

BOXING IN AUSTRALIA.

"Snowy" Baker Tells How Clever Youngsters Are Being Developed.

There is great joy in boxing circles in Australia. This may be gleaned from a letter received in this country from "Snowy" Baker, the prominent sports promoter "down underneath."

"The boxing boom spreads to all parts of the island continent," writes Mr. Baker, "and although there are not 5,000,000 people in the whole 3,000,000 square miles of country, it has boxing stadiums unequaled anywhere."

Melbourne and Brisbane have been provided with boxing palaces even more up to date than the Sydney building, which Baker bought when he took charge of Australian boxing.

Brisbane is a city of less than 150,000 persons, but it supports the boxing game in a way that would do credit to a population of half a million. As a result, it is producing some fine boxers of its own, and is already yearning to discover a world's champion of its own.

On the subject of boxers, this is what Mr. Baker has to say:

"For years past we have been without any champions in the heavy and middle divisions who were able to hold their own with the topnotchers imported from abroad. Now we have changed all that. A few months ago the people of Maitland and Newcastle, two big coal-mining districts, got vastly excited over the prowess of a young man named Les Darcy. He was a blacksmith's apprentice in East Maitland, 154 pounds in weight, 17 years old, and possessed of wonderful natural fighting ability.

"The local enthusiasts saw him fight half a dozen boys of no great importance, and the easy way in which he finished them all off convinced the miners that Darcy was a world beater. They urged me to give Darcy a match at the big stadium in Sydney. They wanted him put up against Eddie McGoorty, but as second choice they selected Jeff Smith or Jimmy Clabby.

"I did not want to see Darcy put out of sight in his first big fight, so matched him with Fritz Holland. The pair fought before the largest house seen in Australia since Jack Johnson beat Burns. In the end the referee gave the decision to Holland. Fritz had fought a clean fight and outboxed the young blacksmith. The crowd was greatly disappointed and clamored for a return contest.

"It was arranged, and in the meantime Darcy had been instructed by Dave Smith. He improved a lot and outpointed Holland all the way up to the fifteenth round. Finding himself winning so easily, the boy got excited, rushed Holland madly, fouled him half a dozen times in succession, and was disqualified. More instructions from Dave Smith followed, and Darcy was matched with K. O. Marchand, the French middleweight. The latter never had a chance; Darcy outboxed him, banged him mightily, and knocked him out in the fifth round. Another new middleweight is Mike King. He holds the Australian title, but has not yet boxed Darcy. He has done a great deal of fighting and holds a big record of successes against every opponent who could be found for him. He was matched against Gus Christie, and most people expected to see King put out early in the fight. They were surprised. The Australian never lost a round.

"Australia's boxing stock is looking up most assuredly," continues Baker. "We have had to let imported boxers fight each other in the last year or two. Now we can give them our own men to fight, and I think we can more than hold our own at that."

HOUNDS RUN AT LEEDSVILLE

Society Attends Monmouth County Club Meet Yesterday.

The Monmouth County Hounds held a meet at Leedsville yesterday, and a gay throng of society people and local town-folk were present. The meet was held in the morning, and society in automobiles and farmers in their wagons arrived at Leedsville early. The line ran north of Leedsville to Lyons Mills, to Mr. Radcliffe's farm, where the hounds were checked. Taking the line at Mr. Conover's, the hounds started at a great pace, and, swerving south, were off through the pastures to the Henderson place, where the fences are high. The country here is open, and those people on the roadway had an excellent view of the jumping. The hounds overran the check, carrying the field at a very fast pace over the Burrows land to the foot of Slater's Hill. Here the jumping was very difficult, and a number of stiff fences had to be taken on a side hill. There were three falls, but no one was injured.

Those who rode in the first flight were Acting Master Howard S. Borden, Miss Mary Jones, Charles F. Hart, Walter McClure, Herbert Strauss, Thomas Fields, Albert E. Hart, Charles F. Hart, Jr., Jack Borden, William Stonebridge, huntsmen, and Joseph Clancy and J. C. Long, whips.

Among those who saw the run from the road were Mrs. W. Strother Jones, the Misses Grant, Henry Grant, Mr. Conover, Louis C. Hazard, Mr. and Mrs. Amory Haskell, the Misses Madaline and Elsie Horn, and Mrs. Howard S. Borden.

Bell to Box Reich at Broadway.

Australia's champion heavyweight, Colin Bell, will get an opportunity for which he has been seeking some time, next Tuesday night at the Broadway Sporting Club of Brooklyn. Bell has been matched to box Al. Reich, one of the likely aspirants for championship honors in his class. The bout promises to furnish one of the fastest seen around New York between heavyweights.

Medals for Tennis Champions.

Gold medals are to be awarded to each of the lawn tennis players who has held a national championship title. The details of the plan and the selection of the design will be made at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association, which Edwin F. Torrey, the Secretary, has called to be held at the Waldorf-Astoria beginning Friday, Dec. 18. Palmer E. Presbrey of the Longwood Cricket Club, Boston, is Chairman of the Medal Committee, which also includes George T. Adey and C. Frederick Watson, Jr. The complaint has been made that a fine collection of silver cups is a constant source of care. Often the necessity of keeping them in safe deposit vaults becomes an expensive luxury. The selection of a valuable medal of gold which will be standard is regarded as the solution of the problem.

Honors Divided at Bayside Traps.

Honors were divided at the traps of the Bayside Yacht Club yesterday afternoon. John Johns, 14 years old, won a leg on the Stevens Trophy with a gross score of 23. H. L. F. Funke dropped 23 of 25 targets in the monthly competition, and with a handicap of one had a score of 24, winning that event. W. M. Collins won the leg on the yearly trophy by breaking 19, with a handicap of three, for a total of 22. The weekly prize was won by Funke with a percentage of 57. Walter M. Collins was second with 56 and H. L. Beadle third with 54.