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BEN D. CROSE, Sporting Editor

A new plunger has been developed at the California track. He is "Wally" Brinkworth, a protégé of Joe Yager, who started on a shoestring and ran it up to \$15,000 in two weeks.

The days of polo are numbered. Indoor athletics will soon be shelved for the outdoor sports. Baseball, racing, golf and kindred sports will soon hold the interest of the public.

Who said that Harry Pulliam did not have a mind of his own? In sassing the admirable Ban Johnson the way he did last week, he probably caused some of the American League magnates to hold up their hands in amazement.

Funny how the racing associations like the name of "The Derby" for their principal stake events. Every track in the country, under any pretensions now claims its Derby day; in fact, there are no less than sixteen on the record. It's a catchy name, but so English, 'y' know.

Kid McCoy will give Placke, the Hollander, who has just arrived in this country, a sample of American cleverness. They will meet in a six-round bout in Philadelphia on April 1, and while McCoy will be greatly handicapped in weight and height, he should succeed in jabbing the wind out of the foreigner.

A four-time winner, something that has never happened in organized baseball, is the dream of Barney Dreyfuss, owner of the Pittsburghs. Barney has had three dreams of the same sort that have turned out to be real things, but he is liable to wake up next fall and find his fourth attempt nothing but a nightmare.

Metoxen, the famous full back of the Carlisle Indians, is now a full-fledged farmer in the land of his fathers in Michigan. He has turned his back on civilization, despite the efforts of the government, and is contented to till the soil and saw wood. And to think that he might have been a professional ball player or a coach! It is only another case of a good Indian gone wrong.

Marvin Hart, the Louisville fighter whom many think is soon to be a dangerous competitor for heavyweight honors, has begun training for his battle with Gus Ruhlin. The battle will be held in Philadelphia. This will be the second of a series of heavyweight battles which are being scheduled for Philadelphia. Joe Choyinski and Kid McCoy will be principals in others to follow.

Form players at Hot Springs have a new obstacle to contend with in "doping" out the winners. The track has sprung a leak, a small spring is bubbling forth at the eighth pole in the home stretch, and it interferes considerably with the progress of the horses during a race. It is pretty hard to figure whether the "mudder" or the fast track horse will get home first after striking the spring.

Has Jack Rush another world-beater in Kid Emig? The Columbus trainer brought out Kid McCoy several years ago, and was in a great measure largely responsible for McCoy's early training. Now he has a young lad who has been in the ring only once in his life and then defeated Freddie Cole, a very clever youngster. Emig will bear watching, as he has the qualifications of a coming lightweight.

Those pesky little Japs are responsible for a lot of trouble in addition to the sleepless nights they are providing for the czar. Even the American jockeys are feeling the effects of the fighting qualities of the brown fellows. Quite a number of rice-eating engagements in Russia are uncertain whether their contracts will hold good now that the Russians are in a fight, and they are anxious to throw up their jobs.

The last boxing programme given by the Indianapolis Athletic Club furnished a very interesting entertainment for the lovers of the fist game. There was more slugging in the preliminaries than in the main bout, but the wind-up was interesting. Emig looked as if there was not much damage being done, because both Rice and Moran are bulldozers for punishment and did not seem to mind the vicious jabs that both received.

Fitzsimmons says that he will take on any possible challenger in a meeting with Jeffries. He would not mind meeting the champion, were it not for his hands. Of all the others he prefers Corbett, and he will fight him for fun or money and agree to give him a worse beating than at Carson City or forfeit his share of the purse to charity. Fitz says he will take on O'Brien or Tommy Ryan at 185 and would consent to a meeting with Placke, just to show the Hollander that an old man can beat him.

Experts say Munroe has excellent control of his hands, but is not shifty enough on his feet. With about three more fights under his belt, and the tutelage of McCoy in training for them, Munroe would prove a hard proposition for Jeffries, but the miner will not have the chance of more ring experience before meeting Jeffries. Jeffries' principal trouble is his tendency to become complacent. With each fight his weight increases and if it continues to do so he will become too slow and Jack will have a grand chance to wear the championship belt.

There has not been in many years a match between small-sized boxers that is creating so much interest as that between Jimmy Britt, the Pacific coast fighter, and Young Corbett, which will take place in San Francisco on March 25. Undoubtedly there will be considerable betting on the result of the meeting, and it is likely Corbett will maintain his present position and go into the ring a favorite. The boys are a great deal alike in style, both being aggressive and two-handed. Britt has been fighting most of his battles at 125-135 pounds, and there is a question as to whether he is going

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NEWS OF THE WHIST PLAYERS OF INDIANAPOLIS AND STATE

Final Games of the State Tournament Held Last Month Have Not All Been Played—Women's Club Challenge

The final games of the tournament which was held in February have not all been played. The limit for such games was seven days, but it seems to be impossible to have them played within the time specified. After so many such experiences would it not be advisable to play the final games before the tournament is brought to a close?

The final game for the east and west Bronze was played the evening of March 4, by representatives from the Women's Club and from the Indianapolis Club. The contestants were Mrs. A. W. Condit and Mrs. A. N. Braham from the Women's Club and Dr. Anderson and Mr. A. W. Condit from the Indianapolis Club. The score was 14 to 4 in favor of the Indianapolis Club. Gains were made on deals 1 and 15 by the Indianapolis club, 2, 7, 9, 13, 15, 17 and 18 by the men.

The final game between Team No. 7 of the American Club and the Noblesville team was again postponed on account of the absence of one of the Noblesville team. The game was finally played Tuesday afternoon, March 8, at the home of Mrs. G. G. Rittenhouse, 6, E. Hutcherson, 3, W. W. Wood, 6, L. D. Moody, 3, C. Rockwood, 3, J. H. Pirkey, 1, M. B. Wilson, 1.

The meeting of the Women's Club on Tuesday afternoon, it was decided to send a challenge to the winning club for the American Whist Club. The challenge was accepted by Charles D. Johnson, Mrs. J. H. Pirkey, Mrs. R. K. Smith and Mrs. W. C. Lynn as the representatives of the Indianapolis Club.

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BOXING IN NEW YORK. Before another winter sets in there will be another effort to revive the boxing game in New York without a violation of the law. Several clubs in that city have combined with the idea of testing the matter, and the promoters have already consulted an attorney as to a probable plan of a domestic incorporated athletic club can hold the title of boxing club. The club would have its headquarters in the State, provided no admission fee is charged. A club can be made of 500, or for that matter, any number of members who can see these bouts without encountering police interference. The initiation fee and regular dues of each member can be paid the same as in any club, and the boxing bouts are only a part of the programme provided by the "entertainment committee." According to the lawyer the New York Athletic Club is at liberty to hold limited round bouts in its gymnasium for the benefit of its members, and, in fact, any club in New York run on similar lines. It will not be at all surprising if a regular club for boxing is organized which comes within the requirements of the law. The club would have a say they will seek a membership of 5,000 persons, the initiation fee being \$100, and the dues \$25 a month. On this basis it is the plan to hold first-class bouts for members only, with absolutely no rate of admission charged at the door. The men behind the scheme have been assured that they can proceed without legal complications.

CLAUDE IS SELECTED. The California racing contingent has already selected Claude as the winner of the Brooklyn or Suburban handicap, if he comes to the post for both fit and good. This hero of several Derbys last season has made a distinct impression on those who have witnessed his performances on the coast this winter. With only 105 pounds to carry in the weight class, Fitz has been seen and is now to me. Mr. Conners carries the war into the enemy's country by means of it, and fastens a grip that grows deader with each successive fight. He is a fighter, and feel certain that no horse in the country can give him twenty pounds and beat him.

NEWS OF THE WHIST PLAYERS OF INDIANAPOLIS AND STATE

Final Games of the State Tournament Held Last Month Have Not All Been Played—Women's Club Challenge

The final games of the tournament which was held in February have not all been played. The limit for such games was seven days, but it seems to be impossible to have them played within the time specified. After so many such experiences would it not be advisable to play the final games before the tournament is brought to a close?

The final game for the east and west Bronze was played the evening of March 4, by representatives from the Women's Club and from the Indianapolis Club. The contestants were Mrs. A. W. Condit and Mrs. A. N. Braham from the Women's Club and Dr. Anderson and Mr. A. W. Condit from the Indianapolis Club. The score was 14 to 4 in favor of the Indianapolis Club. Gains were made on deals 1 and 15 by the Indianapolis club, 2, 7, 9, 13, 15, 17 and 18 by the men.

The final game between Team No. 7 of the American Club and the Noblesville team was again postponed on account of the absence of one of the Noblesville team. The game was finally played Tuesday afternoon, March 8, at the home of Mrs. G. G. Rittenhouse, 6, E. Hutcherson, 3, W. W. Wood, 6, L. D. Moody, 3, C. Rockwood, 3, J. H. Pirkey, 1, M. B. Wilson, 1.

The meeting of the Women's Club on Tuesday afternoon, it was decided to send a challenge to the winning club for the American Whist Club. The challenge was accepted by Charles D. Johnson, Mrs. J. H. Pirkey, Mrs. R. K. Smith and Mrs. W. C. Lynn as the representatives of the Indianapolis Club.

The following plus scores were made by members of the Indianapolis Whist Club on Saturday night, March 5: Messrs. J. W. Smith