

LATE SPORT NEWS AT HOME AND A BROAD

TORONTO EXPERT ON RULES

In reply to Ralph Ripley's views on Yankee and Canuck football, a Toronto devotee has the following to say: With reference to Ralph Ripley's article advocating certain changes in the football rules which govern the Canadian game, what I should like to see is the adoption of the English rugby rules in almost their entirety. We would then have a game in Canada which is worth watching. After playing and looking on at Canadian football for thirty years, I have had the opportunity of witnessing games played by some of the leading teams in England, such as Oxford, Cambridge, Blackheath, Richmond; also some of the county matches, and in my opinion there is no comparison between the English and Canadian games from the spectators' standpoint.

Dreary, Monotonous Performance.
Last Saturday week I saw the university of Toronto-Queen's match, and a more dreary, uninteresting, monotonous performance I never witnessed. One knows that, as regularly as clockwork, when a side gets possession of the ball in the Canadian game, the succeeding plays for two downs at least, and possibly for half a dozen are going to be plunges at the line or round-the-end manoeuvres. In these plays the spectators seldom see the ball, and, as they constitute at least two-thirds of the game, the consequence is anything but exciting or entertaining. My observation, as a matter of fact, is that the majority of onlookers don't pay much attention to the game until the third down, when their interest revives owing to the expectation of some open play resulting from a kick.

Then there is rarely any attempt at passing, and the roughness of the play, or poor condition of the players, causes long, frequent and most tiresome stops.

In English rugby I have seen many fiercely contested games played right through from start to finish without a single stoppage for accident, and it is rare to have more than a couple of stops in any game, and such accessories as doctors and bandages and water pails are wholly undreamt-of.

In the English game there are no stops at all, once the ball is in play, unless it is kicked across the touch line or a foul is given. When a man is held or downed he must part with the ball at once, and the play goes on. The passing and dribbling by the good teams are beautiful to watch, and the forwards are as fleet and active as a herd of deer, and are not impeded by the heavy and cumbersome padding and headgear worn by our men, which are never seen in England.

With no stoppages for accidents or downs, no wearisome repetitions of plays, the constant and rapid shifting of the scene, quick, frequent and accurate passing and feet running and dribbling, one can be sure of an enjoyable and exciting afternoon at a game of English rugby.

It changes as to be made in the Canadian rules and they are, in all conscience, badly needed, I would suggest that the authorities consider the above ideas. Let us have rules which will open up the game and make it more interesting to the spectators and less dangerous to the players. We won't accomplish this by adopting American rules unless they have changed a lot in the past few years.

SPORTOGRAPHY "GRAVY"

Joshua Devore, 27 today, now Member of Lucky Club.

Speaking of luck, that is Joshua Devore's other name. The substitute outfielder of the Braves will celebrate his twenty-seventh birthday today with his pockets bulging with world's series kale, and yet not long ago all the wise ones, including no less a judge than John McGraw, were saying that Joshua Devore was all through as a big league performer. Although his birthday this year falls on Friday the thirteenth, the Terre Haute Terror is now a member in good standing of the Lucky Club of baseball players who have taken part in world's series contests with different clubs. Ira Thomas, who was with the champion Tigers and Athletic, Johnny Evers, the mighty Trojan who was a star among the pennant-winning Cubs before he joined the triumphant Braves, and Pat Dougherty, who figured as a world's champion player with both the Boston and Chicago Americans, are other members of this organization.

Devore was born on the thirteenth of November in 1887, at Murray City, Ohio. He landed his first baseball job away down south in "de land ob cotton," where in 1906 and 1907 he played with Meridian, in the Cotton States League, in 1907 he left the Mississippi metropolis to join the Giants, but McGraw decided that he wouldn't do, and shipped him off to Newark, N. J. In 1909 he was recalled to New York, and after a hard fight he landed a regular place in the Giant outer garden, incidentally engaging in two contests for the world's flag.

Josh hung on to the Giant payroll by the skin of his teeth in the early part of 1913, and in mid-season McGraw swapped him to Cincinnati, along with Leon Ames and Harry Groh, for Arthur Fromme, a pitcher who then looked good to the Giant pilot. Josh lingered in Redland only

a few weeks, and was then sold to the Phillies. About this time he must have invested in a hind leg of a rabbit caught in a graveyard at midnight, and also nailed a horseshoe over the door of his domicile. Anyway Josh was traded to Boston, the Phillies getting in exchange John Martin, a third baseman who played with the Rochester Internationals in 1913.

Stallings had always liked Josh, and as a substitute outfielder Devore justified the good opinion of the Miracle Man. Josh didn't exactly win the pennant alone and unaided, but he helped whenever he was given the chance. Although he got a juicy share of the coin, Devore didn't exactly shine in the world's series. In his one trip to bat as a pinch hitter he struck out. But Josh should worry!

Devore is one of fifteen players on this year's roster of the Braves who had previously played with pennant-winning clubs in either major or minor leagues.

This is the anniversary of the beginning of two of the foremost classics of the American gridiron—the Harvard-Yale and the Princeton-Yale football games. It was on November 13, 1873, that the Tiger and the Bulldog clashed the first time. The contest was played at New Haven, and was won by Princeton, 3 goals to 0. Just two years later, also at New Haven, the Blue and Crimson football clubs engaged in their initial contest, and Harvard whipped the Elis by 4 goals to 0. After the first game between Princeton and Yale at New Haven the rivals met for several years on neutral ground at New York, Brooklyn and Hoboken, and it was not until 1886 that the Yale and Princeton elevens played their first game on the home field of the latter university.

NO SCORE TIE GAME TUESDAY

Dalhousie, Nov. 10—Dalhousie and St. F. X. met in a no-score tie game here on the afternoon of Nov. 10. Despite the condition of the field, which was covered with three inches of snow, and in addition the snow storm which prevailed throughout the contest, the game was fast all through and the play was quite open. Considerable kicking was done on both sides. During the first half St. F. X. forwards kept the ball in Dalhousie territory the most of the time. Dalhousie's half line was unable to break away on account of the clever tackling of the St. F. X. backs. The second half, however, Dalhousie's half line got in some good work but were unable to cross the St. F. X. line.

During the first half St. F. X. had decidedly the better of the play, whilst Dalhousie had a distinct territorial advantage in the second half. The St. F. X. team was crippled by the loss of its regular half line—McGillivray, Walsh and Morrissey, who were out of the game on account of injuries.

Dr. J. J. MacDonald of New Glasgow referred in a satisfactory manner.

WILLARD REFUSES ANY CHANGES

More details of the proposed Willard-Johnson match will be given out in a few days.

Willard is scheduled to arrive in New York soon, but whether he means to give an exhibition of his prowess in the ring seems doubtful. Apparently the plan is to take no chances of a possible setback. Certainly the suggested amount of \$100,000 first tackle Sam Langford in order to show that he is a worthy candidate for the leading honors, has met with no favor with the backers of the Kansas giant, who appear to prefer nursing his present reputation.

Willard's record, that along with a facelift of the \$10,000 check adorns the literature put forth by the syndicate, is hardly one to inspire confidence. In all twenty-five contests are listed covering four years of battling. Of the twenty-five bouts eighteen ended in knockouts. This in itself sounds well, but when it is considered that fourteen of Willard's victims came under the head of "unknown," it can be seen that his fame rests on no solid foundation.

The four who remain are George Rodel, One Round Davis, Dan Daly and Soldier Kearns. None of these was ever considered among the first flight of white hopes. The only men at all prominent whom Willard encountered were Luther McCarthy, Gunboat Smith and Carl Morris. Of these Smith won the decision, McCarthy obtained a draw and Morris was soundly thrashed in a bout devoid of science.

Plainly Willard cannot afford to stand pat on that record if he hopes to make the sporting public believe he has a reasonable chance to dethrone the black champion. As a matter of fact, Willard's chief claim to attention lies in his six feet seven inches of height, his eighty-five inches of reach and his 230 pounds of muscle. What he has accomplished so far means little. The fact that no one has accomplished a great deal against him is the most promising feature of his career.

Willard is now rated as the leader of the white hopes merely because he is yet to lose decisively. From one point of view he is still second to Gunboat Smith, whose hat of victories is more imposing. Smith of course is no longer considered a championship possibility, but it seems to be up to Willard to show that he can do better if he expects to be taken seriously.

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Jenkins... 111 93 88 292—97-13
Sullivan... 92 103 94 289—94-13
477 477 433 1386

No. 5 Team.
Lewis... 86 78 82 256—85-13
Labbe... 74 89 85 248—83-23
Featherstone 105 80 81 266—83-23
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