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STRONACH OUT TO PRACTICE YESTERDAY.

The Big Scot Will be in the Game on Saturday Against the Tigers—Ottawa Is Taking Brass and Bugle Bands to Toronto.

Mr. Joe Wright, vice-president of the Inter-Provincial Rugby League, in commenting on the position that the Rough Riders took with reference to the appointment of officials for Saturday's game, as given in a despatch from the capital, stated that if the matter had been left in his hands he would have appointed Russell Britton, of Gananoque, to act as referee, and allowed him to choose his own umpire. The despatch stated that the Rough Riders had been forced to accept Walter Molson and Billy McMaster, of Montreal, for the game, as otherwise the appointment of the officials would have fallen to Mr. Wright, and would have meant Toronto men. The easterners did not relish the idea of having two Queen City men in charge of the game.

Mr. Wright said that their fears were absolutely groundless, however, as he would have appointed Toronto men only as a last resort.

Ottawa, Nov. 19.—On the eve of the big struggle against the Tigers every thing was quiet amongst the followers of the Ottawas yesterday. It was intended to hold the first workout for the trip at Dey's Arena, but owing to their inability to get electricity turned on in time the arena scheme had to be abandoned, and the Ottawas turned out at Carleton Square. Hoofbeats weather prevailed, and only a light workout took place on the frozen ground. Bert Stronach was in uniform for the first time

pealed to responded with a generous subscription.

Walter Molson and Billy McMaster telegraphed yesterday, giving their consent to officiate in the big match. The tickets for the game went on sale yesterday, four or five hundred being snapped up. Most of the players received requests from Montreal, Toronto, Kingston and other points for seats, some of them buying as many as fifteen or twenty for their friends. The team is confident, and Coach Clancy believes that the fate of the championship rests with the Ottawa backs. If they play their game, Clancy says, Ottawa will win hands down. If they blow up, the tables will be reversed.

The Trigger.

The Hamilton Gun Club will start their winter series of weekly shoots to-morrow afternoon and a programme of both live and clay bird events is being arranged. The annual winter tournament will be held during the week of January 17th and every effort is being put forth to make it a banner one. The prize money has been increased and the attendance will be greater than ever judging from the inquiries being received.

Wigg—I see B Jones is back from his shooting trip. Did he have any luck? Wagg—Great luck—says he got 18 quail and 42 rabbits, and everybody believes him.

SPORTING NEWS

TIGERS WILL TAKE ALMOST 1,500 SUPPORTERS.

Wigle and Smith Will Likely be Out of the Game—"Kilties" Band Will Accompany the Rooters—Intermediates Will Play Argos To-morrow.

To-morrow's big game at Rosedale between the Rough Riders and Tigers promises to be a unique gridiron struggle. Both teams are taking regimental bands along, the 91st Highlanders accompanying the Jungle Kings. Both will be encouraged by organized rooting, and the noise will likely be one of the features of the game. The team, rooters and band will leave on the 12.45 G. T. R. train from the King street station.

At this stage it looks as though Wigle will not be able to play to-morrow, and there is a possibility that George Smith will also be out of the game. Smith was kicked in the calf in the Argos game, and his leg has swollen, and now is in pretty bad shape. Fortunately the team has plenty of spare half-backs, and although Smith is a great player, he will not be missed as much as Wigle. The team will likely line up as follows:

Full-back, Dave Tope. Halves, Moore, Simpson and Burton. Quarter, George Awrey. Scrimmage, Bramer, Pfeiffer and Craig. Wings, Marriot, Barron, Gray, Isbester, Gerard and Don Lyon.

With the above line-up the Tigers should be able to repeat their trick of a year ago and win the rubber from the Rough Riders. Gerard, who will replace Wigle, is a great player, being a fine tackler and line plunger. Dave Tope's abilities are well known, and so it will be no weakened team the Tiger Football Club will put on the field to-morrow.

Eight hundred seats were put on sale this morning at Stanley Mills, and at press time over half of them had been sold. Indications point to a bumper crowd at the game, and the Hamilton contingent should number about fifteen hundred.

The Tigers held their final practice yesterday afternoon, and judging by the form displayed the Jungle Kings should be able to repeat the trick of two weeks ago. The intermediates were out, and lined up against the seniors for a good tackling practice. After an hour and a half's workout the players ran around the field a couple of times to improve their wind. Every man on the team is in the best of condition, and a grand stand finish would not be a surprising thing in to-morrow's game.

Instead of playing Dundas to-morrow the intermediates will journey to Toronto and there hook up with the Argos.

JEFF'S BIG SHOW MAY STING PROMOTER.

New York American: Jim Jeffries and Sam Berger left New York yesterday for Atlantic City at the head of an aggregation of athletes of all sorts and descriptions. A tour of one-night stands is to follow for three weeks, with the proviso that Jeff is to be allowed to leave the company and return to New York for the opening of the bids for his battle with Johnson on Dec. 1. Frank Gotch, the world's champion wrestler, will be a co-star with Jeff after the opening date in the New Jersey resort. Everything on the athletic calendar is included in the show, which is to play big halls. H. H. Frazer, of Chicago, is manager of the affair, and he evidently expects to sweep the route clean of small change. He is paying Jeffries \$23,250 a week, and Gotch was never accused of being cheap when it came to separating a promoter from his coin. As there are twenty athletes under contract, and as many months to feed, Frazer's fondest hopes in the line of receipts must be realized to make the show pay.

A private car for Jeffries, fitted with a sort of gymnasium, is stipulated in the contract.

So-called bids continue to struggle in for the fight of the century. Instead

of using the wire, the would-be promoters have now dropped to a two-cent stamp. Most of the offers are written on cheap hotel stationery, and few disdain to write on both sides of the sheet. Frank J. Shanahan, president of the Occidental Athletic Club, of Berkeley, Cal., is the way one of these very heavy bidders subscribes himself. He says he will give \$80,000 in real money or 60 per cent. of the receipts. As a lure to have the percentage accepted he says his club looks for a \$150,000 house. The arena, he states, is now being built six miles from Berkeley, which is a suburb of San Francisco, across the bay.

Shanahan doesn't get really humorous, however, until he refers to the negro. "I have written this same offer to Mr. Jackson and his manager," he says in his letter to Jeff. That appears to be moving a little faster than a walk. Possibly Mr. Shanahan thinks old Peter is back in the game.

William Morris, the vaudeville impresario, has an idea to spring next week at one of his show houses, and has taken the films of the Johnson-Burns battle in Australia and the Jeffries-Sharkey fight at Coney Island and made a composite picture, using the best rounds in each bout, so that the spectators may make a comparison of the pair to meet next for the heavyweight title.

COMMENT AND GOSSIP

Jack Johnson owns \$11,000 worth of Chicago realty and can refer to Galvesto as the place "I once lived."

The pro runners are congregating at Winnipeg. Shrubbs is already there, and St. Yves, Marsh, Acosse and Longboat are expected there this week.

Wingo Anderson, of Texas, one-armed pitcher, will be a Red next season. Wingo has two arms, but the right is paralyzed. The port wing is alleged to be there with bells.

It is no more unreasonable to ask a two dollar a week boy to hurry up then it is to expect anything brilliant from a pugilist named Porky Flynn.

George Blaistein, President of the Buffalo Kennel Club, and owner of the greatest kennel of pointers and setters gathered together in the world, is mourning the death of one of his stars, the pointer bitch Coronation.

Hugo Kelly, the Italian middleweight, after being laid up for weeks with lumbago, is out with a statement that he wants another crack at Papke et al.

The bids received for the Jeffries-Johnson fight up to the present time are as follows:

Nampae A. C. (Idaho)	\$140,000
Pueblo, Cal.	100,000
Miller Bros., Oklahoma	75,000
Walt, Schneider, New London	75,000
Ballingham, Wash.	125,000
Centralia, Wash.	125,000
Hilliard A. A., Hilliard, Wash.	75,000
Seattle, Wash.	100,000
Chico, Cal., Sacramento Valley	100,000
Lexington, Ky.	100,000
Total	\$1,015,000

The Winnipeg promoters are willing to pay \$1,000 in advance to Longboat in order to induce him to race Shrubbs Saturday night, but the Indian will have to go the fifteen miles in 1.26. That is a stiff proposition when it is considered that Tommy hasn't had a race for months.

Regarding Stanley Ketchel as a heavyweight, Sam Langford has proclaimed himself middleweight champion of the world. Langford's manager, Joseph Woodman, sends word that Langford can easily make 158 pounds, the middleweight limit, and that he stands ready to defend the title against all

comers. Woodman declares that Bill Papke has a legitimate claim to the title and that Langford is ready to meet him to decide the question. Papke, who is willing to fight Ketchel again if the latter will return to the middleweight class, was urged to meet Langford some time ago, but he promptly drew the color line. For that reason few sporting men believe that Langford can secure a bout with Papke. If such is the case Langford says he will issue a challenge to Ketchel to fight at catch weights and will also try for a match with Kaufman. Langford's argument is that if he can demonstrate his ring prowess by whipping these men he will be able to force Johnson into a fight.

Baseball men are amused by the statement of Charles W. Murphy, of the Chicago Cubs that Adrian C. Anson is entitled to consideration from the National League and should be elected president instead of John A. Heydler. A year ago when Anson was in financial difficulty it was suggested that he should be appointed "Supervisor of the National League umpires," and it is recalled that Murphy promptly placed himself on record, among others, as violently opposed to the plan. While it looks very much as if Heydler will be re-elected, baseball men say that if he should be turned down the National League would receive merciless scoring from fans all over the country.

KERLIN'S TIME.

The frost is 'r the air, Jock,
The snow cam's skirlin' doon;
The lochs will soon be froze, Jock,
On the outskairts o' the toon.
We ha'ed oor gowf a' simmer
On mony bonny links,
But that's a stoopit game, Jock,
Tae kerlin' on the rinks.

It warms a body's hairt, Jock,
The singin' o' the stane
When Davis is drawn oot to try
Con-clusions wi' Maclean.
An' ilka 'nither lad, Jock,
In his Glegary cap,
Will be layin' doon the pat lid
An' fechtin' for the tap.

A'm growin' rather auld, Jock.
The creek is in me bones,
But still I haud me ain, Jock.
We' besom an' wi' stanes,
So when the ice is keen, Jock,
An' winds cam wi' a kerp,
Ye'll fin' among the kerlin' bairns
Mesel, Macpherson, skip.
—Hek, in the Chicago Tribune.



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GRIDIRON GOSSIP

Says the Toronto Telegram: There was a time when G. Southam, a full back of well-known repute on the "Varsity" team, took out accident papers prior to their play-off for the championship against Ottawa, and though there is no desire to throw a scare into him, we suggest Ben Simpson to apply the same medicine. An accident policy is a sort of talisman against trouble. Nothing ever happens, it's like leaving your abode of a morning with an umbrella tucked securely under your arm, for it invariably ensures a clear sky. Ottawa was bound to get Southam, but the police saved him from attempted onslaughts to send him to the boys' surgical ward.

At the Capital, preparations, it is said, are being made to carry the Hamilton team off the field one at a time, though we rather fancy such men as Isbister, Wigle and others of that stamp are capable of looking after themselves. In the matter of referees, by the way, Ottawa showed considerable sense in accepting President Seymour's selection of two eastern men. Molson and McMaster have always shown themselves competent men and there is no reason for supposing they will fall down upon their present record. These gentlemen, however, should throw an eye upon Hamilton's interference, for which the team is well known, and with which it invariably gets away. President Seymour and Dr. Thompson heads an Amazon ballet of five hundred hois, who will take advantage of the cheap rate to Toronto next Saturday.

The way those Tigers tackle, viz., and to wit, gathering an opponent to their manly bosoms and doing a hug that would do credit to the hero in a melodrama when he rescues the heroine for the 'teenth and last time in the fourth act, is more touching than effective. Still it will help when it comes to getting "claw holds" on that man Lawson. The way he plunges down the field makes it practically impossible to get him low. The man who tries it is more liable to cover himself with a coffin than with glory. The only way to impede his progress is to pile enough airbursts around his neck to make the impact too heavy. And he carries weight pretty well at that.

Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 18.—The rival football teams of Harvard and Yale rested quietly to-night some miles from the scene of Saturday's encounter, with their hard training days behind them, and the championship honors still to be gained.

Within the walls of the stadium are seats for 38,000 persons, many of whom are already crowding into Boston, eager for what is generally expected to be the finest exhibition of modern football ever played on an American gridiron.

Harvard journeyed down to the Norfolk Hunt Club at Medford, while Yale came up from New Haven to-day, sojourning at the Woodland Park Hotel, at Auburndale.

Both teams will keep their muscles limber by running through formations to-morrow, and the Yale men probably will visit the stadium to become acquainted with the lights and shadows.

The Harvard team was given an enthusiastic send-off. There were few limpers in the crowd, and Captain Fish skipped about in a style which belied the rumors that he would not be in the line-up on Saturday. Nevertheless, it was admitted that Fish's injury had not responded to the treatment so readily as could be wished, and the chances were about even that he would see Saturday's game from the side lines.

Neither is Yale free from an injured list, and the right end position was said to be right to be still in doubt, although it was thought that Savage would start in

that place if Vaughan did not recover from the injury received in the Princeton game.

Yale still held the favorite position in the betting to-day, although the odds which earlier in the month stood at 5 to 3 have been scaled to 5 to 4.

Whether Tigers and Rough Riders are to engage in an even contest or a slaughter, the Toronto Rugby public are going to attend the obsequies. The \$90 odd tickets offered for sale yesterday were all bought up before 11 a. m. and the \$80 seats in the northwest bleachers were put on sale this morning.

The Ottawa football executive has decided not to allow the intermediate team to go to Montreal Saturday for the match which was to have decided the Quebec Rugby Union championship. They take the stand that, as they won the championship from the Grand Trunks on the majority of points, it was ridiculous for the union to order them to play again.

The noise on Saturday will be something horrible. The Tigers have a lusty rooters' club, Ottawa are organizing one, and "Varsity" will be on hand with all the extra rah rahs the game will stand.

Ottawa will leave to-night on a special car with their rooters. They will parade to the station, headed by a band. Their return, however, will likely resemble another retreat from Moscow.

The Tigers are favorite at Ottawa at 2 to 1. Little faith, apparently, at the capital.

Ken Williams, of Queen's, has participated in 26 league games in his five years at the college.

The "Varsity" teams will witness the Tiger-Ottawa play off Saturday at Rosedale.

At times the wise men come from the East, remarks the Ottawa Journal.

SOCCER

The closing meeting of the Hamilton District Association Football League will be held on Friday evening at J. W. Nelson's. The reports will be read and the cup presented to the Westinghouse team. The league has decided to give a benefit match on Nov. 27th, for Ted Richards, one of the well-known soccer players of this district, who is seriously ill. The game will take the form of an international match, England vs. Scotland, and should prove interesting. Horace Thombs, who has been associated with the Westinghouse and Dundas teams for some years, will likely captain the English team and the Thombs brothers will play. The all Scotch team will also be strong. Full arrangements will be made to-night.

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E. B. Baldwin, the Arctic explorer, announced that he will lead an expedition, the object of which will be to drift across the North Pole. It will require four years.