

who soon took up the running again, with Klimia, Opai, and Britannia close handy. Coming down the home straight Dummy and Opai were in command, with the top weight (Missfire) lying third. Dante being a long way out. Going round the back again, Dummy and Opai's superior pace began to tell a tale, and they gradually drew away from the rest of the field. Both horses were looked level as they came into the home turn, but Opai was not to be denied, and gradually drawing away won comfortably by two lengths, Missfire being third six lengths away.

It would be a farce to attempt to describe Alpine's win in the Hack Hurdles. Her only opponents were Cairo and Star King, both giving weight to Alpine, whose performances entitled them to receive weight from her. Alpine went right away with a strong lead, neither of the others getting within coo-ee of her at any part of the race. She cantered home in a ridiculously easy manner by six lengths.

Plain Bill, Prince Charlie, and Claymore were scratched for the Suburban Steeplechase, leaving only three to fight it out. Bradshaw, the winner of last year's big steeplechase, was served up a warm favorite, Barbarossa also having a good following. Barbarossa was quickest away, and led past the Stand from Bradshaw, Cheque lying back. Going through the centre course Barbarossa still led from Bradshaw, old Cheque being a long way in the rear. Barbarossa went into the Recreation Ground with a strong lead, but by the time the double was reached Bradshaw had moved up alongside the leader, who blundered badly at the second jump of the double, but again went away from Bradshaw. He, however, hit the fence on entering the back of the course very heavily, Bob Arnott making a clever recovery and maintaining his lead. Bradshaw again moved up rounding the home turn, but failed to reach Barbarossa, who won comfortably by two lengths, Cheque finishing nowhere. Bob Arnott was loudly cheered on returning to scale for his clever horsemanship. Barbarossa inflicted a nasty gash on his off hind leg when he struck the fence.

Another small field of four contested the First Hack Flat, for which The Hempie, despite her heavy impost of 9.10 for a three-year-old, was made a hot favorite. Queen's Guard and Worry acted as pacemakers, The Hempie lying third. Down the back the speedy daughter of Sou'wester—Romp moved up, and going to the front at the home bend won most comfortably by two lengths from Worry, who was the same distance in front of Queen's Guard.

DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

[BY OUR DUNEDIN CORRESPONDENT.]

FIRST DAY—SATURDAY, MAY 28.

We had a miserable day on Saturday for our races, consequently the attendance was very small, only £2,882 going through the totalisator. Belmont broke down in the Hurdles, or I fancy he would have won. They were a poor lot. Supplejack is a poor jumper, but with a bit of pace on the flat succeeded in winning.

Fulmen had rather an easy task in the Maiden, but he had nothing behind him.

Sequin looked all over a winner in the Birthday Handicap, but was collared by Starshot on nearing home and beaten by a short head. Starshot had been looked on as a non-starter, but appears to have come to life on Thursday. She is reported to be the property of a well-known Christchurch bookmaker. Pitch and Toss appears to have lost the form she displayed in the Dunedin Cup, as she tired plainly at the finish.

Barmy was made favorite for the Welter, but Vandyke had rather an easy win from the old horse.

Hippocenes had a comfortable victory in the Selling Race, and was bought back by his owner for only £50.

Arline showed what a good mare she is by winning the Tradesmen's Handicap, with Maremma a fair second. There was some trouble about Arline drawing the weight, and it was not until several minutes had elapsed that the backers looked for the magic word "right" was declared. A protest, however, was entered, and, strange to say, the Press representatives were refused admission. It transpired afterwards that the committee of the Dunedin Jockey Club, at their last monthly meeting, rescinded the resolution admitting representatives to an enquiry. I need hardly say it has given much dissatisfaction, and is another of those peculiar and unaccountable actions of the club. The enquiry was adjourned till 8 o'clock on Saturday night, the Press representatives still being excluded, consequently only the bare results of the enquiry are procurable. The protest was dismissed, but the following strange resolution was passed: "That the stewards are of opinion that as the clerk of the scales states that the rider of Arline weighed in correctly, and that he declared it to be so, which fact was corroborated by several witnesses, they must dismiss the protest. They wish, however, to express their strong disapprobation that Mr Fleming, as the owner of Arline and a steward of long experience, should have committed the grave impropriety of touching the scales." This speaks for itself. The fact of touching the scales is thus very slightly passed over.

Plotter won the Auction Stakes, and was bought in for £16.

Messrs Stephenson and Hazlett submitted their horses for sale by auction this (Tuesday) morning, but as there were no buyers no sales were effected.

I learn to-night that Mr McGuinness, the owner of Maremma, second horse to Arline, has appealed against the decision of the Dunedin Jockey Club regarding the case, and I may here state that at the enquiry there was only a bare quorum present. Mr Fleming was present, but did not vote. I regret that our worthy president, the Hon. G. McLean, was absent, as he only left for Australia on a trip a few days ago.

Reputation.

What is REPUTATION?

The character which is derived from favorable public opinion!

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Racing Results.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY, MAY 25TH.

The attendance was not quite so good as on Queen's Birthday, but the racing was interesting and speculation brisk. The following are the results:—

WINTER OATS.

Light	...	1
Surrey	...	2
Crusoe	...	3

Time, 2m. 46 2-5secs. Dividend, £1 13s.

SECOND HURDLES.

Torpina	...	1
Dante	...	2
Missfire	...	3

Scratched—Dummy.

Time, 4min 12sec. Dividend, £4 10s.

GRANDSTAND STEEPLCHASE.

Plain Bill	...	1
Claymore	...	2
Riot	...	3

Scratched—Muscatel and Flirt.

Time, 5min 31 3-5sec. Dividend, £3 6s.

HUNTERS' HURDLES.

Cloister	...	1
Frisco	...	2
Vigil	...	3

Time, 4min 16 3 5sec. Dividend, £2 3s.

HACK HURDLES.

Alpine	...	1
Cairo	...	2
Spearshot	...	3

Time, 3min 3 1-5sec. Dividend, £2 7s.

FINAL STEEPLCHASE.

Bradshaw	...	1
Tally-ho	...	2

Scratched—Claymore and Redberry.

Dividend, £4 18s.

FINAL HACK.

Capture	...	1
Worry	...	2
Discount	...	3

Dividend, £12 7s.

OTAKI MAORI R.C. HACK MEETING.

FIRST DAY—TUESDAY, MAY 24TH.

The attendance numbered about 3,000, and the sum of £6270 passed through the machines. The following are the results:—

TRIAL HURDLES, one mile and a half

Marma	...	1
Volta	...	2
Wharipo	...	3

Time, 3m. 17 1-5s. Dividend, £4 12s.

MAIDEN PLATE, six furlongs.

Tupuhe	...	1
Valley	...	2
Anita	...	3

Time, 1m. 20s. Dividend, £2 9s.

CUP, one mile and three furlongs.

Bush Rose	...	1
Ruby Twist	...	2
Singsong	...	3

Time, 1m. 30 1-5s. Dividend, £5 17s.

BIRTHDAY HURDLES, one mile and sixty-five chains.

Marma	...	1
Nayborn	...	2
Pyrites	...	3

Time, 3m. 36 2-5s. Dividend, £3 13s.

CHAMPION STAKES, one mile.

Oracle	...	1
Rubin	...	2
Pistol Grip	...	3

Time, 1m. 49 1-5s. Dividend, £4 15s.

WELTER, seven furlongs.

Tupuhe	...	1
Rodara	...	2
Swordfish	...	3

Time, 1m. 36 2-5s. Dividend, £3.

FLYING, six furlongs.

Singsong	...	1
Guardfish	...	2
Whario	...	3

Time, 1m. 18 2-5s. Dividends—Singsong, £9 12s.; Guardfish, £2 15s.

Inter-Provincial.

[OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

CANTERBURY.

The C.T.C.'s Meeting—Fritz—The Free-for-All Race—George M. Patchen—Starshot well backed in Christchurch.

CHRISTCHURCH, May 24.

Rain fell in torrents just before the start of the first race on Queen's Birthday, and at its conclusion the Stewards held a meeting to consider the question whether to postpone remaining events. It was decided to go on, and as rain fell heavily all the afternoon the course was a mass of mud and water. The riders had a bad time, and at close of the races it was difficult to distinguish them. They wore top coats and mackintoshes, and one rider came out attired in a sack. He created a great deal of amusement, and when he won the Victoria Handicap there was great cheering. There was a large attendance, but the Club will lose over to-day.

In the Free-for-All Race Fritz gave a splendid exhibition of trotting, and never gave his opponents a chance. He took the lead at the start and won easily by one hundred yards. He never broke once. Monte Carlo was the second to finish, just in front of St. Louis, Hake last. Time, 20 1/2sec. for the mile. Buckland drove his champion, and both rider and horse came in for a ovation at the finish.

Final heat of the Juvenile Stakes was considered a good thing for Crossar's colt George M. Patchen. But he could not be got going in first quarter of a mile, and Plan, by Specification—Black Agnes, who trotted very steadily, won by fifty yards from the favourite, with Director third. Time, 3min. 3 3/4sec.

The other races attracted large fields, but the bad state of the course was against the horses, the majority of whom could not get going in the mid.

Although George M. Patchen did not win the Juvenile Stakes I am strongly of opinion that he could beat Plan five times out of six.

Buckland's colt What is also a smart youngster. The opinion of the best judges here is that he and George M. Patchen are the fastest two-year-olds seen in New Zealand. Crossar was anxious to get a match between his colt and What, but as Mr Buckland leaves in June it could not be arranged.

A full sister to George M. Patchen, three years old, was passed in at Tattersall's on Saturday at 30sovs.

Starshot was well backed here for the Birthday Handicap at Dunedin—in fact, backers succeeded in spotting nearly all the winners on the first day.

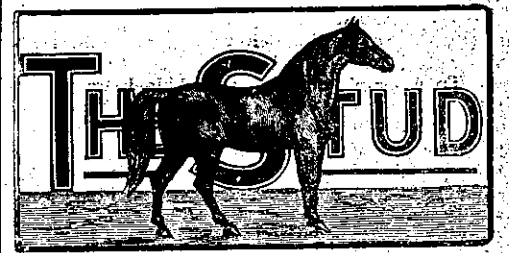
At the meeting of the Committee of the Canterbury Trotting Club on Saturday evening the question of the Free-for-all Race on Tuesday's programme of the Club's Meeting was considered. It was decided that if all the horses which were entered, except Fritz, were withdrawn—as it was understood would be the case—the Club would give Fritz full stakes for the race, and would give a substantial stake for a special scratch race for other horses. Under these circumstances Mr Buckland promised to send Fritz against the Australian mile record (his own), assisted, if necessary, by a galloping horse. However, the owner of the Hake refused to be bound by understanding, and expressed his determination to start his horse, with the result that others also determined to take part in the race, and the Committee's intentions were frustrated.

At the annual meeting of the Canterbury Jockey Club last week Mr G. G. Stead (Treasurer) referred to the charge made against the Club that larger owners benefitted at the expense of the smaller. He pointed out that since the inauguration of classic races, five years ago, owners had contributed £13,083 in entries, acceptances, etc. In return for which £18,424 was paid back to them by the Club, so that owners in these races had paid 71 per cent. of the money they won in handicaps. In minor races during the five years owners contributed £17,423, for which they received £58,519 from the Club—or equal to 293-4 per cent.

Mr F. C. Tabart, who has acted as Hon. Judge for ten years, was elected a life member, and voted a sum of one hundred guineas. Mr Tabart has now resigned the position of Judge.

The Cup, value one hundred guineas, presented by Mr Stead, will be added to the N.Z. Cup. The profit made by the Club during the past year was £1,169.

D. O'Brien brought the two-year-old colt Lepanto, Corinth—Nonsense, at Tattersall's on Saturday for thirty-five guineas and also a trotting mare, by General Tracey—Southern Queen for thirty-five guineas. The trotting stallion Mambrino Mac, by Berlin, was sold for thirty-one guineas, and a mare by Mambrino Mac for thirty-six guineas.



MR H. ROBINSON'S BREEDING ESTABLISHMENT AT TE AUTE.

[BY OUR NAPIER CORRESPONDENT.]

The owner of that brace of good racers, Te Hapuka and Pistol Grip, whose black and gold jacket they have carried well to the fore lately, invited me up the other week to have a jaunt round his premises, an invite which I was only too happy to avail myself of one day last week. "Send me a note when you are coming, and I will meet you with the trap at the station," was the homely way he put it. I sent the note, and he met me all right, and we were soon en route. The first port of call, was a good roomy paddock, which bore evidence of the extra fine weather that we have been favored with in this district for months past, and which has had a detrimental effect upon stock generally. Owing to this the mares and youngsters did not look any too brilliant upon it. Located here were—A chestnut yearling colt by Burlington from Jessie, a mare by Baldeworth, who won a few races for Mr W. Broughton, the Omaha breeder, two or three years ago. The colt has a hard wear and tear look about him, though he has a lot of daylight under him. His sire has stamped him in his white markings like another son of his in Vogengang. Music, the four-year-old full sister to Pistol Grip, whom she greatly resembles in color and conformation, is accompanied by a chestnut filly by the Albany sire, who should develop into a good sort of mare, as she has heaps of pleasant points about her. Burlington has also another descendant present in a yearling bay colt out of a full sister to the steeplechaser Coast-guard. He is one of the chunky sort, with legs and feet that look as if they would stand a lot of working upon. His dam is one of the roomy description, with a rather coarse appearance. She has been mated with Orion's Belt this season, and ought to throw something nice to Castor's gentlemanly-looking son. A two-year-old bay gelding from her by a trotting sire does not strike the eye as anything marvellous—that is to say, from a racing point of view—but he will doubtless be able to earn his oats in some other vocation, and that's more than some of the present race-path competitors could do if they tried. A chestnut horse by Patriarch from a Pacific mare, is looked upon favorably by her owner, for Pistol Grip's dam, who unfortunately last year went the way of all flesh, was bred on somewhat similar lines, and in the fullness of time her pairing with Marbini-Enfield may, so he fondly hopes, result in something like the big, determined, game, and speedy Pistol Grip. I sincerely hope that results will turn out as he anticipates them. First Flash threw a good one in First Blood, and here is a half-brother to him by Musket's grandson, Mystical. He is a rising two-year-old bay, with black points, and favors his sire a good deal. His granddam on his mother's side, Luna, was a veritable sheet anchor when she was racing in the genial Patsy Bytler's colors in years gone by, and as he combines two strains of the Musket blood, with Traducer and Yattendon interlaced, he ought to prove a source of profit to his owner. Mystical has another son here in a whole bay, rising two years, from a mare by Ingomar. He does not display so much quality as the other representative of Mystical, being decidedly plain in comparison with him, but oft times the ugly duckling turns out the best at the finish. That may, perchance be his lot, but I have my doubts about it, and I will stand First Flash's son to be the best of the Mystical brace. Robinson Crusoe's son, Quilt, is responsible for an evenly-mated, well put-together, two-year-old chestnut filly from the Painter mare Scylla. The Robinson Crusoe-Painter nick in the first degree gave us Bolianger, and it is only reasonable to anticipate that, with an extra strengthening of this strain, favorable results should ensue; that is why I lean to the chances of this good-looking filly, who would be greatly improved had not her fore legs got a nasty sort of twist in them.

Having got through with the lot depastured here, a ride of a couple of miles brought us to the home paddocks, where I was introduced to another Quilt filly, likewise a chestnut from the Albany mare, Watercolour, dam of Te Hapuka. This filly is cast on much larger lines than the other offspring of Quilt, and should be able to gallop, possessed as she is of all the attributes that go to form the essential points of a mover. A diminutive son of the Apremont horse General Thornton (whose half-brother Lochiel has not so far produced a bad one) from the Traducer mare Virginia Water, next claims consideration. He is a rising two-year-old bay, with black points, and is a nice little picture of a horse, but the worst of it is that weight does tell its tale very rapidly on these small fellows as a general rule, and you can't always expect to get at the tail end of the handicap. Still, he may prove useful if properly placed, which I contend is the main essential in racing matters.