



By WHALEBONE.

RACING FIXTURES.

May 12-13—Egmont Racing Club.
 May 12, 13—Ashburton County Racing Club.
 May 22, 24—North Otago Jockey Club.
 May 22, 24—Takapuna Jockey Club.
 May 22, 24—Waunganui Jockey Club.
 June 3, 4—Dunedin Jockey Club.
 June 3, 4—Otago Jockey Club.
 June 3, 5, 6—Auckland Racing Club.
 June 18, 17—Hawke's Bay Jockey Club.
 June 10—Hawke's Bay Steeplechase.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Bogey.—Mabinga, 8.15; Glenora, 8.11.

Only five more days' racing to complete the local racing season.

Mr. E. J. Watt recently disposed of a fullbrother to Moriarty for 100gs.

S. Morrow is now superintending the training of the Eton—Sunshine filly Sonnetta.

The Multiform filly Roselike has injured one of her knees, and is now under veterinary treatment.

The Eton gelding Barata is to be treated to a spell, and will not be seen out again during this season.

Several would-be purchasers are after the Expulsion horse Don Hannahul, but, so far, no business has resulted.

The two-year-olds, Indian Chief and Hyprion, are to be given a spell at their owner's place for a few months.

The Taranaki Jockey Club anticipate effecting a number of important improvements to their course at any early date.

The Australian rider J. Kilron easily headed the list of winning jockeys in India last season.

The South horse Grenadier has been withdrawn from all engagements at the Takapuna J.C. Winter Meeting.

Kees Heaton has shifted his quarters, and has taken over John Rae's stables, until recently occupied by C. Weal.

The Hawke's Bay Cup winner Tangmoa was purchased by her present owner, Mr. D. Buick, M.P., for 50gs.

A number of private watches made Provocation's time in the Manawatu Stakes 2 3s faster than that recorded officially.

The Kempton Park Great Jubilee Handicap, in which three American horses figure at the top of the handicap, is decided today.

The winner of the Maiden Handicap at the recent Manterborough meeting, Twinkle, was made the medium of a big commission in Auckland.

The yearling full brother to Achilles, which realised 470gs at the Sydney yearling sales, is spoken of as likely to turn out a worthy relative of his illustrious brother.

A number of the ponies that have been competing at the Wellington Pony and Gallopway Meetings have been shipped to Sydney.

Moharaul and Lyral, both of which are engaged in the Great Northern Hurdle Race, are reported to be both doing a solid preparation at Hawera.

Double betting has already started on the Great Northern Hurdles and Steeplechase, but the prices on offer at present are hardly likely to lead to much business.

The geldings Leo and Keep Step are now in work at Ellerslie, under the charge of T. A. Williams. It is understood the pair are to be tried at the Hlegitimate game.

The mishap to Moral will probably end the racing career of the son of The Possible. Moral is such a fine, big, and handsome horse, that he should make a useful sire.

It would be interesting to know the amount the inquiries instituted by the Avondale Jockey Club last September will cost before the cases are finally disposed of by the Conference.

It is supposed that business other than the appeal cases of N. Cunningham and Royal Soul will occupy the attention of the judges of the N.Z. Racing Conference when they meet this evening.

The committee of the South Australian Jockey Club has passed a resolution instructing the judge to in future place four horses in all important races. The practice obtains at both Flemington and Caulfield.

A. Fergus returned to Sydney by the Victoria on Monday, taking with him Rosie Wilkes and O.Y.O., which competed unsuccessfully at the various trotting meetings in and around Auckland during the season.

Matters are rather quiet at Ellerslie at present, and, beyond steady work, there is practically nothing doing. Several horses have been schooled during the week, but there has been nothing of note to record.

G. Reid, who was disqualified for twelve months by the Wellington Racing Club last January, has been granted permission to work in a stable. He is not, however, allowed to ride work.

The Canterbury Jockey Club are usually the first to introduce innovations into racing, and their latest move is introducing a rule compelling all cross-country horsemen to wear skull caps when riding in jumping races.

D. Moraghan returned from the South by the Main Trunk express on Saturday, with Master Soul and Elysian, both of which have been competing at the Wellington, Manawatu, and Hawke's Bay meetings.

Mr. U. Shannon, of Wellington, acting on behalf of Mr. E. H. Bell, of Melbourne, has purchased Moriarty from Mr. E. J. Watt, for, it is stated, 800gs. The son of Meriwive is to be shipped to his new home to-morrow (Thursday).

The gelding Wairaka, which has been off the scene for some time, is now an inmate of S. Hodge's stable. Hodge, who is very painstaking and reliable, is getting a big string together, and has now eight horses under his care.

The American colt Sir Marlin was somewhat extensively backed for the English Derby early last month. Sir Marlin had been doing what was required of him very well, so his connections thought they would take the fairly good odds offered.

A recent issue of the Opoitiki "Herald" contains some very severe strictures on the meeting held lately in that district, and in which half what it states is true, the Metropolitan committee ought to be at once ordered an inquiry into the circumstances.

In the Borough Handicap, on the concluding day of the Manawatu meeting, in which she was beaten by Nכותine, Sir George Clifford's filly Fillaway started one of the hottest favourites yet saddled up for a handicap race in New Zealand.

Messrs Ryan and De Green, the owners of Cachuba, have been advised that the son of Leonantis is again amies, and will have to be treated to a lengthy spell. This is bad luck for his owners, as was coincidentally thought by the Committee at the time prominently in the big jumping events in Australia this season.

The St. Paul horse Tanekaha, which is owned down the Plymouth way, is now under T. A. Williams' charge at Ellerslie. The trainer named has evidently reconsidered his expressed intention of retiring from the game, and has now a large team under his supervision.

The Finland gelding Bobrikoff, in winning the Porangahau Handicap on the opening day of the Hawke's Bay J.C. meeting, put up a performance in keeping with his great reputation, but the much-boomed one out of work in the State on the second day, and finished absolutely last.

The V.R.O. committee has just allowed an absurdity in the way of nomenclature. Prinaeva has been changed to Aevanring. It is thought that the committee are probably after this atrocious committee may be expected to approve of any change of name. But do these changes come before the committee, or does some clerk in the office sanction them?

The victory of Provocation in the Hawke's Bay Stakes last Thursday is further evidence that Mr. Bidwell possesses in the son of Birkenhead probably the best two-year-old seen out for years. According to the telegraphed account, Provocation simply played with the opposition, winning as he liked. Provocation has started on 10 occasions this season, winning six of his engagements, being three times second, and once third.

In answering a correspondent a Wellington writer says: "The statement you saw in print that Bobrikoff was the best horse in Australasia" should not be taken too

seriously. It was, perhaps, an outburst of enthusiasm which some followers of the game seem liable to treat as fact. It certainly expressed an exaggerated estimate of the light of several performances this season at Randwick and Flemington."

Mr. J. E. Henry would appear to be getting more and more at odds with owners connected with the racing industry. The complaint lodged by Mr. E. J. Watt, at Manawatu, comes word of a similar complaint by the Hon. J. D. Ormond in connection with the Canterbury J.C. Autumn Meeting. The Hon. J. D. Ormond is such a sportsman that one inclines to the opinion that the case must be one out of the ordinary, and it will be interesting to hear the sub-committee's (to which it has been referred) report on the question.

In order to comply with the requests from provincial racing institutions for the services of stipendiary stewards, the A.J.C. propose to license from time to time a certain number of officers to act in the capacity of stewards or flags of such country clubs as may request for them. The minimum rate of remuneration has been fixed at £5 5s per racing day, and ordinary expenses, payable by the club employing them, but no definite salary is guaranteed.

John Porter, the well-known English trainer, will soon visit America for the first time. He is mainly occupied now with managing the Newbury racecourse. Porter has trained several Ebery winners, three Oaks winners, six winners of the Two Thousand Guineas, and two winners of the One Thousand Guineas. In his career he has won more than £300,000 in stakes and other races on his various employments. Ormonds and Inouye were two of the best horses he trained. He always speaks of the first-named as "the horse of the century."

One by one the "old school" are passing away, and it is with regret I have to record the death of Mr. W. Knight, who for many years framed the handicaps for different clubs around Auckland, and more particularly for the Takapuna J.C. for few years ago. Mr. Knight went to England, intending to reside there, but, as he expressed it, "he was like a fish out of water," and returned to the Dominion. He was never fitted out after the trip, and, unfortunately, his last hours were not spent under as favourable circumstances as could be wished.

It has been hinted from Melbourne that during the next season of the Victorian Parliament another effort will be made to regulate the totalisator in that State. Backed up by the committee of numerous country clubs who are strongly in favour of it, the introduction of the machine on the racecourses of the Southern State is beginning to be spoken of as something more than a remote possibility; but the opposition of the anti-everything brigade, in addition to that of those who are satisfied with the bookmaking system of association, looks as if it will be difficult to overcome.

Says a Hawke's Bay writer: "Track watchers are all of the one opinion, and that is that Lord Bledsoe is a work of diabolical cunning that has been seen for many a day on the preparing grounds at Hastings. If all that is said is true about Bledsoe's son's capabilities over the course, and if the son is ahead of the opposition who take on the task of meeting him at the leaping business." North Head made a successful debut on the opening day of the Hawke's Bay meeting, and, in fact, was not a bit better than the horse he defeated was not a high-class one, and it would be probably as well if we waited for further developments before halting him as a champion.

After trials and re-trials, the now famous Royal Soul case has been disposed of, and the decision of the Avondale Jockey Club in regard to the horse and owner has been upheld. It was common talk that a warning declaration had been made that the horse was stuffer prior to the race unknown to the owner, but evidently the judges did not place much reliance on this declaration, as they give it as their opinion that the horse was not a stuffer. In connection with winning the Nihotapu Handicap with the full knowledge of the owner. As regards the rider (M. Ryan), the decision of the Avondale Club was reversed, the judges not being satisfied as to whether he was a party to stopping or not. The Cunningham case has been referred back to the Auckland Racing Club for further evidence.

The victory of Waipuna in the Elder Stakes, South Auckland, last Saturday, was not so much due to the fact that the son of Foult must be back to his very best form. Mr. Lyons, who purchased Waipuna for 470gs, took him to Australia, but had several appointments, and acting on advice, let him go at auction at 800gs. Before he was handed over, Mr. Lyons offered the purchaser, Dr. Bennett, £20 not to take him, but he accepted, and it would probably be in the latter gentleman's colours that he won his race. The fact that Waipuna had included Trufalgur, the hero of the A. J. C. Autumn Meeting, meant that it will be seen that he had an easy task on hand. The South gelding claims an engagement in the Adelaide Cup to-day, in which he is weighted at 8.10.

On the first day of the Wellington Racing Club's Autumn Meeting, a number of forged totalisator tickets were put into the machine after the Railway Handicap won by Mon Aml, and the club was obliged to stop the race at 2.10. It would appear that some unscrupulous tickets had been stolen after a previous meeting, and carefully saved for the occasion. The culprits must have then gone to the course

armed with a patent rubber printing apparatus, and, as soon as they discovered the forgery, the secretary of the seventh race, they put the type together and stamped the tickets, eventually presenting them for payment. The forgery is said to have been made at the pay-out window when the tickets were cashed. The trouble was discovered by the totalisator people in the evening, and the detectives were on the look-out for offenders on the second day of the meeting, but no more attempt was made to break the totalisator fund. The detectives also watched the machine on both day at the Manawatu Racing Club's meeting, but without result.

A Press Association telegram states the judges appointed by the racing Conference—Sir George Clifford and Messrs. George Hunter and J. W. Abbott—have had two papers before them. They have remitted the Cunningham case to the Auckland Metropolitan Committee, in consideration of fresh evidence, which had not been produced at the previous hearings by them. In the Royal Soul case, the judges' decision is as follows:—"In the matter of the appeal by Samuel George Lindsay, owner of the horse Royal Soul, and Mark Ryan, jockey, against the decision of the Auckland Metropolitan Committee endorsing the disqualifications imposed by the Avondale Jockey Club, the judge of opinion that the horse Royal Soul was not, to his knowledge and consent of the owner, Samuel George Lindsay, fraudulently prevented from winning the Nihotapu Handicap on the day of the Avondale Jockey Club's Spring Meeting 1909. The evidence is not decisive whether he was so prevented by an overfeed administered by one William Jones, as alleged by him, or by being deliberately pulled by the jockey, Mark Ryan, though the many circumstances seem to indicate that the confession of William Jones was conclusive as between himself and Samuel George Lindsay. The judge is compelled to give Mark Ryan the benefit of his doing as to the method adopted in stopping the horse. They therefore confirm the endorsement by the Auckland Metropolitan Committee of the disqualification by the Avondale Jockey Club of the jockey, Samuel George Lindsay, and the horse Royal Soul for two years, but reverse the decision of the said club as regards the disqualification of the jockey, Mark Ryan. They call the attention of the Auckland Metropolitan Committee to the evidence given in this case by William Jones, and recommend that he be disqualified for life. They order the deposits of the appellants to be refunded."



TURF TALK FROM THE SOUTH.

CHRISTCHURCH, Friday.

Wet weather is again interfering with training operations at Ilkerton, and the tracks are very heavy. Several of the local candidates with engagements at Ashburton and Oamaru have been getting through several mile tasks, but there has not been a fair amount of jumping. There is a dearth of cross-country homes all over the South Island, and unless Northern owners give liberal support, the prospects for the Grand National Steeplechase do not look by any means healthy.

The well-known North Otago breeder and sportsman, Mr. St. John Buckley, has horses in training at Wellington, Riccarton, and Dunedin. It is understood he will retain All Red as a sire when the son of Madrier closes his turf career.

Practically all of the Riccarton trainers, with the exception of the Chokelore stable, have completed the buying of their yearlings, and a fair number of them are to be seen around the roads daily.

Canterbury owned horses had a good showing at the Forbury Park Racing Club's meeting on Wednesday, half the events falling to their lot.

Rumour says that the owner of All Red has again been tempted to part with the sterling horse—this time from Victoria—but he refused to entertain the offer.

By winning the H.B. Stakes yesterday, Provocation brought his stake winning total to £2560. Multiform's £2781 still stands as a two-year-old record, but Provocation has beaten Meuschikoff's hitherto second best by £5.

H. Goodman has secured the boxes at Landon stables, Oamaru, which are leased by Mr. Evans from Mr. St. John Buckley. Mr. Buckley has Master Aitz and Royal Pines in work under the charge of J. Jinsay. Both these horses are stabled at Redcastle. Master Aitz recently got hung up in a wire-fence, and inflicted several bad cuts on one of his hind legs. The usual monthly committee meeting of the Canterbury Jockey Club was held on Tuesday afternoon, when a good deal of important business was transacted. Sir Geo. Clifford and Mr. E. J. Watt were selected to represent the club at the racing conference.

It was decided to move the following new rule at the racing conference: "That when any licensed trainer or jockey be fined by the stewards' committee of any club and punished, reprimanded, or warned, a report of the proceedings shall be sent to the metropolitan committee, who shall forward the same to the secretary of the racing conference, such report to be entered in a book kept for the purpose, to be open for inspection by the officials of any club."

It was resolved that in future no rider in steeplechase or hurdle races shall be weighed on unless wearing a skull cap. It was decided to pay second dividends in future when six or more horses started in a race.

A complaint from the Hon. J. D. Ormond regarding the handicapping of his horses at Ilkerton, and an explanation from the handicapper, were left to a sub-committee to report on.

It was decided to build a caretaker's cottage near the entrance gate.

The programme committee's report recom-