

Notwithstanding the counteracting influence of other attractions on Monday last, the annual Pedestrian Fête at the Central Cricket Ground was well attended, there being about 2,500 people present during the afternoon. The weather was all that could be desired, the only fault being that it was just a little too warm between three and four o'clock. The scene in the grounds, both before and after the commencement of the races, was a very lively one. Soon after one o'clock crowds of people began to appear at the gates, and for a considerable time the pressure at the turnstiles was very great in consequence of the eager impatience displayed by those outside, who were anxious to be on the spot in time to witness the first race. The St. Leonards Artillery Band were in attendance, and played several favourite airs during the day. A booth was erected at the northern end of the field for refreshments. Betting went on freely outside of the ropes, whilst a few persons invested their money in lotteries, &c.

The following are the results of the racing:

180 YARDS HANDICAP. 1st prize, £7; 2nd, £2; 3rd £1; and 10s. for winning a heat and not gaining a place in the final. The winners of the heats (13 in number) were J. Tyler, London; F. Anderson, Woolwich; A. Spice, Chatham; F. Green, W. Whittinghall, B. Obce, Ramsgate; W. Hunt, Hammersmith; F. Grounds, Hendcorn; J. Fenton, Brixton; J. Newland, London; A. Bowra, Hastings; W. Thomas, Woolwich; G. Moulder, Ramsgate. In the final heat the prizes were won by W. Whittinghall, Folkestone, 1st; F. Green, Deptford, 2nd; A. Bowra, Hastings, 3rd.

880 YARDS HANDICAP.—Prizes £3, £2, £1, and 10s.—Final heat, J. Filmer, 1; W. Marley, 2; and J. Hatchman, 3.

350 YARDS HANDICAP.—Prizes, £3, £2, and 10s. for winning a heat and not gaining a prize. The other winners of heats were E. Standford, Chillham; A. Steadman, Lenham; W. Arthur, London; A. Bowra, Hastings; W. Nedley, Hastings; and J. Fenton, Brixton.—Final heat: J. Fenton, 1; W. Nedley, 2; and A. Bowra, 3.

TWO MILES HANDICAP AMATEUR BICYCLE RACE.—1st prize, value £7 7s.; 2nd, value £3 3s.; 3rd, value £1 10s.; 4th, value £1.—H. Joy (St. Leonards (350 yards start), 1; J. T. East, Surrey R.C. (scratch), 2; H. Hart, Eastbourne B.C. (200 yards), 3; T. A. Denne, East Kent B.C. (400 yards), 4; H. Croucher, East Kent B.C. (300 yards), 5; T. C. Berrington, Dalwich (350 yards), 6.

The races were hardly concluded ere the rain began to fall, and the ground was rapidly deserted. The promoters of the fête are to be congratulated upon the order and decorum apparent, and upon the success of their efforts to provide recreation and amusement for the people.