



(By WHALEBONE)

FIXTURES.

February 23, 24—Woodville District Jockey Club.
February 23, 24, 26—Dunedin Jockey Club.
February 23, 26—South Auckland Racing Club.
March 3, 5—Waikanae Jockey Club.
March 5—Wairua Jockey Club.
March 7, 8—Te Aroha Jockey Club.
March 17—Waikanae Racing Club.
March 17, 19—Ohinepouri J.C. Annual.
March 23, 25, and 29—Auckland R.C. Autumn.
April 9 and 13—Arona J.C. Autumn.
May 21, 24—Takapuna Jockey Club.

ANXIOUS.—No trainer with a horse in a race can ride another horse, either trained by himself or anyone else.

During the Gisborne fortnight, the Trentham jockey, W. Ryan, had eight winning rides.

The V.R.C. Autumn Meeting opens at Wellington next Saturday, when the Newmarket Handicap will be decided.

The Dunedin Cup is on for to-day (Wednesday), on which day the Dunedin Jockey Club's Autumn Meeting commences.

The Manawatu Racing Club has appointed Mr. C. O'Connor, of Auckland, as starter for its autumn meeting on April 13 and 14.

California has been placed in work again, and appears to be fairly sound. He is being restricted to slow work.

Amlet has been scratched for the Flying Handicap, and Merriman for all engagements at the Wanganui meeting.

The defeat of Mohangatahi at Taranaki cost Auckland punters a lot of money. Locally it was considered he could not be beaten.

Two well-known local meddles were amongst the winning owners on the opening day of the Otahuhu Trotting Club's summer meeting.

I have to acknowledge with thanks receipt of complimentary tickets for the Wanganui, South Auckland, and Huntly Racing Clubs' meetings.

It is understood that B. Deetey intends appealing to the N.Z. Racing Conference against the suspension of the Takapuna Jockey Club.

Nominations for all events at the Ohinepouri Jockey Club's Annual Meeting close with the Secretary, Mr. H. Poland, on Friday next, the 26th inst.

Nominations for all events at the Thames Jockey Club's Autumn Meeting close with the Secretary, Mr. W. H. Potts, on Friday next, the 26th inst., at 9 p.m.

The Hotchkiss horse, First Gun, was disposed of at auction on Friday by Messrs A. Buckland and Sons for 58 guineas, Mr. A. Phillips being the purchaser.

Jelly Friar, who has not been much of a success in flat races since going to Southland, is said to have shown great promise in his schooling trials over hurdles.

At the annual sale of thoroughbreds, held at Hawera last week, the back hurdler horse Cleverly was sold for 30 guineas to Mr. E. A. Laurent, who formerly owned and raced him.

F. MacManamin has taken up Maxwell, the full-brother to Southside, again, and has received an addition to his string in the shape of a two-year-old colt by Watral—Sad News.

It was fully intended that Mabene should finish her engagement in the Taranaki Cup, but after working on Saturday her leg flared, and it was decided not to take any risk with the daughter of Scott.

From F. MacManamin I gather that the tubercular two-year-old Ashby is making a satisfactory recovery from his accident, and there is now a probability of the speedy son of Obilgado being sent out as a three-year-old.

The running of Cronanoid in his engagements at the Taranaki Meeting was a big disappointment to his connections. The son of Menabokid was responsible for a very attractive gallop just before he was shipped south.

The performance of Mahinga in winning the Alexandra Handicap at Paremata on Wednesday is the best yet recorded by the daughter of Beal, and stamps her as one of the best of her inches soon out for a long time.

Nominations for the Brighton Handicap, Easter Handicap, St. George's Handicap, Autumn Handicap, and Autumn Steeplechase, to be run at the A.R.C. Autumn Meeting, close with the Secretary, Mr. J. F. Hamilton, on Friday next, the 26th inst., at 9 p.m.

Acceptances for the opening day's racing of the South Auckland Racing Club's annual meeting close on Friday next, the 19th inst., at 8 p.m. Applications for bookmakers' licenses at the same gathering must be made on or before Tuesday, the 22nd inst.

Word from the South states that Pokopu, which promised to be one of the best hurdle horses this coming winter, is gone in the wind. This is very bad luck for those connected with the Big San Fran gelding, as undoubtedly he would have won a big hurdle race last coming jumping season, if not the National.

The Thames Jockey Club advertises the programme for their autumn meeting, which takes place on March 12. The principal events are the Autumn Handicap and Handicap Steeplechase, each of which are worth 5000s. Nominations for all events close with the secretary (Mr. W. H. Potts), Thames, on Friday, the 26th inst.

It appears that some fairly startling developments are likely to occur when the committee of the Wanganui Jockey Club sits to consider the appeal of C. O'Neill against the decision of the Forster stewards, who fined him 15 in connection with the team he took place in the weighing-room of their meeting. O'Neill had written a lengthy and interesting letter to the Metropolitan Club explanatory of the whole affair.

By the Manuka, which left for Sydney on Friday afternoon, Mr. U. Shannon shipped to a client in Java the brown mare Chanuteuse, purchased from Mr. T. H. H. of Hawera's Bay. With two other Australian purchases, she was forwarded in the Eurymus, leaving Sydney on February 24. Chanuteuse, who has a couple of smart performances to her credit, is a four-year-old, bred in New Zealand, and consequently a half-sister to the New Zealand Cup winner Downfall. The price at which she changed hands has not transpired.

The New Zealand bred Contorp was offered at auction a few days ago, but failed to find a buyer. This was fortunate for his owner, Mr. J. H. Conlon, who is the proprietor of the Jumpers' Flat Race at Canterbury. It must be added that to many of the onlookers Contorp seemed a trifle tacky, as the Dip, who appeared to have him in his hand immediately after entering upon the last hundred yards, lost ground when his rider took a look round to see if he had anything to fear from any other competitor. This was Contorp's first win since he pulled off a hurdle race at Moserfield last June.

Says the "Sunday Times": When he won at Canterbury Park last week, Snowfoot did not commence well, and at the end of the Sample of furlongs was many lengths behind the leaders. Young Jack, however, he made up his ground very rapidly, and beat Veronic after a great tussle. Snowfoot, who is by Sault from Helen McGregor (Capitator)—Hannah, by Trudgers), won a couple of two-year-old races in New Zealand, and was later purchased by his present owner for 2000s. After falling in three races for which he was backed, Snowfoot was sold, and applied for a few months. He is a really good-looking horse, and his finish leaves no doubt as to his gameness.

"Mutarra," in the "New Plymouth News," says the man who doesn't want to miss anything at a race meeting is not an ill-tempered fellow with wild glasses, opera glasses, or some such aid to long-sightedness, but a hayseed rolled up at Forster with a long telescope under his wing. Learning far over the rails, he yelled, "He's a really good-looking horse, and his finish leaves no doubt as to his gameness." "Mutarra," replied the hayseed, "now I am a bit of a jockey, and I never seed Windage and Gilding slow so past that time." He thought they had jumped it!

There was an incident in connection with Lebeard's success on the second day of the Hawera Meeting which has not, so far as I am aware, found its way into print, and may be worth mentioning, says a Southern writer. Examining a horse as not an ill-tempered horse in ordinary circumstances, but if anything upsets him he does not forget to make the fact known. At the start of the race in which Lebeard was successful, swimming Bolt got caught in the trap. This we doubt annoyed him considerably, as it made his mouth sore. In way of retaliation he bit or something on another horse's leg, and the first rider who attempted to race up the back stretch, with the result that Lebeard promptly concluded to escape further attentions of the sort, and clearing

out was never headed. Of course Lebeard might have won in any case, but then again he might not, and a delicate hint to get out of such a predicament was hardly probably left no two thoughts in his mind as to the advisableness of putting his best foot foremost.

According to private advices received in Auckland, the victory of Celerity in the Outlook Plate on Saturday last was anticipated by her connections, who would probably throw in for a good stake by her success. Celerity is an aged mare by Seaton Beauty—Mossy—she started on several occasions as a three-year-old, but registering a win, and was then put to the stud, throwing a filly to Hengist, which, under the name of Celerity, started in one of the heavy races at the Auckland Trotting Club's Autumn Meeting of 1909, runner-up placed. Celerity was then again put to work, winning several races. She was then sold for, I think, 3500s, to go to Australia, and was sold a number of times there, her final offer being a most enormous one, and her time for the distance has only once been equaled, when Wild Rose established an Australian record of 2m. 7s. in 1910. Celerity is engaged in the Newmarket Handicap, for which she has incurred a 100s. penalty, bringing her weight up to 8st. 4lb.

A New Zealander, now resident in Australia, and who is a judge of a horse, writes to "Sir Bedivere" of the "Post" to the effect that Bobrikoff had a bad trip over, and had, up to the 12th of this month, only been potted at about Alawa, over an eight or ten furlong course, and Prince Foote, over still longer courses. The "Post" "clinkers," and from what he saw of Bobrikoff in this country, he questions very much his ability to beat either of these horses. Sir Bedivere's writer, however, is perhaps relying rather too much on what he saw of Bobrikoff at Riccarton when he was followed home by Artillerie. The Alawa and Prince Foote are good ones should be landed at the post as well as he was last month at Trentham—well, I for one should be quite content to win or for money over him. To those who don't know him, he is a very deceptive gelding, and it is not difficult to understand that his manner of going to private meetings invariably seems sore—has caused Australian trainers to underrate his chances of holding his own with the crack performers in the Commonwealth.

Writing of the appearance on the tracks of Mr. T. H. Downfall, Bobrikoff and Downfall, a Sydney writer says: "The two Zealanders Bobrikoff and Downfall have been doing easy work at Rastwick since their arrival, and though the former is entirely a couple of races at Wellington, it should say there was no certainty as to his going south. If he does, it may not be until towards the end of next week. He is a big black gelding, with a little of the grey color about him, but when he trotted past on Thursday morning, in the view of the spectators even gave him a second glance. However, he is a strong-looking customer, and has shown what he can do in the weight-carrying line in good company in his own country. He is not a good beginner, and when with 100s. made the New Zealand mile record of 1:39 1/5 at the recent Wellington meeting he was last of the field at the conclusion of the first mile. At present he goes as if very sore; but perhaps he may shake that off. His stable companion Downfall is a chestnut with 4 white legs and white face. He has neither the size nor substance of Bobrikoff, and looks as if he is a useful handicap horse. Shortly before his New Zealand Downfall bridled his near forefoot, and since his arrival here it has been necessary to cut away a portion of the affected part. However, he is none the worse for his trouble, and moved very freely the other morning."

TURF TALK FROM THE SOUTH.

CHRISTCHURCH, Friday.

Most of the Riccarton-trained horses with engagements at the Dunedin Jockey Club's meeting are now at Wanganui, the last contingent having left yesterday.

Forrest, which claims an engagement in the Dunedin Champagne Stakes, is reported to have executed a highly satisfactory trial here, being taken South.

W. Love's team for the Dunedin Cup meeting will consist of Effort, Sea Queen, and probably Grand.

Red Rais, by Clannaird—Catherine Wheel, has been sold to a patron of W. J. Thorne.

It is reported that Mr. R. Neillford bought Merry, on behalf of the Australian sportsman, Mr. R. Mansfield. The last has probably been seen of Zimmerman, as the latter is it is doubtful if the son of Birkenhead could survive a preparation.

OTAHURU TROTTS.

SECOND DAY.

The second day's racing in connection with the Otahuhu Trotting Club's summer meeting took place at Alexandra Park yesterday afternoon. The racing was hardly up to expectations, but the racing was highly interesting, the finishes for the most part being close and exciting.

Speculation was not as brisk as usual, the sale of Messrs. W. Bloomfield and Co. handling the sum of £2500, which is a decrease of £444 10s on last year. Fifteen bookmakers were licensed at a fee of £7 10s.

TRIAL TROT HANDICAP OF 2500s. One mile and a-half.

W. Douglas' b m Diamond Bell, 4yrs, Best Boy—Black Diamond, 12s (McClellan) ..... 1
F. Scoble's b g St. Michael, 3yrs, 2 (Scratch) (Hamilton) ..... 2
Mrs. A. Webb's or m Makauri Lass, aged, 6s (Canham) ..... 3
Also started: Kitty 4s, Benalla Boy 8s, St. Patrick 9s, Amy B. 9s, Prince Milne 10s, Trindilly 12s, Mikado 12s.

Diamond Bell, from the limit, led past the stand the first time, followed by St. Patrick and Benalla. The latter catching the leader at the top, and the race looked all over. But Diamond Bell came again, and, catching St. Michael half-a-furlong from home, beat him by two lengths. Prince Milne was a length away, third. Time, 4:0. St. Michael was favourite.

NOVEL TROTTING HANDICAP OF 4000s. For trotters only. One mile.

A. E. Tattley's b g Harold Abdallah, 4yrs, 6s (Canham) ..... 1
T. Richards' b g Royal Albert, aged, 11s (owner) ..... 2
Mrs. A. Webb's or m Makauri Lass, aged, 12s (Canham) ..... 3
Also started: Baxter wt., Lady Love 1s, Avocat 3s, Nettiewood 12s, and Mikado 17s.

When the stand was reached Mikado was in front, followed by Nettiewood and Royal Albert. Mikado still had charge when they went through the dip, but, crossing the top stretch, Harold Abdallah, better catching the leader at the top, and the race looked all over. Baxter was a length ahead of Makauri Lass. Time, 2:45. Baxter was favourite.

SUMMER TROT HANDICAP OF 5000s. Two miles.

B. Armitage's b g Kirikiriroa, aged, by Atlas—Vulture, aged, 21s (Orange) 1
A. Hendrikson's b g Coqueror, 3yrs, 21s (Hendrikson) ..... 2
F. J. Fraser's b m Royal Albert, 4yrs (Hamilton) ..... 3
Also started: Woodbury 8s, Kalgoorlie 13s, Tableau 22s, Special Light 26s.

When they passed the stand the first time Kirikiriroa was in front, followed by Lady Wellington, Tableau, and Special Light. Kirikiriroa was in second time Lady Wellington and Kirikiriroa were close company, and then came Tableau and Coqueror. Kirikiriroa was out by himself as they went along the back the second time, where Coqueror ran into second position. The race was in a very close position when they crossed the top stretch, but left his feet, and Kirikiriroa drew out again, and was first to turn for home. In the run to the post Coqueror came at the leader, but just failed to get up, suffering defeat by a head. Lady Wellington was 10yds away, third, with Tableau fourth. Time, 5:19. Coqueror was favourite.

TEAMWAY TROT HANDICAP OF 4000s. One mile and a-half.

G. Brain's b m Good Friday, aged, by The Baron—The Lunnet, 7s (W. May) 1
F. Quinn's gr g Mark Scott, aged, 6s (Quinn) ..... 2
T. Richards' b g Royal Albert, aged, 6s (Richards) ..... 3
Also started: Rita W. scratch, Miss Ngapara 7s.

Miss Ngapara was the first of the limit horses to get going, but with half the journey covered, Good Friday was in charge, and, holding his advantage over the remainder of the journey, won a good race by two lengths from Mark Scott, which was half-length in front of Royal Albert, with the others right up. Time, 4:2 3/4. Good Friday was favourite.

ALEXANDRIA HANDICAP OF 5000s. About four furlongs.

A. J. Webber's b m Mabinga, 3yrs, by A. S. Sully's b m Paddy, 4yrs 1
A. Sully's b m Peggy Pryde, 4yrs 2
M. Ryan ..... 3
T. Davies' b g Frontise, aged, 8:1 (J. Percival) ..... 4
Also started: Miss Stella 8:6, Belle Napier 7:7.

Peggy Pryde was first to break the line, and, joined by Mabinga, the pair made the running in close company, with Frontise at the head of the others. There was no change in the positions till the distance was reached, when Mabinga drew out, and, finishing in good style, won by a length. Frontise was a length away, third. Time, 5:1s. Mabinga was favourite.

MANGERE TROTTLING HANDICAP OF 4000s. Two miles.

T. Richards' b g 21s (Richards), aged, by Albert Victor 21s (Richards) ..... 1
J. Teddy's b m Ryan, 4yrs, 22s (Hamilton) ..... 2
G. Hecker's b g Luke C., aged, 10s (Hecker) ..... 3
Also started: Lady Love, scratch; Yankee Doxie, 2s; Tableau, 3s; Oulu, 10s; Harry Mack, 20s.