

S BASEBALL BOXING BOWLING RACING SOCCER ROWING YACHTING E

GREAT RUSH FOR RESERVED SEATS THIS A. M.

New Stand May be Erected at East End of Grounds to Accommodate the Fans—Jungle Terrors Are in Great Condition.

At 8 o'clock this morning, about twenty-five football enthusiasts were hanging around Stanley Mills waiting for the doors to open so as to get their reserved seats for the big game on Saturday with Ottawa.

The Tigers had one of the best practices of the season last night at the Cricket Grounds when every man on the team, and all the spares, were out. Particular attention was paid to tackling, and the critics will have nothing to complain of in this particular on Saturday.

That the Tigers were never in better condition is the opinion held by several of the experts who saw them play in Montreal last Saturday. They have been coming on every game, and the team is now in shape to take the best aggregation in the world.

COMMENT AND GOSSIP

The man who said that Jeffries and Johnson wouldn't fight still has a chance. They're not in the ring yet.

Isn't Jeffries the reckless man in money matters? First he demands winner take all and a \$20,000 side bet for his fight with Johnson, and then turns down an \$80,000 offer to go on the stage.

Joecky Shilling or ex-jockey as he now is, has been held without bail on the charge of stabbing his employer, R. E. Thomas. He claims that he acted in self-defense.

We're now ready to forgive Jeff and Johnson for all the talking they have done, but wouldn't it be the last straw if somebody steals the articles and the two principals start off on the theatrical circuit and forget all about their little scuffling date?

Johnson held two red dice in the palm of his right hand while the dining game was going on in the Hotel Albany. But the expected suggestion that he and Jeff roll the ivory for the championship was not forthcoming.

Any young man who bets his carfare on a football game and then sees that both his way back to his mother should not be turned loose without a chaperon.

Bob Fitzsimmons is on his way to Australia, where he intends to fight the much abused Bill Squires. The Cornishman needs the money and figures that Australia is a better place to get it than either England or America, where fight fans know only too well that he has seen his best days.

The presidents of the leading colleges which maintain football adjutants have no brics to throw at the engaging game. They argue that accidents and fatalities are incidental to all form of athletic sport. Still, they must admit that the eleven youths who lost their lives at football this season did not lose them in any other way.

John L. Sullivan in Pittsburg yesterday was asked about the likelihood of his being chosen referee of the Jeffries-Johnson fight when he replied: "I am not a candidate for referee, but if I am satisfactory to both principals and the club that gets the mill, I will give each man a square deal and see that both fight all the time. I will not accept a penny. I don't believe in paying a referee in a fight. In glove contests remuneration is all right. There is no glory in the referee job for me. I will be remembered long after Jeffries and Johnson are forgotten."

"What do I think about Jeff's chances? Even if I had an opinion you could scarcely expect me to express it when I may be the third man in the

Charges Fraud In Herald Race

St. Catharines Man Says He Saw Substitution Practiced

St. Catharines, Nov. 2.—A St. Catharines man who witnessed the Herald road race in Hamilton, Thanksgiving Day, stated to the Times correspondent today that he is willing to take an affidavit regarding alleged "cooked" work he saw in the race. "I was standing along the road between Hendrie's Farm and the Valley Inn," he said, "when a certain runner (whose name and number are given) came along. Here the runner was met a buggy carrying another man in running attire, dressed in a similar uniform and numbered identically the same. The fresh man jumped into the race and the man whose place he took was put into the buggy and covered up with blankets. Had I not seen the substitution I would not have believed it. It was in company with a Hamilton man, who remarked at the time on the incident. I am willing to take my affidavit at any time before a Justice of the Peace as to the truthfulness of my statements."

GRIDIRON GOSSIP

New York Tribune: Chancellor MacCracken, of New York University, who led the crusade for a reform of the football rules four years ago, said yesterday that, in his judgment, abolition of the game was not called for by the death of Byrne, the West Point player, from injuries received in the game with Harvard on Saturday. Dr. MacCracken said that further modification of the rules, in an effort to make the game less dangerous, might be necessary, and suggested some action this winter.

"I am shocked and grieved to hear of Byrne's death," said the Chancellor, "but I see no reason to abolish so good a game as football. A further revision of the rules making the game more open, I believe to be necessary, and that the Intercollegiate Athletic Association will take some such action I deem certain, and feel sure that the game will be made more open."

Deputy Commissioner Hogan, of the Street Cleaning Department, however, who was captain of the Yale eleven in 1904, dissented strongly from this view. "Opening up the game isn't going to decrease fatalities," he said. "It has operated since 1906 to increase accidents, and it will keep on doing so. You cannot legislate against such an accident as the one in which Byrne was hurt. Any sport is likely to afford such instances, but the notoriety that accompanies football is lacking."

"Abolish the forward pass. That is the way to eliminate a good deal of the danger of the game. Byrne was a tackle, and I venture to say that most of the men who are hurt are ends and tackles on the team that has not got the ball."

Yale Daily News: Most accidents have the effect of impelling us all to an absolute condemnation of football. Our emotions are powerfully stirred against the game. We ask ourselves, "Is football worth such a price?" Instinctively we answer "No." But still we know that these accidents are a coincidence—the rare exception. Compared with the vast number who play football, the percentage of fatally injured is extremely

JACK WILL HOLD TITLE FOR YEARS IF JEFFRIES LOSES

Last Chance For Supremacy of the White Race Now Depends on the Big Californian.

That mournful cry of the schoolboy, used so often when playing the game of marbles, "Well, here goes my last law," might approximately be applied to the heavyweight situation, as it pertains to the white and colored races to-day. If the youngster can't win with his last marble, he's "busted." If Jeffries can't defeat Johnson, that "white supremacy" slogan isn't likely to count for much for a long time. Jeff is the last one. He'll have to turn the trick or Johnson is liable to be champion for several years. Little consolation is to be had from the hope that perhaps some strong young fellow will come along and win the title. Heavyweight champions aren't unearthed and developed in a few months. No matter how game, clever and fast a youngster may be he will lack the one great essential, experience, which is another way of spelling generalship.

There is but one way to gain general-

HARNESS RACING WITHOUT PUBLIC BETTING.

No More \$50,000 Stakes—Big Handicap Event at Readville Was a Losing Proposition—Large Crowd, But Did Not Pay.

That harness racing can be made to pay without public betting is the belief of A. J. Welch, the owner of the Readville, Mass., track. He now knows that the entertainment he gave the public at his track this season cost too much money. The \$50,000 handicap race was a very costly feature. It drew a large crowd, but it was a losing proposition. Many old-time horsemen do not take to the handicap idea of racing, but Mr. Welch is still firm in the belief that it is the kind of racing that will bring the crowd. But no association can afford to put on a race like the one at Readville last summer without asking grand opera prices, and it is evident that the followers of the harness horses are not educated up to paying them.

Since the close of the racing season at Readville, says a New England exchange, Mr. Welch has been going along with the work of improving the property, and there is no doubt that Readville will be on the map next season, with a Grand Circuit meeting and possibly with a big fair. The proposition to form a big New England fair circuit, to be composed of Readville, Hartford, Providence, Brockton and possibly another member, looks like a good idea to horsemen who have raced at the big fairs in their sections of the country. It is a matter of record how successful the Brockton Fair has been. It is true that it is the result of years of good management, but it certainly looks as though equally successful fairs could be held in Boston and in Providence. On the day that the Charter Oak stake was raced this year, it is probable that the largest number of spectators that ever witnessed a trotting race saw the great four-year-old stallion, The Harvester, take the measure of Bob Douglas.

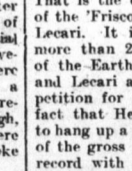
The Brockton management hangs up \$1,000 and \$500 purses, but if it was one of a line of meetings that would give the best horses a chance to race for four or five weeks, it would be possible for the management to give a number of stakes for larger purses, with perhaps one or two \$5,000 early-closing events. With a chance to enter their horses in valuable events of this kind the trainers with high-class horses would not be obliged to go West to race during the latter part of the season.

The Fair Association in the West have found that it pays to give purses large enough to attract the best horses, and there is no reason to believe that the fair proposition would not appeal to the people of this part of the country as strongly as it does to those in the sections where they are so great a success.

It can be safely predicted that there will eventually be a big fair at the Readville track, and those who know Mr. Welch will have little doubt that if it fails it will not be because it is not started on broad and up-to-date lines which should insure its success.

COFFROTH WILL LIKELY GET THE BIG FIGHT.

Articles of Agreement Pave Way For Colma's Offer—Said to be Understanding—John L. Sullivan Will Likely be the Referee.



AT LEAST ONE fight promoter is chuckling just now as a result of the articles of agreement signed by Jeffries and Johnson. His name is James W. Coffroth, and speaking in strict confidence he has the right sewed up in a way that leaves no chance for failure. Coffroth hasn't said a word since arriving in New York a week ago, but it is evident that he laid plans some time ago which have resulted in the disfigurement of several rival promoters in San Francisco.

According to the articles of agreement the bout must be of 45 rounds or more. That is the obstacle thrown in the way of the 'Frisco promoters, Sid Hester and Lecari. It is illegal to hold bouts of more than 20 rounds within the limits of the Earthquake City, so that Hester and Lecari are already out of the competition for the match, in spite of the fact that Hester stands ready, he says, to hang up a \$75,000 purse or 70 per cent. of the gross receipts, while Lecari is on record with an offer of 85 per cent. of the receipts and 75 per cent. of the pictures. Coffroth's arena at Colma is not under the jurisdiction of the 'Frisco authorities. It is located in another county, where there is plenty of "freedom," as much as the sports used to enjoy at Coney Island in the days of John Y. McKeane, when in spite of the law against prize fighting finish contests were held without the slightest interference.

Coffroth, therefore, can pull off the fight of 45 rounds or more and yet San Francisco fight fans will be able to attend, as the Colma ring is within easy reach of the city. If promoters in Nevada, which has legalized finish fights, should take a hand in the bidding, Coffroth probably believes that they would not go high enough to put him out of it, while it is also a foregone conclusion that both fighters will bar all prospective battle grounds outside of California.

On the surface, therefore, the belief is further strengthened that Coffroth has a practice last week, while the same accident happened to Norcross in the game against Ottawa.

Western University of London have not dropped out of the O. R. F. U. Their defaulting to Petrolia, however, puts them out of the running in the junior western group.

Norcross and Art Kent will both be able to play for the Argos against Montreal next Saturday. Kent had his shoulder knocked out of joint in the

Additional Sporting News on Page 9

BRUTAL AMERICAN GAME CLAIMS ELEVEN VICTIMS.

Strenuous Game of Football Levies Heavy Tax on Young America—Thousands Injured Every Year.

Death List

- Walter Evans, 18 years old, High School boy, Panora, Ia.
- Frank Trimble, University of Indiana.
- Joseph M. Walsh, St. Mary's College, Kan.
- Robert Millington, Pottsville, Pa., High School.
- Raymond P. Thurston, Phillips Exeter Academy.
- Winifred Ludden, Woodland, Cal.
- Charles Becker, 11 years old, Findlay, O.
- Clarence Pierce, Wilmington, Del.
- Michael Burke, Philadelphia.
- Roy Spuyback, Haskell School, Kan.

In the United States, with the final and hardest month of the brief ten weeks' season still ahead, football has already claimed by death eleven victims. A dozen more, including Midshipman Wilson, of the Naval Academy, who was so dangerously injured in the Navy-Villa Nova game a week ago last Saturday, are losing today upon hospital cots, hovering between life and death, with the chances in each individual instance for ultimate recovery decidedly small.

That the record of deaths in the United States in other years by football is sure to be surpassed this gridiron season of 1909 seems certain. The football legislators, notwithstanding their elimination of momentum and mass plays, to a certain extent, and their "opening up" of the game, seem to have failed utterly in reducing the death rate, while the number of fractures, sprains and minor injuries is simply adding upon hospital cots, hovering between life and death, with the chances in each individual instance for ultimate recovery decidedly small.

The record of deaths in the United States in other years by football is sure to be surpassed this gridiron season of 1909 seems certain. The football legislators, notwithstanding their elimination of momentum and mass plays, to a certain extent, and their "opening up" of the game, seem to have failed utterly in reducing the death rate, while the number of fractures, sprains and minor injuries is simply adding upon hospital cots, hovering between life and death, with the chances in each individual instance for ultimate recovery decidedly small.

HOW ELEVEN WERE KILLED.

The eleven young men who have already lost their lives—gridiron heroes—are in simply adding upon hospital cots, hovering between life and death, with the chances in each individual instance for ultimate recovery decidedly small.

performed and a week later young Evans died.

Frank Trimble, a senior at the University of Indiana and tackle on the Varsity eleven, contracted blood poisoning from his football during a game, as the result of a scratch sustained in practice. For three weeks Trimble lay in the Bloomington Hospital, half unconscious, and with 15 openings in the leg made in an effort to save his life. His death followed convulsions on October 2nd.

Joseph M. Walsh, aged 19, a student in St. Mary's College at St. Mary, Kan., dove into an opposing player in practice on September 21st and died at Stormont Hospital in Topeka, Kan., on October 9th. Examination before death revealed a blood clot on the spinal column caused by a fracture of the vertebrae. At no time was there any chance of his recovery.

HIGH SCHOOL BOY KILLED.

Robert Millington, aged 17, was manager and halfback of the Pottsville, Pa., High School football team, and while playing against the Shamokin, Pa., High School team on October 2nd, sustained an injury that resulted in his death a few days later. He had been badly kicked in the abdomen, and the attending physicians found, upon examination, that his intestines had been ruptured. An extremely delicate operation was performed, but without success.

Raymond P. Thurston, son of ex-Major Thurston, of Cambridge, Mass., died on October 18th of infantile paralysis following an illness of three days. An autopsy upon his body showed that death had resulted from a football injury to the head while playing with the Phillips Exeter Academy eleven. He had been a student at the Rindge Manual Training School at Cambridge and at Culver Academy in Indiana before entering Exeter.

Winifred Ludden was a member of the Davis independent team of Woodland, Cal., and one of its best players. While playing a Sunday game on October 10th, against the Vallejo, Cal., eleven, Ludden sustained injuries from which he died in terrible agony two days later. As a result of his death the Davis team has been disbanded and there will be no more football in that town this year.

KILLED IN A SCRIMPAGE.

Clarence Pierce, a 19-year-old boy of Wilmington, Del., died last week following four days of treatment in a Wilmington hospital. During a scrimmage Pierce was thrown and several players fell upon his stomach, injuring his abdomen.

Cadet Byrne was hurt in the Harvard-West Point game. Michael Burke, tackle on the Medico-Chi team, that played the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy at the B. E. Y. M. C. A. field Saturday, had his skull fractured in the game. He died Sunday morning in the Presbyterian Hospital, Philadelphia.

