



By WHALEBONE.

RACING FIXTURES.

July 17, 21, and 24 — Wemington R.C. Steeplechase
 July 29 — North Canterbury J.C. Sports
 Aug. 10, 12, and 15 — C.J.C. Grand National
 Sept. 2 and 8 — Marton J.C. Annual

Racing at Gisborne to-morrow (Thursday) and Friday.

The Saracen gelding Heathen was shipped to Sydney on Monday last.

J. Deerey is to ride Scotty in his Southern engagements.

At Trentham, J. Lowe has 15 horses in work, W. Davies 9, and J. Ayres 6.

The Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's Winter Meeting returned a profit of £295.

Those who have seen Pipoko racing describe him as an ideal type of hurdler.

The ex-Australian jockey, F. Wootton, had the mount on Perola when that filly won the English Oaks.

Wheclars, by Phoebe Apollo—Chrysolite, was among the winners at Kalgortie, West Australia, last month.

A handsome gravestone is being erected over the grave of Merriwee at Mr G. J. Watt's Longlands station.

Haurangi will now have to carry 9.12 in the C.J.C. National Hurdles, his win at Gisborne earning him a 3lb penalty.

There were no less than five double winners at the recent Gisborne meeting, one horse, Sublime, winning a treble.

Word from Melbourne states that the pony Glenora reached the Victorian capital in splendid condition.

So far no official intimation has been received by the Metropolitan authorities as to an appeal being lodged in the Tauriki case.

Walpu was given a run at Moonee Valley, which took place a week before the V.R.C. Grand National meeting, but made a very poor showing.

The gelding Inglis has been leased by a patron of W. Moberie, and the son of Hotchkiss is now in work at Ellerslie under the charge of that trainer.

A good word comes from the South in favour of Wirral, which it is stated will be ridden in his Wellington and Christchurch engagements by W. Young.

After a spell of a couple of months, Elystan has resumed work again at Ellerslie. The son of South has filled out nicely, and the rest appears to have benefited him considerably.

The winner of the Wellington Steeplechase or the Wellington Winter Hurdles will be called upon to carry a 14lb penalty in the C.J.C. National Steeplechase or Hurdle Race.

During his visit to Hawke's Bay, J. Twobill, the Thames trainer, purchased Commander, which ran second in the Hawke's Bay Hurdles, the price paid, it is understood, being 150gns.

C. Brown had a narrow escape from a nasty accident last week at Ellerslie. He was riding Bully in a gallop, when the saddle slipped round, and he came off. Fortunately he escaped without injury.

J. Twobill's team, Capitol and Commander, are the first of the visiting horses to arrive at Trentham for the Wellington meeting.

The double victory of Mozart at the Gisborne meeting is said to be recorded for removing the gelding Full Cry was decidedly he said to be always after the "goose."

At the monthly meeting of the Wellington Racing Club an application from W. J. Spencer to have the disqualification removed from the gelding Full Cry was declined.

The victory of Te Arai in the Gisborne Steeplechase earns him a 7lb penalty for the C.J.C. Grand National Steeplechase, and his weight in the latter event will be raised in consequence to 10.6.

The following names have been claimed for the following rising 2-year-olds—Filly, by Waiti—Kishis, "Bonnie" Fishwife; gelding, by Gluten—Catching; Adherent; filly, by Eton—The Deli, "Hamadryad."

The Cunningham appeal case is to be decided by the Racing Conference at Wellington on Monday, 19th inst. Mr H. H. Hays, secretary, will represent the Avondale Club, and leaves for the South on Thursday next.

The New Zealand Racing Conference notices trainers and jockeys that applications for licenses for the ensuing season must be made to the secretary of the Metropolitan Club of their district not later than Monday, the 19th inst.

Before his victory in the Welter Handicap at Newmarket, England, the American colt, Sir Martin, and a colt named Edward, were spoken of by Mr R. W. Finns for £15,000. Sir Martin started favourite for the English Derby, but fell.

Mr H. Reynolds, the patentee of the starting clock which is in general use on trotting courses in New Zealand, has received an order from Mr W. Wren, of Melbourne, for a clock of the same type for use for the Melbourne Trotting Club.

The Cyrenan gelding Cymr badly overreached while working at Ellerslie last week, and had to be eased in his work in consequence. He will not make the journey to Wellington, and it doubtful if he will be seen out at Christchurch.

The Rand, from which good things were expected on the flat, but which went awry while contesting the Wellington Cup, won by Moloch, has been taken up again after a lengthy spell. He was tried over the big country at Napier Park recently, and created a very favourable impression.

It was noticed that the pockets of R. Marsh's overcoat bulged considerably after the Derby. Asked by a friend if he was carrying about a few bottles, the King's trainer replied, "No, only a few telegrams." The "Royal" trainer received hundreds of telegraphic messages of congratulations on Minoru's success.

If one horse of the Auckland contingent looked a likely winner at Gisborne it was Walraha, which duly won, the Trial Steeplechase on the opening day falling to his share. The surprise, however, was not in his winning, but in the price he returned, and layers generally will have cause to remember his victory.

One of the smartest rising two-year-olds at Randwick is a filly by Machine Gun from Zebra, by Tranby from Missie, by Welcome Jack, one of the crack sons of Tradrucer. It will be interesting to note how the blend of the two crack New Zealanders will figure during the coming season.

The Canterbury Jockey Club have increased the stakes for the coming season by £240, making a grand total to be distributed of £30,240. The increases are divided as follows: Grand National Meeting £170; Spring Meeting, £1380; Autumn Meeting, £400.

The defection of Klatero from the V.R.C. Grand National Steeplechase came as a bit of a surprise, but according to a private communication received from Melbourne, the son of Castor was showing signs of soreness, and it will probably be found that this was the cause of his withdrawal.

The value of the Derby won by Minoru was £6400, and after that race His Majesty the King headed the list of winning owners for the current racing season with a total of £4077. Since that race, however, the King's horses have gained further successes, and his winnings must now be close upon £20,000.

The St. Paul gelding King Paul is still racing on the other side, and at the last Aspendale Park Meeting accounted for the principal event of the day. King Paul, which still races in the nomination of J. Johnson, only had the feather weight of 6st 7lb in the saddle, but starting third favourite, won easily by a length and a-half.

Particulars of the mishap to Ataabna show that the son of Mialaki was being schooled in company with Indian Chief and another. The last-named ran down a fence and swerved on to Ataabna, which came a terrific cropper. It is pleasing to record that Ataabna is progressing favourably towards recovery, and there is every prospect of his racing again.

The Wellington Racing Club have received splendid acceptance for the various events on the opening day of their winter

meeting, and with 22 engaged in the Winter Hurdles, a great race should result. With Capitol, Scotty, Le Beau, Bully, Irish, Krenalin, and Pukenui representing Auckland, it will be extraordinary if a share of the prize money does not find its way North.

After the first forfeits for the Great Northern Guineas, fifty still remain in the event. A large number of Southerners still join in, Sir George Clifford being represented by two, Mr J. J. Lowry three, Mr E. J. Watt three, and Mr W. E. Bidwell two, these being the principal outside contributors; while practically all of last season's local two-year-olds still stand their ground.

In Germany the authorities are getting all they can out of the Totallisator, and with a view to increasing the receipts, have opened official offices in each town for the reception of commissions on race days. This means that German punters need never go near racecourses for the purpose of speculation, and is undoubtedly encouraging what cannot be regarded as other than the most sordid spirit of gambling.

When something approaching quietude was restored after the Derby, Wootton, the Australian trainer, was asked what he thought of the demonstration; he replied, "It is this that makes you British the masters of the world—your loyalty." Joyner, the American trainer, cheered until he was almost purple in the face, and when at length he was able to speak he declared that neither he nor anyone else ever saw anything like it.

The King's Derby win had the effect of putting a severe strain on the special telegraphic department at Buckingham Palace, and upon the secretary of the Com. Commencing soon after the race was won and continuing almost without intermission through the following day, telegrams of congratulation have been received from all sorts and conditions of people, and were acknowledged. Very many of the messages were from overseas, and there is scarcely an important part of the British Empire from which congratulatory messages did not come to hand.

There was no particularly important aftermath on the Derby. Earl and Phalaron had to jump over the prostrate jockey,

Martin (the rider of Sir Martin, which fell), while Herbert Jones remarked he did not really grasp he had won till he woke in the morning. After passing the post, so full of running was Minoru that he carried Jones into the paddock, and not hearing any cheering Jones held the idea that he was just beaten. "When they told me I had won," continued the jockey, "I was delighted beyond all measure, and never shall I forget the scene on the way back to the weighing-room."

The American Jockey Club has issued an edict that everyone (except reporters) will have to pay an entrance fee to the grounds. This will apply to owners, trainers, and judges. The authorities consider that everyone making a living out of racing should contribute towards its upkeep, and so help to keep alive the sport which has almost received its death-blow from the Agnew-Isitt Anti-Betting Bill. The entrance fee to the tracks this season will be 10/. Another announcement is that bookmakers will not be allowed to race their own horses and at the same time pursue operations in the betting ring.

According to reports from Australia, in the mishap to Ataabna, the Mordialloc stable had extremely bad luck when the New Zealander injured himself recently. The Melbourne "Age" reports a gallop which Ataabna accomplished a few days before his accident, as follows:—"Ataabna, who is trained at Mordialloc, recently performed a sensational gallop over hurdles. Ridden by F. Burn, he ran two miles and jumped nine hurdles in 3.48, with his shoes on. Starshoot attempted to accompany him during the last half of the journey, but was beaten right off. Taking into account the heavy state of the going, the gallop was an extraordinarily good one, meritorious enough to win a two miles race on the flat among racehorses, let alone hurdlers."


The result of the V.R.C. Grand National Hurdle Race, won by Fossil, came as a bit of a surprise, for the son of The Harvester was not mentioned in these parts. Fossil, which is owned and trained by J. Scoble, was given a run at Moonee Valley, but his form was very poor, and an exchange in connection with a showing, stated he would need to improve a lot to have a chance in the big race. It is understood, however, that his party threw in for a good stake over the success of Fossil. The New Zealand representative, Whales, never appeared to have a winning chance.

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