

Electric Trot: Yum Yum 8s, Luitaila 6s, Rob P. 1s, Alley 5s, Woodbine 7s, Hol-wood 1ss, Mrs. Helen 1ss, Walter 1ss, 2ss, Hard Way 2s, Peter 2ss, Hera 2ss, Eric 2ss, Gay Belle 2ss, Populady 2ss, Sandily 2ss, Mops Grandson 3ss.

Second Maiden Pony Race—First Whisper 11.2, Nellie 10.7, Sirocco 10.3, Crown 9.4, Miss Lane 8.13, Queen 7.2, Semolina 8.2, Harwood 9.0, Duchess 8.8, Marvellous 7.0, Tote 7.0.

Spring Pony: First Whisper 10.2, Nantele 9.0, Brooklet 8.10, Certain 8.3, Semolina 7.6.

Non-Professional: Hancora 11.12, Nellie 11.7, Little Tom 10.13, Snowy 10.5, Karaka 10.6, Venus 10.2.

Tranway Pony Handicap: First Whisper 10.6, Nantele 10.1, Certain 8.8, Semolina 8.7, Sandily 7.0, Duchess 7.8, Queen 7.0, Teily 6.10, Ismaelle 6.7.

On perusing the above, I will take the following to provide the winners:

Spring Pony Handicap—First Whisper.

Second Maiden Pony Race—Miss Lane.
Handicap Steeplechase—Nellie.
Tranway Handicap—First Whisper.
Suburban Trot—Lady Reftord.
Second Harness Trot—Albert Victor.
Trot—Victory.
Electric Trot Handicap—Yum Yum.

DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB.

The Dunedin Jockey Club held their Spring Meeting at the new Wingatuna course on Thursday and Saturday last, the weather being fine. Spectation was fairly good, a sum of £7160 going through the machine during the two days, as against £5180 last year. On the big race of the meeting—the Otago Cup—only £610 was invested, so that it would seem there is still room for considerable improvement before the Southern club can look forward to a good financial prospect in the future. On the first day the chief event was the Otago Cup, and for this Fulmen was elected a red-hot favourite. He, however, had to strike his colours to the St. Clair gelding, Jupiter, who beat him by a length. In the Federal Handicap Paladin scored from a field of eight, while the Salisbury Plate went to a strong favourite in Blazer, who only returned his supporters £1 3s. Both hurdle races fell to Dundee, who on each occasion was followed home by Hex. Another double winner was the bay mare St. Onida, who captured both welter handicaps, while Blazer also followed up his victory of the first day by securing the Glasgow Plate, these two races proving very hollow victories for Mr Solomon's bay gelding. The St. Andrew's Handicap, the one event of the second day, fell to Mr Hobbs' Dundas, by Perkin Warbeck H., who beat Paladin very easily. For this race Jupiter started favourite, but failed to run into a place.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB.

The Wellington Racing Club decided their Spring Meeting on Wednesday and Friday last. During the meeting the sum of £15,749 went through the totalisator, this being exactly £40 less than last year. The club have made very considerable improvements in the accommodation for visitors, which proved a great convenience to those present. The racing was chiefly remarkable for the fine form displayed by the Auckland horse Explosion. In the Wellington Handicap Mr Nathan's horse started a strong favourite, and finishing with great gameness under punishment managed to defeat an outsider in Te Hapuku. He followed this up on the second day by securing the Pierce Handicap, in which race he cantered home four lengths in front of Boreas. Another horse to distinguish himself was the two-year-old Phooka, by Robinson Crusoe—Aphrodite, who after romping home in the Spring Juvenile Stakes, on the first day, fairly smothered his only opponent in the Spring Nursery Handicap on the concluding day. The Auckland three-year-old filly Rosella registered a smart performance in the Shorts Handicap, for which she went to the post a strong favourite, cutting out the five foragers in 24.50 sec, and winning easily by four lengths. In the Petone Handicap Falka returned the handsome dividend of £69 11s to his lucky supporters.

The details of the racing are as follows:—
WELLINGTON HANDICAP of 400sovs. One mile and a quarter.
529—Mr L. D. Nathan's blk h Explosion, 4yrs, by Callanor—Judestone, Ost 1
48—Mr W. Robinson's blk h Te Hapuku, 3yrs, 7st 9lb (L. Robinson) 2
254—Mr P. E. Baldwin's blk e Advance, 3yrs, 7st 10lb (T. Wilson) 3
Also started: 157, Crusoe, 7st 10lb; 70, Tolo, 7st 8lb; Koromatuku, 7st 8lb; 174, Anouirou, 7st 10lb; 177, Ruamahanga, 7st 6lb; 214, Oracle, 6st 10lb. The race was sent away to a splendid start. Koromatuku showed the way round in the back stretch, the favourite, who was lying in the rick, being punched along by Gallagher. At half

the distance, Koromatuku was still in front, but J. Hapuku and Advance next, and the grey horse Boreas, bounding into the race, Koromatuku fell back, and Te Hapuku took command, with Advance next, Explosion and Boreas a forward move. Te Hapuku led into the straight, and a great race ensued—Explosion, under severe punishment, gradually overhauled the leader, and won by a length. Advance being a similar distance behind Te Hapuku, Koromatuku, Crusoe, and Ruamahanga finished off in a bunch. Time, 2m 28s. Totalisator, £1922. Dividend, £2 15s.

SPRING JUVENILE STAKES of 50sovs; weight for age. Runners, 12. One mile. Four furlongs. For two-year-olds.
245—Dob, J. D. Oswald's br e Phooka, 2yrs, by Robinson Crusoe—Aphrodite, 1st
90—Mr P. E. Baldwin's blk e Advance, 3yrs, 7st 10lb (T. Wilson) 2
78—Mr J. Paul's br f Black Wing, 3yrs, 7st 10lb (T. Wilson) 3
These were the only starters. Won very easily by three lengths. Time, 51 4/5s. On the totalisator, £414. Dividend, £1 10s.

SHORTS HANDICAP of 100sovs. Five furlongs.
630—Mr L. D. Nathan's blk e Rosella, 3yrs, by Seaton Delaval—Luc, 3yrs, 7st 10lb (G. Gallagher) 1
202—Mr J. Hapuku's blk e Ostak, 3yrs, 7st 12lb (Wilson) 2
37—Mr W. J. Jorgensen's blk e Weary, 3yrs, 7st 10lb (G. Price) 3
Also started: 280, Napparu, 3yrs, 7st 10lb; 62, 21b; 25, St. Brigid, 7st 10lb; 82, Ark jumped off with the lead, followed by Napparu, but the favourite came through in the turn and won with the greatest ease by four lengths. Time, 1m 45s. Totalisator, £1333. Dividend, £1 18s.

FIRST HURDLE HANDICAP of 50sovs. One mile.
110—Mr A. Ferguson's blk e Stockade, 4yrs, by Fulmen—Ada, 4st 9lb (G. Pritchard) 1
131—Mr P. Taggard's blk e Spider, 3yrs, 7st 10lb (G. Price) 2
550—Mr W. Robinson's blk e Phooka, 3yrs, 7st 8lb (A. Lord) 3
Also started: 125, Elector, 7st 11lb; 70, Lady Agnes, 7st 8lb; 123, Punawai, 7st 20; Grey Ribbon, 6st 10lb; 31, Marib, 6st 12lb; 27, Inkerman, 6st 7lb; 9, Natoko, 6st 7lb. Lady Agnes showed the field to the turn, where Spider displaced her and led into the straight. Stockade, who had been lying fourth, put in a strong effort and the leaders were turned for home, and passing the leaders won rather easily at the finish by two lengths. Time, 3m 45 2/5s. Totalisator, £1220. Dividend, £0 4s.

FIRST WELTER HANDICAP of 50sovs. One mile and a furlong.
173—Mr E. J. Wait's br h First Blood, 6yrs, by Callanor—First Blood, 1st 9lb (P. Davis) 1
129 Mr T. Quillivan's blk h Donovau, 4yrs, 7st 10lb (L. Wright) 2
172—Mr G. Cross's blk e Colley, 3yrs, 7st, including 7lb penalty (M. McEwen) 3
Also started: 67, Sedgwick, 10st; 403, Gobo, 7st 6lb; 41, Falaka, 6st 18lb, Warmate, 3yrs. Won by a length. Time, 1m 55s. Totalisator, £1159. Dividend, £0 4s.

FLYING HANDICAP of 150sovs. Six furlongs.
210—Mr F. Watson's blk m Okara, 3yrs, by St. Ledger—Black M., 3st 3lb (P. Davis) 1
658—Rosella, 7st 8lb 2
98—Tiroki, 8st 4lb 3
Also started: 188, Fatou, 8st 2lb; 82, Osborne, 7st 6lb; 58, Mounraher, 7st 10lb. Okara led from start to finish, Rosella made a great effort in the straight, but suffered defeat by a length. Time, 1m 16s. Totalisator, £1304. Dividend, £5 7s.

SECOND DAY.

PEARCE HANDICAP of 300sovs. One mile and a furlong.
235—Mr L. D. Nathan's blk h Explosion, 4yrs, 8st 12lb (G. Gallagher) 1
213—Mr J. Mack's blk e Boreas, 4yrs, 8st 5lb (C. Jenkins) 2
27—Mr W. Robinson's blk h Te Hapuku, 3yrs, 7st 10lb (L. Robinson) 3
Also started: 178, Fatou, 8st 2lb; 82, Ideal, 7st 5lb; 129, Koromatuku, 7st 8lb; 107, Ruamahanga, 7st 5lb. Boreas was slow in getting away, and ran in the rear round the first bend, Okara leading the field, but Koromatuku next. The horses were bunched at the back, but rounding the far bend Boreas ran up on the outside, and took command of affairs from Okara and Te Hapuku. Explosion being close up, Boreas led coming into the straight by two lengths, but the Auckland horse came with a great rush, and opposite the post the starter placed the result beyond doubt, winning very easily at the finish by four lengths. Te Hapuku was a length behind Boreas, and Ruamahanga was fourth and fourth fifth. Time, 1m 58s. On totalisator, £1174. Dividend, £4 9s.

Spring Nursery Handicap: 5 furlongs—Phooka, 1; Black Wing, 2. Won hard held. Time, 1m 25s. Dividend, £1 4s.
Second Welter Handicap: 7 furlongs—Weary, 1; Wedlock, 2. Time, 1m 32s. Dividend, £2 1s.
Hurt Dark Spring Handicap: 7 furlongs—Advance, 1; Donovan, 2; Volley, 3. Also started: Mounraher, 4; Marib, 5. Warmate, Time, 1m 30s. Dividend, £1 1s.
Flying Hurdle Handicap: 6 furlongs—Punawai, 1; Spider, 2; Grey Ribbon, 3. Also started: Lady Agnes and Dewdrop. Time, 1m 17s. Dividend, £4 11s.
Wellington Handicap of 100sovs: 5 furlongs—Sedgwick, 1; Jubber, 2; Rosella, 3. Also started: Tiroki, Ostak, Napparu, Torolla, and Osborne. Time, 1m 21s. Dividend, £1 17s.

COROMANDEL RACING CLUB SPRING MEETING.
The Spring Meeting of the Coromandel Racing Club took place at the mining township on Wednesday and Thursday last. The attendance on each day was very good, quite a number of sportsmen journeying down from Auckland by the Wakatere to see the sport. In the Coromandel Cup the grey horse Knight of Athol was successful, Regalia being second. The latter fell after passing the post, and his rider (Hodson) got a severe shaking. In the Coromandel Handicap, on

the second day, positions were reversed. St. One winning from Knight of Athol, and she also took the Goldfields Handicap. Nappulu was a double, as the Royal Oak Handicap and the Hauraki Handicap both went to his credit, while his brother, Corporal took both the Opitoni and Tokata Handicaps.

GOLF NOTES.

By Hoge.

A Southern correspondent puts the following case to me for solution:—
A is playing through the green and has soled his club in addressing the ball. The ball then moves, but the opponent admits the movement of the ball was not due to the player's action. Is a penalty strike incurred?

The question asked is a very difficult one, because one wants to know the exact circumstances of each case. A general case without the precise circumstances of the incident alluded to, can only be answered in a general way. My opinion is that if the player is in the act of addressing the ball and it moves, a penalty stroke is undoubtedly incurred. It is difficult to define in what the act of addressing consists, but I hold, and authority is with me, that once the player has taken his stance (and undoubtedly, if he has grounded his club) he is liable to a penalty stroke if the ball moves, even if the movement of the ball is undoubtedly due to wind. The possibility always remains that he may by his tread or by touching a bit of grass, etc., have caused the movement. My practice is, when once I have taken my stand, and the ball moves, to count a penalty stroke, and I think it is a fair sportsmanlike rule to keep to. Rule 25 of the ordinary rules of golf is the rule under which the matter comes. The new code of rules proposed by the St. Andrews Club Committee, which was laid before the Club in May last, was left over till this October for final consideration, and is not yet to hand. For decisions see "Golf," which decides as follows:

12th July, 1895.—"If a player's ball moves and he stops halfway in his swing, except at the tee, he is not entitled to play without penalty."

23th June, 1895.—Question: "A ball lies on the putting green. A player goes forward, putter in hand, but just when reaching his ball, and before touching the ground with his club, the ball rolls over. Is it a stroke?"

Answer: Addressing the ball is very difficult of interpretation unless one sees the actual incident, but we think that if the player was close to his ball and was on the point of placing his putter for the stroke the movement of the ball counts a stroke.

The player by means of his tread may himself have been the cause of the ball moving; and this would certainly be the reasonable presumption since the player was apparently quite close to it.

6th October, 1897.—Question: A ball is on the putting green about 7 feet from the hole. S placed his putter behind the ball preparing to address it. The ball rolled 3 or 4 inches without S. touching it with his putter. C claimed penalty stroke.
Answer: It was a penalty stroke.

29th October, 1897.—Question: I have hitherto believed that a stroke is lost if the wind move the ball on the putting green while the player is addressing it after he has begun to address it, even if he stand away from it again. I cannot, however, find any such rule in the St. Andrews Rules, and should be obliged if you could tell me whether the rule exists or no.
Answer: Yes the rule exists. The case would be covered by Rule 23, but the older rule was more explicit.

There are several other interpretations and decisions of a like nature, but these should suffice.

There is only one decision which seems contrary to the recognised authorities, but in that case the question was whether, when the swing was actually descending and the ball moved, a penalty stroke was incurred. The committee of St. Andrews, in August, 1896, decided that only the player's stroke counted, but this evoked a great storm of criticism.

In 1890 the influential revision Committee of St. Andrews proposed to add to the rules "If the ball alter its position without the player or his caddie causing it to do so, no penalty is incurred." The Club, however, refused to incorporate this in the rules, thus clearly showing that they considered that a penalty stroke is not necessarily one due to the player's action.

Since writing the above I have obtained a copy of the new code of rules issued by the St. Andrews Club. Among the various alterations the new rules have made is one which should deal once and for all with above difficult question. "Addressing the ball" is defined thus: "Addressing the ball" shall mean that a player has taken up his position and grounded his club, or if in a hazard that he has taken up his position preparatory to striking the ball.

This definition practically says that if, after grounding the club in addressing, the ball should move, a penalty stroke is incurred.

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