

Sports and Pastimes.

TURF FIXTURES.

January 23, February 1 - Takapuna Jockey Club
 February 23 and 27 and March 2 - Otahuhu Trotting Club Meeting
 April 8, 13 - Auckland Racing Club
 April 24 - Avondale Jockey Club
 May 24, 25 - Takapuna Jockey Club Winter
 June 8, 14, 15 - A.R.C. North N.Z. Grand National Meeting

DATES OF COMING EVENTS.

January 23 - Wellington Cup
 January 25 - Takapuna Cup
 February 23 - Belmont Cup
 February 27 - Dunedin Cup

NOTES BY MONITOR.

A.R.C. SUMMER MEETING.

The Auckland Racing Club brought their big summer carnival to a conclusion on Wednesday last, under very favourable weather conditions. The attendance, though of course below that of Cup and Derby days, was nevertheless very large, for Steeplechase Day is always a very popular one with Aucklanders. Colonel Banks officiated as judge, while Mr. Geo. Cutts again operated at the starting gate. During the afternoon betting proved brisk, but with two such events as the Royal Stakes and Auckland Plate it was hardly to be expected that the amount dealt with would compare with that put through on the preceding days of the gathering. Still, Messrs Hayr and Co. handled during the day the large sum of £15,004, which, added to the former amount, £51,612, gives a grand total of 67,616 for the meeting, as against £63,655 passed through at the corresponding meeting last season.

The management of the gathering was all that could be desired, and the only incidents to mar a very pleasant afternoon's sport were the accidents which happened to the riders of Voltigeur II., Miss Drury, and Tarrigan, who each received a severe shaking, through their mounts coming to grief during the running of the Steeplechase. The day's sport commenced with the Ascot Handicap, for which a field of six, out of the ten, listed to compete, went into the starter's hands. The top-weight, St. Ursula, was a strong order, while the others who received most attention were Laetitia and The Needle. The Waster was first away, but they had not gone far when Messrs Nathan's mare took command, and holding her own for the rest of the journey ran home fully a length ahead of The Needle; while the favourite was last to finish.

For the Sylvia Handicap there were five competitors. Field Battery carried rather more money than Calibre, while the others were fairly evenly backed. Calibre was quickest on his feet, and although Scotty and Field Battery made strong efforts to get on terms with him as they raced up the straight, they were never able to get within two lengths of Mr. Dan O'Brien's colt.

A good field of ten runners went out to contest the Grandstand Handicap, La Gloria being made favourite, while Rosella and Cavaliero each had plenty of admirers. The race proved a very exciting one, and after a splendid finish the Southern horse Skobeloff gained the verdict by a head from Regalia II.

The scratching pen was very busy in connection with the Royal Stakes, as only three out of the dozen listed to compete were found, willing to do battle for the rich prize. From an even start Menschikoff was the first to get going, and he led Renown and Formosan until the straight was entered, when Renown came with a fast run and won, as he liked, by two lengths from the Steppack horse.

The Steeplechase was the next item to be discussed, and for this a field of eight horses were sent to the post. Cannongate was made favourite, while Nor-west, Tarrigan, and Voltigeur II. were all fairly well backed. The field

had not gone far on their journey when the light-weight, Miss Drury, took command, and she drew right away from the others when the hill was reached. The daughter of Drury Lane was still in the van as they ran up through the plantation for the second time, but the fence on top proved fatal to her. As the field ran down the back stretch for the last time, Cannongate was in the lead, closely attended by Tarrigan and Nor-west, and from this out the leader had matters all his own way, and he ran home the easiest of winners by thirty lengths from Nor-west, while Tarrigan came to grief at the last obstacle.

For the Newmarket Handicap a field of eight lined up behind the barrier. Formula was the popular fancy, and she fully justified the confidence reposed in her by running home a length in front of Val Rosa.

The Auckland Plate was the next item on the card, there being only two starters, Advance and Hohoro. The race itself calls for little description, as Advance had matters all his own way throughout, cantering home two lengths ahead of his rival without ever once being asked to gallop.

The running of the Pony Handicap concluded proceedings, and there was a very considerable amount of speculation on this event, no less than £3104 being registered on the totalizator. Lena was made favourite, and the daughter of Derringer never once left the issue in doubt, for hopping off when the barrier rose, she was never headed, and won by two lengths from First Whisperm.

The following are the results:—

ASCOT HANDICAP of 1000sovs, one mile.
 Messrs L. D. and N. A. Nathan's Laetitia, 7.10..... 1
 Mr E. J. Rae's The Needle, 7.6..... 2
 Mr Dan O'Brien's Peerage, 7.0..... 3

Scratchings: Cavaliero, Solo, Whitney and Honesty.

The Waster was first away, closely followed by Laetitia and The Needle. Running through the cutting Laetitia was half a length ahead of The Needle, while St. Ursula was at the tail end of the field. Laetitia was first into the straight, and although The Needle made a strong effort to get up, he was unable to reach the daughter of Seaton Delaval, who won all out by a length, with Peerage three lengths away third. Time, 1.43 4/5. Dividend, 24/5.

SYLVIA HANDICAP, six furlongs.
 Mr D. O'Brien's b c Calibre, 8.3..... 1
 Mr G. G. Stead's c Field Battery, 8.3, 2
 Mr W. Ryan's br f Creasy, 8.7..... 3

From an even start the colours of Field Battery and Calibre were the first to show out, and the latter showed the way through the cutting, half a length in front of Ragabash, with Field Battery close up. Calibre was still holding his own when the straight was entered, and coming on won very easily by a length and a-half from Field Battery, while Creasy was two lengths further back third. Ragabash was fourth and Scotty last. Time, 1.18 3/5. Dividend, 23/5.

GRANDSTAND HANDICAP, 3 furlongs.
 Skobeloff..... 1
 Regalia II..... 2
 Dayntree..... 3

Some delay was caused at the start. When the barrier rose Dayntree and Cavaliero's colours were most conspicuous. Passing the steward's stand Cavaliero was half a length in front of Rosella and Malatua, with the others bunched together. Running through the cutting Paphos was in the lead, closely followed by Regalia and La Gloria. Regalia II. showed the way into the straight, and when the Derby Stand was reached Skobeloff put in his claim and won all out by a neck from Regalia II., with Dayntree a length away third. Time, 2m 11s. Dividend, £11 8/5. Fulmer, Laetitia and Winsome were scratched.

ROYAL STAKES, 4 furlongs.

Hon. J. D. Ormond's Renown..... 1
 Mr G. G. Stead's Menschikoff..... 2
 Mr G. G. Stead's Formosan..... 3

There was a splendid start. The trio moved away together. Running past the five-furlong mark Menschikoff was a length in front of Renown, Formosan being two lengths further away. There was very little alteration until reaching the Derby Stand, where Renown came with a fast run and won by two lengths from Menschikoff. Time, 1.16 1/5. Dividend, 22 1/5.

AUCKLAND STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 3000sovs; 3 1/2 miles.

507—Mr J. Warner's br g Cannongate, by Cannon—Fishing, 10.12 J. Stewart..... 1
 748—Mr Peter Charles's g Nor-west, 12.12 (R. Hall)..... 2
 504—Mr W. A. Coleman's ch g Diego, 10.5 (Fergus)..... 3

Also started:—185, Straybird, 11.3 (A. Hall); 544, Voltigeur II., 10.2 (Moran); 55, Miss Drury, 9.10 (Creasy); 158, Kowhai, 9.7 (Tomlin); 825, Tarragon, 9.7 (Moran).
 Miss Drury was first to commence, and she showed the way over the first obstacle, closely followed by Straybird, Kowhai, and Cannongate; while Voltigeur II. was last. The order was unaltered at the next fence, but here Voltigeur II. came to grief. Miss Drury had a dozen lengths' lead when they crossed the top of the hill, her nearest attendants being Dingo, Kowhai, and Straybird. As they ran past the stand Miss Drury was still leading her assailants, succeeded by Dingo, Nor-west, Straybird, and Cannongate, and in this order they approached the hill for the second time. When the top was reached Miss Drury, who was last going, came to grief at the post and rail fence, leaving Straybird in the lead. The latter making a feebly jump as they landed on to the course again gave way to Tarragon, while Cannongate, Nor-west, and Dingo were separated by lengths as they went over the double jump. In this order they ran up the hill for the third time.

Crossing the fence on top of the hill, Cannongate was in the lead, closely followed by Tarragon and Nor-west, while Straybird had dropped back some distance. Cannongate dropped his lead as they raced down the hill, and was 20 lengths clear of the field when they landed into the straight, his nearest attendants being Tarragon, Nor-west, and Dingo. The former, however, made a faulty jump at the last fence, and came down. The son of Cannon was bowled over by a great style, and ran past the judge's box fully 80 lengths ahead of Nor-west, while Dingo was about 80 lengths further back third. Time, 8.13 2/5. Total, 2794. Dividend, 22 1/5.

NEWMARKET HANDICAP of 3000sovs; 6 furlongs.

837—Hon. H. Newman's b f Formula, by Hotchkiss—Formosa, 7.8 (Lindsay) 1
 100—Mrs Leonard's br c Val Rosa, 7.9 (Hewitt)..... 2
 223—Messrs K. and H. Duder's br c Takapuna, 7.7 (Sattam)..... 3

Also started: 126, St. Peter, 8.10 (Chanse); 262, Solo, 7.12 (Jeakins); 186, Hastings, 7.6 (Buckner); 12, Winsome, 7.4 (Speckman); 138, Tommy Atkins, 7.0 (Miller).
 Tommy Atkins was first on his feet, closely attended by Formula, who was a length in front of Solo and Takapuna as they ran through the cutting. Entering the straight Tomkins led by a length, while the others were close up bunched together. Opposite the lawn rails Formula asserted his, and the field were all under the whip. A good race to the post resulted in the daughter of Fota's son scoring a length's victory from Val Rosa, while Takapuna was third, a length further back. Time, 1.16 3/5. Total, 2100. Dividend, 22 1/5.

AUCKLAND PLATE of 4000sovs; 1 1/2 miles.

620—Mr D. Gordon's blk c Advance, by Vanguard—Laurel, 9.0 (Jenkins)..... 1
 188—Mr C. Lovett's br g Hohoro, by Tasmann—Lady Moth, 8.9 (Jillings)..... 2

The pair were despatched on even terms, Advance being nearest the rails. He kept a length's lead of Hohoro for about a mile, and then increased it, and when the straight was reached the son of Vanguard had fully four lengths' lead of his opponent, and coming on in great style ran home an easy winner. Time, 1.37 3/5. Total, 868. Dividend, 21 2/5.

PONY HANDICAP of 800sovs; 5 furlongs.

1360—Mr C. Lovett's Lena, by Derringer—Nina, 6.10 (Jillings)..... 1
 562—Mr S. Mack's br m First Whisperm, 7.9 (W. Sattam)..... 2
 297—Mr D. Murraghan's b m Mamoa, 7.9 (Speckman)..... 3

Also started: 350, Cuisine, 7.8 (Fate); 310, Texas, 7.8 (Buchanan); 82, Chief Miss, 6.7 (Nary); 206, Ruppit, 6.7 (McKinnon).
 Lena, Chief Miss, and Ruppit were first to show clear of a bunched field, and the trio were in command as they passed the three-furlong mark. Coming into the straight Lena was still holding a slight advantage, and although the others were all hard at it, they could not get within a couple of lengths of Derringer's daughter. First Whisperm was second, and Mamoa a length further away third. Time, 1.32 2/5. Totalizator, 3104. Dividend, 21 2/5.

TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB.

Mr Knight has declared the following weights for the Summer Meeting:—

Takapuna Cup of 4000sovs, 1 1/2 miles.—
 Hohoro 9.5, Bluejacket 9.6, Coronet 9.0, Cavaliero 8.4, Rosella 8.0, St. Peter 7.13, S. Ursula 7.11, Dayntree 7.12, Formula 7.12, Regalia II. 7.10, Admiral Hawke 7.6, Honesty 7.4, Knight of Athel 7.0, St. George 7.0, Castroline 7.0, St. Lawrence 6.12, Peerage 6.12, Doctor 6.12, Meteor 6.12, Hal-

balier 6.10, Mata-mataharakiki 6.10, Blaircarrig 6.10, Voice 6.8, Hegula 6.7, Black Rose 6.7, Paul Seaton 6.7.

Handicap Steeplechase of 1500sovs; 3 1/2 miles.—Nor-west 12.12, Cannongate 12.7, Straybird 10.12, Bellman 10.10, Tim 10.9, Dingo 10.7, Volcano 10.4, Voltigeur II 10.4, Hylas 9.12, Tarragon 9.12, Miss Drury 9.10, Evermore 9.9, Verdi 9.7, Kowhai 9.7.

The following nominations have been received by Mr Wynyard for the minor events of the programme:—

FIRST DAY.

Malden Plate.—Tiki, Apparition, Highlander, Corvette, The Frenchman, Yarra, Dan, Black Rose, Peerage, Bacchus, Dounbrook, Colicis, Tress, Peerage, Swift-foot, Voice, Aminta, Balbirnie, Bob, Telephone II.
 Calliope Handicap.—Despatch, Creasy, Scotty, Jessamine, Sentinel, Rita, Hickpene.

Zelandia.—Tiki, Moment, Tommy Atkins, Lads, Dan, Brose, Fairy House, Solo, The Slave, Winsome, Val Rosa, Lady Avon, Della Rose, Hastings, Rosella, Rosphete, Takapuna, Brigham Young, Cuirassette, Telephone.

First Hack.—Apparition, Nereid, Telephone II., Highlander, Sunlight, Valdelecton, Crescent, Tarragon, Fairy House, Bacchus, Golden Tress, Progee, Pandarus, Florence, Love Joy, Zuleika, Tresham, Balbirnie, The Waster, Rangaitira, Zeehan, Saucabag.

First Pony.—Lady Undy, Wharekino, Blue Paul, Cuisine, Ivan, The Spray, Texas, Mara, Orange and Blue, Mamoa, Chief Miss, Lady Avon, Hellada, St. Loande, First Whisperm, Lena.

Stewards.—Tiki, Matamataharakiki, Corvette, The Frenchman, Tommy Atkins, St. Peter, St. Jack, Solo, Winsome, Val Rosa, Crusade, Hastings, Rosella, Rosphete, Voice, Takapuna, Doctor, Halberdier.

First Hurdles.—Clyde, Rufus, Tim, Miss Drury, Nor-west, Cannongate, Hylas, Voltigeur II.

SECOND DAY.

Suburban.—Tiki, Moment, The Frenchman, Yarra, Tommy Atkins, Lady Dash, Clansman, St. Olga, Solo, Winsome, Val Rosa, Lady Avon, Della Rose, Progee, Rosphete, Takapuna, Cuirassette, The Waster, Telephone.

Malden Hurdles.—Perseverance, Telephone II., Sunlight, Rapid Bey, Romantic, Dan, Kowhai, St. Rowan, Evermore, Defender, Tahaka, Freewill, Cockoo, Luff, Mrs. Billy, Fungareh, Sultan, Boxer, Rangaitira.

Second Pony.—Lady Undy, Wharekino, Blue Paul, Cuisine, Ivan, The Spray, Texas, Mara, Orange and Blue, Mamoa, Lady Avon, Hellada, St. Loande, First Whisperm, Lena, Brose, Fairy House, Honesty, Hobson Handicap.—Despatch, Creasy, Scotty, Jessamine, Sentinel, Little Bea, Rita, Hickpene.

Second Hack.—Apparition, Nereid, Telephone II., Highlander, Sunlight, Crescent, Athol Brose, Fairy House, Bacchus, Golden Tress, Florence, Love Joy, Zuleika, Tresham, Balbirnie, The Waster, Progee, Rangaitira, Zeehan, Saucabag.
 Anniversary.—Tiki, Regulus, Matamataharakiki, Blaircarrig, Adam, Honesty, Corvette, The Frenchman, Peerage, St. Ursula, Hezra II., Solo, Crusade, Hastings, Rosella, Motor, Voice, Takapuna, Doctor, Halberdier.

THIRD DAY.

Borough Handicap.—Tiki, Nereid, Moment, The Frenchman, Tommy Atkins, Belfast, Lady Dash, Clansman, St. Olga, Fairy House, Solo, The Slave, Lady Avon, Progee, Rosphete, Takapuna, Brigham Young, Balbirnie, Sultan, Telephone, Telephone II.

Summer Handicap.—Matamataharakiki, Regulus, Tiki, Blaircarrig, Honesty, Black Rose, Admiral Hawke, St. Peter, St. Ursula, Regalia II., Solo, Cavaliero, Hastings, Rosella, Motor, Voice, Doctor, Halberdier, St. Ona, Cuirassette.

Third Pony Handicap.—Garnet, Lady Undy, Wharekino, Blue Paul, Cuisine, Ivan, The Spray, Texas, Mara, Orange and Blue, Mamoa, Chief Miss, Lady Avon, Hellada, St. Loande, First Whisperm.

Marine Handicap.—Despatch, Gladys, May, Lady Sout, Liquidator, Miss Lottie, Jessamine, Sentinel, Bona Rosa, Little Bea, Rita, Hickpene, Lance Corporal, brown filly by Tasmann—Cubweb.

Development Handicap.—Tiki, Moment, Tommy Atkins, St. Per, St. Jack, Solo, Winsome, Val Rosa, Della Rose, Hastings, Rosella, Rosphete, Takapuna, Balbirnie, The Waster.
 Second Steeplechase.—Tarragon, Kowhai, Rufus, Straybird, Tim, Evermore, Crescent, Cannongate, Derringer, Miss Drury, Nor-west, Voltigeur II.

Second Hurdles.—Clyde, Adam, Dan, Rufus, Tim, Forty-seven, St. Rowan, Tahaka, Miss Drury, Hylas, Voltigeur II., Rangaitira.

Welter Handicap.—Tiki, Matamataharakiki, Regulus, Blaircarrig, Highlander, Honesty, Corvette, The Frenchman, Yarra, Black Rose, Peerage, Admiral Hawke, Crescent, St. Ursula, Rosella II., St. Jack, Solo, Doctor, Crusade, Motor, Doctor, Voice, Halberdier, Knight of Athel, St. George, Castroline, The Waster, telephone II., Castroline.

Mr Alex. Phillips has sold Mueerw to a Gisborne sportsman. The