

# On The Highways of Sport

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## *Yes! Would It Be Possible?*

Would it be possible that Interprovincial Football Union heads look askance at the alleged importation of United States stalwarts because it is more essential to make money than it is to live up to the amateur rules? It is true that the Big Four isn't affiliated with the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada, but this is no reason why they should make a joke of amateurism.

Despite charges levelled that Abe Ellowitz, now playing baseball for Carleton Place, and who is slated to perform on the Ottawa Roughrider backfield, has not lived up to the amateur code, nothing has been done about the matter by either the baseball or football authorities, and it will cause surprise if any action is taken.

Last fall two professionals from the United States were barred from playing for Ottawa, but not until after the Roughriders had played all their home games. The Ottawa Club also escaped punishment, and now they are back again with the largest number of imports or newcomers ever taken into the Capital.

The arrival of all newcomers, whether in Toronto, Montreal, Hamilton, Ottawa, Sarnia, or any place else, should be investigated, otherwise many will lose faith in the ability and integrity of the amateur authorities. To date, however, only "Wally" Masters, Hal Caristen and "Rocky" Parsaca were even questioned, and it is significant that the first two named were thrown out of football.

Believe it or not, **football** was once the most amateur of all sports in the Dominion, and the finger of suspicion was seldom pointed in its direction. Cupidity, the desire to win at any cost, and the coming of the forward pass have, however, made a vast difference, and Big Four clubs have become the main offenders in ignoring the rules. Are they to be allowed to do as they please?

The Montreal and Ottawa clubs are chiefly to blame, and they were the advocates of the introduction of the pass, and all because they couldn't win titles under the Canadian code. Had the pass been adopted and United States players barred, the obnoxious conditions that exist at the present time would not have been possible, but, unfortunately, sponsors of the play immediately took advantage of the opportunity to bring in players from across the line. The abuses now are many, and they are bound to increase. Before long there may be no more Canadian **football**, and if this occurs the men responsible for the debacle will have many a headache. It is high time for a showdown.