

How to Play Football

Different ways of dribbling for forwards and halves--taking the tackle

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This season there is less dribbling in football than ever. Yesterday I heard a captain speak severely to a back because he attempted to dribble the ball at all instead of clearing it as though it were red hot.

When the defence consisted of three players, a back, and the goalkeeper—this was before my active career as a player—the chief glory of a forward was to dribble the ball clean through the opposing ranks. This was a magnificent achievement, and the dribbler was awarded vast applause.

Today there are six defenders, and the man who tries to dribble clean through them deserves what he gets. This alteration in the form of the soccer team began the decay of dribbling, and the new short passing combined with the tactic of backing up the man with the ball, turned it into a lost art. I am not sure that this is a good thing. The good dribbler used to be a sure shot; achieving a break through, he finished his work in grand style by netting the ball. Today no one man runs the ball down and nets it as well. "Leave it to you, partner" is the impression you get of much modern football, and this way of thinking is the cause of a lot of the present shilly-shallying in front of the goal.

Keep over the ball and go as fast as you possibly can without losing control over it.

Taking the Tackle

The only time when you allow yourself to be diverted from the straight path is when a man comes head on at you to tackle. Here, if he is running fast, it pays to let him get almost on to you and then kick the ball round him. You will be able to get round after it before he has time to pull himself up and turn. This is particularly so on a slippery field.

When a man runs up to the side of you to edge you off the ball, it pays to let him get near—draw him away from your inside man—and then give a forward pass that your inside man can run after and reach.

Dribbling as far as half-backs are concerned is a tactic adopted not so much to run the ball down as to make an opening in the field. A clever half will dribble the ball until he has compelled two of the defenders to close in on him. While they are round him, they must have left another part of the field open. The duty of the forward is to run to this spot, always, of course, keeping outside, making himself ready to receive the pass that the half has planned for.

Backs never dribble. While a back dribbles in front of his goal he wastes valuable time. He ought to pass the ball out. When a back dribbles in mid-field and is robbed—where is the defence as the opposing forwards run the ball past him?

CALLIES BEAT WAR VETERANS

Football Game Last Night Marred by Fighting—Score Was 5 to 2

Last night's Stuart Shield football game between the Callies and Great War Veterans was marred by fighting which resulted in Brick Skinner and Dave Scott being ordered off the field and the most of the match being a ten-a-side affair with the players on both teams being in a more or less argumentative mood which was not conducive to the best of soccer. The score was 5 to 2 in favor of the Callies.

At the outset good football was played with the Callies having the edge. Dave Scott made the two opening goals for the Vets off corner kicks. The Vets were awarded a penalty shot which was successfully negotiated by S. Erskine. The Callies also got a penalty but McDougall lost the shot by hitting the goal post and the half ended with Callies up 2 to 1.

Vets Lose Heart

Ten or fifteen minutes after the opening of the second half differences arose between Skinner and Scott and blows were exchanged. This resulted in both men being ordered off the field by the referee and a ten-man game ensuing with the Vets playing one man back.

The second half was played poorly by the Vets who seemed to lose heart after the Callies had scored again through McDougall on a corner kick from Alex Mitchell. The fourth for the Vets was awarded a penalty. Norwood scored the second for the Vets and the fifth and last for the Callies was made from close in by McDougall.

For the Veterans, Barton, full

back, G. Mitchell, centre half, and Erskine and Norwood on the forward line were the stars. All the Callies played well with the forward line showing good combination and the defence strong.

G. S. Russell refereed. H. Hanson and James Simpson were linesmen, and the teams lined up as follows:

Great War Veterans — Gawthorn; Barton and Cochrane; Skinner; George Mitchell and Mack; Russell, Norwood, Erskine, Campbell and Gurvich.

Callies — W. Hamilton; R. Woods and W. E. Williscroft; J. Sims, S. Currie and James Harris; A. Mitchell, R. McDougall, D. Scott, W. Mitchell and J. Andrews.

League standing to date is as follows:

	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Callies	2	1	0	5
S. of E.	1	2	0	4
G.W.V.A.	0	1	3	1

TENNIS CLUB FOR SMITHERS

Racket Welders Sever Connections with Athletic Association and Set up for Selves

SMITHERS, May 19.—A meeting of the tennis enthusiasts was held in the lounge room at the G.W.V.A. club on Thursday evening at which it was decided to sever connections with the Smithers Athletic Club and form an independent organization.

The present Athletic Club was formed at a meeting held in 1921 by the old Citizens Association, when it was decided that all branches of sport should be amalgamated under one governing body, and have the one membership fee cover participation in all sports. This system does not seem to have been satisfactory with tennis however and the tennis players after the meeting on Thursday night formed a new club with R. L. Gale as secretary-treasurer, and a grounds committee consisting

of H. Welch, Geo. Heffernan and J. G. Stephens. Tennis should have a good year, there are a number of new players that were not here last year, and as the season advances it is likely that matches will be arranged with the players in other towns along the line.

Sport Chat

Plans are being made to open the baseball season next Monday (Empire Day) in connection with the celebration to be staged by the Elks and Fair Board. Though definite arrangements have not yet been made, it is expected there will be a three team loop in the city this year with the Sons of Canada and the Sawmill already entered, and a team sponsored by the Gyro Club likely to be the third. Fans are looking forward, as soon as the material is organized and placed, to a series of games that will be as interesting as those staged in any season of the past.

In a series with the Lakeviews of Chicago, the Commercial Grads, Edmonton's crack ladies' basketball team and champions of the world for the past few years, were given the first real battle they have had in many a moon. In the final game on Thursday night, the Grads were victorious 22 to 13, winning the round by 51 to 27. The Lakeviews are regarded as the strongest ladies' basketball organization in the United States.

The New York Giants are away to a pretty good lead in the National Baseball League having been ahead of Chicago by ten games at the end of the week. Only three teams are above the 500 mark in the league standing. Cincinnati being the third. In the American League, Connie Mack's Philadelphia team is holding a rather narrow margin of leadership over the second place Washington Senators, champions of the world. The New York Yankees, undoubtedly suffering from the absence of Babe Ruth, are in seventh place



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