

SPORTS

HEAVY PUGILISTS ARE ABOUT EQUAL.

Jeffries is Bigger, But Johnson is Younger and Quicker—The White Man Must End Fight Soon.

New York, Dec. 15.—As a nation, enthusiasm of Americans is proverbial, but it is safe to say that never in our history has there been a sporting event which has aroused such widespread interest and produces so much in discussion in all classes as the coming fight for the championship of the world between James J. Jeffries and John Johnson. Everywhere in New York one hears "Johnson" or "Jeffries." It was at the high tide of this great wave of enthusiasm which swept the country, culminating when the final details were arranged between the principals and promoters, that was enabled to go over both of these giants with the tape measure and make various other examinations.

Looking at the men superficially, Jeffries seems more symmetrical and more pleasing to the eye, because of Johnson's high shoulders, behind which the large muscles of the back are piled up and which raise him of that graceful poise which we see in so many of our athletes.

But those high shoulders, with the masses of muscles in front and behind, are there strictly for business, and while not so agreeably artistically, will count for much on the great day. On Wednesday evening I went over to Johnson's dressing room, in Madison Square Garden, just after he had finished skipping the rope.

On Friday morning, just as Johnson rose from his bed, I went carefully over with the stethoscope, this Hercules. The tables of measurements are given below. With these there is a table of the average measurements of a class of nearly 200 university men averaging nineteen years old, which will be interesting in comparison with those of the two fighters, showing how far above the general man the latter go. Of course, some allowance must be made for age.

To summarize, in physical measurements, the men are about as even as anyone would wish to see. Jeffries has the call in height, weight and reach. Johnson has it in youth, agility and lack of nervous temperament. Of the two Johnson is decidedly the lesser muscle bound.

From past records of the two men it would seem that Jeffries can deliver the harder blow, and if he is to win at all he must get his punch in early in the game or his younger and more lithe adversary will wear him down. But he will have to be almost aggressively quick to get to Johnson, as the latter's footwork and backward spring cannot be beaten.

Furthermore Johnson will be able to withstand head blows the better. Johnson never diets; he eats anything that appeals to him up to the eve of the fight, and Jeffries is not much more careful. It is doubtful whether this is a good plan, as it has been proved in the case of tests with university crews that dieting has much to do with condition and lasting power.

Both are drinking men. Johnson never drinks whiskey, but trains on champagne and beer. Much will depend upon the necessary curtailment of alcohol in each.

We have here two representatives of different races, both superb specimens of manhood, who meet outside of the arena with most kindly feelings toward each other, but when the time comes that they shall see one another face to face, ready for the manly fight of strength and skill, each will be filled with the laudable ambition to spare nothing, to leave no stone unturned, as far as the rules permit, to win.

And it will be a battle royal as there is no possible doubt that it will be honestly and squarely fought and to the bitter end, with necessary victor to only won, but undoubted honor to both.

	Jeffries	Johnson	Univ. stud.
Age	34	31	19
Weight	255	195	133
Height	6 ft. 2 in.	5 ft. 10 in.	5 ft. 8 in.
Girth of neck	17	17 1/2	13 1/2
Girth of upper chest	44	41	34 1/2
Girth of waist	37 1/2	34	28 1/2
Girth of upper arm	14	14 1/2	10
Girth of shoulders	50	49 1/2	40
Girth of forearms	12 1/2	13 1/4	10 1/4
Girth of thigh	24	24 1/2	20 1/2
Girth of calf	17	15 1/2	13 1/2
Breadth of waist	16	14	10

COMMENT AND GOSSIP

Writers all over the country are speculating as to what result the exhibition game of Canadian Rugby given in New York by the Tigers and Rough Riders will have on American football, all are agreed that the American game will be modified along Canadian lines.

Ted Coy, the Yale captain, spoke in glowing terms of the punting. A great punter himself, it naturally appealed to him. "I think that the kicking is wonderful, especially owing to the fact that all the halfbacks are able to punt with great freedom, and know how to punt," he said. "It seems to me, however, that the most remarkable point about the kicking is the manner in which the Hamilton captain punted in close quarters, as I never saw any half-back able to get rid of the ball in the face of the several opposing players who were charging him, intent upon downing him, and downing him hard. Then he would kick from in behind the scrimmage, with but inches to spare, and this alone was a revelation."

This was a feature of the Canadian game that appealed strongly to all the American experts, and no doubt, next season will see more punting on the American gridiron.

Now that the football season has closed Hamilton will be off the athletic map until spring. It seems a pity that a city with the sporting pretensions of Hamilton should not be able to provide good hockey during the winter months. Perhaps the scarcity of ice is responsible.

M. Mighty Robinson says he got that new suit on a bet. He must have lost.

Trudell & Tobey are presenting a handsome suitcase to the man who plays the best game for the Westinghouse against the Thistles in Toronto next Saturday for the championship of Ontario. The suitcase was put on exhibition this morning.

There was likely more than mere idle talk in the suggestion of the international Rugby games next autumn. Toronto Varsity vs. Yale and some other Canadian team vs. Cornell. The Ithaca University comes out strongly against the American code that Camp and Stagg attempt to champion, but which they will soon assist in disseminating. Cornell announces the following resolution, adopted at an executive meeting of the faculty:

"With a view to securing greater safety of life and limb and higher standards of honor and fair play, it is the insistent opinion of this faculty that the continuance of football as a game for undergraduates depends upon an effective revision and enforcement of the rules regulating the game. This opinion applies, further, to the selection of officials and to the conduct of players and coaches."

Prof. L. M. Dennis, of the intercollegiate committee, says that the resolution is meant to define Cornell's position on the question.

Just a year previous to the signing of the articles for his fight with Jack Johnson, Jim Jeffries emphatically declared that he would not re-enter the ring.

Jockey Taplin has fallen out with his employer, H. G. Bedwell, and refuses to ride for him. The boy has appealed to the Pacific Coast Jockey Club for a release from his contract. Bedwell is racing in Mexico.

Trainer Fred Darling has been engaged to take the place vacated by Geo. Walker with the stable of Messrs. Von Weinberg in Germany. Darling has been training the horses of Lady de Bathe (Mrs. Langtry), which have now been turned over to Dr. MacLachlan, formerly with Richard Croker.

The engagement of Corbett and McCoy to help train Jeffries has caused some doubt as to the ability of these former pugilists to be of real service. A year ago McCoy tried to "come back" in a local bout with Jim Steward, but he proved to be a back number, lacking speed, cleverness, strength and stamina. Corbett has not been in the ring for nearly six years, and is believed to have lost much of his old steam. As a result it is the opinion in some quarters that Corbett and McCoy will find it difficult to make things interesting for Jeffries when it comes down to grueling work with the gloves.

For the critics evidently went to the game with their minds made up, while the ragged play of teams out of training afforded them excellent opportunity to "kill with faint praise" the game they never intended to adopt under any circumstances. "It also gave them a chance to talk about the 'brainwork' and clean tackling which characterizes the game and is noticeably absent in the Canadian. All of which pleases them immensely, as it allows them to assume a superior tone and look to be earning the salaries they draw."

But let us see? Didn't a bunch of Canucks run into a team of American cracks at Buffalo some years ago and didn't they hold the Yankees level at the American game and while the life out of them under Canadian rules? Some folks seem to have a recollection of something like that.

If a game between Yale and Varsity could have been arranged something might have been accomplished. But to trot two teams out for prejudicial critics to find fault with was pure nonsense if it hadn't been good advertising. —Toronto Telegram.

In a Coal Pit Seventy Years.

Joseph Walton, of Darklands, Swadlincote, Burton, who has just retired to spend the evening of life in a house next to that in which he was born, has achieved the remarkable record of working full time in a coal pit when close on 90 years of age. He has worked as a miner for about seventy years. He remembers the time when colliers worked twelve hours a day for half a crown, and he was one of the first to join the Miners' Association. Walton was one of a family of seventeen, and has two sons and many brothers living. —London Daily Times.

BOTH FACTIONS CLAIM VICTORY.

Body Politics May be Played by National League Men—R. W. Brown is Mentioned as a Compromise Candidate.

New York, Dec. 15.—Before the National League baseball men get to a vote to-day or Thursday some desperate, if not shady, politics may be played by the factions favoring John M. Ward and John A. Heydler, respectively. Both sides claimed the vote of the St. Louis Club yesterday, but neither was willing to stake much certainty on Magnate Robison's support.

Under the surface there was some wire-pulling, which, from all accounts, involved decidedly questionable methods. Sizing up the situation from the inside, a National League man said last night: "The election is the sixth order of business, and may be arrived at to-morrow, but it is not probable that a new president can be selected before Thursday, if then. It all depends on the way each faction plays the cards. Last night it looked like a sure thing that Ward had five votes, including that of Robison, but the Ward men are not so sure to-day. They have heard that Robison has been in conference with the other side, particularly with Garry Herrman, who is handing out the tip that it will be possible to elect either Ward or Heydler."

"It is possible, for the sake of harmony, that the factions may get together and elect some man who is mutually acceptable. Such a man, as I understand it, is R. W. Brown, managing editor of a Louisville newspaper, who is highly recommended by Herrman."

The Brush faction believes that Ward is the right man for the presidency, and the Herrman people can see nobody but Heydler. These candidates alone will be considered when the voting begins. Then, when a true line on Robison has been secured, it will be time enough to decide upon further proceedings. I understand that before the voting begins the Herrman faction will make a play that may put the new Philadelphia Club in a hole, and may also break up the support at present accorded to Ward. The Philadelphia Club's ownership is an important question.

FROM THE FOUL LINE TO HEAD PIN

Two games in C class and one in B class were bowled at the H. B. & A. C. last night. The Union Drive Steel Co. took two from the Sweet Caporals, Dunwoody Club took two from T. H. & B. and R. H. Y. C. No. 2 took two from Lumadens. Geo. Price was high man of the night's rolling, getting 650. Sweeney with 541, G. McVinnie with 546, C. E. Wilson with 524, J. M. Zimmerman with 525, J. A. McMahon with 506 and E. J. P. Smith with 501 were the other bowlers to hit the kindling for the charmed circle.

T. H. & B. No. 1—
G. C. Martin 123 155 118-406
H. T. McMahon 143 157 146-449
G. W. Holmes 131 155 147-434
C. M. Stinchley 143 166 130-439
W. Davidson 718 739 665-2122

Dunwoody Club (Won two)—
J. Martin 108 124 172-405
H. P. Baker 120 139 136-423
A. Shaw 137 129 167-393
G. McVinnie 189 176 190-446
W. Brown 150 141 125-416
725 701 771-2187

Sweet Caporals—
J. M. Zimmerman 161 184 180-525
E. J. P. Smith 111 139 140-389
C. Isard 131 136 136-451
T. Collinsen 132 136 136-451
J. F. O'Brien 132 136 136-451
684 811 790-2306

U. D. S. Co. (Won two)—
J. A. McMahon 109 174 142-306
C. McVinnie 172 165 157-494
C. McVinnie 139 167 167-493
C. McVinnie 139 167 167-493
C. E. Terrick 136 178 177-541
H. M. Sweeney 510 738 777-2411

R. H. Y. C. No. 2 (Won two)—
J. E. Frid 179 154 129-453
G. R. Judd 158 147 127-462
G. Price 158 191 191-550

The National League will investigate it to-morrow. It requires six votes to admit the new owners, and if President Fogel can't disprove the charge that his backers are C. W. Murphy, of Chicago, and the latter's friend, C. P. Taft, Fogel may find it impossible to secure more than three votes."

Fogel yesterday declined to confirm the statement that he is backed by a theatrical syndicate.

President Johnson and the American League men were still a unit in their opposition to the selection of Ward.

The Board of Directors of the American League held an important meeting at the Hotel Walcott in the afternoon, and proceeded to exonerate the New York Club of the charge that a signal-giving bureau was operated on the hill-top last season.

There was an unexpected incident at the Hotel Walcott last night, when President Johnson was served with papers in the suit brought against Frank J. Farrell, of the New York Club, by Joseph Gordon, former president of the club, which is expected to come to trial in a few days.

Gordon insists that he is entitled to a portion of the club's stock, and at least half of the profits, if there have been any. President Johnson said later that he did not see upon what ground Gordon had brought action.

The National Commission held an important session at noon. The Torrey case, involving the claim of the Giants upon the services of a player of that name, was not reopened. The commission took no action in the "umpire bribery scandal."

John M. Ward was at the Waldorf-Astoria last night for the first time since the magnates arrived here. When asked about Johnson's charge that he had no right to act as George Davis' attorney in the injunction proceedings brought in 1903 by the Chicago American League Club in the Federal courts, after he had helped to draw up the Chicago contract, Ward said: "Mr. Johnson is treating on dangerous ground. I was Davis' attorney at all times."

That the Ottawa-Hamilton game at New York last Saturday will accomplish the purpose for which it was arranged now seems almost certain. When the rules committee meets on Dec. 28 to discuss revisions in the playing code of the American game, much of the discussion will centre round what was seen at Van Cortlandt Park when the two teams from this country met. Not one of the experts who saw the game, while adverse to adopting the Canadian rules as a whole, failed to see some of the good points of the game as played here.

That which provides for intending tacklers giving an opposing player yards to catch a punt finds very general favor.

Alonso A. Stagg, the famous University of Chicago coach, who would not commit himself in New York, had the following to say when he returned to Chicago:

"First of all, I want to correct any interviews on the subject of last Saturday's game of Canadian Rugby. I refused to discuss it because I wished to digest what I saw before expressing an opinion. Before last Saturday I had never seen a game of Canadian Rugby. My first impression of the game was gained from reading the rules, which I found much simpler than our code, covering only six pages, as against thirty-four pages of American rules. This in itself indicates a fact that was impressed upon my mind, namely, that the Canadian game is simpler and less scientific."

"In certain particulars, though, such as kicking and catching punts, it demands a higher degree of skill on the part of more players than does our game. At least three men, and I should judge all five backs, including the quarter-back, would find it almost necessary to be good kickers and catchers."

"The position of the backs is quite irregular, and to our eyes it appears more or less haphazard. From the fact that the quarter-back gives the signal each time the ball is down to start a scrimmage, it undoubtedly is true that the back field assumes approximately definite positions, though it is much spread out and consequently less exact than in our own game."

"Certain of the plays it seemed to be quite apparent what plays were going to be made. Very little deception was used in their plays. There was perhaps two or three criss-crosses and four or five fake plays, in which the quarter-back or one of the backs fakes to pass the ball to one man and either runs with it himself or passes it to another."

"The game was much more open than ours. The ball could be seen all the time. There was no close formation work, with the exception of a tandem formation, in which the first man in the tandem received the ball and was rushed by three other men. It was not a success because the other team knew what was coming."

"It seemed to me that they had not fully developed the possibilities of defense."

WAR ON STEEL TRUST

Declared by Leaders of Organized Labor.

Pittsburg, Dec. 14.—War was formally declared upon the giant Steel Corporation by the leaders of organized labor throughout the United States and Canada at the close of a two-days' conference to-day. The decision to battle against the corporation's policy of the "open shop" was reached to-night by the labor conferees after hours of debate. The grievances of organized labor against the Steel Corporation, as set forth in a resolution, were forwarded to-night to President Taft and the United States Senate and House of Representatives. The resolution deals principally with the low wages paid the men in the employ of the Steel Corporation, the hours of work, and the general conditions of oppression under which the corporation is alleged to hold its employees.

At the conclusion of to-day's conference the leaders would make no comment. President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, who presided to-day, left to-night for Washington. The other leaders will depart to-morrow.

The conference which called these men together at Pittsburg was made possible through a resolution adopted at the Toronto international labor conference last month, when the convention decided by resolution to meet in Pittsburg and take a determined stand against the labor attitude of the United States Steel Corporation.

Pub.—Scribner is going to call his new book "Vagant Vexes." Dub.—Good name. It's bum poetry, all right.

Even to be a successful liar requires constant practice.

TOM LONGBOAT AGAIN DEFEATS BILLY SHERRING

In Five Mile Race at London Last Night—Distance Was Covered in 29.12 1-5—Indian Held Lead During Practically Whole Race.

London, Dec. 15.—Tom Longboat won the five-mile exhibition race from Billy Sherring at the Simcoe street roller rink last night. His time for the five miles was 29.12 1-5.

Notwithstanding the many counter attractions of last night, there were many spectators at the race.

From the crack of the pistol to the finish the race was at all times interesting, although there were no startling moments. Sherring took the lead at the start, but in the seventh lap was passed by Longboat. In the eleventh lap Longboat sprinted and gained about half a lap, but later dropped back a little. At nearly every corner the Indian would sprint, but would drop back in the stretch.

With Longboat almost a lap in the lead the race progressed, with very little change in the running. Sherring ran the same pace from the start till the finish, and not once did he sprint, even though Longboat was close upon passing him for a lap several times.

Longboat seemed to be the favorite, and several times when he made a short sprint was cheered. Though the Indian ran the best race of the two last night, his stride was by no respect the most graceful. In this respect the two runners are altogether different.

The last half of the race was run with Longboat backing only a few yards of having a lap on Sherring. Near the finish of the race Longboat slackened his pace, but ended with a sprint passing Sherring at the last turn of the last lap, thus winning out by a lap.

Sol. Mintz, Longboat's manager, was apparently well pleased with the manner in which the Indian pulled off the race, and several times found it necessary to hold him in.

The officials of the race were: Starter, Christie; judges, Thos. Shaw and Dr. A. J. Wyckoff; scorers, J. W. Smith and T. H. Haskett; timer, Dr. Wyckoff.

That they had the plays and did not use them. Twenty-five years ago we were playing a very similar game in most respects with only eleven men on a side instead of fourteen."

While expert sentiment at Washington is divided as to the comparative merits of the American and Canadian games, the opinion is well-nigh unanimous that the intercollegiate conference in New York on Dec. 28 can give some mighty valuable pointers about revising the American rules from the Canadian game.

One thing which several local experts have pointed out is that the Canadian game is scarcely as highly developed from a scientific standpoint as the American game.

This is natural enough, they say, because the American rules are the result of years of the closest study, and the most careful revision, while the Canadian sport is comparatively new. Canadian football is regarded here as a modification of the English Rugby, with a dash of the roughness of the American football.

Many of the opinions of the best football critics are accepted at Cornell as being consistent with the attitude of the Cornell faculty, which has adopted a resolution insisting that the standards of honor of the game be elevated, and that unless it is made a safer sport to life and limb it should not continue as an undergraduate sport at Cornell.

William J. Dugan, the graduate manager of the Cornell Athletic Association, who witnessed the contest between the two Canadian teams, was particularly impressed with the good feeling that so apparently existed between all of the players throughout the entire game. The Canadians, he added, make of their game a pastime and not a war.

The New York Herald has the following on its editorial page yesterday: "American football experts say that they learned considerable from the Canadian game. That's right! There should be reciprocity in knowledge between the United States and the Dominion."

"There is evidence enough that the exhibition of Canadian Rugby in this city came at a truly psychological moment, when the minds of American football experts were filled with the sense that reform in the game was needed."

"The discriminating comment in the newspapers of New York and other cities shows also that they appreciate the value of such contributions to the cause of sport."

"From New Haven comes word that the Yale Athletic Council is already discussing changes in the rules to lessen danger. Harvard and Princeton men were impressed by the game as played by the Canadians, but think it will hardly displace the college game."

"Such a result is not to be expected. If, however, the outcome is a grafting upon the American game of the more open play of the Canadian it should check the growing opposition to the present hazardous style of play."

Stanley Ketchel a Parkdale Boy.

Middleweight Champion's Real Name is Thompson.

Toronto, Dec. 15.—Toronto can claim one world's champion pugilist. Stanley Ketchel, the middleweight champion, is a Parkdale boy.

At least Joe Lynd, son of Dr. Adam Lynd, and Jim Ward, son of Controller Ward, say he is. According to them, he was born in Parkdale and lived on Gwynne avenue, in the first house north of Queen street. He was a grandson of T. A. Thompson, a yard foreman of the Grand Trunk, who was a member of the old Parkdale Council.

He came back about four years ago and visited Jim Ward and Pete Allen, the first baseman of the Park Nine. He told them then that he was doing some fighting around Detroit, Port Huron and Sarnia.

"I am satisfied that this Thompson boy is the same boy, because his mother's maiden name was Ketchel, and all the photographs I have seen of Ketchel resemble greatly the Thompson boy," said Lynd to-day.

RED HOT! RED HOT!

THE DAILY TIMES' FIGHT STORIES

By JACK

Johnson and Jim Jeffries

Exclusive sporting page feature by world's leading pugilists.

The only paper in Hamilton to print these stories will be the Daily Times.

WATCH FOR THEM THEY'RE GREAT.

Stanley Cup Dates Were Definitely Fixed.

The Winnipeg Shamrocks Have Disbanded.

Renfrew and Cobalt Teams Are Now Complete.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—The Ottawa Hockey Club has finally announced its Stanley cup dates. Yesterday the trustees received word that unless they gave out the dates within twenty-four hours the Edmonton club would not come down to play for the cup at all, alleging that they had been discriminated against so that the Ottawa and Renfrew clubs might benefit.

Last night the Ottawas gave the following dates to the trustees, who wired them to the respective clubs: Dec. 20 and Jan. 1, Winnipeg Shamrocks.

Jan. 4 and 6, Galt professionals. Jan. 18 and 20, Edmonton.

The delays were caused through the complications in the eastern hockey leagues.

Yesterday's Varsity says: "Much feeling has been aroused among the student body during the last few days over the action of certain managers of city teams, who have had the nerve to come right into the residences in their efforts to induce university men to play with the city teams. These managers have made all kinds of statements, going so far as to say that no first year man, unless he has a strong pull with the management, will be given a chance on Varsity teams. They also have stated that Varsity players get the poorest kind of treatment from their management, and have promised all sorts of things to have the university men get out with their teams."

"College men should not tolerate such action on the part of these managers. There are too many senior teams in Toronto this year, so the rush for players is very keen. But university hockey players should bear in mind that if they once play with an outside team without permission from the athletic directorate, they are barred from the university athletics all through their course. Varsity men are as well treated as anyone in any sport. Anyone who knows anything about university athletics knows that a man gets on a team only through merit. All this talk of graft is utter rot, and is never used by college men, but only by outsiders who are trying to make trouble. Freshmen will get the same treatment as everyone else, and if they make good will be given positions on any of the teams except that in the senior series of the Inter-Collegiate Union."

A Winnipeg despatch says: The Winnipeg Shamrocks will not be seen in the east this year in the Stanley cup search, as the dispatch forward line which they had in view has been discontinued in such a way as to practically mean the disruption of the team and the abandonment of professional hockey in Winnipeg.

Edgar Dey, last year utility man on the Ottawa team, has signed to play right wing with the Renfrew hockey team. Dey is an excellent player, but owing to friction with the Ottawa executive he was side-tracked this year. The signing of Dey would complete the Renfrew line-up, which will include Lester and Frank Patrick, Lindsay, Dey, Larry Gilmour, Rowe and Hogan.

Stratford Herald: The action of London, Woodstock and Ingersoll in dropping back into intermediate ranks and refusing to make possible a fine western senior group, has, of course, killed the move for such, and is therefore looks like junior and intermediate for Stratford.

For Women.

Always dress well, but don't over-dress or underdress.

Learn a good trade when young and be independent of men.

Don't marry too early if you want to be sure to get the right husband.

Divorce is not the solution of unhappy marriages.

Work is the best antidote for the "blues."

No one can learn to love a "grouch."

Love a man for his strength of character, not for the merry twinkle in his eye.

Kindness and bright smiles win where other methods fail.

The things to be hand for the aching are seldom worth it.