

THE PEDESTRIAN FETE.

The annual Grand Pedestrian Fete was held in the Central Cricket and Recreation Ground on Monday last, when about 3000 spectators assembled in the ground to witness the running, while large numbers gathered on the outside, especially in Portland-place. The ground, owing to the recent falls of rain, was very heavy, and not at all favourable for the running, but notwithstanding this, the competitions were in some cases very close, and of a most exciting nature. A great attraction in the proceedings was the two miles handicap amateur bicycle race, for which there were ten entries. This event was watched with great interest, and throughout the race loud cheering was heard from all sides as the competitors passed. During the afternoon a military band was in attendance, and performed several selections of music. The general arrangements were ably carried out by Mr. S. Welling, while Mr. H. Chas officiated as starter, and Mr. G. F. Finn as referee. The refreshment stalls were under the management of Mr. H. Love, of the Pilot Inn. The following are the results of the various races:—

150 YARDS HANDICAP RACE.

First prize, £1; second, £1; and 10s. for each one winning a heat and not gaining a prize.—There were thirty-two entries for this race, which was run in six heats, the winners of these being as follows:—W. Webb, Woodwich (50 yards start); J. Law, Wye (77 yards); A. Bours, Hastings (78 yards); W. Gardiner, Hastings (77½ yards); B. Page, Hastings (81 yards); and A. Rowland, Hastings (78 yards). The result of the final heat was as follows:—1st, B. Page (Hastings); 2nd, W. Gardiner (Hastings); A. Bours (Hastings) made a false start in the final, and was put back a yard.

ONE MILE HANDICAP RACE.

All to run in one heat. First prize, £1; second, £1; third, 10s.; fourth, 5s. Starts outside the mile. Out of the twenty-five entered only eleven started. The race was six times round the course. C. Price, of Kensington, the scratch man, passed his opponents in fine style, with the exception of W. Marley, of Willborough, who won by about ten yards. The order in which the four first men passed the winning-post was as follows:—1st, W. Marley, Willborough (80 yards start); 2nd, C. Price, Kensington (scratch); 3rd, R. Parr, Hastings (100 yards); 4th, J. Bailey, Hastings (100 yards). Time of winner, 4min. 30sec.

250 YARDS HANDICAP RACE.

First prize, £3; second, £1; third, 10s.; and 5s. for each one winning a heat and not gaining a prize. There were twenty-five entries, and the race was run in five heats, the winners of which were—W. Gardiner, Hastings (78 yards start); W. Webb, Woodwich (81 yards); J. Batts, Ashford (83 yards); W. Nodley, Hastings (78 yards); and B. Page, Hastings (83 yards). The final heat was decided as follows:—1st, W. Webb; 2nd, W. Nodley; 3rd, B. Page.

TWO MILES HANDICAP AMATEUR BICYCLE RACE.

First prize, a silver cup, value seven guineas; second, a silver cup, value three guineas; third, a silver medal with gold centre; fourth, a silver medal. In two heats. The first two in each heat to compete in the final. The winners of the heats were—in the first, C. Fitzgerald, Ashford (250 yards start), and J. Horn, Lombard B.C. (250 yards); in the second, E. Rusts, Pickwick B.C. (250 yards), and H. F. G. Hare, Tonbridge Wells (250 yards). The racing in both heats was very exciting, and a good speed was maintained throughout, in spite of the unfavourable nature of the ground. The final heat resulted as follows:—1st, E. Rusts; 2nd, J. Horn; 3rd, C. Fitzgerald; 4th, H. F. G. Hare.

The prizes were presented to the successful competitors by Mr. H. Dorella at the finish of each race.