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Washington, April 2.—The racing season of 1900 began to-day, when the Washington Jockey Club opened a two weeks' meeting Jockey Club opened a two weeks' meeting at the Bennings track. The weather was pleasant and a large crowd was in attendance. The principal events of the day were the steeplechase and the Bennings Spring Handicap, Cosmopolitan easily winning in the former and Boney Boy the latter.

First race, purse, \$300, for 3-year-oids and upwards, 6 furlongs—Gen. Mart Gary, 115 (O'Leary), 3½ to 1 1; Cupidity, 93 (Siack), 4 to 1 and 7 to 5, 2; Sidney Lucas, 108 (Bullman), 3 to 1, 3. Time 1.17. Tourney, Kind Thistie, Magic Light and Allie H. also ran.

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Second race, Arlington Purse, for 2-year-olds, \$400, ½ mile—Fake. 112 (McGoynt), 4 to 1, 1; Connie, 109 (Heathersoil), 3½ to 1 and 8 to 5, 2; Light Bali, 109 (Clay), 5 to 1, 3. Time .51½. Thorough Bred, Scurry, Della Cee, Tonicum, Nettie, Newcomb, Irish Boy also ran.

Third race, maidens, steeplechase, for 4-year-olds and upwards, about two miles, purse, \$300—Cosmopolitan, 137 (Brooker), even, 1; Emory, 137 (Danton), 10 to 1 and 4 to 1, 2. Time 4.35. Loveborn fell and Tamor threw his rider.

Fourth race, Bennings Spring Handicap, for 3-year-olds and upwards, of furiongs—Boney Boy, 106 (Mitchell), 3 to 1, 1; Charentus, 109 (Clawson), 5 to 1 and 8 to 5, 2; Imp, 132 (Clay), 6 to 5, 3. Time 1.16 1-5. Brisk, Lexington Pirate, Speedmas, Counseller Wernberg also ran.

Fifth race, selling, 3-year-olds and apwards, purse, \$300, mile and 40 yards—Asquith, 100 (Hothersoil), 8 to 5, 1; Diminutive, 101 (Slack), 3 to 1 and even, 2; Hold-up, 103 (Seaton), 10 to 1, 3. Time 1.49 2-5. Mouseltoff, Harry Lucesco, Matt Simpson also ran.

Entries: First race, 5½ furiongs—Jack



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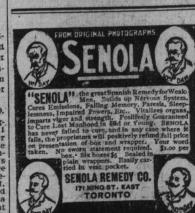
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