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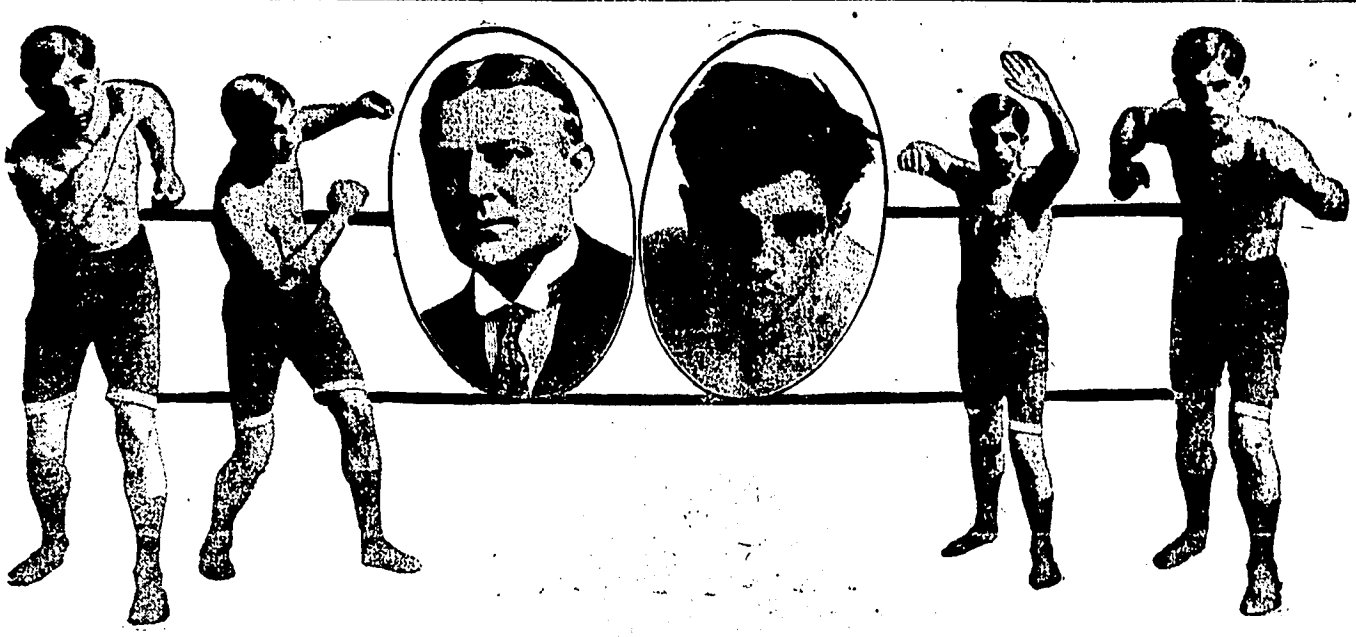

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SOCCER IS BOUND TO WIN

FOOTBALL THAT REQUIRES NO HEAVYWEIGHTS HAS PLACE WAITING FOR IT IN THE UNIVERSITIES.

, New York, Dec. 18.—There is every vidence that soccer is shortly to come nto its own at three big universities t least. The Yale eleven has already layed a greater number of games this all than has ever been the case bepre. Princeton, although not in the ntercollegiate Soccer league, is deeloping considerable enthusiasm for his sport. And it became known reently that the Harvard athletic auhorities intend to raise soccer to the lane of major sports, including it in he category with football, rowing, aseball and track. The army will also oin the procession at an early date, o that before very long there is every eason to believe that this open footall will be played on all college camuses.

The Harvard soccer team has already had a very considerable amount f practice and is getting more daily n Soldier's fied, which has usually een a sort of "deserted village" at this me of the year. All that has been hanged. Now there are usually four r five and sometimes more soccer levens kicking and dribbling the ball. stead of waiting for the spring, when e regular series of intercollegiate ccer games is scheduled, to develop e team Harvard may be said to have the present moment several elevens l highly proficient in this game. And e Crimson is making no secret of its tention and desire to carry off the hampionship this coming year.

Not only is soccer being played by e members of the large squad now andidates for the soccer "H," but the arvard hockey men have been using whereby to get into condition. Many andidates for the track and "gym" ams have also been out in the past rtnight for the same purpose. This ate of affairs will continue until the hristmas holidays, when the game ill probably be allowed to lapse until irly well along into the spring, when e ground will again be in such conition as to permit further play.

Several leading colleges will be met rly in the season, and Harvard has ery hope of defeating them all. Parcularly is she desirous of doing so w that it is the intension to further ccer as a major art. But there is other impulse which has had a very nsiderable influence on the Crimson's recent decision to put this game a par with all others.

It is felt in Cambride—particularly the students of the undergraduates hools—that the present game of colge football is not for them, nor can be made so regardless of any anges which may be made in the es. They feel, according to a Harrd senior, that the gravest defect of odern college athletics is that they not playable by a properly representative portion of the university. According to him, what is needed in every ch institution today is a game that ll require very little equipment—reby permitting the man of slender ans and who is not a member of a versity squad to play it—and yet small velop initiative, courage, agility and eed. It is to soccer, therefore, that Harvard undergraduates are now king for this purpose.

"Talk football as it is played today," d this Harvard man, "and what ance have I got in it?" (The speaker s a slender man, weighing some 145 unds, and standing about five feet, en.) "They'd get my scalp so ickly in that game that I'd never n known I'd been the leading figure the massacre. Yet I love outdoor ort. So that by virtue of my defiency in weight and size I'm kept m doing any real athletic work in fall. So is almost every man in lege situated like myself.

What we need, therefore, is a safe sane sport that every one of us play and enjoy. We do not want elaborate coaching system or ining table. We just want to feel t, once we've got our muscles hardd up by running around, we can get and play a hard, fast game without r of serious injury—and do this redless of the weight of the men inst whom we play. In a game like cer a big man has 'nothing on' his aller opponent, speed and courage far more in demand than mere te strength. So that if you are try- to find a game that every college n or preparatory school boy can y safely and with profit, you've simgot to admit soccer's claims.

That's why the faculty at Harvard given a practically unanimous conent to make soccer a major sport. Now e we've gained athletic training in ame for every student, regardless size, weight and strength of his y or purse. Soccer is bound to be e 'every man's game.' I'm glad that vard has taken the lead and initia- in this movement."

r. Cecil Herbert of the Yale uniity faculty recently remarked that day of soccer was dawning in erica, particularly for men who e under 35 or 40 years of age and ted some sport a little more vio- than golf. He pointed out that, ided a man's heart was in good e so that he could withstand the in of running, there was no reason he world why a man of so-called idle" age should not play soccer.

believe it will be generally admit- he said, "that a team sport is er than a merely individual one. ny good team game a man is deped to his highest point of indiual usefulness, but with an eye to taking an allotted and carefully ned place in a machine. His initiv is developed not to the point of shness, but to the better plane of denial and effacement for a comcause.

ne of the greatest defects of athin America—excepting only base-is that far too many people of all are content to be mere spectators not participants. What they ld seek, instead of watching, ing the game, some good, healthy e. Golf and tennis are all well gh for the individual. What we is some game that, like baseball, be almost universally played and most all times of the year. Soccer e nearest thing to an all-yeard game that I know of."

CK O'BRIEN NAMES TERMS.

iladelphia, Dec. 18.—Jack O'Brien, local middleweight, has stated his s for a series of bouts in Austn. "Gentleman Jawn's" services n demand by the Antipodean proers, and it may be that this deils will be complied with. O'Brien s $25,000 for bouts with Bill Lang, Squires and Tommy Burns. In adn full expenses for the trip must ven to the local man.

ALL HORSES GET CHANCE

MILTON HENRY COMES HOME AN ENTHUSIAST OVER. MANNER OF RUNNING RACES ON FRENCH TRACKS.

New York, Dec. 18.—Never was there an American come home from abroad who sung the praises of the French turf higher than does Milton Henry, the American jockey, who has been displaying his skill on the tracks in that country for the past five or six years.

"It is sport for sport's sake over there," is the way he puts in. Every man likes to win there, but he resorts to no unfair means to do so. It's hardly a sport for the poor man in France, so money is no incentive for one owner to pull his horse in one race that he might get the books asleep in another later on. Every time an owner starts his horse he wants to win, and so every race is a contest on its merits, and the best horse of that day usually carries off the prize. Of course, a mistake of a jockey might change the result as it should be, but the mistake is never willful.

"And when a jockey does make a mistake he is not 'called down' and 'bawled out' by the owner and trainer before the crowd. He is called aside and told that he made an error, and that is the end of it.

"There are very few big bettors in France. All speculations on the races is done on the Pari-Mutuel system, and accordingly there is no inducement for a bookmaker to bribe a rider or a trainer."

"The French horse is far superior to the American breed," went on Henry. "He is bigger in every way. They breed horses on the other side for endurance and speed, while in America the cultivating of the speed strain is the main object. There are no horses over there that are built on the greyhound style as they are in this country. They are all well formed and made to look as pretty as possible.

"When a horse starts to thin down from racing a trainer would not think of putting him in a race, even though his chances of winning would be the greatest in the world. He wants his horse to look sleek and fine going to the post, and he does not start him again until he has fattened out. A horse over there is treated by the owner and trainer like one of the family. He is given every attention that is possible.

"Every owner has a house full of grooms to look after the racers. If a trainer should wipe a handkerchief over his horse's coat and the least bit or dust or dirt should show on it, the groom would be in for a fine 'call down.' Appearances are everything in France, and they carry even as far as their horses. They doll them up like a maid does her mistress, and often they go so far as to marcel their fur. Any way, they are pretty looking sights going to the post."

"As for jockeys," Henry continued, "there are very few home-bred riders. The reason for that is that just as soon as a boy becomes 15 or 20 years old he is grabbed and has to serve his time in the army. If he has any ability as a rider, he is just about developing when he has to answer the call of his country. All the jockeys over there are in the main of French-English descent, but now there are quite a few Americans riding there. The American style of riding has been generally adopted. A small boy has no chance over there. That is due to the horse being so high. The little fellows can not hold their charges, and in a race they would carry them all over the track. A short rein is out of the question there, and a boy has to be strong-armed to hold the heavy heads of the French-bred horses."

But France is the ideal country for racing. They have a system of series racing there that is sure to land a horse a winner some time or another unless the horse is the worst dub in the world. Every horse in France can win a race if he can be made to hold his condition.

Of France, Henry said it is the ideal country, and that he would not be surprised if he made it his home even after his riding days are over. He now rides at about 118 pounds, and has no trouble in holding the weight. If he did he would be in bad, he says, because trainers over there do not care for a boy to reduce to make weight to keep an engagement in a race. There the events, as a rule, are all over long distances of ground, and a jockey has to have a lot of reserve strength in order to hold his own with the other riders.

Henry is under contract to the Barons Rothschilds, and says that they are the finest people he ever met in his life. They treat him like a gentleman and applaud his efforts even though his mount might not land in front.

JACK ATKIN TO RETIRE

THIS WINTER'S CAMPAIGN UPON FLORIDA TRACKS IS LAST FOR BEST SON OF THE GREAT SAIN.

New York, Dec. 18.—When Barney Schreiber was at Lexington attending the November sale of the Fasig-Tipton Co. he told his friends that after this winter's campaign in Florida, Jack Atkin would go to his Woodlands farm in Missouri to take his place beside the successful Sain. Sain is getting along in years and Mr. Schreiber intends that Jack Atkin, the fastest of his sons, shall take his place as the head of the establishment. Bannockburn, who was a better race horse than Sain, has not been a stud success, although he has sent Horace E. and one or two other fast horses to the races.

Jack Atkin, under the skilfull handling of Trainer John Powers, ran some very creditable races last season. All things considered, he was one of the best weight-carrying sprinters the season developed. But he was not the horse he had been. He had lost much of the early foot which formerly made him formidable in races of three-quarters of a mile and seven furlongs with the fastest sprinters of the country. Inasmuch as Jack Atkin is not a distance runner he could not be of much use to Mr. Schreiber in sprint races because of this lack of early foot.

The big horse should make good in the stud. He is a robust fellow of fine disposition and he has the speed which modern breeders like so much in stallions. Jack Atkin's best races were the Cater and Metropolitan handicaps of 1908, both of which he won in handsome style from first-rate opponents.

Mr. Schreiber has done a good deal during the last year or so toward reorganizing Woodlands farm. He has sold off many of his cheap mares and, to a certain extent, replaced them with the best material obtainable in Kentucky.

LATONIA WILL BE USED

ROME RESPESS SAYS PREVENTION OF BOOKMAKING BY COURTS OF KENTUCKY WILL NOT KILL SPORT.

Cincinnati, Dec. 18.—Rome Respess, whose home is in Ohio, said that the prevention of bookmaking by the Kentucky courts will have nothing whatsoever to do with the Latonia races, except perhaps to kill a bit of the patronage.

"Of course I haven't a controlling stock in the track," said Respess, "but I know that, with the valuation of the property and the plans which are being made now for next year, we will have racing there. I think Latonia can run without books and make money, but not under present conditions. I believe that the handbook evil is the cause of Latonia being a loser in the last few years. If the management of the track can induce the people to come out and play the mutuels, I feel sure that the track can run and make money.

"I am personally in favor of mutuel machines; but, remember, I am speaking as an individual and not for the Latonia track. I have no voice in the affairs of that organization whatsoever, this being denied me by the ruling people there. My stock, however, is paying good dividends, and I only wish I had a barrel of it instead of the little I own."

JOHNNY WARD

The picture in the golf costume was taken at the links with former Champion Travis.

INDOOR ATHLETIC MEET

BOSTON ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION WILL CONDUCT AFFAIRS NEXT FEBRUARY AND BLANKS ARE ISSUED.

Boston, Dec. 18.—Entry blanks for the twenty-first annual indoor invitation athletic meet to be held on February 12, under the auspices of the Boston Athletic association, have been issued. In order to provide more interesting competition it has been decided to replace the five-mile run by a three-mile race. The latter race will be of more interest, it is thought. The events are open to all registered A. A. U. athletes and the list will be closed on January 29 with George B. Billings, chairman of athletic committee B. A. A.

In connection with the meet certain stipulations have been made in the forty yards handicap race, preparatory and high schools will be limited to four entries. In the running high jump competitors must show that they have cleared at least five feet three inches and in the shot putting events the entrants must show performances better than thirty-eight feet in order to enter. The list of events is as follows:

Handicap Events—Forty-yard dash (nine feet limit); 600-yard dash (thirty yards limit); forty-five-yard high hurdle race (three flights, three feet six inches high, nine feet limit); putting sixteen-pound shot (five feet limit); high jump (six-inch limit).

Special Events—Three-mile run, putting twelve-pound shot, forty-yard dash.

The usual relay race will be arranged between the following universities, colleges and clubs:

Harvard, Princeton, Cornell, Dartmouth, Amherst, University of Maine, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Massachusetts Agricultural college, Syracuse Irish-American Athletic club, University of Vermont, Boston college, Yale, University of Pennsylvania, Harvard chess teams, Williams, Brown, Bates, Tufts, Bowdoin, New York, A. C. B. A. A., Holy Cross, Columbia and Wesleyan.

FOOTBALL CAPTAINS.

New York, Dec. 18.—The captains of 1910 football elevens have been elected at many of the colleges.

From a list of twenty-six selections eleven captains-elect are halfbacks, five are fallbacks, two quarterbacks, and the remaining eight linemen.

GOSSIP OF THE BIG FIGHT

MULDOON SAYS HE EXPECTS TO SEE JOHNSON WIN BY TIRING OUT JEFFRIES RATHER THAN BY SKILL.

New York, Dec. 18.—Although rather early to begin talking about the result of the fight that is scheduled to take place on the Fourth of July between Jeffries and Johnson, the subject crops up in pugilistic circles every hour or so. "Bill" Muldoon, who probably knows as much about fighters and their ability as any one man this side of Egypt, was very talkative on the merits of the principals a day or so ago.

He has fitted many a good man in his day for the ring and had much to do with the last bare-knuckle fight between Sullivan and Kilrain at Richburg, Miss., nearly nineteen years ago. This was the last bare-knuckle fight, London prize ring rules, in this country.

In speaking of Jeffries and Johnson Muldoon leans slightly in favor of Johnson, not that he would like to see Jeffries win, but when he expresses himself neither creed nor color enters the argument—it is a question of man and man, physique against physique and ability against ability. His first opposition to Jeffries is the fact that he has been out of training for a number of years, and as he puts it: "An athlete can not absent himself from the ring for so long a period and then come back as good as he was when he left it, especially if he has led an indolent life or a life that has not a healthful attachment to it."

He argues that although there is but the difference between the ages of the men, the colored man has the advantage, and what is more in his favor, he has been in continuous action for the past six years, while Jeffries has done nothing in the pugilistic line during that time. "I should not be at all surprised," said Muldoon, "to see the outcome of the fight very similar to that which occurred in New Orleans when Corbett wearied Sullivan into defeat by his youth and staying ability. When men get on in years they wear down in any contests, especially so when they have been out of the game for some time. It is 100 to 1 that Jeffries will never be able to punch the bag as long and as hard as he could six years ago, and that is the best indication that he is not as good as he was. I look for Johnson to win, but there is one thing he will have to be mindful of, and that is that in the early stages of the game he must not let Jeffries get 'one in on him' or there will be some counting, and if he should happen to get two jolts close together there will be a chance for a Johnson funeral in the neighborhood, for Jeffries has a jolt that is damaging."

GOOD BOWLING.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 18.—Although the season is very early yet there is some excellent bowling being done in the various senior leagues in this city, and experts declare that Montreal will turn out a couple of teams next year that will be able to make a good showing in the Canadian and American leagues this March. The "Canucks" who went to the United States tourney last season, are at the head of the movement and are looking towards an all-Montreal combination of two six-men teams.

The idea is to take in first the All-American bowling congress, which holds its tourney at Detroit, and afterwards the Canadian bowling tourney, which holds its meet in Toronto.

The trip will not be made till March, which gives nearly the entire season for the purpose of trying out and selecting men to make up the teams.

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