

SNAP-SHOTS AT VARIOUS SPORTS.

Harry Giddings, of Oakville, has added a good horse to his stud in Bassettlaw, purchased at the Haggin dispersal sale. He ought to be a worthy successor to Wickham.

Another Hackenschmidt has broken into the "rassling" game. He tossed Farmer Burns the other day in handy fashion. That game is no good for industrious Americans. Leave it to the Russians and Turks.

The college conference at New York decided not to abolish football. The spasm of virtue that has just overcome the Americans seems to be passing away nicely.

The University of Michigan only made \$11,000 out of football this year. All of which goes to prove that that university is not anxious to cut the game out.

While there is no room for doubt that R. Ruby Fitzsimmons doesn't find training as much like recreation as it was ten years ago, and while there is no doubt whatever that his hands and feet are less reliable than at that same time, it would appear that just at present the speckled gladiator is garnishing his work with a few trimmings culled from the dramatic stage that he has recently graced. Reports from Frisco right along have been that Fitz is not working in the gym as he has been his wont. But now comes a story to the effect that the Cornishman, while on the road a day or two ago, exhausted, was forced to pause and rest. According to this report, the fighter leaned against a building, his legs quivering and his knees knocking, while great beads of perspiration burst out on his noble brow. He stood thus for a moment or two, until, noting that he was observed, he decided to move on, doing so slowly, and with labored breathing. All of this happened in front of a court house, in a very public place, and was observed by a number of spectators. Wherefore there is every reason to believe that Fitz was doing a little acting, either for the benefit of the betting, or to induce O'Brien to prepare for an easy mark. The old boy is not the one to advertise his condition, were it as bad as the reports make it appear. On the face of this latest story, it looks as if Fitz finds his work about as hard as had been expected prior to the beginning of training, and is trying to impress O'Brien with the idea that it is not only difficult, but impossible.

The time honored headline, "Prize Fighter is Killed," has been dragged out again, and for the usual sort of fatality. Two laborers in California, having a little difference of opinion, agreed on Wednesday to settle the matter by a ten round fight. Roberts, one of the men, in the ninth round swung a blow to the back of McDonald's—his opponent's—head, and McDonald went down and out. He did not regain consciousness, and in a few hours died from hemorrhage of the brain. Roberts is held for murder, and the affair, no doubt, will become campaign material for onslaughts on boxing. Neither man was a pugilist, neither was in training, and in no sense, excepting that the men fought rounds and charged admission to the meeting, was it a pugilistic contest, in the accepted meaning of those words. These are the affairs usually that have fatal terminations, and that hurt legitimate sport. It is about as fair to cite them in opposing boxing as it is to use a list of deaths of grammar school boys as arguments against continuance of football in colleges whose men pass an examination before playing the game, and are always under the watchful eye of a high-priced trainer.

President Roosevelt's message, although mentioning nearly everything under the sun, had not a word to say about football. Judging from what we had read, we had begun to think football was not a national pastime, but a national calamity. It begins to look as if it is not as bad as it has been painted.

The six-day bicycle grind is over, and revealed nothing startling save the asinine stupidity of the audiences. The riders were wise, and the details of the race were not so disgusting as in former years, because they did not exert themselves to the extent riders did previously.

The rules committee on American football are to meet shortly, and here are the reforms advocated for the purposes of eliminating brutality from the game:

- The 10-yard rule.
- Compel seven men to stand on the line of scrimmage when the ball is being snapped.
- Cut out tackling below the waist.
- Weaken the defense by limiting the number of defenders on the line of scrimmage to five or six and compel the offense to stand several yards back.
- Abolish the shoulder to shoulder feature of the lineup and make the men stand five yards apart.
- Drop the Rugby game and substitute Association football.
- Allow the forward pass and thereby transform the game into outdoor basketball.
- The intention is clearly to make the play more open. In the close formations and mass plays as at present, there are many opportunities for slugging, and short-arm work. There will be considerable opposition to the adoption of these reforms, as it is asserted, and they have statistics to back them up in their assertion, that most of the injuries sustained in football, some even assert that 90 per cent of them are sustained in this style of play.

The Ottawa Free Press puts out the All-Canadian College team as follows: Full back, Southam, Varsity; C. H. Baldwin, Varsity; R. H. Callaghan, McGill; L. H. McInnes, Varsity. Quarter, Richardson, Queen's. Scrimmage, Ritchie, Varsity; Gibson, Queen's; Brennan, Ottawa. Wings, Stevens, McGill; Filiatreault, Ottawa College; Malcolm, McGill; Costello, Ottawa College; McDonald, Ottawa College, and Cameron, Queen's. It looks pretty near right in most places, but Lash, of Varsity, should be on the wing line.

Temperance Note.—Clearwater is in the lead in the Toronto pool tournament.

When Jack O'Brien heard that Fitz was all in he kept right on training. He's not going to take many chances with the Grand Old Fox.

When the six-day race did not furnish the excitement that characterized it in former years, a motor cycle race was put on at the request of a couple of society ladies. At the end of the first lap Lawson's tire went up and he skidded the track on his face. It is needless to add he was not injured. It is too bad the ladies did not have someone killed to please them.

COVERPOINT.

HOCKEY.

STILL IN A MUDDLE.
Montreal, Dec. 10.—The hockey situation is still in a muddle. The Canadian Amateur Hockey League held a meeting yesterday to discuss the situation. Montreal was represented by Messrs. Shaw and Cameron; Quebec by Messrs. Stocking and Blair; Shamrocks, by Messrs. Quinn and Slater; Victoria by Messrs. McRobie and Blair; Russell, Nationals, by Messrs. Mercier and Gauthier; Westmont, by Messrs. Ross and Andrews.

The Shamrocks, through Mr. Slater, made the first move toward reorganization or amalgamation. He moved that the league be enlarged, and that the Wanderers and Ottawas be taken in, and that, if necessary, the

league be divided into two sections, Mr. Ross, of Westmont, made a plea for such an arrangement.

HORTONS TAKE ANOTHER.

The Hortons met the Free Press team at the Jubilee Rink on Saturday night in a City League game, and won by a score of 2 to 1. At full time the teams were a tie, and extra play was agreed upon. The teams were:

Free Press—Mahe, goal; Shaw, half-back; Charlton, center; Singleton and Ashman, rushers.

Hortons—Reynolds, goal; Evans, half-back; Wilson, center; Arthurs and Carrothers, rushers.

Referee, Harry Peel.

Numerous Amendments Made to the Union Rules

At the Annual Meeting of the Ontario Organization—Four Points for Drop Goal From Fields—Retention of Snap Back Game Favored—Purse for Secretary Woodworth.

Toronto, Dec. 9.—The Ontario Rugby Football Union held its twenty-third annual meeting at the King Edward Hotel today. A good representation of delegates was in attendance, and the reports of the officials showed that the affairs of the union were in a satisfactory condition. All of the amendments proposed were enacted, with the exception of two. The most important changes in the rules make the dropped goal from the field count four points instead of three, and to emphasize the wording of rules regarding offside interference.

The new roster of officers for 1906 is as follows: President, S. S. DuMoulin, Hamilton; (acclamation); vice-president, Dr. W. G. Woodworth, secretary-treasurer, Frank D. Woodworth (acclamation); Representatives: Senior clubs—George Ballard, Hamilton; J. P. Carter, Victoria, Toronto; W. A. Hewitt, Toronto-Argonauts, Toronto; Intermediate series—W. N. Graham, Brockville; Junior series—J. B. Hay, Toronto; George Hunt, Galt.

Speaking in reply to President DuMoulin, who said he hoped that Rev. A. F. Barr would be the union's president in 1907, Mr. Barr stated that he had hopes of being elected president of the Canadian Rugby Football Union in 1906, and that in such case there would be none of the trouble experienced this year over the Canadian championship. "There will be no difficulty over officials," said Mr. Barr, "and everybody will get the squarest possible deal." (Applause.)

The first business to be taken up was the appointment of delegates to the proposed conference at Kingston to unify the rules of the clubs playing under the Canadian Rugby Football Union.

Favor Retention of Snap-Back.
After some discussion, which showed that nearly all the delegates present favored the retention of the essential features of the snap-back game in any new rules which might be drawn up for Canadian championship contests, a resolution was put as follows:

"Moved by W. A. Hewitt, seconded by W. N. Graham, and resolved, that the incoming executive instruct the delegates to the proposed football conference as to the Ontario union's stand on the question of uniformity of rules and that the president and secretary be the delegates to the O. R. F. U. to the conference." The meeting is to be held at Kingston probably next Saturday.

Rule 11, was amended so as to provide that all games be played in quarters, unless the captains agree otherwise. Rule v., section 6, relating to the kick out was amended to provide that in case of an infringement on the ball on their opponents' 25-yard line.

To rule v., section 8, was added an explanatory amendment: "When the ball goes into touch off a player it shall belong to the opposite side; when it is carried into touch it shall belong to the side possessing it." Rule v., section 11, as to a player's mark after making a catch was amended to provide that when a player is given a mark he must take the kick from directly behind the mark, and if the player offends the opposite side gets the ball.

Dropped Goals Count Four.
The proposal to make dropped goals from the field count four points instead of three without division, W. A. Hewitt, its mover, stated that the Ontario union a premium should be placed on skillful kicking.

The amendment to do away with the trick play of the center kicking the ball against the opposing center, catching it on the rebound and running with it was lost.

It was decided to amend rule VIII, section 3, to prevent men starting ahead of the ball, taking two steps, and when the steps were taken, turn to the right so as to allow the man to come through with the ball.

Rule VIII, section 1, was amended to read as follows:

"A player cannot be offside behind his own goal line, but the offside rule applies to an opponent from his own goal line to his opponent's dead ball line."

The suggestion contained in Secretary Woodworth's report that the clubs in various districts be allowed to draw up their own schedules, after the manner in vogue in the O. H. A., was endorsed by the meeting, and will be dealt with by the incoming executive. Mr. Jameson, of Milton, suggested that each club be compelled to fix a tariff for the use of its field for the season's games, particularly in cases of semi-final and final games. This will also be placed before the new executive.

President DuMoulin, Secretary Woodworth and D. L. McKeand were appointed delegates to the annual meeting of the Canadian Rugby Football Union.

A Wad for "Woody."
On motion of Messrs. McKeand and Hay, an honorarium of \$300 was voted to Secretary Woodworth.

After some discussion and a vote, it was decided to present the members of the three senior teams in the union with caps as souvenirs of the 1905 season.

The following delegates were present: Hamilton, Dr. W. G. Thompson, J. R. Jamieson; Toronto Argonauts, Dr. W. G. Woodworth; Brockville, H. R. Young; Peterborough, C. E. Jackson; Victoria, J. P. Carter, F. Fern; Galt, H. Hawk; St. Michaels, J. V. McAuley; Hawke, H. J. F. Sherry; Brockville, W. N. Graham; McMaster, H. R. Young; Peterborough, C. E. Jackson; Peterboro, A. W. McPherson; Da'is, E. A. L. Clarke; Trinity, E. W. Pyke.

Mr. DuMoulin was in part as follows: Gentlemen—As president of your association, it gives me great pleasure to welcome the number of clubs in the Ontario Union, the more serious becomes the referee question, and I realize that before the meeting closes today we should discuss the situation thoroughly and try to see if we cannot find some way by which referees can be provided for clubs without too much expense. You all know that inter-

mediate and junior games do not provide large rates. I have known in some games where the gate receipts were not sufficient to pay the expenses of the officials. In addition there were the expenses of ball, grounds and other incidentals. Clubs playing under such difficulties are certainly deserving of every consideration, and your executive thinks that each club should try as far as possible to get "press in" for its district.

"The treasurer's report, which follows, will show a smaller balance than last year. The expenses of the union have been just about the same (\$469.17), but the receipts have been less (\$78.87). Last year we had sixteen games in the senior series, which netted the union \$400; this year there were only eight games in the senior series, netting \$200. The balance on hand is \$322.20. A suggestion will probably be made later on in the meeting that the fee be raised. The suggestion, of course, can only bring about discussion, as no amendment has been placed before you."

DOUBLE HONOR WENT TO CLEVELAND BLUES

Not Only Led American League in Batting, But Had the Best Individual Hitter.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 9.—Cleveland carried off the honor for hitting in the season of the American League, which has just closed. The team from that city not only contained the heaviest individual hitter of the league, but Cleveland led in team batting, with an average of .255, although Philadelphia was but the two points behind.

Lajoie, of Cleveland, led the league in batting, scoring 82 hits out of 249 times at bat, an average of .329. Halton, of New York, was second, with 51 hits out of 169 times at bat, an average of .319. Puttmann, of New York, was third, with 313. Then came Flick, of Cleveland, Keeler, of New York, and Ray, of Cleveland, in the order named. Out of the first six batters Cleveland had three and New York three.

Detroit's highest hitter was Crawford who came seventh with an average of .237. Stone, of St. Louis, was eighth, with .236. Isbell, of Chicago, and Ben, of Cleveland, were tied for ninth place, with an average of .236. The heaviest hitter of the champion Philadelphia club was Davis, who made 284. Washington's best man was Anderson, who came fourth with .279, while the best batting for Boston was done by Collins, who tied for eighteenth place with Hartsel, of Philadelphia.

The official list of those with averages of .275 or over is as follows:

Lajoie, Cleveland, .329; Halton, New York, .319; Puttmann, New York, .313; Flick, Cleveland, .306; Keeler, New York, .302; Bay, Cleveland, .298; Crawford, Detroit, .297; Stone, St. Louis, .296; Isbell, Chicago, .296; Ben, Cleveland, .292; Donahue, Chicago, .287; Davis, Philadelphia, .284; McFarland, Chicago, .280; Anders, Washington, .279; Murphy, Philadelphia, .278; Davis, Chicago, .278; Hickman, Washington, .277; Hartsel, Philadelphia, .276; Collins, Boston, .276; Schreck, Philadelphia, .274.

RUBE WADDELL TIED AMERICAN TWIRLERS

The Eccentric One's Percentage Was .730, With Forty-Three Games Pitched—The Averages.

The official pitching records of the American League show that "Rube" Waddell, the twirler eccentric of the Philadelphia Athletics, is the leader of that league, with a percentage of .730. Tannehill, of Boston, another left-hander, is third, with 22 wins and 9 losses. Coakley, of the Athletics, is fourth, and Altrick, the White Sox's best, a left-hander, fifth. Walsh, a new one in the league, managed to get second place. He is a Chicago player, and ought to do well. Coakley, of the Athletics; Powell, of St. Louis, and Higgs, of New York, are tied for the number of times taken out of a game, the derrier having been applied seven times in each case. The Rube was lifted five times. Altrick and "Cy" Young were not taken out at all, although Young pitched over 35 games.

Clark Griffith established a record in this regard, as he "derrieked" 10 of his pitchers during the season.

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Waddell, Philadelphia.....	23	8	.730
Walsh, Chicago.....	22	8	.727
Tannehill, Boston.....	22	9	.710
Coakley, Philadelphia.....	21	8	.687
Altrick, Chicago.....	21	12	.636
Falkenberg, Washington.....	6	3	.667
St. Louis, Cleveland.....	20	11	.645
Rhodes, Cleveland.....	19	9	.680
Killian, Detroit.....	23	14	.622
Bender, Philadelphia.....	18	11	.618
Owen, Chicago.....	21	12	.638
Griffith, New York.....	9	6	.600
Smith, Chicago.....	19	12	.594
Chesler, New York.....	20	14	.588
Donovan, Detroit.....	19	14	.576
White, Chicago.....	15	12	.556
Quinn, New York.....	18	15	.545
Moore, Cleveland.....	14	14	.500
Mullin, Detroit.....	21	20	.512
Winters, Boston.....	18	18	.500
Petty, St. Louis.....	14	14	.500
Kitsom, Detroit.....	13	13	.500
Wheeler, Boston.....	18	18	.500
Jacobson, Washington.....	8	8	.467
Hughes, Washington.....	17	20	.458
Hines, Boston.....	12	15	.444
Powell, St. Louis.....	11	14	.440
Wolfe, Washington.....	9	12	.429
Pogg, New York.....	15	15	.500
Patterson, Chicago.....	9	6	.400
Hess, Cleveland.....	19	15	.558
Howe, St. Louis.....	14	23	.378
Hatten, Washington.....	14	23	.378
Bernhard, Cleveland.....	7	13	.350
Sudhoff, St. Louis.....	10	19	.343
Gibson, Boston.....	4	8	.333
Tuchman, St. Louis.....	5	10	.333
Donahue, Cleveland.....	6	12	.333
Townsend, Washington.....	7	15	.314
Henley, Philadelphia.....	4	11	.267
Morgan, St. Louis.....	6	15	.286
Puttmann, New York.....	6	15	.286
Glade, St. Louis.....	2	25	.194

THE TURF.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 9.—The Tulane Selling Stakes, at a mile, was the feature of today's card at City Park. The race had eight starters and among them were the best horses that are quartered at the course. Shawana, the crack Western mare, from the stable of Doc Perry, and favorite at 3 to 1, won in a driving finish by half a length. The winner waited on Careless, the Pacesetter, until the final furlong, and was practically left at the post, made up a world of ground, and secured the place by a nose from Green Morris' Clifton Forge.

The handicap at a mile, for two-year-olds, gave the City Park jockeys their first opportunity to disqualify a horse after he had won. Belden, which was heavily backed by the knowing ones from the paddock, jammed Gold Mate and Monterey at the last furlong, and for the foul he was set back. Gold Mate was placed second, while Leta Duffy was given the small end of the purse.

EXTRA MILE HEAT NECESSARY TO DECIDE THE SIX-DAY GRIND

Two Teams Had Covered Same Distance in Race—Root and Fogler Win.

New York, Dec. 9.—Eddie Root and Joseph Fogler, the New York team, won the six-day bicycle race in Madison Square Garden, after covering 2,260 miles and six laps, the finish shortly after 10 o'clock tonight being witnessed by a crowd of 25,000 persons.

John and Menus Bedell, the Long Island team, placed MacLean and Moran, of Boston, were third; Vanderstuyft and Stol, fourth; Hooper and Hollister, fifth; Downing and Bowler, sixth; Logan and Downey, seventh, and Galvin and McDonald, eighth. There were seven capital prizes, ranging from \$1,500 to the winners, down to \$200 for the seventh team. Special prizes distributed among the riders brought the aggregate of prize money considerably above \$500.

A crack of the referee's pistol at 10 o'clock announced the close of the race. At that time Root and Fogler, Vanderstuyft and Stol were tied for third honors, and Hooper and Hollister and Downing and Bowler were tied for fifth place. It had been arranged in advance that in case of a tie score in miles and laps the decision would be given after an extra mile heat between representatives of the tied teams.

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Galvin-McDonald 2,260 1

The record for the race is 2,733 miles and 4 laps, made by Miller and Walker in 1859.

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CALL QUIT.

Princeton, N. J., Dec. 9.—It was announced here tonight that Harvard has broken off baseball relations with Princeton, for next season, because of failure to agree on the number of games to be played. Harvard demanded that two games only be played and would not consent to a third in case of a tie. Captain Reid went to Harvard personally and offered to play three games or to resort to the old policy and play one game each season, alternating the field on which it would be played. It was Harvard's turn to play here this year. Rather than compromise the Cambridge man, the agreement severed relations. Since 1895 twenty games have been played between the two colleges of which Princeton has won sixteen and Harvard four.

THE TURF.

SATURDAY'S WINNERS.

At City Park, New Orleans—Bryan 1 to 6, Electric 11 to 2, Salvage 5 to 2, Shawana 3 to 1, Monterey 11 to 14, Robin Hood 6 to 5.

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At New York—New York City 12, and any change that are to be made by the National Association will be considered by the National board and voted upon by the five members.

With these four meetings on at the

the honors, Moran winning in the final sprint by one length. Downing and Hollister of the teams tied in fifth place, furnished an exciting close to the contest. They rode slowly about the bowl-like track until near the finish, when both started to spring. At the height of the rush Downing's wheel slipped from beneath him and he had a bad fall. This enabled Hollister to win easily.

Matt Downey, of Boston, who hitherto has been an amateur, was awarded a special prize of \$350 for his clever riding, having led in most of the sprints, and having been in front during the greatest number of laps.

The major prizes follow: First, \$1,500; second, \$1,000; third, \$750; fourth, \$500; fifth, \$300; sixth, \$250; and seventh, \$200.

The average daily attendance during the race was 18,000, and it is said the management, headed by P. T. Powers, has cleared something like \$60,000.

Sixteen teams started in the race shortly after twelve o'clock last Monday morning. Some of the riders dropped out in pairs and some singly, the latter as a rule forming partnerships and continuing the grind. Up to five o'clock this afternoon ten teams were riding. At that hour the management officially declared Doerflinger and Dusenbury out of the race as they were hopelessly in the rear.

It was announced that only one rider had been injured in the race. Several maintained the weight at which they entered while the majority gained from two to five pounds. Root, the winner, making the maximum gain.

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