

Accidental creation

Rugby's popularity has increased since origin

by Sheila Frazier

Battalion Reporter
Someone watching a rugby game for the first time is likely to think that it looks much like "kill the man with the football."
An experienced player is likely to understand the comparison, but he knows there's much more to it.

The actual idea of rugby was conceived by accident. Maybe that's why it appears to the novice to be a game of hit and

miss. But all kinds of people play it and they all enjoy it for similar kinds of reasons.

Buster Beussen, the shortest player on the Texas A&M rugby team, is 5-8 and weighs 185 pounds. He says he likes to play because: "It relieves a lot of aggression...like if something goes wrong in school, you can take it out in rugby."

Big or small, young or old, male or female, there have been rugby enthusiasts around the

world since 1823. During that year at Rugby College in England, a player deviated from the rules of soccer and ran with the ball instead of just kicking it. His captain is said to have made profuse apologies for the mistake but eventually players decided that the option of kicking or running might add zest to the game.

After that, the incident was referred to as "that play at Rugby" and later as "Rugby's game."

In 1841 Rugby College began playing the game and it spread to other schools. Thirty years later, the rules were standardized and rugby unions were established.

Four years after that it was brought to the United States. Today there are collegiate teams, city club teams, state teams, territorial and national teams.

Rugby is played with 15 men on each of two teams and normally consists of two 40-minute halves. The playing field is 75 feet by 110 feet with two goal posts on each end, while the ball is a little larger than a regular football. Points are scored by a "try" — touching the ball down behind the goal line, extra-point kicks, penalty kicks and drop kicks.

Texas A&M player David Rose said he likes rugby because, unlike football, anyone can score. He described it as "never-ending action." The Aggies saw much action this season, playing in college games, city games and international tournaments.

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by Jeff Miller & Bill H



Philadelphia not looking past Bucks in NBA quarterfinals

United Press International
Philadelphia 76ers' coach Billy Cunningham gave his players a breather Monday but vowed that they won't rest until Milwaukee is eliminated.


The 76ers can advance to the Eastern Conference finals with a victory Wednesday night when they tackle the Bucks at the Spectrum in Game 5 of their best-of-seven playoff series.

"You can be sure no one here plans to rest on his laurels," Cunningham said after giving his club the day off after Sunday's physical 100-93 victory.

"You need four wins to advance to the next round. To feel you can do it is one thing, but to do it is another."

"Our attitude is, we don't want to come back to Milwaukee. Comfortable? I'll feel comfortable when we've won

four." After last season, the way the 76ers should be comfortable with a 3-1 lead, Philadelphia led Boston by a margin in last year's series but couldn't put the team away.

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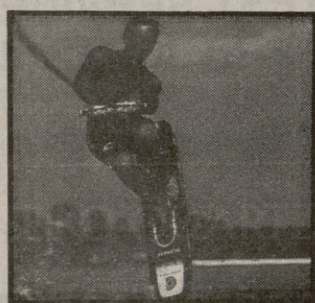
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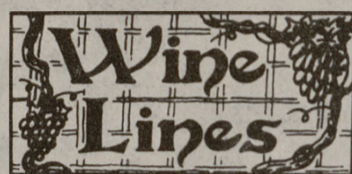
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