

INDEPENDENCE GIRLS WON.

First Day of the Boat Club Regatta at Fairmount Park.

The Kansas City Boat Club regatta was opened auspiciously at Fairmount park yesterday afternoon, a large crowd was in attendance some exciting races were had.

The first thing on the programme was a tub race, which was won, after a hard struggle and many ludicrous mishaps by Burt Beatty. Ralph Wakefield was second.

A half mile single shell race between James Ingald and Commodore Effort Smith was won by the latter in 2:45. The first heat of the working boat race was won by Ralph Wakefield. Burt Beatty and E. F. Webster were the other entries.

A naval procession, led by the pirate boat, followed by the Monitor, a Chinese junk, and all the racing boats, was the programme for the evening. The boats were handsomely decorated with colored lanterns, and a display of fireworks was given.

The event of the day was the half mile ladies' crew race between a crew of the Kansas City Ladies' Rowing Club, Miss Lillie Day, captain, and the Ladies' Boat Club, of Independence, Miss Annie Hall, captain and stroke. It was won by the Independence crew by a length and a half. The Kansas City crew got off in the lead, but were caught by the other crew before the turn was reached. The Kansas City's took advantage of a short turn, but were passed in the last eighth of a mile. The winners received gold medals.

The racing begins promptly at 3 o'clock to-day with a log rolling race, and double and single canoe races. A half mile single shell race for the Jaccard medal between William Sullivan, Frank Dexter, B. J. Ekin and W. B. Dunham, and a four-oared crew race between the crews of F. H. Dexter and H. J. Latashaw, Jr. a canoe dumping race and final heats of the working

boat race will constitute the afternoon programme.

The regatta will close to-night with a grand illuminated procession, led by the Liberty quartette. A feature of the evening will be the blowing up and sinking of the pirate ship. A full brass band in the steam yacht will follow the procession, and all the boats will be decorated with colored lights.