

The following have played in less than three matches :

D. J. Wylie	1	17	17	0	17
E. May	3	45	23	0	15
J. T. Child	1	1	1	0	1
Swaffer	1	1	1	0	1
A. W. Johnson	2	1	1	0	5
G. R. Kirkpatrick	2	0	0	2	

* Not out.

SO far this season, the lovers of football have had everything that could be desired as regards, the weather. The ground still remains soft, and the probability of it continuing in good order up till Xmas, will, we hope, enable the teams of both Rugby and Association to get into the way of each others' play, the only means of forming a strong combination in foreign matches.

We noticed a great improvement in the play of the town team in their Association match against the police, last Saturday. There was an absence of that selfish play, so prevalent in new clubs, and there can be little doubt that the promptitude of each player in "passing" was what won them the day.

We understand that the town are to meet the police in a Rugby match next Saturday (today); in the last it was noticeable that there was too much *arguing* amongst the players, the umpires on both sides appearing to have an unenviable time of it.

As we have amongst us two or three old Rugby players, enthusiasts, who must know the rules by heart, it would be better for each side to select one as their own permanent umpire, and the referee be appointed to the mutual agreement of both.

FOR some time past racing men and stock breeders have been considering the advisability of adding trotting and running races for two-year-olds, bred in the country, to the Turf Association meeting. We would suggest to all those gentlemen interested in the question, that they should meet at an early date for the purpose of formulating a scheme by which such races may be held, for two-year-old stock only, both running and trotting. The mode of procedure generally is for a time of nomination to be fixed, when a fee of, say \$10, is paid to the Turf Association, it not being necessary to name the colt until the time fixed by the association should arrive, when a second payment of, say \$15, would have to be paid. At this time the owner must name the colt, or colts, he intends to enter. At the time of nomination it is not necessary for those buying nominations to own the stock. Thus, if A is aware that B and C will shortly have strains of fast horses, he would be allowed to buy the right to nominate, trusting to make suitable arrangements with the owner by which the colt shall run at the appointed

time, either in his own name, or that of the owner himself, while another course which is open is for A to sell his right to nominate to the owner.

To add to the size of the purse, starters should pay a third fee of say \$25, which with added money, would make a prize well worth striving for. We think the Turf Association should add \$200, which would make a very respectable purse. Should the Turf Association not feel inclined to put up the money, we would advise those interested in the subject to attend the annual meeting of the Agricultural Society, to be held next January, and lay the matter before them. We feel sure that either body would be justified in appropriating this sum for the purpose required, and that they would be more than repaid for the outlay.

In the event of the nominator not starting his colt, the total amount paid in fees is forfeited. We notice by 'The Horseman' that the regulations observed by the Charter Oak Driving Park people are stricter than we have outlined. The chief provisions are that: "Nominations shall follow the ownership of the foal, and the bona fide sale of any foal prior to the final payment in the purse shall entitle it to start against any other foal entered by the original nominator. Nominators will be required to give the name (if any), color, sex and breeding of foal when nominated, and are also requested to give the records of sire and dam. Nominators are only liable for first payment, but failure to make any subsequent payment when due shall be considered a withdrawal, with forfeiture of former payments."

We sincerely hope that some steps will be taken in the matter. It will greatly encourage the breeding of good stock, and will be an incentive to owners to look after their colts, besides making them more careful than at present, to see that the mares are crossed by stallions only, that have first-class blood in them. What we have written here are merely suggestions thrown out, with the hope that some of our leading horsemen will take the matter up. We should like to see some correspondence on the subject from different parts of the country, which will help considerably to bring the thing to a head.

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