

RACES BEGIN TO-MORROW.

Half a Thousand Horses at the Track— Some of the Fast Spins of Cup Starters.

The estimates which have been made of the number of horses which will be at the running meeting have been too small. From the arrivals yesterday and the telegrams received announcing stables on the way, it is now certain that there will be at least 500 horses at the meeting. Out of this large number there are some brush horses which will have no more chance of winning a race here than they would have of winning the Suburban this afternoon. Their owners brought them here without knowing what they were running up against. They might as well turn them out on grass and save oats. Among the half a thousand horses, however, there are any number of good ones—enough to give every race a big field without any "dogs" in it.

Among the arrivals yesterday morning was Tom Hurns' stable. Hurns brought up twelve head with him and has two horses in the bunch which he will enter for the cup. If he carries out his present plans he will start both First Day and Out Cry. Tom Cook's stable of ten head will be in from St. Louis this morning. He will bring with him Dan Meeks, Tom Cook and several other stake horses. Batcheller will be here to-day with May Hardy and Jim Cornwall, and Vestal with Governor Ross and one or two more. Among the others that will come in from St. Louis to-day will be Morgan and Hunter with eleven head and H. H. Brown with eight head.

The rail birds were out in force yesterday morning trying to get a line on something good, and the horses that worked out were closely watched. Blaze Duke was sent the distance and went it nicely in 2:02 $\frac{1}{4}$ —good enough time to have won the cup last year, but hardly what it will be made in to-morrow if the track is good. Willis Fountain was also sent the distance, but was not called upon to go faster than 2:07 $\frac{1}{4}$. Georgie Hamlin was only called upon to go a mile, and she went a fast one. Mary Sue was among the horses worked out yesterday morning and the watches caught her mile in 1:45 $\frac{1}{4}$. Trude was also sent a mile, which she is said to have made in 1:47, with plenty of strength at the finish.

Blaze Duke's stable is not at all anxious to boast of his chances or to say anything about his work. His people, however, are firm in their belief that they have the cup winner. It now seems probable that Blaze Duke will go to the post a favorite unless something very good comes in from St. Louis to-day to start. There will probably be seven or eight starters in the race.