

WEDGEFIELD WINS THE CUP

THE RACE NEVER REALLY IN DOUBT
FROM START TO FINISH.

Blaze Duke, the Prime Favorite, Unable to
Get Better Than Third Place—Auspi-
cious Opening of the Driving
Park's Summer Meeting.

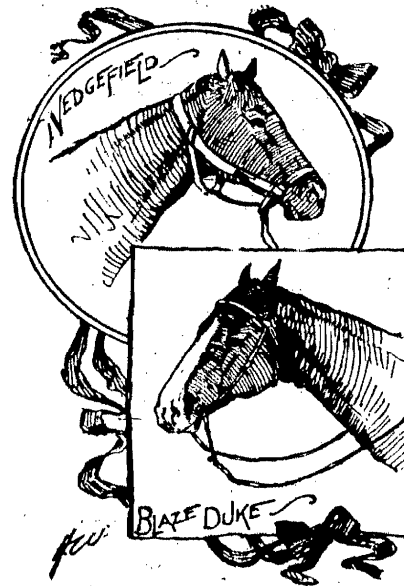
EXPOSITION PARK, June 21, 4:55 p. m.—
The great Kansas City Cup race, the feature of
to-day's opening of the Kansas City race meet-
ing, was called for 4:45 and fourteen horses
responded to the bugle call. The starters, bet-
ting and jockeys were:

Starters.	Betting.	Jockeys.
First Day	6 to 1	Cottrell
Mary Sue	3 to 1	Nixon
Bonnie Oaks	20 to 1	Finley
Bettie S.	6 to 1	McAuliffe
Coronet	3 to 1	Heln
The Peer	10 to 1	Warren
Hyd Dy	6 to 1	Regan
My Luck	20 to 1	Saling
Wedgfield	3 to 1	Barger
Trude	8 to 1	Walters
Blaze Duke	3 to 1	Seaman
Great Hopes	6 to 1	Van Dusen
Georgie Hamlin	6 to 1	Garner
All Day	30 to 1	Barte

After considerable delay at the post the flag
fell with Wedgfield in front and he was never
headed, winning in a common gallop in 1:59,
with Great Hopes second and Blaze Duke
third.

The summer race meeting at Exposition
Driving park opened this afternoon under the
most favorable conditions. The track was fast,
the weather perfect and 10,000 people pres-
ent to witness the race for the Kansas City
cup, which was run about 4 o'clock. The
race is a handicap of a mile and a furlong and
there are seventeen entries for the \$1,000

purse and the cup, which is valued at \$500.
Out of the seventeen entries only three—Dan
Meeks, Tom Cook and Uncle Jim—had been
scratched at noon. It is likely, however, that
several more will be withdrawn before the
race is called or it will be drawn down to



TWO OF THE STARTERS FOR THE CUP.

twelve starters, as it will be dangerous to at-
tempt to run more than a dozen horses in any
race.

Speculation on the Cup race was lively last
night, the opening pool being Blaze Duke \$50,
Hy/Dy \$40, Wedgfield \$35, Coronet \$35,
Mary Sue \$20, Great Hopes and Georgie Ham-
lin \$15 each, Trude \$13, Cook's entry \$10
and the field, including Bonnie Oaks, Bettie
S, The Peer and My Luck \$30. Blaze Duke
was still the favorite at the track this morning,
in spite of the fact that he was reported to

have pulled up lame after his exercise yester-
day. Louis Ezell's Hy Dy, Wedgfield, Coronet,
Mary Sue and Georgie Hamlin all have
plenty of supporters, however, and the race is
generally considered an open one, and if some
of the light weighted ones finish first there
will be no occasion for great surprise.

The races begin at 2:30 o'clock with an in-
augural dash of six furlongs, which will bring
out a field of about a dozen starters. In that
race Patience Stapleton is the favorite, while
Willis Fountain, who is also in the cup race,
Frank Ellis, Tom Jones, Baychester, and Uncle
Jim were all well thought of. The field, con-
sisting of Littlefellow, jr., Daylight, Cactus
Blossom, Lonesome, Bessie Brown and Tom
Reed, sold for a song.

The second race is a four furlong spin for
maiden 2-year-olds and there will be ten or
twelve starters in it. Alroy and Aréline were
the favorites in the betting last night, with
Belle of '91 and Lady Sayrs coupled as equal
favorites with the two first named. Minnie R,
Wyandotte, Kokane, Win Luck, Gold Maid
and Fochée sold in the field at a good price.

The next event will be a five furlong dash
with maiden allowances, which will have ten
starters. Hal Fisher and Monk Overton sold
equal favorites in the pooling last night, with
Hummel, Mollie Rose and A. C. Tucker well
backed. The field with Leoculus, Mountain
Belle, Charlie Mansur, Kent and King Faro
III was also well played, and many of the wise
ones look for the winner to turn up from among
the field horses.

After the Cup race the mile hurdle race will
be on and five jumpers will face the starter.
For this race Speculation is the ruling favorite
with Brown Buttons second choice, Gilman
third, Volens forth and Utrain fifth choice.