

RACING PROGRAMMES



DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ETC.

Nominations for all races close with the Secretary, at the office of the *Sporting Review*, Vulcan Lane, on **SATURDAY**, November 10th, 1894, at 9 p.m.
Weights will appear on or about **TUESDAY**, November 13th, 1894.
Acceptances will close on **FRIDAY**, November 16th, at 9 p.m.
Order of running subject to alteration.
Five per cent. deducted from gross winnings.
H. H. HAYR,
Hon. Secretary.



TARANAKI TROTGING ASSOCIATION.

THE SECOND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TARANAKI TROTGING ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD

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ON THE NEW PLYMOUTH RACECOURSE,

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1894.

OFFICERS:—President—Mr R. Street. Vice-Presidents—Messrs. A. Bayly, W. G. Glassford, J. Avery, T. S. Weston, and E. M. Smith, M.H.R. Committee—Messrs. C. Tate, R. G. Pardy, J. Healey, P. Duddy, Jas. Hooker and R. A. Skirviner. Stewards—Messrs. A. Bayly, W. G. Glassford, John Honeyfield, C. Tate, K. Pigott, H. Julian, M. Mills, H. Lepper, C. Rogers and J. Tuohy. Treasurer—Mr G. Tate. Clerk of Course—Mr J. Healey. Clerk of Scales—Mr A. Colson. Judge—Mr A. Bayly. Handicapper—Mr R. G. Pardy.

PROGRAMME.

1. Maiden Handicap Trot of 10 sovs. For horses that have never won an advertised trotting event. Nomination, 10s (close on general entry night); no acceptance. Two miles.
2. Harness Trot Handicap of 18 sovs; second horse to receive 3 sovs from the stakes. Winner of any trotting race after declaration of handicap to be re-handicapped, as per Rule 30*. Nomination, 10s; Acceptance, 8s. Two and a half miles.
3. Pony Trot Handicap of 12 sovs; second pony to receive 2 sovs from the stakes. For ponies 14h. 2in. and under. Nomination, 7s. Acceptance, 5s. One and a half miles.
4. Taranaki Trotting Association Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. The winner of any handicap trot after declaration of handicap to be re-handicapped, as per Rule 30*. Nomination, £1; Acceptance, £1. Three miles.
5. Farmers' Trot Handicap of 12 sovs; second horse to receive 2 sovs from the stakes. For horses owned and trained by bona fide farmers for three months prior to date of entry. Nomination, 12s (close on general entry night); no acceptance. Two miles. N.B.—The Committee has defined a farmer as follows:—A farmer is a person who resides on, or pays rates on, 30 acres of land.
6. Stewards' Handicap of 16 sovs; second horse to receive 2 sovs from the stakes. Nomination, 10s; Acceptance, 6s. Winner of any trotting event after declaration of handicap to be re-handicapped, as per Rule 30*. Two miles.
7. Harness Trot of 12 sovs; second horse to receive 2 sovs from the stakes. Nominations close on general entry night. Handicaps declared on the ground. Entry, 12s. Two miles.

The Taranaki Trotting Association have adopted the Auckland Trotting Rules.

* Rule 30.—All winners of any race after handicaps are declared may be re-handicapped, but such handicap shall not exceed five seconds per mile for re-handicapped race. Nominations (with full particulars as to performances, colours of riders, &c.) close on **SATURDAY**, September 8th, 1894, at 9 p.m., with the Secretary, at the Taranaki Hotel, New Plymouth. The necessary fees must accompany all nominations and acceptances.

Handicaps declared on or about **FRIDAY**, September 14th, 1894.

Acceptances and General Entries close on **SATURDAY**, September 22nd, 1894, at 9 p.m., at the Taranaki Hotel, New Plymouth.

The Committee reserve the right to postpone the races in case of bad weather.

A. A. AMBRIDGE,
Hon. Sec.

STRATFORD TROTGING CLUB.

The FIRST ANNUAL MEETING of the Stratford Trotting Club will be held on the Bushford Park Racecourse, on

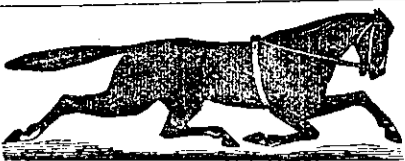
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11th, 1894.

OFFICERS.—President—F. McGuire, Esq., M.H.R. Vice-Presidents—Messrs. W. Dingle, T. McLellan, and N. King. Stewards—Messrs. H. N. Liardet, W. L. Tooker, E. G. Allsworth, J. Don, T. Jordan, R. McCracken, R. McQuay, and G. McBain. Treasurer—Mr R. S. Hirschberg. Clerk of Course—Mr P. Brooking. Clerk of Scales—Mr J. B. Paton. Starter—Mr H. J. C. Counts. Judge—Mr H. Bayly. Handicapper—Mr R. G. Pardy. Timekeeper—Colonel Payne.

PROGRAMME.

1. Maiden Handicap Saddle Trot of 15 sovs for horses that have never won an advertised trotting event (private matches excepted). Nominations 10s., acceptance 5s. (close on general entry night). One mile and a half. To start at 12 noon.
2. Harness Trot Handicap of 20 sovs., second horse 3 sovs. from the stakes. Winner of any trotting race, after the declaration of handicap, to be re-handicapped, as per Rule 30. Nominations 10s., acceptance 10s. Two miles. To start at 12.45.
3. Stratford Trotting Club Handicap Saddle Trot of 30 sovs., second horse 5 sovs. from the stakes. The winner of any Handicap Trot, after the declaration of handicap to be re-handicapped as per Rule 30. Nominations 15s., acceptance 15s. Three miles. To start at 1.45.
4. Pony Handicap Saddle Trot of £12 10s., second pony to receive £1 10s. from the stakes. For Ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. Nominations 7s. 6d., acceptance 5s. One mile and a half. To start at 2.30 p.m.
5. Farmers' Handicap Saddle Trot of £12 10s., second horse 2 sovs. from the stakes. For horses owned and trained by bona fide farmers for three months prior to date of entry. Winners of any amount over £5 barred. Nominations 12s 6d. (close on general entry night); no acceptance. Two miles. N.B.—The committee have defined a farmer as follows:—A farmer is a person who resides on or pays rates on 30 acres of land. To start at 3.15.

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6. Selling Handicap Saddle Trot of 15 sovs. The winner to become the property of the Club, and to be sold by public auction immediately after the race, any surplus over £10 to go to the second horse. Nomination 7s 6d., acceptance 7s. 6d. One mile and a half. To start at 4 o'clock.

The Stratford Trotting Club have adopted the Auckland Trotting Club Rules.

Rule 30.—All winners of any race after handicaps are declared may be re-handicapped, but such handicap shall not exceed five seconds per mile for re-handicapped race.

Nominations, with full particulars as to performances, colours of riders, &c., close on Saturday, September 15, 1894, at 9 p.m., at the County Hotel, Stratford.

The necessary fees must accompany all Nominations and acceptances.

Handicaps declared on or about Friday, September 23, 1894.

Acceptances and General Entries close on **SATURDAY**, October 6th, 1894, at the County Hotel, Stratford, at 9 p.m. The Telegraph Office closes at 8 p.m.

The Committee reserve the right to postpone the races in the case of bad weather.

H. MEHAFFY,
Hon. Secretary.

Submitted and approved this 14th day of August, 1894.
A. A. AMBRIDGE, Secretary Taranaki Trotting Association.

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FOOTBALL FIXTURES.

September 13—New South Wales v. Canterbury, at

Christchurch

September 15—New South Wales v. New Zealand, at

Christchurch

September 15—Parnell District Club v. Star Club of New

Plymouth, at Potter's

September 19—New South Wales v. West Coast, at Grey-

mouth

September 22—New South Wales v. Combined team

from Nelson and Marlborough, at

Nelson

September 24—New South Wales v. Wairarapa at

Masterton

Football.

THAT the football season is fast drawing to a close, and that the cries and incidents known only to the football field will soon have to give place to those of other pastimes must have been manifestly evident to the few who wended their way to Potter's on Saturday last. This favourite Saturday afternoon resort was almost isolated, for although four of the grounds were occupied with matches the absence of its numerous weekly visitors—the bustle, excitement and enthusiasm—which we have been accustomed to witness there every Saturday during the past few months made the place appear like the ghost of its former self. The afternoon was beautifully fine, and the turf in excellent order, whilst the warm rays of a bright sun were agreeably tempered by a fine bracing breeze. One could not help feeling annoyed that such a glorious day should be practically wasted, nor was a reflection on the state of the weather of the previous Saturday when such an important fixture as the Auckland-Wellington contest was set down for decision, calculated to soothe one's feelings. This must certainly have been the idea uppermost in the minds of the few who found their way to Epsom, and I have but little doubt that the journey was prompted more from force of habit than from any particular attraction which Potter's held out, for they appeared to wander listlessly from one game to the other, and finally left the ground before the completion of any of the contests.

In referring to the Wellington-Auckland match in my notes of last week, it will be remembered that I then stated that on a dry day I thought the latter team would win, notwithstanding that in my notes of the previous week I selected the visitors as the more likely team to prove successful. To this my attention has been drawn during the past week by several prominent players and patrons of the game, and I have also been reminded that I refrained from offering a single reason in support of my altered opinion. I may state that it was want of space and not the want of reasons which prevented me from dealing with the question at greater length, and I take this opportunity of satisfying those who have questioned me on the matter that my liking for the local team on a dry day is not silly prejudice, but the result of a careful observation. When (prior to the contest) I penned the paragraph in which I made the Wellington team my choice, everything pointed to the day being fine. Under the belief that the game would be fought out in our usual good weather, I relied upon the ability of the visitors to win, but had I known then, as much concerning their play in one department of the game as I know now, my selection would have been the local team. Although Auckland was beaten badly both in the points scored and in actual play, I nevertheless saw sufficient to satisfy me that on a dry turf and fine day the contest would have proved a good thing for the local reps. The visitors themselves think otherwise, and have great confidence in the passing tactics of their backs. Judging by the play of the visiting backs I can readily believe that on a dry day they would play a great game, and perhaps one of the finest exhibitions of combined aggressive work yet seen in Auckland. There is, however, one thing which regulates back play and that is forward play. Although the visiting vanguard proved too clever for our boys in the loose open play, the blue and whites were nevertheless vastly superior in scrum work securing the ball in almost every pack, and pushing their opponents almost off their feet when they failed to secure it.

What would this mean had the turf been dry? Simply that the visiting forwards would never have had a chance of playing to their backs. I do not wish to insinuate that the latter would not get on their passing, at which I am sure they are clever, nor will I say that they might not cross the Auckland line as many times as they did on the day of the con-

test. There is too much uncertainty in football to risk such an assertion. What I do say, however, is this, that in three out of every four scrums the local backs on a fine day would get on a passing run, and that for the greater part of the game the back play of the visitors would be of a defensive nature. As things turned out our backs could not even secure the oval, let alone pass it, but they have on more than one occasion demonstrated that they are capable of doing with a dry ball. To many, I have no doubt, this expression of opinion will appear to contain too much theory and suppositions, but whilst I do not wish to explain away the defeat of the local team or detract in the least from the merit of Wellington's success, I cannot but believe from what I saw that under different conditions the result of the contest would result in a win for the local team. The team which is best able to secure the ball in the scrum, either by virtue of its weight or superior knowledge of packing the scrum, is also able to push its opponents and has an advantage which must make itself felt. This is the advantage which the local team possesses over the representatives of the Empire City. Few would care to deny that the most dangerous scoring attack is that which is started by the centre half receiving the ball from the scrum, and on the strength of what I witnessed in the Auckland-Wellington contest, I have no hesitation in saying that on a fine day three out of every four scrums would result in a passing run on the part of the local backs. Couple the superiority of Auckland's vanguard with the performance of our backs against the New South Wales team, and then is there not good reason for supposing that on a fine day our reps could more than hold their own against the team which so badly defeated them.

In reviewing the past season, "Cynic," in the *Sydney Referee*, writes as follows: "The Randwick team cannot attribute its success more to one division than to another, though the early defeats were due perhaps to poor forward play. The best and most useful player in the team is Barrie, who in hardly one match failed to shine prominently at half-back away from the scrum. His general play, indeed, was so reliable and sound that few will care to deny that he is the next best player to Abbott in the Colony, and the best all-round kick playing Rugby." Barrie, it will be remembered, is with the New South Wales team at present in New Zealand, and took part in the contests against Auckland and the North Island. I am afraid that his exhibition of football in this city will not justify the above expression of opinion from "Cynic," and if he has ever shown anything to merit such praise then he must be greatly out of form. In the first of the above contests Barrie played a fair game, his principal use being in stopping the Auckland rushes. In the contest, however, against the North Island Barrie's display was simply wretched, and prevented the Welshmen from scoring on several occasions. When Galloway passed to him he held on to the leather with a tenacity which must have exasperated his comrades, and without his services New South Wales' chance of winning would have been much better. In neither match was he in the "same street" as either Riley, Surman or Galloway, who also play for Randwick. I notice that in the contest with Wellington on Saturday Barrie was left out of the team, his place being filled by Riley. All I can say is, that if Barrie is as good as "Cynic" considers, he must have a remarkably clever way of concealing his ability.

The most interesting "go" at Potter's on Saturday was that between the Parnell Seniors and Juniors. In view of the contest with the Star Club of New Plymouth on Saturday none of the senior champions journeyed to Wairoa with the Auckland boys, preferring to remain at home and indulge in a combined practice. There was a large attendance of players from the district, the services of only about three outsiders being necessary to make up two full teams. The practice resulted in a really good game, and should prove highly beneficial to both the senior and junior teams in their forthcoming contests. In the first spell the Seniors had the advantage of a good breeze, and made things lively for the young 'uns, who, however, stuck to their work in a game manner and displayed good form. In the second spell the Juniors more than held their own, and succeeded in crossing their opponents' line no less than four times. The game was fast from start to finish, and no one would ever imagine that the players were merely indulging in a practice. If Saturday's game is a specimen of the way in