

Racing Reviewed.

[By BORDERER.]

The "two Cups" have been laid on the shelf for another year, and in both cases the majority of backers have been, as is generally the way, "not in it." That is, however, hardly a correct remark, for in the matter of impulse, we up at this end of the Island have been fairly abreast of the result; but as regards Patron, our calculations have been sadly upset. And a similar remark may be applied to our Coastal and Southern brethren in the case of the New Zealand Cup. No Northern horse is allowed a chance in the big Riccarton handicap, as witness the prices at which Rosefeldt and St. Hippo were sent out of the saddling paddock, and now the son of St. Leger and Aida comes along as a further uppercut to Southern prejudice, and game little Lottie right worthily follows suit in the matter of crushing the self-esteem of the Southern cracks. Onehunga is in the seventh heaven of delight, the province generally pats itself on the back, and the ripples of the local enthusiasm is reflected the face of the Wellington Park Studmaster, who can justifiably feel proud of the continued success of St. Leger's fine son. Castor did not score; but St. Leger did so the account is equal. Scarcity of space this week will only allow a glimpse at the events at Riccarton and Flemington, and starting at the latter arena we find times generally slower for the opening day than was the case last year. Havoc worthily sustained his breeding in the Maiden Plate, going out at 2 to 1 and winning easily in 1m 48s for the mile, with The Enchanter second and Perturbation third. Nine stone was the burden carried by Frailty's son, who has at last scored for Wellington Park. Ruenalf gave 3lb in the Melbourne Stakes to his relation, Patron, and easily beat him in 2m 10 1/2s for the mile and a quarter, Mr. Puresha's horse just beating Bruin by a neck for second place. "Bandwick Plate, three miles, has cruelled him," murmured the experts, and when later in the week Grand Flaneur's son moved indifferently in his gallops, up went the cry, "No chance in the Melbourne Cup!" And when one recollected that Ruenalf, who had beaten Patron, giving him 3lbs. over the 1 1/2 mile, would take 24lb. from him in the 2 mile race, it certainly looked any odds on Ruenalf again proving the better of the pair. But racing is a wonderful game, as the Cup showed. After Foxtail had won the Hotham Handicap in 2min. 53 1/2sec. for the mile and a-half and a distance, the Derby candidates came out and New Zealand's hopes went down, for Bonnie Scotland did not justify our hopes, although it seems a fair thing to say that his rider rode anything but a good race. The winter favourite, Dreamland, was also badly ridden; but those on the spot state that the best colt (The Harvester) won, his time being 2min. 40 1/2sec., and his nearest attendant being Malachite, after whom came Bonnie Scotland. The history of the race since 1860 is as follows:—

Table with columns: Year, Horse, Pedigree, Time. Lists various horses and their lineage from 1860 to 1894.

The customary big crowd assembled on Cup day, and the going was satisfactory, although the times were not so good as those recorded last year. After Figaro had easily won the Hurdles, carrying 10.3 over the odd three miles in 6.1 1/2, the six furlong race, the Railway Handicap of 200 sovs, saw Ilium—a 10 to 1 chance—win by a length in 1.18 1/2, the New Zealand-bred Philson being second with an advantage of 7lbs. Last year Titan scampered over this distance in 1.16. The Lochiel—Constance colt, Killiecrankie, cantered over his opponents in the five furlong Kensington Stakes in 1.6 1/2, and then came the Cup. Once again the unexpected came down in a heart-shaking fashion. Patron the "awfully cruelled" relic of Chesterman's A.J.C. Randwick Plate, went out at 33 to 1 and won handsomely. A great race, says the cableman, and I say a great surprise, but there is little use in being surprised at anything taking place in a Melbourne Cup. We have seen outsiders and cripples win that annual puzzle until the ability to be surprised should be non est. The gallant four-year-old son of Grand Flaneur appears to have been in the bunch until half-way up the straight, and then he came like a hero and beat the lightly weighted Devon by three-quarters of a length, ada, Mr. Wilson's selected, being only a neck behind the second. Ruensif on his recent victory over Patron with 9.3 was sent out at 5 to 1 (2 to 1 was his measure locally), but he was never in it, like most Melbourne Cup favourites. The time was 3m 31s. The history of the race since 1861 is as follows:—

Down at Riccarton good weather and a fine attendance was experienced, and that the sovereigns were loose in the spectators purses is evidenced by the fact that £14,925 was landed in the machine, as against the £12,353 operated on last year. The starting-machine was used with success, and the Cup was won by Impulse, to the delight of the North and the polite disgust of the South. We always thought our mortgage on the Cup was a strong one, but that our stables would supply both the winner and runner-up was certainly not expected. The First Hurdle Race, 2 miles, saw Kulline step out a 4 1/2min. (according to wire) gait under 12.5, easily beating Nenthorn (9.0), Kapua (11.5), and half-a-dozen others. The Newminster—Forest Queen three-year-old, New Forest, covered the Maiden Plate mile in 1min. 43 1/2 sec., Goodwood (8.2) and Casket (7.7) being the other placed ones. Dividends, £6 15s. and £8 6s. Then the "thousand pounder" came on the green, and the kernel of the race appears to be this. The Auckland pair, Impulse and Lottie, kept behind the crowd until the home bend was rounded, and then flashing out, the pair rapidly overhauled the leading contingent, the members of which succumbed one by one. At the distance the son of St. Leger and Aida had everything beaten, and despite a flash by Lottie he got home by three-quarters of a length from Mr. Kean's mare Aldershot, the outsider of the race being a similar distance away from the Muskapeer mare. Rosefeldt and Saracen were the favourites on the machine. Au Revoir was close up to them and Lottie was next; but Impulse, with only Auckland and a little coast money behind him, was able to return £18 19s. and £18 8s. 6d. to his admirers. The details of the race are as follows:—

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NEW ZEALAND CUP OF 1,000 sovs; second horse 200 sovs, and third 100 sovs. Two miles. 190—Mr S. Bradley's b g Impulse, aged, by St. Leger—Aida, 7.9, G. Smith ... 1 499—Mr J. Kean's b m Lottie, 5yrs, by Muskapeer—Ladybird, 7.8, Davis ... 2 33—Mr J. McKewan's b h Aldershot, 4yrs, 6.13, Pine ... 3 494—Prime Warden, 8.8 ... 0 502—Au Revoir, 8.6 ... 0 90—Clanranald, 8.3 ... 0 232—Skirmisher, 8.3 ... 0 688—Rosefeldt, 8.3 ... 0 623—Saracen, 8.2 ... 0 144—Royal Rose, 8.1 (including 7lb penalty) ... 0 72—Rangipahi, 8.0 ... 0 98—Pegasus, 7.13 ... 0 67—Mahaki, 6.6 (including 5lb penalty) ... 0 91—Three Star, 7.4 ... 0 382—Magazine, 7.3 ... 0 176—Westmere, 7.0 ... 0 273—Leontine, 6.12 ... 0 The time was 3.30 1/2, and, as will be seen from the following table, it will hold its own with most of the Cups:—

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Mount Royal, by St. George—Sierra, won the Riccarton Welter, six furlongs, in 1.16, Sunrise and Speculator being in the places; and the Wapiti—Legera filly, Caribou, scored a meritorious win in the Welcome Stakes, cutting out the four furlongs in 50 1/2, Euroclydon (Gorton—Lady Gertrude) being a length away, after whom came the Maxim—Iris colt, Bloodshot, who went out favourite. Chaos (Total Eclipse—Ravenswing) beat a field of seven with ease in the Ladies Purse Welter, and our fier, St. Clements, was badly beaten in the Stewards' Handicap by Golden Eleece, who covered the six furlongs in 1.15 1/2. Watchword won the Shorts in 50 1/2.

The principal event on the Boxing Day card of the Wairenga-a-hika Jockey Club's meeting will be the Boxing Day Handicap, of 120 sovs, one mile and a half. The Flying Handicap, 6 furlongs, and Handicap Hurdle race, 2 miles, have been valued at 60 sovs each, and the Maiden Plate, 6 furlongs, for two-year-olds and upwards carries a purse of 25 sovs. The other events are:—Half-mile Scurry of 10 sovs, four furlongs; Hack Hurdles of 15 sovs, one mile; Handicap Hack Flat Race of 15 sovs, 1 mile; and Forced Handicap of 20 sovs, 1 mile. Nominations are due on November 24th; weights will be declared on December 1st; and acceptances are time to arrive at 9 p.m. on December 15th.

Anticipations.

A.R.C. SECOND SPRING MEETING.

[By BORDERER.]

PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP of 50 sovs, one mile and a-half.—Abe! or St. Patrick. WELCOME STAKES of 150 sovs, five furlongs.—Forma, Deadshot or Armour next best. A.R.C. GUINEAS of 150 sovs, one mile.—Doris. HANDICAP HURDLES of 70 sovs, two miles.—Warrior SHORTS HANDICAP of 50 sovs, five furlongs.—Norina; St. Kilda and The Sharper next best. PRINCE OF WALES' HANDICAP of 165 sovs, one and a-half miles.—Ida, Ben Godfrey, Haria. PONY HANDICAP of 60 sovs, seven furlongs.—Storyteller or Silkworm. FLYING HANDICAP of 50 sovs, six furlongs.—Master Pat 1, First Nelson 2, Annabelle 3.

C.J.C. SPRING CARNIVAL.

[By BORDERER.]

MIDDLETON HURDLES of 100 sovs, once round and a distance.—Melinite or Roscius. METROPOLITAN STAKES of 400 sovs, 1 1/2 miles.—Lady Zetland or Royal Rose. CRITERION HANDICAP of 150 sovs, 7 furlongs.—The Dancer. THE DERBY STAKES, of 500 sovs, 1 1/2 miles.—Bluefire or Blarney. CURRAGH STEEPCHASE of 200 sovs, about 3 miles.—Robin or Roscius. THE OAKS STAKES of 1 1/2 miles.—Bluefire or Neroli. ELECTRIC STAKES of 150 sovs, 4 furlongs.—St. Clements.

WAVERLEY AND WAITOTARA HACK MEETING.

[By OUR WANGANUI CORRESPONDENT.]

HURDLES.—Strike 1, Bradshaw 2, Pembroke 3. CUP.—Jacobite 1, Irish Twist 2, Strayshot 3. FLYING.—Tramore 1, Nile 2, Dummy 3. MOMOHAKI STAKES.—Strayshot 1, Jacobite 2, Buckler 3.

MARTON HACK MEETING.

FLYING.—Roll Call 1, The Artist 2, Curio 3. HURDLES.—Rangipahi 1, Tricky Jack 2, Lady Clare 3. YORK FARM HANDICAP.—The Artist 1, Hbia 2, Archeress 3.

TOWN AND SUBURBAN RACING CLUB.

[By OUR NAPIER CORRESPONDENT.]

MAIDEN FLAT RACE.—Barbelle 1, Moimoi 2, Aotea 3. PRINCE OF WALES' HANDICAP.—Lady Somnus 1, Prince Charlie 2, Archeress 3. HANDICAP HURDLE RACE.—Jewel 1, Menman 2, Outlaw 3. TARADALE HANDICAP.—Portland's selected (probably Golden Plover) 1, Musketeer 2, Brigand 3. MEANEE HANDICAP.—Lady Somnus 1, Aphony 2, Kirita 3. WELTER HANDICAP.—Prince Charlie 1, Sylvanus 2, Vasco 3. FLYING HANDICAP.—Allan-a-dale 1, Brigand 2, Musketeer 3.

J. McHugh has the Nordenfeldt—Operatic colt, Valour, in good trim, and Master Pat's condition is more than good. This stable now holds Grenadier, Master Pat, Valour, a three-year-old mare by Leolinus—Cantiniere, besides which they have a 14.2 performer in the grey pony Zulu Maid. I saw this mare exercised a morning or two ago, and she will show a good race before long if I am not mistaken. Grenadier is in great heart by the look of him, and whatever beats him in the Guineas will have to step it out. At the same time I incline to the belief that Doris will get home to-morrow.

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