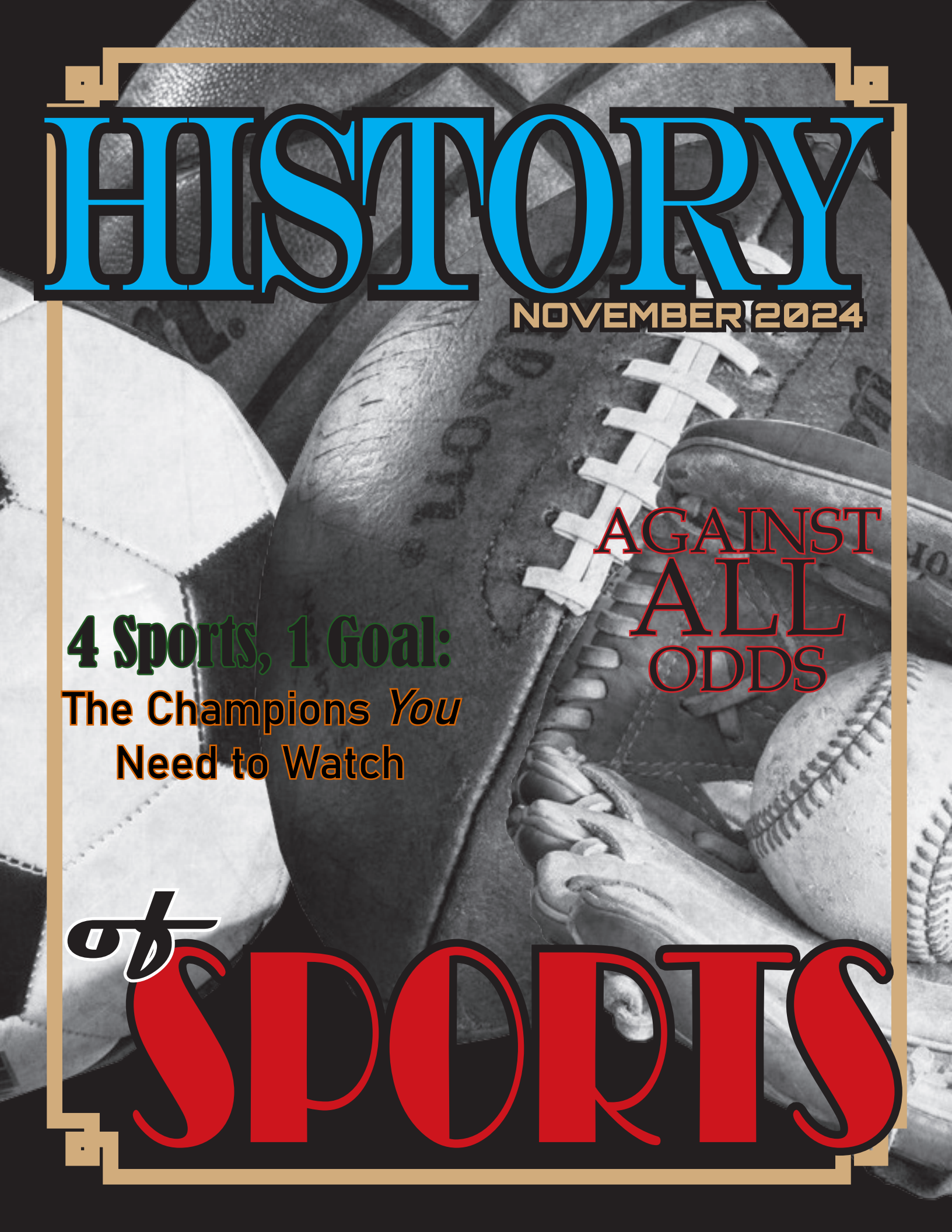

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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Readers,

We are thrilled to present to you another issue full of the excitement and emotion that sports inspire in all of us. We explore the core of our favorite games this month, honoring the players, strategies, and stories that connect us together as fans.

I'm excited to get things started with my article on basketball, in which I explore both the sport and its culture. Basketball never fails to entertain and inspire, from the exciting atmosphere of the arenas to the players' individual journeys.

Meriem Juhar brings us to the soccer field, capturing the passion for the game that prevails throughout the world. Her article explains why soccer is one of the most popular sports in the world, bridging boundaries and bringing supporters together with insights on the newest leagues and top players.

Jayden Ramos takes the field with an intriguing perspective on baseball. He explores the statistics and history that characterize America's favorite pastime, revealing how the game has changed over time while maintaining its rich history.

Myles Mitchem presents us with a thrilling examination of football, exploring the strategies and competitions which contribute to the sport's thrilling nature.As he talks about what the teams will face this upcoming season, his passion for the game is evident

I am excited to present our Copy Editors, Kevin Ogo, Matias Fanola, and Mychael Baldwin—three incredibly talented people who make a difference to our successful outcomes. We are excited to share the knowledge and viewpoints that plays sports so special. We hope you enjoy this issue; we had a wonderful time putting it together. Cheers to the sports that unite us and the athletes that inspire us!

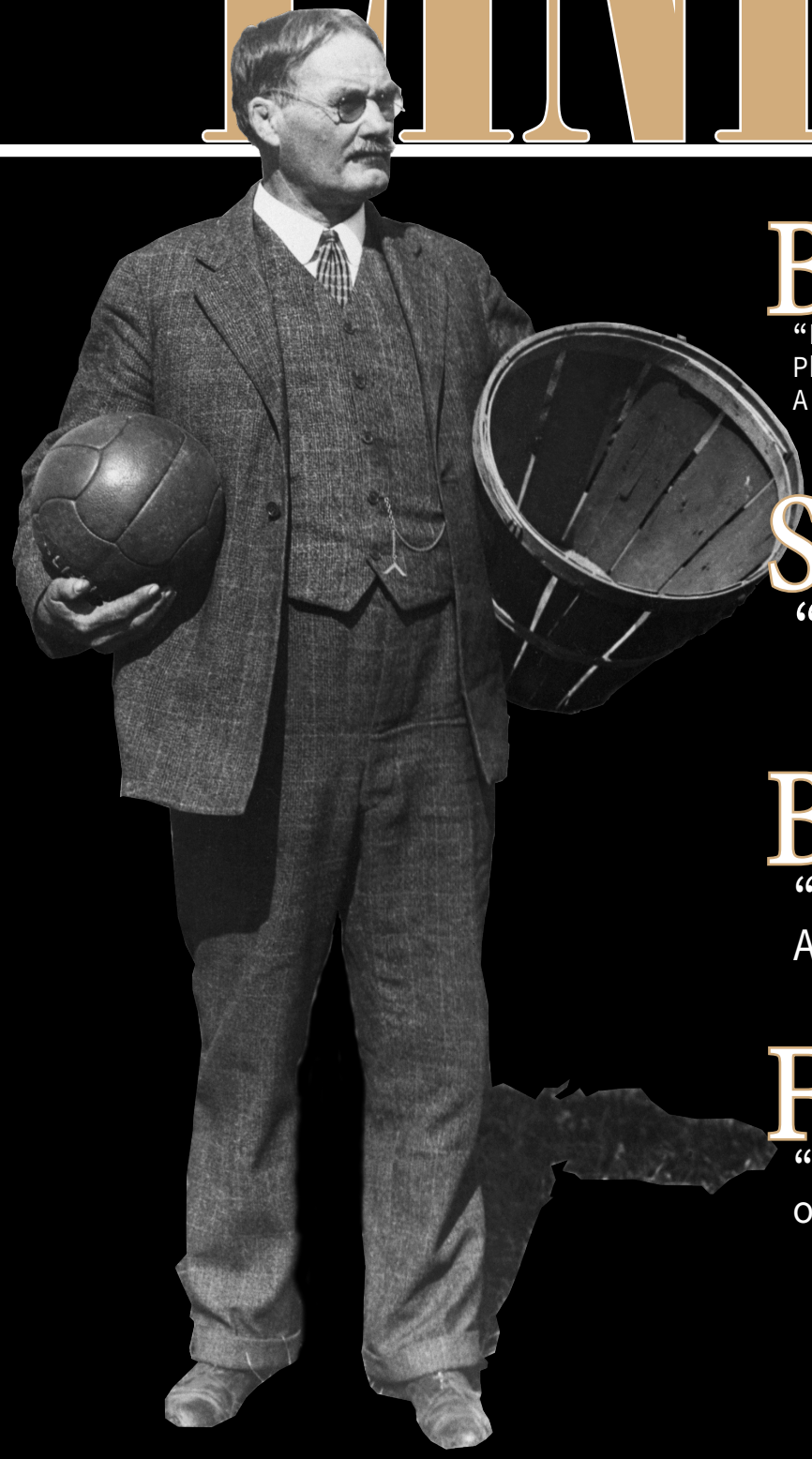
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BASKETBALL'S GLOBAL PHENOMENON:

More Than Just a Game

By Rifaat Sheraz



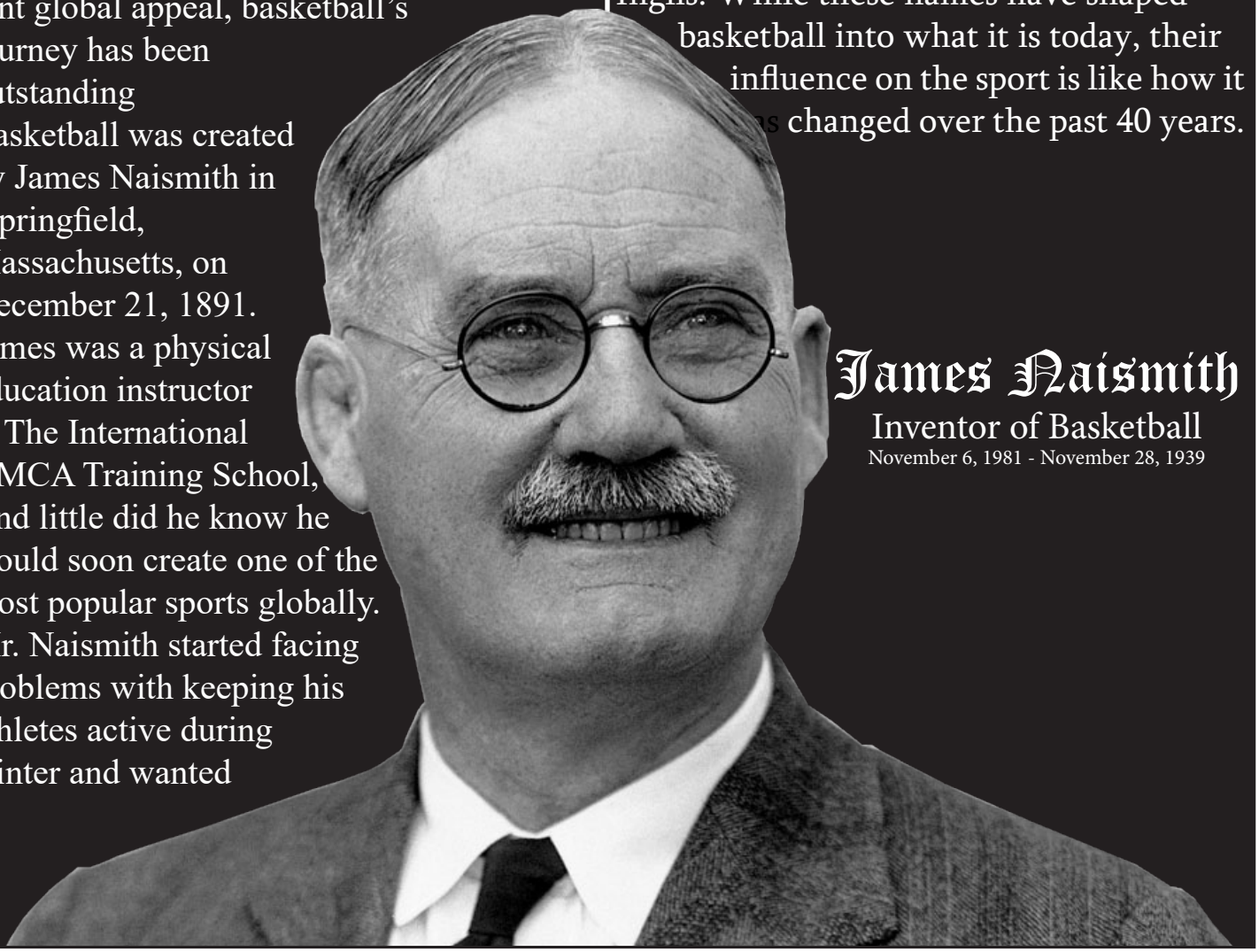
Every June, an annual championship tournament with an average viewership of 11.6 million across the United States takes place. The battle being fought for championship status is the sport of basketball. Basketball is a game where two teams of five compete on a long rectangular court. To score is to bring the ball down your side of the court and make it into the elevated metal ring that supports a net called the hoop or basket. Both the rules and history of the sport are detailed.

Basketball has grown from humble beginnings to become an international sensation, with millions of players, billions of viewers, and people of all ages loving it. From its founding in the late 19th century to its current global appeal, basketball's journey has been outstanding

Basketball was created by James Naismith in Springfield, Massachusetts, on December 21, 1891. James was a physical education instructor at The International YMCA Training School, and little did he know he would soon create one of the most popular sports globally. Mr. Naismith started facing problems with keeping his athletes active during winter and wanted an alternative activity for his less injury-prone athletes. Then, the game of basketball was invented, and it increased, becoming a collegiate sport in less than a decade.

Using a soccer ball and two peach baskets, he invented a game that included aspects of soccer and football but focused on capacity and strategy rather than just physical power.

The first professional league was made in 1898, and the league we all know well today as the NBA was formed in 1949. A few early pioneers of the sport back then include Harry Hough, Nat Holman, and Jack Inglis. While these names have shaped basketball into what it is today, their influence on the sport is like how it has changed over the past 40 years.



James Naismith

Inventor of Basketball

November 6, 1981 - November 28, 1939

The first basketball game, which took place on December 21, 1891, with nine players on each team, was tossing the soccer ball into the peach baskets that were fixed to the wall. Every time a point was scored, a referee would climb a ladder to get the ball, keeping track of the score.

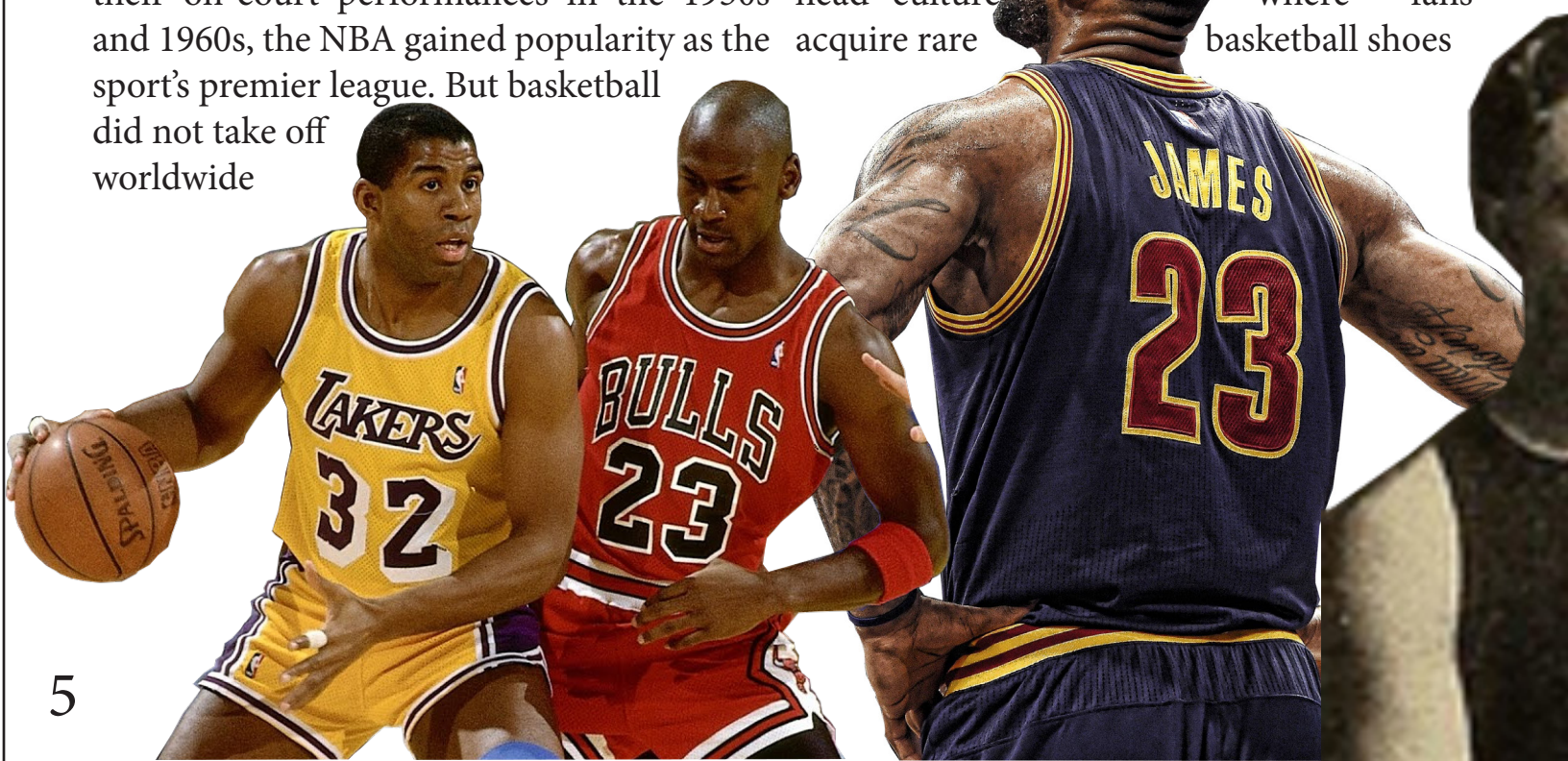
While old by today's standards, Naismith's invention set the stage for one of the world's most entertaining and quick-paced sports. Basketball quickly expanded both nationally and globally in the early 20th century. The first college basketball game was played in 1893, marking the introduction of the sport to educational institutions.

To increase the sport's status and level of competition, professional leagues were established, such as the National Basketball League (NBL) in 1937 and the National Basketball Association (NBA) in 1946.

With players like Wilt Chamberlain, Jerry West, and Bill Russell enthralling fans with their on-court performances in the 1950s and 1960s, the NBA gained popularity as the sport's premier league. But basketball did not take off worldwide until the 1980s, thanks to the success of superstars like Magic Johnson, Larry Bird, and most notably Michael Jordan.

Because of Jordan's unmatched talent and popularity, basketball became a widely recognized sport, and the NBA became a global brand. Basketball has been more than a sport; it has become an influential cultural force besides being a sport.The game has impacted and shaped numerous areas of modern culture, including social, music, fashion and economically

Fashion trends tend to be set by basketball players, especially those in the NBA. The sport is closely linked to the growing popularity of streetwear, oversized apparel, and sneaker culture. Athletes like Kobe Bryant, LeBron James, and Michael Jordan have created whole fashion lines centered around the game and used their platforms to market themselves and companies like Nike and Adidas. Today, the "sneakerhead" culture where fans acquire rare basketball shoes



remains most important. From the economic impact of the NBA to just playing a ball with your friends, Basketball's influence has never been more significant. Basketball brings communities and friends together, and it teaches you how to work as a team through healthy competition. Basketball's fan base has never been more significant as well. Information can spread like wildfire worldwide with the invention of technology, such as phones and television. Basketball stars also play a substantial role in Basketball's influence and growth. Players like Michael Jordan and LeBron James, two modern-era superstars in Basketball, are not only good role models for the youth but also attract a substantial portion of viewership for the NBA

Basketball's transformation from an essential gym class activity to a significant force in sports and culture worldwide is evidence of its universal popularity. Whether on the floor or in the fans, basketball is still a sport that connects people throughout its growth, adaptation, and evolution. Basketball will undoubtedly continue to inspire, entertain, and unite people worldwide for many decades to come as long as technology develops, and new talent keeps rising.Basketball has a brighter future because of advancements in training techniques and sports technology. Due to analytics, teams now focus on productivity, especially the three-point shooting. The new norm in basketball is positionless play, where players can play several positions on the court.
In addition, the skill pool is growing due to basketball's popularity in nations like China and India. Where basketball was formerly viewed as an obscure sport, the next generation of stars may emerge. Basketball will only become deeper rooted in world culture as it develops, evolving from a game to a way of life.

The worldwide appeal of basketball is found in its capacity to bring individuals from all levels of society together via the love of the game. Basketball symbolizes enthusiasm, inventiveness, and tenacity, whether played professionally in packed arenas or recreationally in local parks. The sport promises to inspire future generations and produce new legends as it expands worldwide. From its modest origins to its wide spread popularity, basketball is a sport that genuinely belongs everywhere.



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All About Soccer

by Meriem Juhar

Soccer, one of the world's most iconic sports, was invented in the mid 19th century in England.



Today, soccer is the fourth most favorite sport in the world and is followed by millions, particularly in Latin America, Africa, and the Middle East. Age demographics show that spectators range from adolescents, to young adults up to age 30, however people of all ages enjoy watching the enduring yet thrilling games! Nowadays, if you want to attend a soccer game, they are often affordable depending on who you want to watch and where. Prices range from less than fifty dollars for MLS games here in North America, to hundreds of dollars for FIFA World Cup games!

For the unfamiliar, the rules of soccer are simple yet complex: Each game begins with a kick off at the center. Both teams must then advance the ball to their opposing net to kick the ball in and score a goal. The game will always be in play unless a foul is commited, a player is offsides, the ball goes out of bounds, or otherwise. Fouls are commited from aggressive play, hand balls, vulgar language, and such and compensate the receiving team with a kick off dependent on where the foul is commited. If the defending team commits a foul to the attacking player with the ball inside their penalty box in by the net, a penalty kick is awarded to the attacking team where they must then kick the ball towards the net with only the defending goalkeeper in their way. Offsides occur when an attacking player is further ahead of the defending team's penultimate defender (the goalkeeper is the final defender) and rewards the defending team with a free kick off from where the offense occurs. A ball going out of bounds either happens if the ball crosses over the outer lines of the field and depending on whether the ball is sidelined or endlined. If sidelined, the ball is thrown in by the team who did not touch the ball last. If endlined, the team that last touched the ball, gets a either a corner kick, or a goal kick. If the attacking team touches the ball last before endlining, the defending team gets a goal kick where they kick the ball up close and towards their opposing net with a wall of the opposing team's players attempting to block the kick. If the defending team touches the ball last before endlining, the attacking team gets a corner kick right next to their opposing net. In total, the game has two fourty-five minute halves that continue counting even if the game is not in play. Minutes lost while not in play are rounded up and added as make-up time at the end of their respective halves.

The Most Well Known Soccer Players



Christiano Ronaldo

Formerly: Manchester United
Now: Real Madrid and Portugal

5 Fun Facts about Christiano Ronaldo

-He is one of the most well known soccer players in the world.

-He has won 32 trophies in a year.

-He is named after former U.S. President Ronald Reagan.

-Ronaldo could've been deported but wasn't because his family was in poverty.

-He was the first Portuguese soccer player to play for Manchester United.



Lionel Messi

Formerly: Barcelona and Paris-Saint Germain
Now: Inter Miami and Argentina

5 fun facts about Lionel Messi

-Messi's debut for Barcelona's first team was in 2004 when he was 17 years old.

-He holds the record for most goals in a calendar year, scoring 91 goals in 2012.

-He is Barcelona's All-Time top scorer with 672 goals.

-Messi has 496 million followers on Instagram.

-Messi won the World Cup with Argentina in 2022.

Evolution of Soccer Then and Now

Soccer Shoes

Then:

From the 19th century to the later 20th century, shoes used for soccer games were made from thick leather, leaving them with little to no flexibility at all for the game.

Now:

Shoes are lighter and have enhanced technology for grip, lightness, running, and kicking .





Protective Shin Gear

Then:

Like early soccer shoes, shin guards were also made with leather, welded together by cane reed inserts and elastic straps.







Now:

Fit and comfort, more ergonomic designs for better movement and comfort

Uniforms/Kits

Then:

Shift from cotton to breathable, moisture wicking synthetic fabrics.

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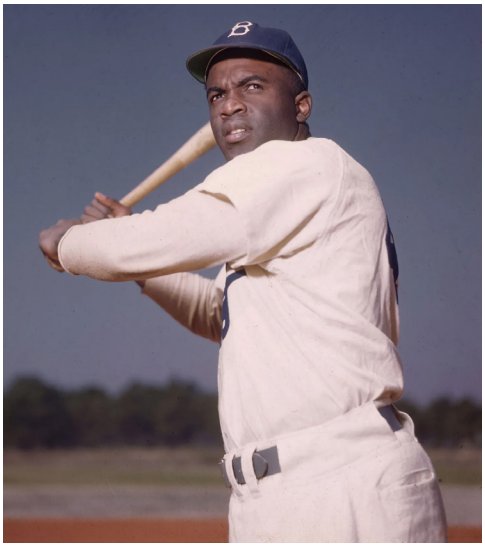
The Progression of American Baseball:

by Jayden Ramos

Baseball is one of America's most popular sports. Ever since the nineteenth century to today, sport has gone through many changes over the past decade to which is now known as a multi-billion-dollar industry. With close ties to cricket played in the (U.K) and other ball and bat/stick games from other countries around the world. The game slowly evolved into the sport we know and love "baseball," which has affected a lot of today's culture in the United States.

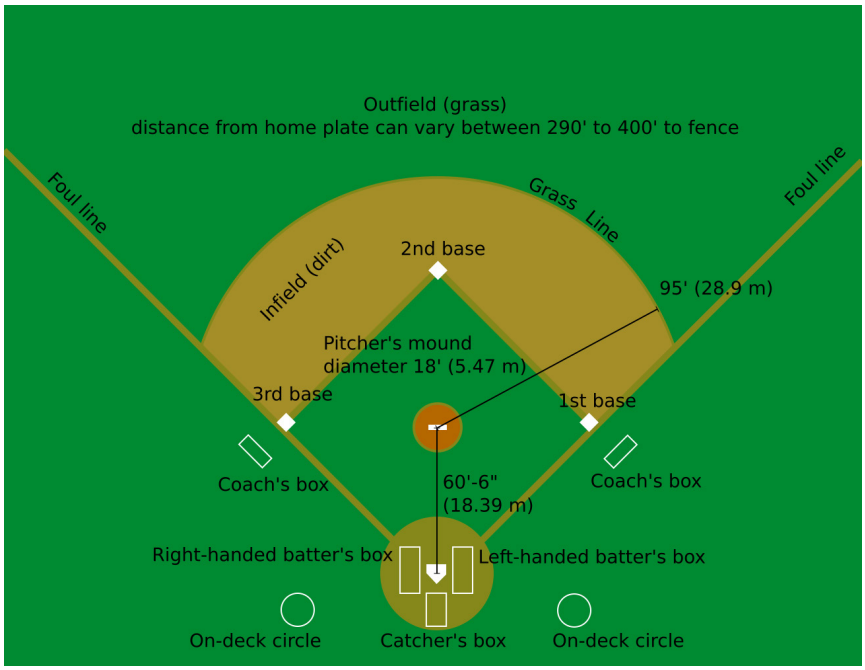
Timeline:

American Baseball is invented in the mid eighteenth century and later gained massive popularity in the nineteenth century. Having close similarities to Cricket (played in England) The baseball now was created by not just one person. In-fact it is a mystery, some say Abner Doubleday for creating the rules of the game others Henry Chadwick. But the most convincing theory is a person named Alexander Joy Cartwright. A group called the "Knickerbocker Baseball Club" in New York City of September 1845, Cartwright (who was part of the club) volunteered to create a new set of rules, which was in play one year later June 19, 1846. The New York Nine played and defeated Alexanders Knickerbocker is the first recorded game played by modern rules. Skipping to 1869 ahead the first professional team was created named, The Cincinnati Red Stockings. The first "professional game" was played against the Great Westerns of Cincinnati. In 1903, Boston Americans (now Red Sox) played the Pittsburgh pirates in the first ever World Series. With over 119 World Series played it continues to grow to this day.



Impact of Baseball:

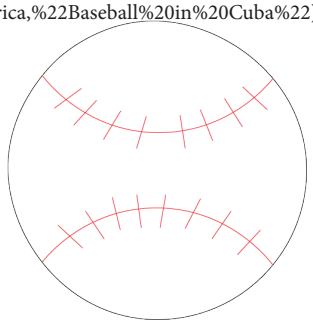
Baseball is more than a sport in the U.S, it is a culture, it can bring people together during tough times and change history. During the time of segregation Jackie Robinson was the first ever African American to play in the Major League Baseball (MLB) Many did not like it because they did not want a "black man" in the "white league". During 2001, after 9/11, MLB cancelled games for a week. And when MLB resumed games, all players united and wore American flags on their uniforms. Baseball had a key role in the economics of America. Revenue from the games boosted local businesses like bars, restaurants, and hotels. With the MLB contributing forty-one million dollars in 2019, it helps the economy. Although Baseball is considered one of the most popular sports in America, it is also popular in Asia and South America. Baseball was introduced by Horace Wilson who was an American teacher teaching English at Kaisei Academy in Tokyo of 1872. But the reason it became so popular in Japan, was because of the embodiment of Social Darwinist "vigor" (genki) that swept Japan in the 1890s" which "heralded a new chapter in Japanese American relations." In South America baseball became popular in multiple countries like Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic and many more. Cuba is one country that loves baseball, it being introduced by American sailors which anchored on the shores of Cuba and would invite natives to play. Cuban students that studied abroad brought baseball back too which spread throughout the Caribbean. The reason it so popular and idolized is because of the deep embodiment of the sport and dream of playing or being in the U.S.

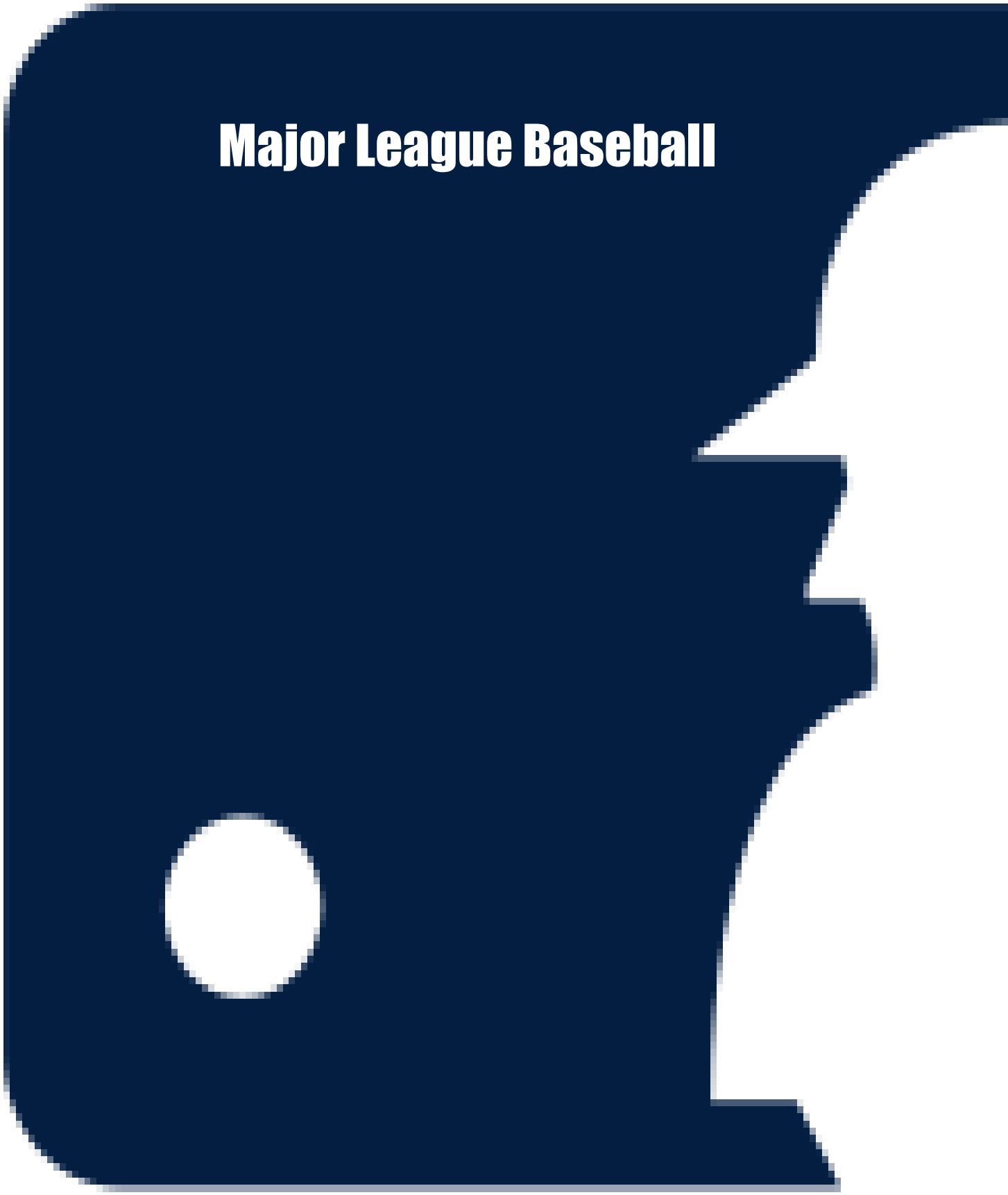


Rules of the Game:

The game has two teams each team has twenty-six players with nine of them on the field. There are four bases. All are arranged in a diamond shape with a mound in the center. They are used by the offensive team. Their two types of fields, an outfield, and an infield, are used by the defending team. On the sides of the field are fair and foul areas, which determine if a ball is in play. There are nine innings, during which both teams take turns switching from offense to defense after each inning. But if the score is tied, extra innings are added. In each inning, each team gets three outs (three players out). Once a team gets three outs, they then switch roles. To score in baseball, the team playing on offense has players come up to the batter's box (which is where the home plate is) and swing at the ball. If they hit the ball, the player (batter now runner) then runs to first base then to second and returns to home plate to score a run. Sometimes players hit the ball "out of the park" and score a homerun which all runners on bases run to all bases to home base. To defend the other team from scoring the defending team has players all over the outfield and bases, with a pitcher on the mound. The pitcher's goal is to strike out the batters, and if he is not successful the players scattered out on the field can either stop them by flyouts (catching the ball in the air) or ground outs (throwing the ball to first base before the runner can arrive)

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Major League Baseball



The Evolution of American Football

by Myles Mitchem

From the Beginning to Now American football, the sport of the United States, is the giant that started from the grassroots level to become a multi billionaire industry that impacts Americans. Being related to soccer and rugby, the game developed over more than a century in the process of becoming active, synthesized by peculiar rules, mighty performers, and an enormous audience.

Timeline of the Formation of American Football

American football was devised at the later part of the nineteenth century and as a result a distinct development from soccer and rugby which sports are derived from England. The present type of the game was created at the American universities since students taped the rules of rugby to create a new game. It particularly was not until the early 1880's that football began to differ from rugby football, the rules under which it was played. There was also Walter Camp; he is recognized as the one who was called the "Father of American Football" and to whom credit should go for football in America. Changes, also introduced by Camp, include line scrimmages, a device of down measurement, and a new idea of preset sequences of plays for the competing teams. His cost was invaluable in establishing ultimate athletics that encompass growth in appeal of Games and playing colleges and high schools throughout across the country. By the early twentieth century the sport was indeed becoming popular quickly but proto-football hooliganism, constant foul play, players without protective gear which resulted in many casualties and deaths. It escalated controversy to higher levels and did this after President Theodore Roosevelt responded by having the Intercollegiate Athletic Association of the United States which later became the NCAA. This led to the creation of the Intercollegiate Athletic Association of the United States to attempt to bring America to the civilized and safe form of football. The improvement of such reforms led to the organization of football and to its being brought up to the professional point.



Rules of the Game:

The game is played on a rectangle that is region one hundred yards from one end towards the geometric center and fifty-three and a /third yards perpendicular to midpoint, and goals are placed at two ends of the field. Quartering of game: Every match consists of four quarters with each quarter being of fifteen minutes long; every player on each side shall endeavor to score points by taking the ball by running with it, passing it, or kicking it into the opponent's goal line. They also have eleven players on the playing field but are divided into offence, defense, and the special team. More precisely it may be getting a point by getting to the other team's side of a playing field and the defense is a way of stopping the opponent team and much more to do with getting hold of the ball. Football is comprised of a few plays known as downs; a game typically is made up of four plays. This is known as four attempts or 'downs' and for there to be recognized as having made the first down there has to be a yardage advance by the ball, if that is achieved then they are given four 'downs' once more. Instead, the ball is passed to the other football team in that case. Points can be scored in several ways: Touch downs common play safety get 2, field goals get 3 points, additional points get 1 or 2 points and lastly the touchdown passes get 6 points. Of them the forward pass rule passed in 1906 has and has changed the look of the game new and bigger prospects for the offence team The play clock which assists teams to set the speed at which the game should be played.

Impact of Football on Society

Football is one of the most popular sports conveyed in American Society and does not only terminate on the football field. The American professional football league, NFL was formed in the year 1920 and is today, the world's most lucrative professional sports league, with people all over the world turning up each week tune in to watch games. Super bowl, the league's annual championship game, is the most-watched televised event in the us; it costs millions to buy even a few seconds of advertising time. On college level football, a significant part of campus life at universities across the nation provide Premiership Soccer. Competition through rivalry games, the wide selection of foods and drinks for which the term ''tailgate'' has become popularly associated with the sport and the College Football Playoff System all make significant impacts to the American higher learning institutions. Apart from being entertaining, football also transcended societal concerns everywhere. The sport has also been used in presenting issues such as racism and famous players and coaches increasingly using their voices to make statements about important social issues. Besides, the recent controversy about players' health, especially regarding numerous concussions and post-career brain damage, has set the NFL and youth leagues to demand better protection measures and rules more frequently than before. Economically, football brings billions in revenue and jobs for athletes and for others such as coaches, media professionals and for many industries that are somehow related to football. Stadiums are critical components of urban redevelopment schemes, contributing to regeneration of the area and attracting visitors. However, with the costs of maintaining football programs- and especially college football - becoming an area of increasing fascination over the years, questions have arisen over how precisely schools dole out their finances.





Conclusion

American football is much more than just an apicultural phenomenon that illustrates the competitive, entrepreneurial, and sometimes even defiant spirit of the state. In its infancy just gaining a foothold on the college campuses of America to today, a multibillion-dollar industry there is no doubt football is the pastime of champions in the United States of America. With time, this sport will change and, therefore, its impact on the social, economic, and cultural development of the United States of America too.

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SUPER BOWL
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My name is **Nicholas Thomas.** Currently I am 21 years old and I'm enrolling In Georgia Gwinnett Collage. My hobbies include Baking, prop making, tinkering with electronics, and making cosplay. With the exception modifying electronics I wasn't exactly computer savvy. However, as I took more ITEC classes, I began to take more interest in using advanced applications like Gimph, Adobe Illustrator, and Microsoft paint. Because of this I now have another hobby to add to the list, 3D modeling & texture editing. I'm looking forward to what this semester has in store for me.



Meet Editors



My name is **Matias Fanola** (23) and I am currently employed as a host in Jim N' Nicks BBQ in Suwanee Georgia. At home, I study English, world history, and also practice acting as well as writing. During my free time, I prefer to hangout with family, play video games, and occasionally go out on hikes. Most of all, I enjoy traveling the world from the bustling metro of New York City, to the unforgiving icy wilderness of northern Alaska. I intend to one day travel across the U.S. and soon the world while growing my career in the film industry!



Kevin Ogo is an ITEC Student with a Major in Systems and Securities at GGC. He spent his 20's in the Army and later worked in the Social Work field for several non-profits (and his own) fighting homelessness in Los Angeles, California. Kevin is married with 2 sons, 15 and 8 years old. In his free time, he is an avid skateboarder and longboarder and enjoys food and music festivals.



My name is **Mychael Baldwin**. I am working on the baseball portion of the magazine. I am responsible for designing the look of the magazine. I was born in Texas and have moved around a lot.



My name is **Myles Mitchem** I am eighteen years old with a passion for sports, video games, and cooking. I'm active and competitive, enjoying time on the field or court and always looking for ways to keep myself busy. I can't get enough of the thrill of video games, where I can strategize, connect with friends, and relax after a day of activity. Beyond my love for sports and gaming, I've found a creative outlet in the kitchen. Cooking gives me a way to explore flavors and experiment with new dishes, and I enjoy preparing meals for family and friends. I have an easygoing personality and loyalty, I am someone people count on for support and a good laugh. Whether I'm mastering a recipe, playing outside, or on the game, I bring my all to whatever I'm passionate about.

Writers



My name is **Jayden Ramos**. My article is focused on the sport baseball. Baseball is an American made sport and you will find a brief history on the game, the rules, and how the sport has impacted some parts in the world and history.

the Team



My name is **Rifaat Sheraz**. I am a freshman student at GGC. After twenty years, I am going back to college. my major is sociology. I have five lovely children. I am working at an elementary school as a paraprofessional. I enjoy traveling to



Hi, my name is **Meriem Juhar**, and I am a 19-year-old college student, I am majoring in business management and for my hobbies I like to read online, I like putting outfits together because I love fashion, and I enjoy cooking. But I am writing about soccer. In the magazine I am giving out fun facts about the beloved sport. And saying who the popular players are in soccer etc. I hope you enjoy my part of the magazine!



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