OUR IDEA OF NOTHING TO DO IS TO ENGAGE IN A BILLIARD MATCH WITH WILLIE HOPPE

TRUANT BALL PLAYERS REPENT AND SEEK BIG LEAGUE JOBS AS INDUSTRIAL CIRCUITS SKID

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AT THE big baseball meeting held in Chicago recently the minor leagues agreed to increase salaries for the coming season. This has proved to be a good move, for many of the players who went into voluntary retirement last year and the year before have expressed a desire to return to the organized fold and sign contracts.

All of which leads one to believe that industrial and independent baseball is about to go flooie this summer. This does not mean the sand-lotters and teams like Nativity, Harrowgate, Marshall E. Smith and Stetson will give up business, but Franklin, Oil City, Bethlehem Steel and other clubs with big league payrolls will find it difficult to pay expenses.

The period of easy money seems to be over. Manufacturing plants are not pulling down enormous profits as of yore and thousands of workmen have been given vacations. This is bad for baseball in the plants.

In Cincinnati many of the athletes who worked during the week and played ball on Saturdays and Sundays are "going out." It is the same here and in other big cities.

Joe Harris, the slugging first baseman of the Cleveland club in 1919, who joined the Franklin, Pa., club last year when his salary demands were rejected, now wants to come back. Joe modestly demanded $8000 for playing one season because he hit something like .370 in a few games the year before. Jim Dunn would have nothing to do with him and Joe spent the summer with the independents.

Now he wants to come back. He evidently realizes the soft pickings are over and it is time to get a regular job. President Dunn has placed his case in the hands of Judge Landis and soon will learn whether or not his disappearing star is eligible to play this year. Harris will be a great help to the tribe, for the first base job needs strengthening.

It is said that Walter Kinney also has repented and wants to get back with the Athletics. The left-hander deserted the A's last year and went to the oil belt. He was dissatisfied from the start and made an effort to come back, but Connie told him to take his medicine. The Franklin leader has not given Kinney any encouragement.

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BASEBALL magnates will not be managed by amateur stockholders this season. The players will have to forget the temperamental stuff and earn their salaries instead of threatening to jump the league. All of which will be a great help to the game.

Will Race Inchcape

SAM HILDRETH, the veteran trainer and owner of Jobstown, N. J., has been handed quite a wallop by the well known box in the past, but now believes he has that well-known annual on the run. He is elated over the condition of his three year old colt Inchcape, and says the steed will be in shape to cop the $50,000 Kentucky Derby this year.

Inchcape was considered the best two year old last year and Sam purchased him for $100,000. This is twenty-five times as much as S. D. Riddle paid for Man O' War, and the highest price ever paid for a two year old.

Hildreth was unlucky from the start. Soon after the purchase Inchcape developed a skin disease, and for a month was under treatment. The only exercise he received was a practice gallop occasionally and he ran riderless alongside a pony. Blemishes covered the body and a saddle could not be worn.

When the ailment was cured Hildreth gave his colt a speed trial at Saratoga. The horse pulled up lame, and a minute examination showed he had wrenched his off fore fetlock. This caused another retirement and it was feared the $160,000 colt never would race again.

Hildreth never has been able to use the high priced colt, but gave him a long rest. Now he says he will be able to run in the Kentucky Derby. As a yearling Inchcape showed great speed in California and J. H. Rosseter, the owner, had no trouble in sending him to the East.

This year will prove whether or not the $160,000 was well spent.

Harry Payne Whitney will try to win the Derby with a filly by Peter Pan-Tryst, Prudery, sister to another of his Derby entries, Tryster, champion as a two-year old.

A jinx seems to have followed all fillies in the big Kentucky event. Only one has won the Derby, and that was in 1916, when Mr. Whitney's Regret was first under the wire. It was on the same day of the Lusitania disaster and one of Mr. Whitney's close relatives was among the victims. He was not there to see his horse win.

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MR. WHITNEY did not even collect the purse for the race. One year later a newspaper man saw an entry in the books of a small bank near the racetrack. It was a deposit entered in the name of Harry Payne Whitney for $18,750, made the day after the race. Mr. Whitney was notified and said he never had given the matter a thought and had forgotten all about it.

Huggins Bolsters Yanks

M. HUGGINS, the midget leader of the New York Yankees, is stopping at nothing to build up the Yanks for the 1921 campaign. Already he has put over three big deals, getting a left-handed pitcher, a good catcher and an infielder from the Red Sox, Bobby Roth from Washington and Johnny Mitchell, the sensational infielder, from the coast. He has parted with nine players and is willing to swap some more.

Mitchell must be a wonderful player to receive such attention from the Yanks, but it is said he has not been invited to go to the training camp in Shreveport, La., as yet. Perhaps this means that he will be used in a future trade.

Huggins will have a flock of sluggers in the line-up this year and probably will experience some difficulty in arranging his batting order. With Ruth, Roth, Bodie, Peckinpaugh, Schang and Meusel to hurl against the opposing pitchers, he will have to do a lot of thinking to arrange the fence busters in proper order. Ruth probably will bat third, the position used by Ty Cobb and Tris Speaker, and Roth will be fourth.

Wally Schang has added some hitting strength to the Yanks and the cloisters should have an open season on the Polo Grounds this year.

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Carman Winning Abroad

CLARENCE CARMAN, the American motor paced bicycle champion, who won many races at the Point Breeze motordrome last year, is making quite a record in Europe this winter. Clarence sailed last October and has been appearing on the tracks in France, Holland and Belgium.

Recently he defeated the French champion, Seres, in a series of three paced races at ten, twenty and thirty kilometers. Carman established a new French record when he won the twenty-kilometers event in 15.54 3-5, defeating Seres by 15 meters.

Carman will return to America next month and will get in shape for the coming season, which opens the middle of May.

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IT IS reported that Gilmore Dobie has been offered $8000 to coach the football team at the University of Oregon. The offer probably will be refused, because Dobie at present is under contract at Cornell and will be back at Ithaca next fall. Dobie did good work with poor material last season and expects to turn out a winner in 1921.

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MANY notables in the sport world will attend the annual Sporting Writers' dinner at the Hotel Walton on February 8. Louis N. Goldsmith, 201 Real Estate Building, is receiving applications for tickets. Only 300 guests will be invited.

WHEN A FELLOW NEEDS A FRIEND

BICYCLE POLO LATEST SPORT FOR INDOORS OR OPEN AIR

Quaker City Cycling Association Has Several Teams Playing Game Which Furnishes Both Thrills and Spills

"SHINNY" has broken out in a new form!

The thrills of that ancient sport, so dear to the heart of American boyhood, are being experienced in an entirely new setting.

A man may be a star at polo, hockey, soccer or lacrosse, but, nine times out of ten, it is the remembrance of the many hours of delight that good old "shinny" gave him and the "gang" in his youth that makes him a devotee of these pastimes.

These other games to him are just elaborations of "shinny." The ball may be knocked over the field by men on horseback, as in polo; over frozen ponds or rinks, as in hockey; kicked, as in soccer, or scooped, as in lacrosse. But, fundamentally, these are just different way of playing quaint old "shinny." They all bear the same family resemblance.

"Shinny's" latest outgrowth is bicycle polo. And Philadelphia is one of its first champions in this country.

The newcomer is a regular sport, although it is not much more than "shinny" with the players mounted on bicycles. It's a real American sport, too. Like other typically national games, it is exciting, clean and permits leeway enough for development of individual skill to warrant professional practice, and yet it is so simple any back-lot gang of youngsters can play it. Baseball and football have their grip on Americans because of similar characteristics.

Almost everybody can ride a bicycle. But some ride better than others. Bicycle polo is being developed to a stage where even the most skillful rider has his experience tried time and again. Yet the back-lot boys, too, are finding a fresh source of fun out of its exciting pedaling. Among the latter collisions are a little more frequent, but spills are as harmless generally as they are thrilling.

How Game Is Played

One of the first bodies in this country to realize the possibilities of bicycle polo as a sport that is as fascinating for the spectator as it is thrilling for the player was the Quaker City Cycling Association, of this city. Several teams have been formed in this city and regular bicycle polo games are being played. George W. Hurley, secretary of the association, is devoting much of his time to promotion of the sport.

Here is the way members of the Quaker City Cycling Association are playing bicycle polo.

Just as in "shinny," the two teams of five players each, line up at opposite ends of the field, or floor, if played in an armory or gymnasium, with the ball in the center of the field. Play begins with the blowing of the referee's whistle. The game otherwise is played as soccer.

The ball is inflated and about one-fifth the size of a basket ball. Each player carries a racket, similar to a polo stick but with a shorter handle. Players may use the rackets to support themselves on their wheels while at a standstill. Goal posts, ages from twenty to twenty feet apart and goals are provided for the second period. Two halves of thirty minutes each are played.

Scoring is by points. Fifteen points are given for each goal. If any rider places his foot on the ground while the ball is in play, he is fined one point which goes to the credit of the opposing team. A fine of five points is imposed on the team whose player hits the ball while he is dismounted.

There is one exception to this rule. When a goal is made from within six yards of the goal line it is not scored. It was found necessary to establish this six yard line because in a scrimmage close to the goal it might be too easy for the defending team to place their wheels in such a position as to block the entire space between goal posts. When the goal is made from within six yards the goal tender may get off his wheel to hit the ball into play again. Goal tenders must be mounted, however, when blocking any play.

When any rider falls from his wheel or places his foot on the ground, he cannot hit the ball until another player of either team has hit it. Mallets cannot be swung over the head while other players are near the ball.

In Europe, the game is becoming popular, but they play it there without mallets, kicking the ball or bumping it along with their wheels.

In Philadelphia, they are playing bicycle polo out of doors and on armory floors. Wooden floors give opportunity for greater speed, "bumping" a wheel along and "stunt" riding. All of this adds to the thrill for player and spectator.

Boots and Saddle

Master Jack is better placed in the St. Bernard purse, the feature race at the fair grounds this afternoon, than in his last engagement. Under fair track conditions he appears to better advantage than Willow Tree and White Star. Master Jack is fresh and has defeated better company.

Seventeen two-year olds are carded to start in the first race, a three-furlong dash. Some of the year's best crop of juveniles are entered, many of which will sport silks for the first time. Reports from New Orleans indicate Tom Hare, Jr., has recovered from his lameness. If so, he appears to have a royal chance. Mawrcoron and Devonite, the latter colt owned by J. H. Louchheim, of Philadelphia, are other promising youngsters.

Horses in other races rounding into best form are: Second, Wireless, British Linen, Vulcanize; third, Jeweler, Marmite, Anna Gallup; fifth, Crystal Ford, Inquiry, Barry Shannon; sixth, J. C. Stone, Raider, Berlin; seventh, Aztec, Richard V, Light Wine.

It is whispered around that an agreement was reached at the gathering of the members of the Maryland Racing Commission and members of the New York Jockey Club with J. E. Widener in Philadelphia last week, whereby the jockey club will not name a steward for the Maryland tracks, and that licensing and regulation of jockeys, horses and owners will be entirely under the supervision of the Maryland authorities. At that there may be found a way to avoid a clash in future between the two racing bodies.

The business meeting of the Marylanders and New Yorkers in Philadelphia at the Ritz-Carlton Wednesday will in all probability thresh out the whole matter with the result that harmony will prevail.

At the Kentucky state racing commission hearing at Lexington a fourth racing steward was created in order that one steward could be at the starting post when the "state" races are run. Another innovation on the well-regulated Kentucky tracks was the appointment of an official timer. Timing will be open to all. Also the handicappers will be required to post their individual forms as well as the results by average. On the board only owners, trainers and members of the racing commission are to be admitted to the judges' quarters.

Majors Jones and Chase and Lieutenant Bredow are in quest of suitable horses for breeding at the Canada government farms. Purchased Bor Tron and Von Tron at New Orleans from Clarence Buxton, and the horses will be shipped to Fort Reno, Okla.

DAN KRAMER MAKES GOOD AS WALLOPING HEADLINER

Former Bostonese Is Hefty Southpaw Socker, but Lacks Straight Punching Ability With Right Hand

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

THE baptisms of Dennis Kramer [illegible] crossed. Wilson [illegible] started by a [illegible] debut as a [illegible] against Jakie White [illegible] in Scranton [illegible] Kramer [illegible]

In delivering White [illegible] victory [illegible] contenders [illegible] came [illegible] ing [illegible] a [illegible] and run a [illegible] Lower [illegible]

Kramer had [illegible] Dennis Kramer's [illegible] Tom Loughrey [illegible] Joe Tipitz [illegible] Five Italian boxers [illegible] Martin Judge [illegible] A middleweight match [illegible] Eddie Hayes [illegible] Joe Franchetti [illegible] Frank Taylor [illegible] Tommy Murray [illegible] Harry Silverman [illegible] Silent Mike Doran [illegible] Johnny Lincoln [illegible] Luigi Barale [illegible]

Browns Leave February 20

St. Louis [illegible]

Scraps About Scrappers

Benny Ross [illegible] a slight margin. Martin Judge [illegible] after a short rest and won on points from Joe Christie. Frankie Conway outfought [illegible]

GERMANTOWN FIVE IN SECOND PLACE

Work of Suburbanites Is Feature of Week in Basketball Circles—Play Phils Rough Game

The playing of the Germantown five was the feature of the week in Eastern League cage circles. The Suburbanites were the only team in the league to come through with a clean slate, having won both games played. The others split even, with the exception of Bill Meyers' Phillies, who dropped both contests.

Germantown now occupies second place and is the most dangerous rival of the Camden champions have for second half honors. Trenton is in third place, and Reading is in the cellar. The players on the upstate team fail to display the same pep exhibited in the first series when they tied Trenton.

Twice on Saturday in two close games the Potts team outmanoeuvered the Scranton Wolverines and deserved to win, but they tried to resort to inside basketball when they had the game well in hand and actually tossed away a game. On Friday on the home floor they defeated Scranton by victory from Reading. While Wilkes-Barre is in the cellar the Pots have won, but by just good fortune against Wilkes-Barre and Joe Mintz is using his harem to make a club whereby he will field a star squad.

There was an attendance of about [illegible] at Moslem Fund Hall [illegible] expected it would have been predicted a clash between centers and Nat Holman and Joe Lapinski. His said to be great was [illegible] Dixon and [illegible] were at their best and kings. He appeared to be [illegible] at the least provocation and it would be indeed a difficult matter to say which one started throwing punches. They were both looking for it.

Klotz and Mecklin [illegible] renewed hostilities. One time Mecklin [illegible] the Philadelphia [illegible] across the floor and it looked [illegible] have to retire. [illegible] minutes, he [illegible] Play was [illegible] minutes and [illegible] the contestants [illegible] neither [illegible] lights would [illegible] for a long [illegible]

[illegible] paying [illegible] Manager Myers. For [illegible] Myers [illegible] Thirty [illegible] would have won [illegible] There were say [illegible] questionable and [illegible] of protest.

[illegible] features of the [illegible] Contest [illegible] Chris Leonard [illegible] out of the ball [illegible] on Monday [illegible] and several local fans who were in Reading on Saturday say that it was the upstaters could not [illegible] Frankford.

Contestants will have the fall line up in action against Trenton this evening and tomorrow night they invade Germantown and tackle the league runners.

The club roster will also be on hand as some of the players for no reason [illegible] the State Long [illegible] Dowd and Schwab [illegible] last year's [illegible] Frankford and Chris Leonard and was a member of the original Germantown player, but would not sign.

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CHAMPIONS' '21 PATH DOESN'T APPEAR ROSY

Dempsey Faces Carpentier, Willard and Wills, for Instance; Tilden, Evans, Ruth, Sisler, Speaker and Rest Have Cause for Thought

By GRANTLAND RICE

NINETEEN TWENTY-ONE is still a trifle too young for any of the leading champions to have collided with a stiff test. Beany Leonard is about the only one who has been called upon to make good. But the others can look ahead and see plenty of trouble along the roadbed.

FIRST, there is Dempsey. If he is to meet the leading candidates for his job this year he will have to eliminate Carpentier, Willard and Wills. This will be a good season's work. Stopping three contenders of this caliber will come close to taking all he has. It will be more than any other heavyweight has tried in over twenty years. He may find one, or even two, of them fairly soft. But one of the three, if not two of the three, has the possibilities of serious trouble. He will find here three widely differing types—a fast, hard hitter in Carpentier, who, perhaps, is none too rugged; a slow, hard hitter in Willard, who can do a lot better than he did; a good defensive man in Wills, who can also punish. There are no set-ups here, at least. Not precisely.

THEN there is Bill Tilden. Outside of Bill Johnston he now seems to have the field stopped. These two stand apart with no one else fairly close. It is almost a toss-up as to which will win when they meet. Tilden has the greater variety of strokes, a better change of pace and a big advantage in his terrific service. But Johnston has the cool steadiness and the grim fighting qualities that make a champion, plus a wonderful control of certain essential strokes, including a winning forehand drive. When they get together it is merely a matter of which one happens to be on top of his game. Tilden, having broken through, may now be harder to beat than ever before. His victory last year may have given him the necessary confidence. But no man accepts victory over Johnston as a sure thing. Outside of these two it is hard to figure any one now with a chance to reach the main tennis heights. An upset may bubble up, but it will be considerable upset.

"CHICK" EVANS, the amateur golf champion, won't get his big chance to defend the main summit until early September. He will have far more competition than Tilden faces. His two main rivals are Bobby Jones and Francis Ouimet. But there is always the chance that some fine golfer, of the Bob Gardner type, may step in his way before the final round is reached. Evans beat Ouimet 7 up and 6 to play. Yet against Reggie Lewis, who has never won a championship, "Chick" had to go 41 holes in a match that might have been turned upside down at any given moment. Golf is too uncertain and there are too many first-class players in the land for any man to look for an easy victory in any championship match. Any man who qualifies in a championship, or most of them, may break loose with par golf any one day. In 1915, for one example, Evans, Ouimet and Travers were all eliminated within two days. And all by golfers who had never won a championship.

THERE is still some doubt as to whether Ted Ray will return to defend his open title. If he does his job will be the toughest of the lot. In addition to such American stars as Hagen, Barnes, Hutchison, Deigel, Edgar, Evans, Jones and others he will also have Abe Mitchell and George Duncan to stop. Ray or any man will be a 10 to 1 shot in this meeting, which will include more stars than the 1920 championship had at Inverness last August.

ONE of the best looking bets for a repeater now is Princeton for the Eastern football title. The only kink in the Tiger scheme of things is that the dope looks too good to be true. Bill Roper, who proved himself to be one of the best coaches in the game, has enough material for two star elevens. But there seem to be many occasions in existence or destiny when perfect advance conditions overplay themselves and lead to overconfidence or other trouble. But Princeton won't be far away. In fact, any rival that sends out a better eleven will have to mix up some miracle stuff and inhale it properly.

THEN there is Cleveland, on top in baseball. Speaker has seven clubs in his league to beat, plus the National League winners. The American League argument now looks to be a heated debate between Cleveland and New York. No other club should outfinish either of these contenders. If Speaker can finish ahead of Huggins, force of habit may lift him over the world's series hurdle, as the National League entry has been winning something like every fifth year—in 1909, in 1914 and in 1919. And in the 1919 affair there was considerable aid furnished by the opposition, which at least didn't make it any harder.

SO HERE, with the first month of the new year ended, you have them getting ready to take the hurdles—Dempsey, Leonard, Tilden, Evans, Ray, Speaker, Ruth, Sisler—how many of these will we be discussing as champions when February, 1922, pops out upon the calendar?

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Michigan to Go to Coast

Berkeley, Calif., Jan. 31.—Track and field athletes of the University of California and the University of Michigan will compete in a dual meet here April 9. Each university will be represented by a fifteen-man team.

TITLE GAME FOR GIRLS AT HOCKEY

Winner of Phila.-New York Clash Tonight Plays Boston for Eastern Crown

The girls' ice hockey championship of Philadelphia and New York will be decided tonight when all-stars teams from these cities clash in the third and deciding fray at the Ice Palace.

New York won the first game by two goals to cipher while the Quaker all-stars won the second by one goal to zero in an extra-period bout.

Philadelphia has one of the best girls' teams in the East, and if they win tonight they will have a chance to prove it, for the winner will meet Boston in a game for the eastern championship.

Miss Margaretta Sharpless, captain of the Quakers, is one of the best hockey players in the country. She is surrounded by an excellent cast. Dion, coach of the Quaker City team, has been coaching the team for this deciding game, and on their work in practice during the last week should be the team to meet Boston for the title.

Miss Elsie Muller, captain of the New York team, is the national 440 and 880 yards speed champion, while Miss Ottelia Barth, of the New York team, finished second in the national championships.

Miss Sharpless, who scored the winning goal in that last game, will be the mainstay this evening. Much is expected of her in this clash. She has been the most brilliant player of the year.

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