

and Hilarity now showed out, closely attended by Red Star and Melinda. Coming up the rise Hilarity got out and won by two lengths. Time, 1.5 3-3. Dividends, £3 14 and £1.

Publicans' Handicap of 2000s, six furlongs.—J. Jeff's Petrovna, 9.9 (4 Time); 2, Master Alex, 9.2; 3, Red Star, 8. Also started: Manjess, Brighton, Tessera, Stepenfeldt. Nearing the post McCoubie, on Master Alex, looked over his shoulder and his mount appeared to slacken. He drew the whip, but got up to Petrovna, who won by three parts of a length. Time, 1.16 2-5. Dividends, £3 4 and £1 2/2.

SECOND DAY.

DUNEDIN, Friday.

The weather was fine and warm for the second day of the Dunedin Jockey Club's Autumn Meeting, but a strong wind was blowing towards the evening. The attendance was good for an off day. The sum of £515 was put through the machine, making £135 more than for the corresponding day. As the result of an inquiry held by the stewards into the complaint of the trainer of Hilarity, who ran third in the City Stakes, that the horse had been cut out at the start, the stewards have decided to suspend the crack jockey for three months. The results are as follows:—

Hudson Hurdles.—Wonderful (P. Shaw) 1, Force 2, Zeatons 3. These were the starting order. Wonderful fell at the last jump but one. Won easily. Time, 3.20 2-5. Dividend, £3.

Hewitt Hack.—Melinda (McCusker) 1, McEford 2, Barbetta 3. All started. Melinda almost immediately took command, and leading the whole way, won by two lengths. Barbetta was half a length behind. Time, 1.5 3-5. Dividends, £3 2/2 and £1 16/2.

City Stakes Handicap of 1000s, two year-olds.—Clifford (Clifford) 1, Apollodora 2, Hilarity 3. Also started: Inglenuck, Grand Opera, Riviera, Boudjib, Sataam. Won easily by about a neck. Time, 1.18 2-5. Dividend, £10 10 and £5. Taggart, the trainer of Hilarity, lodged a complaint that Glenowlet crossed him at the start, and threw Hilarity out of the race. The stewards, after looking into the matter, Hilarity admitted the fault, and he was suspended for three months.

Dunedin Jockey Club Handicap of 2500s. One mile and a quarter. Mr. Kenzie's Petrovna 1, Secret Society 2, Stepdancer 3. Also started: Vladimir, Annie Chief, Kelburn, Quagga, Blackstone. Secret Society jumped away alongside Blackstone and behind the pack. Kelburn and Vladimir heading the rest, Vladimir last. On reaching the straight Secret Society immediately headed Pallas. The better, however, came again ahead, and the latter stone at once died out, third place being taken by Stepdancer. A very fine finish between the first three resulted in Pallas winning all out on a half-length way. Time 2m. 12s. Dividends £3 14 and £5 12/2.

Donat Handicap of 1000s, six furlongs.—John Bayley's Master Alex, 9.7 (McCoubie); 1, Replete 2, 2, Deer stalker 3. Only the three started. Won by a length. Time 1m. 17 1/2s. Dividend, £1 10/2.

Warrington Hack Handicap of 2000s, six furlongs.—R. Jamieson's Captain Kettle, 8.12; 4, J. Brett's Cavalier, 8.5; 5, McEford 8.2; 3, Also started: Heliroom, Prince Loris, Red Start, Hadium, Marlston. Turning into the straight Captain Kettle was leading by a length, and for the run home the pair drew out from the others, and after a race finish the Judge was unable to separate them. Time 1m. 17 3/4s. Dividends £3 2/2 and £1 18/2.

Suburban Water Handicap of 6000s, seven furlongs.—Ellis Brothers' Brighton, 8.13 (L. King); 1, Stepenfeldt, 8.11; 2, Captain 7.10; 3, Also started: Lady Snow, Scavellato, Angela. Won by two lengths. Time 1m. 31s. Dividend, £2 10.

In reference to the disqualification of Hewitt by the stewards to-day, Hewitt, though admitting the cross, denies its having been willful, his horse having been driven on those inside by Apollodora on the outside.

THIRD DAY.

DUNEDIN, Saturday.

The Dunedin Jockey Club was unfortunate with the weather on the third and concluding day of the autumn meeting. The morning was fine, but by 10 o'clock it was raining. About half-past 11 warm rain fell, and continued long enough to seriously interfere with the attendance, which fell a long way below that of cup day. At 11 o'clock the rain held off for five minutes, when it fell steadily for the remainder of the afternoon, making things disagreeable, and the course inclined to be greasy during the day.

The stewards re-opened the inquiry into Hewitt's case from the previous day, but after hearing further evidence decided to let the previous decision stand. James Flue made a complaint to the president yesterday about interference, and it was alleged he was ordered to stop. He was ordered to apologise, and was fined £2.

The amount put through the totalisator to-day was £2808, making £22,097 for the meeting, as compared with £17,970 for last year. The results are as follows:—

Hurdles.—How Tom (Delaney) 1, Wonderful 2, Zeatons 3. Wonderful won by a length, third horse half a dozen lengths away. Time, 2.57. Dividend, £1 10.

Flying Handicap.—Replete (McGuire) 1, Stepenfeldt 2. These were the only start-

ers. Replete led the whole way, finally winning by half a length. Time 1.5 4-5. Dividends—£1 4/2.

Warrington Hack Handicap of 2000s; 4 furlongs.—J. Livingstone's Wee Macgregor (F. Keble); 1, Red Ronald, 7.9; 2, Master Alex, 7.7; 3, Red Star, 7.5. Also started: Kettle, Melinda, Gypsel, King Dick, Little Stone, Hauddee, The Heat. Won by two lengths. Time, 62 4-5s. Dividends, £10 and £1 2/2.

Suburban Water Handicap of 1700s; 1 mile.—3094, Sir G. Clifford's Annie Chief, 8.13 (McCusker); 1, Lady Wayward, 7.7; 2; 1034, Secret Society, 7.2; 3. Also started: Brighton, Manjess, Quagga. Manjess was mounted by James Flue, who was dis-qualified by Annie Chief, with Quagga third and Secret Society whipping in. The top weight kept his position, but in the straight Lady Wayward supplanted Manjess in second position, while Secret Society was coming fast. Annie Chief won by half a length from his stable companion, who came very fast, with Secret Society two lengths away. Time, 1.45 4-5s. Dividend, £2 8.

Hopeful Stakes Handicap of 1000s; 5 furlongs.—388, Hon. G. McLean's Apollodora, 7.7 (J. McGuire); 1, 132, Inglenuck, 8.1; 2, Alexis, 8.9; 3. Also started: Hilarity, Macgregor, Riviera. Once in line, Inglenuck took the lead, and Apollodora put in a challenge, and in a fine finish won by a bare neck, with Alexis three lengths away. Time, 1.5 3-5s. Dividend, £1 15/2.

Warrington Hack Handicap of 2000s; 6 furlongs.—1564, R. McDonald's Heliroom, 7.7 (J. McGuire); 1, 100, Kopulal, 7.8; 2, 443, Blackstone, 9.5; 3. Also started: Donna Loan, Stepenfeldt, Jolly Roger, Rawson. Heliroom, leading off a challenge by Kopulal and Blackstone, won by nearly two lengths. Time, 1.18 2-5s. Dividends, £3 10 and £1 10/2.

Waikato Hack Handicap of 2000s; 5 furlongs.—94, E. Kennedy's Lily-of-the-valley (McGuire); 1, 121, Captain Kettle, 9.2; 2, 104, McEford, 8.2; 3. Also started: Red Start, King Dick, Wee Macgregor, Red Ronald, Ardleigh. From a good start, Wee Macgregor, who had a lead, and Lily-of-the-valley were first to show out, and they ran in that order till in the home, when Lily-of-the-valley drew out, and won comfortably by three lengths from Captain Kettle, who had come into the straight. Time, 1.17 3-5s. Dividends, £10 14 and £1 8/2.

Wingate Handicap of 1000s; 6 furlongs.—434, E. O. Campbell's Prince Loris, 8.7; 5, 4, John Bayley's Petrovna, 8.13; 3. Also started: Brighton, Sandy, Replete, Prince Loris won by a long neck, Deer-stalker being close up third, just in front of Replete. Time, 1.18 4-5s. Dividend, £30 4/2.

A number of Warrington yearlings and thoroughbreds were sold to-day. Fee was purchased by Mr. Loughlin for 81 guineas; Rosbelle, sister to Alexis, obtained for 70 guineas; and a mare by Lord Roslin—Legendsheim fetched 71 guineas; Rosa Imperial was bought by Mr. A. McVinish, of Invercargill, for 47 guineas.

TURF TALK FROM THE SOUTH.

(By Telegraph.—Own Correspondent.)

CHRISTCHURCH, Friday.

The Dunedin Jockey Club opened its autumn meeting on Wednesday under the most favourable conditions. The weather was lovely, and the attendance was the largest ever seen at Wingate. The sum of £2876 was passed through the totalisator, as compared with £2700 handled on the corresponding day last year. But for defective arrangements the turnover would have been much larger; the operators were quite unable to cope with the demands of the day, and before many of the races numbers of would-be investors were shut out. The arrangements for paying out were also very faulty. The racing was on the whole, very interesting. In the Cup Pallas drew out, but never chance he may otherwise have possessed by swerving when the barrier rose, and lost a great deal of ground, which he never regained. He also interfered with Stepenfeldt, and under the circumstances—was the latter did remarkably well to finish second. Under any circumstances, however, she could hardly have won, for Geoorka led the race in safe keeping more than half a mile before she came again towards the finish, and all the way, the first two furlongs being covered in 25sec., the first half mile in 51 2-5sec., the first five furlongs in 1.4 4-5, and the last six furlongs in 1.19 4-5, and the total time in 4.42 4-5.

Alexis, who started favourite for the Champagne Stakes, looked like winning a couple of furlongs from home. He went all abroad, however, when Glenowlet came with a long and a half, and he finished third, but came again towards the finish he was easily beaten. Makarora, who finished third, has grown a great deal since the spring, and will be seen to better advantage later on, and Petrovna's debut is not ready yet.

Sandy was struck out of the Philharmonic Handicap owing to his owner, who is a bookmaker, being ordered off the course. The decision of the stewards that Hewitt's nomination under the circumstances was not unfavourably commented on. It is understood that it was not until half way through the afternoon that Mr. Robinson was ordered to stop. It is only fair to add that they informed him that he might return and saddle up his horse for the race. This he declined to do. Master Alex and Petrovna ran in front for four furlongs, then the elder sister drew out, and, going on, won easily.

Slow Tom might have won the Autumn Hurdle Race if he had set a strong pace at the early stages of the race. Both his opponents fenced very cleanly. Petrovna, specially so. The Saracen horse Jolly

Roger created a surprise by winning the Giltchroy Hack Handicap. Penive and the Australian-bred Cavatina fought out a capital struggle in the Trial Plate, and the former also beating her opponent towards the finish got home by a head. Red Lancers' half-sister Donna Loan won the Stewards' Welter Handicap by a short neck from Annie Chief's young brother Deerstalker, who has been at the stud for some time, and the Gipsy Grand—Delle Clair filly typified easily accounted for the Berwick Hack Race.

The disqualification of Hewitt has naturally given rise to much comment in local sporting circles. On the assumption that Hewitt was guilty, the strong-minded action of the Dunedin stewards is generally applauded.

Mr. G. Palmer has had the misfortune to lose the yearling colt by Hutchkiss—Simoni, which he purchased at the last Wellington Park sale. This youngster did of tetanus.

A gelding by Lakeshelf Rosebud, a two-year-old filly by Cashmore from a Sir Leger mare and a two-year-old colt of Rosebud were offered for sale locally to-day (Saturday).

Sir George Clifford told a Blenheim interviewer the other day that Treadmill was the best horse that he had ever raced in his colours.

Mr. Stead has decided not to send Neotoma to Wanganui. This colt is still very sore.

Recreation is still deserted, a large contingent of trainers and horses being at Dunedin.

The San Francisco—Stepfeldt filly in Piper's stables has been named Culmination. She belongs to Mr. W. E. Bidwell, of the Watercra. The New South Wales-bred filly in the same stable by Bayou—Whit-bird has been named Naravangeric.

W. Holmes, the well-known horseman, has retired from the saddle, and has purchased a hairdresser's and tobacconist's business in Christchurch.

I hear that Vladimir is under offer to a Brisbane racing man.

CHRISTCHURCH, Monday.

There is a feeling here that Hewitt has been unfairly treated by the stewards of the Dunedin Jockey Club. This is shared by the "Otago Daily Times," which in the report of Friday's racing, says: "After the race, W. J. Taggart, the trainer of Hilarity, who was down at the starting post, lodged a complaint of interference. The rider of Glenowlet, for interference. The stewards took evidence on the case, and suspended Hewitt for a period of three months. It appears that when the field had been separated by a good start, Apollodora, who was on the outside, at once bore in to the rail, and cannoned Glenowlet, who in turn cannoned Inglenuck and Grand Opera. Hilarity, who was on the inside at the barrier, interfered after entirely lost her position. In arriving at their decision the stewards did not deem it necessary to call J. McCusker or R. King, who separated Hilarity and Glenowlet at the barrier." Interference after the race, King stated that the fault of Hewitt's boring in upon the others rested with the rider of Apollodora, and McCusker's version coincided with that of King.

Both of these riders were agreed that interference took place, but were clear that the entire blame did not rest with Hewitt. It seems to have been a serious omission that the stewards should have overlooked the vital importance of calling on McCusker and King to give evidence. It was impossible to see from the law or the stand what actually took place, and the correct state of affairs could only be arrived at by those who were in proper position to say what really did transpire. Summing the pros and cons of the case, it appears that Hewitt was hardly dealt with. From what could be gleaned as to evidence given before the stewards it appears that Hewitt admitted an interference, but subsequent inquiries suggest that this was rather a case of truthful evidence than an admission of guilt, as the statements of the majority of riders in the race appear to show that the boring was compulsory on Hewitt's part, and blame the rider of Apollodora for being the original cause of the trouble. In the early part of the day Hewitt was cautioned as to his behaviour whilst in the saddle, but so far as could be seen no exception could be taken in the manner in which he handled his mounts on the first day, nor did any remark concerning any

misbehaviour reach the press representatives. There is one point, however, on which the stewards are to be commended—they certainly did right to give Hewitt a sentence proportional to the offence of which they believed him guilty.

The weather remained fine over the second day's racing of the Dunedin Jockey Club's Autumn Meeting, but broke for the third day. Had it remained fine the club would have had a most profitable meeting. As it was it came out of the gathering with a credit balance of £255.

Kellene broke down in the Dunedin Jockey Club Handicap, which Pallas won, after leading practically all the way. Blackstone, who is short of work, collapsed before a mile had been covered, and Vladimir gave an exceptionally bad exhibition.

Master Alex gave Mr. Buckley his second win in the Domain Handicap, but in the Railway Plate failed a second time to best Petrovna.

Mr. Buckley's springing record so far is interesting. It comprises two firsts and two seconds with Master Alex and a second and a non placed with Conroy.

Zealous would probably have won the Haddon Hurdle Race if she had stood up, but Wonderful is a much-improved horse.

Since he left Canterbury, Apollodora, who finished second in the City Stakes Handicap, and subsequently won the Hopeful Stakes, is a neat youngster. He is too far behind Glenowlet at present to give promise of developing into a first-class horse, but he is bound to improve. He has a chance of Phoenix and Euroclydon's full sister, Irisa.

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Slow Tom made no mistake in the Owhiro Hurdle Race on Saturday, and won easily. It is clearer than ever now that he ought to have won on the first day.

Sandy was unlucky in the Wingate Stakes. He was caught in the trap, and lost a great deal of ground. But for this he would probably have won.

The Recreation-trained pony Manjess ran very poorly at Dunedin, and is evidently out of form.

The Hon. G. McLean has received three yearling fillies for racing and stud purposes. They are by Stepanak from Irisa, Ventura, and Mist.

Cianrannd's brother, Deerstalker, had only been a month in work before he ran at the Dunedin meeting.

Red Gauntlet was all to pieces last week, and it was a mistake to run before he had fully recovered.

Geoorka passed through Christchurch on Saturday on his way to Wanganui. Even with his 7lb penalty he should run forward in the Waigau Cup.

Quarryman and Stronbold, in charge of E. Curtis, left for Wanganui on Friday. The former, who will be ridden by V. Cotton, may find the distance in the Wanganui Cup beyond him, but if Stronbold will conform to do his best he will be dangerous in the Flying Handicap. The latter, however, can hardly be expected to win the Jackson Stakes if it is true that Achilles has recovered his form.

After a much-required spell of fine weather a shower fell on Saturday night, and Sunday was fine, but more showers fell on Sunday night and heavy rain during the greater part of Monday. The rain spoiled the finish of the cricket match between Canterbury and the Australians, and did some harm to the crops, but it has benefited the training tracks at Recreation. Most of the Recreation contingent which journeyed South for the Dunedin meeting have returned home, and the tracks look busy again.

Roden has had an addition to his team in the shape of a three-year-old half-brother by Culmow from Shellfire. On the other hand, D. Murkhan has had his team reduced by the departure for home of the gelding by Mackery from Old Saints, which proved useless for racing purposes.

Walbeck's two-year-old half-brother, Buccleuch, by Reuzette has been added to the list and sent home for a lengthy spell. His stable companion, Lee Knifed, has also been turned out for a couple of months rest.

The Smith-Hutchinson filly in Hobbs' stable is now being ridden.

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