

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB. AUTUMN MEETING.

FIRST DAY: SATURDAY, 14th APRIL, 1906.

PROGRAMME:

- TRAFFICSMAN'S HANDICAP of 100sovs, 11 mile
NORTHERN CHAMPAGNE STAKES of 250sovs, six furlongs
EASTER HANDICAP of 575sovs, one mile
BRIGHTON HURDLE RACE (HANDICAP), 100sovs, two miles
EDEN HANDICAP of 100sovs, seven furlongs
ONEWELL STAKES (HANDICAP) of 100 sovs, five furlongs
PONY HANDICAP of 100sovs, seven furlongs
TRAMWAY HANDICAP of 100sovs, five furlongs

SECOND DAY:

- EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 16th, 1906.
THE STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 100sovs, one mile
ELLERSLIE HANDICAP of 100sovs, six furlongs
THE GREAT NORTHERN OAKS, 1906, of 250sovs, 1 1/2 mile
ST. GEORGE'S HANDICAP of 400sovs, 1 1/2 mile
HUIA HANDICAP of 100sovs, six furlongs
PONY HANDICAP of 100sovs, six furlongs
AUTUMN HURDLE RACE (HANDICAP) of 100sovs, 1 1/2 mile
ELECTRIC HANDICAP of 100sovs, five furlongs

THIRD DAY:

- EASTER TUESDAY, APRIL 17th, 1906.
MAIDEN HURDLE RACE (HANDICAP) of 100sovs, 1 1/2 mile
CRITERION HANDICAP of 100sovs, six furlongs
AUTUMN HANDICAP of 575sovs, 2 1/2 mile
ST. HELENA'S HURDLE RACE (HANDICAP), 175sovs, two miles
MAHUTU WELTER HANDICAP of 125 sovs, one mile
PONY HANDICAP of 100sovs, five furlongs
BUCKLAND HANDICAP of 125sovs, seven furlongs
VICTORIA HANDICAP of 100sovs, five furlongs

FRIDAY, MARCH 30.

General Entry Night, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.

Easter Handicap, 2sovs, Brighton Hurdles 5sovs.

NOMINATIONS, 1soy each.

Tradesman's Handicap, Eden Handicap, Onewell Stakes Handicap, Pony Handicap, Tramway Handicap, Stewards' Handicap, Ellerslie Handicap, Autumn Hurdles, Huiia Handicap, Pony Handicap, Electric Handicap, Maiden Hurdle Handicap, Criterion Handicap, St. Helena's Hurdles, Mahutu Welter Handicap, Pony Handicap, Buckland Handicap, Victoria Handicap.



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TURF FIXTURES.

March 31 and April 4—Avondale J.C. Autumn
April 4 and 5—Manawatu R.C. Autumn
April 14 and 16—Wairarapa R.C. Autumn
April 14, 16, and 17—Auckland R.C. Autumn
April 14, 16, 18, and 21—Australian J.C. Autumn
April 16 and 17—Canterbury J.C. Autumn
April 16 and 17—Folding J.C. Autumn
April 26 and 28—Wellington J.C. Autumn
May 2 and 10—Hawke's Bay J.C. Autumn
May 24 and 25—North Otago J.C. Winter
June 2 and 4—Dunedin J.C. Winter

TURF NOTES.

Answers to Correspondents.

J. Parsons.—No. Moitaa was not shipwrecked on his voyage to England. The Australian horse, Kiara, was shipwrecked in Table Bay, and swam ashore, eventually arriving safely in England. Kiara has started in two Grand Nationals at Liverpool, but has fallen on each occasion.

Mr W. Lyons, the well-known local penciler, leaves on Monday, April 9th, on a visit to England.

John Rae has had an addition to his string in the shape of the gelding Hill-floater, by Fredson Rosedale.

The racehorses Paritutu, Cyano, and Condie arrived from New Plymouth by the Rauwau last Saturday.

Nominations for all events at the Auckland Trotting Club's Autumn Meeting close on Friday next, April 6, at 9 p.m.

Cabrango and Hakaria were schooled over the hurdles at Ellerslie on Thursday morning, both horses fencing in good shape.

Mr. Geo. Morse, of Wanganui, who is to frame the handicaps for the A.R.C. autumn meeting, arrived from the South last Friday.

I have to acknowledge receipt of catalogues for the thoroughbred sales conducted by Messrs W. Inglis and Son in Sydney on April 17, 20, and 23.

Mundlet was withdrawn from the Northern Oaks, which is to be run for at the A.R.C. Autumn meeting, at 10 a.m. on Monday.

A Southern paper states that, all being well in the meantime, Iselt will be sent to Auckland to fulfil her engagement in the Great Northern Oaks.

It is said that Lord Aberdeen has refused to subscribe either to the Dunedin-town meeting or to any other racing event in Ireland.

Lady Francis has been withdrawn from the Northern Champagne Stakes, which is to be run for at the A.R.C. Autumn Meeting.

Discoverer let his supporters down badly at the Thames meeting last Saturday. He was well supported for both the events he started in.

Auckland has not a single representative in the Thomson Handicap, which is to be run at the Wellington Racing Club's Autumn Meeting.

Up to Wednesday last no word had been received from H. Francis re his rumored announcement as private trainer to Mr Buchanan, the purchaser of Neotiform.

In memory of the great French sportsman, the Committee of the Society of Spectators have decided to change the name of the Prix Pavoure to that of the Prix de Furet.

The Newmarket correspondent of the "Spring Chronicle" does not think that either of the King's three year olds, Mares and Cheyval, will distinguish themselves during the coming season.

Sr Gilead, which has been included in a well since the Whangarei Autumn Meeting, has made his reappearance at Ellerslie. He has gone back into P. Conway's charge.

Black and Gold was attacked with influenza after the thirteenth Jockey Club meeting, and was unable to fulfil his engagements at the Thames gathering last Saturday.

Mr W. Handley, the Auckland representative on the committee of the North Island Horseowners' Association left for Palmerston North last week to attend the meeting of the Association there.

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Two boxes have been engaged at C. Warren's, Ellerslie, on behalf of the Southern trainer, A. Shearby. It is expected that Bourgeois and Moseow will be Shearby's representatives at the A.R.C. Autumn Meeting.

After weighing out for Bekekeke, and giving the horse his preliminary before the Hurdle Race at the Thames last Saturday, Cunningham, who had the mount, was taken suddenly ill, and had to be carried back to the paddock, and another rider (Howson) had to be secured by Cunningham recovered before he left the course.

Messrs J. Chadwick (handicapper) and C. O'Connor (starter) of the Taranaki Jockey Club were both detained in Auckland owing to the rough weather, both consequently missing the first day's racing. In Mr Chadwick's case a substitute had to be found, but Mr O'Connor fulfilled his duties on the second day of the gathering.

Glasgow, which has been off the scene for some time, made his reappearance at the Thames meeting last Saturday. The son of the famous import is big and healthy, and is probably carrying more condition now than at any previous stage of his career. He made no showing in the race, and was one of the best horses beaten.

The committee of the Australian Jockey Club are evidently determined to leave no stone unturned to bid for the position of premier racing hub of Australasia, and as the entries in the A.J.C. have made a number of substantial additions to their stakes. The extra added money to the A.J.C. Derby now makes that event the largest endowed blue ribbon in the colonies.

Sillets, Jess, and Taunkina started together for a round of the schooling hurdles at Ellerslie on Thursday morning. Sillets fell at the first fence, bringing down Jess, and Taunkina pulled up. Jess was afterwards remounted and joined Taunkina, the pair doing the round without Sillets, who was worked on the flat. Jess and Taunkina both jumped well.

Annette, which pulled up lame after working last Thursday, has been a regular attendant on the tracks since, and her owner, the gentleman who races under the name of Mr F. W. Arnold, and her trainer, K. Heaton, are pretty sanguine that she will get to the post all right. For the sake of the mare's connections I hope so, but, like the Scotchman, I have my doubts.

The two-year filly, Lady Francis, by Eton Goodwillie, jared one of her fetlocks last Wednesday, and will in all probability have to be thrown out of work. This is hard luck for her owner, K. Heaton. It is hard luck for the filly, after being off the scene since the Avondale Spring Meeting, was going well in her work and looked like making an early return for the time and money expended upon her.

The South Auckland Racing Club, at a meeting on Thursday, considered the proposal of Mr. S. Trotman, owner of Hartland, against the stakes in the Pony race run at the last meeting being awarded to the winner, Tommy Todd, which was disallowed, as the evidence showed the latter was wronged in the forfeit list. It was decided to introduce two proposals for the disposal of the last meeting. Mr. A. J. Storey was elected a life member of the club in recognition of his past services. A special general meeting of members is to be held to consider the advisability of holding a two days meeting next year.

Writing about the prominent French sportsman, Baron Finot, whose death was recently announced, an English sportsman writes the following: "I was standing by him when Vancouleurs fell in the Prix du Jubile. The horse had the race won, but came down at the last hurdle. As he approached the obstacle, the Baron, as if fearing disaster, turned his back to the racecourse, so that he could not see the horse take the jump. The shout of the public proclaimed the disaster. The Baron unfolded his arms, 'There you see, boys,' he said, 'I was standing by him when Vancouleurs fell. That was all, and without showing further emotion, he walked slowly towards the weighing room.'

Mr C. Hill, the proprietor of the Ellerslie racecourse, and his staff are at present busily engaged in laying down a track for two year olds alongside the present schooling fences. The track is being run in right ground, and should prove a great boon to trainers in the production of their youngsters for their early engagements. In past seasons loud complaints have been voiced by trainers that owing to the bad state of the regular tracks during the winter, they had really no opportunity to get their charges in anything like condition for the spring gatherings, and the committee of the A.R.C. are to be congratulated upon their efforts to remedy the evil.

In chatting about Blinkhoolie, the "Special Commissioner" of the London "Sportsman" says that it was almost by accident that that horse was procured, for his son, Wisdom, never gave any description, and when the late Mr. Hoole bought the latter for 50gs, it must have been any odds in reason against his making a name as a fashionable stallion. The unexpected, however, happened to happen, and happen it did in the case of the colt, who not only rose to the dignity of a 250 gs fee, and tall at that, but some, at any rate, of his sons have already done so well that there is no likelihood of the line dying out at any rate for some time to come. Rightaway is one of the horses by Wisdom.

The acceptances and general entries received last night at the Hamilton for the A.R.C. autumn meeting are highly satisfactory, and provided anything like decent weather prevails, a most successful meeting should result. In the Easter Handicap twenty-seven still remain in the top weight, Handlock holds his ground, but Pauline (which had incurred a 7th penalty) and Exmoor have both dropped out. With the exception of Maudslayi, which is reported unwell, and Savoury, nothing else of any note has failed to make the payment. The Donna stable has two engaged, Ghouka and Marguerite, and the latter is sorted out by some of the best judges who have seen her race as being the pick of the handicap. She has certainly nothing to complain of on the score of weight, and all going well will probably start one of the favorites in the Huiia Race the only withdrawal is Sol, which defection cannot be on the score of weight, as he was undoubtedly one of the most leniently treated in the event.

A Belfast bookmaker recently visited France, but when in Paris he determined by the aid of his mustache and an attempt at a Parisian accent to conceal the fact that he was British.

He practised first on a "soother." In company with his wife he had been visiting the Luxembourg Galleries, looking through. He had a card, and twirling his mustache said: "C'est un tableau, n'est-ce pas, monsieur, de la Hotel Chateau apres vous, Bonaparte de Bazaze."

The coachman seemed impressed, and touched his hat, but remained silent. Once again the Belfast man began to speak. "Not a word more," cried his wife, Mary, "that's was fine, Don't spoil it."

"But he tried again," "Don't bother your poor old eye," said the wife, "What you may call it, it's a joke."

"The coacher" turned around, a broad smile illumining his face.

"Sure, Mr. , did I not use to drive you from the Post Office all about Belfast, Mr. name's McCarry."

At the last monthly meeting of the New Zealand Trotting Association Mr. P. Selig, the president, brought forward a proposal to the effect that during the New Zealand International Exhibition, which opens in Christchurch on the 1st of November, and remains open for about six months, an International Exhibition Trotting Meeting should be held. The idea is to hold a meeting which would be conducted by representatives of the various racing clubs throughout New Zealand, the prize money to be on a scale that entitles from the whole of Australasia and even America might be attracted. The proposal of Mr. Selig is undoubtedly a good one, and if the gathering can be carried out successfully would have a beneficial effect upon the sport throughout the colony. Of course, there are many difficulties to be overcome, but these are not by any means

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