

RACING BY LAND AND SEA.

IRISH LAD WINS BROOKLYN HANDICAP BY A NOSE—THE RELIANCE COMES IN FIRST AGAIN.

Gunfire Only Gets Second Place at Gravesend; Heno Is Third—The Constitution Loses Topmast and Leaves Race.

FAST TIME FOR COURSE. EQUALS TRACK RECORD.

Much Manoeuvring and an Exciting Start. Gold Heels' Time of Last Year Duplicated.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Start, Elapsed Time. Includes entries for Reliance, Gunfire, and Constitution.

Again the Reliance won, but an accident marred the race of 90-foot yachts yesterday. In one of those white squalls that often come sweeping out of Huntington Bay the Constitution lost her topmast.

The Constitution had sailed about nine of the eleven miles of the first leg of the triangular course when the accident occurred. It had been a close race between these two, after one of the most exciting starts ever seen on the Sound.

THE RELIANCE CONTINUES RACE.

The Reliance continued in her race with the Columbia, and won handsomely, as it was expected she would. She defeated the older boat by 8 minutes 27 seconds, gaining 4 minutes 54 seconds on the first leg of the course and 36 seconds on the second leg.

All three of the big sloops mustered off the starting point between 11 and 12 o'clock. There was a good breeze from the south-southwest of about six knots strength, and it was inclined to be squally.

At 11:45 the committee boat Privateer, lying at anchor north of Matinecock buoy, signalled that the course would be the same as that sailed by the yachts on Thursday and last Saturday.

At 12 o'clock the preparatory signal was given, and at once the manoeuvring for positions began. In one of the preliminary brushes between the Constitution and the Reliance while waiting for the starting signal, when they were both on the starboard tack standing in toward the Long Island shore, under three lower sails and club topsails, the Reliance was unable to get out from under the lee of the other boat in a stretch of about three minutes.

The fight between the Reliance and the Constitution for the weather berth was a bitter one, and the keenest bit of manoeuvring yet seen between these giant sloops. Mr. Morgan, with the Columbia, kept away from the other two, and let them fight it out alone.

With the Constitution under his lee beam, separated by only a length, Captain Barr headed the Reliance to the southward at right angles to the line, and Captain Rhodes kept the Constitution off, making a feint to go for the line. When Barr followed suit, Rhodes let his boat swing around and gybed her, while the Reliance luffed around and came back to the same tack. Barr then found the Constitution on his weather quarter.

SAIL STRAIGHT TO THE SOUTHWARD.

Straight across to the southward they went, both with sheets trimmed down on the starboard tack, and the Reliance close under the other's lee beam. The buoy marking the south end of the imaginary line was right ahead of them, and neither would keep off until obliged to clear it. The gun to start had been fired, and the handicap time was slipping away. Watching his chance, quick as a flash Barr hove his wheel hard up, and as the big sloop, obeying her helm, swung off for the line the large reaching jibtopmast was broken out, and sheeted down, and she crossed the line 1 minute 43 seconds after the signal.

Captain Rhodes had just room enough to swing his boat inside the mark and sent her across the line seventeen seconds after her rival. She had the best position, but the Reliance was a length or more ahead. Then they began a luffing match which, by reason of the superior speed of the Reliance, was not continued for long. In the strengthening breeze abeam she soon opened a gap that the Constitution was not able to close, as they both went to the eastward at a speed of from ten to twelve knots.

The Columbia, meanwhile, having crossed the line in the lead, was sailing alone, well to leeward of them both, and they were gradually passing her.

The official time of the start was: Reliance, 12:16:43; Columbia, 12:18:21; Constitution, 12:17:00.

At 12:40, off Oyster Bay, the Reliance was leading the Constitution by several lengths, the latter being steered just to windward of the other's wake. The Columbia's position was about an eighth of a mile on the lee quarter of the Reliance. Passing the bell buoy off Lloyd's Point at 12:51, the Constitution seemed to be overhauling the Reliance. It was exactly one minute past 1 o'clock when the Constitution lost her topmast. Her steersman, the Scout, and E. C. Benedict, with his team yacht Oneda, went at once to her assistance. Mr. Belmont and Captain Rhodes left Captain Terry to sail the Constitution to Glen Cove.

The time taken at the first turn, eleven miles from the start, was: Reliance, 1:11:36; Columbia, 1:13:42; Constitution, 1:12:00.

The Reliance had gained on the Columbia to this mark 4 minutes 54 seconds. Gybing here they both made fast time across the Sound to the next mark set off Green's Ledge, near Stamford Light. The Reliance covered the three miles in 16 minutes 40 seconds, the Columbia taking 36 seconds longer. They rounded the second mark like this:

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Luffing sharp around this mark, and trimming sheets down flat for what proved to be a close fetch on the port tack, the Reliance set her baby jibtopmast and began the task. It was an easy one, but the Columbia gained on her nearly three minutes in the eleven miles. She would probably have gained a few seconds more than recorded, but the tack of her jibtopmast parted at 1:54, and she was without the sail for five minutes. The Reliance finished at 2:26:21.

The name of Irish Lad, a three-year-old colt owned by Harry Payne Whitney and Herman B. Duray, was added yesterday at the Gravesend racing enclosure to that distinguished group of thoroughbreds whose names appear on the racing programme under the caption, "Previous Winners of the Brooklyn Handicap."

In some ways this brown colt, with the Irish name and the lion heart, must be accounted a more remarkable racehorse than any of his sixteen predecessors in the honor roll of the Brooklyn Handicap. He ran the one mile and a quarter with 103 pounds on his back and with eleven opponents galloping hard at his heels in just 2 minutes 52-5 seconds, which equals the extraordinary time made last October over the same course by Gold Heels, who was then in his three-year-old form and took up 111 pounds, and beats the best previous record for the handicap by almost a full second. In 1899 the great four-year-old colt Banaster won the Brooklyn in 2:06 1/2 with 110 pounds, but the difference in time, taken with the difference in age between the two colts, makes Irish Lad's performance of yesterday the more notable one.

SAME TRAINER FOR TWO LEADERS.

Another incident concerning yesterday's handicap that might come under the head of remarkable was the fact that both Irish Lad and Gunfire were trained by John W. Rogers, and, moreover, he was not at all sure that the better of his two pupils had won. Mr. Rogers is not a garrulous man, nor lavish in his predictions concerning the results of horse races, but he gave his friends to understand before the running of the handicap that he considered the filly's chances brighter than those of any other performer in the race. Not only did other astute trainers share this opinion, but the general public as well, and the Whitney filly carried the hopes of the grandstand and most of its money. Harry Payne Whitney himself thought his colt was short a race, and under the circumstances could not win such a contest as the handicap was likely to prove, and he did not play him.

Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney apparently was the only member of the immediate family who believed in Irish Lad and who supported him in a material way. She "backed him both ways"—\$200 straight and \$200 a place. H. B. Duray, Mr. Whitney's partner in the firm, which races under the name of the Westbury Stable, was not at Gravesend yesterday to share in his partner's elation. As a matter of fact, he was over in England lamenting the defeat of Acefull in the English Derby. The triumph of the regret that Irish Lad had not been sent over to have a try at the English classic instead of Acefull.

And the throng—the old fashioned Brooklyn Handicap crowd in its principal ingredients was another remarkable feature of yesterday's remarkable renewal—remarkable in that for almost the first time in the history of the contest it cannot truthfully be characterized as "the greatest throng that ever witnessed the running of a Brooklyn." There was a handful of between thirty and thirty-five thousand grouped about the lawn and huddled under the two story and basement grandstand, but even this number was many thousands short of the most conservative estimates made on the previous day regarding the probable attendance.

WEATHER NOT ACCOUNTABLE FOR ATTENDANCE.

The weather cannot be held responsible for this decrease, as it has been shown times enough that the weather is an impotent factor in influencing any part of a community bent on going to the races. The day overhead, it is true, began in a rather ambitious attempt to live up to Brooklyn Handicap traditions. There was a little rain in the morning hours, with threats of more of it later, and when these were not fulfilled the sun and the clouds hit it off on a sticky sultry compromise that played sad pranks with complexions not warranted waterproof.

With the weather eliminated, the deficit must be attributed to the oft repeated prophecies of a record breaking multitude. The prospect of even ten or twelve thousand more people crowding through the gates of the Long Island course than have ever crowded through them before is not a pleasant thing to contemplate. After Morris Park, with its great wide stretches and imposing structures, Gravesend seemed decidedly narrow chested and stoop shouldered.

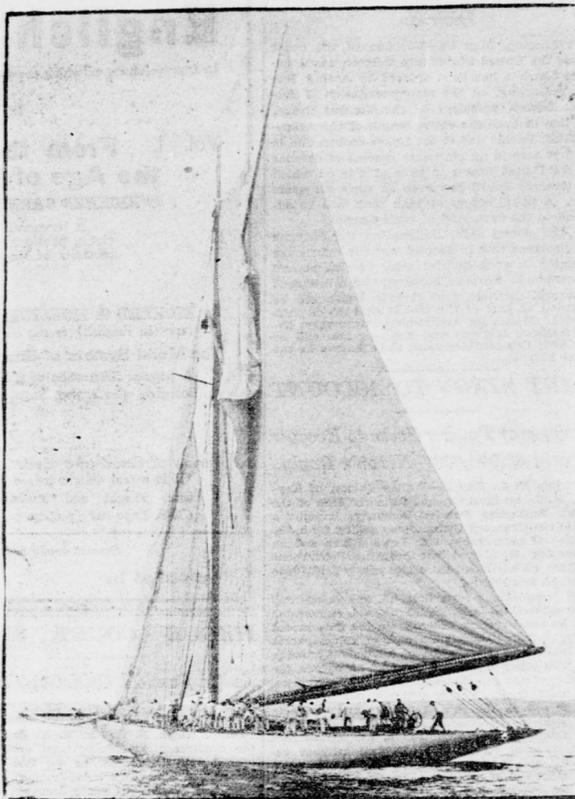
The story of the actual winning of the handicap can be described in fewer words than the attempts of the pilgrims to forecast the result. There may have been larger fields and better ones in bygone years, but it is not often one has had a nicer balance or has been made up of horses that, under the conditions, seemed so evenly matched. The study of the "dope" sheets printed in pink became on all the Gravesend bound trains a sort of parietic pastime, so engrossed were the regulars in perusing the past performances printed in pink. In the programme appeared the names of eighteen candidates for the "big race." With the possible exception of "Father Bill" Daly's himself, P. M. Civill's Samba, and the Western colt Wasswit, each of the entries seemed to have some sort of chance. The withdrawal, therefore, of these three did not materially simplify matters.

RELIEF AT BLUES' WITHDRAWAL.

When the blue pencil, however, was run through the name of that old rogue Blues, the sulking, sour son of a respectable sire, there was a distinct sign of relief. No one wanted to play the old rascal, and no one really dared leave him alone. Frank Farrell, his owner, told his friends that he did not consider the horse was fit, and he was not going to have them risk their money on a proposition so certain to be uncertain.

L. V. Bell, the only owner with two hopes in

THE DISMASTING OF THE CONSTITUTION.



AS THE YACHT APPEARED JUST AFTER THE ACCIDENT IN HUNTINGTON BAY.

the list, decided that Col. Bill was capable of carrying his colors, and scratched Francesco. After Newton Bennington had withdrawn his Candlemas horse Royal, an even dozen were left to fight it out among themselves. Col. Bill, after Blues retired, became the top weight, with 121 pounds. Gannon, the regular jockey for the Keene stable, could not make the weight to ride Injunction—the stable's representative—and was engaged to ride, Col. Bill. There was a persistent tip on the Wagner colt, which had been widely circulated the day before at Morris Park, and a number of heavy commissions were sent into the ring on him. His closing price was 10 straight and 4 for a place.

When the rain that threatened failed to materialize the followers of Herbert, W. C. Rollin's candidate, lost heart. The old campaigner is a gay lack in the mud, but did not care for a fast dry track such as yesterday's. Although George Odum was to ride him, the market receded from 12 to 1 in the opening quotations to 25 to 1. He took up 118 pounds. George F. Johnson's five-year-old Bonbright, 115 pounds, was quoted at fiftees. W. C. De B. Lopez's Articulate, 114, who galloped away from Old England in a mile race at Morris Park, had some followers at 20 to 1 and 8 to 1. The high priced Heno, with 113 pounds, receded from twelve to fifteen, and Arthur Featherstone's Lamp-lighter colt Igniter, 112 pounds, was quoted at 15 to 1 straight and 6 to 1 place.

GUNFIRE LOGICAL FAVORITE ON FORM.

The Whitney filly Gunfire, who had to take up 111 pounds, was the logical favorite on form, and the market's first offering of 2 to 1 and even a place was eagerly taken up. The price about her fluctuated considerably and in some books receded at post time to 11 to 5 and in others shortened to even money to win and 4 to 5 a place. "Tommy" Burns wore the Whitney jacket and apparently any differences which may have existed between him and Mr. Rogers have been settled. Bullman was engaged to ride the Prince Royal four-year-old gelding Oom Paul, who had been galloping wonderful trials according to all reports. He closed at sevens and 5 to 2, and with the exception of Gunfire and Yardarm possibly carried more money than any other horse.

Irish Lad, on whom O'Neill, the clever Western

three days. Oom Paul behaved better after that. Herbert was on the extreme outside, with Gunfire next, which, as she is extremely fast in breaking, was not a great disadvantage. Col. Bill was next to her, and stretched behind were the others in this order: Heno, Oom Paul, Hunter Raine, Irish Lad, Articulate, Yardarm, Bonbright, Igniter and Injunction on the rail. Mr. Fitzgerald finally caught the lot in a lull between kicks, and sent them off to a splendid start. Hunter Raine, it was seen when he got into his stride, felt the effects of a blow he had received from one of the miscreants, and his followers lost heart when he dropped into a pocket in the first furlong. Igniter was the first to break, but Irish Lad was at his throatlatch in a second, and in a few strides more set about the task of making it a personally conducted tour. He showed the way, passed the grandstand the first time with Oom Paul galloping at his quarters, and Gunfire a half length back. Colonel Bill had broken flatfooted, and was far



IRISH LAD.

Winner of the Brooklyn Handicap.

riders, whose manner has been favorably criticized, had the mount, opened and closed at 12. Alexander Shields's honest Longstreet colt Hunter Raine was thought by his stable to have a splendid chance with only 93 pounds, and Fuller was engaged to handle him. He was played down in a number of books from 12 to 1 to 8 to 1. In spite of John E. Madden's prediction that Yardarm, the Henry of Navarre three-year-old colt that he recently sold to E. R. Thomas, would win, he was not generally fancied and went back in the closing market from five to sevens.

Foxhall P. Keene's Injunction alone represented the "white, blue spots," and he did not receive sufficient support to bear the opening quotations of 20 to 1. Col. Bill, Herbert, Articulate and Heno, the first four horses to leave the paddock on the way to the post, all appeared in blinkers, but there were others whose conduct entitled them to wear the badge of the rogue.

MISBEHAVIOR CAUSES DELAY AT START.

A delay of almost fifteen minutes was caused by the united misbehavior of Oom Paul, Heno, Herbert and Gunfire at the barrier, and for a moment the handicap threatened to degenerate into a kicking match between these four. Bullman, on Oom Paul, could not or would not bring his mount up to the gate, and Mr. Fitzgerald finally told him he was set down for the next

strong, had planned it differently, and when the grandstand and the clubhouse took up the cry it had become "Irish Lad all the way!" And she beat him. She'll never get to him." And she didn't. The race was just one rod too short, in another one it seemed that she surely would have got her nose in front. Heno came with a rush and beat the rest home for a distribution of the prize. Injunction was fourth, Oom Paul fifth and Herbert last, and Hunter Raine made up ground and finished sixth. Igniter was not ridden out and came in tenth.

O'NEIL SHOWS GOOD JUDGMENT.

O'Neill handed his mount with judgment, and was as cool as an old veteran at the game. He did not obey orders, however, as Mr. Rogers had told him to place the colt and not take him out in front. The boy explained his conduct by saying that Irish Lad was going too smoothly, and that he did not think it necessary to take him back and lose the position he had obtained. The winner was bred by Eugene Leigh and he in turn sold him in his two-year-old form to Whitney & Duray for \$20,000. Last year he won some notable races, including the Saratoga Special and the Flatbush Stakes. The value of yesterday's Brooklyn to the winner was \$15,150, and to the second \$2,000.

The fight for place in the Expectation Stakes for two-year-olds, at five furlongs, after S. S. Brown's Broomestick had won it, provided a sporting picture worthy of the day and the throng that witnessed it. Frank Farrell's Tim Sullivan, E. R. Thomas's Dimple and the Gayoso Stable's Highball finished heads apart in a



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(Photographs by F. A. Walter.)

THE SUMMARIES.

FIRST RACE—Handicap; all ages; about 6 furlongs. (Setting.) S. J. Smith's colt Northern Star, by 12-1 5-1; Hammer, Starlight, 4, 109, (Dingman) 2 11-1 5-1; Asa, 2, 109, (Hudson) 2 7-1 5-2; Invariable, 3, 110, (Cochran) 3 15-1 6-2. The Guardsman, 100 (Fuller), 10 to 1 and 4 to 1; Gloria, 50 (Mehrad), 20 to 1 and 10 to 1; Hlyra, 97 (Gannon), 10 to 1 and 4 to 1; Bonbonner, 103 (O'Neill), 7 to 2 and 4 to 1; S. J. Smith's colt, 15 to 1 and 8 to 1; Water Tower, 112 (Gannon), 10 to 1 and 4 to 1; Minder, 10 to 1 and 6 to 1; Our Nugget, 95 (Hacker), 20 to 1 and 12 to 1; Water Tower, 112 (Gannon), 10 to 1 and 4 to 1; Sacharometer, 110 (Burns), 7 to 2 and 4 to 1; also ran. Start good. Won easily by two lengths. Time, 1:09 1/2.

SECOND RACE—Hurdle handicap; 4 years and over; about 5 furlongs.

M. J. Maloney's colt, Omet, by Conard, 1 13-5 4-5; McGrathiana Prince, 6, 120, (Heller) 2 11-9 2-5; Draughtman, aged, 122, (McHarris) 2 4-1 6-3; Ben Battle, 145 (Donohue), 20 to 1 and 4 to 1; Gasser, 140 (Tanner), 40 to 1 and 15 to 1; Knight of the Bronx, 120 (A. How), 50 to 1 and 15 to 1; also ran. Start poor. Driven by a head. Time, 3:15 1/2.

THIRD RACE—THE EXPECTATION STAKES; 2-year-olds; 5 furlongs.

S. S. Brown's colt, Broomestick, by Ben Brush, 122 (Gannon) 6-10 1-1 5-1; Tim Sullivan, 115 (Gannon) 10-11 5-1; Dimple, 112 (Gannon) 12-11 5-1; Pleasant Memories, 99 (Fuller), 10 to 1 and 3 to 1; Miss Nancy, 102 (Yeaman), 20 to 1 and 8 to 1; Bruceville, 104 (Cochran), 40 to 1 and 20 to 1; Saffire Knot, 98 (Caffery), 40 to 1 and 12 to 1; Honey Boy, 94 (Connell), 50 to 1 and 15 to 1; Mimus (Fuller), 5 to 2 and event; Mountain Valley, 94 (McFadden), 100 to 1 and 15 to 1; Charlie Fisher, 102 (Shalle), 12 to 1 and 5 to 1; Honey Bee, 102 (Gannon), 10 to 1 and 4 to 1; also ran. Start poor. Won easily by 5 lengths. Time, 1:00 1/2.

FOURTH RACE—THE BROOKLYN HANDICAP; 3 years and over; 1 1/4 miles.

Westbury Stable's colt, Irish Lad, by Cardinas-Arrowgrass, 3, 103, (O'Neill) 12-1 8-1; Gunfire, 4, 111, (Heller) 2 11-5 4-1; Heno, 4, 115, (Michaels) 3 15-1 6-1; Injunction, 50 (Wagner), 20 to 1 and 8 to 1; Oom Paul, 107 (Fullman), 7 to 1 and 3 to 1; Hunter Raine, 98 (Fuller), 8 to 1 and 3 to 1; Col. Bill, 121 (Gannon), 10 to 1 and 4 to 1; Articulate, 114 (Larson), 20 to 1 and 8 to 1; Taylor, 95 (Hacker), 20 to 1 and 8 to 1; Igniter, 112 (Cochran), 15 to 1 and 6 to 1; Bonbright, 115 (McNee), 20 to 1 and 10 to 1; also ran. Start good. Driven by a head. Time, 2:05 1/2.

FIFTH RACE—Selling; 2-year-olds; 5 furlongs.

N. Bennington's colt, Highball, by Ben Brush, 115 (Matthews), 12 to 1 and 5 to 1; Contention, 112 (Cochran), 7 to 1 and 3 to 1; Jaquin, 115 (Fullman), 7 to 1 and 5 to 2; Luxembourg, 115 (Wondert), 15 to 1 and 6 to 1; Sir Carter, 112 (Burns), 20 to 1 and 15 to 1; also ran. Start good. Easily by 2 lengths. Time, 1:00 1/2.

SIXTH RACE—Selling; three years and over; 1 mile and 70 yards.

J. S. O'Brien's colt, Wild Pirate, by Pirate of Penzance-Wild Wild, 5, 109, (Heller) 2 11-5 4-1; Dally Green, 3, 92, (C. Smith) 2 10-1 4-1; Nightfall, 8, 100, (Hacker) 2 6-1 2-3; Kiochawak, 8, 90, (Brennan), 15 to 1 and 6 to 1; King-raine, 114 (Matthews), 2 to 1 and 4 to 5; Odawawa, 103 (Gannon), 10 to 1 and 4 to 1; Ben Howard, 110 (Fullman), 20 to 1 and 8 to 1; Mimus (Fuller), 5 to 2 and event; Mountain Valley, 94 (McFadden), 100 to 1 and 15 to 1; also ran. Start good. Driven by a head. Time, 1:40.

SEVENTH RACE—Selling; for three-year-olds and upward; about six furlongs.

Golden Maxim, 116 (Hornstead) 10-11 5-1; Hurdle, 111 (H. M.) 10-11 5-1; Nightfall, 110 (The Carmelite) 7-1 2-3; Wild Pirate, 110 (Interval) 10-11 5-1; Justice, 108 (Trotter) 10-11 5-1; also ran. Start good. Won driving by a length. Time, 1:30.

THIRD RACE—For three-year-olds that have not won \$1,000; 1 mile and seventy yards.

Mackey Dwyer, 114 (Stamping Ground) 10-11 5-1; The Carmelite, 114 (Stamping Ground) 10-11 5-1; Justice, 108 (Trotter) 10-11 5-1; also ran. Start good. Won driving by a length. Time, 1:30.

Table with 2 columns: Name, Odds. Includes entries for The Musketeer, Remorse, Tribes Hill, John A. Scott, and Cioqueval.

FIFTH RACE—For two-year-olds; with \$1,000 added.

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SIXTH RACE—For maiden three-year-olds; with \$900 added.

Table with 2 columns: Name, Odds. Includes entries for Guy Park, Northern Light, King Carter, Crucean, Menonfield, Leipe, Damon, Matchless, and Insubric.

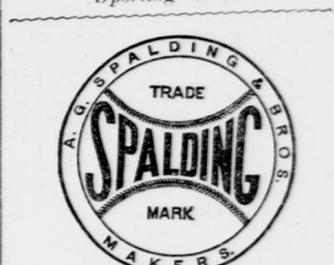
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LYNE RIDES SECOND AT EPSOM.

London, May 28.—Lucien Lyne, the American jockey, rode in his first big race in this country at Epsom to-day and nearly won the Royal Stakes on Foxhall Keene's Cap and Bells II. He was beaten by Sundridge by only a length in a field of seventeen.

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