

THE HAMILTON TIMES SPORTING PAGE

INCLEMENT WEATHER DID NOT INTERFERE WITH PRACTICE.

Tigers Will Try and Run Up a Larger Score on Rough Riders Than Did 'Varsity in Semi-Final--Dundas Honors Its Rugby Team.

Despite the inclement weather conditions yesterday afternoon, nearly all the Tigers turned up for practice at the Cricket Grounds, and an hour was spent rehearsing trick plays, punting, catching and running. The team is fast getting into condition, and all are confident of defeating the Rough Riders. One of the strongest teams the Tigers are capable of putting on the field will go into next Saturday's contest, and the single Kings will have for their aim a higher score than that run up by 'Varsity in the Dominion championship semi-final. Another practice will be held this afternoon, and to-morrow, the players will have their final workout. The determination of the executive to take only those players who turn out regularly to practice should be strictly adhered to. The best player is of little use in the second half of a game if he is not in condition, and it would be a big mistake to take men to New York and play them before strict critics, if they were not in shape to do the Canadian game justice.

Undoubtedly the most important event, national or international, in the sporting world in America this week will be the game in New York on Saturday, between the Hamilton and Ottawa Football Clubs, says the Toronto Globe. This demonstration of the game we have developed in Canada is made possible by the enterprise of The New York Herald, and it is sure to have a deep effect on the future of the game in the United States. Our Rugby football is not the English game, but to our minds—no improvement on that code. We have in sport in Canada, just as constitution-making, the opportunity of the younger nation to see other codes in operation,

and judge from the experience of older countries whether they are suited, as a whole or in part, to the conditions that prevail among our people. From the experience of others in football we have evolved the rules now governing the game throughout the greater part of Canada, though east and west there are not a few clubs playing the regular English Rugby Union game. The spirit of the clubs competing, and of the great newspaper promoting, next Saturday's game is not, I take it, that we are going to New York to show the football interests of the United States a definite and final settlement of the question of the most desirable rules of a great game, but rather of saying: "Here is the game we play in Canada. You may, or may not, find it in things adaptable to your own code, but you will, after having seen it played by teams of skill and experience, be in a position to judge that for yourselves by the light of an actual demonstration on the field, rather than from an exposition of its theory."

Dundas, Dec. 8.—The bad weather did not deter a large number of citizens meeting in the council chamber of the Town Hall last evening to consider the town's appreciation of the Rugby Club's winning the Canadian championship. There was perfect unanimity of feeling that something handsome should be done for the club, and a strong committee was appointed to wait upon citizens for subscriptions. Already over \$100 has been voluntarily offered. The enthusiasm among citizens is a guarantee that the honor conferred on the town by the club's victories will be shown in a most substantial manner.

The Turf.

Nowhere is there more love for a good horse than in Ireland, and nowhere is there a better horse than the Irish hunter. The Government of the Irish Isle realizes the value of the industry, and has been engaged in an inquiry as to methods of maintaining the general excellence of the breed, as well as adding to its varieties. An agent of the Dublin Agricultural Department has recently travelled through the half-bred breeding districts of Normandy, Brittany and Vendee, examining the produce of the different studs where the French trotters are bred. As a result, four half-bred Normandy sires have been bought for use in Ireland, where the pasturage and climatic conditions much resemble those of the country from which they come. These sires are the produce of thoroughbred horses and native mares, and are intended for pairing with Irish mares to throw good hunting stock. The Irish hunter was originated in France by the purchase of The Heir of Lynne and other good English race horses for use in the Normandy and neighboring districts. The idea of the Irish authorities is based on the experience of those who

have taken the successful race horse and the native mares and built up a breed of trotters, gallopers and jumpers greatly appreciated in France.

The thoroughbred, of course, is the foundation blood of all, and without the stimulus and rewards of racing he would practically disappear. The breeding of the thoroughbred would come to the level of Angora cats—the hobby of a few individuals, and of not the slightest value to the community.

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Acting under instructions from Hon. J. J. Roy, the Attorney-General, Prof. W. H. Ellis, Provincial analyst, is conducting an analysis of the contents of the stomachs of the two boys of Archie McLachlan, of Uxbridge, and of the spine and other organs of Mary, his deceased wife.

COMMENT AND GOSSIP

Canada finished one, two and the 15-mile pro. race at Jersey City Saturday night.

A New York scribe, who deals in cow-tail answers to his correspondents, says: "No; neither Ketchel or Nelson is married." Somebody must be anxious of cautious.

Alexis Martin, a former Hamilton cricketer, brother of Kirwan and D'Arcy of this city, leads his club, the Victoria, B. C. Cricket Club, in betting this year, with the fine average of 54.5. He played in 16 innings, was not out four times, made a total of 654 runs with a best score of 118 not out. J. H. Gillespie came second, with an average of 45.3. He is well known to many eastern cricketers. L. S. V. York made the highest individual score, 131.

As is quite natural, Jeffries indignantly denies the story of his collusion with Johnson as to the even splitting of the purse. Still it may be argued that if they haven't made such an arrangement they are quite foolish. It is not good business to have keen competition where great amounts are involved.

M. Montmorency Robinson had quite an interesting time yesterday afternoon playing tag with his home protector. All of which goes to show that the wind is no respecter of persons. We don't know whether Mont was mad or not, but we got sworn evidence that he talked a lot.

Jack Johnson is under contract to a theatrical firm for fifteen weeks at two thousand dollars per week.

The amateur runners, including Don McQuig, of Hamilton, who raced at Chatham when Longboat and Sherring met, have had their cards cancelled, while the union is awaiting an explanation from them for their action.

John D. Marsh and Henri St. Yves will enter as a team in the big twelve-hour endurance race which will be pulled off in New York early in the New Year.

A Jacksonville despatch says: Jockey Gilbert was denied all privileges for conduct detrimental to the best interests of the turf. Inflamed by his success in the saddle last week, Gilbert is reported to have given a spread in a house in a section of the city not visited by polite so-

PHILLY PLAYER A SURPRISE



Harry Cline, the Philadelphia ball line player, whose playing in the 18.2 tournament in New York was a revelation to followers of the "gentleman's game." Cline, Sutton and Cal Demarest were in a three-cornered tie when the latter defeated the Philadelphia man in a sensational exhibition of 20 innings.

CAPTAINS, COACHES AND EXPERTS WILL SEE GAME.

Leading American Football Men Glad of Chance to Observe—Interest Still Growing—Rule Makers Accept Invitations to Witness Contest.

New York, Dec. 8.—Judging by the replies that have been received to the Herald's invitation to attend the Canadian Rugby football game next Saturday there will be a jury composed of some of the most prominent figures in the American college gridiron game present to render a verdict as to the possibilities of the game as played in the Dominion.

Some of the well known football men who have signified a desire to witness the contest and compare it with the American Varsity are Dr. James A. Babbitt, of the Rules Committee; Al. Sharpe, who was one of Yale's greatest athletes and who now officiates in many of the big college contests; W. F. Garcelon, graduate director of Harvard athletics; A. F. Tyden, captain of the 1919 Cornell football team; J. A. Evans, of Williams, a well known referee and umpire; Colonel C. W. Larned, of West Point, a man who has written and done much toward the improvement of collegiate and college sports, together with four athletic representatives of the army: Paul J. Dashiell, of Annapolis, formerly on the Rules Committee; S. B. Newton, a member of the Williams Advisory Board, an old football coach; W. M. Hollenbach, of Pennsylvania, who was one of the best full backs in the game when he played and who at present is a leading coach; and Michael C. Murphy, who has handled big football squads for a quarter of a century.

The coming game has been a lively topic of discussion at the Yale, Princeton and Harvard clubs. Mr. Joseph J. Mullins writes that there will be a big turnout of old Canadian players who reside here, some of whom are members of these clubs. Among these will be Mr. Lew Brophy, Mr. James Patin, Mr. Beverly Bogert, Mr. Arthur Pope, Mr. W. J.

Kavanagh, one of Canada's greatest players; Mr. Jack Chadwick, F. Anderson and hundreds of others.

While the plan in having the game played at Van Cortlandt Park is commended, there are many who would like to have it held in enclosed grounds where an admission fee could be charged. The game would have been held in one of the big baseball parks, but the fields had been plowed up, making it impossible.

Chancellor Henry M. McCracken, of New York University, who was largely instrumental in having American football revived in 1905, said yesterday of the proposed Canadian Rugby game next Saturday:

"I admire the Herald for its novel step taken in this movement and I highly commend the efforts which it is exerting toward making football a safe sport. Although I am not familiar enough with the game to suggest improvements in the rules, I shall see that Professor J. E. Woodman, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Faculty of Athletics, is present at the game, and I await with a great deal of interest his opinion as to the relative merits of Canadian Rugby and the American college game."

Mr. F. H. Cann, physical director and superintendent of athletics at New York University, said:

"I am pleased to hear that the Herald has invited the Canadian teams to New York city. For a long time I have been interested in the Rugby game and have been in favor of giving New Yorkers an opportunity to see it played. Had the university known of the negotiations with the Ottawa and Hamilton managements it would have offered gladly to the Herald the use of Ohio field. I also urge all football authorities and enthusiasts to be present at this game, for I believe it will be a great aid in reforming the American college sport."

A STRANGE KNOCKOUT.

A Remarkable Ending of the McCormick-McCoy Contest—Theories and Conjectures Are Still Numerous.

Many ring critics have discussed the oft-told story of the one-round knockout which big Jack McCormick hung, oh, so many years ago, upon Kid McCoy. Stories have been printed times without number with descriptions of that strange, uncanny fight and theories and conjectures are still numerous—perhaps rightly so. For never in ring history has there been a queerer fluke or a funnier finish to a battle—and the fans who saw that knockout will cherish it to their dying day as one of the most amusing and yet astounding happenings of the age.

The writer was at the ringside that night and saw the punch. "Nuf ced, as Roosevelt would have you spell it. Most of the critics who still comment on that battle didn't see it, and have only had to go by hearsay and conjecture.

Summerfield and Essig were running a club in the Star Theatre, of Chicago, when Joe Choyinski had out-shaded him, while McCoy was always an interesting card. So they were matched, and the outcome of the bout stung the promoters in the wallet. McCoy was given \$1,000, win, lost or draw. McCormick signed on percentage, and as the promoters figured him a sure loser they figured on paying out simply McCoy's \$1,000, plus the losing end of half of the house. As McCormick won they had to cough up McCoy's thousand, plus the winning end of half the house, and they lost much money on the show.

It seemed the softest kind of coin for McCoy, and there was no betting. Nobody even offered to risk any money that Jack would stay six rounds, as it was generally felt that any bets on that proposition would be offered with an object in view—to let McCormick stick the six, though losing the decision. Hence, this fight went through without any bets of any kind, and the sudden downfall of McCoy brought nobody any revenue. Too bad men cannot read the stars—what a fortune could have been reaped by any one who could have foretold the finish!

McCoy at this time was lightning fast, with all the cruel blows and beautiful science that made him superior to most

men thirty pounds over him in size. McCormick, though far larger, was slow and lumbering—a man who could make a strong fight, but not only slow, but with his knowledge of wrestling and his bulk, could have been a champion under the old London rules. Against McCoy he seemed to have no show, and the crowd that came to the Star that night came to see an exhibition of McCoy's boxing skill and not a genuine, fairly matched battle.

When the men stepped forth, Tommy Ryan, in McCormick's corner, told him to waste straight in and slug, taking a desperate chance. Jack walked in, swinging wildly, only to receive sting after sting upon nose and jaw. In less than thirty seconds he was swinging frantically and not only wild, but as curvated a log. McCoy danced back and slowly as a word, McCoy mocked smile always on his face, and those hands working like piston rods. He was smothering McCormick, and Jack was lumbering and shaking like a ship in a stormy sea.

Near the edge of the stage, almost where the ropes guarded the boxers from stepping into the footlights, McCormick started an overhead right. It was not a swing, straight punch or uppercut. It was sent forward with about the movement a man uses in throwing the hammer, and it went so slowly that every body in the house could see it as it began, travelled and finished. The graceful, laughing McCoy ducked his head away from its track and then snapped his head forward—and miscalculated. Right at the end of the arc the huge fist hit him full upon the chin with all the weight of McCormick's bulky body behind it. McCoy toppled over exactly like a tree struck by lightning and his head hit the floor with a gorgeous thump. Twice the head bounced up and down like a rubber ball and then settled back immovable. Malachy Hogan counted 10, but there was no move. McCoy was done.

It was one of the strangest knockouts ever seen in any ring and undoubtedly the strangest one ever received by the suave McCoy. McCormick, had he been wise, could have made a lot of money on the reputation he gained by that blow, but he was foolish enough to get McCoy again with little delay, and the Kid handed him a fearful trimming, meeting vengeance and dousing Jack's light forever as a first-class luminary.

Gossip of the Puck Chasers

With the league situation definitely settled and the opening of the practice season probably less than a week away, the hockey clubs of the rival professional organizations are settling down to the signing up of players, but with almost as much secrecy as to their movements as three weeks ago.

Wanderers state that they have four players as a nucleus for their team. Hern, Gardner, Glass and Johnston. As Johnston will play cover-point, that means the club requires another defence player and two forwards, one wing and one centre ice man. Until they have the men definitely signed Wanderers will not state whom they are after.

With All-Montreal the position is even more obscure, but some light is thrown on the make-up of the team by the announcement from Winnipeg that Ross has left with Poulin, a forward, and that Grindy Forrester, a defence player, will follow before the season opens.

Between Nationals and Les Canadiens there will be a hot fight the next couple of weeks trying to land the French-Canadian players. Les Canadiens have Laviolette and Pitre to start with; Nationals claim Lalonde, Groulx and a couple of others, and it is said that Dr. Menard may be induced to turn out again, and fill the goal tend position.

Toronto, Dec. 8.—The Varsity senior hockey team will journey to Gotham on Dec. 28 to play the New York Athletic Club on that date. The invitation was received some time ago, and it was definitely decided to make the trip yesterday afternoon. Harvard and Yale have also written for games between Christmas and New Year's and the trip will likely be extended until the 30th or 31st in order to accommodate either or both of the American colleges.

Brockville, Ont., Dec. 8.—The Renfrew Hockey Club is still camping on the trail of Albert Kerr, the Brockville hockeyist, with a view to securing his services. George Markell, representing the Creamery town puckchasers, came to Brockville last night for another interview with Kerr, and remained until this afternoon. The offer of \$4,000 for this season and next was made, the money to be deposited in a local bank the moment Kerr attached his name to a contract. Kerr is seriously considering the offer, but before accepting it wants another conference with Ottawa, for which purpose he left this afternoon for the capital. He was joined here by Marty Walsh, of Kingston, who was also en route to the headquarters of the Stanley Cup elders. Renfrew is also making a bid for the services of Walsh, and Markell had a conference with the Kingston player at the depot between trains.

A Winnipeg despatch says: With the arrival of Walter Bellamy, the Shamrock team, challengers for the Stanley Cup, is now complete. The dashing forward from Virden, Man., reached the city to-day, and is anxious to go on the ice with his comrades. "Do I think the Shamrocks will bring back the cup? Well, if it remains in the east, there will be one player greatly surprised. Ottawa has a formidable line-up, but I believe the Shamrocks will get them one better. At least, the easterners will know that they have been in a real cup series."

Louis Blake Duff, of Welland, president of the O. H. A., announced the other day that he had completed his executive committee by the appointment of A. E. La Roche, of Belleville, and Norman Rule, of Collingwood, under the constitution. The first meeting of the executive committee will be held on Monday evening next, when the various groups will be arranged.

Renfrew has made Marty Walsh a still better offer than \$2,000 for ten weeks' service at hockey, according to a Kingston despatch, and he is now undecided. Walsh is offered \$2,500 for the season, a \$200 bonus at the close of the season, and a \$1,200 job to close the bargain.

The Montreal Arena has allotted as many Saturdays for amateur hockey as for the professional game. A good move.

A FEW OPINIONS.

Mr. Griffiths, coach of the University of Toronto, champions of Canada: "The Herald's innovation is highly commendable from a certain point of view. I believe that the Americans will be quick to appreciate our game."

E. J. Livingstone, secretary of the Ontario Rugby Football Union: "The game out to result in benefit to both American and Canadian football. The mass plays and concentration of power and weight used in the United States do not tend to make the game as spectacular as ours, yet we have much to learn from the American game."

Chaucer Elliott, coach of the Montreal team: "The Americans have a great game, but a combination of our rules and theirs would make a still better one."

Captain "Ben" Simpson, Hamilton Tigers: "I think that we will demonstrate that our open play, without outside interference, more long passing and kicking, is an improvement on the game played in the States. We could use many American players to advantage, too, if our rules were changed slightly to permit them."

Mr. Clancy, coach of the Ottawa Inter-Provincial champions: "If the Herald is endeavoring to demonstrate the advantages of a wide open game and its freedom from injury, together with an increase in fast, accurate passing, I believe that the game as

Van Cortlandt Park next Saturday will be a revelation to those who have been accustomed to close formation. I think that the American experts will like our game for its speed and precision, and its opportunities for punting to advantage."

W. A. Hewitt, Toronto, a prominent football official: "I have seen several of the big American annual fixtures, and I think that it will be possible for the Canadian teams to demonstrate that there are at least some benefits to be derived by spectators and players from our style of play."

Dr. W. G. Wood, Toronto A. C.: "No doubt our American friends realize that something should be done in the way of a revision of their playing rules to lessen the fatalities every year. Some of our rules might be adopted by the Americans without detracting from their game as a spectacular amusement. In fact, the adoption of some of the rules of each country by the other ought to result in mutual benefit."

Dr. W. B. Hendry, president of the Canadian Rugby Football Union: "The pre-eminence of American football is recognized in Canada. The game has been reduced to a science in the States, but it is can be made more open by the use of a few Canadian rules, the game next Saturday is a most worthy effort. I am not familiar with the fine points of the game across the line, but it occurs to me that injuries, even fatalities, are too numerous over there."

Baseball.

"Reading the signs posted in the grand stands and dressing rooms around the country amuses me very much," remarked Silk O'Loughlin, the well-known baseball umpire, the other night.

"One sees all kinds of notices pinned to the walls as to the dire things that will happen to the fan who says anything out of the way to any of the players."

"I'd like, if you please, to move an amendment to include the poor, patient umpire under this broad mantle of protection."

"One day, down east, a fan bent over the rail and told one of the home players who was playing bad ball that he wasn't trying to win. The disturbance was quieted amid a wild round of cheers."

"A moment later, when I waved out a home player who had been beaten to the base by the ball by a five-yard margin, another fan bent over and told me that I was a low-down sinner, a loafer, a robber, and so on and so forth. Did the police put him out? No, indeed! He was immediately the hero of the game. We're not put up with a science in every stand notifying the fans that the umpire, while lame and halt and partially blind, perhaps is still a human being, and entitled to go home to his family in peace?"

"Mind you," said Silk, "I'm not looking for anything, I don't begin to work don't feel that I'm giving my employers their money's worth—until I have been looked over by a lot of perfectly accurate decisions. Hisses and hoots wake me up, and I make up my mind not to miss a single play thereafter."

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RUPTURE

is not a tear or a break because when rupture occurs only the outer muscular wall of the abdomen becomes relaxed and spread, the pressure of the viscera forces the bowel through the relaxed muscles and along with it pushes a pouch of the membrane, which is stretched to the size of tumor and forms a hernial sac. Thus, knowing the true cause of rupture, and having discovered many secrets in connection with this menacing affliction (known only to myself), and knowing nature is as true to herself in healing rupture as she is in any other affliction, and that nature will cure you if you give her the right kind of assistance, I have, after 40 years of experience, discovered and perfected the right kind of assistance that aids nature to cure rupture to stay cured, and I want you to use it, and thus end all common torture, trust, wearing and danger of strangulation forever. No matter whether you have a single or double rupture, or one following an operation. No matter what your age or how hard you work, my method will certainly give you a new lease of life and renewed energy without pain or losing one day's work. I especially want apparently hopeless cases, where all forms of trusses, treatments and operations have failed. I want to show everyone that my method will end all rupture suffering and common worry. Consult me before you decide to waste any more time experimenting elsewhere. I can render my services where you cannot obtain from any other person.

Established in Toronto for nearly half a century, and have visited this city periodically for over a quarter of a century. My charges are within the reach of all; terms arranged if necessary. No reason why you should not consult me during this visit and have a talk over your case. Ask at hotel office for number of my consulting room. Cut out this "ad." now, with free coupon and bring same to me during my visit. See date below.

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This coupon, upon presentation to J. V. Egan, rupture specialist, 331 West King street, Toronto, who will visit Hamilton, Ontario, Saturday, Dec. 13, 1919, (11 till 8 p.m.) 1 day, Dec. 11, will entitle holder to a free consultation, examination and full information of his or her case.

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The Career of Tex Rickard.

Began Life as a Cowboy, and Turned Miner.

Although Tex Rickard, the successful bidder with Jack Gleason for the Johnson-Jeffries fight, is somewhat of an unknown quantity in the East, his name is almost a household word in the West. He is identified with some of the best mining interests in the United States, and has a reputation as a big, out-of-doors, representative Western man. He received his education in the school of experience.

The man who has undertaken to stage the biggest fight in boxing history was born in a small Texas town, and when only a boy began the life of a cow puncher in the old gun days. For years Rickard worked on a ranch and wandered along the old cattle trails from the Rio Grande into Wyoming and Montana with the "ten thousand dollars a stray-in," but the lure of the North and the quest of gold in Alaska took the young cow puncher to Nome. Then he began to make money and became well known in the rough land of the snows and gold.

He followed the gold rush to Goldfield, Nev., and there he became identified with lawlessness, and then he took a sudden whim and brought California and Battling Nelson together to help a celebration, at the request of some business men in the place.

The fight proved to be one of the most remarkable ever staged. It brought in about \$89,000.

The bid for the Jeffries-Johnson fight was also suggested by a party of business men, one of whom asked Rickard why he did not try to stage the event. Rickard thought it over, and about two months ago he came to the conclusion that he would like to try to get the proposition. He did not do any talking, but made his plans.

Rickard is now a sport follower, but he knows men and he likes to do big things, so when he made up his mind that he wanted to stage that fight, he went after the proposition. Men who know Rickard say that when he goes after a thing he gets it. He announced no previous bids for the bout and went quietly to New York, without mentioning his plans. He has studied the situation and believes that the bid of his combination was successful for two reasons: First, the cash proposition in big terms, and secondly, the proposal that he let the fighters handle the pictures. Rickard is about 37 years old. In the West they call him "Tex," without mentioning his plans. He has studied the situation and believes that the bid of his combination was successful for two reasons: First, the cash proposition in big terms, and secondly, the proposal that he let the fighters handle the pictures. Rickard is about 37 years old. In the West they call him "Tex," without mentioning his plans. 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