

INAUGURAL TAKEN BY YELLOW TAIL.

Big California Colt Disposed of Thrice and Duke of Baden in a Good Race.

LAUREATE WEAKENED BADLY.

Auspicious Opening of the St. Louis Running Meeting at the Fair Grounds—Big Attendance and Heavy Track.

Horse racing introduced its season at the Fair Grounds yesterday with a brisk and most unceremonious howl. There was little of the frisky and frilling which distinguished former inaugurations. They just got down to business and ran the races.

Yellow Tail, a favorite, got out in front at the start, took the short way round the track and won the inaugural stretched straight as a string, from Thrice. The winner was the favorite and every one was highly pleased, of course.

The prettiest thing about the race track and the racing was the beautiful variety of the golf links, radiant in their after-shower luxuriance. The green trees, which were shaded by the green grass, the handsome gilt clubhouse and the additional machinery buildings at the back of the track, made a pretty ensemble. The dust on the track was laid by the rain, and it was a bit too wet to suit the nags. The fences were new and as white as print could make them. President Aull, more than any one else, is entitled to a passing compliment for the very neat, presentable appearance of the race track and its surroundings. Certainly it never felt better.

Though the crowd was not equal to that of other inaugural days, rain, you know, it was not a Saturday, the event had been postponed and street cars were not running. It made up in the quantity and solidity what it lacked in numbers. There was very little of the frisky and frilling which distinguished former inaugurations. They just got down to business and ran the races.

Yellow Tail well backed. Four horses carried the money but in the inaugural, Yellow Tail and Laureate were first in favor with the spectators. Although both were backed by the big crowd, Yellow Tail was the favorite and he was backed by the big crowd.

The start was effected promptly and Mr. Bruen effected credit for the eleven minutes in which he was in the saddle. Yellow Tail shot to the front like a flash and opened up a gap of two lengths on his field at the first turn. Laureate followed him closely and the race was a close one until the eighth pole, when Yellow Tail was well ahead.

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YELLOW TAIL, THE INAUGURAL WINNER.

REPUBLIC FORM CHART.

First Race, purse \$10, selling, 2-year-olds and upward, one mile.

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Second Race, purse \$100, 2-year-olds and upward, selling, mile and twenty yards.

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Third Race, purse \$100, 2-year-olds, five furlongs.

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Fourth Race, inaugural handicap, \$1,000 guaranteed, 2-year-olds and upward, one mile.

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Fifth Race, purse \$50, 2-year-olds, six furlongs.

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Sixth Race, purse \$20, 4-year-olds and upward, selling, one mile.

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ing, ran a disappointing race. Connie Lee was an indifferent third. The Schorr colts to victory in the third event, which was a five-furlong dash for 2-year-olds. Senator O'Brien's stable furnished the favorite in the race, a speedy, but rather crazy filly named Mrs. M. O'Brien. The race was a close one until the eighth pole, when Yellow Tail was well ahead.

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that Bruen cannot be blamed if he did get somewhat the worst of it.

Doctor Frank, ex-Coroner, came out too late to make a report on the race, but he pointed out what Leo Planter scored in the second.

FASHIONABLE GATHERING MARKED OPENING DAY.

Opening day at the races was marked by a society attendance of surprisingly large numbers, when the difficulty of street car traffic by the manufacturing industry, even in the afternoon, was taken into consideration. The grandstand and audience suffered from the same inconvenience, and the number of persons being seen here on an opening day in years. The clubhouse occupants were equally inconvenienced, and the number was consequently little affected by the strike. All the customary features of the race, however, were to be seen, and handsome toilets were quite in evidence.

The Scullin brougham brought out Miss Lenore Scullin, Miss Marie Walsh and Mrs. J. M. Scullin. The latter, who is a well-known beauty, was wearing a black and white dress, and was very attractive. She was accompanied by her husband and two children.

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HIS EXCELLENCY IS A FAST COLT.

Tom McDowell's Crack 3-Year-Old Defeated Bruen, Negotiating a Mile in 1:40 Flat.

HIS EXCELLENCY ALSO SCORED.

Lenep and Isabella Both Finished in Front of Gibraltar in a Six Furlong Dash—Flaunt in a Soft Spot.

Louisville, Ky., May 17.—Though there were five starters in the mile free handicap today, the race divided down in the end to a horse duel between Tom McDowell's 3-year-old colt, His Excellency, and the great handily sold by Mr. McDowell for \$10,000 to Millamona S. S. Brown of Pittsburgh.

At the weights, the two seemed matched on even terms, and at the start they were fighting it out for a sixteenth of a mile, and none more.

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C. J. Conway of St. Louis Paid \$500 for the Dutchman—Other Sales. The feature of the Louisville horse sale at the National Stock Yards in East St. Louis on Thursday last was the sale of the Kentucky gelding saddle horse, the Dutchman, consigned by Carter Young, a contractor who will be remembered by the horseman who had the Dutchman in the St. Louis horse sale on Thursday last.

TOD BLOAN IN FORM. The Dutchman, a 10-year-old, 1500 lbs. gelding, was sold for \$500. Other sales included a 4-year-old colt for \$100 and a 3-year-old colt for \$50.

High School Field Day. Pupils Expected to Make a Good Showing. Members of the High School Athletic Association are working overtime in preparation for their field day, which is to be held to-morrow afternoon at the Fair Grounds.

Architect of Congressional Library. At Washington, D. C., writes: I desire to express my appreciation to the Senators and Representatives in Congress regarding the building of a new library for the House of Representatives. It is a most commendable project and one which will be of great benefit to the country.

Water in the Rio Grande. El Paso, Tex., May 17.—At 9 o'clock this morning four feet of water came down the dry channel of the Rio Grande and filled the irrigation ditches both on this side and in Mexico. The river has been entirely dry since last December. Although the water has come rather late it will be of incalculable benefit to the farmers of the valley. The water is expected to continue for several days.

BOILS & CARBUNCLES. These tormenting and painful eruptions proceed from the same cause—a vitiated condition of the blood and a debilitated state of health. Carbuncles are much more serious, eating great holes in the flesh, making slow-healing, dangerous wounds. Boils are regarded by many as of little importance—something rather to be desired as a means of thinning the blood; but this is an erroneous idea, as offensive chronic sores and ulcers, and even Cancer, often begin with a Boil. The seat of the trouble is in the blood—to be rid of these pests permanently YOU MUST GET THE POISON OUT OF THE BLOOD. S. S. S. can be relied upon with certainty to do this. It not only forces out all poisonous matter from the blood, but, being purely vegetable, at the same time invigorates and builds up the general health. No need to fear further trouble from Boils and Carbuncles after a course of S. S. S. Mr. E. J. Willis, of 1044 Mission Street, San Francisco, Cal., says: "I have for years been subject to painful Boils and Carbuncles over my body during the spring season. After much suffering and useless doctoring I finally found a perfect cure in S. S. S. It seemed to go right to the root of the trouble and to drive out thoroughly and effectually the poison that was undermining my health. It is the monarch of blood medicines."