THREE TURF CLASSICS TO BE CONTESTED TO-DAY---ST. LOUIS POLICE OUTSHOOT CHICAGO

TO-DAY'S INAUGURAL A HARD PROPOSITION FOR BETTORS

At Least Six Horses in the Local Classic Have a Chance—Wakita on a Dry Track, or Nobleman in the Mud, the Choice of Many Turf Lovers—Big Crowd Expected at Opening of the Spring Meeting at the Fair Grounds.

BY J. B. SHERIDAN.

Lovers of horse racing to the number of 10,000 will go to the Fair Grounds race track this afternoon to bet on the Inaugural Handicap, as hard a race as ever that pearl of the ring Mr. E. A. Maginn gave mortal man an opportunity to wrestle with.

The Inaugural is what track habitues call "a sucker's race." That is, it is a stake, there is a deal of sentiment attached to it, every owner is trying to win and the general public which always turns out to such affairs likes to bet on it even if it is beyond the power of man to pick as the probable winner a horse whose chances to win are better than 5 to 1. It is a hard race to beat.

Last year there were three horses in it who had a chance. They were Silveblade, Tayon and W. J. Debos. All handicappers figured them away up there. They all finished in the money. At least six horses have a good chance to win to-day's event.

The big half dozen is composed of Wax Taper, Lunar, Brulare, Maximus, South Breeze and Lady Strathmore. Wax Taper is the class. Brulare has the races that says she should win. Maximus, next to Wax Taper and Lady Strathmore, has class and one good race. Lunar's class comes next to that of Maximus. She has no recent races to help her. Lady Strathmore's recent races have not been good enough to say that she can win, but they may have helped to fit her.

Wakita has the best works to her credit. Nearest comes second in this respect. Neither was of more than good plating class last year. Wakita may have acquired class since last year. Her works have been very good. Nearest is still a selling-plater, and not any more. Fauntleroy will ride Wakita. He is a fair boy. Bell, who, Mr. Hughes says, has much improved, will ride Nearest. The track will suit her, and the muddier it is the better.

Next to Wakita and Nearest, Bill Massie has worked best. Not so fast, but easily and well. He is supposed to have a cracking good chance. South Breeze's weight and races below make many wise men like her. I cannot see her winning or doing better than making the money. She is very fit.

Schwalbe's Races Have Been Bright.

The races run by Schwalbe in Chicago give her a great chance. But do not like the light, frail figure of the Wakita-Schwalbe class in a big field where stake horses of age, power and size will jostle and impede them at the start and then resolutely take them by the heads in the run home. Fillies and mares are bad betting propositions at this season.

Brulare is awfully good, but she shipped badly. She was very worn and nervous yesterday. Mr. Darden had intended to start A. D. Gibson in the five and a half furlong dash up to the time Brulare showed bad indications. Then he made up his mind to shoot at the Inaugural with Gibson.

Wax Taper looks better than he did when he came here. He was worked little breezes only and is apparently feeling well.

Lunar will need a race or two, says her trainer, Powers. In mud, look out for Nobleman.

Lady Strathmore came in with Mr. Darden's lot consigned to W. M. Hayes, T. P. Hayes's brother, who is at the Fair Grounds. She looks well, and on her race last fall against Lunar and others, should win. But on her races at Nashville, Brulare has her beaten. She shipped with Mr. Darden. The big field will hurt her. She does not break fast, and hates to be worried by jostles. Then she is a mare. I never had much confidence in the sex at all and less in it at this season than at any other.

Maximus Should Win.

Looking at it every way riders, drivers, training race works, everything, give me Maximus. There is this against him: I do not think that he has been well handled or well managed. This is not said in despoagation of Trainer Miles. This talk means money and cannot be minced. I met Mr. Arnold yesterday and said to him:

"You have the best handicap horse in the West, whether to and a chance to go. But I do not think he is well-handled."

"My dear sir," said the urbane head of E. J. Arnold & Co., "Tom Miles made Maximus run the best race of his life first time out this spring. While he is not a work horse or a spring horse, and needs races to fit him, Miles did this. The race itself shows it."

"Quite true," I replied, "but from what I can learn neither Mr. Miles or you knew that he was going to run this race. Though he worked miles in 1:46 at Memphis—works quite good enough to entitle him to a chance in this race, and though he was held at the absurd price of 50 to 1, you let him run loose. You did not bet on him any of the three ways. Further, you thought he was short, and told his rider not to punish him if he stopped. He did not stop, and he was kicked out, which was bad management. He should either have been ridden as if fit, or if not fit, should not have been given to a strong boy to kill."

Properly fitted Maximus should win. On his last race he has Wax Taper in his pocket. If he does not win, it will be because he has not been fitted. It is a bad race to bet on, the worst of the day. But if I thought Maximus was ready I would advise all readers of The Republic to bet the limit on him. It would be a walk for him.

Having to tip some one, I plump for Maximus, and call the mares Lunar and Brulare in the places.

Long Shots With a Chance.

At a long price Wakita and Bill Massie and South Breeze are worth bets. I cannot see Wax Taper with Aker up. Aker is a package indeed. It will be a grand race to look at; a bad one to bet on.

The card seems to show one good bet—Velma Clarke in the last race. She ought to win. If you must play the other races, play them on "feed-box" information or by asking a lady to stick a pin through your programme and bet on the horse the pin point hits. Let us see them run.

The Fair Grounds looks so sweet and fresh; the grass is so green, the grounds so well kept, the edifices so brightly painted, the improvements so general, that any man may feel that he can throw the chance away for the once and get his money's worth out of the sport for the sport's sake and for the beauty of the grounds, the horses and the pretty, well-gowned women that will be there.

A HANDICAPPER'S SELECTIONS.

Expert Likes South Breeze on Dry, Nobleman on Muddy Track.

"It's anybody's race" is an applicable term to use for to-day's Inaugural. What could be a greater compliment to the handicapper. The probabilities are that several of the seventeen carded to start will have the pen put through their names. At 4 o'clock yesterday morning there was a downpour of short duration. Still, the track was in such a condition that horses were not allowed on it, the inside course being the only place to exercise upon, but, owing to the warm day and incessant harrowing, the track was vastly improved by evening and gave hopes to some owners and dismay to others. Anyway, the track will surely be slow and soft, even should no more rain fall.

Now, to put figures to work and try to solve this puzzle. Starting with Lunar, 108, if one takes her last victory, run on the St. Louis Fair Grounds, she must be given an undeniable chance. On October 18, 1901, she picked up 113 pounds and beat Wax Taper with only 107. Think of the change of weights now—only twenty-four pounds in the mare's favor. She certainly has a chance of it.

Nearest, 97, has been running at Memphis and none of her performances there justify her being in the front rank. Odnor N., Fred Cook's horse, is good in any going, mud preferred. Still, had Odnor had a race or two in him, his chances would certainly be easier.

Bengal, 95, has shown no pretensions on his past performances, and is a doubtful starter, but Nobleman, 102, is a horse of another color. At Memphis, April 3, on a muddy track, carrying 100 pounds, he beat Vulcain, 107, Wax Taper, 124, and Nitrate in the Montgomery Consolation. Wax Taper was beaten by four and a half lengths and Nitrate by twelve lengths. Nobleman and Wax Taper are weighted at exactly the same difference in to-day's race. This certainly should put Wax Taper, who should be called "all heart and no legs," out of court and give W. Clark's good little horse a great chance. Mack Louden, his trainer, says the horse was never better. Louden, his son, who exercises him and is good boy, will ride him. Barney Schreiber's filly, Schwalbe, 95, has been sent here from Chicago with Singleton, his jockey. This filly has been winning all her races in the Windy City, and with such a light weight will be heard from. Like all the get of imp. Sain, she can go in the mud and is likely to come under the judicial eye.

South Breeze, 97, on her running at Memphis must also have an undeniable chance, and will have more behind than in front of her at the finish. Bill Massie, 100, has done some good workouts, but as he has not been racing, a vote cannot be cast in his favor. Santa Ventura, 93, though lightly weighted, must have the same remarks made against her. Wakita, 95, the same applies to her, though she has been hopping-the-twig-some in her morning gallops. Arnold's entry, Maximus, 106, and Peaceful, 110, are useful horses, the chances are Peaceful will be scratched. Maximus ran a good race at Memphis when he ran a bang-up third to The Lady and Secret Lily, but there is no record of his liking such a track as to-day. Much has been spoken of his chances, and he will no doubt show himself to be a good horse this season, he may create a surprise. Wax Taper, 126, has been alluded to. Alice Turner, 100, has nothing to recommend her. Now we come to the Nashville contingent. The utter dissimilarity in the Nashville and St. Louis tracks must go greatly against their chances, as horses that have been racing on a track as smooth as a billiard table fear extending themselves on a soggy one. Lady Strathmore, 112, is a fine mare, but she has been well cared for by the handicapper. W. W. Darden & Co.'s entry, Brulare, 105, and A. D. Gibson, 103, are in good shape, and of the two Brulare seems to be the pick. For reasons given above we will not select either of them. To sum up, South Breeze, Nobleman and Schwalbe appear to have the best chances, and should Jupiter Pluvius favor us with another visit before the bugle sounds for the race, we plump for Nobleman.

Fair Grounds Entries for To-Day.

Official entries, St. Louis Fair Association. First day. Saturday, May 3.

First race, six furlongs, selling:

Brightie B	99	Far Cry	95
Miesle	97	Marco	107
*Magrie Clopton	87	Robert Jr.	107
Peter Duryea	117	*Wood Stick	102
Clarkey	97	Icon	107
Pure Wood	102	Clarens	94
Brown Vell	104	Salinda	104

*Apprentice allowance.

Second race, four furlongs, 2-year-olds:

Inhance	105	Seize	108
Flora Levy	105	La Amanda	105
Jensen	102	Luckette	108
Miss Vine	105	Easy Trade	105
Doctor Kammerer	106	Scotch Snuff	105
Lady Vashti	105	Pettijohn	108
Little Sunshine	105	Duke Dashaway	108

Third race, five and one-half furlongs, purse:

Elastic	111	Orleans	103
Judge Pettus	108	Kindred	111
Oscar	108	Ampere	113
Altreate	108	The Bronze Demon	108
Miss Aubrey	103	Haviland	108
The Light	106	A. D. Gibson	105

Fourth race, Inaugural Handicap, one mile:

Lunar	108	Bill Massie	100
Velvet	97	Santa Ventura	93
Odnor	102	*Maximus	106
Bengal	95	Wax Taper	126
Nobleman	102	Alice Turner	100
Schwalbe	95	Lady Strathmore	112
Wakita	95	*Brulare	105
*Peaceful	110	*A. D. Gibson	102
South Breeze	97		

*E. J. Arnold & Co's entry.
†W. W. Darden & Co.'s entry.

Fifth race, six furlongs, 3-year-olds:

Kilmansebaro	105	Nellie Bawn	100
Leflare	105	Colonial Girl	100
Evening Star	105	Ethylene	105
Simon	105	Holcum	97
Blue Mint	95	Tuckapaw	95
Kaffir	105	Hainault	102
Rose of Red	100	Father Wentker	110

Sixth race, one mile and seventy yards, selling:

Alee	105	All Saints	107
Sunro	101	Nettie Regent	105
Miss Zara	99	Winepress	107
Beauchamp	85	Prestome	105
Saragamp	99	W. B. Gates	107
Sir Rolla	108	El Ghor	106

Seventh race, six furlongs, selling:

*Frank Pearce	109	Hurry	102
Ignis	106	Boundlee	106
Bird Gillock	112	Revoke	108
Verify	112	Has Gift	94
Macon	105	Benham	109
Sam Houston	97	Hi Kollar	105
*Bean	99	Velma Clark	108

*Apprentice allowance.

Notice—Jockey fees must be paid by 12 o'clock noon. Declarations must be made by 9:30 a. m.

The Republic's Selections.

First Race—Brown Vail, Salinda, Marcy.
Second Race—Seize, Pettijohn, Flora Levy.
Third Race—Ampere, Kindred, The Light.
Fourth Race—Maximus, Lunar, Brulare.
Fifth Race—Hainault, Colonial Girl, Father Wentker.
Sixth Race—All Saints, W. B. Gates, Sir Rolla.
Seventh Race—Velma Clark, Boundlee, Frank Pearce.

BREEDING OF MAIDEN STARTERS.

Seize, Florence Levy and Pettijohn Are Well-Tried Youngsters.

Dick Williams's Seize, by Prince Royal—Lonely, is in great favor with the railbirds for the first 2-year-old race of the season. Williams, who trains for Barney Schreiber, bought this youngster in the East last spring. Seize cost a fancy sum as a yearling, and is said to be highly tried.

Florence Levy, who will run in the colors of Martin & Patton, is a Missouri-bred filly. She is a full-sister to that good race mare, Birdie Stone, being by Goldstone—Miss Birdie. Scotch Snuff is by Donald A.—Senciene. The dam of this youngster won many a purse for Green B. Morris at the Fair Grounds in 1896 and 1897. Duke Dashaway belongs to Wade McLemore. This trick is by Farandole—The Red Filly, and showed well at Little Rock.

Ed Stubbs is said to have a good one in Pettijohn, who is by Dorian—Quadruplex. Lady Vashti is by Bobby Beach—Vashti. This filly's dam won many a purse at the Fair Grounds. Hugh McCarren thinks he will win this race with Easy Trade, who is by Donald A.—Ban Adonis. Doctor Kammerer is by Woodmoss—Prue Pennilston, and was bred at Doctor McAllisters' farm in this State. Enhance is by Galore—Edith and belongs to Johnny Pangle. Sue Vius is by John Cooper—Second Attempt.

A table d'hote dinner and a band concert will be given at the Jockey Club after the races this afternoon. The governing board of the Jockey Club, of which Mr. R. H. Mudd is chairman, was kept busy yesterday passing on applications for membership. This organization now has a membership of more than 200. The unsightly old paddock, which adjoins the clubhouse has been torn away and the space converted into a special inclosure for four-in-hand, tandem and other special turnouts. A reproduction of the horse show is promised this afternoon at the Fair Grounds. John S. Bratton, Gus Busch, Dave Calhoun and other well-known whips are expected to be on hand.

The success of the Inaugural, which seems assured, reflects great credit on Mr. Edward Maginn, who assigned the weights for the handicap. Seventeen probable starters, with the chances for fourteen sure-ly going to the post, breaks all records in the history of this event.

MORE GOOD OXES SHIPPED HERE.

Tom Hayes Was the Biggest Winner at the Nashville Meeting.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Nashville, Tenn., May 2—To-morrow afternoon a special train of nine cars will leave Nashville for the Delmar track at St. Louis, having on board the following stables:

Fizer & Co.; William Gerst, W. H. Jackson Jr., Gil Curry, with Blink; T. H. Stevens, Tom Hayes, with Buccluth, Crimean, Dolly Grey and others; Hake Brannan, Lightfoot and Blue.

The horses will race in the ninety-days meeting which begins at St. Louis to-morrow.

Smith & Co. shipped their stable, including the pride of the string, Olefiant, to Louisville to-night. Weir, Frank Bruhn and E. S. Gardner will also ship to Louisville to-night. Johnny Walters will take his string to Toronto. Only a few stables will be left in the Park and these will be shipped out in a few days.

The meeting just closed was he mos successful in the history of the Cumberland track. With but few exceptions, the public has been on the losing side.

Tom Hayes has won more races than any other man.

Results at Nashville.

Five favorites and a heavily played second choice won and "get-away day" proved a Waterloo for the books. In the Carter Memorial, a selling sweepstakes, at one mile and seventy yards, T. P. Hayes' Lamplighter colt, Jordan, was a heavily played favorite. He ran around his field and won the time canter, with but an effort. Ethel Wheat after setting the pace fought it out with Blink in the last furlong, landing place honors by a neck. Blink pulled up lame and is reported to have broken down. Dade rode three winners and O'Neill two. Track fair. Summary:

First race, six furlongs—Sing Dan, 98 (O'Neill), 4 to 5, won; Jim Clark, 107 (Dade), 3½ to 1, second; Joe Martin, 112 (T. Walsh), 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:15. Young Henry and Mattie Spencer also ran.

Second race, four and one-half furlongs—Fore and Aft, 110 (Helgeson), 9 to 5, won; Stand Pat, 102 (Gormley), 7 to 5, second; Outta, 107 (O'Neill), 3½ to 1, third. Time, :57½. Levi T., Platter and Jilliet also ran.

Third race, one mile and seventy yards, the Carter Memorial, selling—Jordan, 96 (O'Neill), 8 to 5, won; Ethel Wheat, 106 (Helgeson), 2½ to 1, second; Blink, 106 (Beauchamp), 11 to 5, third. Time, 1:47½. Ida Ledford also ran.

Fourth race, five and one-half furlongs—Aules, 106 (Dade), 4 to 5, won; Sallie Green, 104 (O'Neill), 7 to 5, second; Cromwell, 109 (Helgeson), 3½ to 1, third. Time, 1:09½.

Fifth race, six furlongs—Alea, 100 (Dade), even, won; Tom Collins, 117 (T. Walsh), 9 to 1, second; Pilliarist, 99 (Helgeson), 11 to 1, third. Time, 1:16½. Masterful, Joe Lesser, Juanetta and Robert Morrison also ran.

Sixth race, six furlongs—Aigle M., 105 (Dade), 3 to 5, won; Orla, 99 (Helgeson), 2½ to 1, second; Kinloch Park, 107 (Beauchamp), 4½ to 1, third. Time, 1:16. Carrie L., Sanspareil and Echodale also ran.

To-Day's Louisville Entries.

First race, five and one-half furlongs:

Maid of Hope	109	Ed Austin	113
Autumn Leaves	105	Bidder	114
Wain-a-Moinen	108	Golden Rule	108
Mary	106	Hart D	119
Greenway	108	Monarka	120
Golden Glitter	108	Death	125
Glen Water	110		

Second race, half mile:

Flash of Light	106	Machone	103
Lady Lake	106	Penace	106
Aurina	105	Special Tax	106
Flora Hooper	105	Kee-Winsby	105
Daisy Hawthorne	105	Lady Phicorn	105
Two Lick	106	Our Sallie	110
Red Rock	106	Eva Russell	115
Thoughtless	106		

Third race, selling, mile:

Lysbeth	95	Chorus Boy	115
Emathion	101	Lee King	116
Commissioner For-ster	104	Royal Penny	117
McWilliams	114	Dissenter	118

Fourth race, Kentucky Derby, mile and a quarter:

Abe Frank	122	*The Rival	117
*Alan-a-Dale	117	Inventor	117

*McDowell entry.

Fifth race, four and one-half furlongs:

John E.	105	Hemlock	105
Model Monarch	106	Maxialta	106
Prima	105	Woodlake	115
Ben Chalice	106	Prince of Endurance	115
Captain Arnold	105		

Sixth race, selling, six furlongs:

Binehello	95	The Caxton	107
Turncrown	98	Bishop's Pet	109
Last Knight	100	George Krabe	110
Glinse	102	Isobel	113
Nannie J	107		

OWENTON MAKES FINE SHOWING.

American Derby Candidate Easily Beats Lucien Appleby and Otis.

Chicago, May 2.—J. C. Milan & Co.'s Kentucky-bred American Derby candidate, Owenton, easily defeated two other Derby colts, S. C. Hildreth's Lucien Appleby and Barney Schreiber's Otis, at Worth, to-day. These three, together with Haydon & Co.'s Dark Secret, made up the field in the fourth race, a condition affair for 3-year-olds at one mile.

Owenton was much the best, winning in a romp by three lengths. Lucien Appleby beat Otis five lengths for place money. The other two finished way back. Lucien Appleby ran a good race, though his creditable showing over Otis is partly due to the fact that Dominick, on the latter, was caught napping when the start was made, the others beating him away from the wire.

Weather clear and warm; track slow. Summary:

First race, four furlongs—Filly Deck, 112 (Dominick), 6 to 1, won; Courage, 112 (Birkenruth), 4 to 1, second; Totila, 112 (Vickery), 30 to 1, third. Time, :52. Flocarline, Josette, Floral Wreath and Rainey C. also ran.

Second race, six furlongs—Theory, 112 (Birkenruth), 9 to 10, won; Peace, 110 (Dominick), 21 to 5, second; Sandifan, 98 (W. Waldo), 40 to 1, third. Time, 1:18 2-5. Aratoma, Drummond, Emma C. L., Haiden and Gusto also ran.

Third race, seven furlongs—Charley Moore, 109 (Seaton), 10 to 1, won; Automaton, 110 (Otis), 11 to 10, second; Hermencia, 109 (Birkenruth), 8 to 5, third. Time, 1:31 1-5. Eva Rice and Edith Q. also ran.

Fourth race, one mile—Owenton, 110 (T. Dean), 11 to 5, won; Lucien Appleby, 110 (Birkenruth), 13 to 5, second; Otis, 110 (Dominick), 9 to 5, third. Time, 1:45 1-5. Haydon and Dark Secret also ran.

Fifth race, five furlongs—Brookston, 103 (Austin), 18 to 5, won; Miranee, 105 (Seaton), 4 to 1, second; Lady Matchless, 106 (W. Waldo), 20 to 1, third. Time, 1:04. Swindle Meyer, Hickory Connors, North Pole, Doctor Ward and Overlace also ran.

Sixth race, mile and a sixteenth—Marcos, 110 (Otis), 4 to 5, won; Homage, 90 (W. Waldo), 3 to 1, second; Miss Lizz, 105 (L. A. Jackson), 7 to 1, third. Time, 1:52 4-5. Walkenshaw, Corrillo, Precursor and Water Alone also ran.

To-Day's Worth's Entries.

First race, six furlongs:

Fronta	101	Dandola	108
Molle S.	101	Frank Mc	112
Pretorius	105	Fox Flier	112
I. Samelson	106	Red Tip	115

Second race, four furlongs:

Vestia	100	Compilation	108
Little Stingy	103	Stem Winder	112
Louise Collier	104	Tom Cogan	112
Silver Fringe	105		

Third race, selling, mile and seventy yards:

*Sarilla	98	Red Apple	106
Absent	99	Edith Q.	107
*Farmer Bennett	101	Major Mansir	113

Fourth race, handicap, mile and an eighth:

Lavator	92	The Conqueror II	106
The Lady	112	Lacrimae	92
Scarlet Lily	92		

Fifth race, five furlongs:

Zibia	99	Money Muss	106
Bitany	92	Ice King	114
Burnie Bunton	106	Waring	123

Sixth race, selling, seven furlongs:

*Approved	88	Donator	107
Sly Maid	95	John Drake	107
Mihasa	95	Possart	108
Big Injun	105	Precursor	119
Malay	106	Brave Lad	119

*Five pounds apprentice allowance.

Man familiar with racing would like position as betting commissioner. Come well recommended; give bond; confidential. Address R 71, Republic.

To-Day's Morris Park Entries.

First race, last half of Eclipse course:

Navasota	119	Short Hose	112
Journac King	112	Bob McLean	112
Mickey	112	Ingold	112
Dwyer	112	Flying Jib	112
Irish Lad	112	Hurst Park	112
Charles Elwood	112	Pageant	112
Fritz Brillian	112	Souls	108
Sun Gold	112	Makesla	109
Melbourne	112	Mamari	109
Eclipse	112	Our Maggie	109
Cinquilalli	112	Tioga	109

Second race, five and one-half furlongs of Withers mile:

Frankfort	121	Waterboy	110
Swiftmas	121	Numeral	110
Ignition	115	Neither One	110
Molecular	115	Thane	107
Tim D., Jr.	110		

Third race, The Juvenile, last five furlongs of Eclipse course:

Fire Eater	122	Doctor Hagyard	122
Burgundy	122	Durazzo	122
River Pirate	122	Spencer Relff	122
Merry Acrobat	122	Drop O'Ray	122
Showman	122	Heir Apparent	122
Sir Voorhies	122	Mary Street	119
Sargent	122	Queen Elizabeth	119
Dalesman	122		

Fourth race, the Metropolitan, Withers mile:

Water Color	126	Reina	102
Alcedo	122	Whisky King	101
Bonnibert	121	Old England	107
McMeekin	124	Smoke	107
Herbert	119	Sombrero	99
Ten Candles	119	Pentecost	98
Roehampton	116	Saturday	98
His Eminence	113	Smart Set	98
Heno	107	Chilton	98
Far Rockaway	107	Dixie Line	97
Colonel Padden	104	Lux Casta	87
Kamara	103	Arsenal	90
Carbuncle	102		

Fifth race, the New York Steeplechase, about two miles:

Somerset	156	Miss Mitchell	151
Jim Megibbon	156	Last Chord	144
Plato	153	George W. Jenkins	132
Fulminate	153	Emerson	132

Sixth race, selling, last seven furlongs of Withers mile:

Satire	112	Highlander	109
Doctor Riddle	113	H. L. Coleman	98
Flying Fox	113	Peninsula	98
Semitone	113	Shrewsbury	98
Duckoy	111	Vassal Dance	98
Tobula	108	Carroll D.	97
The Referee	108	May Harrison	93
Jack Demund	104	Early Eve	88

Correct prices St. Louis Races, complete, $5.00. C. Winters, expert picker, 2081½ N. 8th.

EASTERN ILLINOIS ATHLETIC MEET.

Charleston Won the Pennant for the Sixth Consecutive Time.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Shelbyville, Ill., May 2—The Eastern Illinois Athletic meet held here to-day was attended by 10,000 spectators. Six consecutive times Charleston has won the pennant.

The Paris aggregation had the engine of the special decorated with their club colors. When they arrived at Mattoon they were torn down and a free-for-all fight ensued when Mattoon attempted to hoist the orange and purple.

The oratorical contest will be held later. Results of to-day's contests:

Fifty-yard dash—Ricketts, Charleston, first; Shaw, Paris, second; Pruitt, Mattoon, third. Time, :25 3-5.

One hundred yard dash—Shaw, Paris, first; Graves, Paris, second; Hollowell, Charleston, third. Time, :10 4-5.

Two hundred and twenty four yard dash—Shaw, Paris, first; Graves, Paris, second; Hollowell, Charleston, third. Time, :24 3-5.

Half-mile run—Fuller, Charleston, first; Edmunds, Charleston, second; Dayton, Paris, third. Time, 2:10 1-5.

Quarter mile, bicycle—Wilson, Charleston, first; Malone, Charleston, second; Ruff, Shelbyville, third. Time, :34.

Four hundred and forty yard dash—Shaw, Paris, first; Graves, Paris, second; Custer, Mattoon, third. Time, :54.

Mile run—Dayton, Paris, first; Ashbrook, Charleston, second; Bergen, Paris, third. Time, 5:03.

Two hundred and twenty yard low hurdle—Shaw, Paris, first; Fuller, Charleston second; Winn, Paris, third. Time, :27½.

Mile, bicycle—Wilson, Charleston, first; Ruff, Shelbyville, second; Moore, Shelbyville, third. Time, 2:40.

Relay race—Paris, first.

FIELD EVENTS.

Running high jump—Parrish, Paris, first; Ricketts, Charleston, second; Pruitt, Mattoon, third. Distance, 5 feet 3.

Standing broad jump—Clark, Charleston, first; Hollowell, Charleston, second; Parrish, Paris, third. Distance, 10 feet 2.

Hammer throw (twelve pounds)—Fuller, Charleston, first; Maurice, Paris, second; Crispin, Charleston, third. Distance, 128 feet 2.

Shot put (twelve pounds)—Clark, Charleston, first; Ashbrook, Charleston, second; Maurice, Paris, third. Distance, 40 feet 5.

Discus throw—Marley, Paris, first; Fuller, Charleston, second; McNutt, Mattoon, third. Distance, 88 feet.

Pole vault—Parrish, Paris, first; Ricketts, Charleston, second.

INJUNCTION AGAINST BEAN.

Rochester Player Enjoined From Playing in National League.

Rochester, N. Y., May 2.—Judge Sutherland, in County Court to-day, on application of the Rochester Baseball Association (Eastern League), granted a temporary injunction restraining Joe Bean from playing on the New York baseball team. Bean joined the New Yorks after signing a contract with the local club.

TALENT AT SEA ON METROPOLITAN

Great High-Class Horses Entered in First Big Handicap of the Year.

WORTH $7,000 TO THE WINNER.

Water Color and Alcedo to Carry Top Weight and Are Strongly Favored—Heno and Col. Padden Have Chance.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, May 2—The Metropolitan racing season begins to-morrow in earnest at Morris Park, where the first big event of the season, the Metropolitan Handicap for 3-year-olds and up, is the star event on the card.

The race is the fourth event, and, barring delays, will be run about 4:15 o'clock. The value of the race will be about $7,000 to the winner.

The field for the handicap will number twenty-five if all the entries go to the post. The weather forecast is for intermittent showers. Not since 1898, Bowling Brook's year, has the race been run over a heavy or a slow track. Ten Candles's chances will be vastly improved by a slightly holding track.

The starters in the aggregate represent about the average class seen in this the first important turf handicap of the year.

To-morrow's meet will be run over the Withers mile. In this course there are two turns, one out of the back stretch and the other merging into the home stretch.

Water Color the Favorite.

Water Color, one of the two top weights and therefore holding the post of honor at the head of the list, is as fine an equine picture as a man ever looked upon. He is a noble specimen of the thoroughbred and a prime favorite with the mass of racegoers. He is a son of Waterwitch and the good mare Sabina and is now 4 years old and this year has greatly thickened. He has shown a fine style of going, and, on the strength of private work at Long Branch, where he is said to have shown a mile with full weight up in 1:43, Mr. Haggin's entry is mighty well liked by a select division.

Clarence Mackay has Heno to rely upon in his desire to renew the triumph of last year, when Banastar won this race for him. Heno is the one horse, with the exception of Endurance by Right, which beat Yankee last year. This in itself is a strong recommendation. If form lines are to decide the victory, Heno has an excellent chance. Trainer Charlie Hill says Heno is a heavier horse by 200 pounds than last October. He is fit, and, with 109 pounds up, not too heavily weighted. Heno's final work yesterday morning was the Metropolitan mile journey in 1:44, done handily, with weight up.

L. O. Bell's Alcedo, the Suburban winner of last year, carrying 126 pounds, top impost with Water Color, is in fair fettle. From the best source it is learned that McCormick may have this one little on the short side. However, in a killing race such as the Metropolitan will develop, this may be an advantage rather than a drawback. Alcedo is a doubtful starter.

Roehampton Has Many Admirers.

Jack Follansbee's Roehampton is the fancy of a large and astute following. To start, Roehampton is perfect in wind. There is no truth in reports to the contra y. He has broadened slightly and filled out, but has not grown through the winter. Some trainers say Roehampton is too small to carry 116 pounds over the mile against high-class horses. That may or may not be true. Roehampton is known to have shouldered 112 pounds and worked a mile in better than 1:43 last Tuesday. Future quotations against Roehampton have tightened from 15 to 1 to 6 to 1 in a week's time, which is significant.

Mrs. Frank Farrell's Colonel Padden is of the kind which is apt to bob up unexpectedly, and beat out swifter horses at a long price. This horse has worked and raced to the perfect satisfaction of his owner and trainer. If it is in the horse, he will win.

Ten Candles and McMeekin are reported to have shown great work on Tuesday, but they are, at best, outside chances. McMeekin showed a mile on yesterday's track at Gravesend in 1:44.

W. C. Whitney's chance for the prize hangs on a single entry—his good mare Smoke. Influenza played havoc with this one for three months, but, in a recent trial at Sheepshead Bay, she skipped the mile route in 1:43¾, with 122 pounds up, just a dozen pounds more than her Metropolitan impost.

Joseph Madden's Pentecost, in at nine-eight pounds, has a decidedly good chance. He is a mighty fast colt with light weight up. Pentecost's best move was the Metropolitan distance in 1:43.

Reina, Arthur Featherstone's 4-year-old mare, together with W. C. Rollin's Herbert, must be numbered in the outside division.

Old England, weighted with 109 pounds, has an outside chance to land the prize for G. B. Morris, and, indeed, this is the trick many regard as extremely formidable. Arsenal may run, instead of Reina.

Twenty-four hours before the race, with the final declarations still to come, and with all available data to hand, the race seems to rest between Roehampton, Heno, Water Color and Pentecost. Arsenal and Alcedo are next in order. A day before the race practical horsemen find as much difficulty in selecting the winner as they did a month back.

Entries, Weights, Jockeys, Odds.

The probable starters, with owners, jockeys and straight betting, as given to-night, are as follows:

Horse and Jockey.	Owner.	Betting.
Water Color, Wonderly	J. B. Haggin	4 to 1
McMeekin, Landry	Wm. Barrick	7 to 1
Herbert, Odom	Walter Rollins	12 to 1
Ten Candles, Booker	J. E. Widener	13 to 1
Roehampton, J. Woods	J. G. Follansbee	6 to 1
His Eminence, Bullman	C. H. Mackay	4 to 1
Heno, Burns	C. H. Mackay	4 to 1
Kamara, Brennan	C. H. Mackay	4 to 1
Far Rockaway, Miles	J. E. Seagram	10 to 1
Bonnibert, McCue	Frank Farrell	8 to 1
Col. Padden, J. Martin	Frank Farrell	8 to 1
Reina, O'Connor	A. Featherstone	25 to 1
Arsenal, J. Daly	A. Featherstone	25 to 1
Whisky King, Redfern	Pepper Stable	50 to 1
Old England, Jackson	G. B. Morris	15 to 1
Sombrero, L. Smith	G. B. Morris	15 to 1
Pentecost, Cochran	J. E. Madden	10 to 1
Saturday, G. Thompson	A. H. & D. H. Morris	50 to 1
Chilton,	G. E. Smith	15 to 1
Carbuncle, Shea	T. J. Healy	25 to 1
Smart Set, L. Smith	L. Walbaum	40 to 1
Dixie Line,	H. T. Wilson, Jr.	30 to 1
Lux Casta, Creamer	H. T. Oxnard	40 to 1
Alcedo, Shaw	L. V. Bell	8 to 1
Smoke (doubtful)		

SCHOLASTIC BALL GAME.

Smith Academy and the Manual Training School Meet To-Day.

Smith Academy and the Manual Training School baseball teams will meet this afternoon in the inter-scholastic series at Pastime Park. The game will commence at 3. Smith's line-up will be: Johnson, center field; Robinson, third base; Liebke, short; Moon first base; Blackwell catcher; Holthais second base; Benecke, right field; Hogan, left field; Sublett pitcher.

Dicke and Maloney probably will furnish the battery work for the Manual Training School.

KENTUCKY DERBY IS AN OPEN RACE

Allan-a-Dale, Abe Frank, The Rival and Inventor Will Meet at Churchill Downs To-Day.

ONE OR TWO OTHERS MAY START

Opening of Louisville Spring Meeting Promises to Be Most Auspicious in History of the Club.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Louisville, Ky., May 2—Four and possibly five colts, among the best 3-year-olds of the Western turf, will battle for supremacy at Churchill Downs to-morrow afternoon, when the Kentucky Derby will be decided for the twenty-eighth time over the