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WELLINGTON, Friday.

The Wellington Spring Meeting was concluded on a high note, and it was, though a stiff breeze was blowing during the early part of the day. The racing was of a most interesting character, the times of the various events fast. The fields in all the events, with the exception of the weight-for-age race, in that event the favourite Sea Lion scored, though not without being ridden to keep his place. Only one other favourite won during the day, and that one was Killarney, who was, however, closely followed in the investments on the tote by the Danbrians and Evelyns. There were eight runners, and the race was won in the fast time of 2.49. Defiance, who was one of the best backed, beating Evelyn for second place. Levant finished away from the start. Hydrant, who had run in three short races, was believed to hold a mortgage over the Parara Hack Handicap, but Stenson and Lass O'Gowrie were equally and solidly supported, and the Stepnak galloping getting away on the first day, and Hydrant beat Lass O'Gowrie by half a head. Sir Galahad made most of the running, and Cambuslan as usual did not start well.

The nice field of thirteen striped for the Fenae Handicap, Pallas, with all his weight, being made a short favourite, while Shrapnel was a good second fancy. Black Reynard, Melwood, and General Symons were each about equally supported. Black was well backed also, the other seven starters carrying estimates ranging from £10 down to £25. Herodius being the outsider of the party. Pallas looked particularly well all-out carrying a suspicious looking leg. Shrapnel was very quiet and sober-looking, and walked about appearing all the better for his race in the Wellington Handicap on Wednesday. Shrapnel moved very soon, but all the others got along in their preliminaries freely. General Symons and Black Reynard made the pace with Ghorka. They ran in close order to the turn, when Melwood came out with Ghorka, Pallas, and General Symons. All were together clear of Battixax and Shrapnel. A capital race all down the straight ensued, but Melwood, next the rails, stole some lengths at the turn, and striding out in the home stretch, nearly two lengths, Battixax beating Pallas by a neck for second place, while General Symons was a similar distance off fourth. Front and Shrapnel handy, and Rhythm at the head of the pack, a couple of lengths at the head of the field in the home stretch. The dividends £6 1/2 and £8 3/8 came as a surprise to most people, and the time 1.55 2-secs. (some made it faster) constitutes a record from a barrier like in New Zealand, having never before been so. Melwood's win was well needed, and Battixax ran probably his fastest race, assisted by a more lenient impost than he has been accustomed to carry. The fact that six New Zealand Cup candidates competed lent additional interest to the event.

Sea Lion was opposed by three other 3-year-olds in Torbora, Front, and Rose Madder in the Trial Stakes. Front, who was in front and vigorously handled, won by two lengths from Rose Madder, Torbora, who made play with the Porbora colt for four furlongs, retiring second. The time was returned as 1min 16 3/8th sec. Dividend, £2 4/8.

Mr. Ormond's Men was more solidly supported than Field Battery and Riwiri for the Hunt Park Handicap, but Gold Seal, the next in demand, was always in front, and won by two lengths in the Field Battery and Idea finishing in the places. Sixth, fourth, Pakir fifth, and Kawiri sixth, the other of the seven that went to the post. Livid being left there. Time, 1min 30 1/8th sec. Dividend: Gold Seal, £8 1/4; Field Battery, £1 2/0.

The Wanganui gelding Contingent was made favourite for the Ruahine Hack Handicap. Catpaw, a d. Australasia also carried a lot of money, but of the blue runners Lass-O'Gowrie (by South) won by a length under pressure. Good Spec beating Contingent by half a head for second place. Delight handy. Walpal led to the straight. The dividends were £7 7/8 and £3 18/2. Time, 1min 16 3/8th sec.

Purley, who was sold during the morning to a Foxton Syndicate for £250, carried most money on the two and three-year-old Juvenile Handicap. Sir Percival having a strong following, the Crown was supported well. The last-named, however, did not carry the confidence or the money of his owner, as he had failed to run into the first six in a ten-horse field over the same distance on the first day, carrying 11bs less weight, while the race was run in 1min 3sec. The son of Gold Reef must bear the character of being unreliable, for he simply won in handsome style in 1min 2 1/2th sec. A splendid finish resulted for the two sons of second money between Purley, Sir Percival and Aliberta. The judge's verdict being in favour of Purley by a neck, and there was only a neck between Sir Percival and Aliberta. Dividends, £3 19/6 and 10/6.

The afternoon's racing was brought to a close with the Natal Handicap, a splendid field in which there were seven runners. Ghord having unfortunately met with severe injuries in collision with telephone wire, was withdrawn. Starboard was favourite, Platypus, Madrigal, Fullery, Te Kaha, and Maturu coming in for the second money. The stable connections. A battle royal resulted at the end, and Madrigal lasted just long enough to win by a head from Starboard, who beat Fullery by a short neck. Platypus being less than a length away fourth. The time was 1min 2 4/8th sec.

There was not a single protest during the meeting, nor an official enquiry, and the sum of £10,849 was handed at the totalisator,

making £20,973 for the two days, or an income of £1,485 on the evening ending meeting of last year. The general results will bring the club out with a substantial profit. The starting was good, and the management generally was up to the mark, and Mr J. B. Clark, the retiring secretary, was generally awarded a word of commendation for his share in the business.



NORTH OTAGO RACING CLUB.

OAMARU, Wednesday.

The Spring Meeting of the North Otago Jockey Club took place to-day. The weather was perfect, and the attendance was large. Sprung Handicap.—St. Monica, 1; Tony, 2; Rye, 3. Time, 50 2 1/2 sec. Dividends: £3 18/ and £8.

Eldredge Trot.—Club Member, 1; Kerry All, 2; John Brown, 3. Time 5min 17 2 1/2 sec. Dividends: £4 12/ and £2 10/.

Walrui won the North Otago Handicap in a canter. OAMARU, Thursday. The second day's races of the North Otago Jockey Club attracted an improved attendance to-day. The racing was good and all conditions were favorable. The sum of £134 10/ passed through the machine, making a total of £3004 for the meeting, which is larger than for some years.

The President's Handicap, 7 furlongs, resulted as follows:—St. Denis, 1; 1; Walrui, 2; 2. Won clearly by three-quarters of a length. Time, 1.32 2 1/2. Dividend, £2 4/.

A match for £70 a side over a furlong between Radium, 8 1/2, and Plover, 8 1/2, resulted in a win by two lengths for the latter.



AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

The following acceptances and nominations were received last night in connection with the A.R.C. Spring Meeting:—

ACCEPTANCES:

MANUKAU HURDLE RACE of 100sovs. One mile and three-quarters.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Odds. Includes Ep-to-Date, Spaalpea, Rufus, Hautapu, Lingard, Kawaka, Lady Bell, etc.

CITY HANDICAP of 300sovs. One mile and a quarter.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Odds. Includes Idas, Putty, Musketer, The Needle, Fattless, St. Olga, etc.

The following weights have been declared for the first day's racing of the A.R.C. spring meeting:—

Military 8.10, Defender 8.7, Lavadel 8.5, Walpuna 8.0, Geordie 8.0, Coronation 8.0, Culrassier—Lady Agnes colt 8.0, Mishap 8.0, Southfish 7.12, Cyrus 7.11, Swagman 7.10, Deakin 7.9, Melwood 7.8, Scatona 7.8, Bonheur 7.6, Bobs 7.5, Ian 7.0, Rogson 6.10.

Shorts Handicap, 5 furlongs.—Nuna 9.5, Cordon Rouge 8.11, Austerlitz 8.11, Marshal Sout 8.9, Black and Gold 8.9, Cygnet 8.9, Partuta 8.4, Glasgow 8.0, Coronation 7.13, Deakin (late Lottie) 8.0, Ayalanche 8.0, Sonoma 8.0, Scintilla 7.7, Sweet Marie 6.12, Little Mabel 6.7.

Pony Handicap, 7 furlongs.—Orange and Blue 10.3, Annex 9.4, Glron Girl 9.4, Forth 9.3, Steppaw 9.3, Shrewsbury 8.11, Lady Lorraine (late Lottie) 8.0, Ayalanche 8.0, Sonoma 8.0, Scintilla 7.7, Sweet Marie 6.12, Little Mabel 6.7.

Flying Handicap, 6 furlongs.—Nonette 10.3, Romeo 8.11, Dolores 8.8, St. Olzo 8.8, Green and Gold 8.7, Cygnet 8.6, Marshall 8.6, Scintilla 8.6, Antislitz 8.6, Military 8.6, Partuta 7.13, Glasgow 7.7, Deakin 7.5, Newpuna 7.6, Geordie 7.6, Camille 7.6, Ellice 6.7, Agrapus 6.7, Mary Seaton 6.7.

Hunt Club Hurdles, 2 miles.—Hilstone 12.1, Emergence 12.4, Frances Lovely 12.0, Marine 11.12, Feucer 11.10, Tabas 11.10, Khama 11.10, Tip 11.10, Mangamahaki 11.10, Major 11.9, Star 11.5, Pokenim 10.7, Lockard 10.0, Cyclone 10.0, Flower of Gold 10.0.

CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

ACCEPTANCES.

NEW ZEALAND CUP, of 1500sovs. 3yo colts.—Achilles 9.5, Walrui 9.5, Starboard 7.5, Kauri 7.13, Canteau 7.12, Binetaura (including Sir Percival) 7.11, Pampero 7.10, Melwood (including Sir Percival) 7.10, Mars 7.7, Stratthavon 7.7, Ringman 7.2, Herodius 7.0, General Symons 6.18, Rosal 6.17, Count of Kalmar (including Sir Percival) 6.10, Lavolette 6.9, Bombarde 6.7, Leonore 6.7.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 300sovs. Six furlongs.—Achilles 10.7, Pallas (including Sir Percival) 9.9, St. Denis 8.10, Machine Gun 8.9, Pampero 8.9, Westward 8.5, Petrovna 8.4, Red Gauntlet (including Sir Percival) 8.1, Bieser 7.12, Kairo (including Sir Percival) 7.10, Canine Chief 7.9, Golden Vets 7.7, Madrigal 7.6, Sychem 7.5, Gladstone 7.0, Rose Shiel 7.0, Lelah 6.12, Idea (including Sir Percival) 6.12, Royal Fuller 6.7.

TURF TALK FROM THE SOUTH.

(By Telegraph.—Special to "Graphic.")

CHRISTCHURCH, Saturday.

All things considered those people who have backed Walrui for the New Zealand Cup have no reason to be disappointed with his running at the North Otago meeting. The son of Spirit was not ready, but he polished off the weak opposition in the North Otago Handicap, and, though beaten, ran a capital race in the President's Handicap. It is not an easy task to give St. Denis a stone and a half over seven furlongs, and in failing to accomplish it Walrui was by no means disgraced. He was of course much admired, and deservedly so, for few finer horses have been seen on the Oamaru course. The racing will do him no end of good, and a few rasping galleys will doubtless work wonders in his condition. In my last letter I prepared you for the withdrawal of Lady Lillian, but hardly expected that Secret Society would be scratched. Bulawayo's absence from to-day's list of acceptors is due to the son of Perkin Warbeck II. having gone amiss.

The accident to Pampero was a very minor affair. Mr. Lean's horse was at exercise last Monday, and next morning he did strong work moving freely, and pulled up perfectly sound.

An employee in a Dunedin range-making factory drew Sweet Nell in Tattersall's sweep on the Caulfield Cup. He was about £8000.

It is stated here that Hewitt may ride Mars in the New Zealand Cup.

CHRISTCHURCH, Tuesday.

The field for the New Zealand Cup promises to be a decent one. It now comprises 18 horses, and allowing for the shrinkage of the last fortnight, 11 or 12 will probably go to the post. Among the doubtful starters is Teiharu, who was lame after exercise yesterday morning. The injury, whatever it is, does not interfere with his galloping, but troubles of this kind as a rule grow worse instead of better, and sooner or later reach a stage when they do interfere, and very materially, with an animal's galloping powers. The remainder of the local division are sound. Walrui looks lighter for his racing at Oamaru, which is

of course a disadvantage. His trainer proposes to be more than satisfied with his display there. Rosal continues to be famous, but Stratthavon has done literally nothing to suggest that he can win the Cup. Whenever he has been put against the watch he has been very slow. Canteen, who arrived from Dunedin on Saturday, looks wonderfully well, and a similar remark applies to Lavolette and Leonore. So far Lavolette shares with Rosal the track honours of the present spring. It is stated that on Saturday afternoon the son of Seaton Delaval galloped a mile and a-half in 2.30. He had the shoes off, but on the other hand he carried a good deal more than his cup weight, and was by himself. It was a hot-west day, however, which is always a factor to fast time. I don't think Leonore can get two miles, but I doubt if this view shared by her connections, who have taken something like £1000 about the dilly. Of Mr. Friedlander's pair, General Symons is supposed to be the better, although this season's form points to his stable companion being a distinctly useful horse. Since his victory at Wellington, Melwood has come into favour, and it must be borne in mind that at one time staling was regarded as the son of Perkin Warbeck II. Pampero and Bombarde are expected at Riverton on Wednesday. Conflicting accounts are current here regarding Mars. One is that he is very well and likely to run a good race, and the other that he is sore. If the son of Ingomar arrives at the post dressed in his best, and if as is reported he is ridden by Hewitt, he is bound to take some beating. For a little while last week Achilles ruled as the favourite, but has since given way in favour of Rosal. The truth is the market is in a somewhat unsettled state. There are objections to almost every candidate, and this no doubt accounts for the presence at the top of a horse of second position being occupied by a horse whose staying powers have to be taken on trust.

The following are the latest quotations:—6 to 1 against Rosal; 7 to 1 Achilles, Walrui, and Shrapnel; 8 to 1 Canteen and Pampero; 10 to 1 Melwood and General Symons; 12 to 1 Bombarde, Stratthavon, and Lavolette; 20 to 1 Bombarde, General Symons, and Count of Kalmar; 30 to 1 Ringman and Herodius; 40 to 1 Leonore.

Machine Gun is a strong favourite for the Stewards' Handicap, a report that he is amiss not having been confirmed. The prices range from 20 to 1 to 500 to 1 on the

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