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BOXING IS MOST POPULAR SPORT IN ENGLAND NOW

Boxing is the most popular sport in England right now, and promoters and fighters worth while are getting rich. Eddie McGearty has picked up a bundle over there, and if he does not spend the wad should come home with a roll that will make his rivals in the States exceedingly envious.

They charge as high as \$50 for ring-side seats in London without anybody squawking, and the guys in the back rows sometimes have to plank down the equivalent of one of our \$5 notes for a distant peek at the doings. This price scale prevails in all classes where the matches are attractive enough.

Can you imagine Pal Moore and Jimmy Wilde boxing to an American audience that slumped down from five cases up to a half century to see the midgets perform? If you can, you have a vivid imagination! Yet they can get away with it over there.

POLO GAME WILL BE REVIVED THIS SPRING IN CALIF.

Season Will Officially Open At Coronado January 1st, With Inauguration Match.

Polo, virtually nonexistent during the war, will experience a revival during the coming winter and spring which promises to place it again among the leading outdoor pastimes in California. Many of the West's prominent players served in the army and the return of these men will serve to stimulate interest in the game.

Coronado and Del Monte, as in former years, will be the center for polo enthusiasts. Already stables of polo ponies are arriving to be prepared for the various tournaments.

To Draw Best Teams.

Three tournaments, two at Del Monte and one at Coronado, it is believed, will draw the cream of teams from the United States and Canada.

The principal events of the season will be the invitation tournaments at Del Monte, February 1 to 10; the annual spring tournament at Del Monte, March 23 to April 15, and the fourteenth annual polo tournament at Coronado, March 1 to April 1.

For the first time since the season of 1917, the Pacific Coast All-American polo trophy will be competed for during the coming midwinter tournament at Coronado. This trophy was won in 1917 by the Meadowbrook four, composed of G. M. Keckshar, C. P. Beadleston, Malcolm Stevenson (captain), and Carlton Burke. The Meadowbrook four won the trophy by defeating the Miami Valley team, captained by Max Fleischmann.

The season will officially open at Coronado on January 1 with the inauguration match. Weekly cup matches will follow every Saturday and Sunday. During the tournament from March 1 to April 1, in addition to the All-American trophy, players will compete for the California challenge, Pacific Coast junior championship and Joseph Jessop challenge trophies.

At Del Monte during the coming season there will be two regulation fields in addition to a practice area. The fields are said to rank among the best in the country and plans are being made to care for a large number of players.

CLAIMS LITTLE MONEY MADE ON CHAMPIONSHIP BOUT

"I notice it is stated that the Dempsey-Willard fight drew \$410,732," said a New York sporting man, who was officially connected with the big fight at Toledo. "Well, the gate receipts might have amounted to that much, but not a penny was made on the venture. Even Tex Rickard, who has been rated as the world's greatest promoter, was disappointed over the way things turned out. "After settling for the arena and paying off the boxers there wasn't enough coin left to buy a square meal. I also noticed that it was stated that the Toledo boxing commission's share of the proceeds was something like \$30,000. That's a dream. I am sure that there was nothing for the commission after all expenses were paid."

WILLIE HOPPE IS SUPREME IN BILLIARD GAME

Champion Balkline Player Accedes His Success To Father's Training.

Willie Hoppe has again won a billiard championship over the best exponents of the game in the world.

What is true of every other game is true of billiards. There are times when some men can play brilliantly when there is nothing at stake, but it is the fellow who can always play brilliantly who gets money and makes the championships. Hoppe is one of these. He always plays in championship form.

Has Lived Right.

The reason he does that is that he has always lived in a way to guarantee constant topnotch play. He has sacrificed more, probably, than any other living billiardist, and it shows in the result.

There is no man on earth who, in the long run, can beat Hoppe at the billiard game, and he has earned the right to be the supreme billiardist of his time; he has worked for it.

Whatever success Champion Hoppe has attained at billiards—and by many he is conceded to be the greatest balkline player of all time—is due largely to the influence of his father, now a

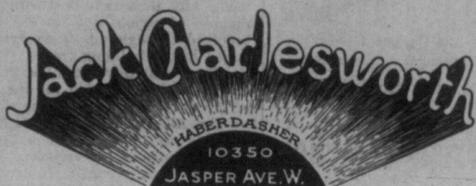
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John Henry Frank Hoppe was born in 1862 at Goshen, N.Y. His sons are Frank, the pocket billiard player, now living at Rockford; Willie, the balkline champion, and Albert, who is in business in St. Louis.

Sons Start Game Young. Frank Hoppe was 7½ and Willie 5½ when they first started playing. Hoppe Sr. had a combination table and the first efforts of the boys was at pocket billiards. Hoppe toured the country with the youngster, Willie then being 8. Willie took up billiards and at 10 years of age could play 100 or no count. It sometimes has been stated that Willie stood on a box to play some shots, but his father denies this. The boy climbed on the table when he had a long reach to make.

Willie Hoppe won the shortstop championship of the world at Paris in January, 1904, and then returned home and toured with the late Jake Schaefer, winning most of his games. His next goal was the 18-1 championship

ship and for six months he practiced under the eye of his father and then, going to France, electrified the billiard world by wresting the title from Maurice Vignaux, the great French master, on January 15, 1906. Hoppe won, 500 to 323, averaging 20.

In fourteen years of championship play Hoppe has been beaten only twice in challenge matches, once by Sutton and once by Schaefer.

Father Student of Game.

There is no greater student of the game than Mr. Hoppe the elder. For forty years he watched the leading players of the world and from this study evolved a system which is different from that of any other player. It is this system which has given Willie his supremacy as a balkline player. It is based largely on the method in which the object ball is hit. "Time or timing," says Mr. Hoppe, "is the greatest item in billiards," and his ability in this line has been a big factor in the work of Willie Hoppe.



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