

# TROTTING.

## AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

DECEMBER 29 and 31, and JANUARY 7.

One of the most enjoyable events of the Christmas holidays is the Summer Carnival of the Auckland Trotting Club, which will commence next Tuesday, December 27, be continued on Saturday, December 31, and be concluded on Saturday, January 7. The meeting is always a most interesting one, because it affords lovers of the trotting horse an opportunity of seeing the best of the local brigade competing against many visiting horses from the South and elsewhere. This year's fixture will prove no exception to the rule, for some exceptionally good sport may be confidently expected. Mr Mark and his committee are making very complete arrangements to deal with a heavy influx of visitors, who are certain to visit Alexandra Park, and there are indications that the meeting will, in the event of fine weather, prove one of the most successful the club has ever experienced. As the acceptances for the trotting events do not close till to-morrow evening, and for the pony events on Monday evening, it is impossible to attempt to forecast the results. The handicaps for the various races are as follows:—

**AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB HANDICAP. Two miles.**

Young McKinney	sec	Little Doctor	sec
Rebel Boy	7	K.D.	14
Specialist	11	Rushlight	16
Le Rosier	11	Thorndean	18
Cornwall	12	Duchess of Rothschild	19
Harold Abdallah	12	Old Judge	22
Sir Robert	14		

**GREAT NORTHERN TROTTING HANDICAP. One mile.**

Young McKinney	sec	Little Doctor	sec
Ballot	2	Rushlight	7
Baxter	2	Heires	9
Waitekauri	2	Duchess of Rothschild	9
Taihoa	3	Colenso	9
Rebel Boy	3	Isabel	9
Cornwall	6	Juliette	11
Le Rosier	6	The Mooress	11
Specialist	6	Old Judge	11

**MIDDLE-CLASS HANDICAP TROT. One mile and a-half.**

Autocrat	sec	Donnizetti	sec
Logan	1	Victor C.	13
Melba	7	Miss Wilmington	13
Legbreak	7	Little Ben	22
Old Judge	9	Miss Dunmore	24
Little Paul	9	Snip	24
Redleaf	9	Fibre	25
Belladonna	10		

**ST. HELIER'S HANDICAP TROT. One mile.**

Ballot	sec	Officer	sec
Logan	4	Donnizetti	11
Colenso	7	Miss Wilmington	12
Melba	8	Bell Jar	14
Juliette	9	Macquarrie	14
Old Judge	9	Sva	14
St. John	9		

**MAIDEN TROT HANDICAP. One mile and a-half.**

Melba	sec	Agnes B.	sec
Legbreak	9	Tataramiki	19
Eva	9	Green Lavender	19
Bell Jar	9	Mangonui	19
Lincoln Yet	9	Kidney Pai	19
Albertorous	10	Daydawn	22
Mangere	16	Victress	22
Miss Dunmore	16	Seacole	22
Diavolo, late Dandy	16		

**PONY TROT HANDICAP. One mile and a-half.**

Rushlight	sec	Miss Munroe	sec
Isabel	3	Fibre	22
Little Paul	3	Mangonui	22
Victor C.	10	Cleveland's Pride	27
Eva	13	Queenie	72
Specialite	16		

The following are the nominations:—  
 Pony Cup Handicap of 115 sovs, one mile.—Annoyed, Manoeuvre, Miss Cuirassier, Sally Horner, Orange and Blue, Lady Lottie, Fashionable, Sonoma, Gladys Rose, Lucrece, Forth, Reduction, Laodice.

Telephone Handicap of 50 sovs, five furlongs.—Kyra, Manoeuvre, Legerite (late San Toy), Solitary, Sonoma, Delia Rose, Orange and Blue, Lady French, Whawhai, Wheturere, Marisa, Reduction, Inspiration.

Christmas Handicap of 70 sovs, six furlongs and a-half.—Kyra, Manoeuvre, Orange and Blue, Lady French, Whawhai, Gladys Rose, Wheturere, Lady Lottie, Forth, Reduction, Laodice, Lucrece.

Epsom Handicap of 50 sovs, five furlongs.—Manoeuvre, Solitary, Delia Rose, Orange and Blue, Lady French, Whawhai, Wheturere, Marisa, Opotiki, Reduction, Inspiration.

New Year Handicap of 75 sovs, six furlongs and a-half.—Annoyed, Manoeuvre, Miss Cuirassier, Sally Horner, Solitary, Girton Girl, Sonoma, Orange and Blue, Lady Lottie, Lady French, Fashionable, Whawhai, Gladys Rose, Wheturere, Lucrece, Forth, Reduction, Laodice.

Grandstand Handicap of 50 sovs, five furlongs.—Kyra, Manoeuvre, Sally Horner, Legerite (late San Toy), Solitary, Girton Girl, Delia Rose, Orange and Blue, Lady French, Stockbridge, Whawhai, Gladys Rose, Wheturere, Marisa, Opotiki, Reduction, Inspiration, Rapid.

Second Maiden Trot of 30 sovs, one mile.—Ayrshire Lad, Mangere, Lincoln Yet, Agnes B, Bell Car, Miss Vola, Tata-ramaka, Kidney Pai, Daydawn, Miss Dunmore, Victress, Green Lavender, Patient, Seacole, Diavolo (late Dandy), Cleve, Melba, Legbreak, Eureka, Mangonui.

Ladies' Bracelet Handicap Trot, the winner to receive a bracelet of the value of 20 sovs, one mile and a-half.—Kiteoneta, Victor C, Cleveland's Pride, Miss Munroe, George, Bell Car, Seacole, Fibre, Eureka, Mangonui, Old Judge, Donizetti.

Summer Trotting Cup Handicap of 100 sovs, two miles.—Little Doctor, Harold Abdallah, Miss Huon, The Autocrat, Duchess of Rothschild, Typewriter, K.D., Thorndean, Sir Robert, Cornwall, Legbreak, Specialist, Young McKinney, Old Judge, Belladonna.

Tramway Handicap Trot of 40 sovs, one mile and a-quarter.—Little Paul, Little Ben, Victor C, Snip, George, Daydawn, Empress, Miss Dunmore, Juliette, General Election, Cleve, Melba, Legbreak, Eva, Logan, Carbolic, Miss Wilmington, Albertorous, Donizetti.

Class Handicap Trot of 60 sovs, one mile and a-half.—Colenso, Little Doctor, Taihoa, Miss Huon, Ballot, The Autocrat, Rushlight, Duchess of Rothschild, Typewriter, Thorndean, Lady Love, Duke C, Rebel Boy, Waitekauri, Sir Robert, Le Rosier, Cornwall, Legbreak, Specialist, Young McKinney, Old Judge.

Dash Handicap Trot of 40 sovs, one mile.—Officer, Colenso, Bell Car, Ballot, Rushlight, St. John, Isabel, Juliette, Macquarrie, Melba, Legbreak, Logan, Miss Wilmington, The Mooress, Donizetti.

Trial Trot Handicap of 30 sovs, one mile and a-quarter.—Ayrshire Lad, Mangere, Lincoln Yet, Agnes B, Bell Car, Miss Vola, Tata-ramaka, Kidney Pai, Daydawn, Miss Dunmore, Victress, Green Lavender, Patient, Seacole, Diavolo (late Dandy), Cleve, Melba, Legbreak, Eva, Specialite, Eureka, Mangonui.

Second Pony Trot Handicap of 25 sovs, one mile.—Officer, Victor C, Rushlight, Cleveland's Pride, Miss Munroe, Isabel, Jess, Glen Royal, Rowena, Eva, Fibre, Mangonui, Queenie.

President's Handicap Trot of 100 sovs, two miles.—Little Doctor, Harold Abdallah, Miss Huon, The Autocrat, Duchess of Rothschild, Typewriter, Redleaf, Thorndean, Macquarrie, Rebel Boy, Waitekauri, Sir Robert, Le Rosier, Melba, Legbreak, Cornwall, Old Judge, Albertorous.

Park Handicap Trot of 50 sovs, one mile and a-half.—Little Paul, Little Ben, Kiteoneta, Victor C, The Autocrat, Snip, Miss Dunmore, Juliette, General Election, Macquarrie, Melba, Legbreak, Cornwall, Carbolic, Miss Wilmington, Old Judge, Belladonna, Donizetti.

High-Class Trot Handicap of 80 sovs, one mile and a-half.—Little Doctor, Taihoa, Ballot, Rushlight, Thorndean, Baxter, Duke C, Rebel Boy, Waitekauri, Sir Robert, Le Rosier, Specialist, Young McKinney.

Telegraph Handicap Trot of 50 sovs, one mile.—Colenso, Bell Car, Victor C, Ballot, St. John, Duchess of Rothschild, Isabel, Juliette, Lady Love, Waitekauri, Melba, Legbreak, Eva, Logan, Miss Wilmington, Old Judge, The Mooress, Donizetti.

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# SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

## ATHLETICS.

The annual sports of the Public Schools A.A.A. which took place on Friday last were highly successful, although the attendance was hardly so good as was the case in former years, and could not have much exceeded four thousand. The championship banner was carried off by the Onehunga School with 34 points, Wellesley Street being next with 21, and then followed Ponsonby 17, Newton East 16, and Newmarket 14. Two or three of the competitors in the running events showed much promise. H. Barnes, of Onehunga, ran in very good style in the Mile Championship, and simply spreadeagled the field. A. Cornaga, of Wellesley Street, should develop into a runner, for his action is exceedingly good, and he possesses great speed for his years. He won his heat and the final in the 107 Yds Championship (under thirteen), the 100 Yds Championship (under fourteen), and got third in the final of the 100 Yds Championship (under fifteen). G. Pindlay, of Onehunga, showed to great advantage in the 120 Yds Hurdle Championship, simply running away with his heat and the final, and he also won the Quarter-Mile Championship. The sports were well managed by a strong committee of masters, while much hard work was done by the hon. secretary, Mr S. Walker.

The French pedestrian record for one hour was beaten at Gentilly recently by Henri Prevot, who improved on Seger's figure of 17 kilometres 650 metres by covering 17 kilometres 930 metres (11 miles 255 yards) in the time. Prevot intends now to devote himself to the task of lowering the English records of (amateur) W. G. George (11 miles 932½ yards) and (professional) F. E. Bacon (11 miles 1,243 yards) and E. Watkins (11 miles 1,286 yards).

Billy Murphy writes me that after the Christmas holidays he will make a tour of the colony, giving exhibitions at every place of note. His sparring partner will be Clarence English, a clever lightweight.

The proposed match between the well-known Sydney walker, C. E. Falkner, and Wray having fallen through, Harry Kerr, of Inglewood, Taranaki, N.Z., has written to C. E. Falkner asking some questions in reference to a match between the pair. By to-day's mail (says the "Referee") Falkner has replied to the New Zealand champion. In the course of a chat yesterday Falkner said he was prepared to walk Kerr in two months from the date of the first deposit for from £100 to £500 aside. It would be inconvenient, he said, for him to visit New Zealand, and he hoped Kerr would come to Sydney. He was prepared to allow Kerr £15 for expenses, or more if that sum was not sufficient. He suggested a mile, but did not appear to care a dump what the distance really was. The two would have to mutually agree upon a Sydney judge of walking if the race was in Sydney. He expected Kerr to lodge a deposit with the editor of the "New Zealand Sporting and Dramatic Review" (Auckland), and directly such was done, and word received in Sydney, he would lodge a similar amount at the "Referee" office, and also the money for Kerr's expenses. Falkner also said that in the event of his having to go to New Zealand (and it would be extremely inconvenient for him to go), he would bargain that the match took place on the Auckland Domain, and he would agree to Mr F. W. Coombes, of Auckland, being sole judge of the walking. Falkner could not have spoken more fairly. All he wants is, he says, a strict and impartial, as well as a capable judge of walking, and he will take on all-comers for as much money as they like.

The annual Marathon long-distance foot race, over a distance of 40 kilometres, was decided on October 16, the winner, Bonheure, covering the ground in 2hr 37min, which is very good time, considering the heavy state of the roads. There were two hundred starters, of whom one hundred and fifty finished.

At Bordeaux, on October 16, in an interclub contest, Tissier ran 100 metres in the marvellous time of 10 2-5sec. He had the advantage of a strong wind behind him, and possibly the track slopes a trifle, but even so it is a splendid sprint.

## BOWLING.

(By the "Skip.")

The strong wind on Saturday rather spoilt bowling for accuracy could not be maintained. Despite this drawback a great many players took part in their favourite recreation and some keen games were fought out.

The Auckland Club's green, being well sheltered from the wind, suffered least, but a number of players were away at the Mayor's garden party and the muster was more scanty than usual.

Mr Fortescue, the well-known English bowler, arrived in Auckland by the Zealandia on Sunday. By the way, Mr Ledingham, who was his bowling partner in England, has not struck form since his return and is playing a very uncertain game. On Saturday James' four beat the veteran's quartette by 30 to 14, the losers scoring on only six out of twenty-one heads.

Carlaw has beaten Holland in the Auckland Club Championship. In the first game there was only a point difference between the players, but at the next try Carlaw ran out by 21 to 8.

At Mount Eden in the Championship Singles Wenthall has beaten Rankin, while Ross ran away from Coe; McGregor after a hard fight defeated C. Baker; J. W. Jones defeated H. O. Brown; Martin easily beat Davis, while a number of other matches are partly completed.

At Devonport, in the Championship Singles, Lelievre has beaten Armstrong after two very close games.

Good reports continue to be received of the Gisborne Club's greens, and all arrangements for the coming N.B.A. tournament are well forward.

The Te Aroha tournament commences on Monday, January 2, when a start will be made with the play in the rink games at nine a.m. Entries close with the hon. sec. (The Aroha), at eight p.m. on Saturday, December 31, and will also be received by Mr Jas. Carlaw, of the Auckland Club, up till noon on Friday, December 30.

The annual tournament will be held at Rotorua on February 21, 22, and 23 next. There will be a rinks' match (prizes, four gold medals) and pairs' match (prizes, two gold medals), and entries for both events (2s 6d for each player) will close on February 20. The competitions are open to all members of clubs affiliated to an association, and in case of all clubs in the Auckland province players constituting a team or pair must all be members of the same club. The matches will be played under the rules of the Auckland Bowling Association.

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