RUGBY FOR THE MULOCK CUP

Hills and McKenzie Help Freshmen to Win Opening Game.

Sophomores Beaten on Varsity Field in the Snow 18 to 4—More Fun Than Football, and the Winning Side Was Always Ahead.

The first game in the Mulock Cup series was played yesterday afternoon on the College campus by the teams of '01 and '02. Naughty two won easily by 18 to 4, the score at half-time being 6 to 4.

The game was more fun than Rugby, and amid the cries of "Fetch them, Bloodhounds!" as '01 was called, the freshmen started off with a rush. In a few minutes McDermit was over for a try, and Tarte Hills converted, giving his team the only score they got in the first half. Shortly after this naughty two got possession of the ball and started down the field, when, on a pass from McKenzie to Hills, Brown got away clear, and was not overtaken till he was over the line. He placed the kick, but it had not enough strength in it, and the total was 4. This was all the scoring they did, while in the second half their opponents played tag with them, adding 12 more points, Hills getting the first try shortly after play was resumed. He converted the goal, while just before time was up Biggs went over for another, and Hills again converted it, making the score 18 to 4, and putting naughty one out of the race for this year. The teams were:

Freshmen (18)—Back, Gillespie; halves, Hills, McKenzie, Fudger; quarter, Biggs; scrimmage, Jackson, Stratton, Webster; wings, Darling, McGregor, Brodie, Stimmington, Grey, McDermit.

Sophomores (4)—Back, Burton; halves, Aylesworth, Brown, Ryan; quarter, Robinson; scrimmage, Telford, Shenston, Whelahan; wings, Potman, Smellie, McCullough, Clark, Campbell, Ingram, Gowland.

Referee—A. McKenzie. Umpire—Shinner Ansley.

Notes of the Kickers.

The Ottawa University football team, champions of the Quebec Union, were tendered a supper at Ottawa University by the rector, Rev. Father Constantineau, last night.

All Saints' won the final game for the C.B.B. Football Cup on Saturday, by default from St. Philip's. All Saints' team was as follows: Goal, Wilson; backs, Buckner, Hutchins; halves, Wickens, Fullerton, Bennyworth; forwards, Duggan, Livingston, Morgan (capt.), Patterson, McKeown.

The Legalites have chosen Saturday next at the Rossin House for their annual meeting. New officers will be elected, and it is expected there will be a hot contest for every position except that of captain, which will likely be taken by Eddie Gleeson without opposition. The law students are at present working hard for those on whom they contend honors should be cast.

Meredith to Manage Varsity.

A meeting of the Varsity Rugby Club was held yesterday for the purpose of electing the manager and captain for next season. Captain Burnside, who could not accept at present, it is expected, will consent to continue in the position. Jack Meredith was unanimously chosen for the position of manager.

For the Stanley Cup.

Montreal, Nov. 29.—There is a possibility that the hockey season in Montreal will open with three fast games between the Vics of Montreal and the Vics of Winnipeg. Negotiations are now on, and there is every hope of having the competition for the Stanley Cup take place in the first week of January. These matches will open the season in the Montreal Arena Company's new hockey rink.

Mr. Stafford Bishop, on behalf of the Montreal Victorias, wrote to the Winnipeg Club, and has received the answer that if it is at all possible the Western team will be in Montreal about Jan. 5. The only difficulty is that they have made a contract with a new rink there, and it is doubtful if they can get on the ice soon enough to be in proper shape so early in the year.

The same difficulty will be felt by the home team, although the ice on the new rink will be ready as soon as the weather permits—probably about the middle of December.

The R. C. Y. C. Ball.

On Thursday, Dec. 15, it is expected that the most brilliant ball ever given by the old R.C.Y.C. will be held in the Pavilion in honor of Their Excellencies the Governor-General of Canada and the Countess of Minto, who have graciously consented to be present.

The meeting of the Ball Committee, held on Monday, gave abundant evidence of the enthusiasm in behalf of ensuring absolute success for this entertainment, the various sub-committees being composed of the most representative members of the old R.C.Y.C., who are determined that this ball shall eclipse even all former ones. Mr. C. A. B. Brown is chairman of the Ball Committee. The club has been fortunate in securing a convenient and spacious office at 24 King-street east, where all information regarding the ball may be obtained from the assistant secretary between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Sporting Miscellany.

Peterboro will have a dog show on Jan. 11 and 12, with a good list of classes and valuable prizes.

The Ramblers Cycling Club will hold their regular monthly meeting to-day at 8.30 p.m. All members are requested to be present, as committees will be selected for the annual at home.

A. Hart-Smith has resigned the secretaryship of the Athenaeum Club, owing to the pressure of his business engagements, but has consented to act as treasurer. Applications for the position of secretary of the club may be made, in writing only, to the chairman of the Finance Committee, on or before Dec. 5.

Adall, the Terrible Turk, won last night's wrestling match at the Arena, Philadelphia, from Isadore, the Russian wrestler, in two successive falls. The Turk's victory was an easy one. He downed his man for the first fall in 2.13½ on a half Nelson and for the second time on an arm and left hold in 39 seconds.

Jack Daly of Wilmington, Del., and Joe Gans, the colored lightweight, of Baltimore, have been matched to meet in a 25-round bout at the Lenox A.C., New York, on Dec. 27. The men were to have fought in Cleveland on Dec. 12, but the club officials there were unable to secure a license. New articles were drawn up and signed for the present match. Both men will start in to train at once.

Wilson's latest catalogue is without doubt the most complete compendium of winter sporting requisites published in Canada, illustrating the most up-to-date requisites for hockey, skating and football, also punching bags, boxing gloves, fencing gear, gymnasium apparatus, home exercisers, in fact, everything pertaining to outdoor sports and athletics for the winter season. Any reader desirous of obtaining a copy of this splendid catalogue should send their address on a postcard to the Harold A. Wilson Co., Limited, 35 King-street west, Toronto.

A YEAR OF RUGBY UNIONS.

Referee Ed. Bayly Reviews the Football Season—Ottawa City's Champions Compared With Osgoode Hall of '92—The Game in Popular Favor.

Dissatisfaction with the government of the old Unions has, apart from the actual matches themselves, been the feature of the Rugby season just closed. The revolt of the O.R.F.U. Senior teams opened the ball and Quebec and even the C. R. U. "got it hot" before the snow came.

Trouble the executives have always with them, and perhaps the unions were right, and perhaps not, but it is easier to destroy than to build, and each year at the annual meeting the clubs have their innings if they only know how to take advantage of it. And now to the inter-collegiate: Without discussing the reasons for its organization, it may be said that it has fully justified itself, both by the high standard of play which its teams displayed and by the large measure of public approval and patronage which it enjoyed.

A criticism of the different senior teams is impossible, except in the most general way. The order of merit at the close of the season is probably: Ottawa, Varsity, Hamilton, McGill, Ottawa College, Granites and Queen's; Montreal, Osgoode and Argonaut. Ottawa was undoubtedly the best, and Argonauts certainly the poorest. The classing of the others is of necessity a mere matter of opinion. Ottawa College finished strong in the Quebec Union, but the O.R.U. final at Ottawa showed them to be inferior, so far as one can judge, to Varsity or Hamilton. Montreal, as is usual with city teams, was an in-and-outer, and Osgoode went to seed rapidly towards the season's close; Granite, McGill and Queen's played steadily throughout.

A comparison, for The World readers, of Ottawa with former champions at once suggests itself to my mind, and Osgoode Hall of '92 and Ottawa College of '96 are typical champions. To begin with the Hall of '92, Ottawa boasted a much superior scrimmage, a steadier though less brilliant quarter, a surer full back, and at least equally good wings. The Osgoode halves were far faster scorers, and the wings understood combination passing much better. The whole '92 team was relatively inferior in defence, but more aggressive. As to the result, had the two teams been able to meet, that is too purely speculative for even an opinion. The Ottawa College team of '96 presents fewer difficulties. They played a similar forward game to the present champions, and their centre half was more effective than perhaps any man playing this year. Neither wings nor scrimmage were quite so strong as Ottawa's, and their quarter was certainly inferior. The College halves on the outside were merely good defence men, while the little full-back was hardly in the same class with Wilson. The whole team were, as all the garnet and grey teams have been, wretchedly slow scorers. It may be safely said that the present champions are a peg higher than the heroes of '96.

For causes which every good captain will appreciate, nearly every team in any of the Unions would readily dispose of the best all-Canadian team ever chosen, unless the latter had constant practice. For this reason the choice of such a team is futile. Another objection is that many men are good in their own position, but useless otherwise, and it is quite customary for example to pick three halves for a line, each of whom is a "star" in his own position, and a "dub" when improperly placed. While it is impossible even to touch the intermediate and junior championships, it is satisfactory to note that both the standard of play and the interest were well sustained. Indeed, apart from the regular Union clubs altogether, there is springing up in Ontario a class of teams which is equal to all but the pick of fifteen years ago. To an extent then undreamed of, the game has spread, and its present well-grounded popularity assures its future, no matter what changes the years may bring.

ED. BAYLY.

BASEBALL OF 40 YEARS AGO.

When They Played With Willow Bats and Piled Up Cricket Scores—Woodstock Had a Famous Team—Some Notable Contests.

Baseball, the United States national game—known as the diamond game—was introduced into Canada about 1860, superseding the old-fashioned game known to most people as rounders. The Maple Leaf Club of Hamilton was, I think, the first club to play the game on this side. In 1861 the Young Canadian Club of Woodstock took hold of it, Mr. O. A. Woods, a gentleman from Utica, N.Y., who became proprietor of the old Montgomery House (now Farrell's Hotel), being the instructor. Mr. Woods was an enthusiast, and an all-round good player. After a few weeks' practice, Mr. Woods decided that his team was good enough to challenge some outside club, and a match was arranged with the Maple Leafs of Hamilton. They played, and Woodstock won by two runs. I remember that myself and nearly all the other youngsters in town waited up till midnight to welcome the boys home. This was the team that beat Hamilton: John Pascoe catcher, David Clyde, pitcher; R. McWhinnie, first-base; James Wilson, second-base; Samuel Wilson, third-base; James Shuttleworth, shortstop; J. Edwards, left field; Robert Douglas, centre field; R. Rawlings, right field. Of this team, I note sadly that McWhinnie, Clyde, James Wilson, Shuttleworth and Douglas have crossed the bar.

To return to the story, Woodstock grew wild over baseball, and sought in every direction for worlds to conquer. A subscription had been taken in the town for silver enough to make a ball of the regulation size as a championship trophy. The ball was made in Hamilton, and the Woodstock team held it against all Canadian comers for seven years, I think. The ball is, I believe, still in existence. The team went to Detroit and whipped the best club there. Ingersoll became stricken with the fever, and tried repeatedly to down Woodstock, but never succeeded. I remember Billy Hearn was catcher and Joe Gibson, now postmaster there, pitcher of the Ingersoll team.

After a time it was decided to go after heavy game, and a challenge was sent to the Atlantic Club of Brooklyn, N.Y., asking the then champions of the United States to meet the Young Canadians at the New York State Fair in Rochester. The teams met, Woodstock was beaten to the tune of 74 to 11, and came home a crestfallen lot. When they got to Rochester, they found that they had been playing with poor balls and using for the most part basswood bats. When the Atlantics began to hit a first-class lively ball with their hardwood bats, the Canucks began to chase leather and climb the fences after the ball.

Interest in the game lagged for a time in Woodstock after this Waterloo. It was about that period that Newcastle, Ont., having beaten everybody east of Toronto, determined to try for the silver ball. They came and saw, but did not conquer. However, they were only two runs off, and a little later came again. The Woodstock boys had had a scare, and put in some hard practice. The second game was not played through, owing to darkness, and, if my memory is correct, the score was 90 to 53 at the end of the sixth innings, when the game was called.

Many games had been played against Hamilton during the intervening period, and London and Guelph also entered the competition, but Woodstock held the silver ball until the older players got into business and could not keep up their practice. London got up a tournament in 1879, I think it was. The silver ball was put up as the first prize, and the Guelph Maple Leafs won it. My fancy is that the ball is still in Guelph.

Among the prominent citizens of to-day who played ball in those times, I remember Chief Justice Sir William Meredith, who played for London, as did also Mr. Southam, now of The Hamilton Spectator. Then there was J. J. Mason, who played with the Hamilton Maple Leafs, and William Sunley, who pitched for the Guelph Maple Leafs.

Woodstock shortly afterwards developed some good ball players. I remember very well when Aleck Fuller was a ball player, and when Tip O'Neill began to practice curve pitching and heavy hitting.

By way of a note, I wish to say that the Young Canadians of Woodstock showed some field play that I have never seen excelled, and, as for a catcher and batsman, Jack Pascoe was equal to any of the phenomenal players of to-day. Catchers in those days did not pillow their hands or wear mattresses in front of them. Of course, the pitching was underhand, and not swift, but the throwing around the field was as hot as it is today. Pascoe and Jim Wilson rarely ever let a man steal second-base.

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Results at Oakland.

San Francisco, Nov. 29.—Weather clear; track slow. First race, selling, Futurity course—Durwad, 107 (J. Reiff), 6 to 1, 1; Dongara, 112 (Piggott), 4 to 1, 2; Main Bar, 112 (Hennessy), 4 to 1, 3. Time 1.17. Corriente, Sir Blanco, Peixotto II., Glacier, Edgemont, Esperando, Belola and Schnitz also ran.

Second race, selling, 6 furlongs—Polka, 104 (E. Jones), 6 to 1, 1; Peter Weber, 98 (Devine), 8 to 1, 2; Elizabeth R., 95 (Gray), 2 to 1, 3. Time 1.04¼. Santa Flora, Racivan, Abano, Silver Beau, Rear Admiral, Fuga, Simi, Bly and Strome also ran.

Third race, selling, mile—Rey Del Tierra, 108 (Bullman), 1 to 2, 1; Benamela, 103 (Rutter), 2 to 1, 2; Pongo, 97 (Holmes), 10 to 1, 3. Time 1.47. None Such, Roulette Wheel and Bruna also ran.

Fourth race, purse, 6 furlongs—Casdale, 98 (Bullman), 2 to 1, 1; Espionage, 95 (McNickel), 4 to 5, 2; Bonibel, 95 (J. Woods), 15 to 1, 3. Time 1.18¼. Ranier, Hemora, Maia and Olinthus also ran.

Fifth race, 1 1-16 miles—Grey Hurst, 101 (Bullman), 7 to 5, 1; Adam Andrew, 112 (E. Jones), 5 to 1, 2; Lady Hurst, 101 (J. Weber), 5 to 1, 3. Time 1.53½. Octurus, McFarlane, Eureka and Twinkle Twink also ran.

NOT TOD SLOANE'S, BUT JOHN GILPIN'S STYLE.

Old-Time Print Shows That Cowper's Citizen of Renown Was First to Race on Horses' Shoulders--Writer in London Star Proves His Case Beyond Dispute--The Rivals' Seats.

During Jockey Tod Sloane's successful campaign on the English race tracks, his method of riding was the subject of much comment. A facetious individual wrote to The London Star that it was not the "Sloane seat," but the "Gilpin seat," that has recolutionized horse racing in England, and, with frequent quotations from Cowper's famous poem, accompanied by an old print, proves his case as follows:

JOHN GILPIN'S RIDE.
(From illustrations of Cowper's poem.)

"I regret to find your sporting editor, Captain Coe, joining in the parrot chorus of praise of Tod Sloane, the American jockey, and his wonderful riding. The public is not to be blamed for being carried away by fantastic theories, which have been propounded to account for Sloane's success, when men of judgment and experience like Captain Coe are deceived into believing that he has invented some new theory of equestrianism.

"Permit me to point out that the 'Sloane seat' was the discovery or invention of an Englishman, John Gilpin, Esq., of Cheapside, in the City of London, linen draper, citizen and captain of train bands, and that he demonstrated its superiority over the ordinary racing seat in a fastest ride on record from the neighborhood of City-road, though Islington, then a rural spot, and past the Bell, at Edmonton, to Ware, and back again to the city, a course of close upon 20 miles, which proves to my mind not only the cleverness of his riding, but the superior blood and staying power of the horses of those days.

"In proof of my contention I enclose a contemporary print, which shows how Mr. Gilpin discarded the ordinary long stirrup leather and assumed the forward position, with hands held well towards his horse's mouth, with which Sloane has again familiarized the public. It is true that a writer of ballads or broadsheets named Cowper wrote a song, once popular, with the object of imputing Gilpin's feat to the fact that his horse ran away with him, but you have only to refer to his doggerel verses to find that he could not altogether disguise the truth. For example:

"'His horse, who never in that sort
Had handled been before,
What thing upon his back had got,
Did wonder more and more.'

"This is clear evidence that it was Gilpin riding the horse, not the horse running away with Gilpin. Again:

"'Away went Gilpin—who but he?
His fame soon spread around;
"He carries weight! he rides a race!
'Tis for a thousand pound!"'

"There is here internal evidence that it was a match against time, at weight for age, and that the articles of the match had been properly drawn and the stakes fixed. He was in no discomfort or apprehension, for the fellow Cowper distinctly states that

"'Thus all thro' merry Islington
The gambols did he play.'

That is, he rode easily, and with a bit in hand all the time; indeed, he incited his horse to greater efforts, for we read that

"'So, turning to his horse, he said,
"I am in haste to dine."'

"A postboy who tried a burst with him was soon outdistanced, and the author of the song finally admits that the tollmen opened the turnpike gates because they thought 'that Gilpin rode a race,' and with a flash of candor he adds:

TOD SLOANE'S SEAT.
(From a recent English photograph.)

"'And so he did, and won it, too,
For he got first to town;
Nor stopped till where he had got up
He did again get down.'

"I trust we shall hear no more about the Sloane seat, and that credit will be given where credit is undoubtedly due to our own countryman."

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ONTARIO JOCKEY CLUB.

Officers Elected at the Annual Meeting—Finances in a Good Condition.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Ontario Jockey Club was held yesterday afternoon at the Queen's Hotel, at 3 o'clock. Among those present were:

Mr. William Hendrie, Mr. William Christie, Mr. John Foy, Mr. Joseph E. Seagram, M.P., Dr. Andrew Smith, Mr. Robert Davies, Mr. G. W. Torrance, Mr. D. W. Alexander, Lieut.-Col. Joseph H. Mead, Mr. C. T. Mead, Dr. D. King-Smith.

A statement of the accounts for the year 1898 was presented and passed, which showed the affairs of the club to be in a very flourishing condition. A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Lyndhurst Ogden upon his retirement as secretary, which capacity he had so ably filled for a period of 14 years.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Sir Frank Smith, Toronto; first vice-president, William Hendrie, Hamilton; second vice-president, Robert Davies, Toronto; Executive Committee, A. Smith, F.R.C.V.S., chairman, Toronto; D. W. Alexander, Toronto; William Christie, Toronto; Joseph E. Seagram, M.P., Waterloo; G. W. Torrance, Toronto; secretary and treasurer, W. P. Fraser. Office: Imperial Bank Building, Leader-lane.

Low Prices for Famous Horses.

Lexington, Nov. 29.—The second day of the Woodard & Shanklin thoroughbred sales included consignments of horses in training, brood mares and stallions. The great race horse, Buck Massie, brought only $850. Spokane, who defeated Proctor Knott in the American Derby and Kentucky Derby, went for $170. Forester, the sire of Lieber Karl, was knocked down for $15. One hundred and seven head sold during the day for $20,270, an average of $189. The great stallion, Lissak, will be sold to-morrow.

The Races at Bennings.

Washington, Nov. 29.—The races at Bennings to-day were run in the rain. Six races were decided on a track that was only in fair shape. In the hurdle contest, Marshall, the favorite, fell before making a quarter-mile, and did not finish. In the mile event, Trillo and Charentus were equal favorites, the former winning. The presence of some of the club and track officials at the Police Court proceedings, where the law is being tested, made it necessary for others to act in places. Mr. Pettingill starting the horses in four of the events before Cassidy showed up. Summary:

First race, 1 1-16 miles—Ruby Lips, 93 (McCue), 6 to 1, 1; Beau Ideal, 107 (Blake), 6 to 1, 2; Nigger Baby, 93 (Odom), 12 to 1, 3. Time 1.52 2-5. The Winner, Zanetto, Plantain, Ein, L.B., Mizpah, Talisman, Stray Step, Her Own, Tatanto, Regulator and Leucoyte also ran.

Second race, 5 furlongs—Sparrow Wing, 102 (Maher), 2 to 5, 1; Coquina, 104 (Blake), 80 to 1, 2; Lella Smith, 100 (J. Slack), 50 to 1, 3. Time 1.03 2-5. Orenberg, Sir Christopher, Avoca, Exit, Kosteletzkey, Kilarma and High Born also ran.

Third race, hurdle, 1½ miles, over six hurdles—Mr. Stoffel, 125 (Barrick), 5 to 1, 1; Squan, 145 (Owens), 7 to 2, 2; Rifler, 140 (Hueston), 8 to 1, 3. Time 3.01 4-5. Last Fellow also ran. Marshall fell before reaching the quarter-mile post.

Fourth race, 7 furlongs—Easter Tide, 100 (Cunningham), 6 to 5, 1; Whip, 97 (O'Connor), 8 to 1, 2; Fair Rebel, 97 (McCue), 8 to 1, 3. Time 1.31. Duchess Annette, St. Samuel, Charabella, King Menelik, Ellerslie Belle also ran. Duchess Annette and Ellerslie Belle were coupled in the betting.

Fifth race, 6½ furlongs—Anitra, 87 (Odom), 4 to 1, 1; Meehanus, 100 (McCue), even, 2; Tyran, 92 (Moody), 40 to 1, 3. Time 1.21. Tophet, Col. Tenny, Queen of Beauty, Ella Daly, Philip also ran. Oviatt was left at the post.

Sixth race, mile—Trillo, 105 (McCue), 11 to 10, 1; Judge Wardell, 103 (Blake), 7 to 1, 2; Charentus, 111, 11 to 10, 3. Time 1.45. General Maceo, Banquo II. and Abingdon also ran.

Bouts at Hamilton.

Hamilton, Nov. 29.—(Special.)—The attendance at the athletic entertainment in the Grand Opera House to-night was poor. Jack Reidy of Hamilton and Tom Bidwell of Toronto gave a 6-round exhibition, which was declared a draw. The referee said that Reidy, who seemed to have got the worst of it, was not hurt. The Kilty-Brown affair was declared a draw. The referee, R. N. Harrison, Toronto, gave an exhibition wrestling match with James Hodge, Toronto. Harrison got three falls in less than four minutes.

ANOTHER VICTORY FOR DIXON

Colored Champion Beat Gardner in Twenty-five Rounds.

Decision of Referee Dick Roche Not Satisfactory, as Usual — Shorty Ahearn Won the Preliminary in Three Rounds—Notes of the Squared Circle.

New York, Nov. 29.—George Dixon, the colored featherweight champion pugilist, fought 25 fast rounds with Oscar Gardner, the Omaha Kid, before the Lenox Athletic Club to-night, and Referee Dick Roche decided in favor of the champion.

This decision did not please a great many of those who witnessed the fight. Dixon did nearly all the leading, but Gardner met him cleverly, and countered very forcibly nearly every time they came together. Dixon found in Gardner a very awkward opponent to get at, and many of his well-meant blows failed to land, through the clever dodging of the Omaha Kid.

The preliminary bout was of short duration, as it did not last quite three rounds. The contestants were Tull Kelly of this city and Shorty Ahearn (negro) of Chicago. They met at 145 pounds. Ahearn won.

Oscara Gardner, accompanied by Hughy Arnold, Harry Fisher, Paddy Gorman and Louis Green, who were his seconds, next entered the ring, followed by George Dixon and his seconds, Tom O'Rourke, Tom Sharkey and Charley Miner. Both lads weighed in at 122 pounds.

Dick Roche of this city was chosen as referee, and the men were instructed to box under the Marquis of Queensberry rules. Dixon cut out the pace from the sound of the bell, sending his left to Gardner's neck. Again, he whipped it into the wind, and Gardner countered on the body. Dixon kept on rushing and leading, Gardner contenting himself with getting him, invariably countering on the body with his left. Dixon had the better of the laughing, pounding Gardner's ribs with his right at close quarters.

In the second round Gardner was first to lead, landing left on the neck. Dixon whipped a very hard left into the wind, and hooked his right to the head. Dixon missed a left swing, but turned around quickly, avoiding Gardner's rush. George kept on leading, and Gardner met him several times with hard counters on the body.

Gardner planted a hard right over Dixon's heart in the third round. Dixon led left for the wind, and got in his famous right-hand double-punch on ribs and head. Dixon missed a couple of left swings through Gardner's clever ducking. George left himself open for an attack each time, but Gardner was not quick enough to take advantage of the opportunities. These lefts on the head and neck from Dixon opened the fourth round. Then they came to a clinch, and with one arm free they pounded each other on the ribs and wind. They exchanged lefts on the head, clinched and broke clean. Each occasionally landed the right over the heart.

Gardner opened the next round with a straight left on the face. Dixon rushed with a left on the head. Oscar countering hard on the head. Gardner was then the aggressor, and got to the body heavily. Dixon sent back stiff lefts on the head and neck. Both fought very fast, and there was some very clever work done towards the end of the round, with Dixon again on the aggressive.

Dixon began the sixth round with a left to the neck, Gardner countering. Then Dixon rushed, planting a left swing over the kidneys. Gardner in a hurry fell to the body from a rush, with Dixon on top. When they renewed tactics Gardner planted two straight lefts on Dixon's face, sending the latter's head back. George missed a good many left leads, but always got to the body with his right.

Gardner sent a straight left to the face in the ninth round, and Dixon got to the body with his left. Dixon in a rush hooked his left twice into the stomach, sending Gardner against the ropes doubled up.

With half the distance covered, both boys came to the scratch none the worse for wear. Dixon forced the pace, landing his left on Oscar's jaw, after the latter had placed his right on the head. Dixon rushed Gardner to the ropes, landing a hard right on the wind, and Oscar clinched, bending very low. With one arm free each punished the other badly on the body, and continued this for over 20 seconds, when the referee separated them.

In the 13th round Dixon cut out the pace with left leads for the face and an occasional poke on the ribs. Gardner, as usual, countered with left on the body, and in half clinches Oscar was able to do more work than George.

A succession of lefts from Dixon for the face and head were met by Gardner with counters on the same place. In the 14th round. Each showed remarkable cleverness, and Dixon won a good deal of applause for waiting while Gardner straightened himself, after knocking against the referee.

Beginning the 15th, Gardner sent Dixon's head back with a straight left. Dixon replied with a very hard left over the heart. Then Dixon whipped his left into the wind and uppercut Gardner on the face with the left when Oscar ducked. Another left on the wind brought Gardner to a clinch, and they sparred to the bell.

After a fast exchange, opening the 18th round, at close quarters, Gardner kept plugging away at Dixon's body with his left, while George shot his right to the ribs. After a rally, George swung his right to the jaw, sending Gardner reeling to the ropes. Gardner then played for the head and body with both hands, Dixon using his right over the heart.

When they came up for the 20th round each looked as if he could go 40 rounds. Gardner opened with a left chop on the face, and Dixon shot his right to the body. They exchanged rights on the ribs, and Oscar sent his left straight on the face twice. Dixon tried a left swing, which went around the neck, and Gardner got his left to the wind.

Beginning the 23rd round, Gardner sent a straight left to the face. Dixon stepped back, and swung his left on the ribs. He repeated this, and Oscar came back with lefts and rights on the body. Dixon hooked his right to the ribs and tried his left for the head, but Gardner ducked safely. Gardner essayed a left and right for the body with his head down, and George caught him on the face with a left uppercut.

Oscar opened the 24th with a left for the body, but Dixon blocked it. Dixon swung his right on Gardner's head, and Oscar sent back a straight left on the face. In a rush Dixon landed with left on ribs and Oscar fell in stepping back.

Opening the twenty-fifth round, both landed swinging lefts on the body and mixed it up. Gardner landing with right and left on Dixon's body. Dixon swung his left on Gardner's face. Gardner sent two straight rights over the heart. Both swung rights on ribs. Dixon rushed Gardner across the ring, sending his left to the body. They were sparring in the middle of the ring when the gong sounded, and the referee awarded the bout to Dixon.

Three Seconds for Songer.

New Orleans, Nov. 29.—Fifth day of the Crescent City Jockey Club's winter meeting. Weather cloudy; track heavy; two favorites won.

First race, selling, 7 furlongs—David, 117 (Frost), 9 to 20, 1; Leo Lake, 107 (Songer), 4 to 1, 2; Garnet Ripple, 101 (Southard), 20 to 1, 3. Time 1.37. Duncan Bell, Royal Choice, Lord Frazer, Aunt Maggie and Van Brunt also ran.

Second race, selling, 6½ furlongs—Maroni, 94 (T. Holden), 12 to 1, 1; Sister Alice, 86 (Troxler), 20 to 1, 2; Borden, 94 (Sheppard), 9 to 5, 3. Time 1.29¾. Mocha, Oxnard, Gallant Top, Starand, Crescent, Fred Broene and Demosthenes also ran.

Third race, selling, 6½ furlongs—Millalice, 99 (Frost), 9 to 1, 1; Branch, 94 (Sheppard), 15 to 1, 2; Tole Simmons, 91 (Dugan), 8 to 1, 3. Time 1.20. Water Crest, Locust Blossom, Sorrow, Gun Metal, Dazzle and Johnnie Williams also ran.

Fourth race, mile and 20 yards—Laureare, 109 (T. Burns), even, 1; Vice Regal, 105 (Songer), 3 to 1, 2; The Planter, 103 (Frost), 8 to 1, 3. Time 1.54¾. Ondaque, Brakeman, Jamboree, Cecil, Red Skin and Fremont also ran.

Fifth race, selling, mile and 20 yards—Vannessa, 105 (Aker), 5 to 1, 1; Battledore, 100 (Songer), 5 to 2, 2; Mitt Boykin, 105 (Vittoe), 8 to 1, 3. Time 1.56¾. Jack Martin, Stanza, Red, Ed. Overlook, Bust Up, Mellie, Principle, Full Hand and Nobilis also ran.

Program for To-Day.

New Orleans, Nov. 29.—First race, selling, mile—Maritt, School Girl, Branch 98, Applejack, Joe Shelby 101, Duncan Belle, Jack Martin, Waterman, Bust Up, Surveyor, Galilee, True Light 107, Fremont 110.

Second race, selling, 5 furlongs—Lyga, Miss Mayfie, W. G. Daly, Visionary, Alamay 94, Phildas, Lafayette, Bloss 97, Coxcomb, Cousin Letty, Pell Mell II. 98.

Third race, selling, 1⅛ miles—George Lee 95, Nannie L.'s Sister, Imp. Devil's Dream 105, Jamboree 107, Red 108.

Fourth race, 6 furlongs—Sam Lazarus, Fran Esq., 95, Guide Rock, Conan Doyle, Frank McClellan 104, Canova 107, Dr. Sheppard, John Cooper, Macy, Boanerges 112.

Fifth race, selling, 7 furlongs—Fulminate, Lady Disdain 98, Jim Flood 100, Randazzo 110, Damocles, Sea Robber 106, Debride 112.

The Bennings Card.

Washington, Nov. 29.—First race, 6½ furlongs—His Majesty 96, Fleeting Gold, Charabell 87, Little Land, Oviatt 102, Campania 92, Field Lark, L'Aiouette, Tabouret 94, Takanassee 101, Wordsworth 92.

Second race, 5 furlongs—Boettman, Leon d'Or, Rhodymonia, Northumberland, Brahford, Moya, Miss Smith 97, Lady Excite, Sensina, Kilarma 104, Shelk, Deceptive, Judge Magee 107.

Third race, Washington Cup, 2¼ miles—Jefferson 126, Maurice 124, Warrenton 121, Thomas Cat 116, Nosey 115, Knight of the Garter 110, Floraline, Squan 105.

Fourth race, 5 furlongs—Athy, Gitty, Little Land, Tappan, Bastion 112, War Maid, Queen of Beauty, Red Gidd 104, Bellvonia, Phiine, Tankard 99, Premier, Talisman, 115, Rhodymenia, Deceptive, Judge Magee, Dr. Vaughan 100, Easter Tide, King Menelek 110, Dogtown 107.

Fifth race, 6½ furlongs — Fulminate, Marie O. 95, Ben Lodi, Col. Tenny 100, Vignette, Leando 95, Strangest, Passaic 102, Specialist 107, Tip Gallant 104.

Sixth race, 1⅛ miles—Dan Rice 114, Charagrace 104, Dr. Withrow, Philip, Vincent S., Plantain 97, Nigger Baby, 107, Dalgretti 116, Trillo 114, Endeavor, Squan 102.

To Box in the Pavilion.

Matty Matthews, who is to box 15 rounds with Mystery Kerwin at the Pavilion on the 10th of December, will be here about the end of this week, and will train at the Morgans-Kelly gymnasium. Dan Kelly will probably second him. Matthews upset a strong Toronto favorite once before when he defeated Frank Garrard, and he expects to do the same this time. The assault-at-arms is under the auspices of the Queen City Athletic Club, and, in addition to the sword and bayonet feats of Sergt.-Major Morgans and Corp. Lamothe, there will be a couple of boxing bouts. Herb Burkhart and Frank Moore will go four rounds, while Jack Daly and another 118-pounder will go 10 rounds. Tommy Dixon of Rochester, formerly of Toronto, will be referee.

When Will Fitzsimmons Fight?

Buffalo, Nov. 29.—Champion Bob Fitzsimmons was in Buffalo last night for an hour. He was on his way from Chicago to New York, and had to wait here for train connections.

He spent most of the time between the station and Leyden's Hotel on Exchange-street. A crowd of admirers followed his every footstep, and Bob appeared to like the attention.

Concerning the Corbett-Sharkey fake he would say nothing. "They're a bloody lot of crooks, and their action speaks for itself," was all that his freckled majesty would say.

"Will you meet either Sharkey or Corbett?" was asked.

Fitz looked disgusted and walked away. He has repeatedly stated that he would not meet either of them.

There is reason now for saying that Fitzsimmons ought to meet the ex-sailor. Excuses on the part of Fitzsimmons will not go with the public. If Fitzsimmons persists in claiming the title he must meet Sharkey. If he does not, then it will be fair for the vanquisher of Corbett to lay all the claim he can to the highest honor of the ring and be prepared to defend it. Sharkey stands the victor over Corbett, and he defeated Corbett much easier than Fitzsimmons. There is no getting over the fact that Sharkey has a just claim for a match for the championship if Fitzsimmons still claims it.

The question is: If Fitzsimmons declines to meet Sharkey, who will he meet? He must meet somebody or retire.

The Fasig sale of horses at Madison-square Garden was continued yesterday, fair prices being bid considering the average of the stock sold. Forty-four horses sold for a total of $11,195.

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