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POWDERHALL GROUNDS, BONNINGTON ROAD.

These grounds, which were lately completed for pedestrian purposes, were opened on Saturday last, £100 being offered by the proprietors for competition in three handicaps of 160 yards, half a mile, and one mile respectively. The course is one of the finest in the three kingdoms. The grounds occupy from six to seven acres in extent, the running track being exactly 440 yards in extent, with a sprint course, quite straight, of 170 yards, whilst in short races the competitors run in ample spaces bounded with cords. The number present on Saturday could not have been less than 12,000, while the Grand Stand, capable of holding 1,200, was crowded to excess. The whole arrangements were carried out with the utmost punctuality and care. Only the preliminary heats (twenty-three in number) of the 160 yards handicap and the one mile race were decided. The results are given below :-

160 Yards Handicap — first prize, £45 ; second, £7; third, £3 ; fourth, £2 ; fifth. £1 ; £10 to winners of heats. —

Heat 1 ; J. Hislop, 16 yards' start, first ; A. Lapsley, Denny, 17½, second ; W. Ballantyne, 13½, third ; C. Anderson, 17½, 0 ; J. Farmer, Glasgow, 15½, 0. Won cleverly by a yard.

Heat 2 ; M. Nichol, 16, first ; W. M'Kay, 15, second. Won by half a yard, after a brilliant finish.

Heat 3 ; M. Parker, 16½, first ; W. Duncan, Leith, 14½, second ; J. Davidson, Jarrow, 11½, 0 ; T. M'Nair, Leith, 16½, 0 ; G. Nelson, 15,0. Won easily by a yard and a half.

Heat 4 ; W. Shaw, 17, first ; J. Davidson, 17, second ; A. Cameron, Dumbarton, 11, third; H. Docherty (F.B.), 16½, fourth. Won by two yards.

Heat 5 ; D. Wight, Jedburgh, 12, first ; F. Welsh, Glasgow, 12, second ; A. J. Anderson, Leith. 12½, 0 ; D. M. Jack, Dundee, 16, 0 ; D. Carrigan, Glasgow, 12, 0. Won by a yard.

Heat 6 ; James Dickie, Leith, 15, first ; J. B. Campbell, Limekilns, 15, second ; T. Gibbons, Glasgow, 9½, 0 ; A. Struthers, 15, 0. Won, after a magnificent race, by half a yard.

Heat 7 ; T. M. Campbell, 14, first ; J. M'Nicol, Leith, 17, Second ; D. Paterson, Portobello, 15, third ; J. Dowie, 17½, 0 ; A. Bremner, Leith, 12, 0. Won by a yard.

Heat 8 ; W. Brown, Dalkeith, 11½, first; W. Kay, 13, second ; J. Young, Kirkcaldy, 9½, third ; John Scott. 14½, 0 ; W. Malcolm, 16½, 0. Won, after a good race, by half a yard.

Heat 9 ; W. Dunnett, 16½, first ; J. Steel, Glasgow, 16, second ; J. Ritchie, Leith, 15, third. Won by a yard.

Heat 10 ; J. Simpson, 14½, first ; James Mill, 14. Second ; J. Campbell, Alexandria, 15, third. Won by a yard.

Heat 11 ; R. Roberts, 14½, first ; D. Dinnie, Aboyne, 14, second ; W. Sowersby, Leith, 17½, 0 ; H. M'Intosh, 14, 0 ; D. M'Intosh, Melrose, 12, 0. Won easily by three yards.

Heat 12 ; J. Watt, Glasgow, 17, first ; L. Ritchie, 16½, Second ; J. Henderson, Portobello, 17½, third ; A. J. Turnbull, 13½, 0 ; J. Robertson, 12, 0. Watt won, after a fine race, by half a yard.

Heat 13 ; G. Johnson, 12½, first ; J. B. Thomson, 18, second ; R. Cathcart, Leith, 11, third. Won cleverly by a yard.

Heat 14 ; C. Cook, Glasgow, 14, first ; J. Duncan, Strathblane, 16, second ; R. Low, 15½, third ; A. Morrison, 16½, 0 ; A. J. Lyall, 15, 0. Won easily.

Heat 15 ; A. Hall, 8½, first ; J. Kellet, 14½, second ; G. Mortimer, 17, 0 ; J. Davis, 17, 0 ; W. Hewitt, 17, 0. Hall, who ran in his usual fine style, won easily by three yards.

Heat 16 ; M. Hogg, 16½, first ; R. Johnston, 14, second ; E. Hunter, Uddingstone, 11½, third. Won by a yard.

Heat 17 ; A. Bennett, Alva, 6½, first ; D. Birse, 10, second ; R. Hay, 16, third ; G. Paton, 18, 0. Won by half a yard, after a fine finish.

Heat 18 ; A. Kelly, Rotherham, 11, first ; D. Warren, 16, second ; H. Dalmahoy, Leith, 15, third ; R. White, 13, 0. Won by a yard.

Heat 19 ; W. Johnson, Stockton, scratch, first ; D. Menzies, 16 yards' start, second ; T. Oliver, Jedburgh, 13, third ; A. Scott, 16, 0. Won by two yards.

Heat 20 ; D. Bennett, Leith, 16, first ; C. Stewart, 16, second ; N. M'Kay, Peebles, 14, third ; D. Boswell, 18, 0. Won easily by two yards.

Heat 21 ; P. Campbell, Alexandria, 13, first ; John Dickie, Leith, 14, second ; D. M'Kay, 14½, third ; F. Harper, 13, 0. Won cleverly by a yard.

Heat 22 ; A. W. Dickson, 16½, first ; J. Rule, 14, second ; J. Fraser, 17, third ; P. Smith, Glasgow, 12, 0 ; J. Mack, Kelso, 12, 0. Won easily.

Heat 23 ; G. Alexander, 16, first ; T. Gorman, 15, second ; F. English, 14, third ; A. Laidlaw, Dalkeith, 12,0 ; J. Noble, Peebles, 13½,0. Won after a good race, by nearly a yard.

One Mile Handicap — first prize, £10 ; second, £2 10s. ; third, £1 10s. ; fourth, £1.

J. S. Ridley, Gateshead, scratch, first ; L. Affleck, Rosewell, 140 yards' start, second ; A. Newton, 135, third ; D. M'Donald, 135, fourth ; R. M'Kinstry, Glasgow, scratch, 0 ; J. M'Nicol, Leith, 65, 0 ; J. Davidson, Jarrow, 65, 0 ; W. Smith, Paisley, 65, 0 ; T. St. James, Glasgow, 80, 0 ; A. M'Phee, Paisley, 90, 0 ; J. Jamieson, Paisley, 90, 0 ; James Ross, Paisley, 95, 0 ; J. Dodds, Innerleithen, 95, 0 ; J. Duncan, Uphall, 95, 0 ; D. Cameron, Rannoch, 95, 0 ; John Dickie, Leith, 100, 0 ; J. M'Leavy, Alexandria, 110, 0 ; J. Ferguson, Jamestown, 110, 0 ; J. Brockie, Peebles, 120, 0 ; D. Finlayson, 125, 0 ; P. Kay, Newton Grange, 135, 0 ; G. Blaikie, 135, 0 ; N. Anthony, 135, 0 ; J. Watt, Glasgow, 135, 0 ; R. Ellis, Kelso, 145, 0 ; G. Lorimer, 145, 0 ; A. Gowans, 150, 0 ; J. B. Campbell, Limekilns, 150, 0. Ridley immediately began to close up with his opponents, and in the last lap shot to the front, and won very easily

by five yards. Many of the competitors fell out long before the finish. Only the four placed men completed the distance.

MONDAY. — Proceedings to-day were resumed at one o'clock, and brought to a successful conclusion by half-past three. The grounds were nearly as much crowded as on Saturday, and the stand equally well filled. The sky was dull and cloudy, and the weather cold. These circumstances had little effect, however, on the spectators, who entered enthusiastically into the spirit of the scene. Considering all things, the proprietors must congratulate themselves on the happy manner in which the grounds have been inaugurated. The great success which has attended them in this new venture doubtless points forward to a bright future, and we have little fears, from the well-known abilities and business habits of the gentlemen connected with the management, that these anticipations will be fully realised.

Proceedings opened with the second ties in the 160 yards handicap, begun on the previous day, and which was now decided as follows :-

Heat 1 ; J. Simpson, 14½ yards' start, first ; A. Hall, 8½, second ; A. W. Dickson, 16½, third ; D. Bennett, Leith, 16, fourth ; T. M. Campbell, 14, 0. Won by a yard and a half ; half a yard between second and third.

Heat 2 ; D. Wight, Jedburgh, 12, first ; G. Alexander, 16, second ; G. Johnson, 12½, third ; A. Bennett, Alva, 16½, 0 ; A. Kelly, Rotherham, 11, 0. Won by a yard.

Heat 3 ; W. Johnson, Stockton, scratch, first ; J. Hislop, 16, second ; A. Struthers, 15, third ; M. Hogg, 16½, 0 ; W. Dunnett, 16½, 0. Won cleverly by half a yard.

Heat 4 ; J. Duncan, Strathblane, 16, first ; P. Campbell, Alexandria, 13, second ; W. Brown, Dalkeith, 11½, third ; M. Parker, 16½, fourth. Won by half a yard.

Heat 5 ; M. Nicol, 16, first ; W. Shaw, 17, * ; R. Roberts, 14½, * ; J. Watt, Glasgow, 17, fourth. Won, after a fine race, by six inches ; * dead-heat for second place.

Final Heat ; D. Wight, Jedburgh, 12, first ; J. Duncan, Strathblane, 16, second ; J. Simpson, 14½, third ; W. Johnston, Stockton, scratch, fourth ; M. Nicol, 16 fifth. Won cleverly by a yard and a half. An objection was raised against Wight as having entered under a wrong designation, but it was not sustained.

Half-mile Handicap – first prize, £10 ; second, £2 10s. ; third, £1 10s. ; fourth, £1.

Heat 1 ; G. Hayward, Yeovil, 55 yards' start, first ; J. M'Nicol, Leith, 40, 0 ; J. L. James, Loanhead, 60, 0 ; D. M'Donald, 70, 0 ; J. Simpson, 70, 0 ; A/. Scott, 72, 0 ; R. Ellis, Kelso, 75, 0 ; W. Shaw, 75, 0. The Yeovil representative had it all his own way, and came in alone, none of the others finishing.

Heat 2 ; G. Blaikie, 72, first. R. White (65), W. Cockburn (65), W. Charles (Leith, 65), W. Brown (Leith, 70), W. Bennet (Leith, 75), and W. Henderson (86), also started. This was a counterpart of the previous heat.

Heat 3 ; W. Thompson, 77, first ; J. S. Ridley, Gateshead, scratch, second ; J. Oliver, 65 yards' start, 0 ; J. Field, 65, 0 ; T. Ormiston, 77, 0 ; John Ross, 80, 0 ; G. Lorimer, 80, 0 ; R. W. Rattray, 80, 0. Won by two yards.

Heat 4 ; A. Kelly, Rotherham, 50, first ; A. Newton, 72, second ; J. Murray, Glasgow, 60, 0 ; A. Thomson, 65, 0 ; J. C. Graham, 65, 0 ; G. Scott, Bathgate, 70, 0 ; W. Brodie, 75, 0 ; J. Davidson, 75, 0 ; G. Thomson, 75, 0. Won easily by two yards.

Heat 5 ; R. Low, 70, first ; J. Davidson, Jarrow, 45, second ; A. Murray, Renton, 50, 0 ; A. Love. Paisley, 50, 0 ; R. M'Intosh, 65, 0 ; H. Dalmahoy, Leith, 70, 0 ; J. Cunningham, 75, 0 ; J. Fraser, 75, 0 ; G. Wallace, 85, 0. Won by two yards.

Heat 6 ; W. Ballantyne, 60, first ; T. Oliver, Jedburgh, 55, second ; P. M'Kenzie, 65, 0 ; J. Purdie, 65, 0 ; A. Slight, Leith, 65, 0 ; A J. Anderson, Leith, 70, 0 ; J. Kellet, 70, 0 ; T. Sheridan, 80, 0. Won easily.

Heat 7 ; J. Watt, Glasgow, 77, first ; J. M'Lauchlan, Paisley, 50, 0 ; D. Campbell, Alexandria, 50, 0 ; J. Campbell, Alexandria, 65, 0 ; J. Noble, Peebles, 65, 0 ; W. Mitchell, 65, 0 ; A. Young, 65, 0 ; L. Ritchie, 70, 0 ; W. Williamson, 70, 0 ; J. B. Campbell, Limekilns, 75, 0 ; T. M'Gill, 80, 0 ; J. D. Young, 65, 0. Although twelve started for this heat, all gave up long before reaching the tape, except J. Watt, who finished alone.

Heat 8 ; James Ross, 60, first ; J. Paul, 70, second ; J. Henderson, 65, 0 ; P. Ferguson, 70, 0 ; A. M'Kenzie, 75, 0 ; J. Hunter, 75, 0 ; A. Bonnar, 72, 0 ; F. Duffy, Leith, 80, 0 ; G. Bisset, Portobello, 80, 0. Won easily by three yards.

Final Heat ; J. Watt, Glasgow, 77, first ; W. Thomson, 77, second ; W. Ballantyne, 60, third ; A. Kelly, Rotherham, 50, fourth ; G. Hayward, Yeovil, 55, fifth ; G. Blaikie, 72, 0 ; R. Low, 70, 0 ; James Ross, 60, 0. Watt soon took the lead, and never being afterwards headed, had the race in hand all the way, and won easily by five yards.