

The Galloway horse "Eclipse" - the "grandfather" of Galloways!

Galloway and Poney Races

The usual diversion of Poney and Galloway running was held at Dean on Wednesday last, but afforded very little satisfaction to the amateurs of the turf, as the ponies to start for the Cup were confined to 12 hands and a half high, by which those that were likely to afford good running, on account of being rather above that height, were not permitted to start. The Galloways also were very unequally matched, and consequently the prize for which they ran was easily won; the great deficiency of sport is therefore to be attributed to the want of due attention to the prescribed rules of poney and Galloway racing. It is hoped this will be obviated in future, by the conductors of the race limiting the height of the ponies to the usual standard of 13 hands, and that of the Galloways not to exceed 14 hands and a half, as there cannot be a doubt but good sport will be the result of such regulation. A good match was run between Mr. Atwater and Mr. Brown's fillies, of Nunton, and won by the latter. Another match was also run between two horses belonging to Mr. Stamford, of Henley, and Mr. Teeler, of Damerham, which was won by the former. On the whole, Wednesday last, from the coldness of the air, was a very unfavourable day; fewer people were seldom seen on the ground, and the racing went off uncommonly bad.

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