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To the average person visiting a race course, the jockeys all look pretty much alike. There are little boys and men togged out in the gay colors of their stables. They laugh and joke with one another as they parade to the post, and are likely to be laughing still when they return, somewhat breathless from the exertion, to weigh in and change silks for the next race. They all look alike, but there is a difference—a big one.

Last week at Empire City it was possible to hear people ranting and raving about one particular boy, who, they said, had been responsible for the defeat of four favorites in two days. They didn't charge the boy with dishonesty. Far from it. They raved about what they termed his incompetence and claimed that only star or inexperienced jockeys should be permitted to ride horses heavily backed by public sometimes a trifle too trusting.

Persons not familiar with racing—and most people who go to a race track are qualified to judge whether a ride was good or bad—must have found all this confusing. They may have wondered just where the difference lay. They probably had heard that Workman, Conneli, Wright and some of others were topnotch horsemen, but that only confused them the more because they could hardly tell the difference between these boys and the less capable and less experienced riders.

### Trainer Supplies Answer

Just what does it take to make a good jockey? Over next to the paddock, standing peacefully in the shade of a tree and seemingly unworried about anything, while a little man with silvered temples quite capable of supplying the answer. Sunny Jim Fitzsimmons, trainer of Omaha, the man who developed Gallant Fox and other famous horses and who was a jockey himself not long ago, answered instantly:

"Brains."

John McGraw and Wilbert Robinson probably would have given you that same terse answer if you asked what made a ball player, but it hardly answered your question. A bank president might well have brains, but maybe he couldn't sit on a horse to catch a ball.

And so you suggested, rather meekly, that Sunny Jim enlarge on the point.

"We have hundreds of boys on the racetracks," he said after a moment of reflection "who can ride horses. They have reasonably good hands, can sit a horse passably, but few of them will make good jockeys. Some may be too heavy, some are without a judg-

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## PITCHER TURNS UMP, TEMPTED TO FIELD BALL

NEW YORK, July 22—Changing from the long-acustomed regalia of a baseball player into the blue uniform of an umpire is more than a change of clothes; it is a change of character, a change of viewpoint.

"I had the darndest time," said Fred Marberry, "controlling myself from fielding batted balls in my first game as an umpire."

Marberry recently made the change. He was a player of fourteen years experience. He had pitched for the Washington Senators and for the Detroit Tigers. When he lost his stuff he applied for appointment to the staff of American League Umpires and was accepted on June 11.

"In my first game as an umpire I worked with Kolls, Dineen and Donnelly in Chicago. Every time a ball was hit near me, I felt I should field it. And the first time I umpired a game in which the Tigers were playing, I had to stop myself from yelling 'come on' to the fellows I knew so well on the Detroit team."

"That is the hardest thing for me at present; to forget I ever was a ball player, and remember that I am an umpire and must be impartial. A good umpire should not know who is pitching or running or batting."

Marberry said the players had treated him kindly as an umpire.

"I haven't had any trouble. I never was much of a trouble maker myself when I was playing. I was never put out of a game in fourteen years. I used to yell at umpires, sure. You have to keep 'em on the job." He grinned: "They're a lazy bunch."

Marberry said that he was a little nervous at first. He was not worried about what the crowds or players might say; he was worried about the plays that might come up and the decisions he'd have to make.

"I'm getting over that now," he said. "You get confidence as you go along. The thing I miss most is the gang. When I was a player, I was around with twenty-two other guys. Now me and two other guys are out there alone. And at nights, there is no hanging around with the players I know. An umpire cannot do that. But I like it, and hope I make good."

The illusions created by radio reach such incredible proportions, studio audiences of the "Buck Rogers" programs invariably produce a half-dozen fans who want to see the characters bedecked in the bizarre costume of the comic strip patterned after the radio serial.

ment of pace and maybe some lack the competitive temperament. You know temperament is just as important in a jockey as in a ball player or a fighter. Would Babe Ruth have been a good hitter if he had let every pitcher get his goat? I doubt it. The same goes for a jockey. He must have the hands and seat, and besides that he must be as cold as ice under fire; his mental processes must function like lightning.

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## PLAYGROUNDS SHOW RECORD ATTENDANCE

Total of 1964 on Grounds in Past Week—Varied Program put on by Instructor. Murray. G. Ross.

With close to 500 children registered at the City Playground, a record attendance for the past week of 1964, and a much more intense and varied program, there is every indication that last week at Wilmot Park and Queen Square was one of the most successful in years.

A softball league for young men has been formed with four teams, Aberdeen, West End Angels, Devon and Athletics, entered. This makes three leagues—two baseball and one softball—with four teams in each and approximately 125 players participating in this one branch of Playground activity.

A Treasure Hunt featured the activities of last week. Over 100 boys set out in search of the "Treasure," which proved to be a good sized watermelon. Jackie Morgan won the hunt at the Park and Fred Allen at Queen Square.

In the Baseball League Marysville leads the senior division while Devon heads the Junior section. Track and Field Meets, soccer, volleyball, horse shoe, croquet and handicraft are a few of the other activities participated in.

EASTBOURNE, England, July 22—Australia made a clean sweep of its international tennis match with England today when Jack Crawford defeated H. W. (Bunny) Austin, 6-2, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, for Australia's third straight victory.

Previously Crawford won from Fred Perry, the English star, and the Australian doubles team of Don Turnbull and Adrian Quist disposed of G. P. Hughes and C. R. D. Tuckey, of England.

A singles match between Perry and Vivian McGrath was stopped by rain with the score 1-1.

## ROSALIND LEADS IN 1935 TROT BRIGADE

With only thirteen days of trotting on the mile tracks up to the middle of July, the horses, young and old, have put on record a long list of performances which compare favorably with those of any like period of recent years.

After a rather disappointing beginning at Lexington and Toledo, the two-year-olds made up for lost time at Cleveland, where four of them won heats faster than 2:08½. Not one juvenile trotter had at this time last year raced as fast as the slowest of these. Gibson White's good filly, Rosalind, 2:07, leads the 1935 procession thus far with two wins and a draw and shares the season's record with Henry Oliver's Rosette, 2:07, but while the latter went against the watch Rosalind made her mark in competition. On the other hand, Rosette's fast mile was trotted three weeks earlier than the other.

These two crack fillies are first cousins as well as stable mates, Rosalind's sire, Scotland 1:50 1/4, being a full brother to Rosette's dam, Rose Scott, 1:59 1/4. Their sire, Peter Scott, 2:05, comes into the two-year-old picture in a big way, as he is also the sire of the dam of Recovery, 2:08 1/4, the colt that snatched a heat from Rosalind in the Rainy Day Sweepstakes and forced her out in each of her winning heats in the Sherwood Sweepstakes at Toledo. This son of Guy Abbey, 2:06 1/4, is showing more speed with each succeeding race, which is characteristic of colts trained by Fred Egan in the early summer.

### Bill Strang Off Form

Ben White has so far intrusted his son's filly and his other winning two-year-old, Ed Lasater, 2:07 1/4, to Thomas S. Berry, while he takes the dust behind Prince McElwain, 2:07 1/4, and Bill Strang. The latter's colt, the sensation of the winter training camp in Florida, has been off ever since he came north, but was good enough in his last race to force Recovery to his best record. Right here it is worthy of note that all four of the juvenile

## PITTS SAVES SPARE CHANGE

ALBANY, July 22—Edwin (Alabama) Pitts, who emerged from Sing Sing prison with a small roll of bills—earnings during five years' of imprisonment—boasted a bank account today, several weeks after joining the Albany International League baseball Club.

Somewhat dejected because a swollen finger is keeping him on the bench, Pitts told the United Press he deposits part of his check in the bank.

"I get my check every two weeks," he said. "Some of the money goes into my savings account, and some goes to my mother in Alabama."

Pitts, who was temporarily banned from organized baseball because he served a sentence for robbery, said he was interested in a football career in the fall.

"Yes," he said, "I'll play football if Warden Lawes lets me."

Pitts continues to look to the Sing Sing warden for advice. The warden helped him gain an outfield job with Albany.

The twenty-four-year-old youth excelled in football while playing with the "Black Sheep" behind prison walls. Pitts said he figured the swelling on his finger would disappear within a week, and that he hoped to increase his batting average of .208.

"I started poorly, but I've been coming along," he said. Al Mamauz, manager of the Albany Club, still maintains high hopes for Pitts.

Bernice Claire, beautiful young radio stage and screen star, writes back from London, England, that she's one little girl who crossed the Big Pond resolved NOT to buy any clothes in Paris. She had been abroad not quite four weeks when last Saturday came. Bernice bought a new trunk!

trotters that have beaten 2:08 on Grand Circuit tracks this season were developed by White, and that no race on a mile track has yet escaped them.

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## SHARKEY IS PLANNING A COMEBACK

Boston Hears that Gob May Meet Tommy Loughran — Like to Meet Joe Louis

BOSTON, July, 22—Fans will not be surprised if Jack Sharkey tells the world in the course of a week or two that he will don the gloves again in a real battle.

Information came yesterday that Jack is preparing for something, and showing a lot of interest in his work. The something is said to be Jack Doyle, the Irish heavyweight champion. And if Doyle isn't available, Sharkey is ready to meet Tommy Loughran.

### Offer Loughran

A letter from a Philadelphia friend yesterday contained the information that Tommy's manager, Joe Smith, had been asked by a Boston promoter to submit his price.

And a letter from New York imparted the "info" that Doyle would be given a substantial guarantee if he would meet the former champion.

It is intimated in the letter that Sharkey is willing to accept a guarantee of \$12,000 to meet either.

This indicates the trend of things in the boxing world. Only a few years ago Jack talked \$100,000 to anyone who approached him to engage in a battle.

In view of the foregoing, the lesser lights will probably see the light and curtail their demands if they expect to go anywhere.

### Advertising For Joe

Joe Louis is certainly getting some advertising that will be beneficial for his bout with King Levinsky in Chicago. His name is coupled daily with that of Max Schmeling.

Mike Jacobs declares he has the match. Jimmy Johnston says he has Schmeling under contract, and Joe Jacobs, who represents Schmeling in this country, chirps from the high seas that nothing definite has been done.

That's the stuff that keeps the boxing pot seething. Fans wonder what it is all about, and when the men are matched they will be steamed enough to rush for tickets.

Just not Mike Jacobs and his Twentieth Century Club is a big factor in New York boxing, and because of the keen rivalry that exists between that organization and the Garden, boxing interest is being revived in New York.

If Phil Baker only had time and the inclination, he could profitably begin a correspondence course for comics. A Southern listener has written Phil, "I would be willing to pay you if you would teach me to be funny in ten lessons."

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