

Correspondence.

DEFINITION OF A MAIDEN.

TO THE EDITOR.

SIR,—I nominated a horse in the Ngarawhia Maiden Plate at the time of their first nominations. The races were postponed to the 26th of this month. Still they hold the first nomination money, and in the meantime I have won races over the value of their specified maiden. I wish to know through your columns whether in the event of my horse running in their Maiden Plate can I claim the stakes.—I am, etc., T. F. BOOTH.

[It depends upon the conditions of the race. If for maidens "at the time of nomination" you can win, but if the conditions are limited to the wording supplied to us in the Club's advertisement, viz., "for horses that have never won an advertised race" you cannot claim stakes.—Ed. S.R.]

NEW ZEALAND HORSES IN AUSTRALIA.

The last number of the Sydney Referee to hand contains the following accounts of the victories achieved on New Year's Day by The Possible and True Blue at Flemington and Randwick respectively:—

BAGOT HANDICAP of 350 sovs; second horse to receive 70 sovs, and the third horse 35 sovs. One mile five furlongs.

The Possible, by Nordenfeldt—Realisation, 8.7, H. Cusdin ... 1
Nada, 7.13, H. J. Morrison ... 2
Destiny, 7.3, H. Holmes ... 3

Also started—Straightfire 8.2, Steadfast 8.0, Tim Swiveller 8.0, Tellus 7.3, Monah 7.2, Jericho 7.0, Burrabari 6.13, Little Maid 6.7, Taupo 6.7. Betting—2 to 1 v Nada, 3 to 1 The Possible, 5 to 1 Straightfire, 7 to 1 Tellus, 12 to 1 Tim Swiveller, Jericho, Taupo, or any other.

The first to anticipate the word to go was Steadfast, and as the judge's box was passed he was joined by Jericho, the pair leading from Burrabari, Nada, and Tellus. At the river side Steadfast and Jericho showed the way to Burrabari, Nada, Tellus, Straightfire and The Possible, with Tim Swiveller last. There was no alteration at the bridge, but at the abattoirs Taupo and The Possible moved up nearer to the leaders. Nada and Straightfire were first into the straight, but the latter quickly dropped back, and an interesting race home took place between The Possible and Nada, the former eventually winning rather easily by a length and a quarter, four lengths between second and third; Straightfire fourth, Tim Swiveller, Burrabari, Taupo, and Little Maid next, and Monah last. Time, 2min 51½sec.

JUVENILE STAKES of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the prize. Five furlongs.

Mr A. Hook, junr.'s br c True Blue, by Hotchkiss—Rose of Wellington, 2yrs, 7.7, A. Delaney ... 1
Mr H. C. White's ch c Form, by Cranbrook—La Mode, 2yrs, 8.3, H. Gardiner ... 2
Mr J. N. Hart's b g Engineer, by Martini Henry—Enigma, 2yrs, 8.7, Huxley ... 3

Also started—Ury 8.7, Fort 8.5, Coolalta 8.0, Loch Latrine 8.0, Beau Seant 7.9, Melancthon 7.7, Sir George 7.7 and 2lb over, Rebel Queen 7.5, Creme d'Or 7.5, Loch Leven 7.3, Memoir 7.0 and 2lb over.

Betting—2 to 1 v Ury, 5 to 1 Creme d'Or, 6 to 1 Form, 7 to 1 Rebel Queen, 8 to 1 Sir George and Engineer, 10 to 1 others.

Sir George soon drew out from a fair start, and led Engineer past the half-mile, with Form, Creme d'Or, True Blue, and Beau Seant. The last wery Memoir and Fort. As they rounded the turn there was little between Engineer, Form, and Sir George, and they came into the straight together, with Creme d'Or on the outside. True Blue got up with the leaders approaching the distance, and a good race was going on until Form and True Blue wore the others down, and True Blue, lasting longest, won by half a length, with Form three parts of a length in front of Engineer, Sir George was fourth, followed by Creme d'Or, Fort, Rebel Queen, and Ury. The last was Melancthon and Loch Lotrine. Time, 1min 2½sec.



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AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

SECOND DAY.—JANUARY 1ST.

[Weather fine.]

NEW YEAR'S HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stakes. Two miles.

Table with columns for In, Out, and race details including names like Mr S. Lyell's br h Ingorina, Miss Roberts' br m Molly Hawk, etc.

Won by a dozen lengths. Time, 4min 1sec. Dividends, £10 18s and £11 4s.

GLASGOW HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stakes. Seven furlongs.

Table with columns for In, Out, and race details including names like Mr L. D. Nathan's gr h The Dancer, Major F. N. George's br h The Workman, etc.

Won by a long neck. Time, 1min 29sec. Dividends, £4 10s and £4 4s.

GREAT NORTHERN DERBY of 500 sovs, added to a sweepstake of 15 sovs each; second horse to receive 100 sovs, and third horse 25 sovs out of the stakes. One mile and a half.

Table with columns for In, Out, and race details including names like Mr L. D. Nathan's br f Stepfeldt, Mr G. G. Stead's b f Blue Fire, etc.

Won by a good neck. Time, 2min 51sec. Dividends, £4 14s and £5 4s.

MIDSUMMER HANDICAP of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 5 sovs out of the stakes. Five furlongs.

Table with columns for In, Out, and race details including names like Mr G. G. Stead's b c Bloodshot, Mr G. Wright's ch f Forma, etc.

Won by two length. Time, 1min 2½sec. Dividends, £2 1s and £2 3s.

COUNTY HANDICAP of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stakes. Six furlongs.

Table with columns for In, Out, and race details including names like Mr R. Burke's b m Annabelle, Mr D. McKinnon's br f Lufra, etc.

Won by a long neck. Time, 1min 18sec. Dividends, £6 9s and £6 16s.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB HANDICAP of 350 sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stakes. One mile and a half.

Table with columns for In, Out, and race details including names like Mr H. Te Kani Pere's blk h Mahaki, Mr J. Kean's b m Lottie, etc.

Table with columns for In, Out, and race details including names like Mr G. Wright's br f Forme, Mrs J. Lennard's br m Ida, etc.

Won by two lengths. Time, 2min 40½sec. Dividends, £3 13s and £4 3s.

PONY HANDICAP of 80 sovs; second pony to receive 10 sovs, and third pony 5 sovs out of the stakes. Seven furlongs.

Table with columns for In, Out, and race details including names like Mr J. Forth's b m Sweet Lavender, Mr J. Clements' ch m Mavourneen, etc.

Won by half a length. Time, 1min 33sec. Dividends, £5 and £6 12s.

MAIDEN HANDICAP of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stakes. One mile.

Table with columns for In, Out, and race details including names like Mr J. Robertson's ch f Cleopatra, Mr R. Burke's b m Anita, etc.

Won by a neck. Time, 1min 46sec. Dividends, £21 and £31 16s.

THIRD DAY.—JANUARY 2ND.

[Weather fine.]

ASCOT HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stakes. One mile.

Table with columns for In, Out, and race details including names like Mr L. D. Nathan's gr h The Dancer, Mr D. McKinnon's b c Haria, etc.

Won easily. Eve and St. Laura fell at the head of the straight. Time, 1min 45sec. Dividends, £1 13s and £1 12s.

SYLVIA HANDICAP of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stakes. Six furlongs.

Table with columns for In, Out, and race details including names like Mr G. Wright's ch f Forma, Mr S. C. Caulton's br c Dead Shot, etc.

Won easily by three lengths. Time, 1min 18sec. Dividends, £1 9s and £1 9s.

GRANDSTAND HANDICAP of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs out of the stakes. One mile and a quarter.

Table with columns for In, Out, and race details including names like Mr H. Te Kani Pere's blk h Mahaki, Mr R. Burke's b m Annabelle, etc.

Won by two lengths. Time, 2min 12sec. Dividends, £2 1s and £1 18s.

AUCKLAND STEEPLECHASE of 250 sovs; second horse to receive 30 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stakes. About three miles and a half.

Table with columns for In, Out, and race details including names like Mr J. Alexander's ch g Roscius, Mr E. D. O'Rourke's blk g Magpie, etc.

Table with columns for In, Out, and race details including names like Mr J. B. Williamson's b g Ballyhooley, Major F. N. George's br h The Workman, etc.

Won by three lengths; Fishmonger a good third. Ballyhooley was the only other finisher. Time, 8min 38sec. Dividends, £9 1s and £8 1s.

NEWMARKET HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stakes. Six furlongs.

Table with columns for In, Out, and race details including names like Major F. N. George's br h The Workman, Mr F. Macmanemin's b h St. Clements, etc.

Won by two length. Time, 1min 15½sec. Dividends, £3 2s and £2 18s.

MUSKET STAKES of 130 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 5 sovs out of the stakes. Six furlongs.

Table with columns for In, Out, and race details including names like Mr G. G. Stead's b f Blue Fire, Mr G. G. Stead's b c Bloodshot, etc.

Won by half a length. Time, 1min 16sec. Dividends, £8 9s and £6.

PONY HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 70 sovs; second pony to receive 10 sovs, and third pony 5 sovs out of the stakes. One mile and a half.

Table with columns for In, Out, and race details including names like Mr D. Myers' b m Mother Shipton, Mr J. Rowe's b g Little Tom, etc.

Won by two lengths. Time, 2min 59½sec. Dividends, £4 4s and £3 12s.

RECOVERY STAKES HANDICAP of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stakes. Five furlongs.

Table with columns for In, Out, and race details including names like Mr Sutton's b m Eve, Mr W. Walters' ch f Doris, etc.

Won by half a length. Owing to a hurdle having been left up in mistake the race had to be run twice, Doris getting home in the first attempt and Eve in the second. Time, 1min 4½sec. Dividends, £8 9s and £6 11s.

LOWER VALLEY J.C. SUMMER MEETING.

DECEMBER 26TH, 1894.—WEATHER FINE.

HUNTERS HURDLE HANDICAP of 30 sovs, one mile and a half.

Table with columns for In, Out, and race details including names like Mr A. Ross' Lord John, Mr W. Buckeridge's Iroquois, etc.

Also started—86 Cyrus II., 10.0, F. Pearce; 37 Makomako, 9.12, Cronin. Won by a nose. Time, 3min 14sec. Totalisator, 234. Dividend, £2 6s.

HACK HURDLE HANDICAP of 30 sovs, one mile and a half.

Table with columns for In, Out, and race details including names like Mr H. H. Welch's Half-caste, Mr W. McLeod's Bird, etc.

Half-caste led the field all the way from a good start. Time, 3min 11½sec. Totalisator, 176. Dividend, £3.

MAIDEN HACK RACE, Cup of 25 sovs, six furlongs.

Table with columns for In, Out, and race details including names like Mr T. Walker's, Slaiden, Mr J. Reid's Napoleon, etc.

Thirteen started. Won by a nose; Guardsman a length away third. Time 1min 23½sec. Totalisator, 274. Dividend, £4 3s.