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RACING FIXTURES.

May 22, 21—North Otago Jockey Club.
May 22, 24—Takapuna Jockey Club.
May 22, 24—Wanganui Jockey Club.
June 8, 4—Dunedin Jockey Club.
June 8, 4—Otago Jockey Club.
June 8, 5, 9—Auckland Racing Club.
June 10, 17—Hawke's Bay Jockey Club.
June 18—Hawke's Bay Steeplechase.

The New Zealand horse Cockatoo accompanied Neith to India.

It is said that Walpu was hardly ready at the Hawke's Bay meeting.

In the opinion of a southern writer, Downfall was above himself in the Hawke's Bay Cup.

It is stated that Mr. T. H. Lowry's colours will not be seen out again until next season rolls around.

The Hon. J. D. Ormond appears to hold a strong hand for this year's Great Northern Hurdles.

In his schooling displays at Ellerslie, Tul Cakobau looks as if he was taking kindly to the game.

Twenty-one yearlings are being handled at the different Riccarton (Chick) stables this season.

Both Lyrist and Maharaui are reported to be standing up well to a solid preparation at Hawera.

The South colt Malara put up a time record for the Marlborough Cup, which he won the other day.

At a sale of thoroughbreds in Sydney last month, a full-blooded to Sae Fran was sold for 150 guineas.

Tina Tom, a big lump of a Conqueror gelding, is spoken of as a horse that will repay watching this winter.

Moscow, who cost 7000 as a yearling, is among the colts for the back hurdle events at the Wanganui meeting.

The opposition to Master Douglas in the hurdle races at Hawke's Bay does not seem to have been particularly strenuous.

Racing seems to be booming in Sydney. The attendance at the recent Saturday meetings, being records for the respective clubs.

Last season Aborigine's winnings as a two-year-old amounted to £1700. They must exceed that sum during the present season.

Mr. F. J. Watt, who won the Burke Memorial stakes with Aborigine, had previously won it with Palaver, Float, and King Bill.

South has now sired two winners of the Marlborough Cup, as Sandy was that event in 1904, and Malara was successful in this year's race.

Wenters are said to have got some of their own back at the recent Hawke's Bay meeting, a good percentage of well backed ones getting home.

The starting at the Hawke's Bay meeting is said to have been perfect, Mr Piper's new method of walking the horses up to the barrier proving highly successful.

In the opinion of some of the visitors to the Hawke's Bay meeting, Aborigine would beat Master South at even weights, up to a mile and a quarter, just now.

A Sydney writer says that Golden Ripper may return her purchase-money when she goes to the stud. At present she does not look like doing so on the turf.

Bolla is said to be a horse that will repay watching for forthcoming events. He is a good deal bigger than his full sister, Woodley, and a good beginner and free galloper.

Mr. Nettleton, part owner of Pink Tea, has left for a holiday trip to England. During his visit Mr Nettleton proposes purchasing a few racehorses to bring back with him.

Master Douglas won both his races at the Hawke's Bay meeting very comfortably, and ought to see further distinction over the barriers during the coming winter jumping season.

An English sportsman has bought in America two fine colts by Adm. He in-

tends to call one Cain and the other Abel, and perhaps if Cain isn't able to win Abel may be able to do so.

That it is not always a reliable guide when there is no money on the course for a certain candidate is said to have been amply illustrated in at least two instances at the Manabourne meeting.

A peculiar accident occurred in France late in February. While working at Chantilly the three-year-old colt White Boy hit the three-year-old Kala in full gallop, and the terrific shock killed both.

Their recent gathering was the most successful autumn meeting the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club have ever held, one that is easily a record in their history, says a local paper.

The price paid by Twinkle at Blenheim proved a bit of a staggerer in certain quarters. But for obtaining an undue advantage at the barrier, it is doubtful if the coup would have been effected.

After the first race of the second day of the Egmont meeting, the horses Montepeller and Sedgewood were put up for sale by auction, but both failed to reach the reserve, and were passed.

Bookmakers operating at the Egmont meeting had all the best of matters on the opening day, but on the second day backers had revenge, and it is doubtful if any of the pencilers added much to their banking account.

California was taken to the course on the second day of the Hawke's Bay meeting, and it was his owner's intention to have started him in the Burke Memorial, but owing to one of his legs hitting his withdrawal because necessary.

The South horse Manapoto is reported to be getting through a satisfactory preparation, and his owner is confident of getting a race out of the champion, and he will probably be seen out at the forthcoming Wanganui meeting.

Neither Hatch nor Deely, the two leading winning horsemen, were riding at Egmont Racing Club's Winter Meeting. Hatch has now a lead of about 15 wins over Deely, and can safely be said to be the premier horseman of the season.

Writing of Bobruff's performance in the Burke Memorial at Hawke's Bay, for which he was one of the favourite selections, a Southern writer says:—Bobruff was not forward enough to see out a severe ten furlongs, and Buchanan wisely did not back him about.

Referring to the recent Hawke's Bay meeting, a Wellington writer says:—Speaking roughly, I would say that two of the leading Wellington layers must have disbursed a thousand each, and a son of Anak from the North also caught their jockeys. Altogether the bookmakers seem to have had a particularly bad time.

The Hon. J. D. Ormond was the most successful owner at the Hawke's Bay meeting. Horses bearing his colours won five events, and were thrice runners up. The public are entitled to freely anticipate the good things of the Karanga stable, and in each instance they had to be content with short prices.

A notice appears in the official card of the Egmont Racing Club to the effect that owners are cautioned that their jockeys must be clean and decently dressed, and that any jockey presenting himself at the scales in dirty or discreditable apparel will not be allowed to ride. This might be well corded to advantage by several of the Auckland clubs.

The St. Cyr riding Claremont, which has been off the scene for some time, made his reappearance at Hawera, being a starter in the Tongahoe Hurdles. On the first day of the Egmont meeting Claremont looked very big, and did not make any sort of a showing in the race, eventually finishing a long way last.

I learn on good authority that Andax has been heartily supported to win the A.R.C. Great Northern Double. If Andax is the selected of the Hon. J. D. Ormond's stable, he should run prominently in both, although the trying Ellerslie steeplechase course is a severe test to a horse that has never before negotiated it.

Goodwin Park, which accounted for a double at the Egmont meeting, is a three-year-old son of Sylvia Park and Virat, and is likely to see a better day. In the Manala Handicap he was probably lucky.

for he was galloping over everything at the finish, and the least bit of assistance from his rider, G. Price, would have carried him the stakes.

C. Jenkins has long been considered one of the best riders of the Dominion, but it is doubtful if he has ever been able to better advantage than at Hokitika in the Opeke Handicap, on the concluding day of the Egmont meeting, and his final effort was one of the most brilliant I have ever seen.

After the race for the Manala Handicap on the second day of the Egmont meeting, the stewards asked the owner of Nicotine to explain the running of the daughter of St. Clement. The explanation was satisfactory. Nicotine was ridden by Bobbe, the Auckland horseman, who was for some time in the employ of the Waitako trainer, R. Hanson.

Up to the Egmont meeting Rangiheta had never been out of a place in any of the hurdle races he has competed in this season. On the first day the sea of Knappuld finished close up, fourth, but on the second day he came a cropper, falling clean over the rails on to the training track inside the course.

H. Eves, the New Plymouth trainer, intends, all going well in the meantime, to take a team to Auckland for the A.R.C. Winter Meeting, which will consist of Glenfillis, Wee Trinker, and Highden. Glenfillis is standing up to the mark in good style, and, with the sling out of the going, the son of Lochiel should run prominently in the writers during the season.

The Minkety gelding Overtime was so badly hooked for the Telegraph Handicap on the opening day of the Egmont meeting, but getting away badly, was never prominent. On the second day he made amends by winning a double, accounting for the Ngamutu Handicap and the Sturt's. In the latter race he was comparatively neglected, and paid a nice price.

A good sort of a hack seen out at the Egmont meeting was North-east, by Eucalydion—Mairana, which, after running third in the latter, was in the coup. North-east improved on that performance by making a one-horse race of the Borough Handicap on the second day. North-east has plenty of size to recommend him, and may show to advantage at the illegitimate game.

Three novices over fences, in Nova, Maharaui, and Auratus made their debut in the hurdle races at the Egmont meeting, the two former performing creditably, but the latter, who cut a wide groove, was never prominent. On the second day Nova, which has the reputation of being a Sunday horse, won fairly comfortably, and should be useful at the illegitimate game. Maharaui ran two good races, a beginner, and, when properly seasoned, may win a decent race.

Lady Lucy, which won the Hawera Cup, is an Auckland-bred filly, by Meaton Delavai from Hilda. Lady Lucy, which is three years old, need in the continuation of her trainer, F. Tilley, and her showing was rather an attractive one, for she was badly placed in the early stages, and had to make up the ground in the straight, finishing with a great burst of pace. Over a distance the daughter of Neaton Delavai will probably win her best races.

A feature of the Egmont meeting was the prompt closing of the totalisators to times stated, and on one occasion during the afternoon, when the potting was toward of the clock. The club had a most successful meeting financially, the machine returns being £501 in advance of last year, and this amount would have been considerably larger had the arrangements for selling tickets been better. The arrangements in this respect are a lot below the system prevailing in Auckland.

Writing of the race Mr Ormond's colt Bolla won on the second day of the Hawke's Bay meeting, the Wellington "Post's" sporting scribbler says:—"On Bolla's form on the previous day, the odds offered were really generous. Raised only four pounds, it was very unshame to take the money. Bolla was first out of the tapes, and, finishing as strongly as a motor, he won just as decisively as on the first day.

The big disappointment of the Hawera Cup was the behaviour of the locally-trained gelding Corsettled, which was sent out a warm favourite. Corsettled is by the Castor horse Coronet, from Rau Rau, dam of Crown Eagle and others, and is a fine stamp of a gelding, but with rather bad hocks. In the race he was never prominent, and finished absolutely last, and his knowing was altogether too bad to be true. Probably he was against him, and he may do better on firmer ground.

R. Brough, who was located in Auckland some time, is now at Hawera, where he has a good string in work. One of his charges is the two-year-old Tu Pua, a fine, well-grown, lighter of Sae Fran, from a Quite mare, which should be seen to advantage next season. Tu Pua was given a run in the Shorts on the second day of the Egmont meeting, but got a lot of knocking about, eventually finishing just behind the placed horses. With anything like a decent passage, Tu Pua would have troubled the winner.

In the opinion of the Wellington "Post," the concluding day of the Hawke's Bay meeting was a decidedly brilliant one. Eight races per day had Research been ridden a decent race he might have reversed places,

days is too much. Hence it is probable that well would provide better sport. The Farewell was a ghastly affair, and no one had the faintest idea of what horse was leading until the race was over. The steeplechase was like a squadron of phantoms. It is plainly the duty of the Racing Conference to lay down a distance that there shall not be more than seven races per day, say, after last May.

The Moosau Valley (Vic.) K.C. and Richmond R.C. recently threatened to come into collision by both racing on Night Hours Day. We were contented that we was not consulted in the situation of dates, and claimed that he could race at Richmond when it suited his business instincts. A deputation of Melbourne bookmakers waited on Mr Wren with a view to avoiding a clash, and their proposal that Richmond should hold a forenoon gathering was finally agreed to. The racing public therefore were in a position to attend two meetings in one day—a unique departure.

N. Nicholl, the ex-Auckland trainer, has a useful sort of gelding in Starboard, by Daystar—Gipsy Queen, which, with any sort of luck, would have won a double at the Egmont meeting. On the opening day he was just beaten by the steeplechase gentleman rider event, his defeat being due to inferior horsemanship, while on the second day he occupied the same unenviable position to Hokitika, a slight stumble at the critical moment, and a terrific effort by the winner, bringing about his downfall. Starboard is susceptible of considerable improvement, and an one would begrudge his trainer-owner a turn of fortune's wheel.

An incident illustrative of the Maori's love for a good horse course from Wellington, and says "Glencoe" in the "Hornet," should stand out as one of the picturesque passages in the history of racing. During the week Mr. W. S. Bidwell, owner of the celebrated Papanui, was at the famous Maori chief of Papanui, named Houa Rangitakiwaha: "Dear Sir,—I am sending you a present of a Maori curlo (tik) on behalf of your great and successful champion, the two-year-old, 'Purotoatini.' A tik is one of the oldest curios in the history of the native race, and is the Maori equivalent of the order of knighthood. It is made out of a whitebone. The chief has never yet seen Purotoatini. Mr. Bidwell has therefore invited him to come down to Rotowai and personally confer the honour.

North Head stood out from the poor lot that offered him in the Hack Hurdles at the Hawke's Bay meeting (says a Southern paper). Backers freely laid odds on, and never at any stage was it in doubt. After a furious had been traversed, North Head was yards in front, and in the run down the back he was four seconds to the good. At the five furlong post Delaney got a hold of the big fellow, but he was not in a very fast time. I understand North Head has only been schooled three times, and in the race he cleared the jumps. When he settles down, North Head will be a hummer, and will be a good horse to have in the Kairouras was evidently based on solid foundation. Twelve stone would not have stopped the Birkenhead gelding.

There has been a bit of schooling work at Ellerslie during the week, the exhibition given by some of the beginners sagged at the coming Great Northern meeting, but by a very reassuring character. Gladsmuir and Lady Ellen essayed a round of the schooling hurdles, but Lady Ellen fell and finished did not seem to like the job. Lady Ellen's rider was injured. R. Brough and Bidley were tried at the steeplechase fences on Saturday, the former giving a very sorry exhibition, repeatedly refusing, and the attempt to get him round was abandoned. Mr. Wren's riding fairly well, but he was not in a very fast time. After a round of the steeplechase course, but fell at the first fence of the double, his rider suffering a slight injury to his hand. The morning was afterwards meeting with another horseman, and after safely negotiating the double jump was not further persevered with.



THE TAURIKI CASE.

After a long and exhaustive inquiry the committee of the Takapuna Jockey Club has arrived at a decision in connection with the now celebrated Tauriki case. The committee have held numerous sittings, and voluminous evidence has been taken, and it will be seen that the committee have exercised of careful consideration. The finding, which was unanimous, is as follows:—

"The committee of the Takapuna Jockey Club, having taken voluminous evidence, and carefully and fully investigated the question raised by the late owner of Cyreniac, with respect to the mare Tauriki, which was declared to be the winner of the Maiden Plate, Pupuke and White Handicaps at the club's winter meeting of 1908, unanimously find as follows:—That J. Grant, in whose name Tauriki was raced, is guilty of a corrupt practice by supplying false information at this inquiry, and the committee accordingly find during the pleasure of the club. The committee award the stake won by Tauriki, viz., the Maiden Plate and Pupuke Handicap, to the owner of the second horse, Cyreniac, and the stakes won by Tauriki in the White Handicaps, to the owner of the second horse, Tul Cakobau. The committee has been delayed in arriving at a decision, owing chiefly to the persistence of Mr. S. Darragh, who has insisted that Mr. S. Darragh should appear and give evidence when notified to do so.