

without effort in 1min 35sec, Blackfriar two lengths away second, and Lady Emily, who came fast at the finish, a good third.

When betting opened on the Avondale Handicap of 25 sovs, seven furlongs, Retaliation had the call on favour for a long time, but Frontignac gradually closed with her in price, the start seeing the pair favourites at 5 to 2 against. Frontignac, who took a half-mile bolt before the start, at once went to the front and was never headed. At the back Retaliation made an effort to close, but it was fruitless, Frontignac simply romping home, with Haria three lengths away second, and Retaliation third. Time, 1min 32½sec.

Vampire was a firm favourite for the Pony Race until just before the start, when Kit took the lead in the market at level money, Romp and Vampire being next at 2's. This race was a gift for Romp, who walked home with Vampire and Kit in the places. Vampire was in good form, and when he is like that it takes a good one to give him 16lb and a hollow beating. I said last week that so far Romp had shown no form, but she showed a lump of it last Saturday. Time, 1min 7½sec.

Adam was favourite for the Hack Handicap, five furlongs, and although Revenge, who had beaten Adam in the first race, got away with a flying start while Adam hung at the post, the latter simply smothered the field in the straight, Revenge and Ideagram filling the places. Naturally, the owner of Revenge protested on the ground of Adam's failure in the Maiden Plate and alleged in-and-out running, but the stewards gave the race to Adam. There is no doubt the latter reversed his form, but it may be that what his owner says is correct, that you never know when he will try.

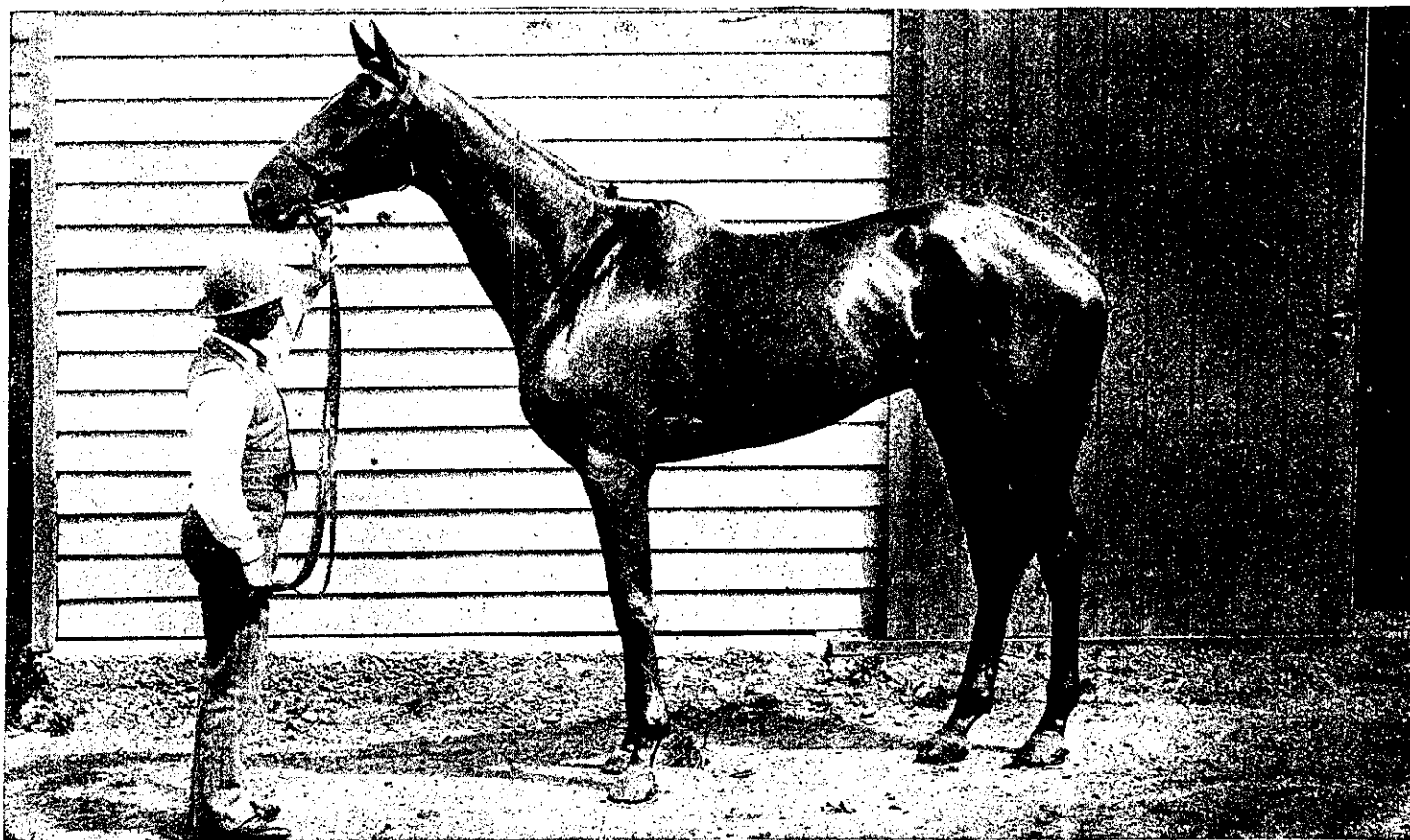
The favourite for the Steeplechase was Little Tom, but although he scored I think he had big luck in doing so. The horse that should have won this race was Kildare, who finished third. Coleman lay behind the leader about a quarter of a mile, but when he moved on his horse in the last round he shot up to the leader, and going two strides to Little Tom's one quickly overhauled him. At the last jump he was on the favourite's quarters, but a faulty jump lost him the race, and Little Tom got home by two lengths, Ika second and Kildare third. Time, 4min 35sec. Carbuncle ran off.

Hazlemere was 6 to 4 on chance in the last race, the Flying Stakes, five furlongs, but though she got the start, Rex simply buried everything and won full of running in 1min 7sec, Frontignac and Poroua in the places. Rex, who started at 6 to 1, is a fair sprinter when in the humour. This ended what was a thoroughly successful meeting, at which I fancy the bookmakers got all the worst of it.

SKETCHES AT THE DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

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HIPPOMENES (ST. LEGER-ATALANTA), WINNER OF THE CONSOLATION.

The V.R.C. Autumn Carnival.

*Wallace Loses the St. Leger—A Brilliant but Unsuccessful Finish
Maluma easily wins the Newmarket Handicap—Quiver scores at Weight-for-age—Idolator Wins the Australian Cup—Wallace Beaten a Head—Maluma Wins the Bourke Handicap.*

GLORIOUS weather was experienced for the opening day of the V.R.C. Autumn meeting, on the 29th ult., but the attendance at Flemington was not very extraordinary, barely reaching the average. Good racing was experienced, and the ringmen were given two serviceable lifts by Hova and Wallace, who failed to support the short odds taken about them in the Essendon and St. Leger Stakes respectively. But Wallace's defeat in the St. Leger was nothing to be ashamed of, for the son of Carbine was unmistakably caught napping by the Gozo gelding Cabin Boy, who was allowed a twenty-length lead, Gough thinking he would come back to Wallace in the last stages of the journey. When he found he would not, Gough drove Wallace along desperately, but though he ran his last six furlongs in 1.13½, Cabin Boy just lasted long enough to win by a bare length.

The Hopeful Stakes, five furlongs, was the first race, and here the favourite just managed to hold its own. Aroha was well backed at twos, but

could only make a dead heat of it with Sayles, after whom came Black Rock. Time, 1min 4½sec. Then came the St. Leger, in which Wallace made such a speedy showing. He was first choice at 2 to 1 on, Waterfall being next at threes against, and the winner, Cabin Boy (another string of Waterfall's owner), at 20 to 1. After an even start had been given Cabin Boy dashed away twenty lengths ahead of everything. Six furlongs from home Wallace flew after the leader, but though he left the three-quarters of a mile behind in the great time of 1.13½, he just failed to get up, Cabin Boy lasting long enough to gain a bare length victory. Waterfall was fifteen lengths away third. Time, 3min 18½sec. In last year's St. Leger Preston put up the record by running the distance in 3.13½. Prior to that the record was held by Abercorn, who put up 3.15½ in 1888, Volley winning it in 3.15½ the year following. Then came the big sprint race of the year, which resulted as follows:—

THE NEWMARKET HANDICAP, a sweepstake of 20 sovs each, with 500 sovs added. The owner of the second horse to receive 100 sovs, and the owner of the third 50 sovs from the stakes. Three-quarters of a mile.

- Mr J. Redfern's b f Maluma, by Malua—Madeap, 3yrs, 7.12, J. Redfern ... 1
- Mesars W. F. and A. Moses' b g Courallie, by Gemma de Vergy—Honeysuckle, 5yrs, 8.12, J. Delaney ... 2
- Mr W. R. Wilson's br g Pilatus, by Chester—Etna, 5yrs, 7.8, H. Morrison ... 3
- Mr M. Quinlan's br m Disparity, by Frypan—Contessina, 6yrs, 7.12, T. Sanders ... 4

Also started—Erl King, Solanum, Whakawatea, Tinstream, Moorite, Lord Charles Scott, Thunderer, Foliage, Budgeree, Idolator, Our

Jack, Ilium, Acton, Hughie, Gehenna, Coronation, Homespun, Mercia, Jubilant, Monard, Trentham, Mundiva, Saddle-up, Bung Bung, Glenore, Miss Gladstone, Lottie, Waihine, Laura, Martini, Day of Grace, and Sunbury.

Betting:—7 to 1 against Maluma, 10 to 1 Courallie, 12 to 1 Solanum, 15 to 1 Bung Bung and Foliage, 20 to 1 Pilatus and Whakawatea, 25 to 1 Lord Charles Scott, Our Jack, Disparity, Sunbury, 33 to 100 to 1 others.

Idolator was first to show in front, followed by Lord Charles Scott, Tinstream, Maluma, and Bung Bung, with Thunderer, who was on the extreme outside, next. Entering the straight proper Maluma led, Foliage, Courallie, Pilatus, Miss Gladstone, Acton, Disparity, and Saddle-up next. The favourite was never again headed, and won rather easily by a length and a half, two lengths between second and third, the same distance between third and fourth. Foliage was fifth, then came Miss Gladstone, Mercia, Bung Bung, Laura, Saddle-up, and Erl King, with Thunderer last. Time, 1min 15½sec. The following is the winning table:—

NEWMARKET HANDICAP, 6 FURLONGS.					
Year	Horse	Pedigree	A.	Wt.	Time
1874	M'id of Av'n'l	Stock'am—Mary Av'n'l	3	7 8	1 17
1875	Calumny	Truducer—Gitana	5	8 0	1 18
1876	Sultan	Lady Kirk—M. Theresa	5	8 10	1 17½
1877	Tom Kirk	Lady Kirk—Spa	5	7 5	1 16½
1878	Lady Ellen	Marquis—Fair Ellen	3	6 5	1 18
1879	Diomed	Manuka—Briseis (Lear)	4	7 0	1 16½
1880	Aspen	Askin—Talkative	4	6 8	1 16½
1881	Aspen	Askin—Talkative	5	7 8	1 16½
1882	Hyacinth	L. Linne—G. Esperance	5	7 6	1 16½
1883	Tyropean	Vespasian—La Naine	4	7 4	1 16½
1884	Malua	St. Albans—Edella	4	8 7	1 16½
1885	Coronet	St. Albans—Pr'a Don'a	5	7 0	1 16½
1886	William Tell	Kettlebrum—Flora	5	8 6	1 17
1887	Lochiel	P. Charlie—N'ily Mo're	5	8 0	1 16½
1888	Cranbrook	Chester—La Princesse	3	8 12	1 14½
1889	Sedition	Neckersgat—Irish Qn.	6	7 3	1 16½
1890	Churchill	Newminster—Primrose	4	8 4	1 17½
1891	Bungebah	Grandmaster—Aveline	5	9 3	1 16½
1892	Wild Rose	Newminster—Primrose	4	8 1	1 16½
1893	Fortunatus	Fryingpan—Fraulien	4	9 2	1 15½
1894	Hova	Ingomar—Happy Land	3	7 13	1 15½
1895	Laundress	Sheet Anchor—Pearl	4	7 8	1 15
1896	Maluma	Malua—Madcap	3	7 12	1 15½

The Abercorn colt Coil was a 5 to 2 on chance for the Sires Produce Stakes, and he never gave his backers a moment's anxiety, winning easily in 1min 18½sec, the Carbine colt Fucile second. The Officer third. The Essendon Stakes, one mile and a half, w.f.a., followed and here the favourite failed badly. Hova was first choice at 2 to 1 on with Auraria next at 5 to 1 against. She dashed off with the lead, but was displaced by Quiver, who, running the last six furlongs in 1.16, won easily by three lengths, Preston third. Time, 2min 40½sec. The last race of the day, the Brunswick Stakes, one mile and a quarter, resulted in a dead heat between Disfigured (by Malua) and Warpaint (by Chester), who were locked together in 2.10. The owners divided. The Enchanter was third. Disfigured was at 7 to 1 and Warpaint at 10 to 1, Pilot Boy being favourite at 5 to 1.

A good attendance was experienced on the second day and the racing proved very interesting. The Hurdles was the first item and Ballarat provided the winner, The Artist, who went out at 5 to 2, winning easily by five lengths, Figart and Navarino being in the places. In spite of Coil's easy win the first day Newhaven was a warm favourite for the Ascot Vale Stakes 7 to 4 against being the best on offer at the start. Kobold was first off, Fucile and Newhaven being next. Before they had gone half the distance the favourite was in the lead and was never after troubled romping home the easiest of winners by three lengths from Kobold, Tiré being a neck away third. No time was taken. Then followed the race of the day which resulted as follows:—

THE AUSTRALIAN CUP, a handicap sweepstake of 20sovs each, with 500sovs added. The owner of the second horse to receive 100sovs and the owner of the third 50sovs out of the stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards. Two miles and a quarter.

Mr P. Russell's ch h Idolator, 6yrs, by Newminster—Nina, 7.3 (C. Power) 1



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