

Football Changes C.R.U. Will Consider

Delegates of the Canadian Football Union gather here on Saturday, Feb. 28, for the annual meeting of that organization at which time the suggestions for changes in the playing rules and the proposals for membership, officers and general business will be dealt with. The meeting will be held at the King Edward Hotel.

Secretary R. W. Hewitson has drawn up the various suggestions made and the order of other business as follows:

Suggestions for changes in the playing rules to be dealt with by the Rules Commission are:

From Western Canada Football Union—Rule XV., Sec. 2, Page 39, to read as follows: "The players shall be conspicuously numbered on front and back of their jerseys."

Rule XVII., Sec. 2, last paragraph, Page 41, to read as follows: "Not more than twenty-four different players of one team shall take part in any one game. A list of the twenty-four players of each team shall be given to the referee before the start of each game, and this list must be certified to by the penalty time-keeper."

Canadian forward pass rule, Page 3 of supplement to the C.R.U. playing rules, 1930, Paragraph No. 3, Sec. (e) on the top of Page 3 of supplement, to read as follows: "The pass may be thrown by any one on the attacking side and received by any one of the following players of the attacking side, who shall be the two outside wings, who must be occupying positions on the line of scrimmage, or by the quarterback, the flying wing, or any of the three halfbacks. The last named five players must be at least one yard back from the line of scrimmage when the ball is put into play, and by any player of the defending team." Note.—The only players on the attacking side who are not eligible to receive the pass are the players who are occupying the positions of centre, the two middle wings, and the two inside wings.

Canadian forward pass rule, Paragraph No. 3, Sec. (n) on Page 2 of the supplement, to read as follows: "The ball may be thrown on the first, second or third downs. Penalty—If thrown on the third down and not completed, or if yards are not made, loss of ball, and it shall be scrimmaged by the opponents on the spot where it was last scrimmaged."

Rule VII., Sec. 1, fourth line of the rule, Page 28, to read as follows: Beginning after the words "reasonable time," "not exceeding 15 seconds," and delete the words "not exceeding 20 seconds."

Rule VI., Sec. 1, third line of rule, Page 28, add the following clause after the words "have been scored," "and on their 40-yard line by the side whom a score of three points have been made."

Rule V., Sec. 1, Page 27—Strike out subsection (b) of this rule.

Rule VI., Sec. 1, Page 28—In the heading, add after the words "safety touch," "and field goal."

Rule I., Sec. 8, Page 20—Strike out the last part of this rule.

Rule XVI., Sec. 1, Page 39—Penalty: At the option of the referee, he may rule a player or players offending, off for the remainder of the game, but if ruled off it must be for not less than five minutes, or he may penalize a team to which the offending player or players belong, 15 yards.

Rule XVII., Sec. 2, Page 40, of the C.R.U. Playing Rules—After the words "referee" in the third line of this rule, add the following words, "or the umpire."

Rule II., Sec. 7, Page 24—Injury to players: No delay for injury to a player shall be allowed. The player or players so injured must be removed from the game and playing field immediately, and a substitute player shall take his place, and play shall be resumed. The player or players so injured and removed from the game shall be allowed to return to the game during any period, and he or his substitute is not to be governed by Rule XVII., Sec. 1, in reference to substitution, except that they may only re-enter the game when the ball is dead, and by reporting to the penalty time-keeper and the head linesman in the usual way. Penalty: For failure to remove player or players who have been injured and are delaying play, when instructed to do so by the referee, and deemed by him to have had sufficient time to do so, after having been instructed to do so, the team offending shall lose 10 yards.

Rule II., Sec. 9, Page 25.—In the penalty of this rule, change it to read as follows: "Penalty: Team offending, loss of 10 yards, and in the event of both or either team offending, they may be fined an amount not to exceed \$50."

Rule II., Section 6, Page 24—In the fourth line of this rule, after the words "then the referee," add the following: "Then the referee," at the option of the captain of the team not offending, who shall be notified by the referee, that they have an option award, and what that option is, shall inflict the penalty or give to the side not offending the advantage gained or the score made."

Rule I. Section 20 (a), age 22—When a side has obtained a try, they shall bring the ball into the grounds, and from a point not closer than the 20-yard line they shall put the ball into play by a scrimmage, and then by successively kicking a field goal, by either a drop kick or a place kick, they shall score 2 points.

Whether a convert is scored or not, the referee shall declare the ball dead after the one play has been attempted, and then the side that has been scored against shall kick the ball off at centre of the field, as provided for in Rule V. Section I, Sub-Section III.

If the ball strikes an opponent and then passes over the crossbar or goal posts, it shall count as having been converted, but, if after having been kicked it strikes or touches the ground, or one of the attacking team's players, it shall be declared dead by the referee and no goal can be scored.

If the defending team are offside on this play, the attacking team shall have their try over again.

If the attacking team are offside, or commit any offense against the rules on this play, the referee shall declare the ball dead and no goal can be scored.

Rule I., Section 21, Page 22—When the ball crosses the dead ball-line or the touch-in-goal line in flight, without having touched the ground, a player or some other object within the goal area, no score can result, and the defending team shall bring the ball out to their own 10-yard line, and there scrimmage it as their first down.

The adoption of the Canadian forward pass as standard throughout Canada, and that it be included in all matches played under the jurisdiction of the Canadian Union.

That this union favor the extending of the interference area from three to five yards in advance of the line of scrimmage.

Ontario Football Union.
"That we go on record as being in favor of the adoption of the forward pass play in all series of the Union."
"That this Union go on record that the American forward pass be adopted in its entirety, as far as it will not conflict with the present rules."
"That the safety touch score of two points be eliminated, and that the score on the play be one point."

Western Intercollegiate Union.
"Favors the forward pass, and suggests that the rules as laid down last year for the play should, in the main, be continued."

Interprovincial Football Union: "That this Union is in favor of the adoption of the forward pass."

Quebec Football Union: "That we definitely go on record with the C.R.U. as approving of the modified outside pass, and suggest its general adoption by all affiliated unions."

By D. McCann, Ottawa—Rule IV., Sec. 2, Page 27—Add: "Except where the ball, after being kicked off, is touched by a player."

Rule XI., Page 33—Should be penalty for interference behind goal line on loose ball.

Rule XI., Page 34—Would suggest that interference by players on the line of scrimmage when ball put in play be extended to five yards in advance and anywhere behind the line of scrimmage, except in the case of a loose ball. I think this would add strength to the offensive and make for more plays.

Rule XI., last penalty ton of Page 35—Last clause should read: "And the yardsticks shall be placed as from the point where the ball was held when the foul occurred."

Rule XVII., Page 38—Player intercepting a pass forward should have to recover the ball before being given possession subject to penalty.

Rule XVI., Sec. 1, Page 39—There should be a penalty, three minutes, for an unintentional foul. At present no penalty.
Definition, Sec. 8, Page 20—I think

"arms" in last line should be "arm or arms."

Suggest consider case of loose ball where two players dive at same time and both are in possession.

Suggest consider penalty of, say one yard, where a player or players force ball carrier back and throw him to the ground after the whistle blows.

General Business.

Nominations, amendments, motions, proposals for membership and general business to be dealt with at the annual meeting of the Canadian Union.

Proposals for membership—British Columbia Rugby Football Union has applied for direct affiliation with the Canadian Rugby Union.

Motion—By Quebec Union: "That the question of the Rideau Club and players under suspension be brought up for discussion."

By Interprovincial Union: "That the Interprovincial Union be permitted to operate a junior football league in the Ottawa City District under the Interprovincial Union, with the privilege of its winner being eligible to play for the junior Canadian championship."

"That the Interprovincial Union is in favor of beginning the scheduled games about the middle of September."

Western Intercollegiate Union: "That the Executive be increased by adding a Fourth Vice-President so as to give all affiliated unions representation on the Executive."

Western Canada Union: "That in the event that the Western Canada Intercollegiate Rugby Union wishes to compete in the C.R.U. Dominion finals, some system of play-off games between this union and the Western Canada Intercollegiate Union be drawn up and one winner declared for all Western Canada, who will be entitled to travel East to challenge for the Dominion title."

"That the Western Canada Rugby Football Union be granted the right to nominate one member to the Board of Governors of the Canadian Rugby Union."

"That the Western Canada Rugby Football Union be granted the right to nominate one member to the executive of the Canadian Rugby Union."

"That the Western Canada Rugby Football Union be granted the right to nominate one member to the Rules Commission of the Canadian Rugby Union and, considering the great distance that separates the headquarters of the C.R.U. from the West, that this member need not be a resident of Western Canada."

Nominations for office: By Ontario Union—Honorary President, John DeGruchy, Toronto; President, Professor W. P. Wilgar, Kingston; First Vice-President, Dr. H. D. Kinsella, Toronto; Second Vice-President, T. Hicks, Miller, Montreal; Third Vice-President, Arnold Dowd, Winnipeg; Secretary-Treasurer, R. W. Hewitson, Toronto; Rules Committee, R. H. Bailey, to replace the late J. R. DeGruchy.

By Western Union—Rules Committee—J. O'Brien, Montreal; Frank McGill, Montreal; W. L. Ross, Calgary. Third Vice-President, W. L. Ross, Calgary.

By Western Canada Intercollegiate Union: Third Vice-President, Prof. Hardy, Saskatoon; Fourth Vice-President, Prof. Hardy, Saskatoon; Rules Committee, J. O'Brien, Montreal.

Notice to Affiliated Unions: At all general and annual meetings each affiliated union with a membership of at least three organized clubs shall be entitled to representation by two delegates; a union with a smaller membership shall be entitled to representation by one delegate. At such meetings each delegate and each member of the executive, not a delegate, shall be entitled to one vote, and in the case of a tie the President shall have the deciding vote.

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Secretary-Treasurer.