

NEWS OF SPORT.

ST. JOSEPH'S BEAT NEPTUNES IN WELL CONTESTED GAME.

Both Teams Played Good Football on the Shamrock Grounds Yesterday Afternoon--Basketball in the Y. M. C. A.--M. P. A. A. Men at Fredericton--Charlie Mitchell Talks.

FOOTBALL.

Neptunes and St. Joseph's.

Yesterday's match between the Neptunes and St. Joseph's was an excellent game of football, but was spoiled by two much talking on the part of the players; St. Joseph's being the chief offenders.

The game started at 4 p. m., but the players were not to blame for the late start on this occasion.

St. Joseph's won the toss, and Malcolm kicked off for St. John who were minus five of their regular players, Marshall, Thompson, Schofield, Vince and Emmerson. Play settled down in the St. Joseph's territory.

Scrum followed scrum for a short time, and both sides were somewhat bothered by the slippery grounds, St. John being the first to accommodate themselves to the condition. They did quite a little attacking during the first half, but toward half time, St. Joseph's, who, previous to this seemed only half awake, woke up, and did their share of attacking. Neither side were successful in scoring at half time.

On the resumption of play, St. Joseph's got in front of the ball, and the game commenced with a scrum in the centre of the half-way line. St. John's forwards soon got to work, and by hard scrummaging, took the ball right down to their opponents' goal line. Although they had two or three scrums, practically on their opponents' line, they failed to break through St. Joseph's defence, chiefly through rash, wild, passing of their outsiders, and the play was carried back again to neutral territory.

From a scrum here, Patterson, who was playing quarter in Marshall's place, and was proved a great acquisition to the home team, picked up the ball in some loose play, and made the best run of the day, taking the ball to within a few yards of St. Joseph's line. The game now had to be stopped for a few minutes owing to a slight injury to Manning, caused through stopping Patterson's fine run.

On play being resumed St. Joseph got the ball out to their halves. Manning (who had quite recovered) making a good run, taking the ball nearly to St. John's twenty-five yard line. Good work, on the part

of the visiting forwards carried the play, to within a couple of yards of the home goal line, and from a scrum on the line, one of St. Joseph's forwards dashed over, and scored the first try of the match. Manning took the kick, but was unsuccessful. St. John made matters quite lively for a time, but the effort was too great to be continued and St. Joseph's very nearly scored again, in fact, they thought they had done so, their own touch judge having first given it as touch in goal by holding up his play, and then reversed his decision, but the referee properly, held him to his first decision.

St. John dropped out from the twenty-five but St. Joseph's, who were now playing very strong, returned to the attack, and a very fine individual effort on the part of McCloskey, who, securing the ball on St. John's twenty-five yard line, evaded all his opponents, and scored the second try for his side. Manning again took the place kick, and although making a splendid attempt, failed to add the major points. No side was called immediately leaving St. Joseph's victors by 6 points (2 tries), to St. John's 0.

For too much talking by the players was indulged in, and it is a great pity the captains of the respective sides, did not hold their men in check more. St. John were not so much the offenders, as St. Joseph's, who one and all seemed to have made up their minds to dispute the referee on every possible occasion, yet if any of them had been ordered off the field, (a power the referee has the right to enforce) they would no doubt have considered themselves unfairly treated.

Both packs of forwards played an excellent game and were well matched. St. John were the heavier, but what St. Joseph's lacked in weight, they made up in combined play. Of the quarters, Patterson, was the best on the field, and proved a tower of strength to St. John.

At half back St. John were decidedly weak, and but for hard individual play on the part of Fairweather, who did some excellent kicking, and Burpee, St. John would have been let down badly at times. Ellis played a good game, during the first half

but tired and fell off during the second. Of the visiting sides halves Manning was the best, and although quite badly hurt at the commencement of the second half, played a good hard game and, kicked well. The second try for St. Joseph's scored by McCloskey, was a very brilliant individual effort but it showed up the weak defence of the home team's outsiders. St. Joseph's seemed to think the referee, hard on them, because he would not allow their quarters, when throwing in from touch, to bounce the ball, catch it, and then kick; the play is quite legitimate, provided they conform with Rule, No. 12, which distinctly says, "the player, when catching the ball must have both feet in the field of play." This they neglected to do and thus failing to conform to the rule were pulled up by the referee.

BASKET BALL.

Match at the Y. M. C. A.

An interesting game of basket ball was played yesterday afternoon, in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium, between teams captained by Will Brown and Fen Brown, the former's team winning with a score of 13 to 3.

The line up was as follows: Will Brown, Fen Brown, Robt. Staling, James Ledingham, Ernest Staling, Harry Roberts, Roy Emery, E. Nobles, Harold Belyea, Roly Smith. The scores for the winning side were made by Will Brown, Robt. Staling and Roy Emery, and for the defeated side by Fen Brown, Jim Ledingham and Harry Roberts.

Basket ball is becoming a very popular in-door sport now, and the boys of the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium are very fond of it. Games will be played each Thursday until Jan. 5.

ATHLETICS.

Fredericton in Line.

At Fredericton, last night President McCreith and Secretary Lithgow of the M. P. A. A. met the sporting men and talked over professionalism. The meeting was addressed by the Halifax men and the position of the association thoroughly explained. A motion was passed to the effect that delegates should press upon the association to record the rule that suspends amateurs for playing in professional ball teams. The Marysville Hockey club through its representative, Fred Smith, gave its side of the story regarding the suspension of that club by the association on account of receiving gate receipts. The representatives of the M. P. A. A. spoke encouragingly of the matters of difficulty being amicably settled.

THE RING.

Corbett Was Angry.

When Corbett fought Charlie Mitchell at Jacksonville, Fla., on the afternoon Jan. 25, 1894, the champion's seconds had all they

could do to restrain the Californian from committing a foul. Although an intelligent and usually heady man, Corbett was beside himself with rage that day. There was not much love lost between the pair, and the thought uppermost in Corbett's mind then was to avenge all the insult fancied and real, he thought Mitchell had heaped upon him. It was in the third and last round that Corbett nearly deviated from the path of fairness.

Corbett began with right and left and Mitchell clinched to escape a storm of blows. He was thrown aside, however, and Corbett, grinning like a demon, shot his left to the jaw and Mitchell tumbled headlong to the floor. With his eyes almost sightless, the Briton struggled to regain his feet; Corbett rushed in and was about to commit a foul by striking the dazed Englishman as he crept upon one knee. Jack Dempsey, one of Corbett's seconds, sprang through the rope and roused Corbett to a sense of his position by slapping Corbett smartly over the cheek two or three times and besought him to restrain himself. Even at that, it took all of Dempsey's efforts and that of the referee to prevent his falling on Mitchell when he was down. He acted more like a madman than a fighter that day. Nobody following the strict interpretation of the rules could have complained had Referee "Honest John" Kelly awarded the contest to Mitchell, but the foreigner had nobody at his back who seemed capable of comprehending the gravity of the situation, despite the fact that Corbett's seconds were continually breaking into the ring to control him.

Mitchell Is Prosperous.

Looking to be the double of an English squire, or gentleman of leisure, Charley Mitchell at 43 is rotund, robust and still springy on his feet. Mitchell has succeeded in wiping out all traces of the pugilist from his genial countenance. He lives a happy-go-lucky existence and thoroughly enjoys the income from that \$200,000, which he salted during his ring career.

With his young son he is passing a few months quietly. He recently came under the limelight in his efforts to match Jabez White against Young Corbett. "They make back numbers quickly in the fighting game," he said recently. "I'm only 43, or what in any other line would be considered young. Yet they speak of me as of a graybeard."

"Of course, as far as fighting goes, I'm all in, but I've got a long and active life coming to me yet."

"I think I afford a pretty fair example that a boxer with a good defence can go through many hard battles without sustaining any lasting injuries."

"I never was hit much in the body, for I always made a special point of

protecting that, even at the cost of having to take the blows in the face.

"In my time I've been up against some terrible jolts. I'll never forget the one that John L. Sullivan gave me in our last fight in Chantilly, France. It caught me on the left eye, lifted me in the air and made me turn a complete somersault. A crack with a sledge hammer couldn't have hurt more."

"I never met a man who even classed with him and although they talk about the improvement of our boxers of to-day, I don't think that the best of them could have beaten the Boston boy. He was the gamest of them all."

"I saw him fight Kilrain. John was old, sick and fat. His legs were so bad that between rounds he didn't dare to sit down for fear he wouldn't be able to get up again. His seconds worked on him as he stood in his corner. Yet sheer courage kept him there till he won."

"I always recall with pride that I was the first man to knock him down and that I twice managed to stay with him. That's enough fighting glory for me."

"I can't say that I admire the method of conducting fights in this country. The referee is allowed too much latitude. Every time the men come together in a clinch he goes between and separates them."

"This is not only hard on the men who makes a specialty of fighting, but it also gives a referee a chance to hold one man's hands while the other man lands a blow in a mix up."

With the Boxers.

Alexis Jeffries, itinerant preacher and proud father of James J. Jeffries, champion heavyweight pugilist of the world, was once asked what he thought was the secret of his son's success as a fighter. Jeffries senior knitted his brows, looked at his questioner and then sagely said:

"Because he never loses his temper. Jim was ever a dutiful child. He could control himself under the most trying circumstances. This trait still clings to him, and his profession has not changed it."

Dan Littlejohn is in the pink of condition for his go with Jordan, which takes place at the Joggins Mines on the 16th inst. He leaves for that place next Tuesday.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Six Day Bike Race.

New York, Nov. 11.—Nearly a dozen countries will be represented this year in the annual six day bicycle race at Madison Square Gardens. The race will begin at 12.01 a. m. Dec. 5 and end on the night of Dec. 10.

HE MUST DIE.

Mexico, City, Nov. 10.—The Legislature of the state of Oaxaca has approved the report of the commission of justice denying the right of commutation from capital punishment to John Madden, an American, who killed Dr. Richard D. King, at Oaxaca. The killing excited indignation in the English-speaking colony of Oaxaca.

GRAND FALLS.

Alien Labor Law--G. T. P. Survey--Hunting Moose--Mr. Costigan's Majority.

Grand Falls, Nov. 10.—George Mocker, who had removed with his family from here to Columbia Falls, Me., last July, returned on election day ostensibly to vote. When he departed on the day following the election, fifteen men, all residents of Grand Falls, accompanied him. Word was received here yesterday from Calais, Me., that Mocker and his party had been arrested and imprisoned there, charged with violating the Alien Labor Act. The United States officials claim that Mocker contracted with the men in Canada to labor in the woods near Columbia Falls in direct violation of the United States Statutes. The offence his punishable with a heavy fine and imprisonment, but it is likely the parties can establish their innocence.

Another Grand Trunk Pacific survey party arrived in town last night, and under the direction of Chas. Gorden, C. E., will survey a line from Grand Falls to Woodstock. The following persons compose the party. Chas. B. Breakenin, Chas. O. Maguire, Sydney, C. B.; H. T. Jones, O. W. Bulmer, Ed. Bulman, John Farley, Wm. Whitley and Harley Estey, Woodstock.

James L. Avity and A. McIntosh, St. John, are here on a moose hunting trip. They will depart for the woods today under the guidance of Frank Price.

T. A. Lawson, representing R. G. Dun & Co., St. John, and Frank R. Fairweather, St. John, are in town today.

Declaration proceedings were held at 11 a. m. Tuesday, when Sheriff Gaynor, returning officer, declared Hon. John Costigan elected to represent this constituency in parliament. The official vote was Costigan 2176, Marner 985, majority for Costigan 1188. Mr. Costigan, accompanied by Harry Armstrong, his grandson, departed Tuesday evening for Ottawa. A large bonfire was started at the station, and he departed at the huzzars and cheers of the crowd.

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