

PROFESSIONAL LACROSSE AND HOCKEY PLAYERS GOOD LIVERS

In an interesting interview with a representative of the Montreal Herald, Don Cameron, Cornwall lacrosse player, who was with Vancouver all last season, takes the view that professionalism is stamping out many of the distracting influences of sport.

"There is scope for argument as to whether rough play on the field is becoming eliminated," says the veteran, "but in the general moral habits of players there is a vast improvement."

"Managers won't stand for intemperate habits nowadays. In lacrosse they are willing to pay good money for clever and reliable players, but unless the men keep themselves in condition they will be cruising about for another job."

"Professionalism, however dark it appears to some, has helped many a disciple to a better moral condition. Players have come to realize that they must take care of themselves during the playing season with the result that the big majority continue along the straight and narrow path after the schedule is completed."

"Loose habits are becoming a thing of the past in Canadian athletics. Lacrosse players and hockey players of today in professional circles are steering clear of the lurid lights and the wet goods emporiums. They've been taught that physical condition is a running mate of character and they're playing the competition in a manner which would open the eyes of the anti-professional crowd. Amateurs generally take their cue from professionals, so that there is bound to be better morals all down the line."

Don has a great admiration for the New Westminster lacrosse team, having played all season with Vancouver against the Salmonbellies, he has had many opportunities to study their methods. Don has come to the conclusion that the New Westminster world champion lacrosse team is absolutely flawless and that unless something totally unexpected happens it will be years before the Minto cup is plucked from British Columbia.

"The Salmonbellies have every

trick in lacrosse up their sleeve," said Don, "and right now they look invincible. Their running passing, one of the features of their play, will never be excelled."

BROWN ANXIOUS FOR GO

Calgary Papers Get After Bayley and Say That He Is Dodging Pat Brown.

Calgary, Oct. 25.—The sporting editor of the News-Telegram takes exception to the remarks of Morris Condon, Bayley's manager, that Brown was stalling and did not want a bout. Brown offered to put up a substantial forfeit to make 133 pounds three hours before the fight, but Condon refused to listen to anything but ringside, and eagerly bit at the chance of stacking his protégé against Hyland, who had been beaten by Brown within the month, again demonstrating his ability to dodge any man who might put the lightweight title in jeopardy.

Brown expresses the greatest regret that he cannot get the bout, but declares 133 ringside dissipates too much of his strength, but that he is ready to accede to that proposition.

Athletic War

Toronto, Oct. 25.—There is war on in the amateur athletic ranks. A meeting of the Toronto branch of the Amateur Athletic Union has been called and a resolution will be voted upon to oust and to keep out all commercial organizations from entering or taking part in amateur meets. Charges of all descriptions are flying through the air today about certain men having amateur standing but who are stated to have received money at different times under disguise to pay for their commercial services. Every organization in the city is out today after every vote that can be legally cast in the question.

"Pardon me, madam, you've dropped your glove," "Sir, that's my bathing costume."

ITEMS OF SPORT!

Hal Beasley is one grand runner, but if he can step the 100 yards in 9 3-5 seconds it's time to shoot the "movies" at him.

A New York promoter is trying to arrange a muss between Mackey McFarland and Battling Nelson. I, I, I! What next.

The Toronto News suggested that St. Kitts and Cornwall should have played off to see which should come home.

We're satisfied with Ernie Barrieau's performance. Anytime he can get a draw with a man that Joe Bayley sidesteps you know he is making a good showing.

Exit, Al Kaufman. The California heavyweight was once good. So was Jim Corbett, John L. Sullivan and a few others. "It makes no difference, however, what you were," etc.

Toronto has claimed many championships, but the world's sculling championship appears to have successfully dodged Eddie Durnan for all time.

Jack Johnson retired long enough to convince Hugh McIntosh that it would take fifty thousand iron men to get the champion into an Australian ring again.

The coast air seems to have had a bad effect on cup challengers. Cornwall was absolutely outclassed. The Winnipeg C.N. R. Mann Cup challengers and St. Kitts met with no better fate. And St. Kitts have proved themselves easily the best amateur team in the east. We must evidently send our teams out a year ahead to get acclimatized.—Exchange.

JOHNSON CANNOT FIGHT OVER IN AUSTRALIA

Champion Eager to Go After Chicago Trouble, but McIntosh Breaks Off Negotiations.

Sydney, Oct. 25.—W. Kelly, who is in America as the personal representative of Hugh McIntosh to arrange three fights for Jack Johnson, has wired the Sydney promoter that the champion is now anxious to go over for \$5,000 expenses and waive the posting of any forfeit.

McIntosh has replied that in view of the unsavory mess in which Johnson has landed in the Falconet abduction case, it is not in the best interests of clean boxing that Johnson should appear in Australia, and has ordered Kelly to break all negotiations.

THE ODD MAN

Englishman Thought Gifford an Awful Liar About the Odd Man

While the Winnipeg C. N. R. lacrosse team was in New Westminster, prior to the Mann Cup games with Vancouver defenders, they had an opportunity to watch the Salmonbellies at work.

"When the practice concluded Tommy Gifford walked across the field and gave the Mann Cup challengers some timely advice on how to combat the V.A.C.'s style of play. He took great pains to impress upon them not to let Vancouver run in the odd man on them, pointing out that the V.A.C.'s had won most of their games by this trick. A newly arrived Englishman was in the party, and, anxious to learn something about lacrosse, the words of Gifford thickened on his thinking organism.

After the game the old countryman, highly disgusted, passed out a little comment. "That fellow Gifford is an awful liar," he said, "I counted the Vancouver players every minute of the game, and I'll take my oath that they didn't play thirteen against twelve. That odd talk is pure bunk."—Winnipeg Free Press.

The Retort Crushing.

Some people write what seems to them high and noble sentiment on park benches and on walls of buildings in big cities. And they must get a shock if they see what people of opposite views scribble under the aforementioned h. and n. s. For instance, on a prominent part of the wall of a Montreal building a man wrote: "Socialism is coming!" Another man apparently didn't care much for that idea. Underneath the Socialist's declaration he wrote: "So is h—!"

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