

NEWS of SPORT

ALL BLACKS HAVE BACK WHO WEIGHS 247 LBS.

Touring New Zealand Rugby Squad Sailed From Montreal for the Old Country This Week.

The Montreal Star describes the New Zealand Rugby team as follows: Twenty-eight bronzed and husky New Zealanders forming the famous All-Blacks rugby team now en route for Great Britain on their 1926-27 tour, stepped off the Transcontinental Limited at Bonaventure Station this morning. Their stay in this city was necessarily very short for they sailed for England on the Minnedosa later on in the morning.

The All-Blacks, with very few exceptions are of big and sturdy physique bearing unmistakable signs of the excellent football condition they are in despite their long journey from the Antipodes. They are obviously unused to our cool mornings for all were swathed in ulsters while several wore heavy black and white scarves wound around their throats. Each hat of the twenty-eight voyagers bears a black and white band with a badge at the front bearing the letters "N. Z." Their baggage is liberally placarded ALL-BLACKS 1926-27 Tour, while the famous penguin lurks in a corner.

"All Blacks" Alright.

In reply to the doubt expressed in part of the local press, the alert little manager of the invading team remarked, "We are every one of us fully entitled to bear the All-Blacks colors and insignia, despite any statements to the contrary. As a matter of fact, anything in the way of a football aggregation coming from New Zealand can call themselves All-Blacks with full rights."

Manager E. H. Mair said that his team would be returning home through Canada in February. "We

VIC FLEMING WON TWO RACES AT CLEVELAND

Hambletonian Stake Race for \$75,000 at Syracuse Next Week—Feature of Opening.

Cleveland, Aug. 27—The Home Brew sweepstakes the feature event of the closing day's Grand Circuit card at North Randall, was won by H. K. Devereux's chestnut colt, Adam a son of Arion Guy, in straight heats. Vic Fleming, the Dundas, Ont. teamster drove and made every post a winning one. The best time of the race was the first heat, which was negotiated in 2.12 1-5.

Fleming made it a field day by winning the 2.11 trot with The Editor, which ruled heavy favorite and the final of the meeting, a classified trot, with Lucille Paige, the Chicago owned mare.

J. F. Cartnell the Hanover, Ohio trainer, won the third event a classified pace with Jackie O'Connor a straight heat victory.

Following the close of the meeting here the majority of the Grand Circuit horses were shipped to Syracuse where the next meeting in the chain begins Monday afternoon with the \$75,000 Hambletonian stake featuring the opening.

know that bad weather conditions

would absolutely put football out of possibility in the East, though we will play a game in Vancouver no doubt, before we sail for home."

Immediately after leaving the train the team climbed into a big charabanc and departed for the steamship sheds singing a rollicking song, the truck groaning under their weight. Devine, a member of the team, is the heaviest back in all New Zealand and tips the scales at an even 247 pounds.

HERB PENNOCK WINS TWENTIETH GAME OF YEAR

Pittsburgh Shut Out New York and Stayed at Top of National—Other Games.

New York, Aug. 27—Pittsburgh retained its lead in the National League scramble today by trimming the New York Giants 4 to 0.

Cincinnati remained right behind the Pirates by defeating Brooklyn, 4 to 0.

The St. Louis Cardinals dropped back into third place when the Phillies handed them another 9 to 7 defeat.

Tony Kauffman pitched a steady game for the Chicago Cubs and finished on the winning end by 5 to 1 over the Boston Braves. The Cubs have won six straight.

American League.

Herb Pennock hung up his 20th victory for the season today when the New York Yankees won the opening of the series with Detroit 4 to 1, Pennock allowing eight hits, four of which were made by Heilmann.

The St. Louis Browns won their first game of the season in Philadelphia when they defeated the Athletics, 7 to 1.

Chicago trimmed the Washington Senators 5 to 3.

Pitcher Sherrod Smith's home run in the twelfth inning won the second game of a double header for Cleveland, 5 to 4 after walking away from the Boston Red Sox in the first game by a 9 to 3 score.

Toronto, Ont., Aug. 27—Corbett Dennenay, former Saskatoon star forward stated here that he would sign today for the Detroit team in the National Hockey League. Dennenay is the speed merchant who played for years in Toronto. He finished second in goal getting in the Western Canada League last winter.

RICKARD GIVES REASON FOR NO WILLS MATCH

Considers Colored Man Second - Rate Fighter — Dempsey Perfectly Willing to Take Him On.

New York, Aug. 26—Tex Rickard today for the first time explained the real reasons why he has never made a serious effort to put on a heavyweight championship match between Jack Dempsey and Harry Wills. He also defended Dempsey against the charge that he had been avoiding the colored challenger through fear.

In a formal statement, Rickard said:

"It has so frequently been stated that Dempsey is afraid of Wills that I feel that it is due to the champion that I make a plain statement of facts, refute some statements which have been both inaccurate and venomous and give the public the opportunity to reach an unbiased judgment.

Learned From Experience.

"My experience with the Jeffries-Johnson bout long ago convinced me that a Dempsey-Wills match would not be a good thing for boxing. As I became better acquainted with the game and talked with persons of influence, I saw no reason to change this opinion. I have made more negro champions and promoted more mixed bouts than any other man in the country, but I did not think it wise to hold this particular match.

"Nevertheless in September 1924 I prepared to hold it with the ready consent of Dempsey and even went so far as to have tickets printed. A few of those tickets are still in existence. That the bout was never held was no fault of the contestants or of mine.

"Finally I decided to match Dempsey with Tunney, whom I considered and still consider, his most dangerous opponent. In March of this year I wired Dempsey, saying I wanted him to box Tunney. His telegram in reply read:

"Why not Wills?"

"When I went to Fort Worth to meet him he asked me the same question but I told him that for business reasons I did not wish to promote a Wills bout, and that I did not believe it could be held.

Dempsey Willing.

"Dempsey had given me sole power to represent him before the New York Boxing Commission. That meant that I was empowered to go before the commission and agree that Dempsey would box any opponent I named. I had already agreed to give Tunney the match but, if I had switched to Wills, Dempsey not only would have been willing but would have been more pleased. I believe Tunney the tougher opponent and thought he would make the better battle.

"I make this statement as a mere matter of justice to one of the greatest of heavyweight champions."

EXPECT BIG RUGBY SEASON IN MONTREAL

Montreal comment on the Montreal English Rugby practices is as follows:—

The club under the changed conditions this season is anticipating a banner year. New material is promised, including players of experience both from the Old Country and the Maritimes. From the latter district it is expected that Fraser who last year captained the University of New Brunswick team, MacTier Cup winners will be available. Fraser is at present in the Gatineau. He is expected in Montreal shortly, however. The Montreal Big Four rugby squad has been seeking his services but the stellar young halfback is reported to be keener on playing football under the English Union code and will be out with the Montreal English, if at all.

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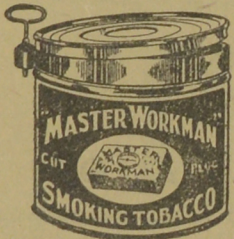
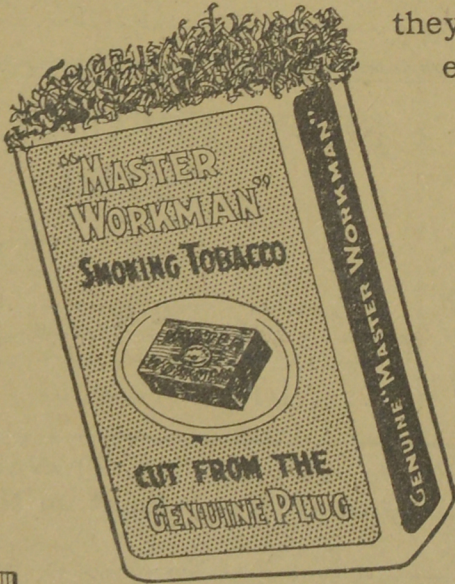
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