

ENGLISH RACING.

The Summer Cup was the only race of the Liverpool meeting held last week calling for attention for these notes. For this event, which is a handicap worth £1000 and is decided over a mile and three furlongs, a field of 10 turned out, and pride of place in the betting was held by Countess, 5/2, at 3 to 1; the top-weight, Mr. Jock's Bachelor's Button, 5/2, 9/0, being second in demand at sixes, with odds ranging from 17 to 100 to 7 offered against the rest, including the ex-Australian sportsman, Mr. R. Henning's Trenton colt Foundling, 3/2, 7/0, which started at ten. Backers were not far out in their selection, for though the favourite cut up badly, Bachelor's Button ran a great race, and though vigorously challenged by Foundling and Whistling Crow (3/2, 8/10), at the distance, won cleverly by a length, Trenton's son beating the Crow a head for second honours. Foundling, by the way, got off very nicely, and had a tremendous amount of leeway to make up ere he could get within striking distance of the leading horses. His efforts to do so no doubt took a lot out of him, but he ran true as a gun barrel to the end, and, possessed as he is of both stamina and courage, is quite likely to credit Mr. Henning with one of the big "back-end" handicaps ere his racing career closes. "Glorious Goodwood," as the July meeting on the links at Richmond is called, was, thanks to the presence of the King and Queen on the opening day, quite a big social affair as "Royal Ascot," but from the backer's point of view it was not at all a successful meeting. Favourites "went down" in the biggest "skinner," and the Stewards' Cup (which, though worth only £400, is "the" race of the meeting), fell to a rank outsider in Mr. J. M. Kern's Melayr (Ayrshire-Melton Queen), 3/2, 6/5, getting the best start of a rather ragged start, made every yard of the running, and, spreading the field, won easily by three lengths from Killeean, 3/2, 6/5, and Helter-Skelter. Melayr's starting price was 4/6 to 1, and his victory was the biggest "skinner" the town has rejoiced over since O'Donovan Rossa, starting at 6/5 to 1, beat 20 other competitors for the same race in 1901.

On Tuesday last there were 39 starters, and of the 1200 bets for the Goodwood Plate, run on Wednesday over two miles, brought out nine tried stayers, including the Chester Cup winner, Mr. Hall Walker's Sanding (Havensbury-Sandhurst), 3/2, 7/5, which started at 10/1, and which won somewhat easily by three parts of a length from Haresfield (3/2, 7/5), the topweight, Bachelor's Button (3/2, 9/10), being third four lengths away.

In the Sussex Stakes, one mile, Mr. Douglas Baird's Mousquetier, a three-year-old colt by Carbine out of Musa, proved victorious by half a length from the Duke of Devonshire's Burgundy, and three others, thus crediting his owner with a stake worth a little over £2000.

The Lavant Stakes for two-year-olds, worth £715, fell to Mr. A. James, whose colt, Golden Gleam, one of the last of the dead Head Or's get, just got home by a short head from Lord's Bachelor Hill, which had started a hot favourite at 2 to 1 on.

Yesterday the Goodwood Cup of £1750, run over 2 1/2 miles, brought out a mass of 62 of five, and was contested with the King's gigantic three-year-old colt Chatsworth, at 6 to 4 against. Next in demand to His Majesty's horse was Mr. Faber's Kaitiaki (St. Simon-Billow), 3/2, 7/5, and Mr. Musker's William Rufus (3/2, 9/10) had a strong following also. The latter's chance was destroyed by a couple of heavy kicks from Chatsworth at the post, and Kaitiaki, making nearly all the running, won in a canter by the length.

In the Duke of Wales Stakes, a valuable race, worth £2400 to the winner, and confined to two-year-olds, a desperate struggle took place between the Duke of Devonshire's filly, Girl of the Year (Flying Fox-Lady Villiers), and the famous Mr. J. J. Atkin's filly, which started joint favourites at 6 to 4 against in a field of five. The pair passed the post locked together, and it was not until the number of the Duke's filly was noted that many of the spectators knew which had won.

The Louis Memorial Stakes, another two-year-old event, worth a clear £1000, was whittled down to a duel between Mr. King's colt (Countess) and Mr. J. J. Atkin's filly, Mr. J. J. Porter's Kehulani. Comediano started a hot favourite at 4 to 1 on, and justified the odds by landing home half a street ahead of his military opponent.

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Mr. R. Barry, of Christchurch, acted as referee, and gave the best display seen at Epsom this season.

NOTES ON THE GAME.

The game, although interesting from a spectator's point of view, was anything but a good exhibition of football. The display of the visitors was distinctly disappointing, and on the form shown by them on Saturday they would find a difficulty in beating an ordinary club team. It was too bad to be true. Both back and forward Auckland ran over them, and had the local men taken advantage of all the chances offered, the score would have been considerably larger. The Otago forwards played without any dash, and it never seemed to occur to them that it was necessary to get to the opposing backs. In the scrum work they were badly beaten, and the only department in which they seemed to hold their own was in line-out work. The backs were all at sea, their handling of the ball being very faulty. The line-kicking was also very weak, their strongest point was in getting down to the Auckland rushes, and in this they made few mistakes. The Auckland team gave a good exhibition on the whole, the forwards especially playing a sound game—their combined rushes were splendid. With the forwards running over the opposition, the backs got plenty of chances, and though it cannot be said that they made the most use of the opportunities that came their way, still on the whole there was no serious fault to be found with them. Their display was a long way ahead of that of the previous week against Taranaki. Of the individual players, Kindley, at fullback for Otago, was only ordinary. His kicking was decidedly weak, while his tackling could have been improved upon. Of the three-quarters, Dobson was an easy first, and had it not been for him Otago would have fared badly. He got through a tremendous amount of work in a very satisfactory manner. Bennett and Baxter both had a day off, and beyond doing a lot of stopping, were not prominent. The three halves—Hislop, King and Booth—there was nothing to choose between, the trio playing a long way below representative form. Porteous, on the wing, was engaged most of the time scrapping with the opposing wing, and his display was disappointing. The forwards, as a pack, seemed lifeless, and except on very rare occasions were never brilliant; probably Speers, Stuart and Johnston

OUTDOOR SPORTS.

RESULTS OF SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

INTERPROVINCIAL FOOTBALL.

OTAGO V. AUCKLAND.

AUCKLAND WINS—15 TO NIL.

The interprovincial fixture, Otago v. Auckland—the last of the season—was played at Alexandra Park on Saturday afternoon. The weather was fine and the wind comparatively light, the conditions on the whole being such as to lead to expectations of a good exhibition of the Rugby game; but the contrary was the fact, as the game was anything but scientific. The ground was fairly fast. The attendance was only fair, between five and six thousand being present. The teams lined out as follows:—

Auckland (Blue and White): Full-back, Phillips; three-quarters, Renwick, Gerrard, McKenzie; five-eights, R. McGregor; half, Kiernan; wing forwards, W. Tyler and Fraser; forwards, G. Tyler, Mackrell, Joyce, Cunningham, Francis, Seeling, and Hayward.

Otago (Navy Blue): Full-back, Kindley; three-quarters, Baxter, Bennett, Dobson; half-backs, Hislop, King, Booth; wing, Porteous; forwards, Casey, Spiers, Mitchell, McDonald, Abbott, Stuart, and Johnstone.

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were the pick. Of the Auckland team, Phillips, at fullback, was not asked many serious questions, but got through his work in a satisfactory manner; his kicking was especially good. McKenzie was the pick of the three-quarters, though Renwick was very little inferior. The pair fielded the ball in good style, and their kicking was also good. Gerward gave a better exhibition than we looked for, and there was very little to complain of in his play. R. McGregor, the five-eight, played his usual solid game, his tackling and stopping was up to his best form. In his handling of the ball, however, he was not as good as we have seen him. Kiernan, at centre-half, again demonstrated what a brilliant player he is in attack, and his form was equally as good as he showed against the British team. W. Tyler was the most attractive of the two wings, and made no mistakes; his try was the result of a clever piece of work. Fraser played a hard game, and showed flashes of brilliancy—he made one or two good openings for his backs. The forwards again showed what a very even lot they are, and the whole pack played up to their usual standard. Seeling, Francis and Cunningham were perhaps the most conspicuous in the open. Seeling's tackling was of a very high order.

In the evening the two teams sat down to dinner at the Royal Hotel, when the usual toasts were honoured. On Sunday they were the guests of the A.R.U. at a harbour excursion, when an enjoyable day was spent.

CANTERBURY V. SOUTH CANTERBURY.

CANTERBURY WIN EASILY.

CHRISTCHURCH, Monday.

Owing to a dispute between the two principal clubs affiliated to the Southern Canterbury Rugby Union, the Southern Canterbury team, which played against Canterbury on Saturday were without the services of some of their best players. Canterbury on the other hand did not display anything like their best form. They seemed stale, and unable to get going until comparatively late in the game, when the visitors were played out, and could not stand up against the heavier forwards of the local team. At their best the visitors' forwards did good work on the line and in the loose, but the backs had few chances of attacking, and their defensive work was not without fault. The strong wind blowing during the game gave the home team an advantage in the first spell, but they played far better against it in the second, while the visitors did not make the best possible use of it. The game resulted:—

Canterbury 25 points
South Canterbury 3 points

WELLINGTON V. OTAGO.

WELLINGTON, Monday.

The following players will represent Wellington against Otago at Wellington next Saturday:—Spencer, Wallace, Barker, McGregor, Gray, Roberts, Hardham, Griffiths, Dodd, Watkins, Cross, Wright, Best, Cullen, Driscoll, Emergency: Sweeney.

GOLDFIELDS RESULTS.

WAIHI, Monday.

A match was played on the local recreation reserve on Saturday afternoon. The game was fought out in a very determined manner, several men being hurt. Waihi won by 5 points to 3. T. Pennell, a visitor, was rendered unconscious, and carried off the ground. Another Paeroa player was also hurt, and McSparran, one of the local team, received a slight injury. For Waihi, Foster scored a clever try shortly after the game commenced, Lundy converting. For the losers, Rickards secured a try. No further score resulted. Mr. Knox, of Auckland, gave every satisfaction as referee.

In the junior division, Rovers and Silver Stars tried conclusions, the former winning by 8 points to 5. For the winners A. Power secured two tries, Mullus converting one. For Mr. G. Mopeth referred.

THAMES, Monday.

The cup matches were continued at Parawai on Saturday when Rovers beat Thames by 11 points to nil. Tries were scored by C. Hayward, S. Baker, and Keating. Duffy converted one of the tries.

COROMANDEL, Monday.

The Rugby Cup match, Kennedy Bay v. Coromandel, was played in Batt's paddock on Saturday, and resulted in a win for Kennedy Bay by 5 points to nil. For the winners, tries were obtained by H. McNeill and M. Alpin. McPike converted one. Mr. I. Fernandez was the referee.

PAEROA, Monday.

The final for the championship cup took place at Karangahake on Saturday evening on Saturday when Rovers beat Thames by 11 points to nil. Tries were scored by C. Hayward, S. Baker, and Keating. Duffy converted one of the tries.

WHANGAREI FOOTBALL.

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An "old boys" team from Auckland played the town team on Saturday, the game resulting in a win for the latter by 23 points to nil.

CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS AT WELLINGTON.

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There were about 3000 spectators at Athletic Park to witness the play-off for the senior championship between Ponke, last season's champion, and Petone. The game for the most part was fought out between the forwards, the backs only occasionally showing up. Play in the first spell was generally in favour of Ponke, but their opponents made periodical short-lived incursions into the "hole" areas. During one of these called Barber scored for Petone under the posts, McGregor converting. This was the only score in the first half. The second spell saw Petone take the upper hand in a more marked degree than Ponke had done in the first half, but they only added one more try, McGregor closing a rushing run by diving cleverly over the line while three of the opposing backs waited for him to pass.

The final for the public schools championship between Petone and Clyde Quay resulted in a victory for the former by 6 points to 5, after an interesting game. The suburban combination made up in cleverness what it lacked in weight. St. Patrick's College easily defeated St.

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