

Grenade was one that appeared somewhat heavy. Beau Seaton, galloping in good style, went to the front early, and was well headed. He led the race in the second and third place, and the distance, and then Kilmarnock came on the scene. It was of no use, however, as the Seaton Delaval out more than held his own, and won easily. When the race was over, Mrs. Nathan, a Sylvia Park, and in the first heat of Tres Belle, the fifth sister to Multiflorus, who met with injuries which prevented her racing. Most people thought that Love Link had finished third, but Multiflorus was not in the race, and Love Link and Multiflorus were so close that it was an easy matter for people who were not in line to make a mistake in their placings.

The Manukau Hurdle Race was a procession from the first obstacle. Hautapu and Gatecock made the pace merry, and Gatecock cried a go before half the distance had been covered, when Hautapu went right on in front, and Spalpeen drew near of the others, just as all being Lady Bell's riding. Hautapu was in the lead, and the pair were a long way in front turning for home. Hautapu was ridden hard to try and keep with Spalpeen, but Gatecock's cry was not in vain, and he up-to-date crossed down on him in the last few strides, Johnson getting Lady Bell in second place on the post. A few persons on the course started to make a noise when the riders were returning to the stable. The stewards had J. Quinton, the elder of Hautapu, before them for ceasing to ride his mount, and suspended him for the rest of the meeting; for what looked quite a mistake in judgment on his part. The next day, the race was held, and being out of second place, Spalpeen was favourite, and as he covered the distance in 3.17 1/2, must have gone near putting up a record. Lady Bell and Hautapu were 3 1/2 seconds behind him.

There were fifteen starters in the Short's Handicap, Delania being made favourite, Marshal Soult, Numa and Glasgow being next in favour. With the exception of Newtown, they all got off well, and a good race resulted in Numa leading from the distance. Numa, who was the favourite, Numa and Marshal Soult, who had made all the running. Black and Gold and Bonouiana were close together behind the placid horses.

The City Handicap furnished an interesting race. Miss Lottie, Numa, and St. Olga were in front for seven furlongs, when Miss Lottie was left in supremacy. Muskerdale going into second place turning into the straight, but being overtaken inside the distance, and a third place was won by her. However, in the last few strides, coming on and winning by about half a length. The Needle finished well also, not more than half a length off third. Numa and Miss Lottie close up, and the race was decided by Taylor, paid the nice dividend of £8 11/2, but on track claims was not thought to possess much chance. She evidently ran the best race of her career, while the other horses were in a bad way. She started a hot favourite, ran a capital race, and her race was always in a good position, but could not get on in the race, though he was not far away at the finish. Ida has won the first race in her career for her owner, G. Wright, who purchased her for £200 some few months ago. The time, 2.10, was exceptionally good for the Ellerslie course for this particular distance.

A number of scattered were the smartest of the mark in the other races. In which Shrewsbury was left at the post. The favourite had matters all her own way. Sonoma and Fourth being her nearest attendants at the finish. Orange and Blue might have done better, but they were edged in. Aralanche and Sonoma were the best backed of the nine runners.

The concluding race on the card was the Flying Handicap, in which Cygnus was unlooked for. He was a favourite, but not nearly, if not quite, half as much as one. As it was, the race proved a close one, though Delania managed to carry her fifth triumph and win from Marshal Soult by a length. Cygnus being handy.

**PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP** of 100 sovs. second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have never won a flat race of the value of 80 sovs, or flat races of the colling value of 200 sovs at time of starting. Distance, one mile.

41—Mr. J. McGuire's b g Swagsman, 4 yrs, 8.0 (Healey) 1  
 44—Mr. G. Marshall's b h Geordie, by Seaton Delaval—Carabianca, 4 yrs, 8.0 (Healey) 2  
 225—Mrs. Cotton's b h Southfish, by Soult—Fistigil, 4 yrs, 7.11 (Cotton) 3  
 Also ran: 36, Lavardel; 52, Cygnus; 53, Matiland; 58, Sonoma; 24, Ida; and 55, Numa.

When the field came into view Moorland was leading Geordie, but he was overtaken and maintained that order until the five furlongs post was reached, when Geordie drew out and led down, while Swagsman went in second. Half-way up Swagsman drew up to Geordie, and being on the outside, won by a length. Southfish being three lengths away third, just beating Cygnus. Time, 1.45. Dividends, £10 1, and £2 2/2.

**GREAT NORTHERN GUINLEAS** of 500 sovs. second horse to receive 25 sovs out of the stake, and third horse 25 sovs out of the stake. Colts, 8.10; geldings, 8.7; and fillies, 8.5. Each distance, one mile.

40—Mr. H. Friedlander's b h Kilmarnock, 4 yrs, 8.7 (Spekman) 1  
 128—Mr. J. R. Ryan's b f Bonheur, by Seaton Delaval—Charente, 4 yrs, 8.5 (Ryan) 2  
 65—Mr. T. W. White's b h Ida, by Seaton Delaval—Ida, 4 yrs, 8.5 (Ryan) 3  
 Also ran: Onawa, Gordon Rouge, Merry Boy, and Cuirage.

Orange and Merry Boy went together in the lead a good distance, but the order of the Gordon Rouge third, in which order the five furlongs post was passed. Ropa was

going nicely in fourth place, and at the next half furlong was leading Onawa by two lengths. Ropa continued in front, and won readily by a length. A good race, with Bonheur, who beat Ida by a length, with Gordon Rouge and Cuirage third. Time, 1.42 1/2. Dividends, £1 13, and £1 1/2.

**WELCOME STAKES** of 250 sovs; second horse to receive 25 sovs and the third horse 15 sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Colts, 8.5; geldings, 8.5; fillies, 8.5. Distance, five furlongs.

133—Messrs. L. D. and N. A. Nathan's b h Beau Seaton, 2 yrs, 8.0 (Nathan) 1  
 Delaval—Tres Belle, 8.5 (Cress) 2  
 280—Mr. H. Friedlander's b h Kilmarnock, 2 yrs, 8.0 (Spekman) 3

Also started: Grenade, Promotion, Conclusion, Gladstone, and Lida. Beau Seaton, Gladstone and Kilmarnock were coupled on the machine.

From the start, in which Conclusion and Promotion were slow to move, Beau Seaton led, and nearest to him being Love Link and Kilmarnock. Beau Seaton coming up the straight Beau Seaton was two lengths ahead of Kilmarnock, with Love Link in third place. Beau Seaton increased his advantage, and won from Kilmarnock by two and a half lengths, passing the post with something in hand, with Lalla third.

**MANUKAU HURDLE RACE** of 100 sovs; second horse 10 sovs. One mile and three-quarters.

36—L. Marshall's ch h Spalpeen, by Gosson—Windmill, 4 yrs, 10.9 (Ryan) 1  
 190—J. McCracken's br m Lady Bell, by Lebel—Cocksure, aged, 9.6 (Johnson) 2  
 173—R. Hanson's b g Hautapu, by Mitford—Lady Sarah, 6 yrs, 9.12 (Quinton) 3

Also started: 75, Up-to-Date, 10.11 (Haward); 84, Gatecock, 9.6 (Stewart); 11, Vanquish, 9.1 (Stewart); 71, Numa, 10.0 (Stokes); 84, Cresspi, 9.6 (Fergan); Gatecock and Hautapu went to the front and cut out the work a cracker from the race of the barrier, and they continued in the lead, passing the stand. Hautapu then going first, and clear of Gatecock. A passing of the seven-furlong post Spalpeen had got into second place, but was quite 10 lengths away, but closing up the gap he got on terms four furlongs and a half from home, and in the next few strides he was up-to-date, Lady Bell, and Rufus, who were then close together, Gatecock having fallen right back last. Spalpeen came on and won by quite a dozen lengths. Hautapu, who was second, being overtaken in the post by Lady Bell; Up-to-Date half a length off, fourth. Time, 3.17 2/5. Dividends, £2 3/6 and £1 3/8.

**SHORTS HANDICAP** of 100 sovs; second horse 10 sovs. Five furlongs.

20—W. L. Thomson's b f Delania, by Seaton Delaval—Campania, 3 yrs, 8.9 (Ryan) 1  
 118—R. Hanson's b h Numa, by Pluifer—5 yrs, 9.5 (Julian) 2  
 151—A. Hughes' b h Marshal Soult, by Soult—Hotcherina, 4 yrs, 8.9 (O'Connor) 3

Also started: Australia, 9.11 (Taylor); 82, Black and Gold, 8.9 (W. Smith); 117, Glasgow, 8.0 (Gallagher); 22, Cressy, 7.8 (Chaffee); 8, Newtown, 7.5 (Barry); 24, Vivand, 7.5 (Deely); 73, Camille, 7.3 (Sattman); 47, Bloodstone, 7.0 (Hickson); 58, Della Ross, 6.9 (Cress); 24, Agrap, 6.10 (Cort); 12, Bonouiana, 6.7 (Sparkes). Numa and Marshal Soult dashed to the front from a good start, Newtown being the only one slow to move. Marshal Soult had a little the best of Numa, turning for home, but they were close together all up the straight, Black and Gold on the outside being almost on terms passing the people's stand. Delania then shot out, and coming under pressure won by a length, and a good margin. Numa, who just beat Marshal Soult by a neck, Black and Gold and Bonouiana close up fourth and fifth. Time, 1.3 1/5. Dividends, £3 1/4 and £1 19/2.

**CITY HANDICAP** of 300 sovs; second horse 40 sovs, third horse 15 sovs. One mile and a quarter.

111—Geo. Wright's b m Ida, by Seaton Delaval—Ida, 4 yrs, 8.5 (Taylor) 1  
 480—J. Harrison's b h Muskerdale, 4 yrs, 7.12 (Ryan) 2  
 79—E. J. Rae's b g The Needle, by Bligh—Despatch, aged, 7.11 (Bligh) 3

Also started: 173, Putty, 8.2 (Julian); 245, Battlexe, 7.10 (Gallagher); 61, St. Olga, 7.3 (Chaffee); 108, Jewellery, 7.4 (Barry); 42, Numa, 7.0 (Gray); 91, Miss Lottie, 6.12 (Cress); 43, Southfish, 6.7 (Cotton). Miss Lottie attended to the crowd, strode out from the post, and led the race, and she passed the stewards' stand and went out of the straight, and the order was the same all along the back. Muskerdale, Battlexe going on and leading, and being next, but improving their position. Miss Lottie, still attended by Numa, led into the straight, where Muskerdale threw out a challenge, and was in front, together with this stage. Ida, on the outside, and The Needle coming strong. A good finish saw Ida win by a good half length from Muskerdale, a small distance of coming The Needle, Miss Lottie, and Jewellery. Time, 1.45 1/2. Dividends, £5 11/8 and 13/4.

**PONY HANDICAP** of 100 sovs; second horse 15 sovs, third horse 5 sovs. Seven furlongs.

200—A. Hansen's b m Avalanche, by Soult—Pulchra Alice, 4 yrs, 8.0 (Deely) 1  
 222—T. W. White's b h Sonoma, by Seaton Delaval—Marata, 4 yrs, 8.0 (Ryan) 2  
 80—E. Hanson's ch g Forth, by Lebel—Steevink, 6 yrs, 8.3 (Julian) 3

Also started: 68, Orange and Blue, 10.8 (O'Connell); 118, Annoyed, 8.4 (Spekman); 70, St. Olga, 8.3 (Haward); 13, Shrewsbury, 8.11 (Deely); 70, Lady Lottie, 8.6

(Chaffee); 88, Sentinel, 7.7 (W. Smith). Sentinel and Avalanche were quick to move, Shrewsbury being slow, and getting left. Avalanche led all the way after the first furlong, being won by two lengths, Sonoma beating Forth, similar to the other, but in straggling order. Time, 1.20. Dividends, £2 5, and 18/7.

**FLYING HANDICAP** of 100 sovs; second horse 10 sovs. Six furlongs.

375—W. L. Thomson's b f Delania, by Seaton Delaval—Campania, 3 yrs, 7.11 (Ryan) 1  
 79—A. Hughes' b h Marshal Soult, by Soult—Hotcherina, 4 yrs, 8.6 (O'Connor) 2  
 172—L. Marshall's b h Cygnus, by Cygnus—Ira, 4 yrs, 8.6 (Julian) 3

Also started: 132, St. Olga, 8.6 (Chaffee); 81, Green and Gold, 8.7 (Barry); 171, Paruto, 7.13 (Gray); 41, Glasgow, 7.10 (Cress); 109, Walpura, 6.6 (Hird); 40, Camille, 7.0 (Sattman); 29, Silcox, 6.7 (Deely); 20, Mary Seaton, 6.7 (Pluifer). The order of Mary Seaton, Delania, Camille and Green and Gold were the first seen in front at the end of the first furlong. Cygnus, who kept in front to the distance, Mary Seaton Delania came with Marshal Soult in the centre of the course, and the Seaton Decheng led by a short length, half a length off second and third. Time, 1.16 1/4. Dividends, £2 7, and £3 15/8.

SECOND DAY.

The Auckland Racing Club continued their Spring Meeting under favourable circumstances, for though rain had fallen during the morning, and threatened up to the time the first race was run, there was no watery visitation after business commenced until just before the seventh race, when a light shower descended. There was a large assemblage, the day being a holiday that people were glad to avail themselves of to go to a racing. The course was made a little slippery and holding, but improved as the afternoon advanced. The management was again satisfactory, and the racing was interesting throughout. Mr O'Connor had but little to say about the runners that began badly in their races during the afternoon. The sum of £10,966 was passed through the totalisators, being an increase of £250 over the second day of the last spring meeting.

Miss Lottie was made a better favourite for the Flying Handicap than Bonheur, Roper and St. Olga, coming next in public estimation. Public confidence was not misplaced, for Miss Lottie was in front almost throughout, and won cleverly by a length. A good race ensued for the second and third place, but all were very well up with the exception of the grey circus horse, Hostage, and Curango, who did not get off well. The Penrose Hurdle Race attracted seven runners, and resulted in an interesting race. Though Spalpeen led for part of the journey, he fell back going along the back stretch the second time, and came again three furlongs from home, and once in the straight led and won with a little spare by three lengths. Lady Bell leading Up-to-Date half a length. Hautapu, who ran well for the first half and a half, was beaten off in the home run, and Gatecock fell in the first half-mile, and Ingarud pulled up. Spalpeen has never won in the same style before, and he ran well in the hands of Burns. Coma took off a long way too far at the hurdle at which he fell, and Mrs. Hanson, who rode him, took him away in the ambulance, but was not much hurt, it was afterwards ascertained. Romola, owned by Mr Ernest Alison, was made a decided favourite for the Musket Stakes, and was generally expected to show her form in her opening essay. Beau Seaton, however, was well supported, and on the first day's running looked likely to beat Kilmarnock and others; but a crowding at the start, in which he suffered, put him out of court, and Kilmarnock, who was one of the slips, kept his position and won nicely from his stable companion, Gladstone, the favourite, who met with a couple of disappointments, failing to get through her horses.

The Birthday Handicap saw Ida and Dolores go out well, and secured any of the others, but the string being taken out of the ground, Nonette's owner elected to start him, and the public backed him soundly, as also Ropa, the Guineas winner. It was an interesting race, but Nonette had the misfortune of the leader, Dolores, half-way up the straight, and won in good style. Putty was finishing better than any of the others, and got into second place in the last hundred yards. Nonette trotted back sore after the race. It was the signal for a demonstration of approval from the crowd. There was very little between Dolores, Southfish, and Battlexe for third place. Marine came to the front at the last jump on the hill in the Steeplechase, and beat Dingo several lengths. The Pinkie, 200 lengths off, was third; Putty, Billy, the only other to finish, came up. Nor-west fell at the stone wall, and Perseverance at the last hurdle when running a second place.

The Maiden Plate Handicap was won after a close race by the vigorously ridden by young Cress, beating Geordie, who was conceding 15lb. Cygnus, and his six year old half brother, Hipstone, who carried

top weight. Onawa, like his three-quarter brother Explosion used to do, takes a lot of riding. His backers received the nice dividend of £8 8/8. Sonoma won the Pony Handicap by several lengths, but Avalanche, who was left, would likely have had as good a race, with the rest of the field instead of being left a number of lengths. Hoboro cut out the work in the Epsom Handicap, followed by St. Olga and Bonouiana, who died away in the straight. Wadupa came last, and was beaten on by a length and a half. Delania, Hoboro and Cygnus crossed the line well beaten.

**SPRING HANDICAP** of 100 sovs; second horse 10 sovs out of stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Distance, seven furlongs.

206—Mr. W. C. Ring's b m Miss Lottie, 4 yrs, by St. Hippo—Lottie (Address) 1  
 82—Mr. W. Lovett's b m, by St. Olga, by Tasman—Cobweb, 6.10 (J. Cotton) 2  
 121—Mr. J. George's ch g Maro, aged, by Lebel—Duras, 7.10 (Gray) 3

Also started: 145, Rosella; 142, St. Olga; 80, Depeche; 228, Bonheur; 44, Defender; 18, Cuirage; 7, Hostage; 4, Mary Seaton. After a bit of trouble at the post, a fairly even start was effected, Mary Seaton and Miss Lottie going on in front, Rosella and Cuirage running in the rear. At the turn Cygnus ran in the lead, still well, and maintained her place, winning handily by a clear length. Camille beat Maro by a long neck. The rest of the field were well up, with the exception of Hostage and Cuirage. MILITARY HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second horse 10 sovs out of stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Distance, 1.20. Dividends, £2 15/8 and £7 1/4.

**PENROSE HURDLE RACE** of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Over eight furlongs of hurdles. Distance, 2 miles.

89—Mr. L. Marshall's ch h Spalpeen, 4 yrs, by Gosson—Windmill, 11.5 (Barry) 1  
 281—Mr. J. McCracken's b m Lady Bell, by Lebel—Cocksure, aged, 9.7 (Johnson) 2  
 204—Mr. Jas. Roniston's b g Up-to-Date, 5 yrs, 10.9 (Howard) 3

Also ran: Hautapu, Ingarud, Gatecock, and Coma. The latter led to the second hurdle, where he fell, and Gatecock also came down at the next one. Spalpeen led Lady Bell, Hautapu, and Up-to-Date out of the straight. Hautapu took command along the back, closely attended by Lady Bell and Up-to-Date to the end. There were Spalpeen came to the fore, finally winning by a clear length. Lady Bell beat Up-to-Date by half a length, and Hautapu was 10 lengths off. Ingarud pulling up. Time, 3.55 3/5. Dividends, £1 17, and 17/7.

**MUSKET STAKES HANDICAP** of 200 sovs; 4 furlongs.

167—Mr. H. Friedlander's b h Kilmarnock, by Sluimer—Kilmorey, 9.0 (Taylor) 1  
 74—Mr. H. Friedlander's ch c Gladstone, 8.5 (Spekman) 2  
 341—Mr. Ernest Alison's br f Romola, 7.10 (Ryan) 3

Also started: 246, Beau Seaton; 168, Muskerdale; 106, Love Link; 164, Cabaret; 148, Gwendal; 44, Grenade; 98, Conclusion; 8, King Paul; 44, Promotion. Wairaka was scratched.

An indifferent start saw Kilmarnock and Love Link get smartest away. Cabaret last of all. Kilmarnock and Love Link ran in a company to the turn, where Conclusion was fast on the outside, but afterwards gave place to Gladstone. A good race resulted in Kilmarnock winning by a length. Gladstone, Conclusion and Promotion were all while Conclusion and Promotion were almost on terms with Romola for fourth and fifth places. Time, 5.0 2/5. Dividends, £5 8/8.

**BIRTHDAY HANDICAP** of 400 sovs; second horse 50 sovs, and third horse 15 sovs. One mile and a half.

294—J. T. Ryan's ch h Nonette, by Seaton Delaval—Charente, 5 yrs, 8.0 (Ryan) 1  
 144—T. McKay's ch Putty, by St. Leger—Ellerlie, 5 yrs, 8.0 (Julian) 2  
 356—J. Hazel's b m Dolores, by Free-Com—Scotch Mist, 6 yrs, 7.8 (Deely) 3

Also started: 390, Ida, 8.12 (Taylor); 538, Ropa, 8.6 (Spekman); 106, Nonette, 8.1 (Hird); 210, Battlexe, 7.9 (Gallagher); 62, Jewellery, 6.10 (Pinkie); 43, Southfish, 6.7 (Cotton).

At the rise of the barrier the colours of Battlexe and Jewellery were seen in front, but entering the straight Jewellery was leading, with Iopa second. Southfish in third place. Passing the stand Southfish went up to Jewellery, and going out of the straight went out in front by himself. Jewellery running second, Ropa third, Battlexe and Needle next. Ida bringing up the rear, but closing up. At the five furlong post Needle fell against the rails, running along the top stretch. Dolores headed Southfish, and Jewellery. Dolores beat Battlexe and Nonette went after her. At the distance Nonette was in front, Dolores, Battlexe and Southfish all together, and in this way they came on, Nonette winning by quite a clear length from Jewellery, followed by Battlexe. Ropa, Putty, and the Quilbeas finished. Ropa by a length. Southfish and Battlexe being close up. Time 2.42. Dividends, £4 5/8 and £2 18/8.

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