

**WALTER HACK HANDICAP** of 35 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. One mile and a quarter.

150 Mr H. N. Weston's b g Coolgardie, by Derringer—Virginia, 12, inc. 7lb penalty, Whitaker... 1  
 92 Mr E. O'Rourke's blk m Uila, 4yrs, 10.7, A. White... 2  
 43 Mr W. Robinson's b g Will o' the Wisp, 3yrs, 9.0, Robinson... 3  
 Other starters—4 Jerry, 9.12, including 12lb over; 17 Ruby, 9.10; 27 Gorse, 9.10, including 7lb penalty; 12 Te Ori, 9.7; 7 Eucharist, 9.0; 7 Chance, 9.0.  
 Won by half a length; a length between second and third. Time, 2min 26 2-5sec. Dividend, £2 4s.

**FLYING HANDICAP** of 40 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. Six furlongs.

228 Mr R. Platt's ch h Castashore, by Castor—Zip, 6yrs, 10.0, Davis... 1  
 86 Mr J. T. Blake's b m Daphne, 3yrs, 8.0, including 7lb penalty, Davey... 2  
 62 Mr W. Adams' t h Bowshot, 6yrs, 6.7, Adams... 3  
 Other starters—38 Palaver, 7.8; 33 Scotia, 7.3.  
 Won by two lengths; a poor third. Time, 1min 23sec. Dividend, £1 14s.

**HACK FLYING HANDICAP** of 20 sovs; second horse 5 sovs from the stake. Five furlongs.

182 Mr W. Robinson's b m Lady Lorne, by Lochiel—Princess Lorne, 4yrs, 10.0, including 7lb pen., Robinson... 1  
 70 Mr K. Ropha's b m Gold Cup, aged, 9.5, Woolley... 2  
 72 Mr A. G. Riche's br m Nina, 5yrs, 7.13, Graham... 3  
 Other starters—15 First Whisper, 7.10; 10 H.M.S. Pinafore, 7.7; 11 Minnehaha, 7.7; 11 Lady Darling, 7.7; 1 Rioter, 7.3; 1 Tipua, 7.0; 18 Jock, 7.0; 58 Stage Whisper, 7.0.  
 Won by a length; a similar distance between second and third. Time, 1min 10sec. Dividend, £2 14s.

**OTAKI MAORI RACING CLUB'S MEETING.**

FIRST DAY—WEDNESDAY, MAY 24.

The meeting was started on Queen's Birthday under unfavorable weather conditions. The sum of £4782 was passed through the totalisator. Results:—

**TRIAL HURDLES** of 50 sovs; second horse 10 sovs from the stake. One mile and a half.

203 Mr L. Pascal's br g Rodara, by Voltigeur—Mascotte, aged, 10.7, McTaggart... 1  
 26 Mr E. Whakatu's b g Puanza, 6yrs, 10.0, Retter... 2  
 97 Mr F. H. Lambert's b m Heart Whist, 6yrs, 10.7, Greenwood... 3  
 Other starters—129 First Result, 10.7, fell; 105 Tai, 10.7; 24 Sydney, 10.7; 9 Mataara, 10.0; 22 Omnia, 10.0; 18 Czarina, 10.0; 20 Rongotea, 10.0; 33 Antree, 10.0; 24 Waiwera, 10.0; 19 Greygown, 10.0; — Fonatui, 10.0.  
 Won easily by a length. Time, 3min 5 3-5sec. Dividend, £2 7s.

**MAIDEN PLATE** of 50 sovs; second horse 10 sovs from the stake. Six furlongs.

193 Mr Lambert's br m Gipsy Queen, by Gipsy King—Voltaria, 3yrs, 7.4, Wallace... 1  
 82 Mr D. Scally's b m Somnolent, 3yrs, 8.8, Wright... 2  
 96 Mr I. James' br g Art Jewel, 4yrs, 8.11, Williams... 3  
 Other starters—27 Cassara, 8.12; 23 Her Majesty, 8.12; 15 Natella, 8.12; 1 Morning Light, 8.12; 28 Derringer-hot, 8.11; 12 Fontinella, 8.11; 17 Pukekohe, 8.11; 23 Sherwood, 8.11; 63 Athos, 8.11; 8 Hero, 8.11; 20 Leah, 8.8; 123 Moteze, 8.8, and Punawai, 8.8; Horoeka, 8.7, bracketed with the winner.  
 Won by a head. Time, 1min 25 2-5sec. Dividend, £3 6s.

**RAUKAWA CUP** of 125 sovs and a cup valued at £10; second horse 15 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs from the stake. One mile and three furlongs.

237 Mr D. Crozier's blk g Tukapa, by Label—Jenny, 4yrs, 7.11, Cox... 1  
 100 Mr G. Richardson's br m Pistol Grip, 6yrs, 8.13, Wright... 2  
 73 Mr A. Ferguson's b g Stockade, 6yrs, 7.12, Pritchard... 3  
 Other starters—83 Gobo, 9.3; 80 Waititi, 8.12; 98 Conspirer, 7.11; 88 Ngatahau, 7.11; 121 Wilson, 7.9; 46 Wild Vixen, 6.7.  
 The winner led all the way and had two lengths to spare at the finish; a good third. Time, 2min 33sec. Dividend, £3 11s.

**BIRTHDAY HURDLES** of 70 sovs; second horse 10 sovs, and third horse 5 sovs from the stake. One mile and sixty-five chains.

108 Mr J. H. Prosser's blk g Black Dust, by Bull's Eye—Koutra, aged, 10.4, Hughes... 1  
 13 Mr A. Ferguson's b m Rimook, 5yrs, 9.0, Carment... 2  
 223 Mr A. Shearby's b g Thrush, aged, 9.13, Wallis... 3  
 Other starters—28 Master Jack, 10.5; 67 Agent General, 10.3; 94 Pipi, 10.0; 23 Puanza, 9.2.  
 Won very easily; two lengths between second and third. Time, 3min 47 2-5sec. Dividend, £4 11s.

**CHAMPAGNE STAKES** of 55 sovs; second horse 10 sovs, and third horse 5 sovs from the stake. One mile.

79 Mr J. Richardson's br m Pistol Grip, by Martini—Enfield—Patriarch mare, 6yrs, 8.11, Wright... 1  
 128 Mr J. H. Prosser's oh g Gobo, 4yrs, 8.11, Wilson... 2  
 177 Mr J. V. Reid's b g Derringerette, 6yrs, 8.11, Reid... 3  
 Other starter—13 Her Majesty, 8.12.  
 Won easily. Time, 1min 50 4-5sec. Dividend, £4 10s.

**WALTER HANDICAP** of 55 sovs; second horse 10 sovs, and third horse 5 sovs from the stake. One mile.

196 Mr T. Clark's b g Cavendish, by Hiko—Phoenix, 4yrs, 9.3, Barry... 1  
 189 Mr L. Pascal's b g Rodara, aged, 9.9, McTaggart... 2  
 138 Mr P. F. Tancred's oh g In-the-Swim, 6yrs, 9.7, Fowler... 3  
 Other starters—72 The Masher, 9.5; 8 Sydney, 9.4; 1 Kohoru, 8.10; 24 Krina, 8.10.  
 Won by a length and a half. Time, 1min 42sec. Dividend, £2 19s.

**FLYING HANDICAP** of 60 sovs; second horse 10 sovs, and third horse 5 sovs from the stake. Six furlongs.

150 Mr F. Martin's br m Cornea, by St George—Retina, 3yrs, 7.9, Barlow... 1  
 227 Mr D. Crozier's b g Tukapa, 4yrs, 8.5, Cox... 2  
 47 Mr P. F. Tancred's br g Ngatahau, 4yrs, 8.8, Fowler... 3  
 Other starters—21 Marvelous, 9.3; 169 Sentry, 8.4; 48 Christmas Eve, 8.2; 27 The Guard, 7.11; 13 Kaimai, 7.10; 27 Mustella, 7.2; 12 Horoeka, 6.11; 4 Tutua, 6.8.  
 Won by a short head. Dividend, £5 1s.

We race most days a week (writes Sydney Truth), and when Lillie Bridge is resurrected we shall race o'nights as well; but beyond the buses and the harbour boats we do not race on Sundays as yet. We always knew, of course, that the best French racing takes place on Sunday afternoons, also that in all foreign Catholic countries the afternoon of the first day in the week is devoted to bull-fights, racing, shooting matches and dozens of other out door sports. But we did not know that horse-racing was an established Sabbath sport near Dublin. But it is, or rather up till six weeks ago, was. It appears there is a Dublin syndicate known as the City and Suburban Racecourse and Amusement Grounds Company; and at the Syndicate's Grounds racing has been in full swing on Sundays. Of course the never-touch-it-and-be-miserable mob have been squirming at the business, and at last they have kicked. Headed by one Dewar, no relation to the whisky man, an injunction was applied for against the running of gee-gees on the Sabbath. The matter was carefully threshed out in the Vice-Chancellor's Court and the injunction was granted; the ruling being that defendants were to be restrained from holding horse races (sounds like catching hold doesn't it?) on Sundays, or otherwise disturbing the quiet and comfortable enjoyment of the inhabitants of the neighborhood, and interfering with the celebration of divine service, and also from obstructing the streets leading to the racecourse. So there is no more Sabbath racing in Dublin. Which of course is another injustice to Ireland.



MR MARK RYAN, THE CLEVER AND EXPERIENCED JOCKEY.

**WELL-KNOWN JOCKEYS.**

**MARK RYAN.**

Although it is only about nine months since Mark Ryan landed in New Zealand his performances in the saddle have caused him to become well known, particularly in the Auckland province, and now he is generally respected here, not only for his artistic ability as a jockey, but as a straight goer. His New Zealand reputation is but an extension of the favorable regard Mark has won in Australia after years of public riding. Mark was born in Launceston, Tasmania, and when only a boy migrated to New South Wales, where, at 12 years of age, he was riding work for the Messrs Monaghan Bros., horse and station owners. The Monaghan family have always played a prominent part in the history of the New South Wales turf. Young Mark's first wins were on old Reprive, Standard, Tallyrand, and others. He remained with the Monaghans until he was 17 years of age, when he went to Queensland and joined Mr J. P. Jost, one of the racing fathers in that part of the world. Ryan was engaged in riding Petronel and others, but his early successes were on the back of Ormond, a horse that is now proving his worth at the stud in Bananaland. After that we find Ryan getting into the hotter climate of the sunny North of Queensland. It is wonderful to note the enthusiasm with which the sport is supported there. Ryan joined Mr Eugene Monaghan's horses. Monaghan has had some good horses in his time, notably Marvel and Friction. In 1887 and 1888 Ryan was particularly successful at Townsville (Oluden Park) and Charters Towers with the New South Wales bred horse Woollongong. He also won several races for the owner of Callaroy Station, and landed a treble at Charters Towers with Friction, Gildus, and Ralston. That season (1889) he rode Gildus in twenty-two races and won a fair proportion of them. Gildus was owned by Mr Fred Johnstone (of the firm of Johnstone and Castling, of Townsville), one of the most popular sportsmen in the North. Ryan subsequently left the North for Brisbane, under engagement to Charley Brown, who owned that celebrated Queensland horse Megaphone (by Newbold out of Sound). Brisbane Tattersall's Cup in 1889 was appropriated by Ryan on Raebank, and then he rode Megaphone during his two-year-old career, winning the Sires' Produce Stakes at Brisbane; the Sires' Produce Stakes, Rockhampton; the Criterion Nursery Stakes, Brisbane; the Royal Stakes (Brisbane) and the Scarbury Stakes. These were weight-for-age events, but, besides these, Ryan put a number of handicaps to his credit before he left for Sydney. His next triumph was in that time-honored race the Hawkesbury Handicap, which he won with Megaphone, with Little Bernie second; Little Bernie afterwards won the Metropolitan, and Megaphone the Squatters' Handicaps, carrying (as a three-year-old) 9st 2lb in the last-named event and cutting out the distance (one mile and a quarter) in 2min 10sec. The race of Ryan's lifetime was probably that in the Craven Plate, when he rode Megaphone, who was just beaten a neck by that great horse Carbine. In that memorable race Ryan was instructed to make the pace and make it severe. That he did so was shown by the time (2min 7sec), but Carbine just caught Megaphone and won one of the most exciting battles ever witnessed at Randwick. Ryan, to the present day, thinks that the instructions given him were a mistake, and believes that in the then condition of Megaphone he would have won if he had been allowed to ride a waiting race as he

wanted to. After leaving Brown and Megaphone (who afterwards became the property of Carbine's Victorian owner, the Hon. Donald S. Wallace), we find Ryan again distinguishing himself in Queensland by winning the Queensland Cup on Splendide, and amongst other horses he steered successfully there were Tallboy, Governor, Cabin Boy, Advance, and Elymus. As a finale to this short notice, it may be mentioned that Mark Ryan has had one disappointment. It was his one great desire to win a Queensland Derby, but the gratification of that wish was denied him, although he won two St. Legers. Fifteen years ago when schooling Trump at Yass, in New South Wales, Ryan met with a serious accident, and that he was not killed was miraculous. The horse fell with him, and his foot becoming entangled in the stirrup, he was dragged some distance, and before his foot was disengaged he received injuries that resulted in the loss of an eye. That unfortunate circumstance has not impaired Mark's ability as a rider, and opposing jockeys have long since recognised the fact that it is pretty well an impossibility to get on the blind side of the ex-Queenslander. As already stated it is not more than nine months since Ryan arrived in New Zealand, he having come here in quest of a cooler climate than Queensland, and during that time he has ridden Mr Dan. McLeod's Miss Delaval in all her engagements. Ryan intends to pay a short visit to Australia, but he will return in ample time for the spring engagements.

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