

SNAPBACK GAME AND NEW RULES

Football Heads Make Drastic Changes—Open Field Play Assured

On Saturday afternoon, at the offices of the Ontario Athletic Commission, a meeting of the newly-appointed rules committee of the Canadian Football Union was held. President Wm. C. Foulds occupied the chair, and those in attendance were:—Secretary John De Gruchy, Ben Simpson, Hamilton; Eric (Buster) Reid, London; Prof. Lindsay Malcolm, Kingston; Dr. Jack Maynard and W. A. Hewitt.

The rules were carefully gone over and the main points adopted were as follows:—

1. Twelve men a side.
2. Snap-back instead of scrimmage.
3. Quarterback may carry ball beyond line of scrimmage.
4. At least five men of attacking team on line of scrimmage when ball is put into play.
5. Only ten men allowed on a "huck" until play is through line of scrimmage.
6. In case of an offside or failure to give "yards" on a kick, scrimmage 25 yards in advance of the place where offside occurred.
7. Substitutes allowed at any time, and no more than 18 players of one team shall take part in any one game.
8. Unearned try abolished. Scoring same as before: 5 for a try, 1 for a convert, rouge or touch in goal, and 2 for a safety touch.

Holding and Obstruction.

After the ball has been put in play (1) the player carrying the ball may ward off opponents with his hands and arms, but no other player of the side in possession of the ball shall hold an opponent, except that the arms in close to the body may be used. This prohibition includes: (a), grasping an opponent with the hands or arms; (b), placing the hands upon an opponent to push him away from the play; (c), encircling in any degree any opponent with the arms; (d), using the arms in any way to lift an opponent in blocking. (2.) Players of the side not in possession of the ball may use their hands and arms to get at the ball or player carrying it, but they shall not tackle or in any other way hold their opponents, except in an actual attempt to tackle the player who is carrying the ball. (b) No player shall obstruct or charge against an opponent, except during a scrimmage, or except as in Rule X (60). (c) The player offending this rule shall be ruled off for not less than three minutes, and a loss of one down and 15 yards shall be awarded against his team.

Use of Arms Barred.

Note.—In case of a kick-off and kick-out, and following down on a kick, the players of the defending team shall not block or obstruct an opponent except with the body (arms must be close to the body): (a), in case of kick-off this blocking is only permissible on a line 10 yards in advance of the point from where the ball is kicked; (b), in case of kick-out on the 25-yard line; (c), in case of a kick from scrimmage only within one yard of the line of scrimmage.