

RACING PROGRAMMES



WELLINGTON RACING CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING, 1895.

JANUARY 22ND AND 24TH, 1895.

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H. M. LYON, Secretary.

Club Hotel, Wellington, September 17th, 1894.



NAPIER PARK RACING CLUB.

SPRING MEETING,

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, OCT. 9 & 10.

Having been duly authorised to RECEIVE MONIES FOR INVESTMENT on the Totalisator at the Spring Meeting, I will receive instructions up till Monday evening addressed "Napier," and up till 11 a.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, addressed to the Park course.

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A. T. DANVERS, Secretary.



STRATFORD TROTTING 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. E. N. Lizardet, W. L. Tocker, E. G. Allsworth, J. Don, T. Jordan, R. McCracken, R. McQuay, and G. McBain. Treasurer—Mr R. S. Hirschberg. Clerk of Course—Mr F. Brooking. Clerk of Scales—Mr J. B. Paton. Starter—Mr H. J. C. Coutts. Judge—Mr H. Bayly. Handicapper—Mr R. G. Fardy. 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 25 shillings. 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.
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 handicaps 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 22, 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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FUTURE FIXTURES.

December 8.—Auckland Amateur Athletic and 'Cycle Club's Carnival.

Football.

THE most attractive season which Aucklanders have yet witnessed in the history of our popular winter game is now practically at an end, and few, if any, of our numerous kickists will again don jersey before the lapse of half a year. Since the close of the competition for the senior championship the "blue and whites" have taken part in no less than ten matches with foreign teams. Against Thames, Franklin, South Canterbury, Waikato, Tauranga and New South Wales the local team came out of the ordeal with flying colours; but in the contests against Wellington and Taranaki they encountered defeat, whilst the contests with Hawke's Bay and Wairoa each resulted in a draw. Six wins, two draws, and two losses, looks on paper a fair performance, but when we reflect upon the fact that nearly all the successes of the local Rugby Union were registered against the representatives of country districts, where little or no facility exists for playing a scientific game, the above figures lose much of their apparent merit. Of the season's programme the four principal fixtures were those against Hawke's Bay, N.S. Wales, Taranaki and Wellington, and in these the local "reps." were unable to secure more than one win.

On results the season can not be said to have been successful, nor do I for a moment consider that the results represent the strength of Rugby football in this Province. All who remember the manner in which the team was altered on almost every Saturday, and thereby deprived of acquiring anything approaching a combined style of play, must know that the men were not given a fair chance of showing what they were really capable of accomplishing. But enough has been already said and written on this subject, and I venture to predict that the same cause for complaint will not exist next season. The local Union has purchased experience for which a costly price has been paid, but the lesson has been an instructive one, and will no doubt conduce to many of the Union's future successes.

One of the principal features of the football season for this Colony was certainly the tour of the New South Wales representatives. Their lengthy programme is now complete, and the team is doubtless by this time in Sydney. That the Welshmen have failed to accomplish the great deeds which New Zealanders expected from them the annexed table of results clearly proves:—In twelve matches the Cornstalks, on four occasions only, proved victorious, but the pleasure they must find in being able to record another victory over the New Zealand representative team, should greatly reduce the bitterness of their many successive defeats. To my mind the Welshmen were the makings of a formidable combination, and with a little better knowledge of the game would be able to hold their own with any of our Provincial teams. In the face of their performance this may seem a reckless assertion, but in estimating the merit of the team there are many questions to be considered. It is the unanimous opinion (and I think the correct one) that the New Zealand team suffered defeat solely owing to want of combination; and when the Welshmen played their first match in Auckland they were as much strangers to each other's style of play as were the members of the New Zealand team. Of this I feel certain, for on asking one member of the team to introduce me to several of his comrades, he regretted his inability to do so, as he did not know them himself. In Auckland, however, the team possessed plenty of condition, and their play was characterised by great dash. As they continued their tour through the Colony, and after playing several matches, it is only natural that they would acquire the combination which they so much lacked in their opening contest, but at the same time it is only fair to assume that the team would in proportion lose its condition and dash, and the players gradually become "stale" and unfit for play. Constant travelling and numerous banquets by no means enable a team to play a hard game, and I have no hesitation in saying that with the experience and combination which the team must have acquired towards the end of its tour together with the condition, freshness and dash which

marked its play in this city the Welshmen would prove foemen worthy the steel of our best Provincial team. The following table shows the results of the various matches:—

August 25.—Auckland. Lost by 14 points to 11
August 29.—North Island. Lost by 15 points to 3
September 1.—Taranaki. Lost by 21 points to 6
September 3.—Wanganui-Manawatu. Lost by 13 points to 0
September 5.—Hawke's Bay. Lost by 17 points to 12
September 8.—Wellington. Lost by 9 points to 5
September 10.—South Canterbury. Won by 23 points to 0
September 13.—Canterbury. Lost by 11 points to 3
September 15.—New Zealand. Won by 8 points to 6
September 19.—West Coast. Won by 20 points to 8
September 22.—Nelson. Won by 13 points to 4
September 25.—Wairarapa. Lost by 21 points to 3.

Footballers will read with regret of the death of Mr F. Marshall, who by his play last season in this city for the Suburbs team fully justified the high reputation with which he came from England. During the present season the deceased player had been playing a splendid three-quarter game for the Stratford Club at Taranaki but, although chosen, he refused to represent the Taranaki province.

The annual match between Wellington and Wairarapa was played on Saturday last and resulted in a win for the former by 11 points to 3. The Wairarapa men were the favourites, but contrary to expectation the Wellingtonians asserted their superiority in all departments of the game. The match was played at Petone and witnessed by only about 500 people. Wellington's first try was scored by a fine piece of passing, which enabled Kelly to touch down between the posts. Judging by the numerous attempts at goal, and the manner in which the scores were made, the principal feature of the match was the off-side play of both teams. The remaining six points scored by the winners were made from two successful penalty kicks taken by Duncan and Swindley. The 3 points scored by Wairarapa was also the result of a penalty kick converted by Emmett.

Athletics.

The seventeenth annual meeting of the Auckland Amateur Athletic and 'Cycle Club was held on Thursday evening last at the British Hotel, Mr J. F. Logan (vice-president) presiding. If the gathering is in any way indicative of the prospects of the coming season, the club should certainly have an highly successful year, as there was an attendance of seventy-five members all of whom appeared to take an active interest in the business of the meeting. The chairman in moving the adoption of the report and balance-sheet (copies of which were handed around to members) suggested that they should be taken as read, and thereupon commented on the various items contained therein. He considered that the present condition of the club was one upon which the members should congratulate themselves, but regretted that during the year the club had sustained a severe loss by the death of its late president, Mr R. Garrett. The balance of assets over all liabilities of £205 10s 6d was also a pleasing feature, and, with fine weather, he considered the prospects of the club during the coming season extremely bright. He congratulated the club's representatives at the Dunedin championship meeting upon their successes, and also referred at some length to the performances of Mr T. B. O'Connor at the Australasian Championship meeting held at Melbourne, at which gathering Mr O'Connor won both throwing the hammer and putting the weight competitions. Mr W. Creamer seconded the motion, and also referred to some of the items. Mr Esam, in answer to a question by Mr Laurie, stated that the loss for the year was a little over £40, but against this the club's plant had been considerably increased. Mr C. E. McCormick suggested that in future the balance-sheet should be set out in detail, and after a few remarks by Messrs. Boyd, O'Mera and other members, the resolution was carried unanimously.

Election of Officers.—The following officers were then elected:—Patron, His Excellency the Earl of Glasgow; vice-patron (and life member), Mr J. H. B. Coates; president, Mr J. F. Logan. The election of three vice-presidents produced a close contest. On the first ballot Mr J. Marshall was elected, and Messrs Hesketh, Esam and George all received the same number of votes. The second ballot resulted in the election of Mr C. Hesketh, with Messrs Esam and George again a tie. The meeting then

decided that the chairman should exercise his casting vote, which he gave to the club's worthy treasurer Mr B. Esam; hon. secretary, Mr J. Haliday, jun.; hon. treasurer, Mr B. Esam. The following committee was then elected by ballot:—Messrs T. Uphil, W. Speight, T. B. O'Connor, E. McCormick, T. Davis, A. Laurie, W. Creamer, A. Burton, O'Mera, W. Martin, H. Pilkington, Service and Surman.

Mr Esam moved, and Mr Martin seconded, "That the subscription fees of committeemen be remitted." Mr Esam pointed out that the attendance at committee meetings was a considerable expense to the committee, and he thought the motion a fair one. The feeling of the meeting, however, was that there were plenty of good committeemen available who required no such recompense for their services, and the motion, on being put to the meeting, was lost by a large majority.

Honorariums.—Mr J. O'Connor moved that the secretary be voted twenty guineas for his services during the season. Mr McCormick seconded the motion. Mr Laurie moved as an amendment that ten guineas be divided between the secretary and the treasurer. On being put to the meeting the amendment was carried. Mr A. Burton moved as a further amendment that the secretary be voted ten guineas and the treasurer five guineas, to which the majority of those present agreed.

Admission of Ladies.—Mr Laurie moved, and Mr Bradburn seconded, "That each member be allowed to bring in one lady on his member's ticket." After considerable discussion the motion was carried.

Votes of thanks to the retiring officers and the chairman closed the meeting.

Cricket.

The twelfth annual meeting of the Auckland Cricket Association was held on Friday night at the British Hotel. The secretary's report showed that during the past season the Association's team had competed in three inter-provincial matches, two of which were won. It also predicted that the coming season would prove an exceptionally busy one, as visits are expected from Queensland, Fiji, Otago and Canterbury. The report also stated that the guarantee of £1200 required by Mr Stoddart's English team for a visit to this colony is excessive, and that a visit cannot be anticipated. The treasurer's balance-sheet shows that after the discharge of all liabilities, which were last season particularly heavy, there still remains a credit balance of £7 18s 9d. The following officers were elected for the ensuing season:—President, Mr James Russell; vice-presidents, His Worship the Mayor (Mr J. J. Holland), B. J. Esam, Major Lambert, A. E. Whitaker, J. H. B. Coates, A. J. Deniston, F. J. Logan, Geo. Lankham, W. Outhwaite, H. Brett, W. S. Wilson, F. Earl; hon. sec., Mr C. S. H. McKinney; hon. treasurer, Mr C. E. McCormick; committee, Messrs R. L. Holle, H. Wilson, J. Young, W. Kenderdine, J. Waddingham; auditors, Messrs J. C. Webster and W. C. Speight. It was stated at the meeting that a team from Auckland would this season visit Hawke's Bay. Mr Yates reports that the cricket ground is in good order, and will be fit for play in about a fortnight. Should the weather continue fine the season will probably be declared open about the 20th.



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