

SCULLERS' RACE

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The second of a series of scullers' races between the Australian and English professionals was rowed on the Thames yesterday and resulted in a very easy victory for Bubear, the English representative. The competitors were George Bubear of Barnes, and Christian Nelson, of Sydney, New South Wales, the stake £100 a side, and the course from the Star and Garter at Putney to the Ship at Mortlake. Bubear, who is 27 years of age, sculled his first match as a professional in 1880...Christian Nelson is some years younger than Bubear, but he has beaten several scullers in Australia. Little doubt was entertained as to the result of the race between Bubear and Nelson, and odds of 7 to 4 were laid upon Bubear some days ago. The start yesterday was fixed for 2 o'clock, and soon after that time the men appeared off the Star and Garter. The wind blew from the eastward and brought the tide up at a good pace, so that good time was anticipated. The Australian sculler, who was piloted by J.H. Clasper, won the toss and took the Surrey stake boat, while Bubear, who was looked after by W. Spencer, had to put up with the Middlesex berth. Two steamers accompanied the race, and Mr. W. Fuller was umpire. Betting commenced at 3 to 1 on Bubear, but the odds rose to 3½ to 1 and 4 to 1, and just before the start as much as 9 to 2 was laid. The starting boats were moored opposite the upper end of the Star and Garter, and so rather higher up than usual, and the scullers took up their positions about 10 minutes past 2 o'clock. After a short delay the two men got under way, and Nelson, whose boat lay a few feet ahead of Bubear's, at once showed in front, and led by a quarter of a length before they had gone a hundred yards. This advantage he maintained for some little distance, but by the time they had reached the London Boathouse Bubear was level with him, both men heading too much for the Surrey shore. When they had rowed half a mile Bubear showed in front with a slight lead, as his boat's nose was a few feet in advance, and by the time he had reached Craven Steps he had increased his advantage to a quarter of a length. Rounding Craven Cottage Point Bubear drew further in front, but kept close to his opponent and gave him the wash of his right hand scull. Nelson, however, spurted, and for a few seconds there seemed to be a chance of a foul, as although Bubear was evidently sculling within himself he was so dangerously close that an extraordinary spurt from Nelson might have resulted in a foul and the disqualification of the Barnes sculler. At the Grass Wharf a foot or two of daylight intervened between the boats, and at Walden's Wharf Bubear was a length and a half in front. Nelson kept on spurting as far as Rose Bank Villa where Bubear put a little more strength into his strokes and left the Australian very rapidly, so that by the time the Crab Tree was reached – 5min. 35sec. – the Barnes sculler was fully two lengths in advance, with the race in hand. Rounding the Soap Works bend Nelson spurted again, but Bubear drew away whenever he liked, and reached Hammersmith Bridge in 8min. 55sec., with an advantage of two and a half lengths. Just before they reached the bridge a steam tug was towing a string of barges through the Surrey arch, and it looked as if the scullers would row on to the sternmost barge, but the tug steerer put his rudder over and Bubear and Nelson managed to pass on the inside of her. No change occurred in the race from this point, as Bubear, who was sculling ahead at his leisure, reached Chiswick Church in 13min. 50sec., seven seconds in advance of his opponent. At Barnes Bridge, reached by the Barnes sculler in 17min. 59sec., the same distance separated the two boats, and ultimately Bubear won easily by two and a half lengths in 22min. 23sec., fast time when the wind is considered.

BUBEAR WINS BY LUCK.

SARATOGA, N. Y., Aug. 12.—The three-mile with a turn boat race on Saratoga Lake, between Wallace Ross and George Bubear, the champion of England, took place to-day and was won by the Englishman, who made the distance in 20 minutes. Ross took the lead on the start, and was not headed until on the last quarter of a mile, when his seat broke, and he was compelled to stop. Bubear rowed home. When the accident occurred Ross led by a length and Bubear was rapidly closing the gap. It was the general opinion that the Englishman would have won, even if the accident had not happened.

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