

OUR SYDNEY LETTER.

[By Cardoness.]

July 10.

STEADFAST, who won the Winter Handicap, one and a half miles, with 7.0, in 2min 11 1/2sec, will have his weight raised to 7.6 in the Caulfield Cup.

The celebrated clipper yacht Valkyrie was run into by another yacht and sunk at a regatta off the shores of Scotland.

Backers of C.B. at Flemington and Sydney are to be consoled with, as the wrongful entry was pointed out in print a week before the races and in time to rectify.

Insignia, the aged brother to Paris, won another selling race on Saturday at Moorefield. He started at 3 to 1 against in a field of 4, and was bought in for £50.

No N.S.W. horses proved successful in getting a place in the V.R.C. races on Saturday. Bettina was running very prominently when she fell, broke her shoulder, and had to be destroyed.

Wally Kerry, the champion cyclist, won the five-mile Intercolonial Bicycle Race in Queensland on Saturday. L. A. Simpson, another N.S. Welshman, annexed the three-mile handicap from scratch.

The Intercolonial Five-mile Bicycle Championship comes off next Saturday at Brisbane, and a great race is expected between Kerr and Simpson. There is an idea that Simpson will win on this occasion.

The usual large crowd attended Moorefield races on Saturday, and punters and double backers came down with a sickening thud over the first race, when a mediocre mare named Bonnette beat, besides others, such racers as Ebony, Blue Blood, M.L.A., and Tiwoona.

Some peculiar tales were going about after the race. How a bookmaker was at the bottom of this win, and that the daughter of Cheviot—Milliner had shown one or two private spins which did not leak out.

Whakawatea, who has had terrible luck in N.S.W., showed a clean pair of heels to a large field in the Welter. The favourite, Checkmate, would have won but for the start.

Another red-hot favourite went down in the Kogarah Stakes, and Tom Browning's Marchal Ney just beat Excellence. The boy riding the latter nearly fell off twice between the distance and the winning post in his anxiety to win.

King Orry is the champion of the hour. He scored another meritorious win in the Moorefield Handicap, Carnation was second, and Ebony, who looked terribly lazy, third. The mile and a quarter was covered in 2min 11 1/2sec.

Backers recovered themselves very much over the last race, as Ready Money was backed for very heavy sums. After looking to have no chance coming up the hill, the favourite came again and won comfortably from Barnaby Rudge and Zingara.

Three horses which ran well on Saturday, and will not be long before they annex races are Zingara, Checkmate, and Carnation. Ebony looked too sluggish to win, but it will take a dandy to beat him when he is wanted.

The quoted favourites for the Caulfield Cup are Capstan, Lord Randolph, Mostyn, and Question at 25's, Loyalty and Milkmaid at 33's. For the Melbourne Cup Carnage, Light Artillery, and Aquarius 25's, Dreamland 35's.

Whether it was the strong wind, the soft ground, or the fault of the man who pulled the string, the starting machine at Moorefield was an utter failure. Three times the horses left the post as if they were passing through a gap. The last on two occasions were red hot favourites, so perhaps you can imagine the growl that went up.

Handicapper Scarr has been appointed to a further office, that of keeping his eye on suspicious matters which may be passed over by suburban stewards. Of course we want all the purifying innovations we can get, but why the handicapper should be chosen can hardly be clear. He is more likely to be prejudiced than anyone else, besides are there not plenty of men of integrity without this everlasting cliquesism. The Castlereagh-street Club will come down from their pedestal some day.

The Northern footballers came to Sydney on Saturday, and suffered a severe defeat at the hands and legs of the Metropolitans. Our forwards ran rings round the other men, eventually winning by 29 to 6.

A special meeting of Racing Conference delegates has been convened for the 25th inst. by Captain Russell to consider Sir Robert Stout's Gaming Bill.

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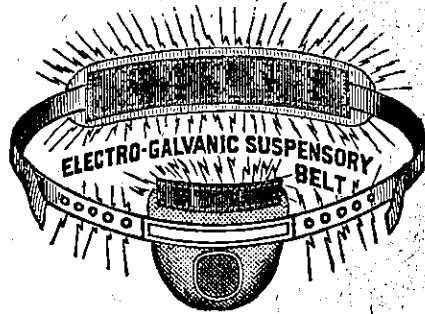
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