

ACADIA AND ST. JOHN PLAYED A GOOD GAME.

St. John Won Out in a Fine Exhibition of Gentlemanly, Sportsmanlike Football ---About Great Batters---Another In- stallation of Rugby Rules.

The game between all St. John and Acadia college scheduled to start at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon did not commence till 4.15, when Acadia, having won the toss, decided to defend the grand-stand and, Marshall kicked off for the home team before a goodly crowd of spectators, who had the pleasure of witnessing quite the best display of Rugby football seen in St. John this season. Both packs of forwards were very evenly matched, the visiting pack settling down to real hard work first, and heeling the ball on well to their outside. These started the first of many good passing bouts seen during the afternoon's play. The ground was somewhat greasy owing to the frost of the previous night, and this seemed to trouble some of the players at first, but having accustomed themselves to the conditions of the turf, some exceedingly pretty play was witnessed on both sides. Thompson opened the scoring for the home team, with a very neat "try" after the ball had come away well from the scrum, and had been handled by both the quarters, and the whole line of halves. Although the place kick was an easy one, Thompson failed to convert, and, as this was all the scoring up to half time the home team led at the interval by 3 points to nil.

On the resumption of play Acadia kicked off, but were ordered back for a scrum on the half way line, one of their forwards being in front of the ball when it was kicked off. A series of Scrimmages now followed; when one of the Acadia forwards picked up the ball out of the scrum for a free kick, White, who was playing, full-back for St. John, took the kick, and dropped a beautiful goal, thus placing his side 3 points further ahead. Acadia then rushed matters for a few minutes, but the home forwards heeling well, enabled their outside to again get going which gave Burpee an opportunity to get in again for the home team, after a good run down the touch line, and although he placed the ball down quite near the uprights, Thompson again failed to convert.

This third reverse had the effect of putting Acadia on their mettle, and after quite a series of good hard rushes by their forwards, from a scrum near the home line Dewitt managed to scramble over the line, for out, with a couple of St. John men on top of him, and this drew first blood for his side. The place kick was unsuccessful, so St. John still had a lead of 6 points. From

now to the call of "no-side", the play became very fast, both sides bent on scoring again, but as neither side were successful, time was called, leaving St. John victors of a well-fought game by the useful margin of 6 points. Final score being, St. John 1 penalty goal (3 points), 2 tries. Total 9 points; Acadia 1 try, (3 points). Of the home team, Malcolm was far and away the best forward on the ground, his strong running, and heavy weight, proving a great thorn in his opponents' side. Both the quarters played a good game, especially Marshall, whose following up, and tackling, were brilliant at times and ably assisted as he was by Coll, they were big factors in the home teams victory. Fairweather and Thompson in the half-back line made a strong combination, while Burpee did well, what little he had to do, his centre half failing to feed him. White as full-back showed great kicking powers, and helped his side greatly with his long drops and punts. In the tackling department, he was not much called upon.

Much praise must be given to the St. John forwards, who every one of them, played a really sterling game, none shirking the scrums, and all heeling out well, Vince being most conspicuous at this. To pick out anyone of them as being better than the other on the afternoon's play (with Malcolm's exception), would be unfair.

As a team, Acadia, are a fine lot of men, all thorough sportsmen, and game to the finish, and the fact of their being beaten by the all St. John team is no disgrace to them, as without doubt, the better side won, and all due praise to the visitors for the excellent fight they put up, and the good clean game they provided for the St. John spectators. May many more such teams visit St. John, was the unanimous wish of all those present.

The Turf.

The handsome young stallion, Lord Roberts, purchased last spring by Mayor J. M. Johnson has arrived here and is being greatly admired by all horsemen. He is by Arion 2-07, dam Nancy Hanks 2.04. He was purchased by his present owner for \$4000 at the Travis-Kenney sale.

F. C. Murchie of Milltown, N. B., has disposed of his fast pacer Kingfisher, 2.17, to Adam Sekenger, the well-known Bangor florist. Kingfisher was bred in old Kentucky and brought north by T. H. Phair of Presque Isle who afterwards sold him to F. C. Murchie. Kingfisher has gone a half mile to one minute, one

and one-fourth seconds and is considered by many to be the fastest horse hatched to a sleigh in Maine. He is in fine shape this season and Mr. Sekenger is to be congratulated on his purchase.

Mayor J. M. Johnson will send to the Fasiq-Tipton sale, Madison Square garden, Nov. 28 to Dec. 2, the mare Ituna, record 2:10; Fairview Chimes, 2:13; Marcia T., 2:24; dam of Alinda, Lizzie Gerow, and the beautiful filly at her foot by Bangor; his two-year-old filly Lillian, by Todd; 2:14; dam Dolly by Parker Gun; his two-year-old filly Vera by Gingen 2.04, dam Nellie F., 2.20. These horses should bring good prices and it is a rare occurrence to have such git-edged breeding leave this state.

"Tip" Wants to Race.

Says a Boston paper:—Willing and ready to run either Dougherty, Bay or Brown, or all three, for the baseball championship. Jack (Tip) O'Neill, who finished up the season with Washington, blew into town yesterday on his way to his home in St. John, N. B.

O'Neill looked in the best of shape and was well satisfied with his treatment in Washington, although, as he expressed it, "I would like to be with the champs. Collins is a wonder and I like playing under him, although the lot of the bench warmer is a sad one, and I felt better when I was playing every day."

O'Neill is thinking seriously of going to England to compete in the annual Sheffield handicap race. If he doesn't go abroad O'Neill wants to sign with the Portland, Ore., team and play on the coast until February.

The Rings.

Bartley Connolly of Portland and Guy Ashley of Fall River are matched to box before the New Pastime A. C. of Portland next Monday night. Ashley ought to make a splendid contest with the star Maine lightweight.

Interest now turns to the bout between Goodwin and Young Donohue, which will be decided at the Gloucester A. C. next Monday night. This contest is also at the featherweight limit, and involves the New England championship. Three times the boys have gone to a draw.

A permit has been granted by the board of Supervisors of San Francisco for the Young Corbett "Batting" Nelson fight and the contest will take place in that city next month. Nelson has already arrived in San Francisco, and Corbett is due to reach there today. It is likely that Nov. 27 will be chosen as the date and that the encounter will be held under the auspices of the Hayes Valley, A. C.

About Great Batters.

In these days of batting decline, when there are heard loud cries demanding abolition of the foul strike rule and legislation against the "spit ball" it is interesting to note that Napoleon Lajoie and Hans Wagner, two of the greatest ball players the game has ever known, keep up their good batting, being again the leaders in the American and National Leagues.

Unofficial figures give Lajoie the

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percentage of .375 for the season and a comfortable lead over Willie Keeler, who is second to Larry with .335 per cent. President Pulliam figures place Wagner at the head of the National's batters with .349.

Despite the handicaps against the batters, Larry has a better percentage of base hits than he had in any season since 1901, when he led the National League with .422 per cent. In that year Larry made the great record of being the first major leaguer to go through an entire season with a batting average of .400 or better.

Lajoie's percentages since he has been in last company follow: 1896, .323; 1902, .369; 1903, .355; 1904, .375. Grand average for nine years .361 per cent.

In past performances Wagner is behind Lajoie. His record for eight years follows: 1897, .344; 1898, .304; 1899, .359; 1900, .308; 1901, .352; 1902, .329; 1903, .355; 1904, .349. Grand average, .346.

Frequent comparisons have been made between Lajoie and Wagner and the sluggers of old, like "Pop" Anson, Mike Kelly, Dan Brouthers and Roger Connor. While these great batters had no foul strike rule or were at times seriously handicapped in other ways in the warfare between the batsman and the pitcher. While not always the leader of the sluggers of his time, Anson was the most consistent hitter of the old school of players. His record for 15 years beginning with 1876 follows: .342, .335, .336, .407, .388, .399, .343, .413, .337, .310, .371, .421, .343, .341 and .320. Grand average, .350.

The figures show hardly any difference between Anson and Lajoie. Lajoie and Wagner are much alike in many respects. Both are free-hand batters, impatient while at the bat, and willing to hit anything within reach. Each can pick a ball from off his shoe tops or from behind his ears and smash it out for two bases.

When Lajoie was playing with the Fall River team and was secured by the Philadelphia club in 1896, the question was asked him, "Which ball is the hardest for you to hit?" Larry's reply was "The one I can't reach." The same answer would do for Wagner if he were asked the question. Truly, all pitchers look alive to Larry and Hans.

Never in the history of the National and American leagues have there been so few batters to finish in the select .300 class as landed there this year. President Pulliam's figures show that nine National leaguers batted over 300 per cent. Unofficial figures place six American leaguers at .200 or better.

The magnates realize that the fans like to see hitting, and for that reason they are figuring on legislation next winter that will decrease the pitcher's effectiveness and help the batter. The spit ball annoys the batsmen more, so they say, than does the foul strike rule. Still, competent managers, like John McGraw, for instance, claim that the foul strike rule gives the pitchers entirely too much advantage. As an instance of the batting decline, the New York club won the championship without a regular player in the .300 class.

FOOTBALL.

Circular Letter Addressed to Players and Referees.

The following circular has been issued by the International Board with the approval of the Committee of the Rugby Football Union and of the Scottish, Irish and Welsh Unions. The Committee desires that all players and referees within its jurisdiction shall be guided thereby.

INTERNATIONAL BOARD.

Circular Letter Addressed to Players and Referees.

Between two and three years ago the Board addressed a circular letter to those gentlemen who undertake the duties of referees. Since then this Board and the various Unions have given rulings on various points of law, and the Board think it would be highly advantageous if such were brought together and explained, so that both players and referee may in the future fully understand them and also act up to them. This circular letter is, therefore, addressed to both players and referees, and although it may appear to touch upon many points which are perfectly clear and simple, yet one or other of the Unions have had appeals on all points raised.

Introduction.

Firstly, it is the duty of the visiting team to see that the ground complies with Law, 1 as to size, and is

properly marked, that the dead-ball line is distinct, &c. If they fail to see these points before the game begins, no appeal can afterwards be entertained in relation thereto.

Glossary.

A Rebound is not a knock-on, and therefore no fair-catch can be made therefrom or penalty given. This is important, as some referees appear to regard a rebound as a knock-on.

A Fair-Catch can only be claimed by the catcher making his mark after he has caught the ball; the mark, however, must be made as soon after the ball is caught as possible; and in practice, the referees might allow a claim when the mark was simultaneously made with the catching. A fair-catch can be made in a player's in-goal.

If a player goes beyond the 25 yards to Drop-Out, or if he punts, the referee must blow his whistle and order the player to take a new kick, which must be a drop within the 25 yards' limit.

All grounds should be properly marked out, including the half way, 25 yards, touch, goal and dead-ball lines (unless other boundaries form these latter), in which case flags at the half-way and 25 yards' lines are necessary; if they be used, they should be set well back from the touch-lines. Corner flags should be used, and should be at the junction of the touch and goal-lines. If a player holding the ball touch one of these, the ball must be considered as in touch-in-goal a player may himself be in touch-in-goal and yet play the ball with his foot, if the ball be not touch-in-goal, or he may touch it down with his hand.

Referee Whistling.

No power is given to a Referee to whistle simply because a player is tackled with the ball, and this is one of the most important points to which the Board wish to direct the attention of players and referees, as the present habit of whistling the moment a man is tackled is simply spoiling the game by slowing it down and taking away any advantage a side of quick followers would otherwise gain. When a player with the ball is tackled and fairly held, a referee may only blow his whistle for one of the following cases:—

- (1) Law 11 (b) When such player does not at once fairly put the ball down.
- (2) Law II (c) When such player is on the ground and he does not at once fairly part with the ball, and either get up or roll away from the ball.
- (3) Law (d) When a player of the opposite side prevents such player either putting the ball down or getting up.
- (4) Law 3 (e) When the referee considers that the continuation of play would be dangerous.

This latter point must be left entirely to the referee, but the Board wish to point out that if the tackled player played the laws in the spirit in which they are written, and at once fairly parted with the ball, very few cases of danger would arise, but by holding on a short time danger may arise. In such a case, the referee should blow and award the penalty of a free kick instead of simply

ordering on a scrumage on the plea of danger, as by so doing he deprives one side of an advantage and does not inflict a penalty on the other, both of which are deserved.

(To be continued.)

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