

Carl, 12s. 1; Stewardess, 8s. 2; Victor Earl, scratch. 3. Also started Whiteleg, 12s. 1; Little Albert, Black Jack, Imperial, Bell Boy, Cragsmoor. Won by 40 yards. Time, 5.9. Dividends, £10 and £1 6s.

Free-for-All Steeple of 100 yds., one mile and a quarter. Winner, 2. Nettle Moore, 1. Imperialism 2. Rothwell 3. Also started Miss Vera, Capel and Vickers. Won by two lengths. Time, 2.35. Dividend £1 18s. Second heat: Black Child 1. Elevator 2. Myrtle Dawn 3. Also started Monte Carlo. Won by 40 yards. Time, 2.35. Dividend £1 18s. Final: Nettle 1. Black Child 2. Imperialism 3. Also started Elevator. Won by a length and a half. Time, 2.52. Dividend, £8 and £1 6s.

Wharfedale Handicap of 110 yds., one mile. Little Doctor, 5s. 1; Veracity, 7s. 2; Nettle, 7s. 3. Also started: Lady Julian, Two Up, Plain 41, Nellie Moore, Kiddy Gee, Director, Miss Wace, Blithe Child. Won by two lengths. Time, 2.24-2.5. Dividends, £8 and £1 6s.

TURF TALK FROM THE SOUTH.

CHRISTCHURCH, Saturday.

The number of accidents in the Grand National Steeplechase and Henfort Steeplechase has led to a revival of the outcry against the fences at Riccarton. For many years there has been a feeling among the practical racing people that the fences are too small, and the looseness of the obstacles led to an appreciable increase in pace, with the result that the time was on the increase. Mishaps are much more frequent than they were 20 years ago, before the fences were put down. There were jumps in those days even if the pace was slower than it is today.

Golden Knight was one of the disappointments of the first and second days' racing at Riccarton. Whether he has become cunning I am not prepared to say, but he showed no love for his work. On the first day, ridden by Nettle, the apparently recently imported from England, he displayed considerable reluctance to leave the mark, and declined to take hold of his bit and gallop when he did leave. On Thursday he did very little better for Mr. G. G. Stead's hands. Perhaps he will learn better manners when he is drawn a bit firmer.

Savory ran a good horse in the August Handicap on Monday. He nearly fell on his nose on the straight, but nevertheless was only beaten a head for second place.

Humbleskill's wild jumping in the Grand National Steeplechase is blamed for the accident and fall of Kato. It was the fence of the grandstand double the ultimate winner jumped right across. Kato, who was fencing faithfully to that point, the latter seems to have hit Humbleskill on the chest and in the result of the fall, it is thought that he struck the rail with his chest and turned a complete somersault, breaking the neck and falling from side to side on the jockey. In the consequent amicable relations, Kato, who is expected to see G. Mitchell alive.

When Romeo fell in the Grand National Hurdle Race he was just in front of four of five horses in close order. Tappara was second and several leading. The favorite horses, The Mohican also stumbled over Kato and was brought on his knees, but made a most marvellous recovery; both horses lost several lengths. Trampsey seemed to fall a great deal, but must have blundered on after the collision, as she finally fell 60 or 70 yards past the fence. The club's honorary veterinary surgeon was promptly in attendance, and pronounced Romeo's injury to be fractured ribs, but must have blundered on after the collision, as she finally fell 60 or 70 yards past the fence. The club's honorary veterinary surgeon was promptly in attendance, and pronounced Romeo's injury to be fractured ribs, but must have blundered on after the collision, as she finally fell 60 or 70 yards past the fence.

The falling of Romeo and Durable has caused the question to be raised whether horses should be permitted to start in such important races as the Grand National and the Henfort. In a large field without previous experience in jumping races, the answer is, the horses were racing for position, the first half-mile being run in ease. McIntere and Keenly did not see out the Grand National meeting, but were shipped for Auckland on Thursday evening. A Master Aik is much lighter now than he has ever been before, and runs now the better for it. I hear privately that Machine Gun is going on well in his preparation at Rangwick.

(By Telegraph—Special to "Graphic.")

CHRISTCHURCH, Monday.

On the whole Mr. Henry seems to have made a good job of the handicaps for the New Zealand Cup. He does not appear to have thrown in any one horse, or to have given weighted any other. Perhaps a little more weight may have been put on the crack, or that he will not put too much weight on the horses. A large number of horses were offered at the Grand National sale on Monday. Mackard, who won the Hunters' Hurdle Race last week, was purchased by Captain Hibernia for £100. He was offered for £100 by Mr. W. H. Douglas at 40s; Lusher to Mr. F. Douglas at 40s; Delval, Levent to Mr. W. G. Stead at 30s; J. B. Bayly, the winner of the Ladies' Handicap on Saturday, to Mr. G. Stead at 60s; and Methren to Mr. W. Marshall at 25s.

he cannot stay. McKeon, if at his best, and in the right mood on the day, would be dangerous, but it is too much to expect that. Michael will be content to fight for a race of this description. If a horse is to win it may be Jeanne d'Arc, and of the remainder of the other division, I like nothing better than Troie, Plamen, and Hope, although I am not certain that the last-named has done nothing of late to warrant the belief that he can win a race like the New Zealand Cup. Manawatu would be well advised to be better than Malin-tonga. If there was any justification for the belief, her stable companion must either have improved enormously, or she must have appreciably deteriorated. If she is "in it" with 6.7, of the three-year-olds engaged in the race, no less than four had from Yaldhurst. Of the four I prefer Singed, though I am quite prepared to put that one of his stable companions in the lead of the stable. I should not be surprised if Sir Fitzroy's horse, the best of all the three-year-olds engaged in the race, but Brooming may be worth following, and Muffin and Gay Spark are both of promise.

Quite the most disappointing horse that took part in the Grand National meeting was Golden Knight. In each of the races in which he started he had the services of a fresh rider, with the same result. He failed to get off well, and was roughly by a mile. He is either a very bad or a very cunning horse. So disappointed was Mr. Stead with his performances that he sent him to the stables to Mr. G. C. N. Greig. The son of J. Wallace has joined Mr. Hobbs' team.

North Island owners generally take the lion's share of the prize money offered at the Grand National meeting, and last week's authorizing was no exception to the rule. On the first day the North Islanders won every race on the programme; and on the second day five out of eight; and on the third day four out of eight. Of twenty-four races they won seventeen, including the three principal events.

It will be long before Captain Campbell's record of last week is beaten. With his two horses, Barflair and Mikini, he won four out of the five principal handicaps, and in the fifth his representative finished second.

Slow Tom broke down so badly in the Grand National Steeplechase that he is not likely to race again for a very long time. Gem Cotton, the winner of the Henfort and Nettle Gun, the sire of Jewel Tom, and his brothers. The running of Jaredevil suggests that Jewel Gun might have had the Grand National Hurdle Race. If he had started in it, he would have won.

Of all the competitors in the open jumping events at Riccarton last week only three—Hayth, Nettle, and Woads, and Pip—got back in any form without a mistake. Pip has run in other steeplechases at Riccarton and won two of them.

The majority of the visiting horses who took part in last week's meeting left for home on Monday rather quietly, without a great deal of comment.

Hayth was shipped for Sydney on Friday to run in the Steeplechase at the Australian Jockey Club's Spring Meeting. The son of Newmaster was none the worse for his recent exertions.

Durable is making a good recovery from the injuries he sustained in the Grand National Hurdle Race. Mr. G. Palmer last week made an offer for him, but the horse's owner declined to deal.

Sir George Clifford's mare Brave Heart, by Clarendon—Safeguard, is to accompany Mr. Ormond's horses back to Hastings, where she is to start in several of the "Chips" races and Showstead, two members of "Chips" team who were on the sick list, have returned work.

The following are the local quotations for the New Zealand Cup: 10 to 1 Achilles, 12 to 1 Atherton, 20 to 1 Nightfall, 35 to 1 Vindicta, 100 to 1 Noctua, 16 to 1 Quarryman, 16 to 1 Mandipato, 16 to 1 Gladstone, 100 to 1 Ochoff, 25 to 1 Scotch, 100 to 1 The Plains, 16 to 1 Girdling, 25 to 1 Gold Crown, 16 to 1 Michael, 35 to 1 Bulwark, 50 to 1 Roseal, 35 to 1 Ghazanka, 25 to 1 Golden Knight, 35 to 1 Jeanne d'Arc, 25 to 1 Roseal, 35 to 1 Atherton, 25 to 1 Ghazanka, 35 to 1 General Symons, 25 to 1 Veneer, 35 to 1 Lady Wayward, 25 to 1 Singed, 25 to 1 Sir Fitzroy, 35 to 1 Brooming, 35 to 1 Pencil, 35 to 1 Camelion, 100 to 1 M. Tom, 35 to 1 Shrapnel, 100 to 1 Pencil, 35 to 1 Colburn, 35 to 1 Pencil, 20 to 1 Aqueduct, 50 to 1 Apollodorus, 100 to 1 Gay Spark, 100 to 1 Joe Chamberlain, 35 to 1 Arndside, 100 to 1 Douché, 50 to 1 Beau Stead, 60 to 1 Clarendon, 100 to 1 M. V. Blythe, 50 to 1 Sir George, 100 to 1 Blythe, 100 to 1 Thunders, 100 to 1 Herosun, 100 to 1 Royal Crown, 100 to 1 Hope, 100 to 1 Secret Society, 100 to 1 Steadman, 100 to 1 De la Rey, 100 to 1 Nettle, 100 to 1 A. B. Adams, 100 to 1 Hexwood, 90 to 1 Levist, 100 to 1 Grounds, 100 to 1 Manawatu, 100 to 1 King's Birthday, 100 to 1 Rosegrove, 100 to 1 Amundson, 100 to 1 A. Scepter, 100 to 1 Sweet Helen, 100 to 1 Loret, 100 to 1 Pencil, 100 to 1 Muffin.

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AUSTRALIAN RACING.

THE CAULFIELD AND MELBOURNE CUPS.

The following is a list of the horses left in the Caulfield and Melbourne Cups after the first forfeit on the 15th inst.:

Table with columns: Name, Weight, and other details for THE CAULFIELD CUP OF 3000 yds. One mile and a half. (Run October 21.)

Table with columns: Name, Weight, and other details for EPSON HANDICAP. One mile and a half.

Table with columns: Name, Weight, and other details for THE METROPOLITAN HANDICAP. One mile and a half.

A.J.C. SPRING MEETING.

The following is a list of the acceptances received for the principal events to be run at the A.J.C. Spring Meeting:

A.J.C. DERBY. One mile and a half.

- List of names and owners for the A.J.C. Derby, including Mr. M. P. B. Christian's b c Refrain, by Postano-Chorus, etc.

SYDNEY, August 18.

Thirty-eight horses remain in the Epson Handicap. The following have dropped out of the Metropolitan Handicap—Endr, Sylvanite, Sweet Nell, Overdale, Malin-tonga, Golden Knight, Mack, Cecil, Acraha, Elva, Emerald, Bright Beauty, Charlie Stewart, Demas, Condo, Hullophoe, Signature, Zythos, Medalist, Mars, Handsome, Panama, Allendale, Mohort, Nettle, Showers, Fako Mack, Issos, South Head, Leroy, Chubb, Grosche, Coonella, Keeper, Teranyan.

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