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FIXTURES.

March 23, 24—Mastercup Racing Club.
 March 23—North Canterbury Jockey Club.
 March 30, 31—Wanganui Trotting Club.
 April 5, 6—Southland Racing Club.
 April 5, 6—Manawatu Racing Club.
 April 12, 15—Greytown Jockey Club.
 April 15, 17—Wairarapa Jockey Club.
 April 15, 17, 18—A.R.C. Autumn.
 April 17, 18—Fishing Jockey Club.
 April 17 and 18—Canterbury J.C. Autumn.
 April 17, 18—Riverport Racing Club.
 April 20, 21—Westland Racing Club.
 May 3, 4—Marborough Racing Club.
 May 10, 11—Hawke's Bay Jockey Club.
 June 3, 4, 7—Auckland Racing Club.

Two unplaced performances preceded The Parisian's victory in the Australian Cup.

The price paid by Mr E. J. Watt to W. Davies for the yearling full brother to Bonnie was 150 guineas.

The Australian rider, P. Moore, who rode without success in Auckland, has joined the Hon. J. D. Ormond's stable.

Inipulsive followed up his Waihi Cup victory by winning the principal event at the Thames Jockey Club's Meeting.

The Racing Commission commenced an inspection of the South Island racetracks on Monday.

Manupal, which won a double at the Napier Park meeting, is a full sister to that brilliant horse, Hank 'Un.

The Auckland horseman J. Buchanan and a number of riders at the Napier Park meeting, but failed to salute the judge.

The half-brother to Leontator in C. Coleman's stable is a promising stud, and he is looked upon as a horse likely to pay his way.

There were three double winners at the Napier Park meeting—Fort William, Blackline 10, and Manupal—all of which hail from Gisborne.

Don Quex, usually a good jumper, has failed to complete the course on each of the last four occasions he has started in a hurdle race.

During the progress of the Napier Park Meeting Mr Ellingham disposed of Burauda. The price received for the son of Sau Fran is stated to be £130.

Arion, which made a good showing in the Napier Park Cup, was badly galloped on during the running in that race, and was unable to be started on the second day.

After a spell of over 12 months, the Jumper Gold Post has been taken in hand again by J. Munn, and is now a regular attendant on the tracks at Hastings.

The Ohinemuri Jockey Club's Meeting on Friday and Saturday is the last of the country meetings in Auckland for the present season.

Gilliamontog, which won the Hopeful Stakes at the V.R.C. Meeting on Monday, is a half-brother, by Challenger, to that great stayer Trafalgar.

The southern horseman R. Hatch must have by far the best percentage of winning rides. His last thirteen mounts have resulted in eleven winners.

Electrakoff was not produced at the Thames on Saturday. It is stated that the son of Menschikoff pulled up lame after working out morning last week.

Mr. Jonah Tucker, of Featherston, the owner of Livonia, dam of Merryvonia, has a yearling colt by Achilles from the first-named which is highly spoken of.

A most noticeable absentee from the A.R.C. Easter Handicap is King South. However, Mr How has his colt entered for the St. George's and Autumn Handicaps.

NEAKKI, which nearly brought off a surprise in the Waihi Hack Hurdle on the second day of the Napier Park meeting, is a full brother to the Auckland-sired Mary Ann.

V. Colletti, the Hawke's Bay trainer, has been concerned in a bad again after a lengthy spell. All going well in the meantime, it is Colletti's intention of visiting Auckland with a team of jumpers for the A.R.C. Winter Meeting.

A would-be purchaser priced Cheddae recently, but evidently Mr. Watt did not want to part with the son of Merryvonia, as his reply was that it would take four figures to purchase the colt.

The Hon. J. D. Ormond had six representatives at the Napier Park meeting, but the only one to earn a bracket was Phanus, which accounted for the Flying Handicap on the opening day.

Tom Tull, which won the Karangahake Handicap at Ohinemuri, has been a big disappointment since coming to Auckland. The colt, which was being schooled over hurdles some little time back.

There was a very strong contingent of Gisborne sportsmen at the Napier Park Meeting, and, as horses from those parts accounted for no less than six races, the party had a real good time.

Cloudy Morn, which ran third after coming to grief in the Thames Steeplechase on Saturday, walked away very groggy after the event, and may have to be given a spell.

When Lady Lucy was seen to be missing from the entrants for the Sydney Cup racing men were puzzled to know why. Now it is said that that mare's non-entry was purely an oversight.

Last week three fillies from Ideal, Agony, and Canelet respectively were shipped South from Napier by the Hon. J. D. Ormond, and it is understood that they are to join Mr. J. B. Reid's stud.

Matters at Ellerslie are very quiet just now, but perhaps the appearance of the weights for the Easter Handicap, Brighton Hurdles, and Steeplechase will bring things up a little.

L. Wilson's engagement as first horseman for Mr T. H. Lowry has been cancelled, but so far, no other horseman has been engaged to do the riding for the stable. Wilson will join the Hon. J. D. Ormond's stable again.

If present intentions are carried out the Hon. J. D. Ormond's horses will be seen out at Ellerslie in preference to Christchurch. From what can be gathered, Stewart Waddell will have a fairly large team under his charge at Ellerslie next month.

A. Whitaker had six rides at the Thames. He won once, and dead-beated for first place once, while his four other mounts resulted in three seconds and one unplaced. R. E. Brown was the most successful rider, he piloting four winners, including a dead-beat.

L. Wilson, the well-known horseman, who has been out of the saddle since last November, owing to an accident, is riding in work again at Napier Park, and is well enough to fulfil his engagements. He was seen in the saddle at the Napier Park meeting.

G. Jones, who has, Manutara under his charge at Gisborne, is not very sanguine of the one-time champion standing a proposition. Jones is giving Patsano and Continance a stout spell, and it is understood the projected trip to Australia has been abandoned.

Mr. E. Jackman, who has been appointed starter for several country racing clubs in the Auckland district, was on retiring from the Foremanship of the Glassworks Stables in Freeman's Bay, presented with a silver-mounted umbrella and a cigar-holder by his fellow employees.

I understand that the Takapuna Jockey Club is considering the question of laying down a steeplechase course, and there appears every likelihood of the T.J.C. winter programme containing a couple of cross-country events. A return to the old order of things would be much appreciated.

A. Woods is handling a couple of youngsters for the Hon. J. D. Ormond, two colts by Birkenhead from Mobbily and Gater respectively. They are both well grown, and, on looks, should be useful. The youngsters will shortly be sent to Stewart Waddell, and Woods expects another draft to put the tackle on.

If Gray is under orders to proceed to Christchurch after the Masterton Meeting to ride work for R. J. Mason, in order to give that trainer a better line as to the capabilities of his team. Gray was in great form at the recent Napier Park Meeting, and he is understood to have gained on the last day being first-class form.

Paradise's form has been so bad of late that it has completely puzzled her connections. In conversation with her trainer, T. Quinlivan, at the Napier Park Meeting, he expressed the opinion that she was in foul. The daughter of Merryvonia was not put to the horse, but certain circumstances gave ground for the opinion expressed.

Fort William, which was the two principal performers at the Napier Park meeting, was by South from Stimula and is by his own sire. The son of South won both his races in easy fashion, and as he had the staidler of but on the second day his performance was good and stout. Fort William is engaged in the principal events at the A.R.C. Autumn Meeting.

The one-time champion sprinter Lord South was produced each day at the Napier Park meeting, but looked sadly out of condition, and, after showing pace for a couple of furlongs, died right out of it. Lord South has a nasty-looking leg, and it seems safe to say that this little son of South will never again display the brilliancy which gained him his reputation.

The racing clubs in the South are taking strong steps to keep the bookmakers and their clerks off the courses, and at the Napier Park meeting several on-site to the odds were requested to leave by the club's private detectives. Some doubt has been expressed as to whether the clubs have the legal right to take this stand, and there is every probability of the matter being tested in the law courts.

The colts by Royal Fusilier from Bijou and Meadun respectively, which Mr Lowry is sending to Sydney for sale, were shipped from Napier on Wednesday night for transhipment at Wellington. The colts are full brothers to Sullivan and Reah, both of which are at the Napier Park meeting, so that their credentials are highly satisfactory, and they should realise a decent price.

The Napier Park trainer, J. McLaughlin, has just taken Eldoran in hand again, after a lengthy spell. It will be remembered that Eldoran, which is thought to be a champion over the big fences, went wrong during the Wanganui Winter meeting last May, and was at one time so bad that it was thought impossible to save him. He, however, had a good recovery, and now looks the picture of health.

Walnut, whose refusal to start in the New Zealand Metropolitan Club's £1000 Trotting Cup in November spoiled the race, showed something of the pace he has been so long credited with by winning the mile at Forbury Park very easily in 2:17.3. A number of dispirited sports followed him and got a very fine dividend. Walnut and his owner and trainer had a rare reception on their return home to Wyndham, when all the young sports of the town turned out to welcome them home.

Passing through Palmerston North last week, I met the Southern trainer R. J. Mason, returning home from the Wanganui meeting. In a chat, Mason informed me that there was every probability of his having a team competing at the A.R.C. Autumn Meeting. As nothing definite would be decided until after the Manawatu meeting next month, and it would all depend on the form shown there, Mason was very sore over the published statement that for the mare did not meet with any interference in the race, but was not quite good enough.

The black demon, Bobitkoff, has started slow work, and his trainer (F. Davis) has every hope of the brilliant son of Elford surviving the necessary preparation. Bobitkoff, it may be remarked, is one of the most sensible horses that it would be possible to find, and numerous tales are related of his sagacity. After being exercised by his trainer, and allowed to pick grass unattended on the course proper, and although horses are galloping past him continually, he never as much as raises his head to look at them. He comes with a horse which is a great dislike for the hot fly, and when attacked by one of the pests, it is no uncommon sight to see him come along at a half-gallop to where anyone is standing and wait until the fly is killed, and then move off again, and go on picking the grass quite coolly.

It was Mr Lawry's intention to send Star Garter up for the Champagne Stakes, but the son of Royal Fusilier kicked his shoulder badly while doing a gallop on Monday morning, and it was with difficulty he was got back to his stable. He is at present in a bad way, and, on appearances, will not race for some time. The mishap was an unfortunate one for Mr. Lowry, for, along with the horse, the appointment in great style on the tracks, and his trainer was confident he would run a good race in the Champagne Stakes.

The autumn meeting of the Napier Park Racing Club was the most successful yet held by the club. From every point of view, the gathering was a record one. In these days, when such an outcry is made against racing, it is interesting to see how public will roll up to the various affairs, and it is evident that the "Sport of Kings" retains a strong hold on the people of the Dominion. The absence of the bookmakers had a wonderful effect on the totalisator since the autumn meeting was attended by just about double that of last year. The Napier Club is a very old club, and the meetings are largely local ones, those patronising the gatherings being to a large extent residents of Napier and the surrounding districts, and the feature is a most enjoyable one. To those accustomed to the larger courses there are several improvements that could be suggested, notably an up-to-date number board and a larger track case, but on the whole the appointments are well up to the requirements, and the management is highly satisfactory. The club intend making a number of improvements, but until the much-discussed question of the racing permits is decided locally, few justified in making a very large expenditure.

TURF TALK FROM THE SOUTH.

CHRISTCHURCH, Saturday.

The Waimate meeting was probably the best ever held by the popular South Canterbury Club, and that is saying a good deal, as the club has been increasingly prosperous for some years past. Since last year it has spent a good sum on improvements, and its course is now handy and well appointed. The most notable performance of the day was the double win of Kolinhor. As a two-year-old the son of Royal Fusilier and Bijou showed promising form last season, his four victories, including the Electric Plate at Riccarton, in which he beat such fine sprinters as Penates, Annual, Arnielet, Broadsword, Sunbeam, and Fambly. When his full brother Cullinan was being talked about as a likely cup winner early this season, Kolinhor's chance in the Stewards' Handicap at Riccarton was fancied in some quarters, but last November form was disappointing, and since then Kolinhor's progress has been done nothing. All Guss represented the best class he had to beat yesterday, so that there was not a great lot of merit in his performance, but he carried big odds, and made a fine picture in a brilliant finish in the seven furlong race. He certainly was good enough to suggest that he should soon be seen to advantage again.

The field of four for the Waimate Cup was rather disappointing, the moderate Pua-kan being top weight, but that class was not their strong point. It was a good race, however, and Flambeau won in taking style. She is a three-year-old by Stepanik from Fricreusa, and therefore a full sister to that fine galloper Cross Battery. Flambeau made her first appearance under silk at Riccarton in November last, and won a race in hack company. As she finished resolutely over a mile and a distance yesterday, she looks like developing into a useful stayer. Among those who have won the Grand Slam, which has quite left the dash he showed a little while ago, and Trus Knight. This colt, which was sold by Sir Geo. Clifford last week, ran a good race, and should pay his way if judiciously placed.

One of the two trotting events at Waimate was noteworthy for the win of Good Hope, an aged gelding by a little known sire named Kragg. It is stated that this race was the ninety-seventh in which Good Hope has started, and the first he has won. That is an unenviable record that appears to be unique.

On Tuesday, Fragrant, a filly by Torpedo and Lucy, fell while running in a paddock at Wingatui, and had to be destroyed.

Pure Gold, a mare by Gold Reef—Awapull well known in the South, has changed hands, but will not be removed from the present sphere of operations.

J. Walls, an old-time rider over fences, has been granted a jockey's license by the C.J.C. Some few years ago he was regarded as a capable man in the saddle.

WESTPORT MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

WESTPORT, Friday.

The Westport Jockey Club's Autumn Meeting opened to-day. The rain which fell in the morning cooled the air and improved the track, which had been hardened by the protracted spell of dry weather. Results are as follow:—

Flying Handicap, five furlongs.—Red Wing, 8.2, and Featherston, 8.7 (dead heat); 1; Merchantman, 9.0. 3. Also started: Montague, 9.3. Five other starters. Time, 1:35.5.

Orawaiti Handicap, one mile and a half.—Amber Tip, 2.8; Zeppa, 2.9; 2; Cooney, 3.1. Three other starters. Time, 4:35.5. A protest by the owner of Zeppa against Amber Tips on the ground of interference was dismissed.

Westport Cup, one mile and a furlong.—Investment, 7.7, 1; The Onet, 8.7, 2; King Wing, 7.9. Three other starters. Won by half-a-length. Time, 2:0.

Addison's Hack Handicap, seven furlongs.—Paradise, 9.7; 1; Blue Sky, 10.3; 2; Lady Wealth, 9.0. 3. Four others started. Time, 1:35.5.

Birchfield Handicap, two miles.—Silver, 8.4; 1; Judge Albert, 8.8, 2; Major Lincoln, 13.6. 3. All started except Black Cat. Won by two lengths. Time, 5:16. Ellerslie Handicap, six furlongs.—Featherston, 6.12; 1; Merchantman, 9.0; 2; Shannon Lass, 8.4. 3. Also started: Montague and Supplement. Won by a length. Time, 1:17.3. A protest was entered against The Onet for crossing, but it was dismissed.

SECOND DAY.

WESTPORT, Saturday.

For the second day of the Westport Jockey Club's Autumn Meeting showery weather prevailed, but there was a good attendance. The sum of £2448 was paid through the totalisator, as compared with £1872 on the second day of last year's meeting, and making £4701 for the meeting, as compared with £3370. The following are the results:—

Misera's Handicap, six furlongs.—Montague, 8.10; 1; Featherston, 7.13; 2; Redwing, 8.0. 3. Scratched: Jeanie Collett and White Hyacinth. Won easily by two lengths. Time, 1:17.3.

Christchurch Handicap, six furlongs.—Mantis, 11.10; 1; Blue Sky, 10.8; 2; Largon, 8.7. 3. Scratched: Parakeet. Won by three lengths. Time, 1:21.3. Eggs From foal and broke a leg and was destroyed. Gravelly Handicap, one mile and a half.—Miss Black, 10.4; 1; Maud Afternoon,