

On Saturday last, on the Lake Beach, an amateur race meeting took place. About 200 persons were present, including several well-known pencilers from town. The following are the results:—Trotting Race, in saddle, Mr. George's mare; Trotting in gigs, Mr. George's mare; Hack Race, Mr. Scheriff's Bob-tail. Mr. J. Forth's Seaweed won the Pony Race, but he refused to accept the stakes, and the race being run over again, Joker won. It turned out that "Seaweed" was no other than Red Rose. Mr. Davies' (the 'bus proprietor) mare won the Hurdles. A match has been arranged between this mare and The Joker, to take place some morning this week.

We give below the amounts put through the totalisator by Messrs. Adams and Andrews during the past season. Those gentlemen almost invariably worked the machines at the suburban meetings during the past season, and are in no way connected with Mr. Blomfield's totalisators. Messrs. Adams and Andrews always give their patrons and the general public the greatest possible satisfaction, and we commend them to the favourable notice of any racing club requiring their services:—

Pakuranga Hunt Club	...	...	...	22,473	0	0
Avondale J.C. Spring	...	...	...	2,358	0	0
South Auckland R.C.	...	...	...	1,447	0	0
Manuka Racing Club	...	...	...	1,265	0	0
Drury Racing Club	...	...	...	860	0	0
Opunaki Racing Club	...	...	...	857	0	0
Whitford Park	...	...	...	442	10	0
Henderson's Mill Turf Club	...	...	...	2,220	0	0
South Auckland Autumn	...	...	...	1,480	10	0
Avondale R.C. Autumn	...	...	...	1,984	0	0
Te Aroha Jockey Club	...	...	...	410	0	0
Lake Racing Club	...	...	...	718	10	0
Thames Jockey Club	...	...	...	426	0	0
Waipa Racing Club	...	...	...	201	0	0
Total	...	...	...	£17,142	10	0

## WEIGHTS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.

### WELLINGTON RACING CLUB MEETING—ACCEPTANCES.

#### WELLINGTON STEEPLECHASE, three miles.

st. lb.	st. lb.	st. lb.	st. lb.
Ahus	12 12	Waialebone	10 0
Sentinel	12 2	Oeo	10 0
Taurakaitai	11 11	Gladstone	9 10
Ocola	10 10	Dangerous	9 10
Kangaroo	10 7	Christmas	9 10
Darley	10 5	Rere	9 10
		Otaieri	9 10
		Rough	9 8
		Yardman	9 8
		Roger	9 8
		General Gordon	9 7
		Canute	9 7

THE TRIAL STEEPCHASE.—Dangerous, 10st 4lb; Christmas, 10st 4lb; Chester, 10st 2lb; Roger, 10st 2lb; The Monk, 10st; General Gordon, 9st 9lb; Dan, 9st 9lb; Lucy Glitters, 9st 7lb; Canute, 9st 7lb; Pirate, 9st 7lb; Johnny, 9st 7lb.

HURDLE HANDICAP, one mile and three-quarters.—Sentinel, 12st 9lb; Pyramid, 11st 7lb; Master Agnes, 10st 10lb; Courante, 10st 7lb; Angler, 10st 6lb; Whalebone, 10st 5lb; Christmas, 10st; Oaklands, 9st 11lb; Rere, 9st 10lb; Theorem, 9st 10lb; Newmarket, 9st 10lb; Ival, 9st 10lb; Kimberley, 9st 6lb; Blue Mountain, 9st.

LADIES' TROPHY, one mile on the flat.—Jet d'Eau, 12st 12lb; Norton, 12st; Master Agnes, 11st 10lb; Lenore, 11st 7lb; Reputation, 11st 2lb; Kimberley, 11st 2lb; Waihi, 11st; The Laird, 10st 13lb; Blue Mountain, 10st 12lb; Pirate, 10st 12lb.

## ATHLETICS, ETC.

On account of the small attendance at the Zealandia Athletic Grounds on Saturday last, Mr. H. Deerfoot, the champion long-distance runner of Australia, did not start to run 10 miles against time as announced, his previous record for that distance is 51min 20sec. W. G. George, England, ran the same distance in the same time, whilst W. Cummings, professional, England, did the 10 miles in 51min 6 3-5ths secs.

Mr. Geo. Rodwell's second round in his championship tournament should prove a great success. He has received a large number of entries.

Great preparations are being made by Messrs Geo. Rodwell, and D. C. Mahoney, the manager and secretary of the committee appointed to carry out the complimentary benefit to Mr. "Tom" Collins successfully on the 20th inst. A monster programme will be presented, and already a large number of tickets have been sold.

Duncan Ross, the champion all round athlete, who recently visited this colony, is back again in Sydney, and he gave an exhibition at the opening of the newly-formed Olympic Club there on June 9. He will shortly wrestle Miller.

Franz Zigel, who is only 5ft. 2in. in height, jumped 5ft. 8in. at the annual spring games, New York, recently, which is an excellent performance considering his height.

We are sorry to announce that Mr. E. O'Hare, the well-known handicapper, was taken seriously ill on Thursday evening last, and has been spitting large quantities of blood since. On enquiry at his residence to-day we were informed that "Ted" was rapidly recovering, but is still confined to his bed, and is not permitted to talk to any visitors.

Of the 33 competitors who nominated for Mr. H. N. Simpson's £7 Sheffield Handicap, 26 cried "content" with their handicap, and faced the starter (Mr. Alfred Bailey) on Monday evening, before a moderate attendance, which included the Native Rose Football team, who were present by the kind invitation of the proprietor.

There were some very close finishes, and also some very questionable running, which resulted in Murphy, who was on the 3½ yards mark, being disqualified by the committee. Murphy explains himself by asserting that he hurt his side in a football match on Saturday. Be this true or not, the management deserve every praise for their prompt and decisive action in endeavouring to put a stop to anything approaching crooked running, and it is by acting as they are doing that the Zealandia Sheffields will gain in popularity. In the first round the following were the winners, which entitled them to run in the second:—Cummins, McGuinness, Linden, Goldsborough, G. Murphy, Purdy, Wille, J. Roberts firsts. J. Webber, Miles, Hughes, Laxon, Briely, Colledge, McLean, McDermott, seconds. In the second round Roberts, Linden, McDermott, and Webber were left in, and the final resulted: Linden, 1; Roberts, 2; McDermott, 3.

Three most interesting Billiard matches have recently taken place, between Messrs Pell and Robinson, each for £5 aside 500 up. The first was played at Quinlan's Edinburgh Castle Hotel. Both competitors started level, and Pell won by about 150 points. The second match was played at Hawkins' Queens Hotel, Pell conceding Robinson 50 points, the latter winning rather easily; for the third and deciding match, both men again met on level terms at Russell's Occidental Hotel on Thursday evening last, the game was very even up to 250 the competitors each making breaks of about 40, at this point Pell gradually drew away and won the match with 110 to spare.

## FOOTBALL.

### FIXTURES.

July —Te Aute College (Hawkes Bay) v. Poneke, Wellington, and Petone, at Wellington.  
July 11—Native Rose v. Wanderers at Thames.  
July 18—District Club Matches begin.  
July 21—Te Aute College v. Masterton.  
Aug. —Wellington v. Canterbury.  
Aug. —Wellington v. Otago.

The colours of the newly formed District Football Clubs are as follows:—Grafton, black and white; City, red white and blue; Newton, red and white; Parnell, Maroon; Ponsonby, blue and black; North Shore, navy blue; Suburbs, black.

The City Football Club have sent to Wellington for 50 red white and blue jerseys, being unable to obtain them in Auckland.

Mr. "Tom" Foley landlord of the Shakespeare Hotel, and who is a Vice-President of the City Football Club, is inaugurating a match for Publicans east and west side of Queen St., the proceeds to go to some charitable object.

Mr. Frank Loomb the Captain of one of Gisbornes best clubs, arrived in Auckland by the Tarawera on Monday to take up his residence here, and will no doubt join one of the District Clubs.

The City Football Club will place four fifteens in the field for the A.R.U. competitions as they have nearly 70 playing members on their roll.

The match between Gordon and Whangarei, played at the latter place on Saturday, resulted in a draw, Whangarei got a try which they converted into a goal, while Gordon got three tries. The Country team played a splendid game. The Gordons had perhaps not quite recovered from the rough passage they had going down.

The Hawkes Bay v. Wellington annual match was played at Wellington on Saturday, and resulted in a win for Wellington by two tries to nil. The match was played with line Umpires, and the experiment does not appear to have been at all successful, the ball being repeatedly called back by the Referee without any apparent reason. The first try scored by Wellington was the result of a throw-on, and throughout the game there was a great deal of off-side play, which escaped the Referees notice and which could have at once been detected by field Umpires. "Smiler" played a grand game throughout for Hawkes Bay, and could have gained a try in the early part of the game but instead of running in he potted and missed, the first spell was greatly in favour of Napier who had all the best of the scrums, the Well-

ington forwards showing to advantage in loose play, no score resulted in the first half. In the second spell, Collins the Wellington three-quarter made a good run and passed to Gage, who then sent it on to Speed, who got in at the corner, the Referee awarding an unjust try, as it was palpably thrown-on, Ellison missed the place, after some fast play alternately in the territory of both teams, Caradus got the ball from a scrum near Napiers goal, and slipping round it in the twinkling of an eye registered the second try for Wellington, the shot was an easy one but Campbell missed it. The remainder of the game seems to have been very equal, and was a moderately fast one, the ground was soft and slippery and the ball heavy and greasy in consequence. For Hawkes Bay Le Quesne (fullback), Smiler, and Stewart (halves), Malcolm, Fleming, Morrison, and Hiroa were most conspicuous, while on the Wellington side, Speed and Gage (three-quarter), Caradus and Ellison (halves), Hyland, Cockroft, and Stewart were best.

## TARANAKI FOOTBALL GOSSIP.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

NEW PLYMOUTH, July 3.

On Saturday last, June 27, the first round of the Cup matches in this district was played. Clifton walked over New Plymouth by 9 points to nil at the latter place; Hawera easily disposed of Eltham; and Waimate forfeited to Manganui (Stratford team). I was present at the game between New Plymouth and Clifton, and a more uninteresting display of football I never saw. The play was decidedly spasmodic. The former had no condition in them, the majority of them having embryo corporations of city aldermen. I am certain that I am quite within the mark when I state that the New Plymouth men never kick a ball nor play together until they meet to play in a match. Under such circumstances no team can expect to be any good, and if the local club want to be in the hunt at all this year they must go in for practice. They are the makings of a good team, for the material is in them.

The Cup this year will, I think, be fought out between Clifton and Manganui. I expect the latter to come out victorious.

The Auckland representatives, I understand, play our men here or at Hawera in August next. Unless the Taranaki representatives have plenty of practice together before the match I predict it, even at this early period, a victory for the Auckland boys. Should our men, however, get a month's practice together the game will be well contested.

The referee and the umpires in the match New Plymouth v. Clifton, seemed to have a set of rules of their own. In this district the rules are interpreted in a decidedly broad sense by the referees and umpires.

Tom Hempton is not playing with the New Plymouth Club this year, but I hear a rumour that he intends to play for Clifton against Manganui. I can hardly credit this, as I don't think Hempton is the man to desert the local club, of which he was captain for years.

There is one player in the Clifton Club, and a prominent one, too, by-the-bye, who is extremely fond of striking opposing players when he is collared. Such a practice ought to be stopped by the referee, who has power to do so. They say, however, that the said player always picks his marks. His bump of caution must be fully developed; but some day he may run against a snag.

The following is the Ponsonby Football Club's record for the past season:—Matches played, 6; won 5, drew 1. Tries obtained—Alf. Tanfield 4, J. Mills 3, R. Masfield 3, J. Cole 3, F. W. Edwards 2, T. Roberts 2, R. Bruce 2, F. Murray 1, W. Rhodes 1; J. Breen 1, C. Brady 1, W. Hobson. Goals from tries—J. Breen 3, R. Masfield 1. The Club has played 130 matches; they have won 24, drew 17, and lost 19.

Grafton record for the season is—Matches played 6; won 4, drew 1, lost 1. Points scored—for 33, against 17. Tries scored—W. Elliott 3, W. H. Hales 2, P. Mackie 2, R. McKenzie 2, O. Stone 2, C. Madigan 1, C. Pennagillan 1, H. Stephenson 1, A. Smith 1. Goals from tries—Pennagillan 6, Peace 1. Goal from a penalty—Pennagillan 1.