on the Gottlieb Karau farm. Nearly a dozen of the cows died.

Ceylonese Priest for Century COLOMBO.—(AP)—The Very Reverend Meegamuwve Sri Sangastissa, a Buddhist high priest, has just completed 100 years service in Ceylon. He is 107 years old, having been admitted to the priesthood at the age of seven.

Ralph T. O'Neil, American Legion leader, asked to testify before grand jurors investigating army contract-letting.

In keeping with the times—Drugs and Toilettes at Cut Prices at JARMIN'S DRUG STORE.

COLLEGE CAGERS FIGHT THIS WEEK FOR FINAL HONORS

SEATTLE, Feb. 19.—(AP)—The basketball championship race in the coast conference, northern division, is about all over except the shouting, with Washington "in" as title-holder, but this week's five games may change the standings of the other teams.

While the southern division lead is knotted again, with California and Southern California tied for first place, each having won seven out of their 10 games, the University of Washington is far out in front in the north. The season will end next week.

Cinching the title Friday night by defeating Oregon State Beavers in a bitter 24-21 battle, the Huskies went on to win again Saturday night, 35 to 26.

Oregon, in third place, will be challenged severely tonight and tomorrow night by the Idaho vandals, at Moscow, Idaho.

On Friday and Saturday nights, Washington closes its season on their home floor here with a doubleheader against Washington State.

The standings:

	W.	L.	Pct.
Washington	12	2	.857
Oregon State	7	7	.500
Oregon	4	8	.417
Idaho	4	8	.333
Washington State	4	8	.333

Dry Abandon Building ARENA, Wash.—(UP)—W. C. T. U. officials here decided the organization's temple, built in 1895, to the village to be used as a community building, following the repeal of prohibition.

WOMEN GOLFERS WILL MAKE PLANS

The time for golfing has arrived, the sun is not shining in vain, and all women interested in that very inviting sport are asked to gather at the club house of the Rogue River Valley Golf association Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

A captain for the new season will be elected at the meeting and tournament plans developed.

A number of women golfers were on the course yesterday during the sunshine and showers, which constituted a perfect day. The weather is unusually fine for so early in the season and the leaders are expecting to get more golf into 1934 than they have had in many a year.

In order that plans may get off to a "driving start" Wednesday morning all the women interested are urged to attend the meeting.



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