

LATEST NEWS IN THE WORLD OF SPORTS

MUST DECIDE ON DETAILS OF AMERICAN RUGBY MATCH

With the New Year's day match at the American rugby style of play, only a week off, the University club and the All-Varsity elevens took advantage of Christmas day for a little practice, members of both teams being out for work.

Several of the details of the match must be decided upon by the teams within the next day or two, and chief among these is the choice of officials for the contest. It will be difficult to get officials who are well up on the new style of play and most of the football men here have not seen the game for several years. Therefore it will be difficult to find a thoroughly capable set of officials.

Another matter is the length of time to be played. The men will not be as "hard as nails," to use the stereotyped phrase of the boxing game, and this, with the altitude, will have to be taken into consideration. The big college teams in the United States at the opening of the season when the men have had something like a fortnight of hard work play halves of fifteen and twenty minutes. Just what can be done here in this altitude with the men not as fit as they are in the United States after two or three weeks of work daily, is a problem for the management of the two teams to solve. Fifteen minutes of hard play will be about all that the men can stand, in the opinion of judges of the game, and even that will tax the condition of the men who are the best prepared for the contest as far as preliminary training work is concerned.

Representatives of the two teams are expected to get together soon and arrange all the details of the match.

CHARGE AGAINST AMATEUR STANDING OF RALPH ROSE

Associated Press Dispatch.

New York, Dec. 25.—An investigation of Ralph Rose's standing as an amateur has been begun by the Amateur Athletic Union. An interview with President D. Starr Jordan, of Stanford university, by which the champion shot-putter who broke eight records in one day at Travers island, at the outdoor championship in September was charged with professionalism, has aroused James E. Sullivan, of the A. A. U.

President Sullivan sent a letter today to S. P. Otto, the president of the Pacific association of the A. A. U., urging the western official to call upon President Jordan and gather evidence. The cancellation of Rose's registration card with the controlling body in Amateur Athletics is recommended by the head of the A. A. U. in the event of President Jordan substantiating the charges he has made against Rose.

Out for Tennis and Golf.

Christmas dinner and the desire to help the children play with their new toys did not prevent golfers from being at the Country club yesterday nor tennis lovers from taking advantage of the courts at Reforma.

A number of the regulars did not attend at all, but there was plenty of life on the links and on the Reforma courts yesterday.

Practice matches were played over the golf links at the Country club, the players paying more than the usual attention to medal scores on account of the proximity of the play for The Mexican Herald trophy, which will be decided on the total medal play score for four Sundays in January, eighteen holes to be played each Sunday.

HARD FOUGHT GAME ENDS TIE IN NINTH INNING ENNIS WILL BE FIT

OLIVER-RECORD STRUGGLE IS CALLED FOR DARKNESS.

CONTEST STARTS VERY LATE

Sprintz Plays Fine Fielding Game and Then Naps on First, Shutting Off Chance to Score—Pitchers Work Well.

The Record-Oliver baseball game at the Reforma park yesterday afternoon, for the benefit of the Oliver team, went to a nine inning draw. With the score a tie at 5 to 5 at the close of the ninth, it was decided by Umpire Harrington Jones to call the game on account of darkness. At that stage, the combination of dust and dusk made it difficult for players to see the ball and the street lamps had already started working.

Harry Sprintz was responsible for the draw battle. After playing a dazzling fielding game and making only one miscue out of fifteen chances, and that on a hard try, Sprintz took a little trip to slumberland in the final round of the game. He was on first at the time, Lemm's star juggling work with an easy grounder having given the Record man a life. Then he was worked with the old hidden ball trick. The subsequent play showed that had Sprintz not been trapped in this fashion the Records would have scored and won out.

As it was, a run was saved only by an assist to the plate by Nichols just in time to cut off Gaitner who was attempting to come in from third. Gaitner, who followed Sprintz, was likewise safe on an error of Lemm's and this was followed by a lightning drive down the third base foul line by Mickel which Umpire Jones called too quickly and decided was fair. This swat let Gaitner advance to third but with Sprintz still alive, he would have advanced to second on the play which put Gaitner on first and then Mickel's swat would have scored him. Gaitner was cut off at the plate attempting to score on Bell's infield drive to Nichols, and then the Oliver shortstop ended the round by handling Huebner's grounder cleanly and

assisting to Max Wright in time to cut off the runner.

Mickel was never entitled to his hit in this round, as Jones declared after the game that he had spoken too quickly and that the ball was probably foul.

Both of the pitchers did clever work, as there was not a man of either side who drew a pass to first base. Hancock was the only one of the pair to show anything like wildness, and this resulted in his hitting two men with the ball.

As Hancock is a southpaw, his slants lend themselves to right field hitting with the result that Tex. Townsend, who was out in that district, had a busy season. He fielded in fine form and pulled down five files in his part of the outfield. Townsend was there with his batting eye as well, for he drove out two nice hits, one of them being a screaming three bagger between left and center field which counted for three sacks.

Gaines, of The Records, had one of his hitting days, with the result that for four times at the bat he got a three-bagger, a two-bagger and a single, but his good work with the stick was marred by his falling down on a pair of easy chances in the outfield.

Both of the double plays came at the interesting stages of the game. Townsend and Nichols were doubled by the eighth after Tex. had opened with a straight drive to left. Nichols hit the pitcher, who threw to Sprintz at second, and the throw was relayed on to first in time to cut off two. The Oliver's double came as the result of Sprintz's strenuous effort to win the game by trying to take two bases on an infield hit. Sprintz was on first when Gaitner hit to Nichols. Harry was off like a flash from first and at second by the time the ball was in Nichols's hands. He did not stop when Nichols started to field to first, but kept right on. Nichols nailed his man at first and Max Wright, by a perfect throw across the diamond, nailed Sprintz at third.

Harrington Jones umpired balls and strikes, while Jack Stevens presided over base decisions. The game was late in starting, as players stayed late for Christmas dinner, and some spectators left the park before play began.

The box score follows:

	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Sprintz, ss.	5	1	1	6	8	1
Gaitner, rf.	4	1	0	0	0	0
Mickel, 1b.	5	0	2	14	1	1
J. Bell, 3b.	5	2	0	1	2	0
Huebner, p.	5	1	1	1	5	0
Gaines, lf.	4	0	3	1	0	2
Olbert, cf.	4	0	1	0	0	1
Juarez, c.	3	0	0	4	1	0
Henry, 2b.	4	0	0	0	2	0
Totals	39	5	8	27	19	5

	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
E. Meyers, c.	5	2	2	9	1	3
M. Wright, 1b.	5	0	2	8	1	1
Blanchard, 2b.	4	0	0	1	2	1
Lemm, 3b.	4	0	0	3	2	2
Townsend, rf.	4	1	2	5	0	0
Nichols, ss.	4	0	1	1	3	2
B. Wright, cf.	4	0	1	0	0	0
Hancock, p.	4	1	1	0	2	1
G. Bell, lf.	4	1	1	0	0	0
Totals	38	5	10	27	11	10

Records by innings:
 Records 0 0 0 1 0 1 0—5
 Overt 0 0 3 0 1 1 0 0—5

Summary: Two-base hit—Gaines. Three-base hit—Gaines, Townsend. Struck out—By Huebner, 5; by Hancock, 10. Hit by pitcher—By Hancock, 2. Passed ball—Juarez. Stolen bases—Gaitner, Mickel, Bell, Gaines, Olbert, Nichols. Double plays—Hancock to Wright to Lemm; Huebner to Sprintz to Mickel.

QUICK AUTOMOBILE TRIP.

Run Made From Tlaltenango to Country Club in Two Hours

A. B. Mohler, of this city, when making the trip from Cuernavaca Sunday in a Thomas machine, made the run from Tlaltenango to the Country club in two hours. This is a distance of fifty-six kilometers. There was a lapse time, part of which was used for taking water at Tres Marias.

There are five railroad crossings on the new road between this city and Cuernavaca. One is already in condition for the travel that it is now expected to accommodate. Another is in course of construction and will soon be ready. As soon as these crossings are properly fixed and a stretch of sandy road between Noria and Huipulco macadamized it is expected that the trip can be made in an hour and a half. This will make one of the best driveways in the country.

The jefe politico of Cuernavaca has given orders to the commander at Santa Maria, a village just this side of Huixtla, that the numbers of all automobiles passing Santa Maria are to be taken. This is to be used as a check in the event of accidents.

On account of this order it would probably be best for the drivers of machines as they pass the barracks at Santa Maria to call out their numbers and save delay.

WATER COMMISSION OF NEW YORK MAY BE DISCHARGED.

New York, Dec. 25.—As a result of the investigation made by the commission of accounts of the award of the contract for the erection of the Ashokan dam, a part of the city's new water supply system, the board of water commissioners will be removed by Mayor McClellan unless his action is forestalled by their resignations.

This was made plain today following the receipt by the mayor of the report of the commissioner of accounts, John P. Mitchell and Phillip B. Gaynor. Discrimination in the acceptance of bids is shown.

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