

HORSEMENT TURN TO SARATOGA

This Week Will End Summer Season on the Metropolitan Race Tracks.

SYSONBY AND ARTFUL MAY MEET THERE

Jockey Odom Retires After Years of Conscientious Riding in the Saddle—Notes and Comment of Those Foremost in Racing World.

(Journal Special Service.) New York, July 25.—With a little less than a week the summer racing on the metropolitan tracks comes to an end for the season, and the month's meetings at Saratoga begins.

It is probable that Sysonby and Artful will meet there, and a line may be laid on the respective racing merits of the king and queen of the turf. It may be said in passing that from his recent racing good old Hermis may have a word to say about the turf premiership before the last race has been run at Saratoga.

It takes a pretty fair sort of a horse to pick up 132 pounds and gallop a mile and a furlong in 1:52. That is what Hermis did, and if he goes on and his legs do not go back on him Sysonby and Artful will know they have been to the races when they hook up with him.

Hermis is truly a wonder. Seemingly he can shoulder any weight, and his speed is not one whit diminished. Ever since he was a two-year-old he has had a "bag" under suspicion, and yet he has outdistanced his rivals. Waterboy, who beat Hermis so decisively, has been retired to the stud, and so has Irish Lad, while The Pickett, in only his shadow, has been whipped Hermis in last season's Brooklyn.

He has a way of improving considerably over each previous performance the first four or five times he has ever won. After this season he has had a more auspicious beginning than ever before. Alex Shields has worked wonders in getting Hermis back to the races better than ever. Few of the most sanguine of the \$50,000 horse owners and trainers would have believed that he would ever race again when they saw him hobble off the track last year after winning the Test handicap from Beldame.

Retirement of Odom. One of the really important pieces of news in the turf world this week is the retirement of George Odom as a jockey. It would perhaps be too much to rate Odom among the very best jockeys in the history of the American turf, but it can be said that he was one of the best in his generation, and there are few boys living who can give him many points in riding a race. It is but stating the universal opinion that any man who backed one of the Georgia boys' mounts got a good deal of the Georgia boy's mounts got a good deal of the Georgia boy's mounts got a good deal of the Georgia boy's mounts.

When Odom started riding at Aqueduct in 1898 he weighed less than 75 pounds. He first came into prominence two years later at Morris Park, and from that time on he was a star in the turf world.

Odom never won any of the three big yearly metropolitan events—the Futurity, Brooklyn or Suburban—but he has scored victories in nearly every other important race. He won the Gold Seal at Saratoga in 1901, and he has since been forced to give up the mount. Odom was a great whip rider, and in the finishes was where he showed his class as a rider. His finishes on Advance Guard are still talked of on the race courses.

Tom Sloan is to be reinstated. It was mainly the opposition of James R. Keene which kept the Jockey club directors from favorable action in Sloan's case, and even Mr. Keene has concluded that the little rider has been punished enough for spending his money too ostentatiously and has withdrawn his opposition. Sloan will, it is said, be granted a license in time to ride at Saratoga. It remains to be seen whether or not his long illness has spoiled his skill in the saddle.

Geaspy of Korseman. C. F. Robbins, father of Jockey Robbins, who was injured at Brighton last week, is here from Chicago to see his boy. He said the doctors feared for a while that the boy suffered from concussion of the brain, but after removing all his hair nothing was found to indicate it. His left arm is fractured above the elbow and he will not be able to ride again for at least five weeks.

Richard Dwyer, the well-known western starter, ran down here from Buffalo Sunday night and put in the day at the track, where he met many of his western friends, who have been forced here by the closing down of races around Chicago.

Judge Francis Trevelyan arrived here from Cincinnati this week. He has been acting as presiding judge of the Louisiana meeting. His place will be filled by Judge Murphy of St. Louis. Trevelyan sails for his old home in England today for a vacation.

It is not often that one sees two horses disqualified in the same race, but such a thing occurred at Brighton on Saturday, when Snow and Deviltree were put back from second and third positions to the rear on account of interference on the part of Snow with other horses.

W. H. Snyder, owner of Snow and part owner of Deviltree, will have more respect for the rules of the Jockey club.

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Once or twice before Snyder has violated the canons of the turf, and on one occasion he got into difficulties at New Orleans for his manner of racing the colt Trapper.

It seems to be about certain that there will be a new judge on the race tracks under the control of the New York Jockey club next season. The Jockey club stewards, it is said, are dissatisfied with the work of McDowell and Pettinelli and will replace one of those men with Joseph J. Murphy, who has been presiding judge on the principal race tracks in the west.

Sturphy is a valuable man in his line. He has had years of experience and is fully capable of placing the horses accurately. He has been brought up in a school among the shifty ones of the west, and is fully conversant with all the ins and outs of the game, and for two meetings has acted as judge at the Bennings racetrack.

This move of the stewards of the Jockey club will be approved by racegoers.

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Yesterday was the opening day of the Oregon State Tennis tournament and some splendid playing resulted. Much of the afternoon was given over to the following days of the tournament.

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FAVORITES HAVE AN OPEN BREAK

Second Day's Going at Irvington Track Draws an Interested and Appreciative Crowd.

LIVELY BIDDING ON TWO WINNING HORSES

Cascade of Diamonds and Follow Me Are Sold at Good Prices to E. J. Ramsey and W. Holmes—Jackful Repeats His Old Trick.

'Twas a happy and interested crowd of spectators that thronged Irvington racetrack yesterday and the general verdict coming home in the cars was that everybody had received a run for his money.

Birdie, in the first event, was a hot today and nearly every one at the track had a wager on this mare at 6 to 5. J. Clark was up and this clever youngster had the race as his own way after the half was reached.

Dr. Sherman Is There. Happy Chappy made many unhappy in the second event by insisting upon running last the entire distance.

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