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BURLINGTON ROAD RACE.

Corkery, of the I. C. A. C., Won in 1.06.41.

Hamilton Man Finished Second—Conditions Unfavorable.

Several Hamilton sports journeymen to Burlington on Christmas afternoon to see the annual 11½ mile road race. They were hardly repaid for their enthusiasm, as the race, which was four laps of a block, was run over a course heavy with snow and in bad weather, the wind blowing and snow falling.

The following runners faced the start: Holden and Sellers, Y. M. C. A., Toronto; Ellis, Richards, Ford and MacKinnon, of Hamilton; Morley, of Caledonia; Corkery, Carlton and Lawson, I. C. A. C., Toronto; Howard, of Central Y. M. C. A., Toronto, and W. Summers, Burlington.

The start was made at 2.30. On the first lap Corkery and Richards were leading, running together and very strong. Holden, Sellers, Carlton and Morley in a bunch following close. The others were strung out, but all running good. In the second lap Corkery and Richards were still leading, running together, with Holden in third position, gaining a little, and the others strung out. Lawson dropped out at the finish of this lap. In the third lap Corkery was leading Richards by about 50 yards; Holden still in third position, about 150 yards behind Richards, with Ellis close up and the others a considerable distance back, except Sellers, Morley and Love, who dropped out.

Finish and time: Corkery, 1.06.41; Richards, 1.07.05; Holden, 1.08. The others finished in the following order: Ellis, Howard, Carlton and MacKinnon; Summers and Ford did not finish. Record for course made by Holden last year is 1.04.34.2.3.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 26. Henry St. Yves, Marathon champion of the world, defeated John Marsh, Canadian champion, by a yard in a 15-mile match race to-day. St. Yves' time was 1.38.47.4.5.

Gossip and Comment

Writing to a friend in this city, an English lady, who has been following the matches played by the Tigers and who is not conversant with the football lingo or sporting vocabulary of Canada, says: "I take a keen interest in the Jungle Terrors, and was so sorry Ottawa ate them up. But it was so nice to hear how they took their beating. If they are all like the specimens I have met they must be a rare good set. Now do tell me, what are fans? Are they ladies who wield fans and follow the footballers, or are they fanatics for football?"

Generally speaking, a fan is an individual who grows wildly enthusiastic over football, baseball, lacrosse, hockey, cricket, wrestling, boxing or any other sport.

As far as real live sport was concerned, Hamilton was a dead burg on Christmas.

The usual Christmas fixture, the ten mile road race, had to be cancelled owing to the refusal of the A. A. U. of C. to grant a sanction, and no substitute in any other line of sport was provided.

Those who went to Burlington to see the road race there were disappointed, the event being run under unfavorable conditions, and the weather making it very uncomfortable for the spectators.

After still further mediation, Coach Stagg, of Chicago, names the changes he would make to improve American college football, and his different clauses show that he has taken into consideration the Canadian style of play, but still adheres to his beloved forward pass.

Dr. George H. Denny, president of Washington, D. C. University, Virginia, says: "Personally I favor the adoption of the Canadian football game. I do not know what would be the attitude of our faculty, as I have not been able to test their sentiments in reference to the matter."

According to official averages the team batting should have given the Toronto club the championship, of the Eastern Baseball League, though they finished only fourth. Grimshaw is the actual individual leader, with .309, though one Bills, of Baltimore, a pitcher, who figured in 16 games, has .350. Grimshaw and Gannell, of Rochester, are the only real 300 swatters in the league.

Gov. Spry, of Utah, "does not think" the Jeffries-Johnson fight will take place in his State, and the Governor generally has the last think.

The Marylebone Cricket Club team touring South Africa defeated the Western Province team at Newlands by an innings and 123 runs. Scores 351 to 77 and 151. Hobbs 114, M. C. Bird 76, H. B. G. Leveson-Gower 40 and F. L. Fane 40 were the leading scorers.

This year will be marked in history for its most unusual football hangover.

And the Governor of Utah is named Spry. Good night!

Just exactly where the Aero Club of America comes in has not been made clear. The only thing apparent is that it is assuming an authority it hardly will be able to swing. Wouldn't it be just as well to allow the aviation game to remain in a disorganized state until it has been more fully developed?

FITZ LASTS 12 ROUNDS

In a Fight For a Purse of \$20,000.

Battle in Australia Was Scheduled For 20 Rounds.

Sydney, W. S. W., Dec. 27.—Bill Lang won to-day from Bob Fitzsimmons in the twelfth round of a scheduled twenty round fight.

The fight was at Rush Cutter's Bay stadium, where Johnson beat Burns one year ago. The fight was evenly contested up to the last round, when Lang forced Fitzsimmons to the ropes, knocked him down with a right hand blow to the jaw and when he arose sent him to the floor senseless from a right hand upper cut.

Fitzsimmons had not appeared in the ring in Australia since he left here for the United States many years ago. When he climbed through the ropes to-day he was given an enthusiastic reception. The veteran looked to be in splendid condition after his long period of preparation for to-day's fight.

The fight opened rather tamely, Lang showing extreme nervousness. Lang was freely hooked for holding in the clinches and frequently butting his opponent and refusing to break clean. Fitzsimmons, on the contrary, fought cleanly and quickly became the favorite with the crowd.

As the fight progressed Lang regained confidence, and forced the pace, but Fitzsimmons cleverly evaded his rushes, and frequently landed good blows on the face and body. In a hot rally in the eleventh round Fitzsimmons cut Lang's right eye severely with a left-hand punch.

When the twelfth and last round opened Lang rushed Fitzsimmons to the ropes and floored him with a right hand blow. Fitz took the count of nine and rose groggy. Lang was at him fiercely as soon as he regained his feet, battering the tottering veteran about the ring. He forced Fitzsimmons against the ropes, and with a hard right upper cut on the jaw sent him down and out.

Lang was a strong favorite in the betting at odds of 1 to 2. His weight was announced as 188 pounds, while Fitzsimmons gave his as 156 pounds. Arthur Scott was the referee. The weather was warm and 12,000 spectators witnessed the fight.

Fitzsimmons went to Australia with Hugh D. McIntosh and received a royal greeting upon his arrival. He seemed to be in robust health and when he got on the scales he tipped the beam at 170 pounds. Fitz and Lang were matched to fight twenty rounds for a purse of \$20,000, the Cornishman receiving a \$5,000 guarantee, win, lose or draw. Lang was a slight favorite in the betting.

Fitzsimmons was out of the game for two years. He gradually went back because of advancing years, and in 1907, when Jack Johnson stopped him in two rounds, it was generally believed that the end had come. Fitzsimmons will be 48 years old next June.

Lang will now likely challenge Tommy Burns.

TIMELY AID BY THE COPS.

Cracked the Few Heads Not Already Cracked.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 26.—The Emergency Hospital here was filled with battered Japanese and Chinese late this afternoon as the result of a football game between the two nations at the football grounds.

Last year the Japanese football game, so the year the Japanese gathered good football players from various cities of the coast, and won easily by 10 to 6. Then the trouble began. When the result was announced, one of the Chinese players seized the ball which was given to the winning team for trophy and tried to escape. Instantly the Japs raised a war cry and soon the two nations clashed.

The Chinese player was knocked down and a score of men on both sides were knocked out before the melee ended. The police jumped in and by the use of their clubs added a number of broken heads.

THE VANCOUVER TEAM WON.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 26.—In one of the fastest games ever here for years the vanquished team from the University of California, holders of the Smith trophy, were defeated by the Vancouver team by one try (3 points) to nil. The locals had all the better of the contest and should have won by 12 to nothing. Two more games are to be played next week for the trophy.

Hoax.—The widow is entitled to her third, isn't she? Joak-Gee! One of them is chasing me around trying to make me her fourth.

THERE WILL BE CHANGES.

Radical Changes Are Foreshadowed in Football.

The Rules Committee Meets Tomorrow in New York.

New York Herald: The dominating influences in the Football Rules Committee were bred in the old school, and hate to make any too radical departures. The clamor that has been aroused, however, will undoubtedly be felt strongly, and it would be no surprise to see a remarkably changed football game on the American gridiron in 1910.

Within a few days the football surgeons from all over the country will meet here in the city and operate on the present code. From the general trend of opinion there will be considerable cutting done, and it is not unlikely that there also will be a little grafting. One of the chief influences that doubtless will be felt in the revision that all followers of the gridiron are sure to come is the effect of the demonstration of Canadian Rugby given under the auspices of The Herald recently will have. No sporting event in years has caused such widespread comment as the match played at Van Cortlandt Park.

There is no possibility of the Canadian game being adopted wholly instead of the American variety—that is the practically unanimous opinion of the experts who observed the demonstration; but there are one or two features of Dominion gridiron style that have been praised by everyone, even the ultra conservatives brought up in the old school of mass play and close formations. The one point that was admired without a dissenting voice was the rule which protects the catcher of a kick by preventing a prospective tackler coming nearer than three yards to the man catching the ball.

When some of the dominant figures in American football legislation have grown enthusiastic in their admiration of the benefits of this feature it is quite safe to predict that there is a strong possibility of this rule to protect a catcher being incorporated just as it stands in the Canadian rule. This would mean a big revolution in the American style of play, and would eliminate a point that has caused nearly as many injuries as mass play ever did.

RADICAL CHANGES, THESE. Chicago, Dec. 25.—Coach A. A. Stagg yesterday applied the knife to the forward pass in the cause of mass football. The University of Chicago mentor operated on the forward pass rules with a view of lessening the annual toll of football deaths and injuries, and will present the results to the national experts at next Tuesday's meeting of the Intercollegiate Athletic Association in New York.

Coach Stagg's ideas for football revision follow: "Not to allow pulling or pushing of the man carrying the ball, in order to prevent mass plays and striking with the force of two or three men in a compact body.

"To remove the penalty for an uncompleted forward pass on the first and second down. Let the ball be brought back to the point from which it was thrown without penalty, to encourage open and spectacular play.

"To put a penalty on a player for crawling with the ball and to enforce the penalty for dropping on a man that is on the ground.

"To legislate as far as possible for the removal of players suffering from exhaustion by urging upon coaches and trainers to remove such men, and by having a rule that a man who takes out time the second time he is put out of the game by the referee.

"To limit the halves in high school, preparatory school and all untrained teams to no more than twenty-five minutes.

OLDFIELD BREAKS A RECORD.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 26.—Barney Oldfield established a new world's record for fifteen miles on a circular track to-day at Ascot Park. Driving his 120 horse-power car Benz, Oldfield reduced the record of 13.57 made by Ralph De Palma to 13.42 1-5.

BELGIAN NOT FOR HENLEY.

London, Dec. 27.—It is announced that the Belgian eight-oared crew will not compete for the Grand Challenge Cup at the Henley Royal regatta in 1910.

HOCKEY ON THE HOLIDAY.

The Galt Champions Defeat Waterloo.

In the Evening Waterloo Lost to Berlin.

Galt, Dec. 27.—The pro. hockey season opened her on Saturday afternoon with an exhibition game between the Galt team, champions of the Ontario Hockey League, and the newly organized Waterloo team. The teams showed evident lack of condition, and the game was minus any interesting features. The score of 8-4 in favor of Galt indicates the play. The Waterloo boys were not dangerous at any stage of the game. For Galt, Pete Charlton has lost none of his old time skill, and played a steady game. Borland, a new arrival in pro. hockey, showed up well and should make good. Murphy, the star of last year's team is as good as ever. Gross in goal played a good game. The Galt team, who are having a chance at the Stanley Cup early in January, will have to improve considerably to bring the trophy back. The teams lined up as follows:

Galt (8)—Goal: Mervin; point, Borland; cover, Murphy; rover, Service; centre, Mallen; right, Dougherty; left, Charlton.

Waterloo (4)—Goal, Gross; point, Vic. Cochrane; cover, R. Young; rover, Engle; centre, MacLaughlin; right, Ott; left, Stalker.

Timekeeper, Geo. McFarlane. Referee, Jas. Fraser.

BERLIN ROLLS UP A SCORE. Waterloo, Dec. 27.—Berlin and Waterloo pro. hockey teams played an exciting game in the rink on Saturday evening, the former winning by the overwhelming score of 14 to 4. The score does not by any means indicate the play, as for nearly three-quarters of the game the locals held their own, but tired badly in the last fifteen minutes, and the visitors ran in goal after goal. The Waterloo team had played a hard game in the afternoon against Galt, and were in no shape to play a second game. Manager Irving is not discouraged, and expects the boys get down for the championship games a great improvement will be noticeable. The ice was very heavy and greatly favored the husky seven from Berlin. Of the locals, Dusome, Manson and MacLaughlin played great hockey the first half, but failed away in the second. Lehman, in goal for Berlin, was a wonder, and saved time and time again, while Dunnart and Edmunds played up to their old time form. There was a crowd of two thousand in attendance. Jimmy Fraser, of Galt, made an impartial referee. The teams were:

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Goldie Cochrane, Cap. McDonald and Fraser were not on the line up, but will jump into the game next week.

THE BOOTBLACK'S GAINS.

\$30 the Best Week's Record of One Man—The Average About \$18.

Bootblacks, like the old women who sell newspapers, are often suspected of hidden wealth and supposed to own many of the best houses in the city. The income of the average person whose shoes are hined and to whom newspapers are delivered. One investigator interviewed a bootblack of his acquaintance with an idea of discovering what was the income of this man, who for years had been travelling about with a brush and box, building up a fine trade.

The bootblack told him that the very best week he ever had in his life occurred a dozen years ago, when he made \$30. That was in the days of almost universal five cent shoes. At that time he received at least five hundred and probably more shoes. An average week netted \$18 to \$20. Years ago business was better. The bootblack, an Italian, said with fine scorn:

"The Greeks come over here and they shine all five cent shoes. They never bring their women folks from the old country and a dozen of them live in a room. The small boys they hire get almost nothing, and so of course they can make money. The Italians bring their families along and they have to spend money to live. The competition from the Greeks has killed the business."

Of course, the bootblack said, the big stands in buildings downtown and those in good spots throughout the city made money. Some of them took in from \$70 to \$90 a week, but then again they had to rent to pay and also the services of assistants to reckon with. As far as this man could see the bootblack who went around with box in hand was as well off as any of them.

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SERGT.-MAJOR HUGGINS HIGH.

Rolled 663 For Prizes at the H. B. & A. C.

Several New Leagues Are Being Formed For 1910.

Last week was turkey week at the H. B. & A. C. Five fine birds were up for competition, and the struggle for their possession lasted all week. C. E. Yorick won the one for B class bowlers with 61. R. Winslow, for C class with 59. W. G. Duffie for C No. 2 with 62 and D. Wylie for the open class with 57. J. M. Zimmerman won the K. of P. turkey with 616.

Several other prizes were up for competition during the week. Sgt.-Major Huggins won the special prize for best score bowled between 9 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. for the week, donated by R. Johnson, of the House Outfitting Co.

A Johnson won the Newberry hat for the single with 253 The Storey Glove Co. prize for high 2 strings in the week's league matches went to C. E. Yorick with 60, and W. H. Storey & Son's prize for high single in B class league matches went to E. Sage with 25. The Savannah Cigar prizes for high team in C class and high team in K. of P. leagues went to the B. B. club and Bismark 1, with scores of 92 and 86, respectively.

A BIG BOWLING TOURNEY.

The H. B. & A. C. has decided to hold a mass and out handicap tournament on New Year's morning at 9.30 a. m. B and C class on the basis of 125, 140 and 145 respectively. On the basis of 175, 180 and 185 respectively. Former tournaments at the club on the same lines have been held on Saturday nights, but being held on New Year's will undoubtedly bring in the largest entry in the club's history. Entries will be accepted during the week, and will finally close on the morning of play at 9.30 a. m., when the draw will be made.

NEW LEAGUES.

Christmas Day gave the bowlers an opportunity of getting together and several leagues were formed for A class, the club's big league which starts its season on the 2nd of January. A special meeting of the executive of the club leagues will be held Wednesday night at 7.45 o'clock. It is the wish of the players that the various A class captains may sign men from B and C class to play in A without affecting their standing in these classes. If the arrangement is carried out A class will likely have an eight or ten team league, made up of the club's best players. Such a league would be a success from the start.

F. M. & P. LEAGUE.

The Financial Mercantile and Professional League will draw up its schedule this week and the first game will be played on Monday next. This league at present has eight teams, and it will probably start with ten when the bell rings.

WHOLESALE LEAGUE.

Nearly every wholesale house in the city is entering a team in their league which commences play on Saturday, January 8th. The personnel of the teams is made up of many of the travellers, and this fact alone makes it a certainty that the league will be fast and furious from the start.

TEN PINS

Ed Lang captured the turkey for the three highest strings at the Brunswick alley, with a score of 625. Devin also scored with 508. On Christmas Day, W. Jameson got a box of cigars for rolling 561 in three strings.

The following is the result of the game between Red and Green teams of the St. Pats I. and A. club:

Red—Brown 119 140 121 380
Tilley 125 137 110 372
Squibb 70 95 70 235
L. Burns 147 102 111 360
Ratliffe 102 131 142 375

Green—563 605 554 1722

Country 136 139 99 374
Cummings 99 113 156 378
Mullins 93 116 115 364
J. Burns 115 158 119 392
Casey 111 145 147 403

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JACK TALKS OF FIGHT.

Event Will Likely Take Place at San Francisco.

Authorities Differ as to Possibility of Fight in Utah.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Jack Johnson, heavyweight pugilist champion of the world, yesterday celebrated his first anniversary of his accession to the title by a house warming in the home he has presented to his mother. One year ago yesterday Johnson knocked out Tommy Burns at Rush Cutler Bay, near Sydney, New South Wales, and won the world's title.

Talk of his coming fight with Jeffries was postponed by the champion until he had carried a turkey, and told about his failure to get turkey after his fight with Burns and how he had made his championship dinner on a suckling pig.

After the dinner, Johnson said he was certain that the forthcoming fight with Jeffries would be staged at San Francisco instead of Salt Lake City, and announced that he would pitch his training camp at Ocean View, just outside of San Francisco. Johnson also announced that "Gusboat" Smith, a Pacific coast heavyweight, would be one of his training partners.

Former champion James J. Corbett, who is scheduled to be one of Jeffries' training partners, was in Chicago to-day.

THE AUTHORITIES DIFFER.

New York, Dec. 27.—Gov. Spry, of Utah, who is in the east, was quoted as saying yesterday that the laws of the State would be observed to the letter and that there was no chance in a thousand of the Jeffries-Johnson fight being held in Salt Lake City. Out in Salt Lake City "Tex" Rickard said yesterday:

"It can be said positively that the Jeffries-Johnson contest will be held in Salt Lake City. I have been assured by the leading business men of the city that there will be no official interference with the fight, and on that assurance I am going ahead with the preliminary arrangements."

THEY CAN'T COME BACK.

New York Herald: Owen Moran, an English lightweight fighter, who arrived here yesterday on board the Ontario liner Lusitania from Liverpool, said that in his opinion "Jack" Johnson would defeat "Jim" Jeffries in their coming battle for the heavyweight championship of the world.

"My money will go on Johnson," remarked Moran. "And I'll just tell you why. Jeffries has been out of the game for several years, and as a result he has lost his judgment of distance. Just let a man stay out of the game for a few months and his ability to judge distance is gone. You do not hear of any of the big fellows who have been out of the game for a while being able again to step into the ring and show their true form. When a man once loses his judgment of distance he generally does so for good."

CURLING

The annual President vs. Vice-President curling match of the Victoria Curling Club took place on Christmas day, resulting in a victory for the former by fifteen shots. The games were keenly contested and the match was so close as to make it intensely interesting. The scores were as follows:

President—J. H. Moore, D. R. Gibson, H. Croxthwaite, James Dixon skip 9

Vice-President—B. O. Hooper, W. Ballentine, A. B. Whyte, W. R. Davis skip 6

A. B. Crawford, G. R. Judd, W. Muir, E. W. Burrow skip 13

W. E. Skelton, J. W. McAllister, J. Simpson, Geo. Shambrook skip 10

Alex. Watt, E. Shannon, W. Anderson, Peter Smith skip 13

J. G. Moore, J. R. Jamieson, L. Johnston, R. A. Milne skip 15

G. J. Guy, W. H. Brigger, W. H. Seymour, Wm. Dixon skip 3

W. A. Howell, T. Cook, G. E. Price, G. F. James skip 18

W. H. Lyne, J. W. Tyrrell, Dr. Kapelle, Dr. Dickson skip 18

W. D. Beas, F. R. Newberry, W. J. Hobson, A. M. Cunningham skip 12

Total 99 Total 84

Majority for President, 15 shots.

THINKS HE CAN DEFEAT GOTCH.

Stanislaw Zbyszko Cyganiewicz is a Powerful Man.

Tells How He Came to Take Up Wrestling as a Business.

Frank Gotch, who failed to get a single fall from Zbyszko, the giant Pole, at Buffalo, and thereby lost the match, the conditions of which required Gotch to win two falls within the hour, admits that Zbyszko is better than he thought. The Pole displayed tremendous physical strength and an excellent knowledge of the game.

Zbyszko said: "I can beat this man in a straight match."

"Jack Herman," his manager, said: "I will post \$2,500 for a match with Gotch for \$10,000 a side."

Zbyszko weighed 236 pounds; Gotch, 204.

Zbyszko is a polished gentleman. He is a graduate of the University of Vienna, and formerly was a lieutenant in the Austrian army. Here's the way he tells the story of his life:

"My full name is Stanislaw Zbyszko Cyganiewicz. I was born in the small town of Stanislawice, Province of Galicia, on the banks of the Vistula River, which separates the province from Russia. The town of my birth is about 180 miles from Lemberg, the capital of Galicia.

"It was not until I was 14 years of age and a student at the High School that I had any idea of being exceptionally strong, and up to that time I had no idea of what physical culture meant.

"One day a friend of mine who was interested in gymnastics left my arm and persuaded me to join the gymnastic class. In those days gymnastic exercises, handball and swimming were the chief forms of sport, but since then football has become quite popular in Austria.

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