

ST. JOHN FOOTBALLISTS AND FREDERICTON HIGH SCHOOL

*An Exciting Game Played Yesterday in
Which St. John Won—Young Peter
Jackson to England—Boxing vs.
Wrestling—Walcott is Better.*

Fredericton High school and St. John High school played football on the Shamrock grounds yesterday afternoon; quite a few spectators lining the ropes.

St. John high school won the toss, and decided to defend the lower end. Fredericton high school kicking off at 4:40 p. m.

A high wind was blowing at the time, but it was of little assistance to either side, as it blew across the field from one touch line to the other. The play was very even during the first half, neither side appearing at all dangerous, the play remaining about the centre of the field nearly the whole time. What little pressing was done was on the part of the Fredericton team. When the whistle blew for half time neither team had scored.

On starting again, St. John high school kicked off with a good long kick, which being "muffed" by one of the Fredericton halves, enabled the St. John team to commence their attack in their opponent's twenty-five. A number of scrummages was the order of the day, for some little time, the home forwards eventually managing to get the ball away to their outsiders, Stalling making a very pretty drop goal, thus placing his side 4 points to the good. Some members of the Fredericton team considered Stalling's kick was not a drop-kick, but a "punt," and led by one of their forwards, (who by the way was not their captain) decided to leave the field rather than go on with the game. Whether the kick was a "punt," or a drop-kick, they were bound to abide by the decision of the referee which was, that it was, a drop-kick, and therefore a goal, and as a referee is sole judge in all matters of fact, (which rule) one can read for themselves by referring to Wednesday's edition of the Times, under the heading "Powers of Referee" the conduct of the Fredericton players was quite unbecoming.

If the decision of the referee, was, in their opinion wrong, they should have protested against it, gone on with the game, and referred the matter to a committee after the game, for a final decision, but, to act the way they did, was distinctly ungentlemanly, and not at all to the liking of the spectators present. Their decision to continue the game was, only arranged after a few members of the visiting team, more sportsmanlike than the others, saw the mistake of their fellow players' action. The game being resumed, the home team started to press again, but a fine run by Rutter, more than

half the length of the field, enabled the visitors to score a try, which they failed to convert, thus leaving the home team still leading by one point. From the kick off, St. John high school started to press, and Stalling from a mark in his opponent's twenty-five, very nearly dropped another goal for his side, the ball falling short by a few inches after this "no side" was called, leaving St. John high school victors by the narrow margin of one point. Final result St. John High school, one dropped goal, (4 points) Fredericton High school one try, (6 points.)

Fredericton had the heavier forwards, but these did not use their weight to advantage. The St. John halves and quarters all played a good game, tackling keenly, and making good use of the few opportunities afforded them.

It was a distinctly pleasing feature to see, Stalling, making use of the so much neglected method of scoring, by dropping a goal. Both teams indulged in plenty of punting, but lost the advantages by the players failing to follow up their kicks, and putting their men on side.

Football Rules.

(Concluded)

V. GENERAL.

Ball in Touch.

12.—The ball is in touch when it or a player carrying it, touch or cross the touch line; it shall then belong to the side opposite to that last touching it in the field of play, except when carried in. One of the side to whom the ball belongs shall bring it into play at the spot where it went into touch, by one of the following methods:—

(a.) Bounding it on the field of play at right angles to the touch line. After bounding it he may catch it, and then run with it, or pass it. When catching it he must have both feet in the field of play.

(b.) Throwing it out so as to alight at right angles to the touch line or

(c.) Scrummaging it at any spot at right angles to the touch line, between 5 and 15 yards from the place where it went into touch.

If the Referee blows his whistle because the ball has been thrown out so as not to alight at right angles to the touch line, the opposite side shall bring it out as in (c).

A Try at Goal.

13.—When a side has scored a try, the ball shall be brought from the spot where the try was gained into the field of play in a line parallel to the touch line, such distance as the

place thinks proper, and there he shall place the ball for one of his side to try and kick a goal; this place-kick is governed by Law 10 as to charging, &c., the mark being taken as on the goal-line. It is the duty of the defending side to see that the ball is taken out straight.

Unfair Play Allowing or Disallowing a Try.

The Referee shall award a try, if, in his opinion, one would undoubtedly have been obtained, but for unfair play or interference of the defending side. Or, he shall disallow a try, and adjudge a touch-down if in his opinion, a try would undoubtedly not have been gained but for unfair play or interference of the attacking side. In case of a try so allowed the kick at goal shall be taken at any point on a line parallel to the touch-lines, and passing through the spot where the ball was when such unfair play or interference took place.

Ball Held in In-goal.

14.—If the ball, when over the goal-line and in possession of a player, be fairly held by an opposing player before it is grounded, it shall be scrummaged 5 yards from the goal-line, opposite the spot where the ball was held.

Drop-Out.

15.—After an unsuccessful try, or touch-down, or if the ball after crossing the goal-line go into touch-in-goal or touch, or cross the dead-ball line, it shall be brought into play by means of a drop-out, when all the kicker's side must be behind the ball when kicked; in case any are in front, the Referee shall order a scrummage on the 25 yards' line and equal distance from the touch-lines.

Knock-On, Throw Forward.

16.—In case of a throw-forward or knock-on, the ball shall be at once brought back to where such infringement took place and there put down, unless a fair catch has been made and claimed, or unless the opposite side gain an advantage. If the ball, or a player running with the ball touch a Referee, it shall there be put down. Pass or Carry Back Over Own Goal-line.

17.—If a player shall wilfully kick, pass, knock, or carry the ball back across his goal-line, and it there be made dead, the opposite side may claim that the ball shall be brought back and a scrummage formed at the spot whence it was kicked, passed, knocked or carried back. Under any other circumstances a player may touch the ball down in his own In-goal.

Hacking, Tripping.

18.—Hacking, hacking-over, or tripping-up are illegal. The Referee shall have full power to decide what part of a player's dress, including boots and projections thereon, buckles, rings, etc., are dangerous, and having once decided that any part is dangerous, shall order such player to remove the same, and shall not allow him to take further part in the game until such be removed. Irregularities in In-Goal, not Otherwise Provided for.

19.—In case of any law being infringed in In-goal by the attacking side, a touch-down shall be awarded, but where such breach is committed

by the defending side, a scrummage shall be awarded 5 yards from the goal-line, opposite to the spot where the breach occurred.

Other Irregularities not Provided for. But in the case of any law being broken, or any irregularity of play occurring on the part of either side not otherwise provided for, the ball shall be taken back to the place where the breach of the law or irregularity of play occurred, and a scrummage formed there.

Twin Sullivan in Bangor.

Jack "Twin" Sullivan of Cambridge, premier middleweight pugilist of New England and aspirant for the world's championship in that class is in Bangor for a few days before going west where he has several important matches on.

The lengthy Twin needs no introduction to Bangor sports and followers of pugilism nor in fact does he need to be pointed out to anyone at all familiar with the history of the ring the past several years. One of the most popular fighters in the country, he has hosts of friends in Bangor, where he is always sure of a hearty welcome, and a good sized crowd when he boxes here.

Twin will begin Bangor but a couple of days as he leaves Tuesday for California where on Nov. 29 he will fight Kid McCoy a 20 round battle. Although Sullivan received the wrong end of a decision when he fought McCoy a month ago, he declares he was entitled to at least a draw and is confident that he will make the Hoosier hustle to win at the next meeting. This fight will be at catch weights which will give McCoy an advantage of from ten to 15 pounds. Sullivan will weigh in at 154 pounds while he states that McCoy will weigh close to 170.

"If McCoy beat me as bad as some papers stated," said Twin Thursday to a Commercial reporter, "it is certainly queer that the same club would offer us a purse for a return match." In speaking of the middleweights of the country Sullivan said, "I will bet \$500 that no middleweight in the country can stop me in 20 rounds."

Twin will leave Tuesday for the west and will be accompanied by his brother Mike who will try to get on a match with either Jimmy Britt or Joe Gans. Mike like Twin is out for the topnotchers and will take anyone in his class. Twin says the west is the place for the fighters. That is where the game is flourishing today and the clubs give good purses for matches as the people are willing to pay to see them.

"I want to have three good fights this winter," said Twin, "and I will then show whether I am in line for the middleweight title or not. If I could be lucky enough to beat McCoy I will then force Tommy Ryan to meet me for the title. When I was in Chicago last winter the Chicago A. C. offered \$2,000 for a six round go between Ryan and myself. I was to get \$1,000, win or lose, and Ryan the other \$2,000. I immediately accepted but the match was declared off as I couldn't see some things the way Ryan wanted me to." The match which Sullivan is looking for is with Jack O'Brien.

While in the west Twin fought nine contests, winning seven and losing

two. Kid McCoy and Jack O'Brien were the only ones to get a decision over him while he beat such fighters as Hugo Kelley, Andy Walsh, Mike Schneek, Martin Duffy and Dave Barry.

Peter Jackson in England.

Young Peter Jackson, of Baltimore, has evidently made a big hit abroad, judging from the way he is beating his opponents in England. Since Jackson went to the other side he has engaged in a half dozen fights. He has been successful in all of them and has managed to knock out his rivals before the expiration of the final round. The other night Jackson met Harry Barrett, of London, before the National Sporting Club, London, in what was to have been a six round bout. Jackson had things his own way with his rival and had no trouble in disposing of him. The finish came in the second round. Upon breaking Jackson, with a half arm hook with the left, dropped his man. Barrett quickly arose and rushed into clinches. The American again slipped his man, and down went Barrett once more. Barrett evidently did not relish his job and refused to continue.

Monday Night's Fight.

San Francisco, Oct. 28.—Eddie Graney will referee the Britt-Gans fight Monday. The Gans party accepted him only after a long and acrimonious pow-wow, and the signing and sealing of an agreement that if Spider Kelley coaches Britt from his corner Britt shall forfeit \$1000 to Gans.

Fights in Cambridge.

Cambridge, Mass., Oct. 27.—Fred Sydney, of Boston, won a decision over "Spike" Haley, of South Boston, in the third round of what was scheduled to be a ten round bout, at the Cambridge Athletic Union to night. Charlie Burns, champion of the Marine Corps, of the navy yard, fought six rounds to a draw with Billy Gibbons of the battleship Maine. Tommy English, of Cambridge, put out Young McCree of Boston, in the second round and Billy Clover of Fall River, put out "Jimmy" Maher, of South Boston in the third round.

Boxing vs. Wrestling.

(From the London Globe.)

The recent interest in wrestling excited by Hackenschmidt's matches with Madral and Jenkins has led a writer in the Captain to revive the old question. Which of the two would have the better chance in a fight between a wrestler and a boxer? In the opinion of the writer the boxer would have but a small chance of defeating his antagonist. It is certainly true that if the wrestler once contrived to come to close quarters he might exercise his special skill in such a manner as to render the boxer helpless;

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In the days of the London prize ring, when wrestling was allowed by the rules governing pugilistic contests, it was generally the man who was quick and scientific with his fists that beat the man who relied principally on closing and throwing. And this would probably be the case today if a champion boxer were pitted against a champion wrestler. But for the ordinary purposes of self-defense, in the event, for instance, of a fracas in the street, a good wrestler would have even less to fear than a good boxer. It is only the expert pugilist who is sufficiently quick on his feet to baffle the rushes of a man who wishes to close with him. Wrestling, therefore, is a form of athletic exercise which deserves support, and it should undoubtedly be more generally learned than it is at present.

Walcott is Better.

Boston, Oct. 27.—Joe Walcott, the colored pugilist, who is under arrest charged with the murder of Nelson Hall, also colored, at a dance on the early morning of October 18, was tonight discharged from the city hospital, where he has been confined since Hall was killed, having been himself wounded in the hand. He will probably be arraigned in court tomorrow.

Acadia Defeated.

Fredericton, N. B., Oct. 27.—The U. N. B. football team defeated the Acadia College team here this afternoon by a score of 3 to 0. It was splendid all the way through and was witnessed by a large crowd of spectators. The U. N. B. players are elated over their victory.

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