

## VARSITY IS NOT TAKING ANY CHANCES.

Parkdale Are Not Being Under-Estimated--Varsity Practising Daily--  
Newton's Team to be the Same as Last Saturday.

No sitting back for a little nap for Varsity after their great victory of Saturday! The blue and white four-teen appreciate that the unexpected is liable to happen in Rugby as in anything else, and they have been out at practice every night this week to keep in shape for the final struggle with Parkdale on Saturday for the Dominion championship, says the Toronto News.

Varsity have not had a chance all season to see Parkdale in a game, but they have had such good reports of their speed and weight on the line, and their brains behind the line, that they have a wholesome respect for the O. K. F. C. champions. Parkdale certainly displayed good work in the last game with T. A. A. C., and the opportunity they had last Saturday to size up the Varsity team and its style of play has been made the most of by them. They are so bush leaguers, and the blue and white are liable to run up against a hard game next Saturday.

Varsity have not had any line-ups this week, but they have had good, steady practice, with a run to finish up. The whole team came out of Saturday's game without anything

worse than a few bruises, and they are now in as good shape as they were when they stepped on the field then.

The team will be the same as last week. Rankin, the second team man who did so well in Jones' place at left scrimmage in the Ottawa game, will play there against Parkdale; Jones' knee is still in poor shape, and he will be unable to play in the final game.

Captain Jack Newton said yesterday morning that all he had ever heard of a game against Yale or with the Tigers in Philadelphia or Ottawa at New York was what he read in the papers.

His answer to the question of whether he would like to go or not was definite enough.

"Sure thing," he said. "All the fellows would like to go. I have never seen an American game of Rugby, and a trip to New York, with a chance to see good American teams, would suit to perfection."

He said in regard to Saturday's game with Parkdale: "We know that to beat Parkdale we will have to work pretty hard, and are not expecting any soft snap."

All his men, he said, had come out of the Ottawa game all right, and the line-up would be the same as it was last week.

## FIGHTERS ACCEPT TEX RICKARD'S BID.

Promoters to Get One-Third of Profits From Pictures--If Fight Cannot be Pulled Off in Utah It Will Go to California.

New York, Dec. 3.—Jeffries and Johnson, through their managers, announced at Hoboken yesterday afternoon that they had decided to accept the bid of Tex Rickard and Jack Gleason for the heavyweight championship fight to be decided next July. This bid consists of a purse of \$101,000, and 100 per cent. of the moving pictures, divided equally between the pugilists, who must pay 33 1/3 per cent. of the profits from them to the promoters.

Final articles of agreement incorporating this bid will be signed by the interested parties today, and will stipulate, it is believed, that in addition to the \$20,000 forfeit already in the hands of the stakeholders, Rickard and Gleason must post \$30,000 sixty days before the date of the mill, July 4, and the remainder, \$50,000, 48 hours before the men enter the ring, also that Jeffries and Johnson must each put up a \$10,000 forfeit to guarantee appearance.

Rickard and Gleason, in their articles, will reserve the right to select Salt Lake City, Eley, Nev., or California as the place for the fight. But it is the opinion that under certain conditions the big pugilists will settle their differences at Colma, Cal., in the arena owned by Jas. Coffroth. While Rickard denied emphatically that Coffroth was in the deal, he admitted that he might have to lease Coffroth's arena, which would have to be enlarged to accommodate at least 40,000 spectators. Rickard stated that Salt Lake City had a chance to get the fight, however, in spite of the existence of an anti-fight law in the State of Utah. He stated that he had received assurance from Salt Lake City business men that there would be no interference, but that if he decided upon that place the citizens would have to post \$101,000, the entire amount of the purse, as a forfeit to go to the pugilists and promoters in the event of inability to pull off the battle. Rickard wired to

persons in Salt Lake City that the fight might take place there, whereupon County Attorney John P. Lyon, of Salt Lake County, said: "My attitude toward the Jeffries-Johnson fight is no different from that toward any other prize fights. Such contests are illegal in the State of Utah, and I shall do all in my power to prevent the fight or to punish the offenders afterward."

Governor Speer, of Utah, said: "I cannot make a statement as to my attitude until I find out what the law is. But if I am convinced that prize fighting is illegal, I shall prevent this affair from taking place."

Rickard admitted that if it is impossible to fight in Utah, California will have second call, and if anything should happen to block proceedings even at Colma, the battle ground would be Eley, Nev., where finish fights are legal upon the payment of a \$1,000 license fee.

Regarding the selection of a referee, Rickard said that if the fighters could not agree on this point he would favor the selection of an eastern man, Charley White for instance, though White's name had not been considered as yet.

MAY FIGHT IN FRISCO.

San Francisco, Dec. 3.—The laws of California permit finish fights, but contests within the city limits are so regulated by the municipal authorities that only twenty-round exhibitions can be given.

There is a belief, however, that pressure may be brought to bear by the Rickard-Gleason combination on the incoming administration, so that it will be possible to hold an unlimited contest in San Francisco proper. In such an event, the Baseball Park probably will be the scene of the battle. The grounds are controlled by Gleason.

On the other hand, there is an understanding of opinion that the fight will be pulled off at Coffroth's arena at Colma. Here unlimited contests are permitted without legal molestation, but the arena would have to be enlarged.

## COMMENT AND GOSSIP

The regular weekly run of the Hamilton Riding and Cross Country Club will take place on Saturday afternoon. The rendezvous will be at the Mountain View at 2.30 o'clock.

The annual duck dinner of the Mid-night Club will be held on Thursday night of next week.

Dr. Cal. Bricker's physicians now state that their patient is practically out of danger.

Geo. Adams, the local runner, is back from the west. He came in with a full beard, but had it shorn yesterday. Ed. Archibald, the Olympic pole vaulter, is back from the north with an imperial beard decoration.

Emilio Lunghi, he took a steamboat foot, too—he gone away.

There will be an investigation by the A. A. U. of C. over the Chatham meet, at which amateurs and pros. both competed.

The baseball year is now in the hands of a receiver.

Bilson Jilka wants to know if the House of Lords is scratched, will his Newmarket friend Lord Rosebery get the raspberry with the rest of the peers.

Sherring lost the race the other night at Chatham because he wasn't used to the sharp turns of the small indoor track. He always had to take the outside at the turns. The track measured fourteen laps to the mile, and as the Athens hero was beaten by two laps, he was about 280 yards behind at the finish.

There must be more than one of those placatorial specimens born every minute. Frank Gotch saved more than \$50,000 out of his earnings on the wrestling mat in the last fiscal year.

A novelty introduced in Winnipeg by President Lyall, of the Thistle Curling Club, in the way of putting white paper under the ice, seems to have a good effect, as the ice has a very white appearance, and makes it much brighter

than with the clay bottom. It also shows up the rings much better.

So far oral betting has been fairly successful at Oakland, Cal., where the system was introduced the other day for the first time since the enactment of the new anti-gambling law.

DO IT NOW.

The time draws near when I can say, "I'm done!" No further journeys to the Midnight Bun.

An even months from now, farewell the grape!

When Jack Johnson heard in New York that Jeffries had twice dreamed that he had knocked Johnson out in the fourth round, he said: "That Mistah Jeffries sure is a bear cat on dreams. He better turn over on the other side."

Some United States oarsmen evidently intend to adopt the English style of sculling, as, according to a London cable, overtures have been made to Tom Sullivan, ex-champion of England, to coach the Pennsylvania College crew.

Small prices were realized at San Francisco at the sale of thoroughbred stock owned by the estate of the late Harry Stover, of Petaluma. The highest price paid was \$105, for a two-year-old by Kenilworth—Sister Alice. The average price for the younger horses was \$25. Captain Faulkner, of the field artillery of the United States army, bought a number of the horses for his men. Ed. Ingham and Dunois were offered, but failed to elicit a bid. Mrs. Stover retained Kenilworth and Coppertown.

The report that Jeffries may tackle Al Kubiak in a six round bout in Philadelphia during January has revived the opinion that the boiler-maker should take on several heavyweights in trial bouts before he meets Johnson. Kaufmann, Barry, Ross, Jeannette would be suitable opponents, and by whipping all of them Big Jim would soon convince the sceptical sporting public he is recovering his old form. If Jeff and Kubiak meet and the bout is on the level the boiler-maker, if right, should score a quick knockout.

## REMEMBER 1905 BUT FORGET 1909

(And Oblige K. G. Baldwin)

Backward, turn backward, O Time, in your flight, Give us last week again, just for to-night.

We were so filled up with championship dreams, Visions of Grey Cups and championship teams.

Cheering of multitudes, rosters galore, Wise ones who told us we'd double the score.

Prophecy who figured it down very fine, Showed where we "had it" on Varsity's line.

Some even "called the turn" down to a dot, Said that we'd push them all over the lot.

Their back line would fumble with nerves all unstrung, We listened; Oh, horrors! and so we got stung.

They handed us something for making a drink, Or used as a flavoring extract, we think.

We had trimmed all the teams that were in the "Big Four," And had Tiger rug trophies at home on our floor.

'Twas easy, we said, for we sure had a bunch, Of what we would do to that Varsity lurch.

We heard of the throng that had weathered the gale, And waited all night for the opening sale.

Of paste-boards the value upon whose sweet face Would secure for each holder a good vantage place.

They brought with them suit-cases, blankets and gowns, For tenting that night on the old camping grounds.

A roll-call and numbers they had them down fine, And "offers" were made for a place in that line.

So tempting the "bids" were that some really bit, While others looked wise and just answered them "nil."

Some two or three hundred who brought up the rear, Had waited all night, and drew blanks, so we hear.

And, Oh, what a howl and a groan and a shout, Went up when they learned that "plans" were sold out.

"If we only had known it," they murmuring said, We'd be huddled like Nemo at home in our bed.

A telegraph pole or a rush seat for me, It's better than playing the night owl, you see.

No more will I linger from midnight till dawn, Just to hear that sweet chorus, "The Seats are all gone."

We're a good losing team and we're not feeling sore, Thirty-one, well, it's some, but it might have been more.

We shudder to think what those chaps would have done, Had we played them for two hours instead of just one.

Chaucer Elliott will laugh and poke fun at us now, For we've gone to the dogs, O, "Low-wow"—"Girr"—"Bow-wow."

The students will treat to a fine oyster "stu" If it costs thirty cents, "Paw-wow," that's what we'll do.

Our cup is now brimming right over with joy, For Lawson, you know, is an "Ottawa boy."

We're glad that the gates were all closed, or we'll bet, If he ever got out he'd be "still" running yet.

He'd bump into autos, expresses and trams, And run all the trolleys right down their tracks.

He'd shake all the earth with his wonderful feet, And wake every "bobby" right up on his beat.

As nothing could stop him, he'd reach the north pole, Make just one more "to-u-n," and then try for a goal.

Now let's all join in the Varsity cheer, If we're passing we'll drop in and play them next year.

So good-bye, Mr. Grey Cup, we bid you adieu, As it's getting quite late, "We'll be gone" the no.

Ottawa Free Press.

## Ottawa-Varsity Pictures Shown.

The management of the Savoy Theatre could not have chosen a better day for the showing of the pictures of the Ottawa-Varsity football game, which was shown yesterday afternoon, and excited the admiration of those who saw it.

All the sensational plays and thrilling details of the great game, and the scene of pandemonium that reigned before play began, are realistically portrayed. First the pictures sweep around the field showing the immense throngs of humanity that jammed every available inch of standing and seating room, men and boys are shown risking their necks on horse tops in trees and clinging to telegraph poles. At the press stand scores of reporters are seen dashing off copy for their papers. The officials are pictured in consultation. The great crowd cheering wildly and waving pennants frantically as the Varsity team, the bulldog mascot in the lead marching on the field, suggests the idea of ten thousand voices roaring out the battle slogan, "Varsity! Varsity!"

There is a splendid action picture of the entire Varsity team in which the Hamilton boys, Gage and Dixon, are easily discernible, and a splendid view of Lawson, the sensation of the season. In fact every man on the team shows up as clearly as if he stood on the stage. The Rough Riders as they troop out of the club house gate are all easily recognizable. Big Kennedy, Ferguson, Stronach, Kilt and Jack Williams are particularly prominent. All the Ottawa men are familiar to local fans, who will have little difficulty following them as the game gets under way.

The teams are seen in the centre of the field getting final instructions. Suddenly Hendry steps aside, raises his white flag, Ferguson makes a rush and drives the ball down the field. Captain Newton is seen going around the end for the thirty yard dash on Varsity's first down. The pictures throughout impress one with the whirlwind playing of the Varsity aggregation, their lightning fast following up of the work of the back division and their clean tackling. Time and again Lawson's specta-

## VARSITY AND OTTAWA FOR GAME IN STATES.

Game in Philadelphia Will Likely be Called Off on Account of Lateness of Season--Tigers Still Have a Chance.

Dr. Barton, of Varsity, had a conversation with Dr. Thompson over the long distance 'phone yesterday and said that both the management and players of the Varsity team were anxious to make the trip to Philadelphia to play an exhibition game with the Tigers. The Tigers are equally anxious to make the trip, and both teams have accepted the offer of the men who are promoting the game, but as yet have had no definite answer.

If the promoters fail to carry the idea through, some of the members of the Tigers executive are in favor of sending a man down from Hamilton to promote the game and to have the teams make the trip at their own expense, taking a chance on getting a big enough gate to make the trip a successful one financially. Things do not look any too bright for the trip being made, but Ottawa is to the front to play either Varsity or Tigers at New York.

It is just about as likely that the teams will play in New York. A New York paper, which has been agitating in favor of reform in United States football, wants to get a couple of Canadian teams over there for Saturday, Dec. 11, in order to illustrate to Uncle Sam's football fans that the Canadian football is far better and less dangerous. The scheme is to have a couple of big American teams go on before the audience at Columbia University field and then to follow the American exhibition with a battle between Ottawa and Varsity. The New York paper, it is said, would be willing to guarantee both clubs all their expenses.

Toronto, Dec. 3.—Varsity received a telegram from a New York paper yesterday afternoon asking them to play an exhibition game with the Ottawa Rough Riders in Gotham on Dec. 11. There is a great deal of agitation going on in the States just at present to have the football game as played in the colleges remodelled, and it is thought that the bringing of the two Canadian teams to ginger in the American city will impress upon the Yankee fans the advantages of this country's open game over the mass play now in vogue in the States.

Mr. Harry Griffith, the Varsity coach,

said that there was very little likelihood of the students accepting the invitation.

Ottawa, Dec. 3.—The proposed trip of the Ottawa and Varsity teams to New York is on all right if Varsity will accept. The New York paper has wired to Varsity, asking them to go down and play at New York on Dec. 11, and it is expected that final arrangements will be made to-morrow.

An American exchange says: In view of the unanimity with which papers throughout the country have been attacking football and suggesting all sorts of visionary schemes for the improvement of the sport, the following common sense editorial from a recent issue of the New York World is refreshing:

"Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Minnesota and institutions of like rank are not represented in the season's list of the dead and the critically injured at football. Of the big teams in the country that at West Point lost Cadet Byrne, who died of his hurts, and that an Annapolis say Cadet Wilson disabled by fractured vertebrae."

"Cadet Byrne received his fatal injury when he returned to the game in a weakened condition after having been retired for a slighter hurt. From the rolls of the football dead and of those critically hurt it can be seen that the majority of victims came from high school teams and from amateur elevens of irregular training. We read of one death from lung trouble due to exposure on the field, of another from over-exertion, and of a student of Dickinson Seminary in Pennsylvania, who was prostrated by strychnine taken to stimulate the heart action during a contest."

"All these facts support the contention of those unwavering advocates of the game who contend that the supreme peril of football is chiefly for the unfit; that death and permanent disability wait in the larger part upon players at years too tender, upon those insufficiently trained, upon those lacking the requisite native stamina and upon those who remain on the field after a reduction of vitality by hurts of exhaustion."

"Perhaps it is true that the direct road to a saving reform in football lies in a more rigid regard for physical fitness among players rather than in much tinkering with the rules."

They are really excellent pictures and will well repay any football fan who visits the Merrick street theatre to-day or to-morrow.

No matter how small his salary, the contortionist can always make both ends meet.

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Boys' Suits and Overcoats, too, but no room in the windows for them for a few days.

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## Why Has Jeff Changed His Mind?

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 25.—"No, I'll not fight Johnson. They have been after me for weeks, urging me to re-enter the ring if he whipped Burns, but I have retired for good and will never fight again."

"Why, I'd be a fool to do it. Couldn't do justice to myself or the public, either. I've been out of training for four years, and doubt if I could ever get into condition again to fight a championship battle."

Remember that statement? It was given out by Jim Jeffries just after Jack Johnson had beaten Tommy Burns at Ruschutter's Ranch, N. S. W.

Jeff must have changed his mind since last Christmas, if he really meant the above. A question the public would like to have answered, undoubtedly, is, has Jeffries changed his mind, or has the lure of gold overcome his scruples and caused him to take a chance, despite his expressed belief that he can't regain his former condition and be fit to battle for the championship?

## GRIDIRON GOSSIP

Montreal, Dec. 3.—Much to their surprise, Montreal juniors were informed yesterday that they will be expected to play the Alerts, of Hamilton, in Hamilton, next Saturday, in the semi-final for the junior Rugby championship. With Varsity III, defaulting to St. Michael's, it was understood here that Alerts, originally drawn to meet Montreal, would meet St. Michael's, as the two clubs are close together, and there would be no heavy travelling expenses.

Montreal has wired back to President McKeand, of the Canadian Union, asking if it would not be possible to have Alerts and St. Michael's meet on Saturday, Montreal to go west and meet the winner the following Saturday. The place of the final game has not been decided, but it could not be here on account of the wintry weather, and if Montreal goes west and beats Alerts on Saturday it would mean another trip west the following Saturday.

The position is unfair to Montreal, and it is hoped that the western clubs will agree to meet in the first game. If they agree Montreal will go to Hamilton and meet Alerts and then decide on further action later.

The players are keeping in good shape by gym work. A signal practice has been called for 6.30 this evening, and a full attendance of players is looked for.

It is thought that Montreal will default and will not play the game they were ordered to play next Saturday with the Alerts, junior champions of the Interprovincial Union. In that event St. Michael's College will play here.

Varsity put in a secret practice yesterday afternoon at the athletic field. Constable Christie was on guard to see that no one from the enemy's camp got in to see the working out of the new plays which the students intend putting over on the Parkdale Paddlers on Saturday. Varsity, while still feeling the results

of the hard grueling which they received in the Ottawa game, will all be in good form by Saturday. Lawson has a sore hip, but will probably be ready when needed.

Fielding H. Yost, coach of the University of Michigan's football eleven, when asked the other day whether it would be a good plan to abolish "interference," replied:

"To abolish interference for the man carrying the ball would sound the death knell of football. What would happen to the man who was imposed with the task of advancing the leather if he were not afforded some protection. Take a man in the backfield for instance. Give him the ball and let him try to take it through or around the enemy's line. What would happen? Opposed to him would be eleven men intent on bringing him to earth, and the chances are ten to one that the luckless carrier of the pigskin would be seriously injured or killed. Accidents are plenty and deaths from injuries often occur, but if interference was abolished it wouldn't be safe for anybody to play the game."

"If the reformers want to eliminate the dangers from the game let them abolish the forward pass. There's where most of the danger lies. Do you think anybody would be foolishly enough to think of allowing flying tackling in basketball? Imagine what a murderous game that would be if those tactics were allowed to prevail. Injuries and deaths have increased to an alarming extent since the forward pass has been in vogue, and if the reformers are sincere in their efforts to modify the game to a safe basis they should eliminate the forward pass and go back to the old style of play."

"But to cut out the interference, never! One might just as well play the game in a parlor and go through plays in their mind. Football would not be football without the interference."

Professor—Who was responsible for the superiority of Rhodes in the third century? Bright Student (awakening)—The street department, I imagine.—Harvard Lampoon.

Mrs. Howard—They say there isn't any such thing as an immovable body. Mr. Drygoods—Hm! I guess they haven't seen anyone in our latest corset.—Life.