

GREAT NORTHERN DERBY, 500 sovs., second 30 sovs., third 25 sovs. One mile and a half.
 G. G. Stead's b c Menschikoff, by Stepniak—Fibroch, 2.10 (Hewitt) 1
 G. I. Stead's Royal Artillery, 2.10 (Derrett) 2

Menschikoff went off with the lead from the barrier post, and making the pace strong led from end to end, winning easily by a length. Time 2.38. Betting 3 to 1 on Menschikoff.

MIDSUMMER HANDICAP of 200sovs., second horse 35sovs., third horse 15sovs. Five furlongs.

160—R. Peace's b f Mary Seaton, by Seaton Delaval—Bragela, 7.7 (Buchanan) 1
 1234—G. G. Stead's b f Helen Faucit, 8.11 (Hewitt) 2
 468—D. Gordon's ch c Porirua, 8.10 (Pyne) 3

694 Idas, 9.6 (Taylor); 273 Northumberland, 9.0 (Gallagher); 125 Wairiki, 8.0 (Gainsford); 257 Spalpeen, 7.3 (Lindsay).

Porirua and Helen Faucit were first away, Idas and Wairiki being left some lengths. Porirua and Spalpeen led into the straight, Mary Seaton, Helen Faucit and Northumberland being the order of the other runners. Half way down the straight Porirua was leading, but inside the distance Helen Faucit forged ahead. Mary Seaton, however, came with a run at the finish, and sneaking up on the rails won by a length, two lengths between second and third. Time, 1.43. Dividends: £13 10/6 and 11/6.

COUNTY HANDICAP of 200sovs., second 35sovs., third, 15sovs. Six furlongs.

777—C. Lovett's b g Hohoro, by Tasman—Lady Moth, 5yrs, 10.5 (Jilling) 1
 294—R. and R. Duder's Takapuna, 8.3 (Gainsford) 2
 250—Major George's Zealous, 6.10 (Percival) 3

899 Goldenmere, 8.7 (Pyne); 651 San Patricia, 8.7 (R. Derrett); 106 Winsome, 7.11 (J. Secats); 195 Reclaimer, 7.11 (S. Lindsay); 152 St. Olga, 7.6 (Speakman); 35 Cressy, 7.6 (Cameron); 105 Landlock, 7.4 (Satman); 66 Despatch, 7.3 (Barr); 108 Maroon and Gold, 7.3 (Buchanan); 193 Scotty, 7.3 (Jones).

The start was a good one, Takapuna, Reclaimer and St. Olga showing out early. After running a furlong Goldenmere drew to the front, Winsome, Reclaimer and Maroon and Gold next in order. Goldenmere remained in front to the straight, where St. Olga, Hohoro and St. Patricia and Landlock were prominent. Here Landlock and San Patricia came down. Half way down the running Hohoro came to the front, and Takapuna and Zealous catching Goldenmere, Despatch and St. Olga in the run home, finished neck and neck, second and third respectively, three lengths away from Hohoro. Time, 1.17. Dividends: £2 17/ and £2 10/.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB HANDICAP, of 750sovs., second 100sovs., third 50sovs. 1 1/2 miles.

434—J. T. Ryan's ch c Nonette, by Seaton Delaval—Charlotte, 3yrs, 9.4 (Ryan) 1
 730—P. Chasfe's Bluejacket, 9.3 (Lindsay) 2
 1654—G. G. Stead's St. Michael, 9.0 (Hewitt) 3

340 Battleaxe, 9.3 (Gallagher); 226 Coronet, 8.6 (Julian); 54 Formula, 8.2 (Pyne); 277 Laetitia, 7.7 (Buchanan); 128 Materoa, 7.7 (Ready).

A good start was effected, Laetitia at once showing in front, with Bluejacket, Nonette, and St. Michael in order, and in this way they came to the Derby Stand, where Materoa came through and joined Laetitia, the pair leading past the stand to the mile post, where Bluejacket was third, Coronet fourth, St. Michael and Nonette fifth and sixth. At the back of the course Laetitia was still leading Materoa, after whom came Bluejacket, who displaced Materoa at the five furlong post, where Coronet and St. Michael were together, with Nonette at their heels, the field having taken close order. At the turn for home Bluejacket assumed command, and Nonette and St. Michael went after him. When just

below the distance Nonette had got within a length or two of Bluejacket, St. Michael being two lengths away. Nonette was then called upon, and passing the main stand had headed Bluejacket by nearly a length. Answering again, Bluejacket made a final effort, and after a struggle the pair went past the post together, the judge declaring in favour of Nonette by a head, St. Michael two and a half lengths away third, Battleaxe, Laetitia, Coronet, and Formula following the placed trio home. Time 2.38. Dividend, £5 19/6 and £1 3/6.

PONY HANDICAP, 100sovs. Second 10sovs., third 5 sovs. Six furlongs.

465—M. Friedlander's br m Stepaway, by Stepniak—Kate Greenaway, 5yrs, 9.0 (Buchanan) 1
 784—J. G. Ralph's Lady Avon, 10.6 (Secats) 2
 234—J. Warner's Blue Paul, 10.4 (Quinton) 3

* Dead heat.
 395, Orange and Blue, 10.7 (Lindsay); 202, Wherekino, 7.12 (Speakman); 61, Trooper, 7.2 (Ross); 316 Gladys Rose, 7.3 (Jennings); 190 Mamo, 6.7 (Cameron); 27, Annoyed.

Lady Avon made the pace, followed by Gladys Rose to the straight, where Stepaway appeared on the scene, and coming from the distance strongly, won by two clear lengths. Blue Paul catching Lady Avon and making a dead heat for second place. Time, 1.18. Dividend, £3 7/6 Stepaway, 7/6 Lady Avon; £1 5/6 Blue Paul.

MAIDEN HANDICAP of 150sovs., second 15sovs., third 10sovs. 1 1/2 miles.

324—E. J. Sages' ch m Balbirnie, by St. Leger—Coalscuttle, 8.0 (Hewitt) 1
 91—T. Wylie's Royal Conqueror, 7.7 (McKay) 2
 894—T. McKay's Cavalry, 8.10 (Buchanan), disqualified.

135, Sly Miss, 7.12 (Satman); 457 Commodore, 7.7 (Speakman); 224, Jessamine, 6.9 (Cameron).

Jessamine, Balbirnie, and Sly Miss ran in company past the stand, and were running in that order past the mile post, but going along the back and past the cutting Sly Miss was in front. A little further on Balbirnie went to the head of affairs, and galloping freely stalling off a late run by Cavalry, won by three lengths, Royal Conqueror a length off third. Time, 2.14 1/5. Dividend, £5 19/.

STEEPLECHASE DAY.

The Auckland Racing Club's summer meeting was brought to a conclusion on Thursday in fine weather, the several light showers that fell during the progress of the sport not causing any discomfort to the goodly assemblage—probably a record one for a fourth day's racing at Ellerslie. Speculation was as keen as ever, the sum of £17,533 being handled at the totalisators, as against £15,904 on the corresponding day of 1901. Thus the total reached the sum of £73,539 for the four days, being an increase of £6023 over last year, and a record turnover for the colony, at which the executive of the Auckland Racing Club, who have increased their stakes largely, should be pleased. The judge, Mr R. B. Lusk, had only one really close finish to decide during the day, that in the Pony Race, between St. Loanda and Lady Avon. Mr Cutts got the fields away very well, and Mr Percival (secretary) and staff, Mr H. H. Hayr (totalisator worker) and staff managed their respective departments in a manner that gave satisfaction to the public.

Seven went to the post for the Ascot Handicap, Materoa being made favourite. In the hands of Hewitt, Balbirnie came through in the last furlong, after the running had been made in turn by Golden Rose, her stable companion, and by Ragabrah and Despatch, and won easily. There were five starters in the Sylvia Handicap, Helen Faucit being with-

drawn at the last moment. Kelburn got a winning turn. Smartest from the barrier, the fine-looking, improving son of Hotchkiss finished strongly, and shaking off the opposition, won cleverly from Grey Seaton, who was conceding him 11lb. The Grandstand Handicap saw Nonette go out first favourite in a field of nine, and a really good race he ran, carrying, as he did, the substantial impost of 9.10, and giving away lots of weight to other runners. He ran a slashing race, the best of his career, but had to put up with a length defeat at the hands of St. Michael, who, after running behind his field, came on the outside over the last three furlongs, and won in a masterly manner, while Volee just beat Sparkling Water, another outsider, for third place. The Seventh Royal Stakes was easily won by Royal Artillery. As Stead has won this event six times. Sir George Clifford furnished the runner-up in Goldenmere, who just beat Mr Douglas Gordon's Porirua for second place. The Steeplechase was a treat to witness, and was won by that consistent gelding Voltigeur II, who appeared to be beaten when Princess of Thule fell on top of the hill the last time round. There was great enthusiasm when the old grey was ridden back to scale by Mitchell. Rufus ran a capital race for a small one, but old Nor-west, the hero of so many bat's, was quite used up before breasting the hill the last time. Hohoro covered himself with glory by getting away last and winning the Newmarket Handicap, carrying 10.12, top weight, and beating 13 others, including Rosella, Glenogie, and Takapuna, recent winners, all in receipt of liberal allowances in weight. Mr Lovett's victory was most popular. Mr Stead elected to give Cruciform a run in the Auckland Plate, and the daughter of St. Leger and Forme easily accounted for Bluejacket and for Jippowai, who was nearly distanced. St. Loanda and Lady Avon were about equal favourites for the Pony Handicap, which ended up in a very close finish between the pair. The following are the results:

ASCOT HANDICAP of 100sovs., second horse 10sovs. One mile.

361—E. J. Page's ch m Balbirnie, 4yrs, by St. Leger—Coalscuttle, 8.0 (Hewitt) 1
 221—Major George's ch f Ragabrah, 6.10 (Percival) 2
 143—H. Hyland's ch f Despatch, 6.9 (Barr) 3

329 The Needle, 8.0 (Gainsford); 545 Materoa, 8.0 (Ready); 102 Paul Seaton, 11.0 (Phillips); 173 Golden Rose, 7.0 (Satman).

The Needle and Materoa were prominent for a few strides, where Golden Rose took up the running and carried it on in front of the Needle and Ragabrah till well into the straight, Despatch and Balbirnie coming next. Just before the Derby Stand the fast-compounding Golden Rose was headed by Ragabrah and Despatch in turn, and Despatch was in front at the Derby Stand, but there Balbirnie shot up and coming on won easily by two lengths, a length between the second and third, Materoa fourth. Time, 1m 44.3s. Dividends: £4 11/6 and £1 16/.

SYLVIA HANDICAP of 150sovs., second horse 15sovs.; third horse 10 sovs. Six furlongs.

546—Mr H. Friedlander's ch c Kelburn, by Hotchkiss—Lady Augusta, 8.7 (Gainsford) 1
 409—Messrs L. D. and N. A. Nathan's br c Grey Seaton, 9.4 (Gallagher) 2
 383—Messrs L. D. and N. A. Nathan's b c Northumberland, 8.7 (Buchanan) 3

Also started: 214 Mary Seaton, 7.10 (Pyne); 105 Swagsman, 8.10 (Satman).

Kelburn and Mary Seaton got the best, and Northumberland the worst, of the start. Kelburn continued in the front to the turn for home, where Mary Seaton retired and Grey Seaton started to close up. Half-way down the running Grey Seaton ran up to Kelburn, who, however, responded, and finishing the faster won by two clear lengths, Northumberland a length away third. Time, 1m 19s. Dividend, £2 14/6.

GRANDSTAND HANDICAP of 600 sovs., second horse 30sovs., third 25sovs. 1 1/2 miles.

697—G. G. Stead's br h St. Michael, by St. Leger—leb Dien, 4yrs, 9.5 (Hewitt) 1
 909—J. T. Ryan's ch c Nonette, 9.10 (Ryan) 2
 113—Mr S. Bradley's Volee, 6.7 (Cameron) 3

Also started: 599, Battleaxe, 9.3 (Gallagher); 259, Val Rosa, 8.12 (Taylor); 273, Coronet, 8.2 (Julian); 517, Letitia, 7.9 (Buchanan); 131 Sparkling Water, 7.0 (Satman); 127, Tauhei, 6.12 (O'Brien).

As soon as the barrier was raised Laetitia and Battleaxe went off in front, but in passing the stand and going to the mile post Sparkling Water, Laetitia and Tauhei was the order. Tauhei assumed command going past the seven-furlong post and down the back of the course, where Sparkling Water and Laetitia were running second and third, Nonette fourth and St. Michael last of all. Going through the cutting Tauhei faltered, Sparkling Water and Laetitia being left in front. Then came Battleaxe and Val Rosa, Nonette on the inside and St. Michael closing up on the outside. At the Derby Stand Sparkling Water was still in front, but Nonette was handy, and opposite the main stand had caught Sparkling Water, but St. Michael, coming with telling strides on the outside, got through and won handily by a length from Nonette, Volee, who finished well in the last stride, beating Sparkling Water by a nose, three-quarters of a length behind Nonette, Laetitia fifth. Time, 2-10. Dividends: £3 17/6 and 17/.

SEVENTH ROYAL STAKES of 500 sovs., second horse 50sovs., third horse 25sovs. Six furlongs.

236—G. G. Stead's br c Royal Artillery, 3yrs, by Hotchkiss—Rose of Wellington, 9.2 (Hewitt) 1
 25—Sir George Clifford's ch g Goldenmere, 8.3 (Pyne) 2
 47—D. Gordon's Porirua, 6.13 (Cameron) 3

These were the only starters. Porirua had a length advantage as they galloped to the barrier, and he and Royal Artillery went on in company to the turn for home, where Royal Artillery came away and led for the rest of the journey, winning pulling up by a clear length from Goldenmere, who came on at the finish and beat Porirua by half a length for second place. Time, 1.16. Dividend, £1 3/.

AUCKLAND STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 360sovs.; second 50sovs.; third 10sovs. 3 1/2 miles.

524—Mr F. B. Ross' gr g Voltigeur II, by Lionel—Nora, aged, 10.7 (Mitchell) 1
 360—Mr R. Hannon's Rufus, 9.7 (Berry) 2
 149—Messrs Pollard and Sullivan's Straybird, 10.5 (Morraghan) 3

Also started: 872, Nor-west, 11.12 (Moore); 644, Dingo, 10.6 (Monro); 160, Jack, 9.10 (Wright); 54, Kowhai, 9.10 (Tooman); 630, Princess of Thule, 9.9 (Deeble).

Voltigeur II went to the front as soon as the signal was given, followed by Rufus, Princess of Thule and Nor-west. Going over the hill Princess of Thule and Voltigeur II were together, Nor-west, Rufus and Straybird being handy, and in this way they came down the hill and ran over the flat. Voltigeur II, Princess of Thule, Nor-west and Rufus were well together over the first water jump and over the second water jump. Going down the back Voltigeur still led, with Princess of Thule at his side, Straybird and Rufus following, with Nor-west and Dingo in close order. There was no change in the order over the hill, and on to the flat the second time, but Voltigeur and Princess of Thule were still forcing the pace as they crossed the double, Straybird, Nor-west and Rufus being next in order. At the hill Princess of Thule went to the front, and led Voltigeur II by two lengths going through the trees, Rufus passing Straybird and getting into third place when the summit was reached. At the first fence on the hill Princess of Thule dislodged her rider, leaving Voltigeur II ten