

TRAINING NOTES.

ELLERSLIE.

TUESDAY.

Very little work was indulged in last week, the tracks being heavy, but this morning nearly all the teams were slackened out.

Monoforn finished a neck in front of Dunmore in a mile spin in 1min 44 3-5sec. King Paul alone was extended for six furlongs in 1min 16 1-2sec.

Scotty, with M. Ryan up, got to the end of seven furlongs, the last six in 1min 18 1-2sec.

Gladstone, Andy Regan and another finished in the above order in 1min 18 1-2 sec for six furlongs.

Newtown had slightly the best of Lady Hune over seven furlongs in 1min 33sec.

Baltimore and Stromness finished together in a six furlongs flutter, the last five in 1min 7sec.

Lady Annie slipped over five furlongs in 1min 2 3-5sec.

Sonoma defeated a stable mate over a short course.

Geologist did a solid nine furlongs in 1min 55 4-5sec.

Girton Girl did a taking six furlongs in 1min 16 3-5sec.

Golden Rose did two useful rounds on the tan.

Apologue and a three-year-old companion sprinted three furlongs in 37sec.

Lavadel took 1min 20 1-5sec to leave the six furlongs behind.

Soultfish did his best for a circle on the grass.

Hinekoa, Rambler, and The Needle finished up together over seven furlongs in 1min 30sec.

Numa, who had a big break on General Average in a four furlong spurt, was beaten in 49 1-2sec. The latter then did a round on the tan.

Fashionable spurted four furlongs in 57 1-2sec.

Lady Bobs, moving short, did six furlongs alone.

Putty ran round the grass in 2min 4 1-2 sec, looking well.

The pony Manoeuvre sprinted four furlongs in 51 1-2sec.

Bedfellow and a companion took 54sec for the same task.

Idasa, with the assistance of Lualla, got once round the grass in 1min 58 2-5 sec, having a light-weight up.

Romola did her best for five furlongs, but looks light.

Peter Simple, Lovelink, and another did good three-quarter pace.

Cuiragno and the pony Whawhai finished up six furlongs in 1min 18sec, the former in front.

Sergius got to the end of four furlongs in 51sec with the assistance of a pony.

Avalanche, Hippowai, Rother, Lingard, Tip, Middy, Lurcher, La Cigale also did medium pace before breakfast.

After breakfast Inspiration beat Freemount for six furlongs in 1min 19 1-2sec.

Ben Blair, with Pinker up, skipped over four furlongs in 50sec, all out.

Green and Gold did a taking five furlongs in 1min 2 1-2sec.

Makau, who has recently been taken up, left four furlongs behind in 50 2-5sec.

Solitary finished up five furlongs in 1min 4 1-2sec.

Muskerdale and Maroon and Gold were associated for six furlongs in 1min 21sec.

Golden Sands by herself spurted five furlongs in 1min 3 1-5sec.

Muthema galloped down four furlongs in 52sec.

Up-to-Date and Ngaro jumped six of the Steeplechase jumps in company, shaping well.

Carl Rosa, Master Delaval, and another two-year-old sprinted up the straight in 39 2-5sec, finishing together.

Austerlitz did a couple of rounds, but seemed slightly sore.

Yollette cantered once round and did a five furlongs burst in 1min 4sec.

Macmanemin's two-year-olds spurted three furlongs in 39 1-5sec.

Rae's youngsters did a like task in 41 1-2sec.

Shrewsbury left four furlongs behind in 51 1-2sec.

Wellcast, Daffodil, Waikato, Dingo, and others put in useful half-pace work.

There has been a considerable amount of discussion as to who will ride Gladstone in the Caulfield Cup, but Mr Sol. Green now states that he has made very specific arrangements with J. Barden to ride the daughter of Seaton Delavel. It is said he had to lay the owners of another interstate champion a fair wager about his mare before the owners would consent to release Barden. With such an accomplished artist in the pig-skin as Barden, Gladstone should lose nothing by the way she is handled in next Saturday's big event.

AFTER THE RACES.

HAWKES BAY JOCKEY CLUB'S
SPRING MEETING.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

The favourable climate attracted a large crowd of patrons to the Hastings rendezvous on Wednesday and Thursday, and the good racing and excellent dividends returned in the majority of instances amply repaid those who assisted at the gathering. The new totalisator, which had recently been acquired by the club and which is worked by the officials of the club, was not an unqualified success, as the employees were not quick enough to cope with the investors, and on this account a good deal of money (some hundreds of pounds) was debarr'd from finding its way into the coffers of the automatic dispenser of odds. True, on Thursday matters improved somewhat, but still there was a great deal of room for improvement, and better arrangements will have to be made in the future if the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club wish to retain their grip of the betting public. Notwithstanding the drawbacks in connection with the machine the takings from the totalisator headed the returns recorded at a similar venture last year by £1081, the respective figures reading—1903, £9827; 1904, £10,858.

Pressmen at race fixtures have a busy rushing time of it, and the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club might take a leaf out of other progressive clubs' books and look after reporters better than what is done at Hastings. Another thing that would not entail a great deal of expense or trouble would be a board placed in the press room where the jockeys and horses could be written up, thus saving the trouble of running over to the public board to get the information.

Mr Harry Piper put in some of his best work in the dismissals of the contestants. Mr P. Martin, who was making his debut as judge, gave his decisions with promptitude and accuracy, and the rest of the officials did their utmost to make matters pleasant for all interested.

Hostilities commenced with the Tomoana Hack Hurdles, five getting under weigh for the event. Repulse, whose first public appearance it was at the lepping business, had a slight lead over Taniwha for favouritism. Neither, however, had a chance with Cavill, a good-looking Natator gelding trained locally by Muffitt, who pulled to the front half-a-mile from home and conquered comfortably by half-a-dozen lengths from Repulse, who as easily accounted for Taniwha as Cavill had done for him. Repulse made a couple of faulty efforts over the battens, which in a measure no doubt accounted for his defeat. Haukeria, a half-brother by Sou' Wester to Golden Plover, formed one of the opposing forces and should in time develop into a useful sort over the sticks.

Admiral Cerveras, Daphne's relative, was selected as the good article for the Maiden Hack Race, but failed to carry out the good opinion formed of him by his supporters, for though going strong at the half-mile post, where Kirk steadied him, he did not come on again when asked for his best in the straight. Perdita, a sweet-looking three-year-old filly by The Officer out of Montread, owned and bred by the Hon. J. D. Ormond, slipped the field at the send-off, and keeping her place to the finish scored without any pressure by a couple of lengths; Douche second and Whakawehi third.

Madrigal was sorted out as the pea for the King Edward Handicap, Signalman, who was carrying a 14lb penalty for his Wanganui win, next choice, Submarine third pick. Signalman and Mahutonga were extra lively at the post and delayed the start for some time, but eventually Piper got the field away in equitable terms with the exception of Submarine, who was slow to move. Shrapnel for a moment got to the front, but soon gave way to Armistice, closely attended by Sir Percivale. These two held command to the home bend, when Mahutonga, Madrigal, and Fleka appeared on the scene, and a desperate go amongst these three and Armistice saw Mahutonga cross the line with a half-length advantage, the same distance separating Madrigal from Armistice. Fleka failed in the last bit and looked as if a few more gallops would have done him good. Mahutonga was lathering all over when he came back to scale, but there is no doubt his condition was due to the fact that for some days before the fixture his track work had not been of the solid order owing to some trouble to his feet. Submarine, who is not a boy's horse by any means, ran over a great deal more ground than any of the other contestants, owing to his rider not being able to hold him together.

Cavalry had no difficulty in securing the Pakowhai Hurdles from Comfort, Aroha, and Rhyll. for at the finish Percy

Johnston was sitting still, while Hall on Comfort and Watt on Aroha were using the most strenuous efforts to get up-sides with Cavalry.

The Hastings Stakes introduced the first of the Merriwees to the racing path in King Billy and Boomerang. The former, who was quick at beginning, never left the matter in doubt for he was first away and first home with a good margin in his favour. Boomerang did not hit out as quickly as his stable chum, but the resolute style in which under punishment he answered the question put to him shows without doubt he is a youngster endowed with pluck and pace of the best. His performance was especially good when it is taken into consideration that just prior to the race that he got away from his attendant and galloped about a couple of miles out on the road before he was secured.

Old Blazer and Tyrone had a great battle for supremacy in the Welter Handicap, the latter only wresting the stake from St. Clair's son in the last couple of strides, saluting the man in the box by a bare head. Optimist, who seemed to be caught in a galloping mood, which does not often occur with him, was a good third.

Maoriland, who has long been overdue for a win, got the verdict in the Waipatu Hack, for which Aberration was made a warm first choice. He appeared to be a good winner fifty yards from the post, but Maoriland appeared on the scene here in double quick time and snatched the prize away from the favourite by a long neck. Te Hauke, who was well backed, put in a very weak effort, not at all in keeping with her track reputation, and finished a fair third.

Float, who carried the rogue's badge, had the largest following in the Flying Handicap, Immersion and Mystification filling respectively the second and third favourites' places. A lot of time was taken up at the post by the vagaries of Paria and The Stake, who eventually broke away and galloped a circuit before they were stopped. When the signal was given Wet Reef took command, but was soon steadied and The Stake took charge. Sweeping into the home stretch Wet Reef made his run, with Beau Seaton handy. Float at this juncture getting blocked Wet Reef was not to be denied and keeping Beau Seaton in check crossed the mark with a half-length's advantage, Patuna the same distance away third.

The battle started on Thursday with the Ngatarawa Hack, two hurdlers in Pushful and Trumpery occupying the first and second favourites' places respectively. Backers started badly, however, for honours came the way of Douche, who beat Le Beau by a good three lengths, Bandmaster settling Pushful by a head for third place. The winner is a good-looking chestnut mare by Jet d'Eau—Cartouche, trained by W. Whitaker for Mr W. S. Davidson, the owner of Ice, and was well handled by F. Williams. Douche was originally the property of Mr E. J. Watt, who sold her to Whitaker's patron. She is a full sister to Hydrant and will well repay following, as she can gallop fast and has heaps of courage.

Blazer, the battler, proved that age has not dimmed his lustre and determination, for he romped home in the October Handicap, leading all the way, and though Float did her best and had a clear run she failed to make any impression on the ancient, who captured by a good three lengths, Tyrone a fair third.

Seven lined up for the Guineas, though two, Stronghold and Signalman, were competing in one interest. Boris and Signalman were very rowdy at the post, the former dealing with Aberration on more than one occasion, but luckily for the latter he was too close to Boris to get much damaged as a result of the kicking. After a deal of finessing Piper got the pack off well, Signalman at once rushing to the front, with Boris next, and Stronghold at the latter's heels, Submarine being slow to get into his stride. Signalman was still there going well at the half-mile post when Submarine ran into third place, displacing Stronghold, who here hung out signals of distress. Half a furlong further on Golden Lily came with a run that soon placed her second to Signalman, who was first round the home bend, but heads were no sooner leveled up for the straight run than Golden Lily could be seen to be in the pride of place. Signalman next, Submarine third three lengths away. At the distance post the latter put in a strong claim, and going at a great pace seemed as if he had a fair prospect of scoring, but though he got to Signalman's quarter he could not do better. Golden Lily at this stage was just clearing Signalman, and sticking to her task well received the verdict by a length from Signalman, who was the same distance in front of Submarine. There is no doubt that had the latter been as well handled in the King Edward as he was in the Guineas that he would have been

returned the winner. Immediately after the race the winner was decorated with the Blue Ribbon by the Hon. Kathleen Plunket, Sir William Russell making one of his usual apropos speeches.

Aroha, who appeared all the better for his previous day's gallop, annexed the Te Mahanga Hurdles from Taniwha, Cavalry, Catherine Gordon, and Rhyll. Taniwha had first-class winning prospects up to the distance, when Aroha got on terms and replying in strenuous style to Watt's vigorous appeals triumphed by a length from Catherine Gordon, beating Cavalry on the post for third place by a head.

Boomerang was served up red hot for the Juvenile Handicap, with Probable, a handsome son of The Possible, next choice. Medallist, who greatly resembles his dam Target about the head, hit out quickly when the tapes went up, Probable and Boomerang in close attendance, the rest of the field strung out some distance in the background. At the entrance to the straight Medallist was still to the fore, Probable and Boomerang second and third respectively. Half-way up the straight Moral (The Possible—Fair Nell) came fast on the outside and gave the idea that he would make it interesting, but a few strides further on faded out. One hundred yards from the line Davis tried to get Boomerang up on the inside of Probable and in doing so his mount galloped on to Probable, cutting him about. There is no doubt the trouble gave Medallist a better chance, and Gallagher keeping him moving for all he was worth gained the award by half a length, Probable silencing Boomerang by a head advantage for second berth.

The Spring Handicap was only an exercise gallop for Armistice, Louisa just beating The Stake for second honours, the last few strides.

Te Hauke was again elected a good thing. This was in the Flaxmore Handicap and though she put in a splendid dash in the last bit she could not quite beat Le Beau, who made his appearance in the front in the run home, up to which point Tonderghie had been in command. Catspaw was also well up here, for at the finish there were only two in it, Le Beau and Te Hauke. The former just got there though he had been none too hard pressed till the last few strides, when Te Hauke put in a great burst, Catspaw a poor third.

The meeting was brought to a conclusion with the Final Handicap, Alba Rose making no race of the affair capturing a couple of lengths from Wet Reef, who was closely followed by Forest Ranger. The rest of the contestants were not within hailing distance of the winner, who was never out at top.

The successful jockeys at the venture were headed by V. Cotton with four wins, Kemp and Buchanan next with a brace of victories each; Lawry, Johnson, Davis, Horne, F. Williams, Hewitt, Watt and J. Gallagher each adding a single triumph to the winning roll.

OHOKA J.C. ANNUAL MEETING.

(From Our Canterbury Correspondent.)

The Ohoka Jockey Club held its annual race meeting on Thursday. The weather was fine, but a strong nor'-wester raised clouds of dust and made matters unpleasant for the spectators. A start was made with the Jumpers' Flat Handicap, one mile and a-half. Eurus 11st 13lb and Nikola 11st 2lb were sent out equal favourites in a field of seven. Herd Laddie and Lepanto cut out the running for a mile, when Nikola headed them. Oyster and Eurus had passed Nikola by the time the straight was reached, and Eurus won comfortably by a neck from Oyster, who was two lengths in front of Nikola.

The Ohoka Handicap, one mile, was contested by the following:—Sandy 8st 9lb; Oblivion II. 8st 6lb; Magnificent 7st 5lb; Zealous 7st 5lb; Speculate 7st, Cerise and Blue 6st 13lb and Sophistic 6st 10lb. In a good betting event Speculate was made a slightly better favourite than Sandy and Oblivion II. There was a long delay at the post owing to Magnificent and Cerise and Blue frequently breaking away, but eventually the field got away on fairly even terms. Speculate and Cerise and Blue were soon out by themselves, but at the six furlong post Sandy passed them and led into the straight. Half-way down Speculate came through, and passing Sandy at the distance, beat him by two lengths. Oblivion finished strongly and was only a head behind Sandy.

The Novel Handicap, six furlongs, was won by Nor'-Wester, who beat Lepanto by a length, Cannonite being a similar distance away third.

A field of eleven went out for the Mandeville Welter, seven furlongs, Speculate 9st 13lb (including 10lb penalty), and Pensive 8st 4lb being equally well backed, while Lolah 9st 5lb, Scottish Minstrel 10st 13lb and Pensive 8st 4lb were sent away quicker than the others, and at the