

In the Hurdle Race at Caulfield at the latter end of July, Bismark seriously injured his fetlocks, and it is hardly likely that he will race again.

Nepean, by Chester—Iolanthe, purchased at the late Hon. James White's sale at Newmarket by Mr. D. Cooper for 350 guineas, has been relegated to the stud.

In the course of a conversation with Mr. R. Duder, he informed us that Cuirassier is doing more work than any other horse in training in Victoria, and is going on remarkably well.

Oudeis is at the stud somewhere up country in Victoria, and has developed into a perfect man-eater, and placards are posted on the fence warning persons not to go into the paddock where he is running.

At Messrs. Yuille & Co.'s sale, which took place on the 3rd inst. at Melbourne, the N.Z. jumping horses Chemist, Kapo, Jupiter, Montrose II. and The Peer were entered for sale but were withdrawn.

Lochiel's New South Wales subscription list for 1891 is already filled; so is that of Mr. T. Morrin's Hotchkiss, by Musket—Petroleuse, for New Zealand.

It is announced that Mr. P. Shillcock has sold his young St. Bernard dog Sir Hereward to Mr. Heally Champion for £1200. This is the largest sum ever paid for a non-sporting dog in England.

On Saturday the 1st inst. at Geelong the Nordenfeldt—Steppe filly she carried 8st 9lb to victory in front of some good sprinters, including Sadim, in an easy manner. She and nine others belonging to Mr. W. R. Wilson are engaged in the Caulfield Guineas.

Sweetheart was the first two-year-old to trot the mile under 2.30, and great as was her performance in 1880, it is a common one now. Electioneer alone has sired ten two-year-olds that have lowered 2.30. Wildflower has held the two-year-old record for seven years, which stands at 2.21.

"Our own" from New Plymouth informs us that the pony Fryingpan was brought up to Auckland the other day, and he thinks she will win a race in moderate company. The same authority also tells us that Cap-a-pie passed through there the other day on his way back to Auckland.

Owing to the resignation of Mr. R. S. Wakley, who is absent in England, and the appointment of Mr. F. F. Dakin (his deputy) to the position of handicapper for the V.R.C., the judgeship of that Club has become vacant. Applications for the vacant position will be received up till the 29th inst.

James Cotton, the New Zealand jockey, got an ugly fall while schooling Egyptian over some fences lately at Flemington. The horse is said to have very little idea of jumping, and will have to improve greatly before he can win a steeplechase.

Dunkeld is said to have developed a couple of very big fetlock joints, and his racing days appear to be over. At Messrs. Yuille's sale on Tuesday the 28th July, he failed to find a purchaser at 100 guineas. He ought to have been a bargain at that figure for stud purposes, even remembering that he is a fearful savage.

The stewards of the Newmarket Jockey Club have again refused licenses to Alfred White, Thomas Loates, Samuel Loates, and Joseph Calder. They have also warned Samuel Loates off the racecourse and Heath at Newmarket, and all other premises under their control.

Last week we were favoured with a visit from Mr. Carter, the secretary of the South Auckland Racing Club, who informs us that the date of their meeting is not yet decided upon, but most probably it will be about the middle of January. Mr. Jas. Macalister, the Whatawhata club's secretary, also called, but their date is not fixed either.

There is one thing the Auckland Racing Club would do well to copy from their Southern colleagues, and that is by having a largely printed list of rules posted in a conspicuous place or places, for the guidance of trainers, jockeys, club officials, and others whose avocations call them to the course. We feel certain this want has only to be brought before the Committee to have the requirement supplied.



WHATEVER may be said by the committee of the Trademen's Zealandia Athletic Club about Jack Linden's running in the last Sheffield Handicap, there is no question that he deserves a par. all to himself. Most of our pedestrians and the public generally thought the "old 'un" had had his day, but the way he distinguished himself in the last two handicaps has proven otherwise. In the first one he started 2½ yards from scratch, and after he had won his heats in a very hollow fashion, 5 to 1 on "Old Jack" for the final was the best offer going, and he justified the confidence by winning easily in the exceptionally fast time of 9 4-5th secs. for 99½ yards, having been put back a yard for breaking over. On the second occasion he started from scratch with 11½ yards limit, when he also won his heats easily, running a dead heat in the final with Pearson, also being put back a yard for breaking away. On the second attempt, Mr. T. Halstead got his men away to a beautiful start, but as Linden had so many stiff races in him it told its tale, for after running eyes out for 70 yards to catch his man—who had 10½ yards start—he cried a go. The time for both the finals was 10 1-5th secs.

J. Simson need not be at all disheartened at losing his second heat which he did by about ½ yard, after being put back a yard twice by Mr. Halstead. With care and in good hands he is the makings of a first-class sprinter, and should endeavour to get rid of that nervousness to get away.

Jim Whiteman, well known in Wanganui, appropriated the half-mile race at the annual meeting of the Melbourne Harriers on the 18th July, beating a field of 32. The prize was a cup valued £10 10s.

Allan Good and L. Broad will represent Manaia at the Wanganui athletic sports.

A match took place on last Saturday week at Sydney for a £20 sweepstake between Bowen (New Zealand), Goreman (Queensland), and W. Harris (Victoria), and was won by the New Zealander, who is well known in Christchurch and Dunedin. The distance was twenty miles, and the time occupied 4hrs 18½mins.

A very tight go-as-you-please match for one hour came off at the Thames last Saturday, between J. Oliver and R. McCormick, the latter winning by a few yards.

The Amateur Athletic Club hold a meeting to-morrow night to decide upon a date, etc., for their proposed winter meeting.

FOOTBALL.

FIXTURES.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES.

Aug. 22—Wellington v. Canterbury.
22—Huntly v. Hamilton.
29—Waitemata (Thames) v. Ellerslie II.
29—Rovers (Thames) v. Newton.
Sept. 5 (about)—Auckland v. Thames.
12 " —Auckland v. Taranaki.
12 " —Auckland 2nd fifteen v. Tauranga.

SENIOR FIFTEENS.

Aug. 22—Grafton v. City.
—Ponsonby v. North Shore.
—Parnell v. Suburbs
Newton a bye.

SECOND FIFTEENS.

Aug. 22—Newton v. Suburbs B.
—Grafton v. City.
—Ponsonby v. North Shore
—Parnell v. Suburbs A.

THIRD FIFTEENS.

Aug. 22—Grafton A v. North Shore
—City A v. City B
—Ponsonby v. Grafton B.
—Newton A v. Parnell
—Newton B v. Suburbs

THE Thames footballers are already working hard in preparation for their forthcoming match against the Auckland reps., which will probably be played at the Thames on Saturday 5th proximo. They had a match Probables v. Possibles last Saturday, the former winning by 6 points to three—3 tries and a goal to a goal.

The Feilding *Star* says that the motto of the Palmerston Football Club is "A win, a tie, or a wrangle."

SENIOR MATCHES.

[BY POSTER.]

PARNELL V. CITY.

A HALF-GALE from the north-east rendered the first spell of this match more equal and exciting than under ordinary conditions would have been the case. City winning the toss had the wind at their backs, and Parnell had to work hard against so heavy a handicap. The result was a hard and even fight during the first spell, Parnell scoring the only point registered, and City nearly scoring on two occasions. In the second spell Parnell playing with the wind, which, contrary to custom, did not abate, scored time after time, and put up the large total of 18 points. The match started late, Smith kicking off for Parnell against the wind at 3.25. A cloudy sky kept the sun in shadow during the afternoon, with occasional brief breaks. Smith started with a dribble and the ball went out at City 25. City forwards worked the ball back, but a pass to Jervis and a good kick sent the ball out at City 25. Parnell forwards got a rush on, well stopped by Braund, who passed to Stevenson, who with a good run and kick sent the ball near Parnell 25, where Elliott secured it, but was thrown into touch after gaining some ground. Cole, with a good kick more than restored the balance, but presently Elliott getting well off was only stopped by the fine collaring of Wyllie near City corner flag. A dribble by Edwards and Murray, and a good kick brought play back to mid-field. Elliott after a good run passed to Jervis, who travelled a long distance before transferring the ball to Green, the latter scoring first blood for Parnell. Smith essayed the place, but the strong breeze carried the ball across. Score Parnell 1, City 0, at 3.36. Stone kicked off with a long shot which reached Kissling at full-back; the latter ran and kicked into touch, near Parnell 25. Elliott next kicked high, but the wind blew the ball back, and rushes and counter rushes ended in the ball going out on Parnell side of centre. City worked the ball to Parnell 25 where a scrum was formed. Smith made a short run and passed to Elliott, the ball going into touch. Jervis by a good run, backed up by a strong forward rush took the ball to mid-field, where some determined struggles took place, ending in Madigan getting possession, but the wind eventually sent the ball out at Parnell 25. Scrum, rushes, and counter-rushes about mid-field lasted for some minutes, until Stevenson made a run and passed to Pilkington, who missed, but Mackie got on a useful dribble which was counter-balanced by Smith and Jervis taking the ball past centre, where it went into touch. From a long throw in Jervis got off well, but was grassed by Wyllie, and A. Braund with a good kick sent the ball out near Parnell 25. Cole secured a mark. Stone took a place shot, but the ball went low, and Parnell forced. After the kick-out Braund made a clever run, passing to Mackie, who looked like scoring, but lost the ball. Jervis averting the danger by a clever kick into touch in goal. Albie Braund being winded had to retire for a space. Exchanges between Stevenson and Kissling ended in Wyllie making a good run. Parnell with a couple of strong forward rushes took the ball into City 25, and it was out near City corner flag. Mackie with a good dribble took the ball back to centre, where a fine struggle between the forwards took place, diversified by marks got by both sides, and ending in Parnell being forced by a long kick. A lot of even up and down work in which Jervis, Elliott, Madigan, Rees, Pearce, Edwards, Kissling, Green, T. Murray, Graham, Conway, Wyllie, Mercer, Braund, Fagan, etc., were at times prominent for their respective sides, characterised the rest of the spell. Mackie almost scored by a fine run, but Kissling managed to check his speed, enabling Edwards to overtake and grass him. Half-time was called at 4.15, the score being still Parnell 1, City 0.

On resuming, Parnell with the wind at their backs proved irresistible, but City nevertheless fought a gallant and good-tempered game. Jervis was the first to score from a pass of Elliott's. Smith at a most difficult angle placed a fine goal. Score—Parnell 4, City 0, at 4.28. Next Madigan scored by fast following up. Another difficult angle, Smith making a good shot, but failing to convert. Parnell 5, City 0.