

Two Mile Handicap Bicycle Race.—1st prize, a Silver Cup, value £7 7s.; 2nd, a Gold Medal, value £3 3s.; 3rd, a Silver Medal, value £1 11s. The race was in two heats, the first two in each heat to go in the final. In the first heat, J. R. Hamilton, Druids' Bicycle Club, who started at scratch, gradually passed his four opponents, and came in first, A. J. Lovett, Hastings Bicycle Club, 150 yds. start, being a good second. Great excitement prevailed when Lovett, who is a little fellow, hard pressed the winner during the latter part of the race. In the second heat, E. C. Gilbert, Hastings Bicycle Club, 100 yds. start, was first, winning easily, and H. Stiles, Hastings Bicycle Club, 150 yds. start, second. G. Hilton, of Hastings, gave up towards the close of the race. The final was a most interesting struggle between the four. Gilbert soon passed Stiles and Lovett, but was eventually overtaken by Hamilton, who won by about half-a-dozen yards, amidst much cheering, Gilbert being second. A fine struggle for the third prize took place between Stiles and Lovett, who were riding abreast until nearing the goal, when the latter put on a spurt, and won by three or four yards.

The races concluded, the rowdy element introduced itself, and free fights were the order of the day, one individual, who assaulted a police-constable, being conveyed to the lock-up.

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