

## Turf Records.

### AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB AUTUMN MEETING.

SATURDAY, 2ND MAY, 1896.

Weather threatening, with slight shower during the latter part of the afternoon. Attendance about 1,800 people. Totalisator investments (two machines) for the day, £1,920 10s, as against £1,528 10s last year. Results:—

**AVONDALE HACK HANDICAP** of 20 sovs. For all horses that have not won an advertised race exceeding 10 sovs in value at time of entry. One mile.

93 Mr J. C. Booth's ch m Lady Emily, 4yrs, by Castor—Lady Wellington, 8.0, Perry ... 1  
47 Mr Bowman's br g The Outlaw, 6yrs, 8.1 (inc. 8lb over), Hodson ... 2  
81 Mr E. Clarke's ch g Neptune, 3yrs, 7.4 (inc. 4lb over), Farrell ... 3  
Also started—3 The Flirt, 7.7, Castleton; 10 Lascar, 7.10 (inc. 3lb over), Parker.

After half the distance had been traversed, Lady Emily took charge, and won easily by a length, three lengths between second and third. Time, 1min 55sec. Dividend (10s tickets), £1 2s.

**HANDICAP HURDLES** of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. One mile and three-quarters.

11 Mr H. H. Hayr's ch g Bonovoree, aged, by The Mute—Maid of All Work, 10.9, Fergus ... 1  
58 Mr J. E. Thorpe's b g Grenadier, 5yrs, 10.9, McKinnon ... 2  
Also started—114 Donald McKinnon, 12.12, Ashdown (ran off); 39 Captivity, 9.10, Wells (ran off); 53 Ditto, 9.0, Woodfield (fell, not hurt).

Won easily by a length. Time, 3min 50sec. Dividend (10s tickets), £11 5s.

**AUTUMN HANDICAP** of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. One mile.

41 Mr D. McKinnon's br m Lufra, 4yrs, by Flintlock—Brown Rose, 6.9, Castleton ... 1  
34 Mr F. Macmanamin's ch m Lady Marion, 4yrs, 7.9, Stewart ... 2  
Also started—48 Doris, 8.7, Gallagher; 56 Webley, 8.7, Davis; 55 Tit, 7.4, Perry; 10 The Sharper, 7.2, Manning; 36 Free Lance, 7.2, Buchanan; 30 Leona, 6.10, Satman; 11 Peerless, 6.10, Hall; 21 Frontignac, 6.7, Skeates.

This race resulted in such a splendid finish that the judge could only place two horses, Lufra, by a short neck, being returned the winner. It is doubtful whether The Sharper or Free Lance were third. Time, 1min 49sec. Dividend (£1 tickets), £7 10s.

**AVONDALE STAKES HANDICAP** of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For two and three-year-olds. Five furlongs.

76 Mr J. Chaaffe's b c Antares, 2yrs, by Castor—Hilda, 8.3, J. Chaaffe ... 1  
10 Mr J. Chaaffe's br c Pirate, 3yrs, 7.5, S. Chaaffe ... 2  
22 Mr A. S. Caulton's b f Porangi Potae, 2yrs, 7.0, Manning ... 3  
Also started—34 Forma, 10.0, Gallagher.

Won easily. Forma slipped badly, and nearly came down, just after the signal was given to go. No time taken. Dividend (£1 tickets), £1 13s.

**PONY HANDICAP** of 30 sovs; second pony to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Six furlongs.

76 Mr F. Stenning's b m Bit o' Fashion, 4yrs, by Leolinus—Duchess, 7.6, Perry ... 1  
60 Mr J. Sutton's b m Fidget, 4yrs, 6.10, Hall ... 2  
75 Mr R. Thorpe's b m Silkworm, 6yrs, 7.12, Stewart ... 3  
Also started—18 Leona, 10.0, Creamer; 36 Romp, 9.10, T. Murrigan; 20 Lady Thornton, 8.2, Duff; 0 Archduke, 7.0, Howard.

Won from the start, of which she had all the best. Two lengths separated the second and third. Time, 1min 22sec. Dividend (£1 tickets), £3 7s.

**WAITAKEKEI HANDICAP** of 30 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Six furlongs.

38 Mr D. McKinnon's br m Lufra, 4yrs, by Flintlock—Brown Rose, 7.5 (inc. 7lb penalty), Castleton ... 1  
76 Mr F. Macmanamin's ch m Lady Marion, 4yrs, 7.11, Stewart ... 2  
144 Mr P. Jones' b m Lillie, 4yrs, 7.12, Creamer ... 3  
Also started—48 Orion, 9.6, J. Chaaffe; 21 Webley, 8.10, Davis; 32 The Sharper, 7.5, Manning; 16 Free Lance, 7.3, Buchanan; 13 Peerless, 7.0, Hall; 8 Glencora, 7.0, Skeates.

Won by a length and a half, three-parts of a length between second and third. Time, 1min 19½sec. Dividend (£1 tickets), £9 7s.

**HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE** of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. About three miles.

123 Mr F. Macmanamin's b g Ika, aged, by Piscatorious, 10.7, Collins ... 1  
13 Mr J. Sutton's br g Libeller, aged, 9.7, Austin ... 2  
Also started—75 Kildare, 10.10, Coleman (fell, not hurt); 55 Clarence, 9.9, R. Hall (ran off); 36 Ditto, 9.7, Woodfield (banked).

Won easily. Time, 6min 52sec. Dividend (£1 tickets), £2 4s.

**SHORTS HANDICAP** of 30 sovs. For two-year-olds. Five furlongs.

24 Mr J. H. Coleman's b m Glencora, aged, by Nordenfeldt—Rosarins, 7.5, Skeates ... 1  
107 Mr John Chaaffe's ch g Orion, 4yrs, 9.11, J. Chaaffe ... 2  
49 Mr J. C. Booth's b m Romp, 6yrs, 7.8, Perry ... 3  
Also started—19 Porangi Potae, 6.10, Manning; 0 Neptune, 7.4 (inc. 11lb over), Farrell.

Won by two lengths, one and a half lengths between second and third. Time, 1min 6½sec. Dividend (£1 tickets), £7 9s.

## Coursing Notes.

[BY SLIP.]

### FIXTURES.

May 13, 14—Auckland  
May 25—Ashburton  
June 3, 4, 5—National C.C., Dunedin  
June 8, 9, 10—Waterloo Cup  
June 10, 13—Auckland

Rose's patent slip-boxes were tried recently at Dunedin. The *Weekly Budget* says:—"The dogs slipped from the box in no single instance got away on even terms, gaps of six and seven lengths between each pair being the order of the day."

In view of approaching meetings, greyhounds are now accorded some attention. Out Avondale way there are one or two fair-sized kennels comfortably tenanted by the "long-tails." One trainer has a baker's dozen, which is just about enough to engage the attention of one man. Several of the greyhounds I have seen seem a trifle above themselves; a raking good course or two would open their pipes for the 13th and 16th.

The hope of Auckland in the Dunedin Challenge Stakes, Shylock, went lame before the real coursing commenced. I am sorry to hear this for the syndicate's sake, as they have "played" plucky with this dog from his purchase up to the present time, and they deserved better luck. However, the owner of Bloomer, Mr Bladon, was very plucky in coming back to New Zealand, after being put out in the first course last year. It is a decent journey from Melbourne to Dunedin, and he deserves every penny of the £200 stake. Coursing men in Auckland would like to see Mr Bladon and Bloomer before they return home. It is just possible he might nominate for the Auckland Club's meeting if he were reminded.

Coursing having been prohibited in the New York State on the plea of cruelty to animals, a large proportion of the local sportsmen, including a number of prominent wealthy men, have gone in strongly for whippet racing. It may not be generally known (says an exchange) that a first-class whippet of about 28lb weight can cover 200yds in 12sec. Whippet racing has long been a favourite pastime in the North of England, especially amongst the pitmen, and recently it has gained some footing in the South, several whippet clubs having been formed in and near London. In the matter of "straight going" the sport has an advantage over horseracing, in that the unriden dog may be depended upon to do his best, whereas the horse, with the nobler animal on his back, is not always allowed to do so. It is only in "stuffing" that the superior intelligence of the human being can make its influence felt in connection with dog racing, and this, it must unfortunately be admitted, is an art in which some whippet trainers are believed to be adepts.

Many people are wondering what is the meaning of "Wahoo," in connection with the "Wahoo Stakes," one of the events decided at the Dunedin coursing meeting. I may say that "Wahoo" is the name given by Mr Loasby, of Dunedin, to a preparation he and all the chemists sell for indigestion, and it is said to effect a cure whenever tried.

### DUNEDIN NOTES.

Our Third Challenge Stakes was brought to a conclusion last week. The number of hounds competing was smaller than in any previous year, and I may definitely say the sport is not gaining ground here, which, in my opinion, is attributable to the want of good dogs. A few are so immeasurably superior to others, that owners get disheartened, and there is no possible chance of handicapping them the same as in a horse race.

More than two-thirds of the seventy competitors were, at the calling of odds, offered from 100 to 1 to half a sovereign, and the greater part to the latter figure. This, of course, led to a lot of speculation, and quite as much betting took place in the aggregate as in former years; but about £400 was the maximum any one hound could be backed for, which is a great falling off compared with previous stakes.

Very few of our local bookmakers go in for the business, and if it had not been for the presence of Messrs Proffit, Davidson, and Taylor, the meeting, from a speculative point of view, would have

been a failure. I may here note that Martin Taylor took 100 to 10 Bloomer from the Napier sport.

There are plenty of hares at Forbury, but they are a mighty poor lot. Keeping them to an enclosure evidently does not improve their condition. The reared ones are too tame. This is an item that other plumptons may find useful, that it is cheaper to procure them than to breed them.

The weak hares favoured Bloomer throughout, for she killed quickly in each course. Had the hares been as strong and good as when coursing first took place at Forbury, I fancy the honours would have gone to Kingdom, the same dog that put out the celebrated bitch last year, and defeater of Shylock this time.

Staying is Kingdom's forte, and he has the honour of having defeated the winners of the last two Challenge Stakes; but taken altogether our local candidates were a very poor lot.

The National Coursing Club have got their much-talked of Challenge Stakes meeting over, and everything went off splendidly. The weather was fine, but very cold, typical coursing days. The attendance averaged fully 300 throughout the meeting. Mr McAuley was judge, and if he erred it was on the right side, as he was very cautious, and gave several undecided courses. Some thought the slipping too short at times. Over twenty hares were killed in the first round, which greatly favoured those greyhounds that have the turn of foot in running up.

The Auckland favourite, Shylock, broke one of his toes, and I don't think he will run again this season.

Bloomer killed six hares out of her seven courses.

Wallace and Deceit are two coming dogs.

The owner of Bloomer did not back his bitch. She is no doubt a wonder. The only way to beat her is to have a "long-winded" hare like she met when Kingdom put her out last year, but she rarely misses her quarry. She makes some tremendous drives at times.

The management of the meeting was very good, and the National Coursing Club made every effort to give satisfaction.

There was some dissatisfaction expressed about the judging, but as long as I have known coursing such has always existed. Mr McAuley is a real good man, and makes few mistakes.

Nothing could have won but Bloomer, considering the poor class of hares she had to chase.

For the June Cup, first and second in the Challenge Stakes are not eligible, also winners of Wahoo and Wairongai Stakes.

### NATIONAL COURSING CLUB'S CHALLENGE STAKES MEETING.

DUNEDIN CHALLENGE STAKES. Winner, £80; runner-up, £35; third dog, £20 10s; two dogs at £10 each; four dogs at £6 each; nine dogs at £3 each. Total, £206 10s.

#### FIRST DRAW.

Whisky meets Duckwing  
Cushla meets Discard  
Locket meets Tempest  
Torpedo II. meets Deceit  
Ellingham meets Ascot  
Dart meets Caribou  
Wallace meets Lynn Regis  
Bellbird meets Bryan O'Lynn  
Nightingale meets Nancy Hanks  
Port Fairy meets Mars  
Doris meets Tahitika  
My Lady meets Prefix  
Merganser meets J.F.  
Lizzie Godfrey meets Nitrate King  
Pine Hut meets Cavatina  
Cantata meets Grosvenor  
Christmas Rose meets Cora Lynn  
Skipper meets Drummer  
Bloomer meets Victoria  
Stanley meets Rock Lynn  
King Lear meets Barnum  
Trefoil meets Caribina  
Sail Home meets Gipsy Grand  
Luck's All meets Lord Montague  
Reliance meets Blackthorn  
Laundrymaid meets Nightlock  
Feather meets Shylock  
Flying Jib meets Harvester  
Rising Star meets Kate Kearney  
Hastie Girl meets The Fiend  
Radiant meets Castorina  
Faster and Faster meets Myrtle  
Lillie Langtry meets Point to Point  
Sequah meets Bessie Macarthy  
Kingdom meets Blackwood.

#### WEDNESDAY 29TH APRIL.

##### FIRST ROUND.

Duckwing beat Whiskey  
Locket beat Tempest  
Deceit beat Torpedo II.  
Ascot beat Ellingham

Dart beat Caribou  
Wallace beat Lynn Regis  
Bryan O'Lynn beat Bellbird  
Nightingale beat Nancy Hanks  
Newton beat Port Fairy  
Pine Picture beat Tahitika  
Prefix beat My Lady  
Wild Rose II. beat Merganser  
Lizzie Godfrey beat Nitrate King  
Cavatina beat Pine Hut  
Cantata beat Grosvenor  
Cora Lynn beat Christmas Rose  
Skipper beat Drummer  
Bloomer beat Victoria  
Stanley beat Rock Lynn  
Barnum beat King Leah  
Caribina beat Trefoil  
Gipsy Grand beat Sail Home  
Luck's All beat Lord Montague  
Blackthorn beat Reliance  
Nightlock beat Laundrymaid  
Shylock beat Feather  
Harvester beat Flying Jib  
Kate Kearney beat Rising Star  
The Fiend beat Hastie Girl  
Castorina beat Radiant  
Faster and Faster beat Myrtle  
Lillie Langtry beat Point to Point  
Taieri Lass beat Bessie McCarthy  
Kingdom beat Blackwood.

##### SECOND ROUND.

Discard beat Duckwing  
Deceit beat Locket  
Ascot beat Dart  
Wallace beat Bryan O'Lynn  
Nightingale beat Mars  
Doris beat Prefix  
Lizzie Godfrey beat J.F.  
Cora Lynn beat Cavatina  
Cantata beat Skipper  
Bloomer beat Stanley  
Barnum beat Caribina  
Luck's All beat Gipsy Grand  
Nightlock beat Blackthorn  
Shylock beat Harvester  
Kate Kearney beat The Fiend  
Castorina beat Faster and Faster  
Lillie Langtry beat Sequah  
Kingdom a bye

##### THIRD ROUND.

Deceit beat Discard  
Wallace beat Ascot  
Nightingale beat Doris  
Lizzie Godfrey beat Cora Lynn  
Bloomer beat Cantata  
Luck's All beat Barnum  
Shylock beat Nightlock  
Castorina beat Kate Kearney  
Kingdom beat Lillie Langtry.

##### FOURTH ROUND.

Deceit beat Wallace  
Lizzie Godfrey beat Nightingale  
Bloomer beat Luck's All  
Kingdom beat Shylock  
Castorina a bye.

##### FIFTH ROUND.

Castorina beat Deceit  
Lizzie Godfrey beat Kingdom  
Bloomer a bye.

##### SIXTH ROUND.

Bloomer beat Castorina  
Lizzie Godfrey a bye.

##### FINAL ROUND.

Mr S. Bladon's blk and w b Bloomer, by Livingstone—Bliss, beat Mr T. Taylor's brd b Lizzie Godfrey, by Brewer—Deception, and won the stake.

### WAHOO STAKES.

The challenge was won by Mr J. Wetheridge's Myrtle, by Caradoe—Mystery, who beat Mr J. M. Price's Lynn Regis.

The Wairongai Stakes, for dogs beaten in second round for the Wahoo Stakes, was annexed by Duckwing, by Carbine—The Bantam, beating Faster and Faster, by Deceiver—Yorkshire Lass.

### HUNTING.

The Waikato Hunt Club's first meet of the season was to have taken place yesterday at the Kennels, Bruntwood.

#### HAWKE'S BAY.

Last Saturday (writes our correspondent) the Hawke's Bay hounds met at Mr G. L. Sunderland's residence, Wangeretere, and there were fully a hundred present when the hounds threw off. The drag was laid over about seven miles of fair hunting country. The first fence was a very ugly customer, with a big ditch on the off-side, and it was the means of bringing several of the followers to Mother Earth, but happily no one was hurt. Amongst those following I noticed Mrs G. P. Donnelly on The Master, Miss Ormond on Forty Winks, Mrs Sunderland on Moa, Miss Donnelly on Bay Tom, Miss Gilpin on Havelock, Messrs G. L. Sunderland (deputy-master), on Totorua, H. Jackson (hunter) on Repo, G. Amundsen (whip) on Revenge, Ted. Gilpin on Cretonne, H. Russell on a bay, D. Evans on Sunbeam, L. Cottle, G. Hope, and Sam. Lindsay on mounts whose names I could not ascertain, Peters on Kaiwai, M. Edwards on Tommy Dodd, Shand on Lighthouse, T. Page on Hikurangi, A. Deane on Coastguard, and Tanner, junr., on Alma. At the conclusion of the run, Mr and Mrs G. L. Sunderland dispensed refreshments in their usual hospitable manner, and needless to say that they were done ample justice to by the votaries of Diana.