

PRINCE BRUTUS WINS THE LAST RACE OF THE YEAR

GRUDGE RENS THIRDMAN HALL CAP BALDWIN SILKS MISS CROCKER POLO PLAYERS

Muddy Going Suits Venator and He Defeats Judge With Something to Spare.

Vigoroso First at Long Odds

BY FRED E. MULHOLLAND.

By finishing third to Venator and Judge in the seven-furlong handicap at Oakland yesterday Nigrette saddened her followers. Prince Brutus then won the last race of the old year, which brightened up the gloom somewhat.

The card was a good one, attracting the usual large Saturday crowd, but it proved as deceptive a one to beat as Prill Overall's bendars are to bat beyond the baseball lot fence. The only other winning public choice besides Prince Brutus was Bell Reed. Vigoroso, Melar and Wenrick were the long-shot artists.

So rosy did the chances of Nigrette look for the seven-furlong handicap, with 105 pounds and "Big Bill" Knapp up, that her odds were forced from 7 to 5 to 9 to 10. Despite fairly good racing luck the black mare did not appear at her best, finishing an ordinary third.

Venator, the second choice, picking up 106 pounds and superbly ridden by Travers, downed Judge at the wire with consummate ease by three lengths in 1:28 1/4.

KNAPP LANDS MELAR FIRST. Willie Davis rode Melar, the 9 to 10 favorite for the Futurity course, to a year-old dash which opened the racing, and was led out by Melar, a 12 to 1 shot, ridden by Knapp. Possibly Bob Mitchell would have won had he got away from the front, but he was not it was, he shot to the front, leading Melar to the stretch. Then he tired and Melar, assuming the lead, won by less than a length from the first choice, Morges, lost to how to Robert Mitchell by several lengths.

Both Glendinning and Bronze Vey were absentees from the five-furlong scramble, which left Bell Reed with the first call. He closed the race as a nut sprinter, and, being hemmed in on the rail by Knapp astride Revolt to the stretch, then had a chance to

cut loose. Revolt grew wobbly as the wire was approached, and the favorite scored an easy victory. Redan experienced no difficulty in getting away with show honors. Red Cross Nurse had no speed.

BLACKTHORN IS BEATEN. For lack of something better Blackthorn was installed favorite for the mile and a sixteenth selling fixture. Sam Greenfield got the black horse down in the heaviest going and gathered nothing. "Longshot" McBride took Vigoroso, a 20 to 1 shot, out in front and the curtain dropped on the others. Young Marlow, played from 20 down to 9, secured place honors from Glenarvon.

Davis, on Scherzo, favorite for the mile and a sixteenth selling fixture certainly made a superb showing. The horse receded in the betting and finished absolutely last. Wenrick, which receded from 5 to 9 and had Michaelis led from start to finish, disposing of Lady Kent by four open lengths. Dugganong, the second choice, with "Longshot" McBride up, was third.

The concluding Futurity course run for two-year-olds was simply a spread for the first choice, Prince Brutus, piloted by Jackie Jones, the crack youngster led from the jump and was only saloping at the close. Sea Air showed a magnificent, taking the place from Silverskin.

TRACK NOTES. The stakes of the New Memphis Jockey Club close to-morrow. Twenty-five bookmakers cut in yesterday.

Eddie Dominick, the jockey, leaves for New Orleans to-day. He is under contract to ride for the stable of E. E. Smathers.

Money was bid up from \$500 to \$800 by George Wentworth, trainer of Lady Kent. The stable retained the colt.

ALL OUR SOLDIERS TO BE RIFLE EXPERTS. Plans to Remedy a Great Defect in Our Military System.

Throughout Ellihu Root's long service as Secretary of War the one object which received his most serious attention, aside from the operations of the army in the field, the army reorganization act, the general staff scheme and the national militia project, was the question of developing in the mass of American citizens a body of trained riflemen large enough to make our defenses secure in time of war. In season and out of season he insisted that the country needed men who could shoot straight, who knew the use of the rifle thoroughly and with the precision of the army, and arms practice should be the first test of fitness as soldiers. Mr. Root's earnestness in this matter served as a reminder that, whereas we have made but little real progress in rifle shooting since the days of the Spanish war, other countries are giving close attention to the subject, Canada alone having but recently instituted a broad-gauge scheme which it is believed will produce 500,000 trained riflemen within ten years.

Owing partly to Mr. Root's persistent urging, supported by many other interested gentlemen, the army, the navy, the Marine Corps, the National Guard and civil life, public interest in the subject took form in the organization of the national board for the promotion of rifle practice in the United States, and as a result of that movement plans have been formulated which if carried into effect seem likely to transform millions of hardy young Americans into expert riflemen and this, it is generally believed, the gravest defect in our military system.

In preparing these plans careful consideration was given to the methods employed by other countries in encouraging rifle shooting among the citizens and the paramount purpose was to devise a system which should make every American between the ages of 15 and 25 years ambitious to become a master marksman in his general scope the scheme provides for a highly organized system to encourage rifle practice in the State militia, in military and other organizations, among individuals who would be liable to military service in time of war.—Army and Navy Journal.

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SAN FRANCISCO CALL'S RACING FORM CHART.

OAKLAND—Saturday, Dec. 31. Weather fine. Track muddy.

Table with columns: Index, Horse and Owner, Wt. St., 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, Str. Fin., Jockey, Op. Cl. Includes races 7533, 7534, 7535, 7536, 7537, 7538.

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Table with columns: Index, Horse and Owner, Wt. St., 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, Str. Fin., Jockey, Op. Cl. Includes races 7621, 7622, 7623, 7624, 7625, 7626, 7627, 7628, 7629, 7630.

Table with columns: Index, Horse and Owner, Wt. St., 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, Str. Fin., Jockey, Op. Cl. Includes races 7631, 7632, 7633, 7634, 7635, 7636, 7637, 7638, 7639, 7640.

Table with columns: Index, Horse and Owner, Wt. St., 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, Str. Fin., Jockey, Op. Cl. Includes races 7641, 7642, 7643, 7644, 7645, 7646, 7647, 7648, 7649, 7650.

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Cruzados Carries the Famous Black With Maltese Cross to Easy Victory

Five Favorites Score

Muddy Condition of Track Does Not Upset Calculations of the Handicappers

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 31.—Cruzados, carrying E. J. Baldwin's colors of black with Maltese cross, won the Mount Lowe handicap, at six furlongs, with \$1000 added money, to-day at Ascot.

Cruzados was the extreme outsider in the betting. When the barrier went up he shot to the front and won pulled up by half a length from Fossil, with John F. the favorite, third. In spite of the muddy condition of the track more favorites won than on any previous day in the past week. They were Ethel Scruggs in the first, Andrew Mack in the second, Sals in the fourth, Cerro Santa in the fifth and Duffull in the sixth. Andrew Mack was run up to \$1300 by J. J. McCafferty, but the customary \$5 retained him to the owner, Mrs. R. Turner. Duffull was run up to \$200 in the sixth and was bid in by R. Turner. Weather cloudy, track sloppy. Summary:

First race, selling, one mile—Ethel Scruggs, 97 (Miller), 4 to 1, won; Elvyn Bells, 101 (McDaniel), 5 to 1, second; Foxy Grandpa, 86 (Moriarty), 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:45. Ray, Mi Reina, Mordeant, Dug Marlin, Estado, Capable and Ed Gumburg also ran.

Second race, selling, one mile and eighth—Andrew Mack, 104 (McDaniel), 5 to 2, won; Chub, 110 (Hildebrand), 12 to 2, second; Jangler, 99 (Tooman), 12 to 1, third. Time, 1:57 1/4. Needful and Diamonds also ran.

Third race, Mount Lowe handicap, \$1000 added, six furlongs—Cruzados, 116 (Fuller), 10 to 1, won; Fossil, 113 (Fuller), 10 to 1, second; John F., 115 (Walsh), 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:14. Luckett, Fireball, Tyrolan and Tim Payne also ran.

Fourth race, handicap, two-year-olds and upward, one mile and sixteenth—Sals, 102 (Hildebrand), 2 to 1, won; Brag, 115 (Booker), 3 to 1, second; Line of Life, 97 (Walsh), 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:50. Evrae G and Nitrate also ran.

Fifth race, selling, Slauson course—Cerro Santa, 103 (Herbert), 11 to 10, won; West Brookfield, 95 (McDaniel), 6 to 1, second; The Major, 105 (Fuller), 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:11. Suburban, Patsy Brown, Interlude and Fair Light also ran.

Sixth race, selling, one mile—Duffull, 105 (Tooman), 7 to 2, won; Exapo, 101 (McDaniel), 7 to 1, second; Laurastea, 101 (Moriarty), 7 to 1, third. Time, 1:45. Crigl, Postion and Emily Oliver also ran. Blueridge left at the post.

Provides for Cuts by Ferry. The will of Margaret J. Ferry was filed to-day in the Surrogate's Court. Mrs. Ferry was well known to many New Yorkers as the owner of the Perry House at Tarrytown, where automobilists and coaching parties stopped on their way to and from the Ardsley Club. She leaves an estate of upward of \$25,000, which is distributed among her husband and 82 nieces, nephews and intimate social friends.

RECORD OF FOURTEEN YEARS ECLIPSED BY RALPH ROSE. The California Athlete Sets a New Mark for the Twenty-Four-Pound Shotput. NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—At the athletic games in Madison Square Garden to-night, under the auspices of the Pacific Athletic Club, Ralph Rose, the Californian, who represents Michigan University and the Chicago Athletic Association, aroused the enthusiasm of the 6000 spectators by putting the twenty-four-pound shot 38 feet 2 1/2 inches, establishing a new record. Richard Sheldon of the New York Athletic Club was second with 36 feet 7 inches. The best previous figures were 33 feet 1 1/2 inches, made by George Gray of the New York Athletic Club in 1890.

Prowling Negro Arrested. BERKELEY, Dec. 31.—Night Watchman Coey last night discovered a strange negro prowling about in the vicinity of Miss Head's fashionable school for girls on Channing way and arrested him upon suspicion. The negro gave the name of John Goren. He was charged at the county jail with vagrancy. A big knife was found on him. He feigned drunkenness when arrested. Goren admitted that he was a hanger-on at the race track. Several hold-ups and assaults have occurred in the last few weeks in Berkeley and in some instances a negro was the perpetrator. The police are attempting to get evidence against Goren.

Letter Interests Police. BERKELEY, Dec. 31.—Alice Burke, the 17-year-old girl of 905 Snyder avenue in this city, whose letter of inquiry regarding her father, whom she has never seen, aroused the interest of the police of Chicago, says how that she wrote the letter "just for a joke."

Death Due to Accident. OAKLAND, Dec. 31.—The coroner's jury in the case of John Spyskie, who was burned to death in a fire which destroyed his home in Upper Fruitvale last Thursday night, returned a verdict of accidental death. The origin of the fire was not ascertained, but it is supposed that Spyskie left a lamp burning when he retired and upset it in his sleep.

MICH START FIRE.—A box of wax matches and a family of mice in the pantry closet of the residence of ex-Mayor J. D. Phelan, Valencia and Seventeenth streets, yesterday caused a small fire, which ignited a package of napkins. There was not damage enough done to cause annoyance.

JEWISH SERVICE.—Oakland, Dec. 31.—The completion of the "Tov" will be celebrated by the members of Congregation Beth Abraham at Germania Hall to-morrow. The service will begin at 1:30 p. m. and will be conducted by the Rev. M. Block of 622 Jackson street.

SUES BOARD OF WORKS.—Joseph Baruh brought suit yesterday against the Board of Works to recover \$200 for damages for injuries alleged to have been sustained by falling into a trench on McAllister street while he was driving a hack.

Twelve Horsemen Available for the Competition To-day on Clark's Field

Twelve crack poloists will be available for a game to be played this afternoon on the private field of Charles W. Clark at San Mateo. As only eight men can play, the teams must be determined by lot and some of the horsemen who are anxious to compete will be disappointed. Francis J. Carolan and Paul Clagstone will be on the field for the first time this season.

Thomas A. Driscoll will be an absentee and his present frame of mind he will probably never play another game. He contemplated retiring and his recent accident will undoubtedly strengthen this intention, although it was not sustained on the polo field. The first reports of the accident were erroneous. It seems Mr. Driscoll was riding quietly along the road, near Burlingame, when his pony stepped into a hole. Mr. Driscoll was bunched up in a heavy overcoat and before he could make a move to save himself the pony rolled over on him.

This is the first time Miss Van Vliet has been beaten in a ladies' tournament on the polo field. She has been playing for the cup the last two years. She was played for, but she was asked to give larger odds yesterday. Miss Crocker is a clever young player who will be heard from in the future.

On the California Club courts two continuous tournament matches were played and many good practice games. The former were the closest the tournament has yet brought out. George Jones, who is No. 1 man, met and defeated W. B. Collier, No. 2, in one of the closest and most stubbornly contested matches seen on the club courts in months. All three sets were won by Collier, 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:14. Luckett, Fireball, Tyrolan and Tim Payne also ran.

Two Association Football Games. Two practice games of association football will be played to-day between teams belonging to the California League. On the ground at Webster street, Alameda, the Occidentals will line up against the Vampires, each club being represented by a "scratch team." On the ground at Idora Park, Oakland, the Pickwick eleven will be kicked off at 2:30 p. m. on each ground.

Class before. For some inexplicable reason Cornell and Spilvaire were put in the second class instead of the first. In the first class Collier and Jones are the strongest players. J. S. Tobin has entered, but can hardly last through the tournament. Schmidt has had but little practice of late, but stands a good chance to win. Gardner is another player who should not be overlooked.

With Cornell and Spilvaire in the second class the other four entries do not look to have much chance. M. Long may make Cornell work, but the latter should win the class. In the third class there are also six entries. Kenyon looks by far the best man in the class. He would not be out of place in the second class.

The following practice matches were played: Herbert Schmidt and Harry Rolfe beat B. F. Nourse and Carl Gardner, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4; Schmidt beat Rolfe, 6-2; Sumner Hardy and Schmidt beat Sam Hardy and Dr. Hill, 10-5; Sam Hardy and Sumner Hardy beat Harry Rolfe and Dr. McChesney, 6-0; George Jones and Al Kenyon tied J. S. Tobin and M. Long, 2-6, 7-5; Lissar brothers beat Thorne and Lund, 6-2; Dr. Younger and Dr. Philip tied M. Warner and Nourse, 6-4, 5-7; W. Johnson and G. Cutter beat Lund and Thorne, 6-2, 6-3, 6-8.

SINGLES TOURNAMENT ENTRIES. Third class, preliminary round—Dr. Lovegrove vs. H. Punnett; E. Baker vs. A. Kenyon. First round—M. Warner and C. Kuehn, byes. Fourth class, preliminary round—B. Wallace vs. J. Thorne; H. Lund vs. W. Murphy; R. Daggott vs. E. Robbins; M. Long vs. W. Johnson; D. Noble vs. E. Bacon. First round—Erskine, a bye; W. Knowlton vs. W. Koehler.

THIRTY-FOUR RACKET WELDERS TO MEET ON CALIFORNIA CLUB COURTS. The annual New Year's day class singles tournament will be played on the California Club courts to-day and to-morrow. Thirty-four players entered and were divided into four classes. Nine men were placed in the first class. Collier and Tobin are the only ones who have been seen in that

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