

THE GARDEN TOURNAMENT.

Buffalo Bill a Spectator of the Rough Riding Exhibition—Final Championships To-night.

A much larger crowd than on any previous night except Wednesday, when Gen. Nelson A. Miles reviewed the military parade, attended the tournament at Madison Square Garden last night. The athletic portion of the entertainment was a brilliant one, and some spirited contests were seen. In the fourth heat of the tandem pursuit race, C. H. Tomlinson of the Twenty-second Regiment had a very narrow escape. His wheel overturned, and he and his partner, B. J. Keeler, were thrown. Keeler landed on his feet, but Tomlinson went under the wheel, and was carried from the track. He was only stunned.

When the athletic exercises, which were almost all trial heats in the championships which will be decided this afternoon and evening, were concluded, the band struck up "The Star-Spangled Banner." The crowd took up the song, and accompanied the band through with it. The men from the Thirteenth Infantry, stationed on Governors Island, gave a wall-scaling exhibition. The men ran to the walls and scaled them with the agility that only the trained athlete can show.

One of the interested spectators at the tournament was Col. William F. Cody, ("Buffalo Bill,") and when the cavalry detachment from West Point entered the ring he watched them closely. He saw in their rough-riding exhibition tricks that even some of the wild-riding cowboys he took to Europe could not have excelled, and he remarked that the men had reached almost perfection in horsemanship.

Light Battery D of the Fifth United States Artillery dashed into the ring, apparently unmindful of the accident which on Thursday night injured two of its men—Michael Coughlin and Michael Hoff. The two guns were sent off, and filled the Garden with smoke, and then, with the smoke almost blinding them, the postillion riders lashed the horses to a sharp gallop and sent them dashing through the gate posts. The gun carriages swung around wildly, at the imminent risk of crashing over the side of the track, and every now and again cutting deeply into the smooth bicycle track.

Troops A and E of the Sixth United States Cavalry gave an interesting exhibition in rough riding, and two of their number, Corp. Roberts and Private Wyant, wound up the evening's programme with a sword contest, first on foot and then mounted.

The summaries in the athletic events are as follows:

Two-Mile Bicycle Race, Military Championship— Won by E. J. Keeler, Twenty-second Regiment; O. V. Babcock, Twenty-second Regiment, second; W. Torrence, Twelfth Regiment, third. Time—5:55 3-5.

One-Mile Bicycle Race, Military Championship— First heat won by G. W. Crooks, Thirteenth Regiment; J. Thompson, Twelfth Regiment second; O. V. Babcock, Twenty-second Regiment, third. Time—3:05 3-5. Second heat won by W. E. Mosher, Twenty-second Regiment; T. R. Goodwin, Twelfth Regiment, second. Time—2:56 3-5. Third heat won by R. J. Keeler, Twenty-second Regiment; H. Hosford, Fourth Regiment, New Jersey, second; W. Torrence, Twelfth Regiment, third. Time—3:05. Fourth heat won by C. A. Griffin, Fourth Regiment, New Jersey; W. H. Dixon, Sixth Regiment, second; C. H. Tomlinson, Twenty-second Regiment, third. Time—3:00 2-5. Final to be run off to-night.

100-Yard Dash, Military Championship— First heat won by F. A. Onderdonk, Twenty-second Regiment. Time—0:11 3-5. Second heat won by W. A. Karns, Twenty-second Regiment. Time—0:11 1-5. Third heat, dead heat between W. B. Brister, Fourth Regiment of New Jersey, and C. A. Lambert, Twenty-second Regiment. Time—0:11 1-5. Run-off of third heat won by W. B. Brister. Fourth heat won by M. Long, Seventeenth Separate Company. Time—0:11. Final to be run off to-night.

One-Mile Run, Military Championship— Won by G. G. Hollander, Twenty-second Regiment; T. McGirr, Twenty-second Regiment, second; P. H. Christianson, Fourth Regiment, New Jersey, third. Time—4:41.

Tandem Pursuit Race, Military Championship— First heat won by O. V. Babcock and W. E. Mosher, Twenty-second Regiment. Time—5:12. Second heat won by T. R. Goodwin and J. Thompson, Twelfth Regiment. Time—4:52. Third heat won by F. Cassera and W. Torrence, Twelfth Regiment. Time—4:36 2-5. Final to be run off to-night.

220-Yard Hurdle Race, Military Championship— First heat won by W. A. Karns, Twenty-second Regiment; J. Buck, Fourth Regiment, New Jersey, second. Time—0:29 4-5. Second heat won by C. A. Lambert, Twenty-second Regiment; P. J. Corley, Twenty-second Regiment, second. Time—0:29. Final to be run off to-night.