

THE CRICKET GROUND PEDESTRIAN FETE.

The Grand Pedestrian Fete, organised by the Amalgamated Friendly Societies of Hastings, in the Cricket Ground on Monday and Tuesday, attracted large numbers of spectators, on the former day especially, when the sports were witnessed by some 4,000 people. Various amusements were provided in addition to the racing, and the Hastings Rifle Band played selections and dance music during the afternoons and evenings, a small extra charge being demanded of those who entered the enclosed circle to indulge in a trip on the light fantastic toe. Refreshments were supplied on the ground by Mrs. Campbell, of Campbell's Hotel, St. Leonards. For the several races Mr. H. Choeal officiated as handicapper and referee, and Mr. S. White as starter; while Mr. T. Poole carried out the duties of secretary. On Monday the results of the events were as follows:—

120 YARDS HANDICAP RACE.—1st prize, £7; 2nd, £2; 3rd, £1; and 10s. for each one winning a heat and not gaining a prize. The heats, of which there were seven, were won by—G. Fenton, Brixton, 7½ yards start; H. Cavanagh, London, 11½ yards; J. Green, Old Kent-road, 10 yards; W. Nedley, St. Leonards, 13 yards; W. Thomas, London, 12 yards; W. Parks, Kennington, 11½ yards; W. Allen, St. Leonards, 15 yards.

Shortly after three o'clock, A. Brazier, a little boy eight years of age, who, it was stated on the programme, was "backed to run a mile in seven minutes," succeeded in accomplishing the task amidst loud cheering from the spectators.

TWO MILE AMATEUR BICYCLE RACE.—First prize, a silver cup, value £7 7s.; 2nd, a gold medal, value £3 3s.; 3rd, a silver medal, value £1 10s. For this race there were nine entries, divided into two heats. In the first heat the five competitors entered started, four of the riders being members of the Hastings Bicycle Club. T. Woolven, who had 200 yards start, was never overtaken, and won; A. J. Lovett, with 300 yards start, being 2nd; G. S. Row, Hornsey B.C., the scratch man, 3rd; and A. W. Chesterfield 4th. A. T. Ellerback, 300 yards start, gave up on being passed by Woolven. In the second heat three of those entered started, the absentee being H. H. Arnold, of Hastings, who had 150 yards start. E. C. Gilbert, Hastings, 100 yards start, passed the winning post first; M. Pritchard, Droids B.C., 25 yards, being 2nd; and F. Beck, Hastings, 300 yards, 3rd. It may be added that the latter competitor was very much out of form through recent indisposition. The final, which was run later on in the evening, was the most attractive feature of the programme, the two first in each heat contesting, and the race was watched with a deal of interest. It was Woolven's first appearance at a racing meeting and, therefore, his qualities were not known; but his riding in the first heat was remarkably good, and it was predicted that he stood a good chance for the first, or, at least, second place in the final. Gilbert's riding was pretty well known as well as that of Lovett, and it was naturally anticipated that the scratch man knew his way round. Woolven had a start of 200 yards, and he was followed by Lovett, Gilbert having 100 yards start of the scratch man. Lovett lost ground, and Gilbert passed in a somewhat early part of the race. The scratch man, whose "form" was much admired, gradually drew up towards his opponents, and having passed Lovett, reached Gilbert, and, with a fine spurt, slipped into the second place. Woolven had, throughout the race, carefully preserved his lead, riding in first-rate form for a novice. Although the scratch man began to warm up, it was thought impossible that he could seize the lead, and at the close of the race Woolven was still unpassed, Pritchard was second, and Gilbert third.

880 YARDS HANDICAP RACE.—1st prize, £4; 2nd, £2; 3rd, £1. There were twenty entries, divided into three heats, the winners of which were D. Noel, Horselydown, 25 yards start; J. Warren, Hawkhurst, 50 yards; J. Hutchings, Hastings, 55 yards. The result of the final was—J. Warren, 1st; J. Hutchings, 2nd; and D. Noel, 3rd.

300 YARDS HANDICAP RACE.—1st prize, £4; 2nd, £2; 3rd, £1; and 10s. for winning a heat and not gaining a prize.—The heats were won by G. Fenton, Brixton, 9 yards start; W. Parks, Kennington, 13 yards; W. Thomas, London, 13 yards; and J. Green, Old Kent-road, 12 yards. The final was won by W. Thomas, W. Parks taking second place, and J. Green third.

The following are the results of Tuesday's running:—

FINAL HEAT OF 120 YARDS.—W. Allen, St. Leonards, 15 yards start, 1st; W. Thomas, London, 12 yards, 2nd; and W. Parks, Kennington, 11½ yards, 3rd.

200 YARDS HANDICAP.—First prize, £5; 2nd, £2; 3rd, £1; and 10s. for winning a heat and not gaining a prize. There were twenty-eight entries for this race, and it was run in five heats, the winners being as follows:—A. Bowra, Hastings, 12 yards start; G. Fenton, Brixton, 6 yards; W. Thomas, London, 12 yards; R. Page, Reigate, 8 yards; and W. Parks, Kennington, 11 yards. Parks and Thomas ran a dead heat in the final, Bowra being 3 or 4 yards behind them. Parks afterwards walked over the course for 1st prize.

440 YARDS HANDICAP.—First prize, £4; 2nd, £2; 3rd, £1; 4th, 10s. There were twenty entries which were divided into four heats:—W. Parks, Kennington, 18 yards, and W. Nedley, St. Leonards, 23 yards, ran even in the second heat accordingly both ran in the final. The winners of the three remaining heats were W. Thomas, London, 17 yards start; J. Carter, London, 20 yards; and J. Jarrod, London, 22 yards. In the final Carter was 1st, Thomas 2nd, Nedley 3rd, W. Parks 4th, and Jarrod 5th.

FOUR MILES HANDICAP RACE.—First prize, £7; 2nd, £3; 3rd, £1; 4th, 10s. There were sixteen entries for this race, out of which ten started. The scratch men had to run twenty-three laps. The running in this race was exceedingly good, and the following was the result:—W. Whale, St. Luke's, 500 yards start, 1st; G. Thrussel, Blackfriars, 300 yards, 2nd; T. Guy, Whitechapel, scratch, 3rd; and J. Fenner, Sevenoaks, 150 yards, 4th.

This ended the programme of events.