

NECK AND NECK FINISH

"Somebody Else's Horse" Race Feature of Thursday's Gymkhana.

Lance and Ring, Scarf and Water Carrying Contests Round Out the Program.



THURSDAY afternoon's equestrian Gymkhana was easily the most novel and enjoyable of the season, characterized by snap and go throughout; novelties adding to the interest, several hundred people enjoyed the fun.

An even dozen riders participated, prizes being awarded for the highest total number of points made during the afternoon; first and second in each event, counting ten and five, respectively. Miss Grace Higgins of New York, and Mrs. John Phillip Sousa, won the women's prizes. Mr. J. F. Cassidy of New York, and Dr. Myron W. Marr of Dorchester, leading the men in a tie, Mr. Cassidy winning the toss. Others who participated were Mrs. Leonard Tufts; Miss Lillian Hungerford and Miss Grace Higgins, both of New York; Mr. F. B. Nostrand of New York; Mr. H. H. Kirkpatrick of Philadelphia, and Mr. Richard Southgate of Worcester, Mass. Details of management were in the hands of a committee including Mr. John Phillip Sousa, Mr. S. Bruce Elwell of Harvard, Mass., Mr. Converse Wurdeman of Milwaukee, Miss Harriet Horton of Williamsport and Miss Ruby Sewall of Kansas City.

Easily the novelty of the afternoon was the "somebody else's horse" race in which mounts were exchanged by lot, and ridden down the course and back, the last to finish winning, any horse coming to a standstill during the race, being disqualified. The result of the reversed order of things was most amusing and all sorts of tricks were resorted to to delay the progress of the journey, some crossing back and forth, others backing or side stepping. Not long after the turn had been made it was apparent that the contest lay between Mrs. Sousa and Mr. Southgate, which the former won in a thrilling finish, the animals neck and neck and both riders holding them back for all they were worth!

Snap and go characterized the familiar scarf race, the event ridden in couples against time, down the course and back, Dr. Marr and Mrs. Tufts leading in twenty-four and two-fifths seconds. Mr. Cassidy and Miss Hungerford, and Mr. Kirkpatrick and Miss Higgins, each made twenty-four and four-fifths seconds, but in the ride off, Miss Higgins, through trouble with her horse, exceeded the time limit.

The water carrying race was a new feature which created much amusement, contestants being required to carry a lard pail of water down the course and back at full speed, the spilling of too much disqualifying. Mr. Cassidy made the trip in nineteen seconds and Mr. Nostrand in twenty-one; Mrs. Tufts making twenty-two and three-fifths

seconds and Miss Higgins twenty-seven. The lance and ring contest was fast enough to keep the crowd on edge throughout. Dr. Marr making the journey in twenty-nine seconds and securing five rings, Mr. Kirkpatrick bringing back four rings in thirty-four seconds. Mrs. Tufts took six rings in twenty-four and four-fifths seconds and Miss Higgins five in thirty-two seconds.

The interest aroused has led to plans for another event to be held Thursday next for which a large field is assured.

Hotel Story Conclusion.

Mr. F. W. Stevens of Morristown, N. J., returns. Mr. C. W. Howe of Boston, is here for his third visit of the season.

Mr. W. C. Wilson, Mr. J. Marr and Mr. Morgan Cowan of New York, and Mr. J. H. Brown of Detroit, are late arrivals.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Pretzfeld of New York, were guests of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. John O. Loring of North Andover, Mass., come for the season.

Mrs. K. Mason of St. Louis, and Miss McKee of Chicago, are here for a long sojourn.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Alexander of Detroit, come for a long sojourn.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Welliston of Northampton, Mass., are spending a fortnight here.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Everit of Brooklyn, will remain several weeks.

At The Berkshire and Harvard.

Many Villagers joined with the guests of The Berkshire and Harvard for the weekly bridge and five hundred party, Mrs. G. L. Miller of White Plains, N. J., Mr. John A. Zangerle of Cleveland, Miss Mary Adams of Springfield, and Mr. Josiah Monroe of Philadelphia, winning the prizes. Refreshments were served at the close of play.

AMONG THE GUESTS.

Mrs. C. D. Allis and Miss Bertha Chambers of Birmingham, return for a long sojourn.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Congleton of Chicago, will remain indefinitely.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Prior Williamson of Wilkes Barre, Pa., are here for a two weeks visit.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Wyte of Springfield, Mass., spent a portion of the week here.

Mrs. C. A. Ely, Jr., and Master Charles A. Ely of Rutherford, N. J., are here for March.

Mrs. Emma K. Johnson and Mr. George Johnson of Cannonsburg, Pa., spent a few days here.

Mrs. F. L. Parks and Mrs. G. L. Miller of White Plains, N. Y., are spending several weeks here.

Mr. C. J. Ranney of Cleveland comes for several week's golf.

Mr. H. L. Snyder of Montclair is making a short visit.

Mr. A. M. Reiber of Burton, Pa., is enjoying golf.

Mr. C. G. M. Townes of Flushing, N. Y., and Mr. H. W. Woodward of Knoxville, Tenn., were guests of the week.

Mr. A. Clement and Mr. John C. Clement of Seal Harbor, Maine, spent the week here.

Mr. A. M. Ward and Mr. E. Maurice Dreifus of Philadelphia, will remain through the month.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Ricketts of Johnstown, N. Y. are completing a short visit.

Mr. William Dickson of New York comes for a long sojourn.

Mr. W. S. Dillon of Fitchburg, will remain until spring.

Mr. George T. Dunlap of Arlington, N. J., returns for the season.

Mr. Joseph I. Dunlap of Wadesboro, N. C., is making a short visit.

Mr. E. M. Bredin of Butler, Pa., is spending a fortnight here.

Mrs. James W. Bixler and Miss Elizabeth Bixler of New London, Conn., are spending two weeks here.

Mr. C. E. Martin and Mr. James Triner of Chicago, return for golf.

Mr. L. H. Mitchell of Washington, spent the week here.

Mr. C. Elmer Bown of Pittsburg, returns for a long sojourn.

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