

wisely too we think, for nobody except a poor sort of fellow loses his temper over a hard hack fairly given, while at a breach of the rules, such as a hack would be if not legalized, people get very angry. While we are speaking of football we may as well take notice of the last new rule which was lately passed by Big Side. It aims at preventing waste of time in putting the ball down, and thereby promoting running scrummages which used to be the beauty of the game, and getting rid of tight ones which are an abomination. In former times a player when obliged to "have it down," put the ball down and fought his enemies single-handed instead of waiting till both sides come up to form a tight scrum. We are not generally advocates of the "good old times," but we do think that fellows played the game more for its own sake than for the sake of being cock house, they played what was emphatically *the game*, and not football as adapted to the relative strength of one house against another.

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### BIG-SIDE LEVEES.

I. At a Big-Side Levee, called by Mr. F. W. Haslam, on January 29th, Mr. W. D. Allen in the chair, Mr. F. W. Haslam, seconded by Mr. Pauncefote, moved that one compulsory Big-Side a week should be played in Reynolds' field this term. Carried *nem. con.*

II. At a Big-Side Levee, called by Mr. F. W. Haslam, on February 1st, Mr. Ormerod being in the chair, Mr. Haslam, seconded by Mr. Sykes, moved that "the ball, when thrown out of touch, be not in play, nor touched by any player outside touch, until it have touched the ground." Mr. Davenport moved, as amendment, "That the rule be tried during this term." The motion, with the amendment, was carried *nem. con.*

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### FOOTBALL.

The first of the Big-Sides in Reynolds' field took place on Saturday, February 2nd. The

match was Barby Road v. Hillmorton, the former numbering 31, and the latter 28, the former being also aided for a short time by the valuable services of Cook (o.e.). For Barby, Wilkes, Yardley, and Gardner, played back; Pauncefote, Sykes, and Ellis, half-back. For Hillmorton, Tobin ma., Fitzgerald, and Bourne, played back; Haslam ma., and Gwatkin, half-back. Vivian kicked off for Barby: for some time no advantage was got by either side, the penning being about equal; Pauncefote made two brilliant runs in for Barby, one of which was punted out by Vivian and missed, the other was unsuccessfully tried by Yardley. For Barby, the play of Wilkes and Gardner (back), Pauncefote and Sykes (half-back), and Vivian, Roupell, and Bucknill (forward), was conspicuous. For Hillmorton, Ringrose played splendidly; we must also notice the play of Tobin ma. (back), Haslam ma. and Gwatkin (half-back), and Davenport, Soutter, and Crenshaw (forward).

On the same day a match, below caps, was played between the School House and Mr. Hutchinson's, which ended in a victory for the former.

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### IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CLOSE.

Many new and very useful attractions are being made in the close: a new walk is being made, connecting the old Fives Court with the new, another in a line from the door of the Racquet Court to the old Pavilion. These walks are to be much broader than their predecessors, and beautiful terraces are being raised; indeed, all is being done in such good taste (for which we are indebted to Mr. Arnold) that the close will soon vie in beauty and excellence with any cricket ground in England. We must not omit to tender our sincere thanks to Dr. Temple for his munificence in promising to drain the "Racquet Court piece."

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CAMBRIDGE HONOUR.—Mr. S. Parkin (formerly at the Rev. T. W. Jex Blake's), 11th Wrangler, 1867.