# Interesting News and Gossip of the Track, Ring, Alley and Rink

## BRITT EXPLAINS HOW HE WILL BEAT CORBETT

Says Champion Has Defeated Easy Marks, While He Has Met Tough Ones.

BERGER PICKS BRITT

Heavyweight Says James Can Hit About as Hard as Any Middleweight.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 12.—They're off. Jimmy Britt and Young Corbett will now get down to business for the greatest of great fights. Regarding his chances in the coming fight Britt said:

"I can't show what I can do against big fellows like Sieger and Fitzgerald. I wasn't in the ring those nights to knock them out. That doesn't constitute a win in my mind. You don't have to knock all men out to win. I knew before they came here that they were gluttons for punishment, and all I did was to wear them down and weaken them. I knew my cards and just played right. Well, my fight with Canole was different. Spider Kelly, who was in my corner, knew all the time that my right hand was bad. He knew when I hurt it, and just stalled Canole by yelling, 'Swing your right, Jimmy.' I swung a few wild ones just to make it look good. I fought all night with one hand. You'll see whether I can punch or not the night I meet Corbett. This will be no summer game. It's going to be biff-bang, and one of us will drop before seven rounds have gone. I tell you now that it won't go to the limit, and see if I'm not right."

"I guess you're not confident, Jimmy," chirped one of the friends while lighting a new pill.

"Well, I have a right to be," piped James. "I know what I can do. I am almost certain of winning this, and never felt so sure of anything in my life. I have seen Corbett fight three times now and know his style pretty well. He has had all little fellows to lick. None of them as tall and rangy as myself. I am going to work today, but I won't have to kill myself doing the weight. I have been working with Sam Berger at the Olympic Club and weighed 138 this morning. You see, that leaves me with eight pounds to take off. That's easy. My hands are both in grand shape now and, barring an accident in my training I will enter the ring without an excuse for a lose."

Joe Berger, amateur heavyweight pugilist of California and also a great friend of James Britt, has expressed the following opinion on the Britt-Corbett fight:

"Though a friend of Jimmy Britt, I don't allow my friendship for him to influence my judgment in sizing up his ability as a fighter. I think I can diagnose his case just as cold-bloodedly as though I had never spoken to him. You may think that this is hardly possible, but I believe I can do it. Now as to knowing what Britt can do there is nobody who knows him better than I do. I have put the gloves on with him so many, many times that I know him like a book. When he is in the ring I know every move that is coming off. I know what he is going to do just as well as he does himself. I have boxed with him so much. Now, right at the outset, I want to go on record as saying that I believe Britt will beat Corbett this month. Of course, you expected me to say this in view of our intimate relations, but this opinion comes from the head and not from the heart. It will be a great fight, but I sincerely and honestly think that my man will give the talent a terrible shock. I recognize that Corbett is a great fighter. Don't think that I underrate him a bit. Any man who can go along and knock them out the way he has been doing must be a wonderful fighter, and there is no getting away from the fact. But I think Britt is a great fighter, too. Lately I have heard it said that Jimmy can't hit. If he couldn't hit I would know it. I have boxed with him enough. I have boxed with all classes of fighters, and I want to say that I never had a middleweight hit me harder than he has. Now that is a fact. Now, I will admit that Britt may not know where to place a blow as well as he might, but he is improving rapidly. You know a fighter may have a big wallop sometimes and not know how to plant it so it will do the most harm. It is quite an art to snap a punch in right. You see lots of fellows who can knock a steer down in training, but they will go in the ring and can't score a knockout to save their lives. It is because they don't know how to punch. Britt knows how to hit, though he can improve some, and will in his next fight. What I like about Jimmy is his fine headwork. Mark my word, you won't see Corbett walking up to Britt, as he did to Hanlon and Sullivan, and push his head into his breast and swinging those rights and lefts over on the jaw. Britt will not stand for anything like that. If Corbett starts anything like that with him you will see somebody tearing into his stomach, which I am told is his soft spot. Now, in regard to their physical condition, both men will be in fine shape. The weight suits Corbett to a dot and Britt will make 130 pounds nicely, though he has never done it before. I have seen him down to 130 dozens of times in his training.

"Yes, I suppose Corbett will be favorite in the betting, but that cuts no figure with me. Beating Hanlon, who is a great favorite here, sent Corbett's stock sky-high. Britt will send it the other way."

YOUNG CORBETT.
Who Is Soon to Fight Jimmy Britt.

## SHARKEY LOST HIS NERVE.

New York Sport's Story Regarding the Big Sailor Fighter.

NEW YORK, March 12.—At the opening of Col. James Breslin's new tavern A. Smith, the well-known sporting man and referee, told a rather amusing yarn of how Sailor Tom Sharkey got cold feet when he had a side bet posted to fight Gus Ruhlin and drew down the bet.

Some one said to Smith: "Has Sharkey gone back or is Munroe a wonder?"

Smith smiled and replied: "As for Sharkey being a wonder, I never knew him to be wonderful at anything except taking care of his money, and the strength of the grip with which he holds on to that is the most remarkable exhibition of physical culture I have ever witnessed."

Colonel Pullen suggested that he had backed himself for $2,500 when he and Ruhlin fought during the festivities attending the English coronation.

"That bet did not go," said Al Smith. "I was stakeholder, and I ought to know. I have never told this story to any one before, but I'd just as lief every one should know it.

"After the match was made I went to England, being delayed more than I expected, having to go on the Lucania instead of the Campania.

"I had to see Sharkey one day and Ruhlin the next. When I went down to Sharkey's place he took me out into the garden and said: 'If Ruhlin does not want that money to go that we bet I cannot hold him to it.' I said: 'What are you talking about?' 'Well,' he said, 'if Ruhlin does not want that money to go I cannot hold him.' I said: 'Has Ruhlin told you he did not want the money to go?' He did not make any answer, but in a sort of foolish way kept on repeating that he could not hold Ruhlin. Finally, I got a bit out of patience and said: 'Then you want to draw the money?' 'If Ruhlin would like to draw it I will draw,' replied the sailor. I saw he was eager to draw the money, and next day when I saw Billy Madden I asked Billy if he wanted to draw the $2,500. He said that there was $1,000 of his money up and $1,500 of Ruhlin's; that Ruhlin had never gone into the ring for a big bet of his; that it might make him nervous, and, as there was a big purse he would just as soon draw Ruhlin's $1,500. So I agreed to that, as Sharkey wanted it, and when I saw Sharkey again he said to draw the other thousand."

### Herr Placke's Record.

NEW YORK, March 12.—Here is Herr Placke's record as prepared by his European manager, John Smith. All wins:

Jack Graham, 1888, New Zealand.
Harry Woods.
Billy Delaney. (Not our Billy, of course.)
William Fisher, in one blow.
Dick Barker, Queenstown.
Starlight. Round and a half in 'Frisco.

Jem Smith, of England, was on the record, but it transpired that he only nearly beat the former English champion. He challenged him.

## PRESENT-DAY BOXERS ARE A THRIFTY BUNCH

During Days of John L. Sullivan Barroom Loafers Helped to Spend the Money.

THOSE WHO HAVE SAVED

There have been changes in the ring since the late eighties, when John L. Sullivan held full sway. But it is doubtful if any more striking change has taken place than the attitude of fighters towards this same money question.

When Sullivan won a fight, wine and booze generally flowed like water in his neighborhood so long as the money lasted. No man was too obscure to lack an invitation to drink at John L.'s expense. After he had played host for a time, it frequently pleased him to throw the bartender out of doors and get behind the bar himself. This was accepted as part of the routine, however, and when John L. did any damage to the fixtures, he generally settled up the next day—if he had any money left.

This gave his supporters many chances to talk about his generous impulses, his free-handedness, and so on. But that it hurt the fighting game, and hurt it badly, cannot be denied.

It resulted in John L. having a following of deadbeats and saloon loungers such as no pugilist has had thereafter, all hanging about the champion in the expectation of free drinks. To such an extent was his policy followed that many sporting men seemed to judge a fighter's popularity by the number of these hangers-on who attached themsedves to the tail of his kite.

When Jim Corbett defeated Sullivan and refused to burden himself with a gang of these loafers it actually hurt him in the estimation of many followers of the game, who believed that he ought to have followed the precedent set by Sullivan—though exactly why he should do so they could not explain themselves.

Nearly all the big money-makers of that day spent thier money as fast as they got it—save Tommy Ryan, George Dixon, Jack McAuliffe, Jack Dempsey—all were smitten with the idea that it was necessary to aid themselves of money as though it were infected.

Nowadays, the contrast is strong indeed. Many of the leading fighters have enough put by to insure them a comfortable living when they leave the fighting game. Tommy Ryan and Jack O'Brien are credited with the possession of $100,000 each. Jim Jeffries is said to be worth this sum and $50,000 in addition. Terry McGovern is credited with close to $100,000. Jim Corbett may not have any very large sums stored away, but there is a general belief that he has put enough money by to start him in any line of business he may desire to enter.

Joe Walcott and Joe Gans each owns his own home and has some little money put by. Walcott is said to have several thousand dollars. Gans is credited with about $2,700. Dave Sullivan and Spike Sullivan are known to have put several thousand dollars away apiece and each owns his own home. Fitzsimmons was worth a considerable sum at one time but his exact means to-day are unknown.

None of the bantams seem to have much. In spite of Attell's frequent victories, he is said to have absolutely nothing. Forbes had some little money and owned a roadhouse near Chicago a short time ago, but he is not known to have anything to-day. Neil has not yet saved much, although he is said to be of a thrifty disposition, and Regan has not yet begun to accumulate his pile.

Still, the showing made by the leading members of the profession is enough to show the contrast which exists between the old days of the ring and the present time—and the change is for the bettering of the sport.

## EDDIE HANLON'S WEIGHT.

San Francisco Lad to Post Forfeit for Future Matches.

PHILADELPHIA, March 12.—Eddie Hanlon, the San Francisco boxer, who has made many friends by his quiet, gentlemanly manners out of the ring, thinks that he has got all the worst of it in the controversy over his weight, and he sends out a clear, manly statement on the subject as follows:

"I have nothing but words of praise for my late opponent, George Decker, for I consider him a game and willing boxer. And, while I would gladly enter into another match with him, I would only do so under conditions that the weight subject would be brought out more plainly than in our last contest.

"The opinion seems to prevail that I am not a legitimate feather-weight. This idea I would like to dispel at once, for it does me a great injustice, and in order to prove I am not making any idle assertions will bet $500 and place the money in your hands that to-day, out of condition, I do not weigh 133 pounds. Furthermore, I will box George Decker at 127 pounds, weigh in at 6 o'clock, and post a forfeit of $250. Now, if there is any further doubt about my weight, I will box young Erne, Jack O'Neill, Billy Wills, Sammy Smith, Billy Maharg, Crockey Boyle, Eddie Haney or any other feather-weight at 127 pounds at 3 o'clock or 130 pounds at ringside.

"I am not selecting my opponents, and, whoever I meet, the public can rest assured of seeing me do my utmost in disposing of them in the quickest possible time. My style of boxing may not be pretty to look at, but I try to make it as effective as I can, and up to date it has proven very successful to me. So I intend to continue it, whether it pleases my critics or not."

## COLLEGE TO THE TRACK; SCOTT HUDSON'S JUMP

Most Successful Driver Is Also the Best Educated Man in Big Circuit.

HIS STRING THIS YEAR

LEXINGTON, Ky., March 12.—A classic course at an educational institution like Center College is hardly the training supposed to be necessary to produce the most succesful trotting horse driver of modern times. In fact, it has never occurred to the minds of horsemen that a master reinsman could come from any source but that of the paddock or the stable. Scott Hudson has set aside all traditions, as, equipped with an education to fit him for any profession which requires learning, he has instead gone on the track and made a record as a skillful trainer and successful driver unexcelled in the history of light harness horse racing. His career goes to show that a finished college training can be utilized in connection with the turf and that book-learning is no drawback to a career of success with horses. He is probably the best educated, from a classic standpoint, of any prominent trotting horse driver on the turf to-day, and the last three seasons he has proved the most successful.

The deeds of the brilliant stars Hudson has carried year after year through the grand circuit have been chronicled in column after column of the daily and weekly papers, but little has ever been written of the man whose marvelous skill and indefatigable industry has made possible the achievements to the credit of the great horses he has had in charge. Among his fellow-drivers his ability is classed in the A No. 1 notch, and it is common to hear the expression when one of his great horses goes into other hands, "that man has the horse, but Scott Hudson has the recipe."

Hudson was born in Washington county, Kentucky, in 1870, and is now, therefore, only thirty-four years old. He went from college right to the track, and began his first training operations in 1890, when twenty years old. In 1890 he was sick the entire season, and that is the only year he has been out of the harness. In 1901, 1902 and 1903 he was the largest winner on the turf each season, and during that period he has driven no less than five horses that each have won over $17,000 in a single year. To those familiar with the earning capacity of a trotter or pacer, it is useless to note what a successful career has been the lot so far of this blond driver of light-harness horses. To date Hudson has given records to ten horses better than 2:08 and twenty-four cracks have been marked by him in 2:10 or better. The list includes such stars as Audubon Boy, 2:03; Nervolo, 2:04¼; Twinkle, 2:05¾; Hawthorne, 2:06¼; Rythmic, 2:06¾; Don Riley, 2:07; Chase, 2:07¼; Annie Lee, 2:07¼; Merry Master, 2:07¼; Eagle Flanagan, 2:07½; Dr. Madara, 2:08; Belle Kuser, 2:08; Jay McGregor, 2:08; Crescent Route, 2:08¾; Baron Bell, 2:09; Capt. Jack, 2:09¼; Dillon Boy, 2:09¼; King Egbert, 2:09¾; Lena Mack, 2:09¾; Mary Gordon, 2:09¾; Blanche Turner, 2:10; Blase Boy, 2:10; Elmer S., 2:10, and The Graizer, 2:10.

Horses driven by Hudson in the last few years have won two $20,000 prizes, an $18,000 stake and three $10,000 purses, a record in the same period of time never eclipsed by any driver.

The noted reinsman has this season adopted a new rule with his string, and, instead of training thirty or thirty-five horses, as heretofore, he has limited his stable to fifteen head, all of which are either stars or green prospects which have shown their ability to go a mile in 2:10 or better.

## SENATOR BAILEY BUYS A KENTUCKY FARM

LEXINGTON, Ky., March 12.—United States Senator Joseph W. Bailey, of Gainesville., Tex., who has been here for the past few days, inspecting his stable of trotters at the Breeders' Association track, today bought at public auction the Thomas Shelby farm of forty-six acres for $9,180. The farm is situated about two miles from this city on the Versailles road, and will be used by Senator Bailey as a home for his select stud of trotting horses. Several prosperous farmers and horsemen were present at the sale to bid on the property, but Senator Bailey's bid was the only one made, and the property was knocked down to him. It is considered one of the best sales of real estate in this section in recent years, and shows that the value of good land is on the increase.

### Vanderbilt in Grand Prix.

NEW YORK, March 12.—William K. Vanderbilt is the only American represented in the entries for the Grand Prix de Paris this year. He has made six nominations, all of them being of French breeding, as follows: Promoteur, colt by Little Duck, out of Providence; Calico, colt by Callistrate, out of Ilidico; Bray, colt by Pepper and Salt, out of Brayman; Day Dream, filly by Saint Damien, out of Dolinka; Coq de Fercoq, colt by Achille, out of Helyetta, and Ravioli, colt by Fils de Roi, out of Ravenne.

Dolinka, the dam of Day Dream, is an American mare, bred by the late Pierre Lorillard at Rancocas, by imp. Mortemer, out of Coquette, by Lexington. Before she was exported to France she threw such fair performers as the filly Dorine, by imp. The Sailor Prince, and the colt Dolabru, by Emperor. Ilidico, the dam of Calico, is also of Rancocas breeding, being by imp. Mortemer, out of Opponent, by Melbourne, jr.

In all there are 335 nominations for the Grand Prix.

## NOTED RACE TRACK IS TO BE USED AS A FARM

Famous Kite-Shaped Course at Independence to Pass Out of Existence.

"NAPOLEON'S WATERLOO"

Williams Tried to Make a Hamlet in Iowa, but Made a Very Costly Failure.

The famous kite-shaped track at Independence, Ia., which, in its time, has played an important part in the history of trotting racing in this country, is to pass away, and instead of contests of speed and endurance the plowman will in the future wend his weary way over the somewhat historic soil.

This kite-shaped track, the first practical plan for reducing records of trotters and pacers, was the creation of W. Williams, the man who leaped into fame by selling Axtell, a three-year-old trotter with a record of 2:12 to a high-wheel sulky, for $105,000, and who has often been referred to as the Napoleon of the trotting world. And if he was such, Independence was his Waterloo. The destruction of the track will have no bearing on the future of the trotter or pacer. The kite-shaped track with one turn was faster than the track with two turns. The bicycle sulky, however, followed in its wake, and made the oval about as fast as "the freak," as the kite course was called. Williams lost money on his investment, and his idea of holding racing carnivals on Iowa's plains was a queer bit of fanaticism, to say the least. But horsemen who were about in the boom times for trotters will somehow always remember Independence and its kite track.

Williams, Independence, was a name to conjure with ten or twelve years ago. Plainly told, the story runs in this wise: C. W. Williams, a telegraph operator, owned two trotting mares, which he bred to practically untried stallions at William L. Simmons's Ash Grove farm, in Kentucky. He raised the foals with care and then "chased his key" and became a trotting horse trainer and driver. The result was a success greater than he had ever dreamed of. Axtell and Allerton were phenomenons, and horsemen all over the land marveled at the young Westerner and his triumphs. He was in the center of the stage with his two great horses, and for $105,000 he sold Axtell to a syndicate. Everything he touched in the horse line turned to gold. He was the man of the hour.

With the fortune he had made from sales he announced he was going to make Independence "the hub of the horse universe." He would build near that town, which is on some maps and not on others, the fastest track in the world. He would make Iowa and the "rest of the West" the place above all others for raising and racing trotters. He built his track—kite-shaped—started a bank, a daily newspaper and a hotel. He planted all his new riches in that hamlet. Stakes in those days were profitable. Horsemen paid in entrance fees $15,000 for the privilege of racing for $5,000 of their own money. Boom days they were, and prices soared high. Williams worked hard and had clever men as lieutenants, but failure stared him in the face in less than two years. Fast time was made and records were easy.

But the public did not travel to Iowa's track. The bottom fell out of the market and C. W. Williams left Independence. He had lost money—big money—but was game, and went to Illinois still true to the trotter. Independence faded from sight gradually and for a few years it has been now and then that the name of the town has been heard. And now the news comes that May 1 the grandstand, stables and fencing at "Williams's folly" are to come down and a farm will take the place of the race track. Williams is buying wheat land in Canada and who knows but that in a few years, "the Napoleon," his "Waterloo" and his horses will be a mere entry to the year book.

## NEWS OF THE HORSES.

A filly by The Tramp has been foaled by Lamp Girl, 2:09.

Charter Oak Park is arranging a futurity for foals of 1904.

Fanny Dillard, 2:03¼, will be driven on the road in England.

Regal Chimes, 2:28¾, by Chimes, is in foal to Oakland Baron, 2:09¼.

One of the fastest workers at the Buffalo covered track is Dillon Boy, 2:09½.

Although Sidney Dillon is the sire of the world's trotting queen his fee is only $100.

E. E. Smathers has abandoned his automobile trip around the world on account of business.

Ben Kenny predicts that John A. McKerron will do a mile in two minutes if he does not go wrong.

Instead of being sent to England Peter the Great, 2:07¼, is now in Kentucky at the Patchen Wilkes farm.

The new Driving Park Association at Wellsville, N. Y., is going to build a trotting track to cost $20,000.

All of the trotters on the farm of the late J. Malcomb Forbes will be sold at auction, but the date has not been fixed upon.

Los Angeles, Cal., horsemen predict that Sweet Marie, 2:13¾, will sweep everything before her in the 2:14 trots down the Grand Circuit this year.

W. L. Wood, Abington, Ind., has sold the good trotter Coco Onward, trial 2:20, in the hands of Charles S. Osborn, to Float Jolly, Tipton, Ind.

Ashland Park, the famous Kentucky stock farm, which was the home of George Wilkes, has changed hands and will be a tobacco farm hereafter.

John Splan is not a man to live in the past. He said recently that Lou Dillon is as much better a horse than Maud S. as Maud was better than Lady Suffolk.

The only foal by Major Delmar, 1:59¾, is a stud colt now three years old, out of Lizzie B., by Deucalion, 2:22. He is owned by Dr. W. F. Jones, Ticonderoga, N. Y.

Charlie Doble has several good ones in his string this year. His record horses are Annie M., 2:10½; Guy Caton, 2:10½; Little David, 2:19¼; Media, 2:19¼, and Boaz, 2:27¼.

Commodore, 2:23, a thirty-year-old American trotting horse, is still racing and winning in the antipodes. He is now going under the name of Jock, and at Queensland beat some of New Zealand's best. A trotting horse racing at thirty years is almost incredible in this country.

One of the finest small stables in the country will be erected at Washington, N. J., by John C. Weller, the well-known horseman, who is about to undertake some novel experiments in breeding. The stable will cost upward of $30,000, and will include many features of stable equipment entirely new. Mr. Weller will also at the same time erect a spacious cottage after plans now in preparation. The house will be fitted throughout with modern heating and ventilating apparatus, which will be connected with the stable underground.

### Jockey Redfern's Apology.

Jockey Redfern's reinstatment was brought about by his clever apology in writing, which was as follows:

"To the Judges of the Los Angeles Jockey Club:

"I respectfully ask for clemency in the ruling you have made against me for refusing to obey your orders to ride the mare Laureata. The only reason I refused to ride the horse was because my father told me not to ride her. I have always been taught to obey my father, and to believe that what he told me to do was right.

"I realize now that he was wrong in telling me not to ride the horse, and that I was wrong in obeying him rather than you. But I am only a boy eighteen years old, and I expect I only did what most every other boy would have done under the same circumstances. In all my riding on the turf I have never been in any trouble of any description heretofore. I sincerely apologize to you for the error I committed this time, and I hope you will forgive me for it."

### School No. 10 Won.

School No. 10 basketball team yesterday defeated No. 33 by a score of 11 to 10

## PRITCHETT NOW ALONE IN INTERESTING RACE

Ko-We-Ba Bowler Rolls in Good Form and Gains One Point on Brinkmeyer.

GRAFF TOPS RAMBLERS

Hayes Potter in Front in Commercial and Minton Leads the Druggists.

Jesse Pritchett rolled in good form in Friday night's Indianapolis bowling league series and as a consequence he now tops the I. B. L. men with an average of 188. Brinkmeyer, of the Washingtons, is second with 187 and Ray, of the same club, is third with a 186 average. Twenty of the Indianapolis leaguers are in a class of 180 or better.

Lee Graff, of the Rambler club, leads the Independents. He tops Lincoln Dickey, of the Alcazars, by a one point margin. Dierkes, of the Royals, is third, averaging 182. Hayes Potter, of the Pettis team in the Commercial League, is first with an average of 180. Peacock, of the Burfords, is second with 178 and two men are tied for third place with 171. Minton, of the Eli Lillys, leads the Druggists by a good margin. He leads with 163. Blair, of the Lillys, and Hook, of the White Elephants, are tied for second with 154. Buddenbaum and Lee, of the Log Rollers, are the first men in the East End League. They lead with 187 averages. Keeter, of the Rivals, is second with 181. The averages:

| Player. Club. | Games. | Av. |
|---|---|---|
| Pritchett, Ko-We-Ba | 66 | 188 |
| Brinkmeyer, Washington | 69 | 187 |
| Ray, Washington | 56 | 186 |
| Coffin, Marion | 53 | 185 |
| Bryson, Marion | 66 | 185 |
| Buddenbaum, Washington | 66 | 185 |
| Holloway, Turner | 66 | 183 |
| Field, Turner | 65 | 183 |
| M. Levey, Marion | 57 | 183 |
| Burton, Ko-We-Be | 66 | 183 |
| Bumb, Turner | 69 | 183 |
| Peacock, North Side | 68 | 182 |
| F. Mueller, Ko-We-Ba | 60 | 182 |
| W. K. Cooper, Imperial | 69 | 182 |
| Yorger, Turner | 66 | 181 |
| Leap, Marion | 63 | 180 |
| Carter, Marion | 66 | 180 |
| Fehrenbach, Turner | 69 | 180 |
| Decker, Imperial | 69 | 180 |
| Wands, Ko-We-Ba | 54 | 180 |

### Independent League Averages.

| Player. Club. | Games. | Av. |
|---|---|---|
| Graff, Rambler | 60 | 188 |
| Dickey, Alcazar | 18 | 187 |
| Dierkes, Royal | 35 | 182 |
| Dwelle, Rinky Dink | 12 | 180 |
| Schmidt, Alcazar | 27 | 180 |
| J. Brady, Alcazar | 41 | 178 |
| Sachs, Royal | 65 | 178 |
| Wickard, Royal | 44 | 177 |
| Goebel, Dewey | 9 | 177 |
| Rassfield, Rambler | 63 | 177 |
| Kroekel, Royal | 47 | 176 |
| Fox, Prospect | 69 | 176 |
| Buzatt, Alcazar | 63 | 175 |
| Maisoll, Rambler | 69 | 174 |
| Failey, Alcazar | 49 | 174 |
| Comstock, Alcazar | 26 | 174 |
| H. Holtman, Reliance | 65 | 173 |
| O'Brien, Rinky Dink | 66 | 173 |
| C. Kerling, Pud-No | 21 | 172 |
| L. Holtz, Reliance | 39 | 172 |
| Neilus, Rinky Dink | 33 | 171 |
| Ressner, Rambler | 60 | 171 |
| Mueller, Rambler | 48 | 171 |
| J. Urlewicz, Alcazar | 69 | 171 |
| Enslow, Rinky Dink | 54 | 170 |
| Wiley, Dewey | 11 | 170 |
| Niemann, Rambler | 66 | 170 |

### Commercial League Averages.

| Player. Club. | Games. | Av. |
|---|---|---|
| Potter, Pettis | 66 | 180 |
| Peacock, Burford | 68 | 178 |
| Kirkwood, Kingan | 65 | 171 |
| Evans, Burford | 61 | 171 |
| Rosendal, Burford | 61 | 170 |
| Holtmann, Laurie | 63 | 170 |
| Wimmer, Kingan | 69 | 164 |
| Brady, Kingan | 69 | 163 |
| Sanagan, Kahn | 48 | 163 |
| Brandt, Kahn | 68 | 159 |
| Wallace, Kahn | 25 | 159 |
| Gruner, Laurie | 69 | 158 |
| Durman, Eagle | 69 | 157 |
| Harms, News | 42 | 156 |
| Gough, Kingan | 41 | 156 |
| L. Cobler, Marott | 65 | 156 |
| Brown, Marott | 68 | 155 |
| McKittrick, Pettis | 68 | 155 |
| Mueller, Kahn | 69 | 155 |
| Jordan, Kingan | 66 | 154 |
| O. Cobler, Marott | 60 | 154 |
| Sisloff, Burford | 47 | 154 |
| Dowd, Burford | 50 | 152 |
| Helzer, News | 65 | 152 |
| Fisher, News | 55 | 152 |
| Webster, Burford | 48 | 151 |
| Marriott, When | 63 | 151 |
| Harding, News | 58 | 150 |
| Miller, Kingan | 11 | 150 |

### Druggists' League Averages.

| Player. Club. | Games. | Av. |
|---|---|---|
| Minton, Eli Lilly | 42 | 163 |
| Blair, Eli Lilly | 45 | 154 |
| Hook, White Elephant | 42 | 154 |
| Datesman, White Elephant | 48 | 153 |
| Pennicke, Eli Lilly | 45 | 152 |
| Bassett, White Elephant | 30 | 152 |
| Adams, White Elephant | 45 | 151 |
| G. Mueller, Y. B. | 30 | 150 |
| Morrison, White Elephant | 45 | 149 |
| Ziegler, White Elephant | 48 | 149 |
| Stockman, Eli Lilly | 36 | 149 |
| Zink, Eli Lilly | 44 | 148 |
| Duryea, Kieferette | 45 | 147 |
| Phelan, White Elephant | 45 | 146 |
| Korn, Eli Lilly | 27 | 146 |
| O'Leary, Eli Lilly | 36 | 145 |
| Stipher, Y. B. | 45 | 145 |
| Marshall, Kieferette | 45 | 145 |
| Wrede, Y. B. | 48 | 143 |
| Miller, Kieferette | 45 | 142 |

### East End League Averages.

| Player. Club. | Games. | Av. |
|---|---|---|
| Buddenbaum, Logroller | 38 | 187 |
| Lee, Logroller | 15 | 187 |
| Keeter, Rival | 12 | 181 |
| Buzzart, Volunteer | 24 | 180 |
| Holtman, Capitol | 15 | 180 |
| Brinkmeyer, Capitol | 33 | 177 |
| Kirkwood, Capitol | 21 | 177 |
| Dierkes, Volunteer | 13 | 177 |
| Hughes, Regular | 15 | 176 |
| Brady, Volunteer | 12 | 175 |
| Seay, W. O. W. | 21 | 175 |
| Ray, Capitol | 36 | 174 |
| Boyle, Volunteer | 51 | 170 |
| Brinkman, K. B. | 47 | 170 |
| C. Kirkhoff, K. B. | 9 | 168 |
| Heller, Capitol | 28 | 166 |
| C. W. Piel, Capitol | 23 | 165 |

### M. T. H. S. Averages.

| | Played. | Av. |
|---|---|---|
| Dickey, Ikkioko | 60 | .165 |
| Schmidt, Ikkioko | 56 | .165 |
| Schwab, Ikkioko | 60 | .163 |
| Knox, Freshie | 57 | .160 |
| Murr, Manchu | 45 | .158 |
| Ayres, Manchu | 42 | .153 |
| Adam, Ikkioko | 58 | .151 |
| Hirschmann, Freshie | 46 | .143 |

## WORTH WILL HOLD IN FIGHT FOR DATES

CHICAGO, Ill., March 12.—"It is actually laughable to think that the Western Jockey Club stewards could imagine that the Worth race track would be opened this year on the dates assigned us by that body," said J. Ed. Wagner to-day.

"The stockholders in the Worth track are all in favor of holding out in the fight against the action of the Western Jockey Club. If any member of the company weakened and expressed a desire to accept the dates assigned us, the rest of the stockholders would buy him out in a jiffy. It is for principle we are fighting. If we gave in now, they would give us even worse treatment next year.

"If the horsemen about the country were not afraid of the Western Jockey Club, which body owes its existence to the turfmen, Worth would run an outlaw meeting. Let a bunch of the big owners offer to run their horses at Worth at an outlaw meeting, and the Western Jockey Club would back up in its position very quickly."


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## INTERESTING GOSSIP OF POLO IN THE TWO BIG LEAGUES

*Manager Wilson Says Logansport will Not Be Dropped by the Central—Fort Wayne to Tour Canada,*

**Western League Games This Week.**

—Monday.—
Indianapolis at Muncie.
Elwood at Anderson.

—Tuesday.—
Marion at Indianapolis.
Anderson at Elwood.

—Wednesday.—
Marion at Richmond.

—Thursday.—
Indianapolis at Marion.
Richmond at Muncie.

—Friday.—
Muncie at Elwood.
Richmond at Anderson.

—Saturday.—
Muncie at Indianapolis.
Elwood at Richmond.
Anderson at Marion.

**Central League Games This Week.**

—Monday.—
Lafayette at Terre Haute.
Danville at Fort Wayne.

—Tuesday.—
Fort Wayne at Kokomo.
Terre Haute at Danville.

—Wednesday.—
Terre Haute at Lafayette.
Logansport at Fort Wayne.

—Thursday.—
Terre Haute at Logansport.
Kokomo at Danville.

—Friday.—
Kokomo at Terre Haute.
Logansport at Lafayette.

—Saturday.—
Lafayette at Kokomo.
Fort Wayne at Logansport.

The topic foremost in the minds of the many polo lovers throughout the Western and Central leagues is, "Who are the real dictators in the game of roller polo?" Some declare that the league officials and team managers have the say and there are others who declare that the players themselves are the real dictators. That the league managers in reality have very little to say has been proven many times this and last season. Numerous instances can be cited where the players have come out flat-footed and refused to obey the orders of their employers. The polo players of both leagues will say that they have never received better treatment than has been given them while they were in the West. Still there are some who are always looking for more and will risk a blacklist if there is any chance of helping themselves by this method. This cannot be too strongly condemned. The magnates of the two leagues pay the players their salaries and it is now up to the club owners to enforce any rule they may make.

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Indianapolis lovers of polo are raising no howl over the fact that Nick McGilvray will continue with the Indians as first rush and captain. That Hipson in condition could play the game as it should be played has never been disputed. He has failed to make a wonderful record while a member of the Terre Haute club for many reasons. The first is that he disliked to go to a minor league. It was a great drop for him and he probably went to Terre Haute hoping to get into the big league within a short time after the opening of the season. Another thing which is perhaps the main reason that the ex-Indian has not played his game this season is that his knee and ankle have been injured. However, it will be remembered that the same wily Hipson missed many games here last year for the same identical reason. He is fast enough for any of the Western League clubs, and he is reported to have had an offer from one of the magnates of the National League that is to be for next season.

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Manager Frank Wilson, of the Logansport Central League team, was in the city last week and stated that the many stories which have been flying about to the effect that the City of Bridges was to be dropped from the Central League next year were without foundation. Mr. Wilson said that his club was a good drawing card all over the circuit, notwithstanding the fact that it holds the bottom rung of the championship ladder. Logansport ranks third in attendance in the Central League. Wilson is always on the lookout for new players, and one new face may yet be seen with the tail-enders before the close of the season.

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Speaking of the close of the season, there is just one month more of the present schedule. Indianapolis is still in last place, but the Indians have an excellent chance to get out of the position they have held for so long with Captain McGilvray playing a cover-point game. Dicky Pierce can always be depended upon to bring the ball down for a pass no matter how strong the defense. Allie Coggshall has again taken his old place at center. O'Hara and Bannon are also in shape and the three dedense men are playing a great game. The fans should not yet lose courage. Stick to the playing and they will yet put forth their best efforts to win.

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Second Rush Otis Spencer, formerly of the Grays, is now with the Fort Wayne team, of the Central League, having been exchanged by Manager Sebern for Izzy Whipple. Spencer was one of the cleanest players in the game, and a perfect gentleman off the floor, and many local fans have expressed their sorrow that the speedy little rusher will not be seen here again this year. The wonderful work of Spencer will long be remembered by Indianapolis fans, and he will make the Central cage guardians hustle for stops. Whipple is too well known to the local fans to need any comment. He was with the Indians for a time last year.

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Captain Clarence Jessup, of Richmond, was fined $5 by Referee Moran during the progress of the Marion-Richmond game played in the former city on Thursday night of last week. Jessup deliberately seized the referee by the coat collar and shook him for calling a foul on the scrappy goal tender. If Levi Foster was a referee and the goal tender of the "Fighting Five" would use such methods, Foster might forget himself. Such tactics as are continually used by Jessup will not help the game.

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Tom Murphy, of Logansport, has all the minor leaguers "buffaloed." Murphy made an unenviable record as a scrapper while a member of the Anderson Western League club. However, this year he has played clean polo unless some of the other players started dirty work; then "Fighting Tom" would get busy with his fists.

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Polo managers are condemning Manager Joe Fox, of Marion, for using Lyons at half back in a recent game against Richmond. While it is true that such action was in direct violation of the league's rules it is improbable that Henley's protest against the outcome of the game will stand, as Fox made the statement that he had used every effort to borrow a utility man from one of the other Western League clubs. The night following this game Marion used Lemmon, a one time Central Leaguer, and the Quakers won by a wide margin, the game being played in Marion. Richmond always has a kick coming.

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The Auditorium rink, in this city, will be opened for public roller skating for the first time to-morrow afternoon and many of the old skaters will doubtless be in attendance. Two hundred pairs of new model skates have been received by the local management and the members of the local polo team will act as instructors until 5 o'clock, when they will leave for Muncie.

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Several of the Central League clubs have been given sweet sounding names by the polo writers in that circuit. The peer of all is the appellation under which the Kokomo five is known. They are dubbed "Barnes's Menagerie of Trained Wild Cats." The Terre Haute quintet bear the title of the Hottentots and Mr. Foor's Danville team is known as the "Suckers."

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A Fort Wayne exchange says: "Surface indications point to the conclusion that there is something radically wrong with the Fort Wayne team. From playing polo of the championship variety the team has fallen into a rut in the last three weeks and is dealing out the same brand as it played early in the season with no rink for practice and the players idle half the time. As a pennant proposition Lafayette is not now dangerous, as a spurt, the like of which is not in polo history, would be necessary for that club to get the Central League bunting."

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There is a great deal of speculation as to what kind of a record the Anderson five would have made this season, had they not been badly crippled at divers times. That it would have had a better percentage than it now has is conceded, but there are few who will contend that Anderson would have been a championship possibility. Anderson, with no bad luck, might have finished in the first division, but it is hardly probable that it would have landed first place.

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The Danville team, of the Central League, is playing a great game. In Daly and Campbell, Danville has the best, if not the fastest pair of rushers in the Central. Whiting and Hardy are playing an excellent game at center and half back, respectively, and Wiemert is putting up a faultless game at goal. That "Gloomy Gus" Campbell is plenty fast for major leagues was shown at Anderson Friday night, when he helped Norton's men to defeat Muncie. If the spurt had not started so late Danville might yet be a championship possibility. Moran and Hadley seem to have been the drawbacks for a winning combination in Danville.

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While Whipple was yet a Central leaguer he was roasted unmercifully for playing dirty polo. Kokomo papers handed it to him in large chunks, and to get even the Fort Wayne papers started the anvil chorus on "Ikey" Houghton, form