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FIXTURES.

June 3 and 4 - Dunedin J.C. Winter
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June 13, 16 - Hawke's Bay J.C. Winter

Three first favourites were successful at Takapuna on Saturday.

The gelding Flying Cloud is jumping in great style in his schooling essays at Ellerslie.

The gelding Waista arrived at Ellerslie on Thursday to take part in the A.R.C. Winter Meeting.

The Great Northern Steeplechase winner Maccasin broke down badly during the running of the Wanganui Steeplechase.

The Gishorne horses Palsano and Continnance are reported to be suffering from influenza, and are to be given a spell.

The San Fran horse Tau San has just put in an appearance at Ellerslie, to fulfil his engagements at the A.R.C. Winter Meeting.

The station St. Paul has been purchased by a Hawera resident, and it is understood will, in future, do stud duties in that district.

The two-year-old Master Watrlik got away from his boy recently, and got foul of a barb wire fence, cutting himself about somewhat severely.

The gelding Flying Cloud was offered for sale at auction, by Messrs A. Buckland and Sons, on Friday, but was passed in when bidding stopped at 40g.

Dryas, by Birkenhead - Dryad, which was bred by the Hon. J. D. Ormond, won the Sandgate Cup (Queensland) of 60sovs, on May 14th, from 15 others.

According to the cable from Roumania published recently, it is probably just as well for some of the N.Z. riders that they are not riding in that country.

The southern owner, Mr M. McIrose, did not leave the Takapuna meeting empty-handed, his mare Advantage winning the Victoria Handicap on the concluding day.

Tal Cakobau's win in the Hauraki Hurdles at Takapuna on Saturday has earned him a 5lb penalty, and he will now be required to carry 9.12.

King Hippo, the winner of the Maiden Hurdles on Saturday at Takapuna, is engaged in the Great Northern Steeplechase, in which he has the minimum weight, 9.7.

No one will begrudge K. Heaton his success with Lady Frances at Takapuna on Saturday, for, apart from misfortune with his horses, he has had a lot of illness in his family.

The Freedom gelding Freevata was made a good favourite for the Maiden Hurdles at Takapuna on Saturday, but failed, after running prominently for about half the journey.

Mr Morse was at Takapuna on Saturday to witness the first day's running of the J.C. Winter Meeting, leaving on Sunday for Wanganui to catch the W.C. Winter Meeting.

The southern mare Traganul was made a good favourite for the Empire Handicap at Takapuna last Saturday, but let her backers down badly, and was one of the last to finish.

By his victory in the Wanganui Steeplechase, Jack Pot has incurred the extreme penalty of 10lb for the Great Northern Steeplechase, and his weight in that event will now be 11.6.

The gelding Muskwell is to be given a spell for a month or so, when he will resume work under the charge of George Walker, at Epsom. The same trainer is also handling three rising two-year-olds.

The Scott mare Mabon seems to have turned very sour and in better her owners at Takapuna she failed to respond at all generally when called upon for an effort by her rider.

Although Penfold appeared on the race card as being trained by P. Conway, such is not the case, and it is understood the horse is now worked under his owner's supervision.

It is stated that Wakaraka was pretty badly hurt when he fell in the Connolly Handicap at Wanganui, and that there is very little chance of his fulfilling his Auckland engagements.

The Cuirassier gelding Tal Cakobau earned two five-pound penalties at the Takapuna meeting - 5lb extra weight for the Great Northern Hurdle race, and a 23 lb fine for his jockey.

A coincidence in connection with Electrakoff's win in the Britannia Handicap at Takapuna on Wednesday, is in the fact that the event was won last year by Dardanus, a half-brother to Electrakoff.

The accident to W. Wilson on Wednesday last is bad luck for that rider, for it will probably keep him out of the saddle for some time, just at the busiest time of the year, for a cross-country horseman.

That the best of jumpers will often make a mistake, was fully evidenced at Takapuna on Wednesday, when Master Paul, which has hitherto proved himself a perfect fence, struck the first hurdle and came down.

A most promising young hurdler in Spectre was seen out at the Takapuna meeting, and with a bit more experience, the son of South will probably be found holding his own in better company than opposed him on Saturday.

After a number of disappointments, Flying South managed to get his name on the winning list at Takapuna on Saturday, accounting for the Ngatutu Handicap. Flying South's win gave the apprentice Bowden his first winning ride.

The Flintlock gelding Rimlock made his debut as a hurdler at the Takapuna meeting, by winning the Maiden Hurdles on each day. Rimlock may turn out useful at the illegitimate game, but at present the prospects of his doing so are not very bright.

The Great Northern Hurdles candidate Partutu was produced at Takapuna on Wednesday to fulfil his engagement in the Hauraki Hurdles. The veteran son of Castor looked very lusty, and finished among the "also started" division.

The whole of the horses in the estate of the late Mr. J. B. Williamson, including brood mares, yearlings, two-year-olds, and horses in training, are to be offered for sale at auction, on June 6th, by Messrs A. Buckland and Sons.

The Auckland horseman A. Julian and B. Deely both staved a winner of an important event at Wanganui yesterday, the former riding Jackpot in the Wanganui Steeplechase, while the latter had the mount on Clemora in the Connolly Handicap.

The most successful sire at the recent Takapuna meeting was South, the gets of which won three races. Advance was responsible for two winners, and Carigan, Leolantis, Cyrenian, Mouscutoff, St. Peter, Seaton Delaval, St. Hippo, Eton, and Cuirassier one each.

The victory of Omali in the Hauraki Hurdles at Takapuna on Wednesday was as big a surprise to his connections as it was to the general public. Both his stable companions, Ben Jonson and Hoanga, were looked upon as certain to beat the son of Leolantis.

Mr G. P. Donnelly has decided to send El Durado to Melbourne, and it is understood he will be shipped from Wellington next week, in charge of his trainer, P. McLaughlin. The Napier horseman, H. Thompson will accompany the horse, and will ride him in his Australian engagements.

After a lengthy spell, Pohuta made his reappearance on Saturday last, being saddled up to contest the T.C. Empire Handicap at the sale of the Hauraki Hurdles. The jolly appearance, and although he was running forward in the early stages, he eventually finished last.

Both Sol and Le Beau, which are engaged in the Great Northern Steeplechase, made a good showing in the Hauraki Hurdles on Saturday, but Loch Fyne, which is also engaged at Ellerslie, was in the rear all the way, and was over a furlong away when the race winner reacted the post.

The display of Lady Patricia in the Hauraki Hurdles on Saturday was very disappointing, and on that showing she can have no chance in the Great Northern Hurdles. Her rider was hard at her passing the stand the first time, but she never responded to his calls, and eventually finished a long way back.

The large field of fifteen horses saddled up to contest the Hauraki Hurdles at Takapuna on Saturday, was a very interesting one, and the engagements in the Great Northern Hurdles. Of these, Tal Cakobau, Arnaugh, Prophet, Sol, and Commander were all in the limelight, and their display must have been satisfactory to their supporters.

The three-year-old filly Southria improved on her form at the Ellerslie Meeting when she ran prominently in her engagements, and earned her first winning bracket by accounting for the Maiden Plate at Takapuna on Saturday. Southria gives evidence of great staying power, and, with a bit of age, may be useful over a distance of ground.

The race in the Maiden Hurdles on the first day of the Takapuna meeting did Spectre a lot of good, for the son of South fenced with the confidence of a veteran, and after appearing to be beaten a quarter of a mile from home, he came again and fighting out a game finish, won by three parts of a length.

The Castor gelding Wellcast knocked his leg, which filled, and the horse was unable to fulfil his engagements at the Takapuna meeting, while it is extremely doubtful if he will be seen out at Ellerslie, unless it is on the last day of the gathering. The mishap is bad luck for his veteran owner, Mr E. Hillary, for the gelding was very well, and may have picked up a stake at the meeting.

The surprise of the Empire Handicap was the forward running of Uranium. When parading in the paddock the daughter of Leolantis looked very ragged, which fact, probably the apparent, was a bit short. In the race, contrary to usual custom, Uranium raced behind till four furlongs from home, when she ran up to the leaders, and turning for home looked to have good winning chance by her. Her jockey carried too many guns for her at the finish, and the best she could do was to run second.

The Canterbury Jockey Club last year paid away £30,240 in stakes, (Government races absorbed £19,839, and £3312 was spent on new stands, totalisator house, and caretaker's cottage, and £1344 on improvements at the course. Receipts from the totalisator were £17,359; bookmakers' licenses, £6239; nomination and other fees, £4923; subscription, £1785; receipts from race meetings, £2973. Total receipts from all sources were £48,126, and the cash balance at the end of the year was £431.

The two-year-old season being over, the turf statistician, "Pentagraph," has issued his annual interesting table of the winners of the season, and the sires, of which those that have won over £100 are:

Table listing winners and sires with amounts won. Includes names like Formby, Madam Madcap, Madowa, Koh-Inoor, etc.

TURF TALK FROM THE SOUTH.

CHRISTCHURCH, Friday. Judged by the size of the fields and the quality of the racing, the Otago Jockey Club's Meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday was one of the best the club has had, though the attendance on the second day was not up to expectations. The totalisator receipts showed a shrinkage, which made the total for the meeting rather less than last year. Tikitere gave Mr. H. A. Knight his second success in the Otago Cup, and he scored with Lappland in 1907. The Finland-Flame mare is entitled to a decent place among the horses in the Dominion that can see out a journey, and is furnishing better into a weight-carrier.

The well-known rider, J. McCombe, who handed in his Jockey's license after the last New Zealand Cup Meeting, and who recently secured a license from the Dunedin Jockey Club. He made his reappearance in the saddle at Oamaru, but had only a couple of mounts each day, and did not get a Oblong, which won the Trial Handicap, paid a dividend of over half a century, only five pounds being bet on the horse.

The Lord Rosslyn Komuti gelding Rince Gines, who made his debut at Ellerslie at the Dunedin Autumn Meeting, showed up in attractive colours at the Oamaru Meeting, winning both hurdle races to good style. He is a son of the late Lord Rosslyn, and his pedigree is thoroughly interesting. His dam is a full sister to Convolvulus, so that his lineage is promising, even if his name sounds unattractive. His present owner, Mr. M. Two-

ney) got a rare bargain when he bought the gelding from Mr. J. Buckley for £167. Palette was another double winner at Oamaru, accounting for two of the major flat races. He is a three-year-old gelding by the speedy Pallas, from Healey, and may do good service over short courses. Palette, which has been off the scene for some time, made an auspicious reappearance by securing a third place and a win at Oamaru. The gelding is a member of the great Steppink's Iron family, and, if the totalisator, he should score again before long.

While competing in the Waikato Handicap at Oamaru on Tuesday, Ristort broke down badly, and it is extremely unlikely that she will race again; in fact, her owner has practically decided to put her to the stud this coming season.

The Royal Artillery filly has little to recommend her in the way of track performances, but her breeding is all right. The Canterbury Jockey Club is taking steps to improve its short courses at Riccarton. The track has been altered slightly, with a view to preventing the crowding that invariably takes place at the point where the course proper is reached. The Course Committee has also considered the possibility of making a new six-furlong course. The turn into the straight has always been dangerous, and six furlong races at Riccarton, especially the Stewards' Handicap, have a long tale to tell of accidents at the corner.

When the proposal to increase the taxation of racing clubs became law it was freely stated that the C.C.C. would have to reduce its stakes, but the Chairman was able to announce at the annual meeting that if the revenue remained satisfactory, there would be no necessity for reduction.

A matter that is of considerable interest to owners of high class horses was mentioned at the annual meeting of the C.C.C. by Mr. J. D. Greenwood, who said that as an owner he would be pleased if the club would abandon the system of automatically penalising in subsequent handicap events a horse that had won a weight-for-age race recently. The chairman, Mr. Greenwood, said that the committee would consider the matter.

A.R.C. GREAT NORTHERN MEETING.

The following final payments and acceptances were posted last night in connection with the Great Northern meeting, which opens at Ellerslie on Friday next:-

Table listing race results and payments. Includes 'FIRST DAY', 'THE GREAT NORTHERN HURDLE', and 'MAIDEN STEEPLECHASE'.

MAIDEN STEEPLECHASE. About two miles and a half.

Table listing results for Maiden Steeplechase, including names like First Barrel, Cavalero, Mozart, etc.

MAIDEN HURDLES. One mile and three-quarters.

Table listing results for Maiden Hurdles, including names like Maharani, Esmond, etc.

JEVROIS HANDICAP. Five furlongs.

Table listing results for Jevrois Handicap, including names like Contendent, Multiple, etc.

CORNWALL HANDICAP. One mile and a-quarter.

Table listing results for Cornwall Handicap, including names like Master Sault, Sedition, etc.