

All-round Sport.

[BY VIGILANT.]

ATHLETICS.

The Amateur Athletic Club's Spring Carnival of Saturday last will linger long in our memories as one of the most successful meetings ever held under the auspices of that popular body.

The favourite in the 150yds Maiden, Pilkington, gave place to Roper, who hails from the Waikato. By the way, the event seldom falls to the favourite.

The Mile Walk was one of the most interesting events ever witnessed on the Domain, Brady, who I selected to win, walking in great style, though I hardly thought he would have knocked such a hole in the N.Z. record.

McCarthy, the winner of the 100yds Handicap and second in the 250yds Handicap on Saturday is the makings of a great sprinter, though I believe his time (9 3/8-sec) never would have been had he not got away with such a flyer.

Alf Jones is undoubtedly the fastest sprinter we have, and beat "Buch" on his merits. His running in the 250 final was full of merit. He should certainly represent us in the sprints at the forthcoming championship meeting at Napier, and, if chosen, will uphold the credit of his province right worthily.

I should have liked to have seen the hurdles placed a little closer in the 440 event, won by Martin in such creditable time, as two of the competitors were simply skipping the side of the sticks with one leg, hence the fast time.

Francis well deserved his win in the Quarter Mile—a better finish than his I never saw. We shall hear more of him anon.

Sutherland, who annexed the Half Mile in such fine style, will be heard of again in other distance events. The same applies to O'Connor, who ran in such great style in the mile. He was certainly too far away from Scotty Farquhar in the start.

The start for the 120yds Hurdles was, without doubt, the worst start I have ever witnessed, and practically gave the race to Martin, who must have benefitted to the extent of fully 7 or 8 yards. How the starter came to fire the pistol when Martin was so much in advance of his mark, few can understand. I was surprised not to see him disqualified from starting, as he repeatedly broke away.

Creamer fully upheld his title of champion in the three mile walk; he had Brady fairly done when the latter retired. That great spurt horse was worth seeing.

Bull ran a fine race in the Quarter Mile Hurdles, and showed great improvement in his jumping.

T. Roberts seemed to be completely out of form.

Scotty Farquhar ran well in the Mile until he saw it was useless to chase O'Connor. What show had Scotty at the North Shore Sports when he was giving this runner 40yds more start?

T. Symons had hard luck in the Hurdles, falling in a good position.

G. Bradburn ran a game second in the Mile.

The run-off for the final of the 250yds Handicap, on the Domain on Tuesday evening at 5.30, was witnessed by something like 400 spectators. Diversity of opinion was rife as to who would prove the correct pea, though the majority were with Jones (who reached the post first on Saturday), and the result proved that their confidence was not misplaced. The start was an excellent one, and the finish close and interesting, Jones coming through his men in a most business-like manner, about 30yds from home, and won by about a yard and a half, after a great struggle with Bullock, who fought out every inch of the ground most manfully, Poland running third, whilst McCarthy, who was next in favour, failed to get near the first flight. The time, 27 3/8-sec, was very fair considering the state of the ground.

Teddy Reynolds rides better every time he comes out, and a meeting between our old champion and Wilcott should prove very interesting. By the way, Surman stuck to Reynolds in a most spirited manner throughout the day's racing, making the champion look to his laurels.

The handicapper in the "Bike" events let Wilkinson down rather lightly when making the adjustments. However, he is a rattling good rider for a young 'un, and must be heard of in the near future. On the other hand, they seem to have over-estimated P. A. Smith.

J. B. Beere, the well-known distance runner, is back in Auckland, and will probably be seen on the track at the A.A.A. and C.C.'s meeting of March next.

I hear A. A. Davis, who met with the accident on the Domain recently, is going in for distance running. He should make a good man.

Pressure on our space prevents the appearance of my usual budget of rowing and cycling notes.

Sammy Goodman has every reason to congratulate himself on the successes scored by the representatives of his stable at both the North Shore Athletic Club's gathering and at the local club's meeting on the Domain last Saturday. If my memory serves me aright, this well known trainer handled four of the winners at the Shore carnival, whilst the four brought to the post on Saturday last he secured three wins, a second, and a third. Judging by this, I should say that Goodman understands his business, and should not be forgotten by anyone requiring the services of an experienced and capable trainer.

Calling on Mr McDermott last week re the accident to Mr A. A. Davis, I was shown the many trophies he (Mr McDermott) has won during his sixteen years on the track, and was, to say the least, somewhat staggered to find that nearly the whole of the household furniture represented one event or another which Jimmy has put to his credit. In addition to furniture of every conceivable description, I was shown some twenty one medals, several cups, some half-dozen albums, and eight or nine clocks, and on venturing an expression of surprise at the quantity and variety of the prizes which have fallen to his lot, I was informed by friend McDermott that should I care to step out into the woodshed I might see a few more things, for which he could find no room in the house. On reaching the gate I made bold to ask him in what races he had won the house and allotment, and was somewhat disappointed to find that they were not included amongst the multifarious items for which Jimmy has done battle. The above hints on furnishing a house I give gratis to any of my readers who may be on the verge of matrimony.

Our Wellington correspondent writes:—For the benefit of athletes in training, the City Council have erected in the Basin Reserve a two-roomed building. The Wellington A.A.C. are to have one room, which they intend fitting up with lockers for the convenience of members; and the other apartment will be occupied by professionals. Half a loaf is better than none, and this is the maxim the Wellington Amateurs are consoling themselves with now. There are about 200 active members in Wellington A.A.C., and a room 13 x 10 is all they have for accommodation.

A brother of Norman Gurr, the ex-champion 440 and 880 amateur runner, took part in the old boys' race at the College sports at Wellington on November 16, but was sadly beaten.

The application of Mr J. Young, of Auckland, to the New Zealand Cyclist Alliance for reinstatement was handed in at the recent meeting of that body. The chairman (Mr Eyre) explained that the re-instatement committee had dealt with the application and had decided to hold it over for the present.

CRICKET.

The cricket championships will be continued on the Domain on Saturday next.

That bat of caretaker Yates for the first century on the Domain still hangs fire.

There seems every probability that the proposed visit of a Fiji cricket team to New Zealand will become an established fact. A letter received by a Dunedin gentleman says the team, which will be composed of eight whites and six natives, will, in all probability, leave for New Zealand a few days after the New Year. The whites will be, Udal, Allardyce, Caldwell, Collins, McOwan, Groom, Joske, and Abrahams.

As anticipated, the Englishmen proved more successful in their second match, defeating Victoria by 145 runs. The Daily News (London), referring to the defeat of the Victorian team, says "that the victory cannot be regarded as a great one, as the absence of Bruce and Trumble spoiled the former team as thoroughly representative of the colony."

The return-match, Canterbury v. Wellington, is to be played at Christchurch on December 6, 7, and 8. The following men have been selected to practice, with a view to doing battle for Canterbury, and report says they are at it every evening:—Messrs. Cuff, Collins, DeMans, Frankish, Fowke, Labatt, Lawrence, Kitto, Macfarlane, North, Pearce, Q. Ridley, A. E. Ridley, Robertson, Wigley, and Wilding. Therefore we may safely predict a stiff contest.

Says "Dark Blue" in the Canterbury Press:—The South Australian team accomplished a rare feat in defeating Mr. A. E. Stoddart's English team at Adelaide last week, and the first-class matches that have been won by an eleven going in to face a total of upwards of 400 runs, can be counted on the fingers of one's hand. Australian cricketers have in the past played some very fine uphill games with England, notably in the memorable contest at the Oval in 1880, when the colonials, after being 271 runs behind on the first innings, only lost the match by five wickets, thanks principally to Murdoch's superb innings of 153 not out. Of more recent date we have the grand successful fight made by combined Australia against Lord Sheffield's team at Sydney in 1892, when the former, being 162 runs behind on the first innings, ultimately won by 72 runs.

YACHTING.

The Bailey Bros. are getting along well with the 2 1/2-rater, and they expect to launch her on Saturday.

Captain Butts, of Wellington, who piloted the Rona down to that city, is now in town waiting for Mr R. Logan to finish the 10-rater, in which yacht he will again make the trip south. She will shortly be ready for launching, but it will be several weeks before she leaves here.

Mr Dunning's new purchase, the Gloriana, has apparently lost none of her old speed. She had considerably the best of a spin up the harbour with the Yum Yum on Saturday afternoon.

The Judge's Bay people have postponed their carnival until about a week before the Auckland Regatta.

At a meeting on Wednesday evening last the Yacht Club, on the motion of Mr Wiseman, passed the following resolution: "That the standard class for racing be five tons and under, two and a-half and under, one and under, the prize money to be fixed annually." It was decided that the prizes should be £7 for the 5-raters, £5 for the 2 1/2 raters, and £3 for the 1-raters, and a second prize to be provided in each class out of the entrance fees. The three races are to be run on the first Saturday in February, which will be a far better date than previous ones, as the yachts will all be in good trim after the big regatta and the owners in a better racing mood. The last races were held in the middle of the cruising season, and many of the yachting men would not go to the trouble of getting their boats ready.

Very few yachts were in the harbour on Saturday. Many of them went for a cruise outside, but the athletic sports were the cause of others laying at their moorings.

Mr C. Bailey launched the 4-rater, which he has been building at the Shore, on Tuesday night, and she was taken over to town to have her lead keel moulded and to get a few finishing touches.

F. Jervis, of the Viking crew, received rather rough usage from one of the ostriches at Home Bay on Sunday. He was knocked down and kicked by one of these "playful" creatures, his shoulder, which was dislocated last football season, being again injured.

The meeting of the Regatta Committee which was to have been held on Monday night had to be postponed, owing to the small attendance. The prospects of a successful regatta this season do not look very healthy at present.

Turf Records.

GISBORNE RACING CLUB SPRING MEETING.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH.

FLYING HANDICAP of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. Three quarters of a mile.

- 53 Mr Te Kani Pere's Virago, by Hotchkiss—Amazon, 3yrs, 7.9, Cudd ... 1
27 Mr E. O'Dwyer's Pororua, 5yrs, 6.11 (including 4lb over), Slater ... 2
20 Mr A. B. Newman's Pekapu, 6yrs, 7.11 (including 9lb over), Braybrook ... 3

Also started—23 Royal, 8.4; 49 Hopmarket, 8.4; 13 Glauvena, 7.2.

Won by three quarters of a length. Time, 1min 18sec. Totalisator, 185. Dividend, £3 2s.

MAIDEN HACK SUREY of 10 sovs. Four furlongs.

- 34 Mr W. Barron's b f Fidget, by Brigadier—Mayflower, Barron, 3yrs ... 1
29 Mr A. E. Hepburn's Dan O'Connell, Sharp, 4yrs ... 2
3 Mr J. Cassidy's Duncan Gray, Rowbottom ... 3

Also started—5 Glenrose, 8 O'Trigger, 21 Naseby, 2 Bay Tommy, 4 Bostonian, 43 Small Gun, 14 Ngawiri, and 0 Goodshot.

Won with ridiculous ease by several lengths. Time, 50 1/2 sec. Totalisator, 172. Dividend, £4 11s.

GRAND STAND HANDICAP of 45 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. One mile.

- 20 Mr W. J. Hamon's Hopmarket, by Canzoni—Maid of Kent, 5yrs, 8.0, Sharp ... 1
7 Mr A. B. Newman's Glenora, 5yrs, 6.12, Parsons ... 2
1 Mr A. B. Newman's Flirtation, 6yrs, 7.11 (including 18lb over), Braybrook ... 3

Also started—43 Samoa, 8.10; 14 Virago, 7.0. Won by half a length. Time, 1min 46 3/8-sec. Totalisator, 85. Dividend, £3 16s.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 10 sovs, second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stakes. About one mile and a half.

- 84 Mr W. Currie's br g Disturbance, by Opawa—Love Not, aged, 11.1, Maher ... 1
44 Mr J. A. Harding's b g Worth, aged, 10.7, Williams ... 2
37 Mr D. Hepburn's g g The Turk, 5yrs, 9.0, Power ... 3

Also started—37 New Year, 11.6; 23 Avis, 9.12; 11 Te Whakahawe, 9.0, fell. Won by a good neck, after a fine finish. Time, 2min. 57 1/2 sec. Totalisator, 236. Dividend, £2 10s.

HANDICAP HACK HURDLE RACE of 10 sovs. One mile.

- 52 Mr F. Rhodes' ch g Crescent, by Herculanum—Maymoon, aged, 9.12, Casey ... 1
33 Mr E. C. Smith's rn g Defence, 6yrs, 10.8, Power ... 2
18 Mr H. Warrington's blk g Baldie, aged, 11.0, Warrington ... 3

Also started—20 Herbert, 11.7; 14 Bacchus, 9.10. Won easily by a length and a half. Time, 1min 59sec. Totalisator, 137. Dividend, £2 7s.

PARK HANDICAP of 75 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. One mile and a quarter.

- 46 Mr W. J. Hamon's b g Hopmarket, by Canzoni—Maid of Kent, 5yrs, 7.2, Sharp ... 1
93 Mr A. B. Newman's ch h Lord Raven, 6yrs, 8.11, Cudd ... 2
54 Mr A. McRae's ch g Beaulley, aged, 7.0, Barron ... 3

31 Royal, 7.5, also started. 224 Won by a head. Time, 2min 16 3/8-sec. Dividend, £4 7s.

HANDICAP HACK RACE of 10 sovs. Three quarters of a mile.

- 41 Mr W. Barron's b f Fidget, by Brigadier—Mayflower, 3yrs, 6.7, Barron ... 1
56 Mr G. H. Allan's b g Forella, 6yrs, 8.7, Sharp ... 2

11 Mr A. E. Hepburn's br g Dan O'Connell, 4yrs, 6.9 ... 3
Also started—9 Zillah, 8.7; 17 Bacchus, 8.1; 75 Orizaba, 7.2; 2 Missfire, 6.7.

Won easily by three lengths. Time, 1min 19 1/2 sec. Totalisator, 213. Dividend, £4 13s.

FORCED HANDICAP of 20 sovs. One mile.

- 42 Mr E. O'Dwyer's ch m Pororua, by Daniel O'Rourke, 5yrs, 7.0, Slater ... 1
23 Mr A. B. Newman's ch m Pekapu, 6yrs, 7.8, Cudd ... 2
28 Mr A. McRae's ch g Beaulley, aged, 7.12, Barron ... 3

Also started—57 Glenora, 8.0; 18 The Turk, 7.12. Won by half a length. Time, 1min 47sec. Totalisator, 168. Dividend, £3 12s.

WAVERLEY AND WAITOTARA RACING CLUB HACK MEETING.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH.

HANDICAP HURDLES of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stakes. One mile and a quarter.

- 127 Mr R. Ross's b g Strike, by Natator—Ravenworth mare, aged, 11.8, Higgins ... +
25 Mr H. Mehaffy's b g Pembroke, by Australian—Gladiator mare, 6yrs, 9.6, Williams ... +
15 Mr G. Morgan's b m Flirt, 6yrs, 9.0, O'Brien ... 3

Also started—28 Karewa, 10.4, Laing; 63 Golden Lock, 9.11, Ansley; 36 I.O.U., 9.0, Mulcaster; 6 Rex, 9.0, Brough. Time, 2min 32 1/2 sec. Totalisator, 300. Dividends: Strike, £1 1s; Pembroke, £5 8s.

WAVERLEY-WAITOTARA CUP of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, and the third horse 5 sovs, out of the stakes. One mile and a half.

- 103 Mr W. R. Tuck's b g Irish Twist, by Ingomar—Torori, 4yrs, 9.5, Cox ... 1
42 Mr W. H. Hornby's b m Docility, 5yrs, 7.8, Manning ... 2
149 Mr D. Teed's b h Pyroxylin, 4yrs, 6.12, Julian ... 3

Also started—63 Stray Shot, 8.13, G. Laing; 41 Huia, 7.13; 38 Jacobite, 7.9, Schaffer; 13 Hinau, 7.8, G. Johnson; 30 Buckler, 7.8, Eva; 63 Itch, 7.0, Gillie. Time, 2min 44 1/2 sec. Totalisator, 544. Dividend, £4 14s.

MAIDEN PLATE of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stakes. One mile.

- 83 Mr W. Keith's b g Bushboy, by Gipsy King—Barbaria, 4yrs, 8.11, Higgins ... 1
75 Mr Young's b m Crimson Streak, 3yrs, 7.11, James ... 2
39 Mr Kennedy's b m Reseda, 5yrs, 8.11, Barnes ... 3

Also started—56 Juanita, 8.13, Eva; 28 Helen, 8.11, Neary. Time, 1min 51sec. Totalisator, 281. Dividend, £3.

FLYING HANDICAP of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 7 sovs, and third horse 3 sovs out of the stakes. Three quarters of a mile.

- 69 Mr D. Teed's b h Pyroxylin, by Foulshot—Ina, 4yrs, 7.3, James ... 1
61 Mr J. Kennedy's b g Tramore, aged, 8.5, Eva ... 2
25 Mr W. Keith's ch g Vagrant, 3yrs, 7.0, Manning ... 3

Also started—31 Whiffler, 8.10, Laing; 33 Countess, 8.2, Lett; 63 Nile, 8.0, Leeson; 11 Rewa, 7.9, Johnson; 13 Itch, 7.8, Gillies; 45 Silver Sea, 7.4, Russell; 61 Dart, 7.1; 9 Wahamoko; 6 Cloudshot, 7.0, Wilson. Time, 1min 20sec. Totalisator, 427. Dividend, £5 11s.

MOMOHAKI STAKES HANDICAP of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stakes. One mile and a quarter.

- 59 Mr F. McGovern's b m Stray Shot, by Foulshot—Kahikatea, 5yrs, 9.0, Laing ... 1
74 Mr D. Teed's b c Australine, 3yrs, 6.7, Julian ... 2
30 Mr J. Kennedy's b g Buckler, 4yrs, 7.8, Eva ... 3

Also started—21 Strike, 8.7, Higgins; 28 Huia, 8.0, Keen; 13 Jacobite, 7.9, Schaffer; 37 Bradshaw, 7.3, Morrison; 15 Golden Lock, 7.2, Gillie; 79 Storm King, 6.11, O'Connell. Time, 2min 17 1/2 sec. Totalisator, 356. Dividend, £5 8s.

CATCH WRIGHTS of 20 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stakes. Half-a-mile.

- 24 Mr Kennedy's b m Insignia, 4yrs, Eva ... 1
170 Mr Wirihana Hunia's b g Marama, aged, Keen ... 2
52 Mr F. Watson's ch g Dummy, 4yrs ... 3

Also started—12 Dart, 51 Silver Sea, 2 Sedgebrook, 5 Gloire de Dijon, 2 Flirt, 3 Recovery, 2 Snowdrop, 6 Helen, 23 Armada, 11 Camlachie. Time, 51 1/2 sec. Totalisator, 363. Dividend, £13 12s.

PRINCE OF WALES HANDICAP of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stakes. Seven furlongs.

- 162 Mr W. Tuck's b g Irish Twist, by Ingomar—Torori, 4yrs, 9.9, Cox ... 1
41 Mr W. Keith's b g Bushboy, 4yrs, 6.12 ... 2
44 Mr R. W. Hornby's b m Docility, 5yrs, 7.11 ... 3

Also started—37 Tramore, 8.0; 0 Dummy, 7.13; 4 Countess, 7.11; 4 Hinau, 7.10; 15 Nile, 7.9; 8 Rewa, 7.5; 1 Crimson Streak, 7.5; 10 Silver Sea, 7.0; 1 Juanita, 6.9; 44 Australine, 6.7. Time, 1min. 32sec. Totalisator, 371. Dividend, £2 1s.

POST STAKES of 25 sovs. Half-a-mile.

- 145 Mr Wirihana Hunia's b g Marama, by Isaac Walton, aged, Neary ... 1
53 Mr Kennedy's b m Insignia, 4yrs ... 2

Also started—2 Miss Girtee, 3 Blanton, 1 Shamrock, 5 Mrs Volum, 2 Ling, 2 Gloire de Dijon, 5 Twilight, 2 Mascari, 6 Recovery, 76 Clifton. Time, 52secs. Totalisator, 302. Dividend, £1 17s.