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# In the World of Sport

## RUGBY FOOTBALL IS FORTY-NINE YEARS OLD

### First Gridiron Match in America Played at Rutgers in Fall of 1869.

When Rutgers College, of New Brunswick, N.J., celebrated its one hundred and fiftieth anniversary two years ago, the place of honor was given to the survivors of the immortal Rutgers football team of 1869—the men who helped to defeat Princeton in the first intercollegiate gridiron match ever played either in America or England.

This game was played off at New Brunswick 49 years ago, November 8, 1869, and an interesting account of the clash of the rival "25's" has been resurrected from the columns of the New Brunswick *Fredonian*. The reporter who covered the first college football match wrote as follows:

"Our neighbor, Princeton, sent her chosen 24 stalwart men, and one Goliath, to combat our 25 striplings. There is not recorded in the history of the Olympic games a more interesting and decisive match played in so short a time by such a number of contestants as this game was. Rutgers led off by winning the first inning amid the vociferous cheering of the bystanders.

"Princeton seemed to play a little wild at the beginning, but the second inning they recovered themselves and came out victors. So it continued, off and on, one gaining, then another, until the ninth and tenth innings, when notwithstanding the Rutgers quickly and boldly followed in successive victories, giving them six runs to four of Princeton—thereby coming off conquerors, which was hailed with exultant shouts of applause by the admirers of Rutgers."

### "Jimmy" Archer Retires.

"Jimmy" Archer, the Toronto boy, once the Cubs' star catcher, has retired from baseball. He was a member of the Brooklyn, Pirates and Cincinnati Reds last season, and at times he displayed flashes of his old skill. But Archer's permanently crippled right hand interfered with his throwing, so that he was used only in emergencies. Archer might secure a position as coach, but he says that he prefers to go into business. Thus the national game loses one of the greatest ball players that ever put on a mask.

### Beat Famous Donaldson.

Sergt. Chas. Kelly, one of George Goulding's sprinting prodigies at Toronto Central Y.M.C.A., recently turned in a splendid victory over Jack Donaldson of South Africa, the world's professional sprinting champion. Kelly was only a fair sprinter before going overseas, but has improved greatly. At a recent meet in France he ran third in the century, but in the 220 yard dash Kelly, outclassed the veteran Donaldson in a rousing finish.

### To Curl For Gordon Medal.

International curling for the Gordon medal between teams from the United States and Canada will be resumed this winter, according to an announcement made by the Boston Curling Club. The games will be held in Montreal. Boston will be represented by teams from the Brookline Country Club, the Braesburn Country Club and the Boston Curling Club.

### Smith's Falls Curlers Prepare.

Curling promises to be as popular as ever this winter in Smith's Falls, and plans are in the making for a good winter's sport. The membership list is already about eighty, including a number of new men. The annual fee is ten dollars, which covers everything, and it is expected that by the time the season opens there will be a club of one hundred members.

### It's Reasonable.

Sam Langford and Jeff Clarke, two heavyweights whose epidermises are very bristly, have a habit of fighting each other every once in a while and either one or the other wins by a shade, according to the local writers. Clarke is called the "Fighting Ghost." There is no reason, therefore, why he should not win by a shade.

### Sell Cobb? Well No.

Every year we hear something from New York to the effect that Ty Cobb is to go to the Yankees in a big deal. And every year it is found that the report is awry. It has come forth again, but it's a safe wager that, as usual, it's only more talk. Frank Navin might just as well close up his ball park as peddle Cobb.

## BIG LEAGUES START ANEW.

### They Are Learning The Lesson of Reconstruction.

The war-begotten instinct to reconstruct already has resulted in one big trade in baseball, and others of equal magnitude are foreshadowed in the early future.

Recent developments have testified to the slow but steady progress being made toward a restoration of normal conditions in the national sport. On all sides are to be observed the signs of transition from a war to a peace basis. Yet only the beginning has been made, and, in view of the greater problems that lie ahead, it is not surprising that almost everywhere there should be hesitation.

With New York Americans showing the way in the work of expansion, it is altogether probable other major league managers will also bolster clubs in anticipation of a prosperous campaign. Manager Huggins himself has one or two big deals in the making, and there are likely to be kaleidoscopic changes in the makeup of several other clubs in both leagues. Indeed, baseball men anticipate more trading activity this winter than has occurred in any period of between-season idleness in years.

### Pacific Coast Hockey.

Ten home matches for each club are called for in the coming season's Pacific Coast Hockey Association schedule, with a play-off at the end of the season for the championship and the right to play the eastern winners for the Stanley Cup. The initial game of the season is staged for Seattle on New Year's Day when Vancouver oppose Seattle. The schedule ends on March 10th, when Victoria faces Vancouver, Victoria, Vancouver and Seattle are the teams in the league.

### Motor Racing Game.

Now that the war is over folks are wondering what Eddie Rickenbacker, the champion American ace, will do. It is not very probable that he will go back into automobile racing, which was his forte before he went to the other side. It would be no surprise to see him the leader of aerial carnivals. Now that aviation has developed to such a degree that races through the air probably will be more popular than the automobile races of other days.

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London, Dec. 24.—The whole country is preparing for the first old-fashioned English Christmas in five years, with more than old-fashioned enthusiasm. Nearly all the soldiers to Great Britain are flocking to their homes on a twelve days' leave; thousands more are crossing the Channel, while colonials and Americans are pouring in for sightseeing.

London is the clearing house for soldiers from every section, muddy and loaded with equipment. They fill all the incoming and outgoing trains. The shopping districts are thronged with greater masses of buyers than ever before have been known. The prices are higher than ever also, but the shop shelves are being swept clean. Theatres and restaurants are doing a record business. No hotel rooms are vacant, and seaside and inland resorts are filling up with lefty people, while the country people are coming into the city.

The east coast resorts, which were deserted for nearly four years because they were in the first line of naval bombardment and air raids, are regaining their old time prosperity.

## RACING SANCTIONED

### English Derby to Be Run on June 4.

The British Government has officially sanctioned the revival of racing and the sport will be resumed on a large scale in 1919. The Derby will be run at Epsom Downs on June 4, and the big meetings have been arranged for Goodwood, Doncaster and Ascot. The season will open with the Lincolnshire Handicap on March 24, and three days later the Grand National steeplechase will be run at Liverpool.

### Racing Values Increased.

Despite the restricted number of meetings during the past racing season there have been more runners for the various events than in 1917, the figures being 359 two-year-olds, 562 three-year-olds, 296 four-year-olds and over. In 1917 the runners included 304 two-year-olds; 467 three-year-olds; 296 four-year-olds and 309 five-year-olds and over. Total in 1918, 2,196; 1917, 1,900, an increase of 296. The amount of stake money won under Newmarket rules in 1917 was \$790,366; in 1918 it was \$1,077,269, an increase of \$287,260.

### Abe Met His Master.

AT Epsom, who used to manage Abe Attel, makes the assertion that Abe was the greatest little fighter that ever lived. Evidently he forgets the bout that Abe had with Jean Driscoll, the English feather, at the old National Sporting Club in Twenty-fourth street. That night Driscoll made Attel, who was still champion, and in good condition, look like a novice.

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