

How Does It Strike You?

Unifying Golf Rules
Where Enthusiasm Hurts
Changes in Phils and A's

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THE mangled results of the former ruling abolishing the stymie in golf have all been brushed aside by the decision of the United States Golf Association to restore the shots which have been a storm center for years.

The British, founders of the game of golf and its rules, have always regarded the stymie as an essential part of the game and refused to abolish it. No substitute rulings have been found satisfactory.

It is a situation that just plain happens, this stymie. When a player's ball and his ball comes to rest in a line between the opponent's ball and the hole, more than six inches from the other ball, it's a stymie. It is just about impossible to lay a deliberate stymie. It's a break of the game and should be treated as such.

After a year of experimenting with substitute rulings, the general run of golfers will probably approve of the restoration of the stymie. The sooner all rules in golf are unified so that the game is played the same in all clubs, districts and nations the better.

THE development of sport in factories, shops and offices has proved its value as a factor in industrial tranquility. Mr. Indoor Workman will testify any day that "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy."

Enthusiasm Stretched a Point or Two Too Far

ENTHUSIASM of boxing fans in Buenos Aires, Brasil, because of the two victories in this country by Louis Firpo is boiling over—to such an extent that nothing but vapor may be left.

Down there in the South America city they are raving about Firpo being the "world's champion," since the Buenos Aires heavyweight's knockout over Joe McCann. How ridiculous!

Jack Dempsey probably could drop Firpo in less time than it takes to spit about it. That is, if they were to meet now.

But the South American has shown in his two starts that he has ability and might be developed into a contender for the heavyweight championship.

It will take time—maybe a year or even longer—still it would be better to wait until Firpo demonstrates absolutely that he is ready for a titular match rather than send him to the slaughter now.

IT WOULD seem that West Philadelphia Catholic High School has plucked a winning track coach in the person of James H. Meredith.

Mr. Meredith is the father of Ted, holder of several world's records and one-time Penn captain, and George, now a member of the Red and Blue team. When Ted appeared in spiked shoes he was coached by his father and now George is under his dad's tutelage.

Many Changes in A's and Phils in Three Years

PHILADELPHIANS will have their first peep at the 1922 Phillies and Athletics tomorrow at Shibe Park, where the crucial conflict for the championship of Lehigh avenue will be staged.

The personnel of the two clubs has not changed materially since last season, but since 1919 new faces have been numerous.

This fact is particularly true of the Phillies. Cy Williams is the only leftover from the reign of Jack Coombs, who held forth during two stormy months at the beginning of 1919.

In three years the Phils have been remade—the manager, the coach, the player, with one exception, and even the trainer have gone.

Only two of the 1919 Athletics, aside from the battery men, are still on Mack's payroll. These are Lawton Witt and Tilly Walker.

With new teams it is hoped that the Phils and the A's will play different ball. If they do, they will show better ball. It couldn't be any worse.

AS ANOTHER writer has said, it is easy for Judge Landis to enthuse over the future of baseball which is paying him \$42,500 per year. But let the Judge come to Philadelphia and try to enthuse over the future of the game for nothing.

MUST CHANGE FOUL RULE—BONNIWELL

Jurist at Penn Basketball Dinner Calls Sport Best of All.
Foul Rule Archaic

VOEGELIN IS NEW CAPTAIN

PENN students and graduates played the best night of the Red and Blue basketball team at one of the best and most enthusiastic dinners in the history of any sport at the University.

One hundred and fifty of the faithful sat at the festive board and paid homage to a team that finished second in the Intercollegiate League Race for the first time in four years, cheering it as though the laurel wreath of victory rested on the brows of the team.

Al Wittmer, captain of the Princeton championship team of the last season, added his voice to the praises of the Penn men by labeling the Red and Blue "one of the greatest teams it has been my privilege to see play the great game of basketball."

While the diners were listening to praise of the team, Ralph Morgan, chairman of the basketball committee at the University and its greatest advocate there, announced that Alvard Voegelin, guard for the last two years, had been elected captain of the 1922-23 team.

Voegelin last year played a regular defensive post on the championship team and the same position this year. He came to the University from Central High three years ago, and since that time has been a star in football and basketball.

Three of the stars of as many years' standing said their farewells to the sport last night—Bill Grave, ex-captain; Walter Huntinger and Emil Rowenast, star forwards. All three played on two championship teams and saw another slip through their grasp by the narrow margin of 5 points.

Foul Rule All Wrong

Judge Eugene Bonniwell, one of the most enthusiastic followers of the sport, held a glowing tribute to the game in the course of his address. "Basketball has brought to the University of Pennsylvania more fame than any other sport," he said. "The remarkable success of the sport at Penn has made the University famous all over the country. Basketball is one of the best sports played today, but it must be reformed or it will come under the ban."

The directors of the Sequi-Centennial have heard many protests against basketball by those to other sports. The rules must be changed as in ice hockey, football and boxing. The four personal foul rule of today threatens to mar the good feelings between the colleges if continued. Those who are in authority in the sport should see that the game is made one of the cleanest of all sports by changing this rule."

Judge Bonniwell, however, did not make any suggestion to improve the sport, leaving that to the moguls of the game.

Bill Grave, asking that the students and alumni support the team in the future as in the past, turned the Alexander Cup, emblematic of the championship, over to Al Wittmer, the Tiger captain.

Ralph Morgan paid a glowing tribute to Eddie McNichol, the Red and Blue coach, whom he termed "one of the greatest coaches in the sport."

McNichol replied by stating that his reputation as a coach was due entirely to Joe Fogarty, his assistant for the last two years, who is now lying ill in a hospital in Boston.

In addition to those already mentioned, the following attended the dinner: Coach John W. Heisman, Dr. Charles Keogh, Bill Hollenbeck, Artie Kieffer, Leo DeKor, Fred Zimmerman and others.

Morgan Beats Bushnell In Foul-Goal Tossing

Ralph Morgan, chairman of the University of Pennsylvania Basketball Committee, and Edward R. Bushnell, acting graduate manager of athletics, indulged in a foul goal-tossing contest last night before the dinner to the quintet. Out of twenty-five chances, each succeeded in making ten. In the shoot-off Morgan tossed in six baskets out of ten, while Bushnell landed one less.

ERRORS PROVE COSTLY AS BOWDOIN BEATS PENN

Weak Hitting and Playing in Pinches Spoil Roth's Twirling

After playing brilliant baseball for seven innings the University of Pennsylvania team blew in every sense of the word yesterday on Franklin field and Bowdoin left the city with a 6 to 2 victory tucked away.

"Ossie" Roth, the former Barringer High School lad, twirled brilliantly for seven innings setting back the New England invaders with four widely scattered hits. Came the seventh and the game. Errors of omission as well as commission interspersed with four hits spelled defeat for the Red and Blue in its second game.

A single, two bunts, well executed and coming unexpectedly, put the visiting collegians in the right place to score with none in the right place at the plate made it look less dismal but along came an error by Payne that permitted two runs to trickles across the pan. That was all for Roth.

Walter Larsen, not warmed up enough, took the hill. The first man oppose him fled out to Mahaffey. Mahaffey received the throw and made a wild heave to third that permitted another marker. Mike Whitehill kept up the poor playing by dropping the leather after tagging his man out. A single and a fifth run and the game was Bowdoin's.

Penn showed a woeful lack of strength with the stick, getting but four hits off Finn, the New Englander who was batted from the box by Princeton on Wednesday. Had Graves properly played Mouradian's swat in the first Finn might have been credited with a shut-out. Instead the former Central High School lad made the first home run of the season on Franklin field, driving in Payne with one of the two runs made by Carriss' nine.

Label Goldblatt, whose fielding was the scintillating variety against Urstunus, was laid low yesterday as the result of a badly sprained ankle, and Liebegott, the freshman of last year, occupied the short field. A tendency to let the ball come to him and a hesitancy to make throws due, undoubtedly to nervousness, prevented Liebegott from showing to advantage. He played a good game, however, and as soon as the newness wears off should prove a valuable utility infielder for the team.

George Sullivan and Penn at bat with two singles, with Mouradian and Whitehill each getting a bingle apiece.

ANOTHER TRY FOR RULE

New Foul-Shooting Method Will Be Used in Basketball Game

The new foul-shooting method where the man committing the foul makes the toss will be given another trial this evening in the preliminary game at the K. of C. Hall, at Thirty-eighth and Market streets.

In the preliminary contest Columbus Council will oppose Immaculate Conception second team, while the first game will be between Tri-Council and Immaculate first.

The new foul-shooting rule was given its first try last week in a game with Columbus Council and Parkway and proved a decided success.

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