



WERE THE AMERICAN COACHES PREJUDICED?

Opinions Naturally Influenced—At Least the Ten Thousand Spectators Were Favorably Impressed.

If the American experts have found something to disparage they have also found much to commend in Canadian Rugby...

The two departments of football in which the American critics admitted Canadian superiority, passing and punting, are so indisputably so that any adverse critique would be ridiculous.

For such men as Walter Camp, A. A. Stagg, and other prominent American coaches, to make a stand for the substitution of Canadian Rugby for the American article in the United States colleges would be tantamount to admitting the lack of their own football genius.

It would not be an altogether happy matter for the American coaches if the Canadian game were adopted by the universities. It would mean the importation of Canadian experts, and very likely their own dismissal.

Only one of the American experts who saw the exhibition opined that it had no good points. The rest found something to commend. About fifty per cent were slightly enthusiastic.

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Between the sun and M. Mighty Robinson's new suit it was pretty hot in New York last week-end.

W. Clatter McMullen has written a new song entitled, "I Love My Home, But Oh You Broadway."

Freedom of the kicking. The points that they adversely criticized: Too many idle men on the wing line. Weak tackling. Loose ball.

ATHLETICS. The baseball situation is clear enough to those who are vitally interested. As for the productive fan, he is prepared to accept everything philosophically.

GRIDIRON GOSSIP

And what will be the net result of this exhibition of Canadian Rugby in New York? Well, the two teams had a trip anyway.

The difficulty is that the trained critics tried themselves, not in trying to find improvements, but rather in comparing the ability of the Canadian teams with that of the highly coached and developed college elevens on the other side of the line.

So far so good. But the net result remains that the game will accomplish nothing. They readily found fault with the mistakes, tactical and otherwise, of the two teams; they could see where such a play did not gain ground; they could size up where an individual player made a blunder or where lack of coaching did not make the teams take advantage of openings.

Weakness in tackling struck the critics forcibly, and the exhibitors were taking many chances, it is true. The city is that variety did not take the trip and show these critics the game in its highest development.

Indeed the sum total of the game is the conviction that the Canadian style does not compare with the American.

It is true that the public at large is alarmed at the number of deaths and injuries, but most of these are the result of the game as played by untrained or improperly coached men, or from young teams going against highly developed offensive tactics of well-drilled men.

Gold watches are to be presented to the players of the Ottawa football team as souvenirs for winning the Interprovincial championship.

SPECTATORS LIKED RUGBY FOOTBALL.

William B. Clemence writes in yesterday morning's New York Telegraph of the Ottawa-Hamilton football game, as follows: Probably two hundred prominent football experts, coaches and former college stars accepted the New York Herald's invitation to view a demonstration of Canadian Rugby at Van Cortlandt Park on Saturday afternoon.

The exhibition was interesting, but as a whole dose Canadian Rugby will not do for us. It is not brutal enough. Some simpleness on the sidelines was "giving" the teams for their lack of wicker vicious tackling and making sundry remarks about the game being a kind of pink tea soiree.

DELAYS WERE FEW. It was observed that, although the teams were not in the best of condition, there were few injuries in the 90 minutes of play.

When the football rules meet they will have many important points to consider. The rules might be revised, certain plays have to be eliminated and others modified.

Arnst and Barry in Sculling Match. London, Dec. 14.—The London Sportsman announces that through the agency of the British South Africa Company, represented by Mr. Guy Nickalls, a purse of £1,000 has been subscribed by African sportsmen and financiers for a sculling match for the world's championship between Richard Arnst, of New Zealand, and Ernest Barry, the English champion.

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THE CUP HOLDERS BEGIN PRACTISING.

Ottawa Stanley Cup Seven Had Good Work Out—Jack Marks, Manager of Professional Hockey Team at Brantford, May Play in Montreal.

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—The first practice of the season of the Ottawa Stanley Cup team took place last evening at the Arena, four of last year's championship seven being in uniform, as well as a great galaxy of youngsters.

Just how hot the rivalry for players is going to be this winter was shown in an incident during the National Association meeting. There was mention of Bert Morrison as a candidate for the board of referees.

Wood 148 145 170-434; McKerris 137 137 112-386; Machine & Erect (Won two)—Dowds 185 185 196-469; Badden 118 137 143-411; Bellisle 110 143 78-331; Mulford 111 111 146-421; Lord 195 190 186-571.

FROM THE FOUL LINE TO HEAD PIN. One B class and three C class games were bowled at the H. B. & A. C. last night. The Sweet Caporals were up against their old rivals, the Victoria Lawn Bowling Club in B class, and they managed to take two games out of the three.

Schedule for second round in class C to be bowled at the Brunswick alleys: Dec. 15—Frost Wire vs. Herald Boys; Dec. 16—Lyons Co. vs. Bowers Boys; Dec. 17—Gurney Co. vs. Thornton-Douglas.

STANDING. For the first round: Won. Lost. Herald Boys 16 5; Bowers Boys 14 7; Swastikas 11 10; Thornton-Douglas 9 12; Frost Wire Co. 7 11; Brown-Boggs 5 12; Gurney Co. 8 13.

Marylebone Cricketers Won in Africa. Kimberley, South Africa, Dec. 13.—(Canadian Associated Press.)—The Marylebone Cricket Club fifteen, touring this country from England, easily beat the Griqualand West Cricket Club here to-day by 200 runs.

James J. Makes a Hot Retort. Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 14.—Jim Jeffries, in a telegram sent to his Los Angeles business partner, Jack Kipper, hands out a blistering indictment against Promoter T. J. McCarey.

Johnson Expects Big Fight to Go Certain Distance. Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 12.—Jack Kipper, Los Angeles: I understand that McCarey says there is something crooked about the match. He is simply sore because Rickard outbid him.

Basketball. At the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium to-night in the City Commercial League two fast games will be played. Three of the teams are tie, and a win to-night means a lead.

Sentence Sermons. "We will" does ten times as much as "You shall." The heart ripens beat in the enriching of other hearts.

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