

THE SCOOTER WINS

PATCHOGUE'S CHAMPION SCOOTER, THE EAGLE, WINS TWO HEATS AGAINST ICEBOAT.

Capt. Thurber and Local Enthusiasts Return From Orange Lake Practically Sure Winners of the Race.

On Monday the first heat in the much talked of scooter-iceboat race came off and the little craft from Patchogue easily came off the winner and again on Tuesday the scooter won. The scooter selected to go up against the "Windward," one of the fastest iceboats the Newburghers could produce, was the Eagle, owned and sailed by Fred Thurber assisted by Albert Latham. The Patchoguers were notified late Sunday that conditions were favorable and a big contingent of scooter sports got away early Monday morning, arriving at Orange Lake, near Newburg, just before noon and having very little time to get ready.

While the three scooters were being tried out before the race there were some exciting occurrences. Breckenridge's Stuff went in a crack and upset spilling its occupants out. Fred Smith who was sailing his scooter fell off and John K. Vanderveer and John Berry who were aboard were not able to get control of the scooter and it shot shoreward just missing some rocks as it struck. No one was hurt in either mix-up. While the scooters were doing various stunts and leaping over the burn-

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The scooterists were surprised at the outset when the iceboat got away with a flying start while they shoved off from the mark. This allowed the iceboat to get a mile and a half start but the Patchogueers plugged after it and soon gave evidence that they were in the race to win. The little craft took the turn on one runner steered only by the jib and the skill of the scooterists in managing their strange craft greatly interested and surprised the spectators.

The course was four cornered in half mile legs and the terms of the race were that the iceboat was to sail twenty miles to the scooter's ten. The stake was \$1,000. The scooter reeled off its ten miles in 34 minutes and the iceboat had gone only eleven miles, being beaten almost on even terms. The Long Islanders present were jubilant over the result and felt confident the scooter would win all heats, the race to be three heats out of five.

On Tuesday the Eagle again entered the race, this time being pitted against another ice-boat, the Junior. Captain Thurber's boat finished its ten miles when the Junior was approaching the fourteenth. The time of the scooter was 44 minutes and 45 seconds. The rain interfered with the third heat Wednesday.

Except in sailing before the wind the scooter proved in all points superior to the big iceboat. The Newburgers have put mourning penants on their iceboats and have disappeared into winter quarters. The winning scooter is the craft which won the world's championship in the first race for scooters ever held, February 28, 1903. The race was sailed off Patchogue.

Those who attended the race from Patchogue and vicinity were F. C. Thurber, Albert Latham, Nat Roe, Arthur Terry, John K. Vanderveer, Fred Smith, E. O. Ryder, Chas. Brackbridge, Walter Bquires, James Berry, Charles Freeman, John Bostwick, Frank Avery, William Bason. Former life saver Frank Kaynor, who is living there with his wife was present and became greatly excited over the race.

The management of the Sportsmen's show, which opened in Madison Square Garden Thursday, will exhibit the matter which was and also the fastest