

WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY IN THE WORLD OF SPORT.

CONNIE MACK THE ORIGINAL "DIG 'EM UP."

The Big Leagues May Legislate the Spit Ball Out of Existence—It Is Not Only a Difficult Ball to Hit But Is Hard to Handle.

Connie Mack is the original dig-'em-up gent of the American League. Mack has discovered more young ball players than have developed into stars than anybody in the business, with the possible exception of Bill Armour. They say that Connie has plucked another real one in Outfielder Seitz, who comes from the Virginia League. Mack has been watching the player for three years. He hit .240 in 1907, .240 the next year and .328 the third season.

Connie thinks he has signed some pitcher in "Stuffy" Smith, a big right-hander, who has been operating in independent circles in and around New York all year. The Giants, Superbas and Rochester, Eastern League champions, were humbled by "Stuffy." Jennings had him for a brief while on the Tigers' second eastern trip, but he saw a big crowd in Boston and ducked out.

They now say that Hughie Jennings has his eyes on "Nig" Clarke, the Cleveland backstop, and that he intends to propose some sort of a deal by which this mittman can be taken to Detroit this winter. Jennings, so it is asserted, is through with Charley Schmidt, and will go to the limit to land a backstop who will be able to deliver the goods in the big series, if the Tigers land there again, as well as during the regular season.

MAY BE ABOLISHED.

New York, Nov. 2.—It begins to look as if the spit ball will be put in

hard work could stave off defeat in big chunks.

Tigers were a wonderful team on Saturday, and while their wing line was considerably stronger in its work than that of Montreal, there was a nervousness apparent amongst the home players that seemed to have come over them since last Monday.

Next Saturday's match with Argonauts should be more interesting, and by next season, Montreal ought to have a team that will be a real factor in the struggle for Dominion championship honors.

Messrs. Ballard and Jimmie Craig, acting as referee and umpire, were satisfactory, but the principle of selecting officials that way, although it shows excellent feeling between the two clubs is apt to give a wrong impression to the rank and file of Rugby followers.

Montreal Witness.—The supporters of the Tigers team were largely in evidence, and were easily distinguished by the huge yellow crysanthemums conspicuously displayed. They were a good sporting crowd, however, and though naturally elated by the success of their own representatives, were by no means niggardly in their applause whenever a Montreal player did anything worthy of approbation.

It was a disastrous day for Montreal. From start to finish they were hopelessly outclassed, and at the end retired a defeated team by 24 points to 1. With the exception of Stinson, who, barring 2 errors, both of which were expensive, played his usual sound game, and Duckett and Cameron, who were first class all the time, the team as a whole appeared nervous, and never settled down until the last quarter when a few brilliant flashes by Duckett, Hamilton and McNamee, showed that the knowledge was there if only it had been exerted earlier.

The Montreal Gazette says:—Saturday's results made more likely the prospect that the finalists in the Dominion Rugby championship this year will be Hamilton Tigers and Toronto University. More than that, the results will go a long way to making the Tigers favorite as the ultimate winners. Toronto was playing against the weakest senior football team of the year, and the big score in Ottawa meant nothing. Tigers' win, 24 to 1, against Montreal, was an impressive performance, as Montreal has beaten Argonauts and played Ottawa twice to close scores. Ottawa correspondingly recedes from the possibilities by another narrow escape from defeat, this time by Argos. If Toronto and Hamilton are to be in the final it looks as if last year's results will be duplicated. The Tiger line was too big and strong for the College champions last year, and there will be about the same difference in the coming final. Toronto has the more brilliant back division, but it is doubtful where it can scintillate under the pounding of those Tiger wing men. Montreal has a good back field, but it was helpless on Saturday.

TEN PINS

The first tournament of the bowling season will be held at the H. B. & A. C. on Friday night. It will be for individuals, loss and out. It will be conducted on the same principle as singles on the bowling green. The handicap system will be used. The "A" class men at 165, and prizes for the winner and runner up. As this is the first tournament of the kind ever held on the alleys in Hamilton a great deal of interest is being taken in the event. Entries will be received until the close of the night of play, when the draw will be made. The tournament will be finished in the one evening. A match conducted on this basis makes it possible for the new bowler to have an equal chance with the seasoned trundler, and will undoubtedly be popular with all lovers of the healthy pastime.

The schedule committee of the H. B. & A. C. League are now preparing the programme for the opening on Monday, Nov. 8.

J. A. McMahon with 254 was the single strike winner last week, and J. Johnson carried away the 3 ring prize with 628.

The following is the result of last night's bowling at the Brunswick alleys:

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Duffy	135
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Gurry	109
Robinson	101
Graham	75
Mackenzie	125
Crother	148
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R. Green	124
Waterfield	114
Daly	127
Bolton	143
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Irwin	127
Robertson	135
Bechill	118
Duffy	97
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Will There be Three Big Leagues?

Are we to have three major leagues next season? Or, if not next year, then in 1911? asks the Cleveland Plain-Dealer.

And the major leagues are preparing for war.

Another big league means another baseball war. This spells "fight" until the invaders are put out of business or taken into organized baseball.

Cleaves will be the hot bed. With National and American League teams now dividing the city's business, organized baseball will wage desperate war against an organization which tries to get a portion of the kale.

There has been a "third big league" talk for two or three years. No one has paid much attention to it, but development indicates that the idea is crystallizing. At the bottom is discovered Jimmy Callahan and John Kline, the latest victim of the blacklist.

D. W. Harris, a highly respected farmer of Adelaide township, died suddenly yesterday while walking across his veranda.

WILL THEY EVER FIGHT?

porting Men All Over the North American Continent Are Asking This Question, Referring, of Course, to Jeffries and Johnson.



WILL THEY EVER

fight? No doubt many a sporting man put this question to himself last Friday evening when the news that Jim Jeffries and Jack Johnson had signed articles of agreement. You can find many a lot of people willing to let that the match will come off as per articles of agreement, while others have no faith in the bout, and do not look to Jim and Jack battling for the title, either next year or any other time. One thing is certain, and that is Jim Jeffries of to-day is not the Jeff of old, and some of his friends think he is making a grave mistake in coming out of retirement to fight the negro. Jeff to-day stands undefeated and alone as the greatest living champion the ring has ever known. If he meets Johnson he may go down to inglorious defeat or even be compelled to throw up the sponge as poor old Bob Fitzsimmons did when he fought Jack O'Brien in Frisco, after a most eventful ring career.

It's up to big, good-natured Jim to decide whether it would be better for him to stay out of the ring and forever have his name stand at the top of the list of heavyweight champions or pick up a lot of easy coin by taking one long chance of winning an honor he really held for many years. Jim says he wants to bring back the championship to the white race. Sounds good, and in his galant stand he has the white sports with him.

But what if the black man should deal out to him the worst beating in his long career. Would there be any consolation for those who urged Jim to go after the title again? It is worth big money for Jeffries to stand up and fight the negro, and in his galant stand he has the white sports with him.

Nearly all fighters have a habit of saying in their older days, "Why, I am just as good as I ever was," and it is certain that they think that way in their own hearts, but the conservative men of athletic and those who have made a study of the human system say that when a man begins to go back he can never regain his old-time strength and vigor.

Jim Jeffries is not the Jeff of old. He may fool himself and others may be misled by the statements of his manager and press agent, but a man on the ground, and especially one knowing a few inside facts of Jeff's history, cannot very well grow enthusiastic about the big fellow's chances.

Johnson is running wild because there is no one on the horizon but Jeff likely to cut him down. He is dashing through the streets guiding a high-speed motor car and gets arrested every day or so for violating the speed ordinances of various cities. If Jack Johnson was a hod carrier and was given an auto car with instructions to tear things loose on the streets he would be afraid to take a chance because the wind up would probably come by some thick-necked policeman breaking a club over his glossy crown.

There is a lot of difference being champion and in your prime than to be a has-been with a desperate desire to do things which are not within reach. Jeff will go in the ring over-trained and slow. Johnson will be fit as a race horse and prancing like a steed to get started. When he gets going he will keep up a pace which in all probability will mean defeat for Jeffries. When Jim sees the tide going against him he will struggle the best he can to repeat those gallant efforts of old, but in the end he will find himself helpless to combat with youth and strength and they may have to give up the ghost. Youth must be served. Let us hope that we shall never hear the old story repeated in the case of Jim Jeffries, "The Bucket Went to the Well Once Too Often."

Jeffries and Johnson Measurements Compared

	JEFFRIES.	JOHNSON
Age	34	32
Height	6 feet 1 1/2 inches	6 feet 1/4 inch
Reach	75 1/2 inches	72 inches
Chest	50 inches	39 1/4 inches
Chest (expanded)	46 inches	36 1/4 inches
Waist	37 inches	34 1/4 inches
Biceps	15 1/2 inches	18 1/4 inches
Forearm	13 1/2 inches	10 1/4 inches
Wrist	8 1/4 inches	10 1/4 inches
Thigh	26 1/2 inches	25 1/4 inches
Calf	18 inches	15 1/4 inches
Ankle	10 1/4 inches	10 1/4 inches
Neck	18 inches	17 1/4 inches

GRIDIRON GOSSIP

The Rugby season, while exciting, is going to be very long drawn out this year. If Ottawa is unsuccessful in defeating the Tigers next Saturday, a tie-up will exist in the Big Four that cannot be broken till November 20th. And unless the fixture between the winners of the Inter-provincial series and Toronto Varsity for the Dominion championship is played in the middle of the week, the season will run on till the first of December. Presuming this game takes place Saturday, Nov. 27th, there will still be a game coming off the winners of the Ontario Union see fit to take a crack at the Dominion title.

The Rugby season of 1909 will wind up on a snow-covered and possibly frozen field. Should Ottawa win from the Big Four series so far as the championship is concerned, as Varsity will virtually have clinched the Inter-Collegiate series if they win from Queen's in Toronto next Saturday, the season may be curtailed considerably by the students calling off their game with McGill in Montreal on the 13th of November, and playing Ottawa in the end. No matter how you take it, the winter season will be well advanced before Rugby is counted out.

Hamilton on Saturday next, that will settle the Interprovincial championship, and as the Intercollegiate championship will be decided on the thirteenth of this month, the match for the Dominion championship might be played a week earlier than otherwise.

But at any rate two great matches seem assured. The match next Saturday in Hamilton, and the match for the Dominion championship.

The Ottawa Citizen says: "Varsity have been touted as the coming Canadian Rugby title-holders, and while Saturday's match cannot be taken as a criterion of what the team could do against the teams in the Big Four, it must be conceded that the Toronto aggregate are a great football machine, which to date has not shown a single weak department. The blue and white team to a man know the game perfectly, and have that one great asset, team play. The fourteen depend upon each other for the success of their plays, and it is this feature, more than any other, which has placed the team where it stands to-day.

West Point, N. Y., Nov. 1.—The announcement that the basketball games on this season's football schedule would be called off did not surprise the cadet corps when they learned this morning the decision which Colonel Scott had reached last night. With their grief still bearing heavily upon them, the cadets have little inclination for the game, and the members of the team have no desire left to continue this season.

Under an escort composed of classmates Cadet Byrne's body was taken from the hospital to the Catholic chapel, where, guarded by sentinels from his class, changed hourly, the body will lie in state until the funeral, which takes place to-morrow at 11 o'clock. The burial will be with full military honors, the body being borne from the church on an artillery caisson, the coffin draped with an American flag.

Should Ottawa defeat the Tigers in



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UNITED STATES FOOTBALL HAVING BEST YEAR.

New York, Nov. 2.—Football so far has been much better than a great many persons thought it would be. While the teams have shown some lack of training, and, of course, not in the good physical condition which they are likely to be later, they are full of football knowledge, and show an aptitude for the game that makes the sport look better than ever.

It is true that the coaches will insist that the players have not begun to learn the real necessities for future triumphs, but in spite of that it is noticeable that at a larger institution a general scheme of play is in vogue, and that it was last year, and that most of them have played better football than they did at the start of the preliminary season of 1908.

At no time in the history of football at this early stage has the game been so interesting as an outpouring of young athletes to the gridiron. Over one hundred games are now being played every Saturday.

If Cornell can keep the same spirit and jump to the season's end that it has displayed thus far perhaps the ability shown will have their work cut out for them on Thanksgiving Day. Yale and Harvard are about to even terms to date, and they are cutting loose with a variety of open plays that not only saves them unnecessary physical exertion, but establishes a foundation for a much

more spectacular pyrotechnic display later in the season, when one good forward pass or inside kick will be worth a dozen drives at a stubborn wall.

Yale had an ever timer with Syracuse this year because the upstate team was without its giant Horv and many other veterans of last season. The blue eleven showed a decided improvement in form. The return of the veterans Hobbs, Goebel and Murphy helped matters greatly. When Capt. Coy and Andrews are back in the game there will be another big step forward.

Modifications of the rules for the season of 1909 have been few. There have been opponents of the forward pass from the time it was incorporated in the game by the alteration of the playing code. At the last meeting of the rules committee they were as emphatic in their objection to it as they had been from the start, but it was agreed by the large majority that the play had not detracted from the interest in the sport, but on the contrary, had increased it, and therefore it would be poor policy to legislate against something which was proving satisfactory in the main to those interested in football. Old timers have insisted that the forward pass has invested football with a basketball flavor. They inveigh against it on the ground that the arms should not have such prominence in the sport. It seems as if this is rather far-fetched. American football, at its best, is a game in which the arms have as much to do as the legs.

THE OTTAWA PLAYERS ARE IN BAD SHAPE.

Ottawa, Nov. 2.—Although the Ottawa football team added on Saturday another victory to its long string, it was not without a heavy toll. Jim Vaughan, received a painful kick on the left knee in the first half. He continued despite the injury, but after the match the knee was as big as a toy balloon, and Vaughan had to use a cane to get about. He spent a restless night in the train from Toronto and took to his bed yesterday. Davis McCann, who was out of the game in the second quarter, believes his knee has gone back on him again, as he cannot bear to bend it or walk without a limp. When Jack Williams was tackled in the fourth quarter, his "game" knee was also put out of commission. Eddie Phillips and Martin Kilt both received bad bumps on their injured knees and to make matters worse Peter Ferguson discovered that he, too, has developed a "charley horse." You can count the injured players on your fingers.

The crucial game of the year is to be played next Saturday at Hamilton. If Ottawa win, they will be champions. If they lose, another saw-off. It looks as though Ottawa would have to send a sadly crippled team to Hamilton for the big struggle. Coming down from Toronto there was, as Trainer McGlavin remarked: "A lame knee in every

berth." Unless they pull around within the next few days, the Tigers will be opposed by a team of men on crutches.

Should Ottawa lose at Hamilton it will not put them out of the race, and as Tigers and Argonauts play at Toronto on Nov. 13, the Interprovincial saw-off will not be played before Nov. 20. Consequently they will have two weeks in which to rest and recuperate. The boys are all in great shape. All they need is rest.

Jimmy McCuaig intends leaving this week for the lumber woods on business. Efforts will be made to have him remain for the Tiger game, but if McCuaig goes Dr. Sheriff will be put on at left wing in his place. Should McCann be unable to play, Stuart Christie, who is making good in senior company with a vengeance, will be kept at right half back. Dick McGee is proving a find, and he too may be used at Hamilton.

The Ottawas go to Hamilton Friday morning next, and 100 tickets are on sale in Ottawa for the game. Dr. Hendry and Harry Griffith will referee. Tom Clancy was pleased with the great finish Saturday, but states that the team did not play up to expectations in the early part of the struggle. Clancy believes them capable of defeating the Tigers at Hamilton. All the men are dead anxious to play at Hamilton, and tried hard to conceal their injuries, thinking that Tigers might believe them "leary."

BELLEVILLE MAN DEAD.

(Special Wire to the Times.)
Belleville, Ont., Nov. 2.—James Macoun, for many years an alderman of this city and a member of the Board of Education, died here last night after a short illness. He was 75 years of age and resided here most of his life, being engaged in the foundry business. He leaves a widow, five daughters and two sons. He was a prominent member of the Masonic Order and a Presbyterian. Prof. Macoun is a brother of the deceased.

The sixth annual report of the Guelph Radial Railway Commissioners shows that this branch of civic utility has increased until it is now earning a dividend of 6 1/4 per cent. over the \$108,000 which Guelph has invested in its street railway. Receipts were \$29,149 and expenditure \$22,626.

It's hard to make trouble for others without keeping a share of it for yourself.

On the farms of England last year there were 1,494,089 horses employed.

MONTREAL PAPERS ON THE GAMES.

Montreal Herald.—Played to a standard and hopelessly outclassed in weight and skill the youthful aggregation wearing the Montreal colors never appeared to have more than a look-in and the briefest possible sort of a peep at that. A couple of times in the third quarter, they set the hearts of their staunchest supporters fluttering with the hope that they might emerge from the struggle on at least more even terms with regard to score. But against that was the football brains of the Hamilton back division allied with the speed and strength of the forwards and the combination spell disaster to the local organization.

Montreal could quite turn the tables on the Tigers here.

But any hopes based on the Thanksgiving Day performance were doomed to disappointment for the locals even failed to do as well as at Hamilton. Fumbles by the backs and lack of protection by the forwards were the principal factors contributing to the defeat—rout would seem a better term. Stinson, with his game leg, did brilliantly on occasions, but time and again before he got a chance to get his foot to the ball he was swamped. The same thing with Duckett, the brilliant young centre-half, whose play was one of the redeeming features of the Montreal side.

Montreal Star.—Hamilton Tigers ran away with Montreal on Saturday. Not all the hard work of Stinson, and he had his legs a little more in the air than he had had them at Hamilton, nor the good tackling of Ernie Hamilton, whose name in a match like Saturday's is rather confusing, or the energetic kicking of Duckett or Scott's

COMMENT AND GOSSIP

An attempt will be made to get Frank Harvey to play with the seniors for the game here next Saturday against Ottawa. Harvey has not consented, but will be on the touchlines, and if needed will join in the game.

After all the fuss about scalping Pat Powers, dragging his corpse through the mud and dancing gleefully over the remains, the Eastern League met Wednesday, listened to the boasts for the other candidates—and then re-elected Pat president by a unanimous vote. They're being giving the same performance for some years.

It generally is conceded that James Coffroth will get the Jeffries-Johnson fight for his Colma arena. Coffroth says he will not put in a bid until November 30, the day before the time limit named in the articles of agreement expires, but he also declares that he will not allow a promoter to outbid him. Coffroth says that Jack Gleason, who threatens to build a new arena just outside of Frisco, is hand in glove with Sam Berger, Jeff's manager, and probably will make a big offer for the bill. But as Coffroth has Johnson sewed up to all intents and purposes, he feels confident that Jeff will accept the Colma proposition.

Alfred Shrub, the English runner, now a resident of Toronto, who has been home for a few days, may go to Cobalt to run a relay there. He will go to Fort William in a couple of days, and from there he will proceed out to the coast again. He hasn't done any running for six weeks, and feels fit now. Shrub wants to meet Hana Holmer in a series of races at ten, twelve and fifteen miles.

That American college Rugby is unduly rough was amply exemplified on Saturday, though the Yankee visitor to our own games is always loud in telling of the superiority of his own style of football. Here is Saturday's awful casualty list:

Cody, Coe, student, of Creighton College, Omaha, Neb., collar-bone broken in a football game; condition serious.

Burke, Michael, of Shenandoan, Pa., a student of the Medical College of Philadelphia, injured in a football game; died yesterday.

Bryne, Eugene A., left tackle on West Point team, injured in game with Harvard; died Sunday.

Seagraves, Ogle, of Kokomo, Ind., kicked on the head during a football game; reported to be dying.

Sprubuck, Roy, football player of Haskell University, fell on his head while making a tackle and died in a hospital west Kansas City.