

SPORTS

1941 Playing Rules Unchanged

The exceptions to the national rules as used by the Oregon State Softball Association for 1941 are the same as 1940.

There are but few minor changes in the national rules that should be noted, the most important being the new section which "prohibits the 'rocker' action of a pitcher," who having the ball in pitching position, separates the hands making a backward and forward swing of the pitching arm bringing the ball again into both hands in front of the body, or any type of wind-up in which there is a step, or reversal of the forward motion. This does not prohibit a wind-up in which the motion of the pitching arm is continuous even though the hand taken off the ball may again touch and travel with the ball in the course of the wind-up."

Exceptions Listed

Following are the exceptions to the national rules as used in Oregon:

1. Nine men shall constitute a team.
2. The pitching distance shall be 40 feet, measured from the outside corner of the home plate to the front line of the pitcher's plate. (This overrules Rule 3, Section 4.)
3. The batsman is out immediately after three strikes have been called. (This overrules Rule 20, Sec. 7, which allows the batter to attempt to reach first base on the third strike not caught.)
4. A runner on third base cannot score on a wild pitch or a passed ball. (This section is an addition to Rule 30, and was eliminated from the National Rules in 1939.) A runner on third base when a pitch is started cannot score on any pitched ball which passes the batter, provided the catcher returns the ball directly to the pitcher, except when the bases are full and the runner is forced to advance by reason of the batsman being awarded a base on balls, or if an illegal pitch, or balk, is declared.

May Score from Third

A runner on third when the pitch started may score on a fair hit ball or on a play on himself or on any other runner.

(Any attempt to make a play on a runner who is trying to score, or who is returning to third base after a pitched ball, releases the runner from the necessity of returning to third base and permits him to score if he can make it.)

A runner on third base when the pitch started may score on a pitched ball which passes the batter if the ball is then thrown to any fielder other than the pitcher.

Softball League Meeting Called

A meeting of the softball league is scheduled for Thursday evening at 7:30 at The Eagle office by President Williams. Several details of organizing for play have yet to be completed so that the schedule may begin next week.

Since the first work of organizing was done some time ago, it is not now definitely known how many teams will participate in play. The construction of bleachers also remains to be done.

The Forum

To the Editor:

It is true that Seventh Day Adventists did not begin the present discussion on the Sabbath question, and in that discussion have been careful not to make it appear that the Sabbath was the foundation of the church. "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 3:11.

In the Eagle Forum letter of June 20, paragraph one, we find this statement: "Peter never wasted a moment in his life preaching about days," then in paragraph two we have the following also about Peter: "But after the Holy Ghost had fallen on them, and his memory was refreshed, he at once led the Christians to make the first day their day of worship." We leave it to the reader to harmonize these two statements.

If our June 20 Forum scribe will quote in her next Forum letter, the Bible text, giving chapter and verse where Peter ever spoke of the first day of the week—or a text hinting a change of the Sabbath from the seventh to the first day of the week, written by Peter, the rest of the apostles, or Christ himself, our June 20 correspondent will be in line for the one thousand dollars that has been offered as a reward for forty years, for such a text.

Please take your Bibles now and let us talk about the relation of Christ to the Sabbath.

In Mark 2:28, we have Christ's own words: "The Sabbath was made for man." Naturally we would like to know who made it, why it was made and when.

The Sabbath was made by the one who made the world, Gen. 2:1-3. Every Christian will admit that.

Now who made the world? The answer is Christ himself, for quoting John 1:1-3, "In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God. The same was in the beginning with God."

"All things were made by Him and without Him was not anything made that was made."

Now verse 10—"He was in the world and the world was made by Him." Heb. 1:1, 2—"God who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, whom He hath appointed Heir of all things by Whom also He made the worlds."

Again speaking of Christ as the Creator of all things, in Colossians 1:13-16, 16th verse reads: "For by Him were all things created, that are in Heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones or dominions or principalities or powers, all things were created by Him and for Him."

This ought to be proof enough for the Christian, that Christ made the seventh day Sabbath, for "Without Him was not anything made that was made." John 1:3.

The Sabbath was blessed and sanctified by Christ Himself at the end of Creation week; it was made for mankind and Christ was its Lord, Mark 2:29.

This blessed, sanctified Sabbath made by Christ was in existence 3000 years before Moses was born. Therefore, the caption "Moses' Sabbath" is unbiblical and man-made.

Because God's blessing cannot be reversed by man (Num. 23:20) over one-half million people believe and have accepted as unalterable this Christ-made, Christ-blessed and Christ-sanctified seventh day Sabbath. It has now been shown beyond the shadow of a doubt, that Christ made the Sabbath for mankind, and if the Sabbath law must be repealed, the Heavenly Lawmaker must repeal it; the Holy Bible is as silent as the tomb on any repeal of the seventh day Sabbath, for the seventh day Sabbath is a part of God's ten commandment law, and this is the law we will face in the judgment. "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point he is guilty of all."

"For he that said do not commit adultery, said also do not kill, now if thou commit no adultery yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law." "So speak and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty." James 2:10-12.

The law spoken of in the above scripture is the ten commandment law of which the Sabbath is a part, and by this law every man is judged. If you were going to be judged by some earthly law, and it was a matter of life and death, you would not sleep until you had a copy of that law, and you would not rest until you understood its requirements, then you would hasten to obey; when the law speaks you know it means business, and unless we conform to its principles there is trouble ahead.

Do you think Christ meant business when he was asked the question: "Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?" Note the reply in verse 17 of Matt. 19:16-18—"If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments," and in verse 18 he specified the ten commandment law.

In Luke 10:25-28. "A certain lawyer stood up with this question: 'Master what shall I do to inherit eternal life?' again the answer was, 'What is written in the law, how readest thou?' 'This do and thou shalt live.' 'This do and thou shalt live.'"

Our Saviour's last recorded blessing in the last chapter of the law book of the Bible is pronounced upon those who do something, and this something is their passport through the gates of the Holy City to the tree of Life, Rev. 22:14—"Blessed are they that do His commandments that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city."

There is mighty and striking evidence that the court of High Heaven is now in session, and from its just and final decisions there will be no appeal.

"And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God, and the books were opened, and another book was opened which is the Book of Life, and the dead were judged out of those things that were written in the books, according to their works." Rev. 20:12.

When in the final judgment you are asked the question—why did you trample on the Sabbath of the fourth commandment you will be speechless, like the man who did not have on the wedding garment. To be found wanting in the final judgment will be the saddest of all experiences.

We invite you to join us in this

back to the Bible movement; many of our company formerly were Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, Lutherans, Christian Church, Salvation Army, Mormons, Catholics and thousands upon thousands from the heathen world, where 721 new languages have been mastered and added in the last 19 years.

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At the present time there are 28,900 Evangelistic and institutional laborers connected with this great work, using 820 languages, and proclaiming the soon coming of the Lord in 404 countries and islands. There has been an increase of one language every 6 days during the past four years. This is surely an amazingly rapid expansion which would have been utterly impossible if the Lord's hand had not been in the work.

Because of prejudice and the traditions of men, the Jews rejected Christ, a scathing rebuke from Christ to the Jews reads this way: "Full well ye reject the commandments of God that you may keep your own tradition." "Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." Mark. 7:9, 7.

There is a movement on foot among many religionists to divorce the law from the gospel, but a gospel without law is no gospel. "For where no law is there is no transgression or sin." Rom. 5:15, and where no sin is there is no need of a gospel, in other words—"Sin is not imputed where there is no law." Rom. 5:13. Then all wicked men and devils would be on a

par with the good, if the law of God did not exist. "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter; fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man." Solomon in Eccl. 12:13. Signed—A Reader

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