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Rounders Values: Past, Present and Future



Meet Dana Abulkarim...



Inspiring Women: Dana Abdulkarim



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Think...

What are the three most important things that you have learned about Dana?

What personal qualities and values does Dana's story illustrate?

How has Dana story inspired you?

What does Dana's experience in Rounders tell you about the game?



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Thinking further...

Write a letter or tweet to
Dana explaining how her
story has inspired you



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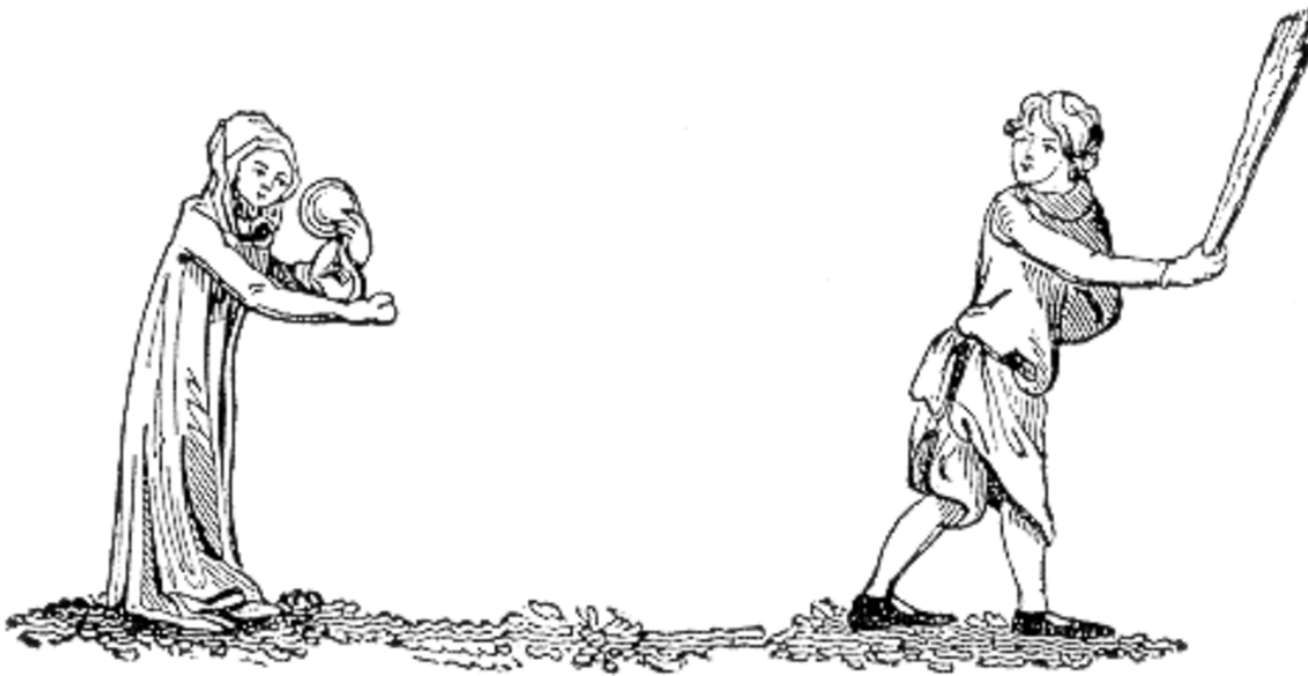


Rounders is a sport with a long history and a strong focus on values – as Dana’s story shows us...

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How old do you think this image is?

Why do historians think it might show an early version of Rounders?

The little k Play.



BASE-BALL.

THE *Ball* once struck off,
Away flies the *Boy*
To the next destin'd Post,
And then Home with Joy.

MORAL.

Thus *Britons* for Lucre
Fly over the Main ;
But, with Pleasure transported,
Return back again.

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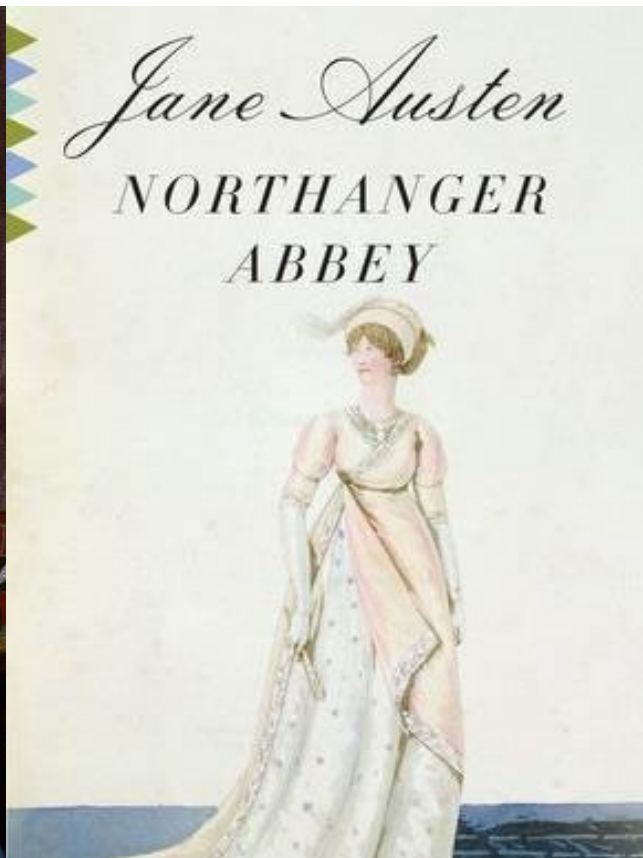
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1744

'A Little Pretty
Pocket book'
published by
John Newbury

1817

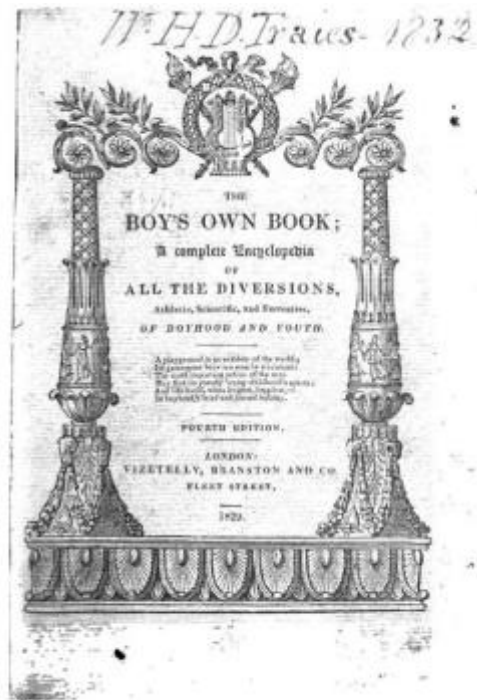
No-one who had ever seen Catherine Morland in her infancy would have supposed her born to be a great heroine. Her situation in life, the character of her father and mother, and her own disposition, were equally against her. The Morlands were, in general, very plain, and Catherine, for many years of her life, as plain as any. Neither was it very wonderful that Catherine, who had, by nature, nothing heroic about her, should prefer cricket and baseball to dolls and books. But by the age of 15, appearances were mending. Catherine Morland was in training for a heroine.



1828

In the west of England this is one of the most favourite sports with the bat and ball. In the metropolis, boys play a game very similar to it, called Feeder. In Rounders, the players divide into two equal parties, and chance decides which shall have first innings. Four stones or posts are placed from twelve to twenty yards asunder, as *a, b, c, d*, in the margin; another is put at *e*; one of the party which is out, who is called the pecker or feeder, places himself at *e*.

c He tosses the ball gently toward *a*, on the right of which
b *d* one of the in party places himself, and strikes the ball, if
e possible, with the bat. If he miss three times, or if the ball,
a when struck, fall behind *a*, or is caught by any of the out
players, who are all scattered about the field except one who
stands behind *a*, he is out, and another takes his place. If none of these events
take place, on striking the ball he drops the bat, and runs toward *b*, or, if he
can, to *c, d*, or even to *a* again. If, however, the feeder, or any of the out
players who may happen to have the ball, strike him with it in his progress
from *a* to *b, b* to *c, c* to *d, d* to *a*, he is out. Supposing he can only get to *b*,
one of his partners takes the bat, and strikes at the ball in turn, while the ball is
passing from the feeder to *a*, if it be missed, or after it is struck, the first player
gets to the next or a further goal, if possible, without being struck. If he can



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What conclusions can we reach about Rounders by the first half of the 19th century?

To the present day...

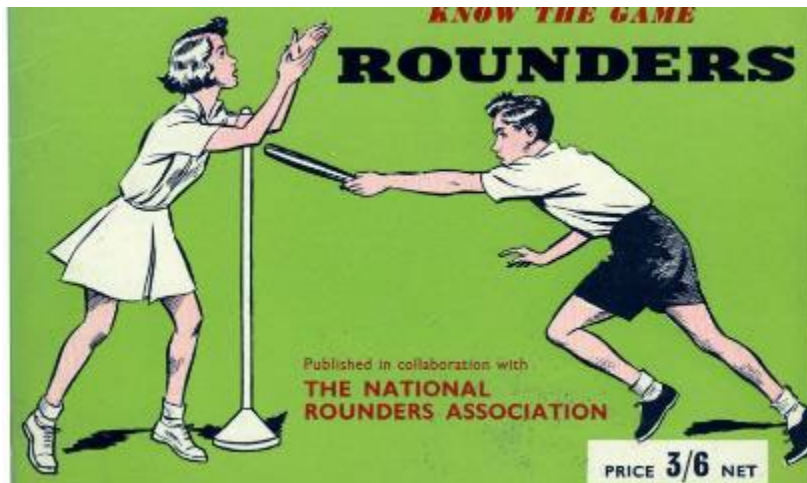
- The first formal rules of Rounders were drawn up in Ireland in 1884 by the Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA)
- Other Associations were set up in Liverpool in England and in Scotland to formalise the rules of the game in both countries and in Wales, where it was particularly popular in Cardiff



To the present day...

In 1943 in group of PE teachers formed the National Rounders Association (NRA) to standardise the rules in England and make sure that the game was played in as many schools as possible by young people.

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THE NATIONAL ROUNDERS ASSOCIATION

SINCE 1943 the National Rounders Association has been responsible for the rules of the game. Like all games, rounders depends on sound coaching and umpiring. The National Rounders Association therefore encourages prospective umpires and coaches to take an 'Umpires' Test' and then a 'Coaching Test' (see page 32 for details) and so keep up the standard of the game. This book is based on the 1957 rules.

THE GAME OF ROUNDERS

Rounders is played by two teams, with nine players on each side. Each team bats in turn whilst the other team fields. The object of the batting team is to hit the ball in such a direction that the batsman can run round the four posts (see Fig. 4), before the next ball is bowled, and so score a 'rounders'. A half-rounders is scored if the batsman runs round the track, having failed to hit or having hit behind. A half-rounders is also awarded if three consecutive 'no-balls' are bowled to one batsman, and as a penalty for obstruction by a fielder. The team scoring the most rounders wins.

The batsman can stay at any post on the way round and so reach the fourth post by stages. He then has another hit in his turn.

The bowler and fielders work together to get the

batsmen out as quickly as possible, and to prevent them scoring. The bowler stands in the bowling square, the backstop behind the batting square, one fielder at each post and the rest of the team in the deep field.

The rules govern the way the ball is bowled and also the position of the batsman and the direction in which he hits the ball. Other rules are designed to prevent obstruction etc., so that the game can be very exciting if played by skilled players working together as a team.

EQUIPMENT

THE EQUIPMENT which is required to play rounders is simple and inexpensive to buy.

THE STICK

Each member of the batting team should have a rounders stick. The stick can be of any length up to a maximum of 18 inches, but most players seem to favour one of about 12 inches. It should measure not more than 6 1/2 inches round the thickest part and should weigh not more than 13 oz. The best sticks are made of willow, but there are many cheap types of stick which are suitable for beginners. One with a spliced handle bound with string is the most economical because the stick which is made all in one piece and with an unbound handle may not stand up to constant wear, especially as the player's hitting improves. Examples of both sticks are shown in Fig. 2.

To the present day...

- In 1999 the NRA, who were all volunteers, received their first grant and were able to employ a part time member of staff to become a more structured organisation to run the game
- In 2008 a grant of £2.2 million was received from Sport England – a turning point which led to the NRA being rebranded as Rounders England with a new logo and mission to grow and develop the game
- From 2013 Rounders England have continued to grow and develop as the sport's National Governing Body with the aim of 'Connecting People through Rounders'



To the present day...

‘When you ask people about Rounders it brings a smile, revisiting memories of a fun, team sport they played at school. But this is a game for everyone – schools, colleges and universities, adults, families and even a great activity for workplaces’

Rounders England website



Think...

What do you think
Rounders England
means by 'Connecting
People through
Rounders'?



To the present day...

Above all, Rounders
England has ensured that
the game is based very
much on...





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Values...

Rounders England's Values for the game are:

- Fair play
- Respect
- Teamwork
- Winning Behaviours
- Fun



Think...



What do each of these values mean to you?

How can and do you apply them to your work in school or other interests and activities?

Thinking it through...

Produce a poster or vlog linking the history and values of Rounders to why young people should try the game today.



Thinking it through...

Design a display called 'Rounders Values: Past, Present and Future' for you classroom, school corridor or hall to illustrate the history and values of Rounders and why you should give the sport a try in the future.



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