THE NATIONAL REGATTA.

SECOND DAY OF THE ROWING RACES ON THE SCHUYLKILL—AN EASY VICTORY FOR COURTNEY AND ROBINSON IN THE DOUBLE SCULLS—THE ATALANTAS WIN THE PAIR OARS AFTER A HARD STRUGGLE.

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The second day's races of the fourth annual regatta of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen was even more favored in the way of weather than the previous day. The sun shone brightly and was just warm enough to be conducive to good rowing. There was a slight breeze from the southwest in the faces of the contestants, but not enough to spoil the water. The crowds on the shores were much more numerous than on the first day, but the beautiful banks of the Schuylkill would have afforded ample room for twice the number. Nothing occurred to delay the races unreasonably, so that nobody's patience was tried by a long and tedious wait, and the two contests comprising the day's programme scarcely lasted more than an hour. The course was kept perfectly clear, thanks to the good management of Captain Chastean, of the Park guard, who accomplished the delicate duty with perfect success.

In the double sculls Courtney and Robinson, in the Union Springs boat, had such an easy victory that this race did not evoke much interest, but the next race was the finest yet witnessed in the meeting, and as the Atalantas crossed the score after a close contest, cheer after cheer rent the air from those assembled on the grand stand and the bluff above.

PROGRAMME OF RACES.

The original programme of only two days' racing having been changed it was decided that the doubles and pairs should be rowed to-day, leaving the final heats of singles and fours for to-morrow. As there were only four entries each for these two races, on account of Mr. Riley, of the Neptune Club, not being allowed to row, the contests in these events were narrowed down to one trial each. The following are the age, weight and height of the men:—

DOUBLE SCULL RACE.

UNION SPRINGS.—R. H. Robinson, bow, age 20, height 5.10½, weight 136, and C. E. Courtenay, stroke, age 28, weight 166, height 5.11½.

ATALANTAS.—P. C. Ackerman, bow, age 22, weight 155, height 5.11½, and W. H. Rodgers, stroke, age 27, weight 178, height 6.01½.

VESPERS.—Harry McMillan, bow, age 35, height 5.10½, weight 155, and J. B. Mingus, stroke, age 23, weight 138, height 5.09.

NEPTUNES.—Keator and Riley—withdrawn.

THE RACE.

When the boats were drawn up into line, the Union Springs crew had the favored position on the west shore, with the Atalantas in the middle and the Vespers on the eastern side. The referee being satisfied that the crews were ready gave the word "Go." All three boats caught water pretty evenly together and started off on the race. At a very early stage in the contest the Union Spring boys began to forge ahead of the Atalantas and the Vespers were dropping behind. When 200 yards were rowed the Union Springs crew, pulling thirty strokes a minute, got a lead of about a boat's length and began to lessen their number of strokes. Steering a splendid course, they kept on increasing their lead, notwithstanding the terribly tearing work Rodgers was doing in the Atalanta boat; the Vespers, steering a miserable course and sustaining the reputation that Philadelphia crews don't know their own river, were fast dropping hopelessly out of the race. Courtenay and Robinson were rowing magnificently and had the race well in hand by the time they reached Peter's Island, with the Atalanta men pulling in good form a few lengths behind them, and the Vespers away in the rear. In these positions the boats crossed the line, the Union Springs winning, with the Atalantas second, and the Vespers bringing up the rear. Time—Union Springs, Robinson and Courtenay, 9:19; Atalantas, Ackerman and Rodgers, 9:26; Vespers, McMillan and Mingus, 10:10½.

PAIR-OARED RACE.

ARGONAUTAS.—W. T. Taylor, bow; age 23, weight 153, height 5 ft. 11 in.; and John Gunster, stroke; age 27, weight 164, height 6 ft.

NAUTILUS.—David Roach, bow; age 24, height 5 ft. 5 in., weight 110; and William Walsh, stroke; age 26, height 5 ft. 7 in., weight 126.

Atalantas—W. H. Downs, bow; age 23, weight 140, height 5 ft. 9 in.; and John E. Eustis, stroke; age 29, weight 150, height 5 ft. 11 in.

Beaverwycks—J. T. McCormick and T. J. Gorman—withdrawn.

THE RACE.

After a brief delay at the upper end of the course the Atalanta pair rowed out from the shore, followed a few seconds later by the Nautilus pair, the Argonauta being the last to come out from the float. The Argonauta had the best position on the west shore, with the Nautilus in the centre and the Atalanta on the west side. At the word "Go!" all crews got away well together, and for the first hundred or two hundred yards kept close company, then the Argonauta pair began to draw away from the Nautilus and Atalanta, who were rowing bow and bow down to the quarter-mile point. Here bad steering was shown on the part of the Argonauta crew, which drew nearly in front of the Nautilus and compelled Roache to sheer off and lose something. The Atlantas at this time had a slight lead, with the Argonautas holding second position and