

Anticklers who were present at Wanganui regretted to see Antarctic saddled up for the Wanganui Steeplechase, and it was generally expected that the stewards would have taken some action as to whether he should have been allowed to start or not. The son of Salvador looked really well, and had evidently done a solid preparation, but he showed pronounced signs of lameness as he walked round the paddock, the trouble appearing to be in the shoulder. His connections were confident he would shake it off when he was warmed up, but in the race he tumbled or early, and was never really near the leaders, finishing last but one. It is understood that he will not be seen out at Auckland, but that an effort will be made to get him ready for Wellington and Christchurch.

R. Wootton's Derby colt Shogun commenced this season's racing in England in auspicious fashion, winning the Greenham Stakes, a straight mile, as he placed at Newbury on April 12. Shogun, who had 9/4, went out at 5 to 4 on, next in demand being Jameson, a colt by King James from Alexandria, and bred in France. Despite the fairly liberal price going against Jameson, his connections gave him an excellent chance of winning. Therein they erred, as Shogun cantered home three lengths ahead of him. From this it is certain the representative of R. Wootton's stable will be well forward in condition for the Derby, which takes place on the 4th of next month. The value of the Greenham Stakes was £1000, and Shogun was ridden by F. Wootton, who was successful on Jingling geordie in the corresponding race last year.

When Gloy and Walmangu met last winter at the A.R.C. Winter Meeting the former ran second in the Cornwall Handicap, 14 miles, with 9/4, Walmangu being replaced with 10/2. On the second day Gloy was again second in the Prince of Wales Handicap, 7 furlongs, with 10/9, and Walmangu third with 11/0. On the concluding day, in the York Welter, 1 mile, Gloy ran second for the third time with 10/13, Walmangu being again third with 11/1. Since then the pair met in the spring, both running unplaced in the A.R.C. City Handicap, 11 miles, and the King Edward Memorial Handicap, 14 miles, at a difference of 2lbs and 4lbs respectively. Walmangu was then retired, but Gloy in the autumn won the Eden Handicap, seven furlongs, under 7.6, and ran unplaced in the Stewards' Handicap with 8.10, top weight. In framing his weights for the Cornwall Handicap Mr Morse awarded Walmangu 10.5 and Gloy 9.2, which on figures does not give the former much chance.

The results of the Wanganui jumping events have had the effect of throwing a little light on the Great Northern, and both the first and second horses in the Century Hurdles, and the winner and third in the Steeplechase must be given a big chance at Ellerslie. Bercola appears to have improved considerably since he last raced, and, being such a great stayer as he has proved himself to be, will be all in his favour over the trying journey at Ellerslie. St. Kevin will probably be seen to better advantage at Ellerslie than he was on Thursday, and may be equal to at least one of the other horses. The son of Sant Barto defeating Bercola is a fine stamp of a hurdler, and, besides staying well, has a fine dash of pace. Glenmore gave a fine exhibition of jumping in the Wanganui Steeplechase, as did Dorando, and both should run well. Many are picking the latter to be the better of the pair at the weights, but Glenmore's display was so meritorious that, despite his penalty, he can be relied upon to run prominently at Auckland. There will be 18lbs between the pair, but in framing his handicap for the second day's racing Mr Morse put 21lbs between them, while he asked him to concede a pound to Antarctic, four pounds to Hoanga, twelve pounds to The Native, and nineteen pounds to Okaihau, so that if that estimate is correct he should have all the best of it, for he meets the horses named at Ellerslie on much better terms.

"ALL THAT WERE LEFT."

Writing under the above heading, under date London, April 11, our London correspondent says:-

There have been many more exciting races for the Grand National Steeplechase—the "Blue Riband" of the "illegitimate" racing season—but there have been few races decided over the famous 41 miles course at Aintree so prolific of "trippings and falls" as that of last Friday.

Old stagers when asked to accept short odds about any Liverpool candidates used to declare that it was 4 to 1 against any horse compassing the course without a fall, let alone winning, and on Friday last a bookmaker who acted on this principle would have had no reason to regret his act, for out of 22 runners only three completed the course with jockeys up, and of these one had

unshipped his rider en route. Happily with all the accidents there were no serious results to men or beast.

The winnowing process in Friday's race commenced early. The first fence brought down a faulced candidate in Melwar, and put an end to the hopes of the backers of Highbridge, the horse upon which our American visitors—they mustered in fine force at Aintree this year—had pinned their faith, and "planked" their dollars till the leaders would not do business at better odds than 100 to 9. At the fence before the famous Beecher's Brook another faulced article in Wavlet came to grief; Axle Pin and Black Plum turned tall at Valentine's Brook, and at the next fence Dysart and the 5 to 1 favourite Ballybackle followed suit, and Trianon came down. This left Blowpipe with a long lead, but both he and Bloodstone "stood on their noses" at the water jump, and the first fence going into the country the second time round saw Rejected IV, and Fearless come croppers. This fate overtook Merryland, The Miner, Regent, and Foolhardy at the very next obstacle, leaving only Carsey, Covertcoat, Thowpin, and Irish Mail in the race. Of this quartet, Thowpin—a race jumper—blundered and fell at the fence before Beecher's, apparently leaving Covertcoat and Carsey to fight out the issue, Irish Mail being a long way behind. Two fences from home Carsey pecked on landing, and shot his jockey out of the saddle, and this enabled Irish Mail to take second place. But he could never get within half of Covertcoat, which won by quite a hundred yards. Carsey, remounted, finished third, about the same distance behind the second. Only these three completed the course in recognised fashion, but some amusement was caused by The Miner trotting past the stands just after Carsey with two jockeys on his back, his rider having given another dismounted knight of the pigskin a friendly lift to the paddock.

The winner is a seven-year-old son of Hecker and Cinnamon, the property of Sir Charles Assheton-Smith. This was his second venture in the Grand National, though last year he was overshadowed in the race by his stable companion Jerry M., which won for Sir Charles on that occasion. Covertcoat carried 11.3, and was ridden by Percy Woodhead, whose last successful ride over the course was in 1903, when Drumcree won. Covertcoat was well backed at 100 to 9, as was Carsey (10yrs, 12.0), Irish Mail (6yrs, 11.4) being a 25 to 1 proposition.



TURF TALK FROM THE SOUTH.

C. Emerson, the light-weight horseman, who has filled the position of first horseman at the Chokehole Lodge stable for the greater part of the season, has decided that he will not enter into any engagement to ride Sir Geo. Clifford's horses next year. He intends to take a trip to Sydney at the beginning of next month, and it is understood offers, he will follow his profession in Australia. During his short stay in Sydney last year Emerson rode fifteen winners, and received a good deal of patronage from Australian trainers. The present season has been an exceedingly good one for the light-weight, but he evidently prefers his prospects across the Tasman Sea, and it is more than probable that the Otaki Hand Meeting will see the last of him as a jockey on the New Zealand turf. His association with the Chokehole Lodge stable has been a most profitable one, and to mark its termination, Sir George Clifford has presented him with a cheque and a portrait of himself, the owner of the year-old, on which Emerson has won so many weight-for-age races.

It was deemed advisable to operate on the fine-looking Jennot, by Charlemagne II, as he is being indulged in a spell at present, but will again join the active brigade very shortly.

Mowbray, which has been having an easy time of late, is looking well and in capital condition to commence work.

A. J. Mason will leave for Sydney next month with a team of horses, but the exact date of his departure and the horses that will comprise his team are not at present known.

Three-year-old Quaranika has again been put into work by R. Curtis, and is master, in the same trainer's charge, is still eating the oats of idleness at Chokehole Lodge.

Northern Light and Judith, in R. Derrett's charge, are being indulged in a lengthy spell.

Golden Horn is in great buckle at present, and in a gallop on the sand track at Riccarton this morning covered half a mile in 48 seconds.

A fair amount of schooling has been done during the week, and some interesting work accomplished. On Saturday Master Paul (J. Heparty) was sent once round over the big fences, jumping in his usually very complete fashion. This morning Mercedo (C. A. Pine) was sent over four flights of hurdles, jumping well, and Advance Guard (K. Murfit) and Miss Kolumar (Dowd) gave a satisfactory display over two flights of the hurdles.

While whistling the grey gelding Daylight Hill over the hurdles on Tuesday last W. Bush sustained a nasty fall, and received a broken collarbone and a very severe shaking. This is particularly bad luck for this plucky little rider, as his injuries will mean his retirement from the saddle for a good portion of the jumping season.

WAIARAPA NOTES.

Sir Knox will be the only Masterton horse competing at Otaki. S. Williams, the Clarendon trainer, has Negative, Fat Kate, Borsli, Chatsli, and Leapuki engaged at the meeting.

The Masterton horse Tunit, at one time trained by J. O'Connell, but which has latterly been in Mettrich's stable at Cambridge (Victoria), has been sold to a patron of J. Hannah, the Clarendon trainer. Mantau was not sent for the Otaki meeting, and it is expected to spell him until the spring. His place in Garrett's stable will be taken by a young horse by Mackintosh, belonging to Mr W. Hume, of Urubou.

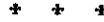
Most of the charges in W. Garrett's stables are being spelled just now. As soon as the winter is over, however, the trying tackle will be put on a couple of young ones, and his other charges will be sent along in view of early spring engagements. Amalgamate, until recently in J. Grave's stock at Clarendon, has been returned to his owner, Mr W. Strong, of Gladstone. The son of Letho and Merganser has not been a success so far.

Master Lupin, which has run several seconds a season, including one at the recent Otaki meeting, broke his maiden status at Egmout last week.

The Clarendon trainer G. Neleh has in hand a full brother to Soratara. Being by Smead from Waitara, he is also a half-brother to British Maid.

The ex-Wairarapa horse Sir Letho, which was taken across to Australia with J. Cameron's team, having a bad time, and it is thought that a leathery spell will be required before the Letho gelding will be fit to race again.

Laloga, a winner at the Wairarapa and Wellington meetings, will next sport silk at Otaki.



WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB.

GLENMORE WINS STEEPLCHASE.

The Wanganui Jockey Club's Winter Meeting opened in fine but very cold weather, a keen wind blowing across the course. The attendance was large, and the course in splendid order. The staidary stewards, Messrs McMahon and Gordon, were present, but the only thing calling for attention was the riding by Adams of Kauroa in the Hack Steeplechase. The horse nearly lost through his over confidence. A caution was administered. There were a number of falls, one of which resulted in the destruction of Mr J. R. McDonald's gelding Salopian, but fortunately none of the riders were seriously injured.

THE FAVOURITE SCORES.

In the opening event the thirteen acceptors saddled up included the Auckland horse Blue Garment. When the machue closed Postillon was a strong favourite, Incuri being the only other to get anything like decent support. Only three of the remaining starters, one being Blue Garment, had over a hundred pounds on them. Grathau was third favourite. They dashed in the order they were backed on the machine. When they were let go Postillon and Sangulany were first to move, but the running was at once taken up by Incuri and Grathau. The latter were soon three lengths out in front of the rest of the field, which was headed by Postillon and Sangulany, while Blue Garment was some distance back. At the distance Incuri and Grathau bent, but, though she struggled on bravely, failed to stall off a strong run by Postillon, which won by half a length. Grathau was third, and then came Sangulany, Roosveit, Steppay, and Msharn, with Blue Garment at the head of the others.

A HORSE KILLED.

Leolanter was the only withdrawal from the Hack Steeplechase, leaving the good field of twelve, and of these Mr J. R. McDonald's bracketed pair, Fireworks and Salopian, carried most money, with Kauroa next in request, while strong support was also accorded Rebel, the horses mentioned carrying nearly two-thirds of the investments. Fireworks and Makiri made the early running for about half a mile, then Kauroa took charge, and jumping beautifully, was nearly gone, followed by Fireworks and Hanter. When they crossed the double Kauroa was out by himself, with Fireworks, Salopian, Tyrannik, and Hanter handy. Going along the Luck Salopian and Tyrannik moved up, and the race was just becoming interesting when the pair came to grief at the fence across the top, Bismarck, which was some distance behind, falling over them. The mishap left Kauroa with a commanding lead from Hanter and Fireworks. He jumped "the heucoop," the last fence, with a twenty lengths' advantage. In the run home Kauroa's rider eased him up to almost a walk, and Hanter finishing his fast on the inside, Adams just realised his danger in time, and succeeded his mount home by a head. Fireworks was half a dozen lengths away, third, and then came Makiri, Lupine, and Rebel.

When Salopian fell he broke his neck, but his rider (A. J. McEllen) escaped without injury, as did the riders of Tyrannik and Bismarck.

A FINE RAUC.

Nothing dropped out of the Wanganui Steeplechase, the big event of the day, and the contestants came in for a lot of attention as they paraded. Antarctic was walking very lame in the bird cage, and it seemed a pity that it was deemed necessary to start him. There was no time wasted at the post, and the horses left in line. Bravest, Glenmore, and Dorando were in close company at the first fence, which the first named bit hard, and lost his position. Setting out to make the second time round, Glenmore had a dozen lengths' advantage of Leolanter, and then came Dorando, Knutsford, Okaihau, The Native, and Whipper, with Antarctic falling off. Passing the stand the second time Glenmore was still out by himself, with Leolanter, Dorando, Okaihau, The Spaniard, and the Native racing in that order, and Antarctic and Hawick tacking away in the rear. When the real racing commenced Dorando ran up to Glenmore, with Leolanter handy, and then came The Spaniard, Okaihau, and the Native, Okaihau being plainly in trouble. For a couple of furlongs Dorando raced with Glenmore, and his chance looked a good one, but Adams was only resting the leader, and, crossing the top, he drew out again, Leolanter also heading Dorando. Leolanter got to Glenmore's griths, and they came to "the heucoop" together. Both jumped the fence in good style, but, once over, Glenmore easily shook off his opponent, and, finishing up his task like a good one, won easily by four lengths. Dorando was a similar distance further back, third, and then came The Spaniard, Okaihau, Whipper, The Native, Bravest, and Knutsford (which missed the last fence), and Antarctic, with Hawick a long last. Glenmore's victory was a meritorious one, for he made the whole of the running, and shook off both Dorando and Leolanter at the business end. Both of the last named ran well, as did The Spaniard and Okaihau while his condition lasted, but The Native was disappointing. The latter was a strong favourite, with Glenmore carrying a pound more than Okaihau, and then, in the order of betting, were Dorando, Whipper, Bravest, Leolanter, Antarctic, Knutsford, The Spaniard, and Hawick.

MORNING WINS.

The whole of the twelve carried had their griths tightened for the Kaitake Hack Hurdles, several of the starters making their debut over hurdles. The Auckland horse Watchchain, for some reason or other, was made favourite, but there was money for Sea Queen, Serevity, Hatpin, and Thravo. Jackpin made the early pace, and passing the stand was a couple of lengths in front of Goodwin Park, Sea Queen, and Morning, with the rest of the field in a bunch some lengths away. Going along the back, Morning rushed to the front, followed by Goodwin Park, Serevity, Sea Queen, and Jackpin, while the favourite was a long way back. Entering the straight, Morning and Goodwin Park were well clear of the field, and after an interesting race the former got the verdict by a length. Watchchain, which was finishing fast when the race was over, was a dozen lengths away, and then came Serevity, Sea Queen, and Brown Star, the last pair being Thravo and Nebulous.

THE FAVOURITE BEATEN.

The Native and Armagh were taken out of the Century Hurdles, leaving a field of nine to battle over the small fences for two and a quarter miles, the second longest hurdle race in the Dominion. When all the pool had been gathered in, Ngatimaru was a strong order, the positions of the others in the betting being Chief Marshal, Darby Paul, Marton, Bercola, St. Kevin, Allure, and Clemency, with Sila the outsider. They were let go in an even dispatch. Bercola and Ngatimaru were first to commence, but when they settled down to their long journey, St. Kevin and Sila were the leaders, with Bercola and Chief Marshal together. Then came Ngatimaru, Allure, Marton, and Clemency, with Darby Paul next. Jumping the hurdle in front of the stand, St. Kevin and Ngatimaru were together, just clear of Bercola and Chief Marshal. The last named struck hard and fell. Going out of the straight, Allure raced alongside of St. Kevin, but at the hurdle near the five-furlong post Bercola jumped past the pair, and led across the top, just clear of Allure, after which came St. Kevin and Ngatimaru. Darby Paul was making up his weary feet, but was too far away to be dangerous. Entering the straight, Bercola, Allure, and St. Kevin were all hard at it, and a great race home resulted, Bercola winning by a length from St. Kevin, with Allure a similar distance away. Third, Marton was fourth, and then came Darby Paul, Ngatimaru, and Clemency, with Sila last. Flynn, the rider of Chief Marshal, got a nasty shaking, and was lucky to escape so lightly.