



English Turf.

EPSOM RACES.

London, April 25 1876.

The Epsom spring racing meeting commenced to-day under very pleasant auspices. The weather was delightful and the attendance unusually large and brilliant. Many of the distinguished members of the Jockey Club were on hand, the majority of whom were attracted by the fact that Mate, another of Mr. M. H. Sanford's American horses would run in the principal event of the day, the City and Suburban.

THE RACE.

This handicap is usually one of the most uncertain races decided during the year. It is run on one mile and a quarter of the Derby course. The quarter of a mile avoided is at the start, and up a steep hill. In the Derby, before the dangerous Tattenham corner is reached all the poor horses have been weeded out and the best take good places. In the City and Suburban, on the other hand, many wretched "scrows," with a little speed, manage to keep a position, so that when the fatal descent is made numbers of horses, ridden by tiny jockeys, come together and much confusion ensues.

Of the eighty-three subscribers that remained after forty-one had paid forfeit twenty-three came to the post. Thunder, carrying 130 lbs., won the race easily, Little Harry, 77 lbs., finishing second, three lengths away, and Merry Duchess, 80 lbs., third. The favorite, Brigg Boy, came in fifth, and Mate finished in the last six, never having a prominent position at any time. Parry, his jockey, says that he "could never get near the front." Mate was very nervous before the start and sweated much.

MAY FINAL.

Another of Mr. Sanford's string, was also entered in the City and Suburban, but declared out, and did not run.

The betting at the start, which was very active, ruled 5 to 1 against Brigg Boy, 10 to 1 against Little Harry, 20 to 1 against Thunder and 50 to 1 against Merry Duchess.

SUMMARY.

The City and Suburban Handicap of 15 sows, each, 10 sows forfeit, and only 5 sows, if declared by February 1, with 200 sows added; the owner of the second horse to receive 50 sows out of the stakes; the winner of a handicap after the publication of the weights (January 27), to carry 5 lbs., of any two handicaps, or one of the value of 1,000 sows, 10 lbs. extra. About one mile and a quarter. Closed with 124 subscribers, 41 of whom pay 5 sows each.

- Mr Vyner's b h Thunder, 6 yrs, by Thunderbolt, out of Violante, 130 lbs. 1
- Mr H Woolcott's ch c Little Harry, 3 yrs, by Knowles, out of Dora, by Bessus, 77 lbs. 2
- Mr Meadows' br f Merry Duchess, 3 yrs, by The Duke, out of Mirella, 80 lbs. 3
- Sir J D Astley's b c Brigg Boy, 3 yrs, by Bromilax, out of Vigorous, 89 lbs. 0
- Mr H Coventry's ch c Rosehampton, 3 yrs, by Lord Clifden, out of Sammar's Eve, 82 lbs 0
- Mr Westbourne's b h Genuine, 5 yrs, by The Duke, out of Whisper, 110 lbs. 0
- Mr F Swindell's ch c Woodlands, 4 yrs, by Nathorne, out of Whiteface, 111 lbs. 0
- Mr J Johnston's ch c Red Cap Sly, 4 yrs, by Sincerity, out of Birkie, 93 lbs. 0
- Mrs Draxitt's ch f Lady Mostyn, 3 yrs, by, by Lord Clifden, out of Annette, by Scythian, 93 lbs. 0
- Captain D Lane's b c Hesper, 3 yrs, by Speculum, out of Hesperithusa (b h), 90 lbs. 0
- Mr H Jennings' br h Premier Mai, 5 yrs, by Fort-a-bras or Charlatan, out of Taffarett (bred in France), 107 lbs. 0
- Mr Jolliffe's b c Garterly Bell, 4 yrs, by Blair Athel, out of Silverhair, 104 lbs. 0
- Mr Somper's ch h h Rostreer, 4 yrs, by ... 0

In the several events to be decided, the principal of which were the Great Metropolitan Stakes and the Prince of Wales Stakes. The number of distinguished persons was very large. The majority of Americans in London were early on the ground, all particularly anxious to note the performance of the third of his horses that their countryman, Mr. M. H. Sanford, had chosen to introduce to the English public. This was Bay Final, a brother to Peakness, and more particularly was his performance worthy of the closest scrutiny, inasmuch as it was the maiden effort of the stable here in a long distance contest. This feeling was shared by the prominent members of the Jockey Club, and the result in the Metropolitan Stakes was such as to justify the belief that the future of the American representatives is at least far from discouraging. Of fifty-one subscribers, eighteen of whom paid forfeit, seven appeared before the starter.

The start was very fair and the contest was interesting throughout. Bay Final showed to advantage and ran a most creditable race for two miles, at which time he looked a dangerous customer, fighting every inch of the ground with New Holland, the ultimate winner. So earnestly did he battle for the lead that many thought he might prove the victor, but his jockey failed to preserve him as he should have done for the final rally, and when less than a quarter of a mile from home he tired and fell to the rear. New Holland—who was carrying fourteen pounds less than Bay Final—then went on and won the race, Whitebait finishing second and Froeman (the favorite) third. Bay Final passed the post next to the last. After the race scores of good judges boldly expressed the opinion that long distances must certainly suit the American horses, and considered that Peakness' chance for the Ascot Cup is daily growing better.

Just before the start the betting ruled:—2 to 1 against Froeman; 5 to 1 against New Holland; 6 to 1 against Whitebait, and 50 to 1 against Bay Final.

SUMMARY.

The Great Metropolitan Stakes (handicap), of 24 sows, each, 15 sows forfeit and only 5 sows, if declared by February 1, with 200 sows added; the owner of the second horse to receive 50 sows out of the stakes; the winner of a handicap after the publication of the weights (January 27) to carry 5 lbs extra; of any two handicaps, or of the City and Suburban Handicap, 10 lbs extra. About two miles and a quarter, to start from the winning chair. Closed with 51 subscribers, 18 of whom pay 5 sows each.

- Prince Soltykoff's b c New Holland, 4 yrs, by Young Melbourne, out of Bouceaway, 100 lbs. 1
- Captain Stirling's b h Whitebait, 4 yrs, by Brown Bread, out of Laura, by Lampton, 101 lbs. 2
- Mr Heneage's ch h Froeman, aged, by Kettle-drum, out of Haricot, 124 lbs. 3
- Lord St. Vincent's ch h Beau Brommell, 5 yrs, by Marquis, out of Ede, 104 lbs. 0
- Mr W S Crawford's b c The Flying Scotchman, 4 yrs, by Voltigeur, out of Borealis, 90 lbs. 0
- Mr M H Sanford's b c Bay Final, 4 yrs, by Lexington, out of Bay Leaf (bred in America), 114 lbs. 0
- Mr C Bush's b h Rob Roy, 5 yrs, by Maracoon, out of Necklace, 93 lbs. 0

Next in importance to the Great Metropolitan Stakes was the Prince of Wales' Stakes. This event, for which here were originally sixty-seven subscribers, caused considerable excitement.

THE RACE.

Of the thirty-eight horses that remained after twenty-nine declared forfeit, nine came to the post. Mr Sanford's Bay Final was entered in this stake, but was scratched on the 13th inst.

The Prince of Wales' Stakes (handicap), of 10 sows, each, 5 sows forfeit, with 200 sows added, for three-year-olds and upward; the owner

MY EXPERIENCE WITH TROTTERS.

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Embracing the Leading Incidents in His Career as a Trainer and Driver, with a Detailed History of the Dispositions, Treatment, and Performances of the Noted Trotters that Have Passed Through His Hands, How They Were Fed, Trained, and Driven; with an Essay on Shoeing Trotters and the Care of the Horse's Feet.

CHAPTER XVI.

Billy Barr—His Training and Shoeing—His Game Race over the Mystic—Young Woful and his "five-miles out" over the Fashion—Mountain Maid's Race over the Fashion, Drawing Two Thousand Pounds—Training in Early Days—My Race from Providence to Boston.

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(Continued).

Barr and Hotspur were side by side. I had the pole, and right there Barr broke, and when he broke, Doble, who was driving Hotspur, pulled to take the pole from me. Barr immediately caught his trot, and I struck him sharply with the whip, and yelled to Doble to pull out. Barr trotted so fast that Doble had no chance to take the pole, but pulled Hotspur off a little, and I went right through. We then laid together, and when we got into the homestretch Hotspur made a terrible rattle at me, and I thought he was going to beat me, but I called on Barr, and he trotted out as game as I ever saw a horse. Gold-dust had shut up shop on the backstretch. I won the heat and race, the time of the heat was 2:28. When we got out Billy Barr stood and held up his leg, and couldn't put his foot to the ground. I never saw so lame a horse in my life. His courage was so great, that in the excitement of the race he felt no pain. The hot water baths, the bandages, and the ether, had helped him, but his gameness carried him through. For what he could do, he was as good a horse as ever trotted. I think if he hadn't been lame that day, he could have trotted in 2:20. When he got up to speed he didn't show the least sign of lameness. This trouble was in one of his forward ankles. It is all sound now, but the other one is big from resting the lame one. It took him a long time to get well. If Billy Barr had been a "doughball," he could never have won that race, and he probably would not have struck a trot. "Blood will tell."

In the year 1865 I had Young Woful in my stable. He belonged to John Minchin, of Goshen, Orange County, and was sired by Woful (he by Long Island Black Hawk, and his dam was by Abdallah. Young Woful was a powerful 16-hand bay horse, and very stylish. John always told me he was a trotter, but "Jersey Bill" and others from Orange County often said the Irishman was crazy. Minchin wanted me to come to Goshen and see the horse, and I went out there one day in August, and we drove to Middletown, double, and put him in a sulky, and I drove him on the old track in 2:41, and repeated him in 2:39, although he was quite fat at the time. I took him to the Fashion Track and worked him some time, and then went to Providence, and trotted him some two and three mile races, winning easily. I then took him back to the Fashion Track and matched him against the chestnut stallion Andy Johnson, three-mile heats, for \$1,000. Hiram Woodruff drove Johnson. I won the race in 3:09. Andy Johnson distanced. November 4, 1865, I trotted him against Peter Voorhies' bay stallion Abdallah Chief and the bay mare Belle of Baltimore. The race was for \$1,000, in harness, five miles out. Abdallah Chief was a bay stallion, 15.3 high, and considered a good five-miler. Belle of Baltimore

and we had a sharp brush to the homestretch. The Chief shook me off, and crossed the score about a length ahead, in 3:46. Going into the fourth mile I went at the Chief again, and at the quarter pole I had got up to his head. We went side by side for half a mile, and had a sharp struggle of it. At the wire, on the fourth mile, in 2:47, we were still together, but I now came away from the Chief, and on the backstretch he broke. At the half-mile pole I was four or five lengths ahead. We stayed that way around the turn, and on the stretch the Chief came for me again fast, and got the score, but I beat him over it and won the race. The time of the last mile was 2:42, and of the five miles, 13:53. I made another match to trot him five miles, for \$2,000, with Abdallah Chief, but Minchin took him home, and it was never trotted. I think Young Woful could have trotted twenty miles in an hour.

I do not remember that I ever lost a long distance race. On the 8th of July, 1865, I had a race against time, which excited some attention. It was rather a novel one, and, I think, was never attempted before or since. I had a big handsome mare, 16½ hands high. She weighed about 1,200 lbs, and was quite a trotter. I called her Mountain Maid, and I matched her, for \$500, to trot a mile over the Fashion track, inside of 4:00, pulling 2,000 lbs. I took an express wagon weighing 500 lbs, and put nine persons inside of it, myself included, which made up the balance required of 1,440 lbs. We started, and, without distracting the mare a particle, she trotted the mile in 3:24, winning easily.

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Base Ball.

A club was organized at Port Burwell on the 20th ult. Mr. O. J. Ryan, president; John Davidson, sec. treas.; S. C. Woodworth, capt.

At a meeting for the reorganization of the Elora club, held on the 26th ult., the greatest enthusiasm prevailed, and the following officers were elected. Jas. Henderson, president; Win. Hela, vice president; A. Smart, W. Hill, T. Godfrey, and P. Lafrance, directors.

The Silver Creeks of Guelph organized on the 28th ult., for the present season, with the following directors: President, George Sleeman; Secretary, J. L. Murphy; Treasurer, John Hower, jr.; Captain, E. Hutcherson. It was decided to join the Canadian Base Ball Association, and the Secretary was instructed to correspond with the clubs of adjacent towns requesting them to join the association.

A meeting was held at Watt's American hotel, Guelph, on Friday evening, for the purpose of forming another amateur base ball club, about thirty well known base-ballists being present. Mr. A. Robertson, jr., occupied the chair, and after a brief discussion it was decided to organize a club under the title of the Guelph Base Ball Club. Messrs. K. Maclean, Brown, W. Jones, R. Miller and W. Husband were a committee appointed to draft constitution and by-laws. The following officers were elected:—K. Maclean, president; A. Robertson, jr., vice president; W. Jones, secretary; G. McIntyre, treasurer; A. Cogalton, W. Husband, W. Sankey, W. Armstrong, Jas. Hower, directors.

At a recent meeting of the Excelsiors, Woodstock, the following officers were elected: President, S. Palling, Vice-President, W. Pascoe, Secretary and Treasurer, H. Whitehead, Directors, J. Whitehead, G. Johnson and J. Gunn.

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Foot Ball.

THE CANADA HARVARD MATCH.

The following gentlemen have been chosen to represent Canada from Montreal, in the match with Harvard University.—Montreal—Messrs. K. E. Wilmet, E. K. Gough, S. Campbell, P. Cross, and H. St. A. Smith. Quebec—Stewart. Toronto—Perram, Young, Helliwell, and Green. Hamilton—H. Hope, Palmer, Hare and A. Murray. Bradford—Ker. The selection from Ontario is a good one, and about the best that could have been made. The backs and half backs are very strong, and as the Harvard play is strongest in that direction it was very right of the committee to attend particularly to getting good backs. The team will leave on Saturday next. The match takes place on Monday, May 8th, at Harvard.

HAMILTON vs. TORONTO.

On Saturday the second trial match for the selection of men to play against Harvard on Monday next, took place between the Toronto and Hamilton clubs on the Crystal Palace Grounds, Hamilton. Unfortunately the old cricket ground, where matches are usually played was too wet, and the ground at the Palace too limited in space to bring out the merits of the players. There was a strong wind blowing from the northwest, and Toronto having won the toss chose the goal at the far end getting both wind and hill in their favor for the first three-quarters of an hour. Owing to the narrowness of the ground, the game was principally a forward one though occasionally some of the backs got opportunities. Hare very narrowly missed a drop at goal. Just before half time Ogilvie, one of the Toronto forwards, sprained his ankle badly in a scrimmage and had to be removed from the ground. At half time ends were changed and Hamilton, with the wind in their favor, pressed their opponents, who were now playing one man short. Murray made some good runs and dropped well. On time being called the game was declared drawn. For Hamilton, McLatou, Wild and Wyward, (forwards), H. Hope (three-quarter back), and Palmer and Leisk (half-backs), and A. Murray and Hare, (backs), played well. For Toronto, Helliwell played brilliantly as a forward, and deservedly got his place in the International team. Perram, as half back, played as usual, Sankey, and Sankey and Young also worked hard. Mr. Lambie, of the Toronto Argonauts, was time keeper, and Mr. G. Main, manager of the Hamilton Football club, was referee. The following are the names of the teams:—H. Hope, captain and three quarter back; Ferris, Murray and Hare, (backs); Palmer and Leisk, (half backs); Wyward, Wyward, Park, J. A. Mackenzie, J. I. Mackenzie, McLaren, Gillespie, Wild and Hocking, (forwards); Toronto:—W. Perram, captain and three-quarter back; H. H. Gault and Shaw (half backs); Young, Gosling and P. Mitchell, (backs); and Boyd, Helliwell, Hare, Kerr, Ogilvie, Bell, Sankey, Donny and Wallace, (forwards).

Billiards.

HAMILTON.

The hall of the Bevere House, Hamilton, was crowded on the night of the 26th, on occasion of a match between J. Phelan and S. Davis, for the championship of the city and \$100 a side. The table used was one of Riley & May's, the three-ball game was played, 500 points up. Before the game of the