

Also started—425. Dayntree, R.T. G. (Glasgow); 107. Handley, S.J. (Glasgow); 190. Minerva, H. (113 (J. Buchanan); 22. Ham Young, J. S. (122 (K. M. B. of Athol, 7.0 (Whitehouse); 103. The Frenchman, 6.12 (2. "Emanuel").

Holo was first to reach the straight, and striking off a fast running pace of St. Peter in the last 30 yards won by a length and a half. Dayntree finished fourth. Time, 1.18. Dividend, 47 17/8. Totalisator, 1278.

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TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB WINTER MEETING.

Mr Wm. Knight, with his usual promptitude, declared the following weights to-day for the Takapuna Jockey Club Winter Meeting:—

TAKAPUNA RACES.

Run Thursday, May 24.

BIRTHDAY HANDICAP of 150sovs. Distance, 1/2 mile.

Miss Delaval.	9 12	Doctor	7 0
Okoari	8 12	Afghan	7 0
Firchly	8 13	Ad. Hawke	7 0
St. Ysaac	7 13	Woolman	6 12
Hoboro	7 13	Frenchman	6 12
Dayntree	7 12	Swiftfoot	6 7
Tukapa	7 12	Helfast	6 7
Wairongomai	7 12	Camro	6 7
Honesty	7 4	Regulus	6 7
Hastings	7 4	Auld Reekie	6 7
Knight Athol.	7 2	Torua	6 7
The Labourer	7 0		

HANDICAP HURDLES of 100sovs. Two miles.

Dummy	12	Amnongate	10 4
Iteliman	11 3	Christmas	10 4
Troubadour	11 2	Korowal	9 13
Tim	11 2	Hautonga	9 10
Kanaka	10 13	Woolman	9 10
Drum Major	10 12	Acme	9 0
Volcano	10 13	Straybird	9 0
The Weaver	10 10	Verdi	9 0
Chatter	10 10	Donegal	9 0
Woltegeur II.	10 6		

HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 150sovs. About 3/4 miles.

Dummy	22 12	Conscript	9 10
Muscetel	11 10	Jacynth	9 7
Kanaka	11 10	Woolman	9 7
Woltegeur II.	10 12	Pilot	9 7
Troubadour	10 9	Kowhai	9 7
Tukapa	10 5	Honnie	9 7
Christmas	10 5	Tiki	9 7
Tangan	10 0	Donegal	9 7
Dingo	9 10		

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EGMONT ACCEPTANCES.

The following acceptances have been received for the next Hacing Club's Winter Meeting, by Mr Henry:—

Railway Handicap.—Okoari 9.3, Faugh-Ballach, Calceolaria and Tukapa 8.3, Sundial 7.11, Crow 7.11, Woolman 7.11.

Hurdles.—Cuckoo 11.12, Waiwera 11.11, Hautonga and Diamond 10.2, Silver Bay 9.8, Wgetu 9.7, Coral, Hayden, Coma 8.12.

Tawhiti Handicap.—Waylay and Coma 11.9, 8.12, Mamaku and Coma 8.11, Bonus 8.10, Bugler 8.0, Somnolent 8.5, Pyroxylin 8.0, Golden Crown 7.11, Labie and Tito 7.10, Gematae and Otea 7.7.

Hawera Cup.—Bona Fide 9.3, Jadoo 8.13, Okoari 8.11, Tukapa 8.0, Woltegeur 7.11, Sundial 7.10, Maud and Wai-ti 7.7.

Waihi Handicap.—Tapiwa 11.3, Mamaku and Lubra 10.5, Bugler 9.12, Heart Whist 9.1, Queen's Guard 9.3, Tawara 9.0, Brown Bull 8.10, Eskdale, Laidi and Waireka 8.7.

Mokoi Handicap.—Tapiwa 9.3, Wild Vixen 8.3, Wai-ti 8.10, Waylay 8.8, Lubra 8.5, Mamaku 8.5, St. Vincent 7.13, Doncas 7.11, Crowler 7.7.

Telegraph Handicap.—Coma 8.0, Mazona 8.13, Somnolent, Bugler and Bonus 8.11, Royal Guard, Raukura 8.5, Pyroxylin 8.4, Golden Crown and St. A. 8.3, Labie 7.13, Klonidye and Mohomah 7.11, Captive Maid, Venice, Moturoa, Poatanwha, Black Wing 7.7.

GOLF NOTES.

(By Bogey.)

The final rounds of the Auckland Championship have now been played, and, as was generally expected, Mr Gillies is the Auckland champion for 1900. He is playing in great form, and unless some unforeseen circumstance arise, there is little doubt in my mind but that he will come back from Dunedin with the title of N.Z. champion. His most formidable opponent is likely to be Mr Arthur Duncan, of Wellington, and I would go a long way to see the match between these two crack golfers, if the draw happens to bring them together. Mr Duncan's long play is, I think, superior to Mr Gillies', but he lacks the deadly accuracy of the latter's short game. Mr Sykes is the only other Auckland golfer who has gone South to take part in the N.Z. Championship Meeting, and whether he pulls off any of the tournament prizes or not, we imagine that he will have a really good time.

The following account of the semi-finals and final of the Auckland championship may be of interest:—

The match between Mr J. R. Hooper and Mr Hogg in the semi-final of the championship was fought to a finish, being won on the 17th hole. The first hole was halved in 4, and the second taken by Mr Hogg in 3. At the third, Mr Hogg got into trouble in the creek, and Mr Hooper played a careful 5, and then took the fourth in 3. The fifth and sixth fell to Mr Hooper in 5 each, making him 3 up.

The seventh and eighth were halved in 5 each, and the ninth taken by Mr Hooper in 4, making him 4 up. Bull's Run and the two polo holes were played, and the score still stood at 4 up for Mr Hooper; but Mr Hogg then took the next three holes in 5, 4, and 5 respectively, and retrieved his position. The game then stood at 1 up for Mr Hooper, and three to go. At this stage Mr Hogg threw away his chance by a little want of care on the tee. His ball having rolled off, and been replaced, was still unsecure, and his shot was somewhat hurried, with the result that his drive failed. Mr Hooper then took the hole in 5, and the next in 4, winning the match by 3 up and 1 to play. Mr Hogg is to be congratulated on his play in the championship rounds. It is more than possible that championship honours will fall to his lot before very long.

The match between Messrs. Kyd and Gillies, which resulted in a win for the latter by 5 up and 4 to play, was a very good one—much better than the result indicates—in spite of the extraordinary fact that Mr Kyd did not win a single hole, and never held the honour except at the first tee. Mr Kyd, though playing a losing game throughout, stuck to his opponent in splendid fashion, and halved nine holes of the fourteen played, the remaining 5 holes being won by Mr Gillies. Mr Kyd's start off was unfortunate, for he topped his ball into the creek, and Mr Gillies had an easy win in the second hole a strong wind faced the players, and Mr Gillies drive landed and remained on the top of the hill. Mr Kyd's drive, however, went away very low, struck the post guarding the first green, and came back some 50 yards to the tee. On examination of the post it was found that the edge of one of the four corners of the post faced the tee, and was severely dented, the pattern of the ball being clearly marked in the wood. The ball, which must have struck the sharp edge absolutely true, was uninjured. Mr Kyd by a brilliant recovery halved the hole, owing to careless play on the part of his opponent. The third hole fell to Mr Gillies in 4, and the fourth was halved in 4. Mr Gillies won the Remuera hole with a perfect 4, which left him 3 up. The next four holes were halved in 5, 4, 4, 4, and the state of the match was unaltered until Mr Gillies won Bull's Run in 3, a result due to a very perfect full second stroke from a hanging lie. A five at the Polo hole added another hole to the leader's credit, and the Upolo, Long Wall, and Bridge holes being halved respectively, in 6, 5, and 3, the match fell to Mr Gillies whose play had been throughout of a high order. Every one of his drives was good, and dead on the line, while his seconds were on every green with the exception of the Forest, Bull's Run, and the Polo holes, where he was on the green in three. As the greens were unprepared, and were covered with worm casts, his score of 64 for 14 holes was so good that one may say he goes to the New Zealand championship meeting in top form.

The final of the Auckland championship was played on Saturday, 5th May, when Mr Hooper met Mr Gillies. Each player was in fine form, and a splendid match resulted, Mr Gillies ultimately winning by 5 up and 2 to play. It is a pity so few spectators followed the match, for it was a splendid example of fine recoveries on both sides when holes looked irretrievably lost. Mr Hooper's long game was quite as good as that of his opponent, which left nothing to be desired, but the deadly short game of Mr Gillies told its tale, when on 5 occasions he holed in 2 off his iron or mashie. Mr Hooper, indeed, is to be congratulated on his excellent up-hill fight against a monotonously steady score, which totalled 65 for the fifteen holes played. The round if played out would have been in all probability 79.

At the first hole both players had fine drives, that of Mr Gillies being very long and true. Mr Hooper had the bad luck to strike the wire guarding the green with his third, and the first hole fell to Mr Gillies in 5. Both players were on the second green in 2, but over-ran the hole and halved in 3. A grand drive by Mr Gillies at the third was followed by a topped ball by Mr Hooper, which went under the wall, but by a very fine recovery, and a long putt, he managed to halve the hole in 4. After a fine drive, Mr Hooper, playing the odd to the fourth hole was short in his approach, and Mr Gillies won the hole in 4 to 5.

Remuera proved a sensational hole. Long, straight drives took the players within almost a full iron stroke of the green, but Mr Hooper topped his second and lay short of the live fence. He managed, however, to get his third

on the edge of the green. Mr Gillies' second lay about 25 yards from the hole, and he ran his third tight up to the hole, and would have got a 3 but that the flag-stick kept the ball from going down. Mr Hooper remarked, while putting from the outside of the green: "There goes another hole," but Mr Gillies a putt of 3 inches for a half in 4, which he holed.

The Forest was well played by both, but Mr Gillies gave Mr Hooper his first hole by carelessness over a 6-inch putt. Both had good drives at Bamford's, but Mr Gillies' ball kicked off to the left and lay on the Gap tee. He was thus stymied by the big tree. Mr Hooper played his second ball on to the green. Mr Gillies' second lay some 35 yards on the right of the green, and a perfect third laid his ball stone dead. Mr Hooper was evidently disturbed by this fine recovery from an almost hopeless position, and took three to hole, thus losing the hole in 5 to 4. The match was now very interesting. Mr Gillies being two up, and this lead was reduced to 1 up at the Gap, where Mr Hooper got a 4, his opponent's short putt being deflected by a worm cast. A very fine forcing drive against the strong wind took Mr Hooper across the Lilies, but the wind caught Mr Gillies' ball and took it almost into, but short of, Stuart's garden. A marvellous low running shot of 70 yards, which just skimmed the fence, and yet kept under the boughs of the trees, laid the ball within two club lengths of the hole, and a fine putt gave Mr Gillies the hole in 3 to Mr Hooper's 4. Two perfect drives at Bull's Run gave Mr Gillies that hole in 5. Mr Hooper was in trouble with his third, but played a great recovery on to the green with his iron from the bed of the creek, but could not hole in less than 6. The Polo Hole fell to Mr Gillies in 5. Mr Hooper having topped his drive. This left the leader 4 up and 7 to play. Both players were on the Upolo Green in 3, and the hole was halved. Both players carried the long wall from the tee, but Mr Hooper topped his brassie stroke and Mr Gillies holed a perfect 4 to Mr Hooper's 5, and left him dormy 5. Mr Hooper played a fine 3 at the bridge, his second almost going down, and won the hole in 3 to 4. Mr Gillies, was not, however, to be staved off, as he played the 15th, on Home Hole, in a perfect 5 to Mr Hooper's 6, and won the match by 5 up and 3 to play after a fine struggle. This is the fourth time Mr Gillies has won the championship. Last year Mr Burness held the honour, Mr Gillies not competing. The only other winner of the Auckland Championship is Mr Kyd, who defeated Mr Gillies in the final of 3 years ago.

TABLE WITH RESULT OF CHAMPIONSHIP.

FIRST ROUND.
Mr Kyd beat Mr Walker, 3 and 1.
Mr Colbeck beat Mr Peet, 1 up.

Mr Gillies beat Mr Carr, 7 and 5.
Mr Burness beat Mr Turner, 4 and 3.
Mr Hooper beat Mr Sykes, 1 up.
Messrs Lawrence, Hogg and Reed had byes.

SECOND ROUND.
Mr Kyd beat Mr Colbeck, 3 and 2.
Mr Gillies beat Mr Lawrence, 7 and 5.
Mr Hogg beat Mr Burness, 1 up.
Mr Hooper beat Mr Reed, 2 and 1.

THIRD ROUND.
Mr Gillies beat Mr Kyd, 5 and 4.
Mr Hooper beat Mr Hogg, 3 and 1.

FINAL.
Mr Gillies beat Mr Hooper, 5 and 3.

The chief event of interest in the A.L.G.C. at present is the championship meeting, which is to be held on May 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, and 18th. During the week the following competitions will be held—the club championship, driving competition, putting competition, handicap doubles and handicap approaching and putting competition. A large number of entries have been given in, and the competition should be very keen. This is especially the case with the championship, five of the competitors—Mrs W. Bloomfield, Miss Gillies, Mrs Colbeck, Mrs G. Bloomfield, and Miss Maud Wilkins all playing a very even game. The conditions of the match are 18 holes match play. Until now the ladies have always used the men's tee at the Long Wall, which was a great disadvantage to the long drivers, as a good drive was always punished by being under the wall. Now, however, the tee has been moved forward to within about 110 yards of the wall, which will make the hole a much more interesting one.

WANGANUI GOLF CLUB.

The first monthly match of the season was played on Saturday, April 21, under medal play rules. Though the weather was threatening, there was no wind nor rain, and there should have been more than ten competitors. The course was in good order, but the necessity of playing on improvised greens made the scoring bad. The match was of course under the new rules. The following are the best scores:—

J. C. Greenwood	116	22	94
H. Taylor	132	38	94
E. B. Heywood	122	22	100
Dr. Saunders	125	22	103
D. Meldrum	104	scr.	104
J. D. Greig	113	9	104

Mr Greenwood was declared the winner owing to an irregularity in Mr Taylor's score.

The greens, which have been lately top-dressed and repaired generally,

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Kilgus and Coombe, 1/0, 1/6, 2/0, 4/0

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Special, Match, and Out-Sewn, 6/6, 6/8, 7/6, 8/6
Kilgus and Coombe, 1/0, 1/6, 2/0, 4/0

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