

The teams were—Kihikihi: Messrs Kays, Corboy, Lawson, and Weatherall, 1. Auckland: Messrs Tonks, Wynyard, Bloomfield, and Makgill, 2.

The Kihikihi ponies seemed to understand the business better than the Auckland ponies, and the visitors had a fairly easy win.

HAWKES BAY POLO CLUB'S SPORTS.

Proverbial "Park" weather greeted the Hawkes Bay and Wharearangi Polo Club's Gymkhana Sports last Saturday, and as a consequence the attendance was greatly diminished.

BENDING COMPETITION.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Mr A. S. Baker's Tommy ... 1, Butterfly ... 2, Chicago ... 3.

POLO BALL RACE.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Lady Jane ... 1.

POLO CUP (presented by Hon. Capt. Russell). Four furlongs.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Mr Cross's Butterfly, 11.4 ... 1, Erin, 12.2 ... 2, Lorna, 12.2 ... 3.

FLAG RACE.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Mr Baker's Tommy ... 1, Chicago ... 2.

HURDLE RACE.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Mr Bennett's Erin ... 1, Marino ... 2, Snout ... 3.

CIGAR AND UMBRELLA RACE.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Mr Bennett's Tiny ... 1, Chicago ... 2.

THREAD THE NEEDLE RACE.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Mrs Baker's Tommy ... 1, Butterfly ... 2.

The lady nominator of the winner was presented by Mrs G. P. Donnelly with a very handsome brooch.

COSTUME RACE.

Mr C. D. Kennedy's cream pony, ridden by Mr W. Lloyd, was the winner.

CHRISTCHURCH POLO CLUB'S ANNUAL SPORTS.

SATURDAY, 11TH APRIL.

Weather fine, but very cold; however, about 700 people attended at Riccarton to watch the fun. Results:—

BENDING COMPETITION, for trophy.

First heat: Mr R. H. Rhodes' br g Jack o' Lantern, owner, 1; Mr A. E. G. Rhodes' b g Dumb Crambo, owner, 2. Mr Gould's br m Belle (owner) and Mr A. Clarke's br m Diana (owner) also started.

POLO BALL RACE, for trophy.

First heat: Mr G. Gould's b m Belle, Mr E. D. O'Rorke, 1; Mr A. Clarke's br m Diana, owner, 2; Mr B. C. Lane's b m Dinah, owner, 3. Mr J. Dampier-Crossley's ch g Kumara (owner) and the Hon. E. W. Parker's b m Wanghee (owner) also started.

POLO CUP HANDICAP, for Cup presented by Mr W. Gerard. Minimum weight, 11st. Four furlongs.

Mr G. A. M. Buckley's ch g Skipper, 14.0, Mr F. Claridge ... 1, Mr B. L. Lane's ch m Tai Tapu, 11.7, owner ... 2, Mr A. Clarke's br m Pearl, 12.1, owner ... 3.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE, for Cup presented by Messrs B. Petersen and Co. Minimum weight, 11st. Six furlongs.

Mr A. E. G. Rhodes' b m Frib, 12.2, Mr E. D. O'Rorke ... 1, Mr A. T. White's blk g Darkie, 10.0, Mr H. Gray ... 2.

STIFFUNS' STAKES, for trophy. Three furlongs. Mr A. Clarke's blk m Pearl, 12.7, owner ... 1, Mr A. E. G. Rhodes' b g Dumb Crambo, 12.7 (carried 13.7), owner ... 2.

Also started—Mr A. Clarke's blk m Whirlwind, 12.7, Mr F. Claridge; Mr F. A. Archer's b g Alister, 12.7, owner; Mr B. L. Lane's b m Dinah, 12.7, owner; Mr R. H. Rhodes' b m Shekel, 12.7, Mr E. D. O'Rorke; Mr J. D. Crossley's ch g Kumara, 10.7, Mr Gray.

TANDEM RACE, for trophy. Leader to come in front of ridden pony to win. About three furlongs.

Mr B. Lane's b m Dinah and ch m Tai Tapu, owner ... 1, Mr R. H. Rhodes' br g Jack-o'-Lantern and b m Shekel, owner ... 2.

LADIES' BRACELET, for bracelet presented by Mr Rhodes.

First heat: Mrs A. E. G. Rhodes' b m Frib, Mr A. E. G. Rhodes, 1; Mrs E. W. Parker's b m Wanghee, Hon. E. W. Parker, 2. Miss White's g m Trilby (Mr A. T. White) and Mrs A. Clarke's br m Diana (Mr Clark) also started.

COSTUME RACE, for trophy. For all ponies that have taken part in the races of the day, except the winners of the Cup, Hurdles, and Stiff-uns' Stakes.

Three pictures, interesting to polo players, will be found in our issue this week. One picture is of the members of the Auckland Polo Club, and the other two pictures are of Nimble and General Mite, winners at the polo sports on Saturday last.

The Kihikihi and Auckland Polo Clubs had rather a rough time of it when deciding their annual polo match. Recent rain had made the ground at Epsom very slippery, and in consequence the ponies had the utmost difficulty in keeping their feet.

Nominations.

EGMONT HACK RACES.

HANDICAP HACK HURDLES. — Spermaceti, Jareki, Starlight, Conspiracy, Tell Tale, Clematis, Ulysses, Kiara.

FIRST HACK FLAT. — Kokiri, Novelty, Eileen, Alna, Silver Sea, Calmarine, Light, Sydney, Fish Oh, Off Chance, Nightingale, Kanaka, Klima, Blue Bonnet, Muscatel, Factory Lass, The Drone, Australina, Return, Totia, St. Vincent, The Friar, Sweet Sleep, Jareki, Waiongona, Kuaka, Miss Shot, Headford, Secrecy, Errand Boy, Clematis, The Goth, King's Guard, Wild Vixen.

SECOND HACK FLAT. — Kokiri, Australina, Novelty, Return, Eileen, Silver Sea, The Friar, Calmarine, Sweet Sleep, Light, Jareki, Blue Bonnet, The Goth, King's Guard, Wild Vixen, Sydney, Waiongona, Starlight, Bilbah, Kuaka, Fish Oh, Conspiracy, Nightingale, Kanaka, Secrecy, Errand Boy, Clematis, Factory Lass, The Drone.

NAPIER PARK STEEPLECHASE MEETING.

NAPIER STEEPLECHASE.—Gondolier, Mutiny, Kapua, Tiritea, Glenelg, Morag, Zacheo, Narrate, The Plug, Aurora, Hopeful, Rossall, Tally-ho, Nat. Timothy.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP.—Blarney, Searchlight, Aio, Bessie McCarthy, Allan-a-Dale, Lotion, Acone, Panoply, Rainbow, Westmere, Marino, The Artist, New Forest, Musketeer, Mystical, Martyrdom, Kingsman, Flying Shot, Crimson Streak, Leontini, Capon Rouge.

HANDICAP HURDLES.—T. Rose, Tally-ho, Morag, Zacheo, Canard, Waituna, The Plug, Aurora, Hopeful.

NAPIER PARK STAKES STEEPLECHASE.—Gondolier, Mutiny, Kapua, Tiritea, Glenelg, Morag, Zacheo, Awarua, Hilda II, The Plug, Aurora, Hopeful, Rossall, Nat. Timothy.

Handicaps.

AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB AUTUMN MEETING.

AVONDALE HACK HANDICAP. One mile.—Orestes 8.10, Waiorongomai 8.0, Lady Emily 8.0, Nelsorina 8.0, Problem 7.7, The Flirt 7.7, Lady Dunluce 7.7, Lascar 7.7, Lifebuoy 7.7, The Outlaw 7.7, Neptune 7.0.

HANDICAP HURDLES. One mile and three-quarters.—Donald McKinnon 12.12, Ballyhooley 10.10, Carbuncle 10.10, Bonovace 10.9, Fishmonger 10.7, Sterling 10.5, Grenadier 9.12, Dorothy 9.10, Captivity 9.10, Aughadovey 9.7, Ditto 9.0.

AUTUMN HANDICAP. One mile.—St. Kilda 9.9, Panoply 9.0, Doris 8.7, Webley 8.7, Lady Marion 7.9, Tit 7.4, The Sharper 7.2, Free Lance 7.2, Eve 6.11, Leona 6.10, Glenora 6.10, Peerless 6.10, Lord Dunluce 6.10, Merry Maid 6.9, Lufra 6.9, Cleopatra 6.7, Frontignac 6.7, Lady Agnes 6.7, Norina 6.7.

AVONDALE STAKES. Five furlongs.—Forma 10.0, Antares 8.3, Pirate 7.5, Waiorongomai 7.0, Porangi Potae 7.0, Joan of Arc 6.10, Tamaki 6.9, St. Owen 6.7.

PONY HANDICAP. Six furlongs.—Leona 10.0, Romp 9.10, Romeo 8.11, Lady Thornton 8.2, Silkworm 7.12, Cupid 7.10, Bit o' Fashion 7.6, Kathleen 7.5, La Grippe 7.3, Archduke 7.0, Fidget 6.10.

WAITAKEREI HANDICAP. Six furlongs.—Orion 9.6, Forma 8.12, Webley 8.10, Doris 8.10, Lillie 7.12, Lady Marion 7.11, Tit 7.7, The Sharper 7.5, Free Lance 7.3, Eve 7.1, Peerless 7.0, Lord Dunluce 7.0, Glenora 7.0, Merry Maid 6.12, Lufra 6.12, Kawa 6.10, Forella 6.10, Lady Agnes 6.9, Cleopatra 6.9, Norina 6.7.

HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE. About three miles.—Donald McKinnon 12.0, Ballyhooley 11.5, Fishmonger 11.5, Carbuncle 11.5, Kildare 10.10, Ika 10.7, Malabar 10.0, Clarence 9.9, Glenora 9.9, Aughadovey 9.8, Libeller 9.7, Ditto 9.7.

SPORTS HANDICAP. Five furlongs.—St. Kilda 10.7, Orion 9.11, Doris 9.0, Lillie 8.4, Antares 7.10, Romp 7.8, Eve 7.5, Glenora 7.5, Peerless 7.4, Cleopatra 6.11, Forella 6.11, Porangi Potae 6.10, Norina 6.8, Fidget 6.7, Neptune 6.7.

TROTTING.

OFFICIAL CALENDAR.

NORTH ISLAND TROTTING ASSOCIATION OF N.Z.

PALMERSTON NORTH, March 24th, 1896.

To the Editor SPORTING REVIEW.

Auckland.

DEAR SIR,—I beg to inform you that your paper has been appointed the OFFICIAL CALENDAR for the North Island Trotting Association of New Zealand.

Yours faithfully,

C. C. MILES, Secretary N.I.T.A. of N.Z.

TROTTING CALENDAR.

April 23—Geraldine Trotting Club's Annual Race Meeting. April 29 and May 2—Wellington Trotting Club's Autumn Meeting. May 18—Hawera Trotting Club's Winter Meeting. May 21 and 25—Canterbury Trotting Club's May Meeting. May 22—Tahuna Park Trotting Club's Winter Meeting.

TROTTING RECORDS.

NEW ZEALAND.

1 mile—Saddle, Yum Yum, 2min 27 1/2 sec, Canterbury T.C., May, 1894; harness, Rita, 2min 30sec, Lancaster Park, April, 1895. 1 1/2 miles—Saddle, Commotion, 3min 57sec, Timaru, September, 1895. 2 miles—Saddle, Rita, 4min 58 1/2 sec, Lancaster Park, November, 1895; harness, Rita, 5min 7sec, Tahuna Park, February, 1895. 2 1/2 miles—Wizard, 6min 36 3/4 sec, Maniototo, February, 1895; harness, Berlin Abdallah, 6min 37sec, Tahuna Park, February, 1895. 3 miles—Saddle, Spider, 7min 59sec, Maniototo, February, 1895; harness, Specification, 7min 35 1/2 sec, Canterbury T.C., May, 1894. 4 miles—Harness, Specification, 10min 47sec, Lancaster Park, July, 1894.

AUSTRALIAN.

1 mile—Harness, Fritz, 2min 14 1/2 sec, March 4, Moonee Valley, in Inter-Colonial Free-for-all Trot. 2 miles—Harness, Mystery, 4min 50 1/2 sec, in match against Osterley. 3 miles—Harness, Osterley, 7min 30 1/2 sec.

AMERICAN (IN HARNES).

1 mile—Alix, 2min 3 1/2 sec, September 19, 1894. 2 miles—Greenlander, 4min 32sec, October, 1893. 3 miles—Nightingale, 6min 53 1/2 sec, October, 1892.

AMERICAN PACING.

1 mile—John R. Gentry, 2min 3 1/2 sec. 2 miles—Defiance, 4min 47 1/2 sec, September, 1872. 3 miles—Joe Jefferson, 7min 33 1/2 sec, November, 1891.

The Stratford Trotting Club will hold a trotting meeting on May 14th.

The Swiss Government has decided to discard the English thoroughbred in their stock-breeding departments, and will try American trotters.

The driver of the winner in the Juvenile Stakes, to be decided at the Canterbury Trotting Meeting in May, is to be presented with a silver stopwatch.

At Hunter and Nolan's yards, Auckland, on Friday two good-looking trotting horses were sold for a mere song. Neither have performed on a local track. One was by Berlin, and stood fully seventeen hands high, an immense horse, but it appears he objects to harness work, and to win a race, tracheotomy would require to be performed on him. The other trotter was imported from Sydney, but his special complaint is not known.

Mr G. E. G. Richardson, of Napier, is now driving the well-known trotting horse Rob Roy in his sulky.

The American mare Goldsmith Maid trotted 332 heats in 2min 30sec or better, won 121 races and £72,800 during her career on the turf, and it has been estimated that her net winnings, after all expenses were deducted, totalled up to the enormous sum of £49,300.

While strolling through the yards we came across a "goodish" sort of grey mare (unbroken) with a great banging foal, by the trotting sire Pleasanton, at her side. If the son of Elector—Belle Robins is going to leave stock such as this one, there will be no need in the near future to import hackneys from the Taranaki and Egmont districts.

The Lancaster Park Trotting Club, at their last trotting meeting, refused to allow Miss Button, of Peel Forest, to drive her own pony, Fiddler. They accepted her nomination and acceptance fees, and allowed her to rail her pony about 80 miles, and then informed her of their decision. This is pretty rough, and the least the club can do is to pay the rail charges and refund all fees.

The Hawkes Bay Trotting Club held a meeting on Wednesday last, at Caulton's Pacific Hotel, Hastings. There was a large attendance, the president, Mr G. Ellis, being in the chair. After some discussion, a proposition to hold a day's meeting in June was carried, the day determined upon being the Thursday intervening between the Hawkes Bay Jockey Club Steeplechase fixture. In consequence of the last meeting showing a substantial balance, the guarantors are now entirely released from their responsibility. The sum of three guineas was voted to the Bush Relief Fund.

There has been some mild excitement in trotting circles in America lately acent the sale of the great Yankee trotting stallion, Patchen Wilkes (2.29 1/2, blk h, 1882, by George Wilkes—Kitty Patchen, by Mambrino Patchen), and the champion pacer, John R. Gentry (2.03 1/2, b h, by Ashland Wilkes—Dame Wood, by Wedgewood). In referring to the sale of these two horses, the Spirit of the Times says:—"There was a thoroughly representative gathering of horsemen at Madison Square Gardens, New York, on Thursday morning, Feb. 13th, when Messrs. William B. Fasig and Co. began their great early spring sale. The first consignment to go under the hammer was the Jewett Stock Farm's, and as it was a closing out sale and included that great sire Patchen Wilkes there was considerable excitement. There were several foreign buyers present, but they made no attempt to buy the star of the sale. Patchen Wilkes is a superb specimen of his race, but when such veterans as Mike Bowerman and C. F. Emery locked horns everybody else stood back to watch the fray. Mr Bowerman opened the game with a bid of 2500dol, which Mr Emery promptly raised to 5000dol. It jumped then rapidly to 10,000dol, bid by the Cleveland breeder, who had then reached his limit, as for an advance of 25dol Mr Bowerman bought the horse at 10,025dol. It then transpired that he had been bought for W. E. D. Stokes, of New York, who has bought the farm within three miles of Lexington called Wilton's Home. Patchen Wilkes will be in the stud there. H. A. Fleischman, of Berlin, got a great bargain in Favora, 2.12 1/2, for 1625dol, and the foreign buyers got splendid value for their money. On the second day the star attraction was the pacing champion stallion, John R. Gentry, 2.03 1/2, and when the handsome horse was brought into the ring he was greeted with a round of applause. Mr William Sampson, the owner of the Empire City Stock Farm, after a lively game with other bidders, bought the champion for 7,600dol, at which price he is a cheap horse. He will be campaigned the coming winter by Trainer W. Andrews, and with average luck should win himself out this year.

CANTERBURY NOTES.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

From what I can hear, several horses have been "rung in" lately in the goldfields districts in Otago, and in this connection Mr A. J. Rattray tells me that he believes that several well-known Canterbury trotters are in Otago, picking up an "honest shilling." There is evidently a push of "ringers" in the South who, in conjunction with confederates here and in the North, travel round with a few horses, scooping the pool, and it is certainly funny where some trotters get to, as there are many not in their accustomed haunts. The southern authorities do not seem to bother themselves over-much, apparently, but some day a local owner will run up against one of these "rung in snaps," and then perhaps they will wake up.

Every credit is due to Mr Rattray and those assisting him in his endeavours to stamp out this illicit trotting.

The disqualified Hero I Go and Kelpie are supposed to have taken a trip South, and the moving spirits in their movements are thought to be not altogether strangers to disqualifications, whilst others have been under suspicion for some time.

The following acceptances have been received for the Juvenile Stakes, to be decided at the Canterbury Trotting Club's May Meeting:—The Juvenile Stakes Trot (in harness) of 150 sovs, for three-year-olds, one mile: Lady Lincoln, by Lincoln Yet—Katie Brown; Dictator, by Imperious—Nellie; Annie Rooney, by Lincoln Yet; Garryowen, by Young Irvington—Mistake; St. Laura—by Kentucky—Farewell; Lincoln's Pride, by Lincoln Yet—Polly; Imperial, by Imperious—Fairy; Collector, by Lincoln Yet—Locket; Miss Emerson, by Emerson—Diomedes mare; Brooklet, by Brooklyn—Waikari; General Standish, by General Tracy; All Steel, by Berlin Abdallah—Irvington mare; King Harold, by Viking—Kentucky Maid (late Belle Prig); Tracy Belle, by General Tracy—Fanny Bell; Bendigo, sire unknown; Butterfly Whroo, by Berlin—Wanderer.