

TURF TATTLE.

[BY NORDENFELDT.]

THE Summer Meeting of the South Auckland Racing Club will be held on the Claudelands Racecourse, Hamilton, to-day. A fast excursion train has been laid on to convey racegoers to the scene of action. Good nominations and acceptances have been received, and, given fine weather, an excellent days sport should be witnessed. My anticipations of the likely winners are as follows:—

HANDICAP HURDLES. 2 miles.

Table with 2 columns: Name and weight (st lb). Includes Sentinel, Fishmonger, Wideawake, Peter, Theorem, Moderator.

This event should be fought out between the two top-weights, and to separate them I shall give my vote to

SENTINEL.

SOUTH AUCKLAND CUP. 1 1/4 miles.

Table with 2 columns: Name and weight (st lb). Includes Leorina, Antelope, Patchwork, Tamora, Lochness, Belmont, Cartridge, Capella, Ilma, Lupin, Clarion.

This should be an excellent race. Leorina is in such good nick just now that whatever beats her should win. Antelope I do not care for, but Patchwork is very well and should just about beat the top-weight at the difference of 6lb. Of the others, Tamora and Loch Ness should both run well. To give my vote to one, I shall single out

PATCHWORK.

CHRISTMAS HANDICAP. 1 mile and a distance.

Table with 2 columns: Name and weight (st lb). Includes Lonely, Lupin, Never Miss, Theorem, Kathleen, Grace Darling, Valentine, Antic, Ilma.

I have most fancy for LONELY.

HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE. About 3 miles.

Table with 2 columns: Name and weight (st lb). Includes Hurricane, Silvio, Sentinel, Fishmonger, Ti Toki, Peter, Moderator.

Hurricane is in Williamson's stable. This stable is in great "protesting" form just now, and if any mistakes are made look out for protests. In their absence I don't think Hurricane has a show. Silvio should be well up, and so should Sentinel, while Fishmonger ought to run well. To make a selection I shall tip SILVIO or SENTINEL.

TRADESMAN'S PLATE HANDICAP. 1 1/4 miles.

Table with 2 columns: Name and weight (st lb). Includes Leorina, Patchwork, Tamora, Belmont, Scot Free, Capella, Lonely, Mararoa, Ilma, Lupin, Clarion.

This event is, to a great extent, dependent upon previous running. The winner of the Cup will incur a 7lb. penalty, and will probably be scratched. If Patchwork is an absentee, Leorina should win, or vice versa. I shall not separate them now, but tip

PATCHWORK or LEORINA.

FLYING STAKES. 6 furlongs.

Table with 2 columns: Name and weight (st lb). Includes Capella, Scot Free, Belmont, Pretender, Haricot, Helen Macgregor, Lady Marion, Kathleen, Never Miss.

Even without the assistance of a protest, I think Capella may win this race. I do not care for "patched-up" racehorses, in which category Scot Free and Pretender are included. Perhaps the first-named may be the better of the pair, but in any case I don't think he can beat

CAPELLA.

It is stated that Brown will ride Crackshot, and Clifford Medallion and Lebel in their engagements at the forthcoming meeting. Derritt also has arrived, so there will be no lack of good jockeys.

The sale of the Sylvia Park Stud Company has been postponed from Saturday, January 3rd, until Monday, the 5th, owing the San Francisco mail having started a day late. It would appear by this that some American buyers are expected.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(To the Editor SPORTING REVIEW.)

SIR.—The Observer has the following remarks concerning me which are totally untrue:—"The Committee of the Auckland Racing Club are likely to be troubled with a charge of alleged insulting language on the training track, preferred against George Hope, one of the trainers, by a well-known sporting scribe. As the case is sub judice I do not care to discuss the subject at any length, but content myself by saying, if all I hear be true, then the Club should act very firmly in the matter and afford protection to those having business at Ellerslie." There is no doubt the sporting scribe mentioned above refers to Bruce, who was the only sporting scribe on the course at the time. I never spoke to him, and I do not think that the A.R.C. has power to interfere with anyone in regard to what takes place on the training tracks of a morning, unless any of us interfere or use insulting language to one of the Club's officials. If they have the power, any Dick, Tom or Harry can bring you in front of them at any time, so the A.R.C. Committee Rooms will soon be a Court House to decide all the squabbles that take place. The fact is that some of the sporting writers are too big for their situation, they come round demanding a right to look through your stables. I am employed to train horses and I see no reason why I should be interfered with, especially by such a person as Bruce. The real fact of the matter is they have a "down" on me because I will not tell them my master's and the stable secrets. What would you advise me to do in the case?

Yours truly, GEORGE HOPE.

[In the first place the Auckland Racing Club Committee have no power to interfere with what takes place on the course, except in cases which are connected with their own officials. Secondly, the Observer is a paper not carrying any weight in the place. Its sporting writer does not know much about a horse or racing, and has to do what he is told. Some time ago he absolutely went through a weight-for-age race and treated it as if it was a handicap. Verbum sat sapienti. Thirdly, Bruce, alias "Phaeton," is getting too big for his shoes, and wishes it to appear as if he could do what he liked with the A.R.C. Committee. He will soon find his mistake. He is only an Auckland boy, and a compositor by trade, and has never seen a race outside the Province—in fact, he knows little of racing or horses, except what is told him, and, as trainers say, is a perfect nuisance, thrusting himself forward where not required. Taking all things into consideration, we recommend you to treat it with contempt and laugh at the whole affair.—Ed. S.R.]

AUCKLAND SUMMER MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

TRIAL STAKES. 1 mile.

Table with 2 columns: Name and weight (st lb). Includes Antelope, Jenny, Memorandum, Pani, Cissy, Leolants, St. Andrew, The Dreamer, Kapo.

GREAT NORTHERN FOAL STAKES. 6 furlongs.

Table with 2 columns: Name and weight (st lb). Includes Lebel, The Workman, Brigand, Roie, Brown Bess, Rosefeldt.

AUCKLAND CUP. 2 miles.

Table with 2 columns: Name and weight (st lb). Includes Dudu, Hilda, Cissy, Crackshot, Medallion, Strephon, St. Andrew, Antelope, Patchwork, Reprisal, Leorina, The Dreamer, Belmont, Kapo.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE. 2 miles.

Table with 2 columns: Name and weight (st lb). Includes Jenny, Orlando, Sir Garnet, Waterfall, Takapu, Hune, Sentinel, Fishmonger, Nap, Rataplan, Satyr.

RAILWAY HANDICAP. 6 furlongs.

Table with 2 columns: Name and weight (st lb). Includes Quadrant, St. Andrew, Pani, Leolantis, The Baron, Cynical, Bay King, Loch Ness, Fiesole, Reprisal, Jenny, Cambria, Master Pat.

NURSERY HANDICAP. 5 furlongs.

Table with 2 columns: Name and weight (st lb). Includes Tulloch, Roie, Lady Belle, Brigand, Brown Bess, Dishonour, Ægyptus, Morion.

MAIDEN STEEPLECHASE. About 3 miles.

Table with 2 columns: Name and weight (st lb). Includes Asper, Hopeful Kate, Sentinel, Shilleagh, Satyr, Rocket.

CHRISTMAS HANDICAP. 1 1/4 miles.

Table with 2 columns: Name and weight (st lb). Includes Hilda, Cissy, Antelope, St. Andrew, Pani, Leorina, Leolantis, St. Michael, Patchwork, Cynical, Bay King, Kapo, The Dreamer, Vendetta, Belmont, Scot Free, Cartridge, Cambria, Eileen.

TURF RECORD.

AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB SPRING MEETING. SATURDAY, DEC. 13, 1890.

HANDICAP MAIDEN PLATE of 20 sovs., open to all horses that have never won any race exceeding 20 sovs. in value. Distance, 1 mile.

Table with 2 columns: Name and weight (st lb). Includes Major F. N. George's ch m Coalscuttle, King Cole, Mr. J. Wilson's br g Premier, Mr. J. Maitland's blk c Ma Boughal.

226 Won in a canter. Ma Boughal fell. Dividend (10s tickets), 16s.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 40 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of stakes. Over 7 flights of hurdles. Distance, 1 1/4 miles.

Table with 2 columns: Name and weight (st lb). Includes Mr. W. McMinamin's m g Hailstone, Mr. H. H. Hayr's br g Fishmonger, Mr. J. Massey's b g Larrikin, Mr. C. R. Hewett's b g Sentinel, Mr. H. Andrew's b g Carronade.

348 Won easily by a length. Half a length between second and third. Sentinel close up fourth. Time, 3min. 3 1/4secs. Dividend (20s. tickets), £2 7s.

AVONDALE CUP HANDICAP of 50 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of stakes. Distance, 1 1/4 miles.

Table with 2 columns: Name and weight (st lb). Includes Mr. J. Fletcher's br h Ingorina, Hipporina, Mr. J. McHugh's br m Cartridge, Mr. T. Page's br m Antelope, Miss Kate, Major F. N. George's b f Vendetta, Albans.

492 Won easily by two lengths. Time, 2min. 18secs. Dividend, £8 7s.

SELLING RACE of 25 sovs. Distance, 7 furlongs.

Table with 2 columns: Name and weight (st lb). Includes Mr. Dawson's g g Johnnie, Mr. B. Thompson's br g Octopus, Mr. A. R. Harris's b m Temukie, Mr. F. Stenning's b h Ironbark.

251 Won by a head. Dividend, £5 18s.

HANDICAP FLYING STAKES of 25 sovs. Distance, 5 furlongs.

Table with 2 columns: Name and weight (st lb). Includes Mr. J. Lowther's br c Cambria, Mr. J. Cummin's b m Locket, Mr. W. McMinamin's m g Hailstone, Mr. J. Maitland's b m Capella, Mr. J. Arthur's ch m Prudence, Mr. J. McHugh's b c Master Pat, Mr. J. Wilson's br g Premier, Mr. H. H. Hayr's b g Flint.

404 Won easily by two lengths. Time, 1min. 5 1/4secs. Dividend, £2 17s.

HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 50 sovs., second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stakes. Distance, about 3 miles.

Table with 2 columns: Name and weight (st lb). Includes Mr. T. Craig's br g Hurricane, Mr. J. J. Russell's ch g Silvio, Mr. H. H. Hayr's br g Fishmonger, Mr. R. Burke's b m Hune, Mr. D. Harford's b g Huntsman, Mr. J. Massey's b g Larrikin, Mr. A. Greenwood's Neli.

395 Silvio came in ten lengths in front of Fishmonger. Hurricane, who ran off at the second jump, being a quarter of a mile behind. Silvio and Fishmonger were disqualified for running inside a post. Dividend, £2 16s.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 25 sovs. Distance, 7 furlongs.

Table with 2 columns: Name and weight (st lb). Includes Mr. J. Lowther's br c Cambria, Mr. M. S. Laurie's b m Priscilla, Mr. J. Fletcher's br h Ingorina, Mr. J. McHugh's br m Cartridge, Mr. B. Thompson's b h Warrior.

355 Won by a head, same distance between second and third. Dividend, £1 19s.

St Malo, having been sold to some Wellington, people he was transhipped there and scratched for all engagements at the Auckland Summer Meeting.