

Emeryville Trainers Try to Lower Scores of Class Boxers Confer With Referee

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UNABLE TO SECURE CINDERS TO USE ON NEW TRACK

YESTERDAY'S WINNERS

Horse	Jockey	Beat	Price
Prin. Wheeler	W. Miller	4-5	1-10
Chief Wittman	Graham	8-1	1-10
Alma Boy	W. Miller	8-1	1-10
Wolf Sandals	L. Williams	5-1	1-10
Baker	Hunter	10-1	1-10

He was the only boy handsomely by the victory of his mare Princess Wheeler at the long odds of 25 to 1. The veteran turfman, Green B. Morris, whose horse did not have a bet on his horse both beat Baker. A small show by the victory of his horse, as E. Al. Konigsberger, from whom Morris purchased him, ran the horse up on which he entered price of \$400, at which figure Morris retained the animal. "Boots" Durnell, whose horse Neptunus ran second, declined to take the half of the runup money that the owner of the second horse was entitled to, and returned the money to Morris.

WINNERS ARE BID UP

The other four horses that were bid up were likewise all retained by their owners. W. W. Elliott boosted Princess Wheeler from \$400 to \$600, presumably on account of Fine's connection with W. B. Jennings, with whom Elliott is at war over the running up of horses. Chief Wittman was bid up from \$400 to \$1000 by C. McCaffery, owner of Nonie Lucille, who was a close second. He was run up from \$500 to \$800 by Thomas H. Cooke, trainer of the Baldwin string, in retaliation for the taking away of Wolf Sandals, who was boosted from \$400 to \$800 by James Neil. R. Ripley went Neil one better by making it \$900. The customary \$5 advance then retained the colt. Neil accompanied his bid with some remarks which led the spectators to conclude that he had bet on the colt his previous one only to lose, and had failed to have a wager on yesterday when he won. Neil's remarks about "five ones" and "dead ones" were quite entertaining.

Come, with Miller up, graduated from the maiden ranks by winning the opener at five furlongs from Calmar, on place and show. He was bid up by one or two bookmakers at 4 to 5, but his price was immediately rubbed to 2 to 5, and afterward to 1 to 3. Some of the books quoted no better than 1 to 4. Come was off in front and opened up a gap of several lengths when Calmar met with a slight mishap, but was straight at the paddock to stall of Calmar's closing challenge. Al Lindley, poorly handled as usual by Allaire, was a distant third.

BIG PLUNGE ON SID SILVER

The second was a high-weight five-furlong selling race with eleven starters. Angleta, with W. Miller, was the favorite. There was a tremendous plunge on Sid Silver, whose price was \$1000 to 10 to 1 to 4 to 1. Dugan got Angleta away in front, but Sid Silver, on which Williams had the mount, at once wrestled the lead away from the favorite and had opened up a gap of three lengths at the half-mile pole. From a press, James Neil, who was ridden by "Hand Riding" Kelly, the latter had head and head with Angleta, and the latter was so tired at the three-quarter mile that she gave ground. Sid Silver took the lead and was only a few lengths behind entering the stretch. Princess proved gamest in the final drive and won by a head, with Sid Silver a nose in front of Mimio. It was a thrilling finish and highly sporting.

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APPLAGATE MAKES KILLING

Wolf Sandals was the medium of a big killing by Colonel W. E. Applagate in the fifth, for which Pescadora opened favorite, and after being supplanted in favoritism by Wolf Sandals, who again made favorite at post time. Williams was on the Applagate colt and Miller on Pescadora. The latter, away well, opened four lengths at the half-mile pole, but then stopped to walk and finished far back in the rack. Wolf Sandals had only to gallop to win by five lengths from Mechant. Kogo was a distant third. The winner was played down from 5 to 1 to 4 to 1.

"Boots" Durnell attempted a killing with Neptunus in the last race of the day and, playing his horse all over the ring, forced his odds down, while Avonalls, opening at 25 to 1, was the favorite on the occasion, as did all the other horses in the race. Durnell's apprentice boy Thurston got Neptunus away well, but used him so excessively in opening up five lengths on his field in the first half mile that he was unable to bring him left to finish with, and Baker, none of the outsiders in the betting, coming strong in the stretch after having avoided the early pace, ran over Durnell's horse in the final 100 yards. Thurston's efforts to win when Baker ranged alongside were almost ludicrous, and if he had sat still the horse would have done better than he was able to do with the green jockey flourishing about on the track. Neptunus ran others in the race, falling out of it in the early running, but easily saved third place. Fulletta failed to run as well as in a poor race, but she did not tire and finally had a chance to walk and tired untramp. Neptunus and stopped to nothing. Lucian tried to jump over the rail at the start and was never prominent, after losing many lengths on that account.

Gossip of the Track

John Freters of the Maple stable, in whose name St. Francis ran, is of the opinion that his horse's poor showing responsible for his horse's poor showing

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The bidding up of each of the winners of the five selling races on the card, a killing by Colonel W. E. Applagate on the victory of his colt Wolf Sandals and the failure of "Boots" Durnell to give the ring a scorching solely on account of the incompetency of his apprentice rider on Neptunus, were the features of the racing at Emeryville yesterday. Only two of the six favorites were successful, and Jockey Walter Miller had the distinction of riding both of the winning horse who rode more than one winner during the day. W. P. Fine profited by his mare Princess Wheeler at the long odds of 25 to 1. The veteran recently purchased Baker won the last race of the day at 10 to 1 to win, as he entertained the idea that Neptunus and Avonalls would be what all Baker carried for Morris, and the latter profited little Switzer, who owned Baker when he was recently bid up and sold to

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President Williams received a wire from Los Angeles yesterday to the effect that the Ascot Park stewards had restored C. C. McCaffery's horse Alderman Batt to good standing. This horse was ruled off in connection with the E. McCaffery-C. E. Durnell episode at Ascot Park last season. He is here at present and will probably be started soon.

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J. J. Quinlan, the owner of Alma Boy, claims that his horse won the fourth race for \$25. This mare was owned by Joe Yeager, who has only two other horses here.

Barney Schreiber has disposed of the contract on his apprentice rider Jarrett to W. P. Fine.

Entries for Today's Races

The entries and weights for today's races at Emeryville are as follows:

FIRST RACE—Six furlongs; three-year-olds and up; selling.

250 Escama (Cox)	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104
251 Miss Mary (Hume)	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104	104
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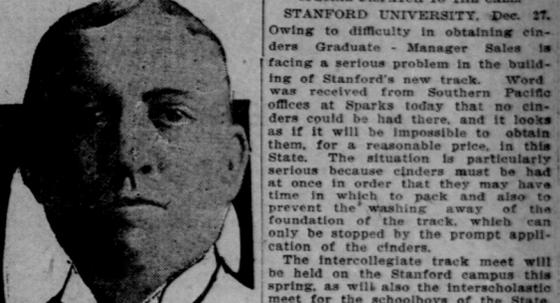
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