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Perfect weather, a fast track and an attractive program combined to attract a large gathering to the weekly matinee of the Pinehurst Jockey Club last Wednesday afternoon, and there was lots of good sport to reward those in attendance.

At the very outset of the proceedings a track record toppled into the discard, a process to which racegoers are getting somewhat accustomed. Uncle Sand was the racer to which fell the honor of supplanting the mark made a few weeks ago by Algardi when this gelding of Taylor's clipped a few fifths off the former record for the mile and ran the distance in 1.43 1-5.

Uncle Sand was undoubtedly the favorite, with Molly O. and His Nibbs rated as likely to furnish the leading opposition to this fleet horse of Hills. When the barrier went up it was Wright, up on His Nibbs, who shot to the fore and maintained a good flight of speed for nearly three-quarters of the distance and then weakened. Uncle Sand, which ran throughout much the best of all the contenders, was let down on the far stretch by Lassies and moved up steadily to assume the lead at the head of the stretch. His Nibbs made a good effort in the spurt down the stretch to regain the lead, but the best he could do was to win the place by a slight margin from Molly O., who came up strong in the last quarter. Time 1.43.

Another track record was established when Carter, up on Lambert Splane's Lydonia, led a field of seven starters home in the five one-half furlong and covered the distance in 1.08 2-5. Altho the credit for setting this new mark belongs to Lydonia, the consistent efforts of Wright, up on Doctor D., undoubtedly accounted for the fast time.

Doctor D. was hustled to the front at the start, keeping in a prominent position as far as the first turn, when Carter scampered away from the rest of the pack and set out with a rush after the scurrying Doctor D. and took the lead. Doctor D. came again sturdily and gamely and moved into the lead with a rush, only to be forced out again near the end of the back stretch. Carter got his mount straightened out just in time to withstand a determined challenge by Wright and win the race by a neck. Doctor D. won quite handily from Grace Mary O'Brien's Joe Miller, with Call up, which defeated Lady Betty from the Nibb's stable, ridden by Atwell.

After making two unsuccessful bids for a winner, Wright finally came thru and ended the day by bringing home Melos first in the Steeplechase, winning by a length from Little Horn, with Archibald up. Algardi, with Houston up, was also a starter, but contrary to expectations, did not figure at all as a contender. It was essentially a race between Little Horn and Melos, a nip and tuck contest all the way to the last hurdle where Melos sent out a challenge, forged his way to the fore and finished a slight margin to the good. Little

Horn had no difficulty winning the place from Algardi.

Mittie Bedworth again demonstrated her worth as a runner by capturing the big end of a purse in the Class A. Harness event. The first heat of this event went to Mr. J. C. Thomas, driving Direct Bell, a black gelding owned by Covington. Loucella, driven by Mr. Eden, made good progress in the early part of the heat, but was quickly overhauled by Direct Bell and David B. The big gray driven by Wickert made a mighty effort to catch Thomas, but he had Direct Bell going like clockwork and finished a good length in the lead.

The next heat went to Mittie Bedworth, who took advantage of the break by Direct Bell on the turn and went to the fore. As in the former heat, David B. furnished most of the opposition to the winner and the race was settled only a few yards from the tape.

The exhibition trot by three of Mr. Hyde's fast runners was an event that was greatly enjoyed by the gallery. Joseph Guy, driven by Brown, won the first of two heats from Eliza Dillon, driven by Ryan and Little Bondsman, driven by Hyde. The second heat went to Little Bondsman in a flash that was thrilling and spectacular. All true race fans and true follows of the turf, who know a good thing when they see it, were well aware that it was a treat and a rare privilege to watch the horses that Mr. Hyde is training in Pinehurst this winter, and they are grateful to him, and are hungry for more exhibitions of the same kind.

The divers specialties of the afternoon were also greatly enjoyed by the gallery. Miss Peters and Mr. Herbert Sugden, thru careful manipulating of match and cigarette, won what is called the Cigarette Contest, and Little Miss Julia Butterfield assisted by Phillip Dailey led all contenders in the Orange and Plate Contest. Godfrey Preece, Jr., up on Footprint, and Eric Hatch, up on Rockaway, decided a match race, the latter winning with ease, while Henry Swoope just managed to beat Lambert Splane in a last minute finish in a little exhibition of their own.

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SECOND ROUND

H. T. Whitin beat A. G. Goodman, 3 and 1; E. T. Wilkinson beat E. H. Barnum, 6 and 5; H. B. Swoope beat A. C. Porteous, 6 and 5; C. M. Dunne beat W. F. Luick, 1 up.

SEMI-FINALS

H. T. Whitin beat E. T. Wikinson, 5 and 3; C. M. Dunne beat H. B. Swoope, 4 and 3.

FINALS

H. T. Whitin beat C. M. Dunne, 1 up;

CONSOLATION

S. K. Ames beat G. P. Whaley, 5 and 3.

SEVENTEENTH DIVISION

FIRST ROUND

W. D. Riggs beat F. E. Howard, 1 up;
J. G. Blondel beat Jas. Flynn, 3 and 2;

G. L. Williams beat W. B. Ballou, 7 and 5; E. Beals beat N. B. Gatling, 6 and 4; G. L. Wilson beat C. C. Boyden, 2 up; G. E. Percival beat J. P. Tunis, 3 and 2; C. C. Hoyt beat R. H. Haynes by default; G. N. Towle beat M. Morris, 6 and 4.

SECOND ROUND

W. D. Riggs beat J. G. Blondel, 4 and 6; Edw. Beals beat G. L. Williams, 5 and 4; D. C. Percival beat G. L. Wilson, 1 up 19 holes; G. N. Towle beat C. C. Hoyt, 2 and 1.

SEMI-FINALS

Edw. Beals beat W. D. Riggs, 3 and 2; D. C. Percival beat G. N. Towle, 3 and 2.

FINALS

Edw. Beals beat D. C. Percival, 3 and 2.

CONSOLATION

M. Morris beat N. P. Gatling, 8 and 6.

SPECIAL CONSOLATION

FIRST ROUND

A. D. Sikes beat S. O. Miller, 2 and 1; W. J. Speers beat J. E. Elms, 5 and 4; J. D. Armstrong beat W. L. Kingsley, 2 and 1; G. A. Bomann beat J. E. Williams, by default.

SECOND ROUND

A. D. Sikes beat N. J. Speers, 3 and 1; J. D. Armstrong beat G. A. Bomann, 3 and 2.


FINALS

J. D. Armstrong beat A. D. Sikes, 6 and 5.

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