

In the hands of Mr T. King, which is a sufficient guarantee. Particulars are as follows:—

Racing commenced with the Maiden Trot Handicap, from which J.P. was the only withdrawal. When the back was on, the issue was charged for about half a mile, when Cleveland's Pride got in front, and he led to the stand, where Tatarumaka was on terms, and the pair trotted together until the back was on. Tatarumaka forged ahead, and trotting steadily lasted long enough to win by a length and a half from Lissele Bhg, who beat Cleveland's Pride five lengths for second honours. Time, 4.14 3-5. Dividends, £1 7/ and 6/.

The seven acceptors came out in the Pony Trot Handicap, for which Mangouli was made an even money favourite. Getting to the front when they had gone about half the journey, the favourite came on and won a good race by four lengths from Bell Car, who was second, with a length in front of Seacole. Time, 4.7 2-5. Dividends, £1 1/ and 0/.

Storyteller dropped out of the Pony Cup, leaving four to go to the post, and Lady Nannie and Lady Warwick were almost equal favourites. Jumping away well, when the field was on, the latter was in the lead, but the issue in doubt, winning at the finish by a length and a half from Lady Nannie, who was a similar distance in front of Gladys Rose, with Little Mahel last. Time, 1.46 1-5. Dividend, £1 0/.

The field for the Auckland Trotting Cup, the big event of the day, was reduced by one, Bell Car dropping out. Dan Patch was made a very warm favourite. Dan Patch refused to leave the mark, and lost a lot of ground. Le Roster was quick in getting to his work, and soon had a commanding lead, and although Mint and Waltekar got within about forty yards of him six furlongs from home, it was only on sufferance, as Le Roster drew away and trotting a good style, won nothing by half a furlong from Waltekar, who was twenty lengths in front of Harold Abdallah, who passed the tired Mint ten yards from the post, and beat him a length for third honours. Time, 5.7 2-5. Dividends, £2 17/ and 11/.

Kitecutter was withdrawn from the Middle Class Trot, a field of six saddling up, and of these Tatarumaka was made the medium of solid support. Tatarumaka was the front for about seven furlongs, when J.P. took charge, and clearing out from the field, won pulling up by ten lengths from the favourite, who was twenty lengths in front of Little Paul. Time, 4.7 1-5. Dividends, £1 8/ and 0/.

Dan Patch was made a favourite for the Great Northern Trot, from which Waltekar, Baxter and Le Roster were withdrawn. Rosebud was in the lead as they passed the stand, and she led round to the back, where she was met by Typewriter, who a little further on broke, and was displaced by Mistle, and the latter was the first to turn for home. At the distance Mistle was still in the lead, but running unkindly. Dan Patch was in the lead at the stand, and finishing fast under the whip, won an exciting race by three lengths from Mistle, who was a similar distance in front of Rosebud. Time, 2.30. Dividends, £1 7/ and 1/.

Kitty declined her engagement in the Telephone Handicap, and punters went strongly for Girtion Girl and Inspiration, and they were made nearly equal favourites. Inspiration shot out when the word was given to go, and soon put a break between herself and the rest of the field, and it looked any odds on her winning, but at the distance she was shot by her rival, Honour-gam and Girtion Girl putting in their claims a good finish resulted in the former winning by a length and a half from Girtion Girl, who was three lengths in front of Honour-gam. Time, 1.4 4-5. Dividend, £9 10/.

The concluding event of the day saw Farewell II, Empress and Prince Trilix fall to come out. V.S. was made favourite, and being the only one to start, he won the race, clearing right away from the field, winning easily up by about a hundred yards from Rosebud, who was thirty yards in front of Colenso. Time, 2.35 3-5. Dividends, £ 12/ and £1 3/.

SECOND DAY.

The second day's racing in connection with the Auckland Trotting Club's Summer Meeting took place at Epsom last Saturday. There was a good attendance, and some exciting racing was witnessed, notably in the Class Trot and the Dash Trot, the latter event resulting in a dead heat between Farewell II, and Happy, with Colenso a head away third. As on the opening day, the racing passed off in the most pleasant manner during the afternoon the sum of £2382 was passed through the machines, a decrease of £747 on last year's amount. Particulars of the racing are as follows:—

Racing commenced with the Maiden Handicap Trot, for which Norval and Eureka found most support. Ted Wilkes was first to settle to his work, but when the stand was reached Eureka was in front, and he led to the back, where he broke badly, letting Norval take the lead on terms. Getting into his stride again, Eureka drew out and Norval being in the last couple of furlongs, Eureka had no trouble in winning by four lengths. Cleveland's Pride was half a furlong away from the stand. Time, 2.46 2-5. Dividends, £1 9/ and 9/.

Prince Tuxie was made a pretty warm favourite for the Ladies' Braeclot, from which there were no withdrawals. Prince Tuxie refused to settle to his work, and after Fionn Leal had led for about half a mile Eureka got in front, and clearing out from the field eventually won by 10 lengths, which could have been increased to a hundred if it had not been for Macarrie, who was second, three lengths in front of Farewell II. Time, 4.21 2-5. Dividends, £2 10/ and 17/.

The pony event was reduced to a duel between Lady Warwick and Gladys Rose. There were only eight tickets on the machine, and of these were on Lady Warwick. Going to the front, when the flag fell, Lady Warwick had no difficulty in taking her position, winning at the finish by a length. Time, 1.20 2-5. Dividend, 14/.

All the acceptors came out in the Summer Trotting Cup. Typewriter was favourite. The race was an interesting one. Withington was the first of the limit horses to settle down, followed by Happy and Bell Car. Withington was in front for about seven furlongs, when he began mixing it, and Happy went on from the front, followed by Bell Car, who, however, was breaking badly and soon lost his position. At the back Typewriter ran up to Happy, and at the dip forged ahead, and trotting steadily won by a length and a-half from Happy, with Bell Car five lengths away, just in front of Harold Abdallah. Time, 5.9 2-5. Dividends £1 9/ and £1 7/.

Dan Tracy and Prince Tuxie were withdrawn from the Framway Handicap Trot. J.P. and Lissele Bhg were both well supported, the former winding up the best favourite. Daydawn, from the limit, was quick to get going, and although he broke badly on one occasion he was soon into his stride again, and being steady for the remainder of the journey won by two lengths from J.P., who finished fast and beat Little Paul a couple of lengths for second honours. Time, 3.3 3-5. Dividends, £6 12/ and 6/.

Waltekar was the only deflection from the Class Trot, for which Young McKinney was made an odds-on favourite. The race was a good one, as after Bell Car and Rosebud had alternate turns in the lead, Typewriter took charge, and she was first to the head of the straight, with Young McKinney and Mistle handy. In the run to the post a great struggle was witnessed, Young McKinney staying the longest and winning by a length from Mistle, who was a similar distance in front of Typewriter.

With the exception of Storyteller, the whole of the acceptors came out for the Epsom Handicap. Orange and Blue were sorted out as the most likely to score. When the start was made, Orange and Blue were in the front, followed by Solitary and Rapid. Making every post a winning one, Inspiration kept her opponents at bay, reaching the post with a couple of lengths to spare, and being the first to the stand, she was first in front of Orange and Blue. Time, 1.9. Dividends, £1 18/ and 9/.

Peacock was made a moral for the Dash Trot, from which Young McKinney, Whirligig, and J.P. were the only ones to start. Miss Ingham was in front to the dip, where Farewell II took charge, and he was first to turn for home. In the run to the post Happy and Colenso put in their claims, and a desperate race here was witnessed. The latter being unable to separate Farewell II and Happy, while Colenso was a head away third. Time, 2.41 3-5. Dividends: Farewell II, £3 8/; Happy, £1 18/.

DRURY RACES.

The annual meeting of the Drury Racing Club took place yesterday at Drury. There was a large attendance, including a number of visitors from Auckland. The racing was interesting, and the gathering was well conducted by the secretary (Mr J. Knott) and the various officials. Particulars of the racing are:—

Handicap Hurdles of 20sovs; 11 mile.—Leo Feve, 10.7 (O'Connell); 1; Barney, 10.0. 2. These were the only starters. Leo Feve went to the front when the flag fell, and won pulling up by nearly a furlong. Maiden Plate of 50sovs; 7 furlongs.—Blue-skin, 9.0. 1; Lady Grattan, 8.2. 2; Matahura, 8.0. 3. Cushla and Red Cap also started. Blue-skin and Lady Grattan were together for most of the race, the former drew away and won easily by 20 lengths. Matahura was close up third. Betting: 5 to 4 on Lady Grattan, even Blue-skin.

Drury Cup of 20sovs; 11 mile.—Hurlburt, 7.9 (Porter); 1; Bacchus, 9.2. 2; Countess, 7.10. 3. Sir Alberton also started. When half the journey had been travelled Hurlburt was in front, and drawing away from the field won pulling up by 20 lengths. Betting: 5 to 4 on Hurlburt. Handicap of 20sovs; 6 furlongs.—Hurlburt, 7.13 (Porter); 1; Lucy Godfrey, 7.4. 2; Red Cap, 7.8. 3. Freda and Cyrenae also ran. Won by 50 yards. Betting: 5 to 2 on Hurlburt.

Bombay Handicap of 50sovs; 6 furlongs.—Matahura, 7.13 (Parker); 1; Countess, 8.0. 2; Blue-skin, 8.2. 3. Catastrophe also ran. From a bungling start Matahura shot out and was never headed, winning by 10 lengths. Betting: 7 to 2 on Blue-skin, 5 to 1 on Matahura.

Welter Handicap of 50sovs; 7 furlongs.—Blue-skin, 9.0 (Little); 1; Leo Feve, 9.12. 2; Sir Alberton, 9.2. 3. Blue-skin was the only starter. He was first away, and led steadily to about half a mile, when Blue-skin took charge and won easily up by six lengths. Betting: 6 to 4 on Leo Feve, even Blue-skin.

Flying Handicap of 10sovs; 5 furlongs.—Hurlburt, 8.2 (Porter); 1; Bacchus, 9.7. 2; Lady Grattan, 7.11. 3. Lucy Godfrey also ran. Bacchus jumped away in front, Hurlburt being left; but in a couple of furlongs Hurlburt just got up and beat Bacchus, with Lady Grattan close up. Betting: 6 to 4 on Hurlburt, 3 to 1 on Bacchus and Lady Grattan. The train leaving immediately after the last race enabled the Auckland people of whom there was a large number present, to get home at 4.30.

Alexandra Races.

The following are the results of the Alexandra Racing Club Meeting:—Maiden Plate.—Walk-Over 1, Roman 2, Alexandra Cup.—Taniwha 1, Sophia 2, Sir Alberton 3.

Maiden Hack.—Pibroch 1, Alderhol. 2, Merrywork 3. Flying Stakes.—Ruakaka 1, St. Alberton 2, Sophia 3. Alexandra Braeclot.—Fanny 1, Lucky Jack 2, Larrikin 3.

Ngaunguru Races.

The Ngaunguru races were held on Boxing Day. Results are as follows:—Handicap Hurdles.—Pator Simple 1, Major 2. Miners' Purse Handicap.—Mataganani 1, Lunetta 2. Ngaunguru Cup.—Bar-the-Door 1, Native Rose 2, Matuhua 3. Maiden Hurdles.—Major 1, Dick the Finisher 2, Starlight 3. Pony Handicap.—Newhaven 1, Ngaruhal 2, McKay 3. Bushmen's Purse Handicap.—Native Rose 1, Newhaven 2. Forced Handicap.—Mataganani 1, Matuhua 2.

Coromandel Races.

The Coromandel Racing Club held their annual meeting on Dec. 28, under the most favourable circumstances. The following are the results:—Malden Handicap.—Eiga 1, Martini-Henri 2. Flying Handicap.—Donegal 1, Eiga 2, Lochinduff.—Lochard 1, Iona 2, Deception 3. Pony Handicap.—Lady Isabel 1, Luda 2, Martini-Henri 3. Coromandel Cup.—Lochard 1, Sentinel 2, Iona 3. Trotting Handicap.—Little Tom 1, Kuatunu 2, Tussy 3. Maori Hack Race.—Moostone 1, Rimu 2, Jockey 3. Forced Handicap.—Donegal 1, Kitty 2, Irish Kitty 3.

Pirongia Races.

The annual races took place at Pirongia on Boxing Day. The weather was favourable, and the attendance large. The following are the results:—Handicap Hurdles of 12sovs, two miles.—Mr O'Grady's Nick Hunt, 11.0 (Aver); 1; Mr Thomson's Larrikin, 9.10 (T. Bond); 2. Maiden Plate of 50sovs, one mile.—Mr Livingstone's Romp 1. Alexandra Cup of 12sovs, one mile and a half.—Mr J. Harper's Te Taniwha, 11.0 (Ferguson); 1; Mr Kempthorne's Sophia, 8.10 (Ros); 2. Maiden Hack of 50sovs, once round the course.—Mr Harper's Pibroch, 9.7 (Ferguson); 1; Mr Kempthorne's Aldershot, 10.2 (Ros); 2. Flying Stakes of 50sovs, six furlongs.—Mr J. Harper's Ruakaka, 8.0 (Ferguson); 1; Mr Kerr-Taylor's Sir Alberton, 8.0. 2. The Alexandra Braeclot of 50sovs.—Mr J. Harper's Fairy, 11.0 (Paul); 1; Mr Lynch's Lucky Jack, 11.8. 2. Forced Handicap of 40sovs, seven furlongs.—Mr J. Harper's Ruakaka, 10.7 (Brae); 1; Mr Livingstone's Romp, 9.9 (Ferguson); 2.

Thames Jockey Club's Summer Meeting.

SECOND DAY.

THAMES, Wednesday. The weather was fine for the second day of the Thames Jockey Club's Summer Meeting, and there was another large attendance. The sum of £2394 was passed through the machines, making a total of £2835 for the meeting—an increase of £284 on last year's total. The following are the later results:—Hack Race of 35sovs, 7 furlongs.—Whakapouhi, 8.9 (Wilson); 1; Alderhol, 8.3. 2; Bealshin, 7.9. 3. Whakapouhi jumped away with the lead and was never headed. Fabaula, Orakau, and Bellbird also ran. Time, 1.34 4-5. Dividends, 15/ and 7/11. Thames Stakes of 50sovs, 1 mile.—Mille, 8.7 (Marchant); 1; Agrapas, 6.13. 2; Akarua, 8.0. 3. Annoyed also started. Won by three lengths, half a length dividing the second and third horses. Time, 1.46 2-5. Dividend, 15/.

Pony Handicap of 50sovs, 5 furlongs.—Matahura, 9.12 (Dickson); 1; Solitary, 9.12. 2; Opotiki, 7.3. 3. The only starters. Won by a length. Time, 1.3 2-5. Dividend, 14/.

Taranaki Jockey Club's Meeting.

NEW PLYMOUTH, Wednesday. For the second day of the Taranaki meeting the weather was dull and showery in the afternoon, but the attendance was up to the average. The sum of £471 was put through the totalisator, making £2088 for the meeting, as against £2083 last year. The results are as follows:—Mangotuku Handicap.—Kalmere 1, Climax 2, Science 3. Scratched: Maharanui and Cyranoo. Time, 1.43 3-5. Dividends, £2 10/ and £1 1/.

Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's Summer Meeting.

NAPIER, Monday. The Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's Summer Meeting was commenced to-day at Hastings. The weather was beautifully fine, and the attendance was a record for a summer meeting, about 5000 to 6000 people being present. The course was in capital order, but the majority of the races were easily won, and the favourites prevailed in four of the eight races. In the Two-year-old Handicap Chicano, an outsider, beat a red-hot favourite in Golden Gate, and paid the odds dividend of £46 13/. The sum of £7572 was invested on the totalisator, an increase of £2049 over the total for the first day last year. The following are the results:—Maiden Hack Handicap of 50sovs, 1 1/2 furlongs.—W. Slone's Te Huihu, 9.0 (Kirk); 1; Lord Rosebery, 8.3. 2; Merrifling, 8.0. 3. Also started: Queen's Messenger, Flower Girl, Concession, Lebecce, Limerick Rose, The Wivian, Ravishin. Won by two lengths. Time, 1.11 1-5. Dividends, £4 13/ and £2 1/2. Christmas Handicap of 10sovs; 6 furlongs.—A. J. Ellingham's Hippobron, 8.0 (Kemp); 1; Soultina, 8.2. 3; The Stake, 8.2. 3. Also started: Scotch Reel. Won easily by over a length. Time, 1.16 2-5. Dividend, £3 19/. Welter Hack Handicap of 50sovs; 1 mile.—H. H. Phelan's Oryx, 8.18 (Kemp); 1; Pantolon, 8.7. 2; Heywood, 8.6. 3. Also started: Barra, Merrivall, Mataika, Benair, Flower Girl, Grey Goose, Nukumatia, forlornly by a length. Time, 1.46. Dividends, £4 1/ and £4 18/.

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