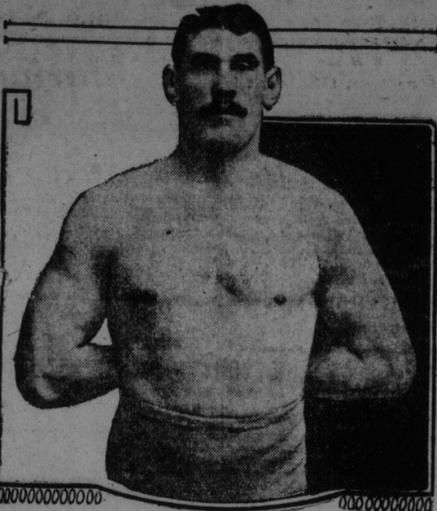


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COMISKY COOL WHILE OTHERS ARE WRANGLING

St. Louis Browns' Captain a Maker of Champions--How He Rose to a Position of Wealth and Influence.

New York, Dec. 16.--While the baseball magnates are wrangling this week over various questions at least one veteran remains cool headed and reserved.

FRANK KLAUS A TOUGH MEMBER



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This is the Pittsburgh middleweight who gave Bill Papke, the Spring Valley Thunderbolt, the time of his life in a six-round session not long ago.

RUGBY GAME SUITS CORNELL COLLEGE MAN

Lewis J. Henry Sees Much To Admire in Canadian Variety of Football -- The Essential Differences.

Ithaca, N. Y., Dec. 16.--That the Canadian style of game would remain as a guest of the New York Herald at Saturday's exhibition game, said "What ever may be the verdict of the critics whose word is law, or closely akin to law in such matters, the fact remains that throughout the game the Canadian game a good many thousand American sportsmen had their eyes opened to the fact that there is in existence another style of football whose possibilities for holding the interest of the spectator is equal to if not greater than our own game, and which, as experience proves, has not the drawback of excessive danger to the participants.

The Difference. The essential difference in the two games seems to be the interference of the man with the ball. In Rugby this is absolutely barred and the general consequences are obvious.

It is folly, for instance, to attempt line plays under such conditions with any regularity, for the simple reason that one man unassisted stands little chance in getting through. The line players, too, stand more nearly erect, do not charge and seem content that if the individual runner does come at them they should tackle him with considerable gentleness.

It is this rule barring interference, then, that keeps the play open and so spectacular, for, as in our own game, ten yards must be gained in three downs. End runs without interference are almost hopeless as the plays, particularly the latter, through constant practice is marvelous. The rugby players when about to be tackled, surrounded by other players, have an ability for getting out in an instant, high, accurate and long distance punts. The ball seems to be travelling back and forth most of the time, retaining possession of it not being nearly so important as in our own game. Consequently the rapid shifting of the scene from one territory to the other, with the accompanying uncertainty of what the developments may produce, adds a keenness to the interest not found in our game.

Team Work. "It must be admitted that this lack of interference robs the game very largely of the scientific training which each player has to undergo in an earnest endeavor to keep their scores as low as possible with the least carrying on the part of the other players. The remarkable feat of only having knocked down two punts with each ball, McCafferty was conspicuous by his absence, and in fact the lowest score on the other side and the Sun bowlers displayed much cool judgment in keeping their score as low as possible.

The scores were: Sun McManus... 69 62 71 202-67 13 Boyce... 49 76 66 191-63 23 Morrissey... 50 61 72 183-67 Mullings... 59 63 85 228-76 242 267 294 804

Ward Cool. Ward, like Comiskey, possesses a cool head. Under fire he shows no ill feeling. He knows baseball politics and is a man of opinions. Ward, in the Brotherhood year as the champion of the ball players, fought Brush tooth and nail, yet today Brush is his most powerful advocate. It is an odd fact that Ward has conducted numerous legal suits against the New York National league club, always with success. He took the case of Fred Proffer who sued the club for unpaid salary, and the case of the Norfolk club, which he won, and which he also collected a year's salary from Brush in behalf of pitcher George Davis and compelled the New York club to compromise with Player Fielder Jones in a suit for salary back in the Brotherhood year. Ward was snubbed by the New York club when terminating his contract, but he won this case with ease, as the contract did not contain the "reserve" clause which was now regarded as the bulwark of baseball.

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RYAN MAY ACT. New York, Dec. 16.--Tommy Ryan may train Jeffries for the Johnson fight. At least Jeffries has asked him to submit his terms. It is said, in spite of the fact that they have not been on friendly terms for five or six years. Ryan prepared Jeffries for his first battle with Fitzsimmons and has always received credit for teaching the boldermaker many things about the science of boxing.

Deadlock Continues In Baseball War

Heydler Withdraws His Name from Consideration to Draw Out Fogel's Vote, but Situation Is Not Bettered--Compromise Candidate May Now Be Decided Upon With Heydler Mentioned.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 16.--No president of the National League of Professional Baseball clubs was elected by the club owners in their five-hour session in the Waldorf today. Only one ballot was taken and this resulted in four votes each for John M. Ward and Robert W. Brown, a Louisville newspaper man. John Heydler, the present incumbent refused to allow his name to be presented as a candidate for re-election with a view to clearing the air and determining how Horace Fogel, who represents the newcomers of the Philadelphia team would vote.

As was expected, Fogel voted for Chas. H. Ebbetts, of Brooklyn, seconded by John T. Brush of New York. The other votes received by Ward were those of the New York, Brooklyn and Chicago clubs. Brown, heretofore, has been considered only in the light of a compromise candidate, but he received the votes of Stanley Robinson, of St. Louis, Garry Herrmann, of Cincinnati, Harry Dreyfuss of Pittsburgh and John S. C. Dovey of Boston. After this deadlock, the club owners adjourned until one p. m. tomorrow, having done little more than ascertain just how the St. Louis and Philadelphia presidents stood.

A Previous Deadlock. The deadlock is similar to that of eight years ago, when four clubs decided the election of A. G. Spalding and four others the continuance of Nicholas E. Young in office. In the end a compromise was reached by the resignation of Young. The affairs of the league were then conducted by an executive committee, which may eventually result from the present situation. John Heydler has by no means withdrawn from the presidential race and his name may be presented later as that of a candidate. But to determine how the club owners stood toward the subject, Heydler told Herrmann not to present his name today, and Herrmann complied. The supporters of Heydler, who are Herrmann, Dovey and Dreyfuss, enthusiastically, and Robinson passively, were jubilant tonight over the fact that no president was chosen on the first ballot. Chas. W. Murphy, president of the Chicago Club, said on his arrival here last Friday that he was not the cause therefore for satisfaction among the pro-Heydler men who maintain that if there is any weakening in the respective forces, it will be among the supporters of Ward.

DOUBT AS TO INTENTIONS OF THE BATTLER

New York, Dec. 16.--Hitting Nelson says in Chicago, that he has accepted an offer to box twenty-five rounds with Freddie Welsh, the English lightweight champion, in London.

Johnson Says White Men Are Easy to Beat

By Tip Wright. Jack Johnson says he never met a white man who was considered hard to beat. This statement followed a question I asked him the other day in Indianapolis. Johnson wasn't boasting. His reply to my question was in a matter-of-fact tone. "Who gave you the hardest battle?" was my question.

"As a matter of fact, I have won every fight so easily that it is hard to say which was the hardest," replied the big Texan. "I think my hardest battles have been with men of my own race. I never had any trouble defeating a white man." Now when you pause to think this over a bit you're apt to wonder a little. If the "big smoke," as he laughingly called himself, has never met a white man who worried him, what's the reason for his boasting that he meets Johnson? Thousands will have an answer ready for this, and the answer will be "Johnson's caliber." Granted, he's answered, but meanwhile don't forget that this same man Johnson is of bigger caliber than a lot of people have given him credit for. Cutting out race prejudice, which exists even in the minds of the fairest, and looking at this coming fight through open sights, it presents the hallmarks of a battle such as never decorated the pages of history as provided for by the marquis of Queensberry. Jim Jeffries isn't going to walk into the ring the day of the fight and participate in a sewing bee, not by a jugful. And Jack Johnson isn't going to climb through the ropes for an exercise gallop. Believe me, when the winner is declared in this mill, he'll be the most beautifully battered up little winner that has happened on the gold coast since the twins were born.

Jack Johnson, champion, is a different man from Jack Johnson, the fighter who was going along at a bit of a mas clip a few years ago. As champion of the world he's going to be a mighty hard man to pull down from his perch while he is sood, and right now he's at his best. Jim Jeffries has a regular contract on his hands to win back the title and so one knows it better than the powerless Californian himself. Which same is a mighty good thing. There's no use trying to dope this fight because there's nothing to dope it on. Taking the performances of both men against certain individuals won't do, because it is a known fact that some men easy for one conqueror are as hard to down as a gray wolf for another man. And there remains the fact that Johnson never met a white man who was hard to beat. I know of nothing calculated to give him more confidence when he meets Jeffries than his belief that he is unbeatable when facing a white man, and this feeling may play an important part in the big battle for the triple crown of the pugilistic world.

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LOW SCORES THE RULE IN THIS MATCH

The pin boys had a "cinch" in yesterday's game between the Telegraph and Sun quartettes in the Victoria bowling academy. The feature of the game was the Sun pin pickers winning one point, and shaking off the hoodoo which has clung so tenaciously to that scientific quartette throughout the series. The players seemed to vie with each other in an earnest endeavor to keep their scores as low as possible with the least carrying on the part of the other players. The remarkable feat of only having knocked down two punts with each ball, McCafferty was conspicuous by his absence, and in fact the lowest score on the other side and the Sun bowlers displayed much cool judgment in keeping their score as low as possible.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Includes McManus, Boyce, Morrissey, Mullings, Patterson, Crawford, Sage, McCafferty.

HARVARD MEN NOT WEDDED TO OUR GAME

Boston, Dec. 16.--William F. Garcelon, graduate adviser in athletics at Harvard, and Percy Haughton, head football coach, have just returned from New York. Both gentlemen were present at the exhibition Canadian rugby contest in New York city last Saturday, for the purpose of obtaining ideas that would help to modify the present college game.

Mr. Garcelon said: "The Canadian game is far from being as well developed as it would be by American colleges and is very crude. In passing the ball, there was a general laxity, and at times more than half the combined number of players were standing still while the remainder were engaged in the contest. No effort was made to interfere with the men running as they do in that Canadian game, and if the man with the ball was tackled in that game as he is in ours he certainly would be sent to the hospital. To my mind Canadian rugby is just as dangerous as our game only it has not been developed to the extent that our game has and it is not played with the vigor that our men show. There is a great deal of kicking, but with our men bucking through the centre this would not be possible.

NOTHING IN SECRET PACT STORY, HE SAYS

New York, Dec. 16.--Tex Rickard, the prize fight promoter who has just returned from Boston, denies there is any secret agreement existing between Jeffries and Johnson over a division of the \$100,000 purse he offered. "I will bet any one \$1,000," said Rickard today, "that there is no agreement between Jeffries and Johnson of any kind, excepting to divide the purse 75 per cent to the winner and 25 per cent to the loser. And I will bet Tom McCafferty of Los Angeles or anyone else another \$1,000 that I did not give \$10,000 or any other secret inducement to favor my bid for the fight. I have not the least doubt now that the fight will be held in Los Angeles, Calif. Everything points that way."

GREGORY HAS SIGNED FOR BIG AMOUNT

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 16.--Chester Gregory returned this morning from Montreal, where he signed a contract to play hockey this winter in New Brunswick, for twelve hundred dollars. Arriving in Montreal on Sunday evening he went to the Windsor Hotel, where he met J. M. O'Brien of Renfrew, the financial backer of the team, who made him an offer. This puts a damper on hockey for Moncton this winter, for without the star centre man it would be practically useless to attempt any championship games.

It would not be such an open game as it is the way the Canadians play it. One thing that impressed me was the rule which gives the player receiving a kick three yards' protection. This gives more opportunities for return punts and also gives an opportunity for a man to dodge his opponents if he chooses to run. I do not believe that there is anything in the rules of that game which would serve as a guide for any amendments of inter-collegiate rules."

TURKISH WRESTLER INJURES HIS SIDE

Chicago, Dec. 16.--The victory of Yussif Mahmud over "Americus" in the wind-up of the wrestling show at the Coliseum on Tuesday night did not come without its cost. The greatly improved Bulgarian was around yesterday but complained of pain in his left side, having injured a rib in the second fall of the match. Antonio Pierri, the Bulgarian's manager, had booked him for a match with Giovanni Ralcewich, the Italian, at Montreal Friday night and they were to have left last night, but Pierri called off the Canadian contest after a physician had decided it would be inadvisable to attempt the match.