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TIGERS HAD GOOD WORKOUT YESTERDAY.

Big Crowd Watched the Practice From the Touch-Lines and Concensus of Opinion Was That Yellow and Black Would be Stronger Than Ever.

About a dozen and a half yellow and black pigskin chasers turned up at the Bricket Grounds for practice yesterday afternoon, and although there were not enough men to make two teams, the boys had a good workout, nevertheless. About an hour was spent in booting and catching the ball, and then the players formed up as a team and practised trick plays. George Awrey was worked out at quarter, and judging by the manner in which he passed the ball and gave the signals he will fill Bland's shoes to a nicety. Captain Ben Simpson kept the boys moving, and with a few more workouts like that of yesterday the team will be in the best of shape for the big battle in Ottawa on the 9th of October. Norm Bramer was out during the earlier part of the practice, and booted and caught the ball in surprising style for a beginner. With his strength and stamina Bramer will make one of the best scrimmage men in Canada with a little experience. Art Turner had his mole skins on, and demonstrated that he will be a valuable acquisition to the Tiger wing line. He is a fine punter, and has a sure pair of hands, and is very speedy. Although not as big as some of the other wing men, he is vying and can stand a lot of knocking around. "Kid" Smith is sure some class when it comes to drop kicks. He lobbed over a couple of beauties yesterday from thirty yards out, which is going some, considering that the wind was blowing pretty strong. Don Lyon was at outside wing, and the speed with which he followed up the punts proved conclusively that his proper place is on the wing line. In this position he has no peer in Canada, and by putting him at half back the Tigers might make a mistake. Only two of the big four, Rajah Wigle and Jack Gray, were out, and although under ordinary circumstances this pair is capable of looking after a host, it would be much better for the team if Isbister and Barron would be on hand also. "Dutch" Burton did some good work

on the half line, and it is likely that he will occupy this position for the rest of the season. Dr. Biggs and Art Moore did not put in an appearance, but it is likely that they will be out on Thursday.

That the fans are ripe for the opening of the Rugby season was evidenced by the bunch of spectators that lined the touch lines yesterday.

An Ottawa special says: The executive of the Ottawa Football Club held a meeting last night and decided to defer their application to the Board of Governors of the Interprovincial for the reinstatement of Jack Ryan until after next Saturday's conference between the Federation and E. C. A. U. officers. Ryan's application for reinstatement in the new governing body will then be considered, and should he get it the Ottawas will consider Ryan eligible and play him. Ryan has a sprained ankle, but will be all right in a few days. It was also decided to make another effort to get Williams, Phillips, Church and Stronach into the game. Kennedy and Ferguson had not been counted on, but on account of the refusal of the younger players of experience to play, an appeal will be made to Kennedy and Ferguson and also to Dr. Sherriff. Signal practice will start on Wednesday, and it is hoped to have the full team out then.

The Argonauts are finding Bayside Park too small for their Rugby practices, owing to the large number of players who are turning out. Several new ones were out in uniform last night, including Zimmerman, of Hamilton, who has played on the McGill half back line for the past two or three years. Zimmerman will certainly add strength to the eullers, and will fit in very nicely with Norcross, Corkery, Tommy Hay and Mert Kent. Maxwell, that good punter from Ridley College, watched the players work out, and the chances are he will don a uniform to-night.

ORIGIN OF GAME OF DRAWPOKER

Claim That It Was First Played in New Orleans in 183 With 20 Cards.

John B. Barber, of New Orleans, speaking about the game of poker, says that while most men will testify to the fact that few know very little about the great American game of poker, even the experts will admit they are ignorant of the origin of the game. "All the evidence about poker which has come to light, however, points to its origin in New Orleans," continued Mr. Barber. "The question is where did New Orleans get it from or is it an improvement on some game known to the population of that city, who, it must be remembered, were French and used French terms in any game they played?"

"There is no French game played with only 20 cards, as poker was played at New Orleans in 1832, but there are several French games in which all the poker hands are to be found except four of a kind. Ambigu, brelan and many others will at once suggest them-

selves. But all these French games are played with three cards in the hand of each player. Where could the inventor of poker have found a game played with five cards in each hand and the pack consisting of 20 cards only?"

"The standard pack of cards in Europe from the earliest days has been what is now called the piquet pack, which is the same as our American euchre pack, 32 cards. There is only one country in the world where poker has always been played with five cards in the hand of each player, and that is Persia."

"But the game is not called poker. It is called nas. If they brought it to New Orleans from Persia, or if some resident of that city was familiar with the Persian game and thought it an improvement on the French game of ambigu and brelan, the introducer was probably French and more familiar with French games and French terms than with Persian."

COMMENT AND GOSSIP

Our first and last hope is that some of our particular lonesome friends will ask us for a tip on a horse race at the Woodbine.

Arrangements are being made for a Canadian cricket team to tour England next year. At least two Hamilton men will be on the team.

Racing is dead in New Orleans, but pugilism is permitted in the suburbs on Sunday. Packy McFarland and Ray Bronson fought a twenty-round draw at a club just across the river from the Crescent City day before yesterday without the slightest interference. Incidentally McFarland's showing was a big disappointment. He has been clamoring for a fight with Nelson and other good men for more than a year, but his lack of hitting power was again clearly shown in the go with Bronson, a second round.

We are sorry that Packy McFarland lent himself to establishing the precedent of pulling off a prize fight in Louisiana on Sunday, a day which has been held sacred to cock fighting in that state for 150 years.

We went and saw our lawyer yesterday.

President Haydler, of the National League, is receiving praise all over the major league circuits for backing up his umpires. Mr. Heydler's determination to have clean ball has earned the support of fair minded fans in all of the big cities and magazines inclined to score him are being subjected to severe criticism.

"Rugby is too rough a game." How often the followers of the gridiron sport hear comments like this about the game. It's too rough, and the boys get hurt, and it isn't good for them.

Of course if fond mamma was grow up like a banana plant in a greenhouse there is little use in arguing the point. The game is too strenuous for mollewoodies.

On the contrary, if the boy is to be taught to fight his own way in the great battle of life there is to be no game that will teach him how in a better way. He'll get plenty of knocks and raise many a healthy crop of bruises, but he gains stamina, and the knocks he'll get, if he is an ordinary cuss, in after life will be equally as hard.

Get a canvas suit for the boy, well padded, and let him get out and fight the battles on the Rugby field first.

Boston, Philadelphia and Pittsburg will be fought centres during the winter. The authorities in Massachusetts and Pennsylvania are convinced that limited round glove contests are not prizefights and can work no harm. Yet in those fights there are stringent laws against "prizefighting."

S. Ketchell, commonly known as the Assassin, was going into the ring a 2 to 1 shot against J. Johnson. And that is about what he should be. The Big Smoke will smother him, as he smothered some other small men, and S. Ketchell will hike back to the discard. No chance, S. K., no chance.

Chicago fans are panning the Cubs just now in a merciless manner. They say Steinfield and Sheppard have seen their best days and must be replaced. They are scoring Owner Murphy for not getting Catcher Kling at any cost and say that Chance has lost his grip as a team manager. The Cubs will meet the White Sox in a post season series and Comisky's players will have an army of rooters. If the Cubs should lose this series Chicago's interest in National League affairs would probably receive a hard jolt.

All records were broken for attendance at baseball by Detroit at Philadelphia for four games. The official figures were:

Day	Sept. 16	Sept. 17	Sept. 18	Sept. 19
Thursday	24,719	27,814	35,409	29,275
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Saturday	24,719	27,814	35,409	29,275
Sunday	24,719	27,814	35,409	29,275

Total 117,217

THE REAL PITCHING CLASS OF THE BIG LEAGUES



Christy Mathewson, a name to conjure with, and Geo. Mullin, almost as fearsome, lead the National and American league pitching, respectively.

Howard Camnitz and Harry Krause are runners-up on the aforementioned leaders. They lead all mound performers in the National and American, respectively, save the king pins upon whose heels they are treading. Mullin's splendid work on the hill has done much to put and keep the Detroit team to the fore all season, while the grand performances of

Christy Mathewson, "Big Six," as the Giants call him, has kept the New York team up there or thereabouts, when without him second division would be the share of the McGrawites. Camnitz has been going along in

brilliant style all year. He led the league for a long time, but finally passed by "Mighty Matty" as the result of some hard luck games. Krause is the left-handed youngster who astonished the American league this spring by his wonderful work for the Athletics. For a bushy, just breaking in, he probably deserves more credit than the others, who are veterans all.

LEAFS LOST GAME AT PROVIDENCE YESTERDAY.

Vandy Lost Game For Toronto by Dropping Throw to Plate—Detroit Won and Lost at Washington—St. Louis Beat Philadelphia.



PROVIDENCE, R. I., Sept. 22.—In one of the most bitterly contested games seen here this year, a pitchers' battle from start to finish, Joe Kelley's bunch went down to a 2-to-1 defeat here yesterday.

Both Barberich and Pfeffer, the opposing twirlers, worked hard, mowing down man after man. Barberich allowed but four hits, while the Greys secured five off Pfeffer, but they were widely scattered. For the most part Pfeffer pitched good enough ball to win, and would have done so but for two errors by Vandy in the fifth, allowing Phelan to score when he should have been out easily. Score:

Providence 2 5 1
Toronto 1 4 2

Batteries—Barberich and Peterson, Pfeffer and Vandy.

AT BALTIMORE.

Baltimore, Sept. 22.—The Baltimore lost both games to the Royals yesterday afternoon. The first game was close until the fifth inning, when the whole Baltimore team went to pieces. A dumb play at the plate, followed by two errors by Hall, sent Adkins up in the air, and the visitors slammed the ball to all four corners of the lot, scoring seven runs.

In the second game the Birds could do little or nothing with Wicker, while the Canucks bunched off Neil made six hits out of eight times at bat. Scores:

R. H. E.
Baltimore 1 6 2
Montreal 9 13 2

Batteries—Maroney, Adkins and Byers; Keefe and Krichell.

Second game—

R. H. E.
Baltimore 1 10 2
Montreal 1 10 2

Batteries—McCloskey and Byers; Wicker and Starnagle.

AT JERSEY CITY.

Jersey City, Sept. 22.—The Skeeters stung the Bisons yesterday 1 to 0. It was mainly a pitchers' contest. Score:

R. H. E.
Jersey City 1 6 0
Buffalo 0 7 1

Batteries—Merritt and McDonough; Malarkey and McAllister.

IN THE AMERICAN.

At the Washington—Before the largest crowd of the season, Washington and Detroit split even in a double-header, the first going to the visitors, 3 to 1, while the locals recorded a shut-out in the second, 2 to 0. Willets and Gray fought it out in the first round, and the former was much the better, allowing only a bunt by Milan and a clean drive by Street. Gray was hit safely six times, one being a three-bagger by Bush. A phenomenal catch by Cobb in the sixth inning probably saved the game. In the second game the champions found Walter Johnson a great puzzle, and especially when a hit would have scored runs. Killian allowed three hits to be bunched in one inning. Scores:

First game—

R. H. E.
Washington 1 2 0
Detroit 3 6 2

Batteries—Gray and Street; Willets and Stange.

Second game—

R. H. E.
Washington 2 6 1
Detroit 0 6 1

Batteries—Johnson and Street; Killian and Schmidt.

At Boston—Cy Young was beaten on the local grounds for the first time since he left the Boston Club last year, the home team winning, 7 to 3, in an interesting game. Score:

R. H. E.
Cleveland 3 7 3
Boston 7 11 2

Batteries—Young and Higgins; Smith and Carrigan.

At Philadelphia—St. Louis defeated Philadelphia, 2 to 1. St. Louis was made up with three young outfielders and two of its regular outfielders in infield positions, but put up a splendid game. Bailey held Philadelphia down to three hits, one of which was a scratch home run by Oldring in the fourth inning, when Crompton fell trying to stop a long drive. St. Louis tied the score in the seventh inning on an error by Collins, a wild pitch by Morgan, and Wallace's single. In the eighth inning Philadelphia had the bases filled, with one out, but Morgan was caught trying to score on an attempted squeeze play, Collins, the batsman, missing the ball.

Hartsell scored the winning run in the ninth innings on his single. Griffith's sacrifice, Devery's out and Wallace's single. Baker doubled in Philadelphia's final turn at bat and took third on Davis' out, but the former was doubled up at the plate when Murphy sent a fly to Crompton. Score:

R. H. E.
Philadelphia 1 3 2
St. Louis 2 6 1

Batteries—Morgan and Livingston; Bailey and Killier.

At New York—New York won its sixth straight game, shutting Chicago out by 5 to 0. Two running catches by Messenger were the fielding features. The score:

R. H. E.
Chicago 0 6 2
New York 5 7 1

Batteries—Cobb and Owens; Brockett, Warhop and Sweeney.

IN THE NATIONAL.

At Pittsburg—Pittsburg won both games of a double-header with Boston here yesterday, 2 to 0 and 5 to 0. Wilson made a hit every time he was legally at bat. Seven double plays were made. Scores:

R. H. E.
Pittsburg 2 7 1
Boston 0 3 1

Batteries—Adams and Gibson; Curtis and Graham.

Second game—

R. H. E.
Pittsburg 5 9 1
Boston 0 5 1

Batteries—Camnitz and Gibson; Matern and Smith.

At Cincinnati—Philadelphia was defeated 3 to 4 in a loosely played game here yesterday afternoon. Dooin was spiked in the fourth and forced to retire. Score:

R. H. E.
Cincinnati 4 9 1
Philadelphia 3 7 1

Batteries—Ewing, Rowan and Roth; Moore, Moren and Dooin and Jackitsch.

Inter-City Tangle Straightened Out.

West End Pleasure Club Must Play in Brantford Next Saturday.

Brantford, Ont., Sept. 22.—(Special.)—The Inter-City League trouble over the defaulted game given to the Good, Shapley & Muir team was straightened out here last night, when the Executive ordered the West Ends to come to Brantford next Saturday to play the game. In the event of the locals winning a tie will eventuate between the two teams for leadership of the second series, and home and home games will then be played. Total number of runs to decide the winner. The first of these will be played at Hamilton on Oct. 2.

Knocked Senseless in Ball Argument.

Dunkirk, Sept. 21.—Harold Dempsee, of Arkwright, got into an argument with another man in Railroad avenue last night over a baseball game, and was beaten into a state of insensibility. He suffered a gash on his cheek that it required eight stitches to close, and both eyes were badly discolored. After being patched up by Dr. W. J. Sullivan he was taken to his home.

Foreign Wrestler Lands in Gotham.

New York, Sept. 22.—Among the passengers who arrived on the steamer Car Camerica yesterday was Zhyzsko, the champion wrestler of Poland, who intends to challenge everybody in the heavyweight wrestling class, including Frank Gotch, the world's champion. He has defeated every person whom he has met in Europe, including Ivan Padounsky, the Russian wrestler, who defeated Hackenschmidt in two straight falls, each of which was secured in less than ten minutes.

A Challenge.

Sporting Editor.—Through the columns of the Times, I hereby challenge Mr. Conkle, of Hamilton, or Mr. Ackerman, of Buffalo, to a wrestling match to a finish, to be held at any time and place suitable to above parties (Mr. Ackerman preferred). Upon receipt of acceptance I will post \$100 to show that business is meant. Very truly yours, (Signed), "Mox" Schmidt, care Belmont House, Hamilton, Ont.

Japs Also Good With the Willow.

Tokio, Sept. 22.—The University of Wisconsin baseball team, which is making a tour of Japan, was defeated in its first game to-day by the Keio University nine. The score was 3 to 2, with Wisconsin making seven hits and Keio hitting safely only three times.

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FAVORITES HAD AN INNING AT WOODBINE.

Amelia Jenks Won the Michaelmas Handicap—Detroit Ran Second at 15 to 1 For a Place—Steeplechase Was Won by Steve Lane.



HE SUN CONTINUES to shine on the Ontario Jockey Club's autumn efforts at Woodbine Park, Toronto, Tuesday for the third successive day weather conditions

were perfect, and favorites had an inning. There were seven races, with the Michaelmas Handicap, \$1,500, for 2-year-olds at 6 furlongs, as the feature, and the impressive win by Amelia Jenks, carrying 115 pounds, shows that Mrs. Livingston has a high class filly. Amelia was in front all the way, though her margin at the finish was only half a length, due to the late wild rush by Detroit, an outsider. Bob Co. was third. Galvesa had support, but ran disappointingly. Pat Civil sold Chief Kee to John Dymont before the race.

The steeplechase was second in importance from a monetary standpoint. Thistledeale was made a steady favorite, the price extending on the other three. Colt's jumper, however, went down at the second hurdle. Sir Wooster led for two miles, and only relinquished it on the little flat run. A few were on the winner, at as high as 11 to 1.

Gold Dust ran in a nice position in the opening event to the stretch, and then won by a length and a half, imitate, the pace maker, getting the place, Elgin third.

Ontario showed the way most of the Lexington Purse journey, Golconda cutting loose the last sixteenth and winning by 24 lengths. Monignor, the strongly played favorite, third.

Jeannette M. was the goods in the fourth, winning in the stretch from Chilly by a length, the rest strung out, Taseley third. The three in the money were all backed.

Cave Adsum was a good horse yesterday, the long distance champion coming from behind and winning by two lengths. Jack Parker second and Green Seal third. Green Seal carried the most money, then Plaudmore. Cave Adsum worked out another mile.

The books took the money on Soil as if they knew something, and when the Ben Stromm maiden rushed past Charivari at the wire everybody cheered. It was the biggest win for the public of the meeting. Nick O' Time, a long shot, was third.

Gold Dust, Amelia Jenks, Jeannette M. and Soil were the winners. The best choices were Monignor, Thistledeale and Plaudmore. Golconda and Steve Lane were long shots, and Cave Adsum third choice.

It was one of the days that the public had the better of the books.

The following members of Premier Whitney's Cabinet were at the track: Dr. Reaume, Major J. S. Hendrie, W. J. Da' and Odin also ran.

Hanna, Adam Beck and Frank Cochran.

The reason Thistledeale could not get up after falling was that his front leg had caught in his bridle rein. Donahue was not hurt.

Shimonese has broken down. Cause—a bowed tendon. Not likely to ever race again.

Jimmy Johnston schooled his 3-year-old High Hat, and showed up one of the best of his age ever seen through the field. Summary:

First race, Peel purse, maidens, 3-year-olds and up, 6 furlongs—Gold Dust, 107 (Rettig), 5 to 2, 4 to 5, and 2 to 5; 1; Imitate, 110 (Rice), 3 to 1, 6 to 5, and 3 to 5; 2; Elgin, 107 (Harty), 12 to 1, 5 to 1 and 2 to 1, 3. Time, 1:14.4.5. Royal Oak, Luckola, Kyrona, Inez Sister, Maximum and Woolseun also ran.

Second race, Michaelmas handicap, 2-year-olds, 6 furlongs—Amelia Jenks, 115 (Howard), 14 to 5, 6 to 5 and 3 to 5; 1; Detroit, 93 (Hammond), 40 to 1, 15 to 1, and 8 to 1 and even; 1; Ontario, 108 (Goldstein), 10 to 1, 4 to 1 and 8 to 5; 2; Monignor, 109 (Burns), 11 to 10, 3 to 5 and 1 to 3, 3. Time, 1:56.4.5. Olive Ely, King of Mist, King's Guinea, Chepoutie, Nellie Travers, The Shaughraun and Desperado also ran.

Fourth race, Virago purse, \$500 added, for mares, all ages, 1 mile—Jeannette M., 112 (Taplin), 9 to 5, 4 to 5, and 2 to 5; 1; Chilly, 107 (Mugrave), 11 to 2, 9 to 4 and 4 to 5; 2; Taseley, 107 (Goldstein), 11 to 2, 2 to 2 and 4 to 5; 3. Time, 1:42. Topsy Robinson, Whiskbroom and Autumn Girl also ran.

Fifth race, Coventry steeplechase, handicap, 4-year-olds and up, about 2 1/2 miles—Steve Lane, 144 (Simpson), 10 to 1, 5 to 1 and out; 1; Byzantine, 145 (Ray), 4 to 1, 4 to 5 and out; 2; Sir Wooster, 162 (Sobell), 5 to 2, 3 to 5 and out; 3. Time, 5:03. Thistledeale fell. No other starters.

Sixth race, Sandringham handicap, 1-1/2 miles, for 3-year-olds and up, even—Cave Adsum, 106 (Rice), 7 to 2, even and out; 1; Jack Parker, 102 (Mugrave), 5 to 1, 8 to 5 and out; 2; Green Seal, 116 (Ganz), 9 to 5, 1 to 2 and out; 3. Time, 1:43.3.5. Plaudmore also ran.

Seventh race, second Peel purse, maidens, 3-year-olds and up, 6 furlongs—Soil, 107 (Troiler), 8 to 5, 4 to 5 and 2 to 5; 1; Charivari, 115 (Lee), 7 to 1, 7 to 5 and 6 to 5; 2; Nick O' Time, 107 (Howard), 20 to 1, 8 to 1 and 4 to 1, 3. Time, 1:14.4.5. Cherry Pickers, Chilly, Srvburn, Miss Greenan, Dr. Pillow, Early Da' and Odin also ran.

A PEEP INTO FUTURE

NATIONAL.

Pittsburg has as yet to play 12 scheduled games, seven of which are at home.

They are: Boston, Sept. 22, 23; Philadelphia, Sept. 24, 25; New York, Sept. 28, 29, 30; at Chicago, Oct. 2, 3, 4; at Cincinnati, Oct. 5, 6, 7.

If Chicago plays a double-header with Brooklyn to-day on account of not playing yesterday, they will have 15 games to play.

They are: At home with Brooklyn, Sept. 22, 23; Boston, 24, 25; Philadelphia, Sept. 28, 29, 30; Pittsburg, Oct. 2, 3, 4; at St. Louis, Oct. 5, 6, 7.

Pittsburg's standing is: .739, with 12 games to play. If they win four and lose eight they will have a percentage of .707.

Chicago stands .672, and have 15 games scheduled, providing there is a double-header to-day. If they win the whole 15 their standing will leave them .704, three points behind Pittsburg.

Therefore, if Pittsburg wins the next four games, it will mean the end of the race for the pennant, and they will start getting ready for the world's series.

As the season ends Oct. 7th, world series games may be expected on Oct. 8th.

Pittsburg has four off days before the end of the season—Sept. 26, 27; Oct. 1 and 6. Chicago has two off days—Sept. 27, Oct. 1.

Pittsburg is the first team of any league to win 100 games this season.

THE AMERICAN.

The race in the American League is a hard one to dope out, and who will go into the world's series with Pittsburg is very doubtful. Both Detroit and Philadelphia have 11 games scheduled.

Detroit's are: At Washington, Sept. 22, 23; at New York, Sept. 24, 25, 27, 28; at Boston, Sept. 29, 30, Oct. 1; at home with Chicago, Oct. 2; at Chicago, Oct. 3.

Philadelphia has their 11 games at home, which is a point greatly in their favor.

They are: With St. Louis, Sept. 22, 23; Cleveland, Sept. 24, 25, 27, 28; Chicago, Sept. 29, 30, Oct. 1; Washington, Oct. 2, 4.

A little optimism on the result is:

Detroit stands: 90 won, 52 lost, percentage .634. If they win five and lose six, 95 won, 58 lost, percentage .621. If they win nine and lose two, 99 won, 54 lost, percentage .647.

Philadelphia stands: 87 won, 54 lost, percentage .617. If they win seven and lose four, 94 won, 58 lost, percentage .619. If they win 11 and lose none, 98 won, 54 lost, percentage .645.

Detroit can lose two games out of the 11 and Philadelphia win the 11, and Detroit will win pennant, but if Detroit lost more than two, and Philadelphia win the 11, Hamiltonians will have to go farther than Detroit to see the world's series.

THE BIG FELLOWS TALK.

A Carlsbad correspondent of the Enquirer writes:

James J. Jeffries is here at the Villa Columbus. His wife is taking the Carlsbad cure for an indisposition that has annoyed her for several months. Jeffries looks to be in grand condition. He said to-day:

"My doctor advised me not to take the cure, as I did not need it."

"I take an occasional glass of Felsenquelle water. It is hum. I am neither better nor worse for it. You need to have faith for any of these cures to do you good. They are not for mine."