

THE race created an immense amount of public interest. As many as 5,000 spectators witnessed the start, some of whom remained the whole night, while the number was close on doubled on Saturday evening. A word of praise is due to the arrangements, which could not have been better. Lacy Hillier, who was at the helm, must be congratulated as having brought the race through without a single mishap.

### THE CUCA RACE.

(Continued from page 3.)



F. W. Shorland.

KNIGHT was suffering from his Leeds exertions, and was unable to make the show which he would have done had he started fresh for the 24 hours.

ILSLEY rode remarkably well, but scarcely forced himself enough in the earlier stages of the journey, and was quite unable to pull up the lost ground later on.

PELLANT rode steadily and well, but appeared to lack pace.

MCFISH is another man who would be vastly better if he had some training on the track.

PETERSEN has the making of a long-distance champion, but, before he scores heavily in distance racing, he will have to give up spurts and wild sprints for the first 150 miles. To ride as he did, 431 miles in twenty-four hours is a grand performance, more especially as his practice on the battens was nil. He is only twenty years of age.

CHAPPLE also rode a good race, and is another rider who, with proper care and training, should do well.

CLARK put in a good performance, which appears to have astonished some of his friends, and rode steadily throughout the race.

The leading officials were as follows:

**Timekeepers.**—J. Dring, London County (official timekeeper N.C.U.); H. J. Swindley, Ripley R.C. (official timekeeper N.C.U.); and H. Sturmev, Coventry (official timekeeper N.C.U.)

**Starter.**—T. W. J. Britten, London County.

**Enclosure Steward.**—F. G. Dray, London County.

**Judges and Pacemaker Marshals.**—E. B. Turner, London County; G. L. Hillier, London County; T. W. J. Britten, London County.

**Pacemakers.**—Members and friends of the London County.

The G.P.O. authorities put into the ground a special wire, and they required the club to guarantee the expense of two operators to work 12 hours each. It is an amusing evidence of the non-appreciation of so important a contest by the officials that they should have made this stipulation, inasmuch

as before the race had been going half an hour, there were no less than 12 operators in the telegraph tent, and during the 24 hours they despatched over 1,000 private wires, in addition to a very large number of lengthy press telegrams. The amount of business done in the tent would warrant the erection of a special wire for a fortnight in the grounds if the same amount of business could be guaranteed. The interest was absolutely world wide. Telegrams came from all parts of the United Kingdom and abroad requesting particulars to be sent.

Shorland rode four different machines. The fork crown of his first machine (which had been ridden on the road, although built for the path) cracked, and but for his seeing it in time might have landed him a terrible cropper. He also had one puncture, and his only other difficulties were excessive saddle soreness, and slight sun-stroke in the heat of the afternoon.

#### Distance in each Hour.

TIME BY HRS.	DISTANCE '94.		SHORLAND, CUCA '93.	
	Mls.	Yds.	Mls.	Yds.
1	24	1460	21	560
2	23	370	21	1390
3	21	804	20	1240
4	21	681	20	80
5	20	1635	17	960
6	19	100	20	810
7	20	1390	16	1420
8	20	340	18	1580
9	18	59	19	790
10	21	300	16	780
11	17	300	20	90
12	20	616	11	290
13	19	694	16	70
14	18	803	17	690
15	16	1692	13	690
16	17	1352	15	1300
17	17	293	16	710
18	16	1290	15	260
19	15	1630	15	40
20	17	330	15	450
21	17	300	16	360
22	18	1040	18	1620
23	16	883	21	20
24	20	633		

#### Cuca Cup Fields and Placings.

1892.		1893.	
	Mls. Yds.		Mls. Yds.
Shorland, F. W.	413 1615	Shorland, F. W.	426 440
James, J. M.	407 285	Bidlake, P. T.	410 1110
Walsh, J. F.	384 874	Hammond, H.	398 310
Brundrett, A.	379 796	Cocker, J. H.	388 605
Edge, S. E.	226 1008	Lacaille, D. E.	367 1150
Bidlake, F. T.	200	Sames, J. G.	334 1145
Holbein, M. A.	166	hereau, N.	318 630
Bates, J. E. L.	95	Mitton, F. E. W.	304 1000
Moorhouse, E. P.	45	Bates, J. E. L.	234 500
		Nixon, A. T.	229 750
		Parker, T.	206 1000
		Brundrett, A.	204
		Arnold, H.	203
		Mou set, E.	202 500
		Walsh, J. F.	145 1250
		Linton, A. V.	119 250
		Bowen, F. T.	75
		Dods, D.	69 1250

The 1895 Cuca cup race will be run on Friday and Saturday, July 26th and 27th, starting and finishing at 8 p.m.

The next big event is the Anchor Shield, and the failure of the Putney and Leeds competitors clearly shows that a rider cannot do his best within at least one month of a similar struggle.