

TROTTING.

OTAHUHU TROTTING CLUB'S
SUMMER MEETING.

FEBRUARY 18, 22, and 25.

The following are the nominations:—

FIRST DAY.

Maiden Trot Handicap.—V.S., Miss Dunmore, Diavolo, Nokomai, Miss Vola, Kiteonetea, Eureka, Tamaki, Ayrshire Lad, J.Y., Huon Clair, Halfcaste, Bill Bailey, Awhiowhio, Jib, Albertorious.

Sylvia Park Trot Handicap.—Little Paul, Bazaine, Colenso, General Election, Little Ben, Bell Car, Donizetti, Mangonui, Victor C., K.D., Autocrat, Young Salisbury.

Otahuu Pony Cup Handicap.—Gladys, Rose, Hurihuri, Little Mabel, Forth, Miss Cuirassier, Lucrece, Orange and Blue, Lady Lottie, Whawhai, Shrewsbury, Fashionable, Sally, Horner, Sonoma, Sentinel, Twine.

Otahuu Trot Cup Handicap.—Type-writer, Duchess of Rothschild, Little Doctor, Duke C., Taihoa, Sir Robert, Miss Huon, Bell Car, Thorndean, Miss Wilmington, Rebel Boy, Juliette, Legbreak, Young Salisbury.

Pony Trot Handicap.—Agnes B., Lance, Rushlight, Lady Chieftain, Kidney Pai, Bell Irvington, Mangonui, Seacole, Eric, Victor C., Fibre, Cleveland's Pride.

Electric Trot Handicap.—Macquarrie, Happy, Colenso, Lady Love, Carabolic, Waitekauri, Miss Huon, Donizetti, Bell Car, The Officer, Bert, Le Rosier, The Moors.

Flying Stakes Handicap.—Gladys Rose, Hurihuri, Little Mabel, Forth, Miss Cuirassier, Lucrece, Orange and Blue, Lady Lottie, Whawhai, Inspiration, Kyra, Shrewsbury, Wheturere, Marisa, Solitary, Sentinel, Legerite.

Class Trot Handicap.—Heiress, Duchess of Rothschild, Little Doctor, Duke C., Taihoa, Sir Robert, Baxter, Miss Huon, Lady Love, Rosebud, Bell Car, Rebel Boy, Juliette, Cornwall, Occidental, K.D., Young Salisbury, The Moors.

SECOND DAY.

Trial Trot Handicap.—V.S., Iago, Miss Dunmore, Diavolo, Nokomai, Miss Vola, Tataraimaka, Kidney Pai, Kiteonetea, Eureka, Tamaki, Ayrshire Lad, J.Y., Huon Clair, Lance, Bill Bailey, Awhiowhio, Porangi, Jib.

Epsom Trot Handicap.—Colenso, Lady Love, Miss Huon, Donizetti, K.D., Le Rosier, Rushlight, Young Salisbury.

Summer Trot Handicap.—Typewriter, Duchess of Rothschild, Little Doctor, Duke C., Thorndean, Miss Huon, Little Ben, Bell Car, Rebel Boy, Little Paul, Macquarrie, Miss Wilmington, Juliette, Victor C., Legbreak, Cornwall, Albertorious.

Suburban Pony Handicap.—Gladys Rose, Hurihuri, Little Mabel, Forth, Miss Cuirassier, Lucrece, Orange and Blue, Lady Lottie, Whawhai, Fashionable, Sally Horner, Solitary.

Tramway Trot Handicap.—Happy, Bazaine, General Election, Eureka, Carabolic, Little Ben, Bell Car, Mangonui, Victor C., Fibre, Autocrat.

Telegraph Trot Handicap.—Ballot, Macquarrie, Happy, Colenso, Carabolic, Miss Huon, Donizetti, Bell Car, Officer, Juliette, Bert.

High-Class Trot Handicap.—Duchess of Rothschild, Little Doctor, Taihoa, Sir Robert, Baxter, Waitekauri, Miss Huon, Rosebud, Bell Car, Rebel Boy, Miss Wilmington, Cornwall, Occidental, Young Salisbury, The Moors.

Alexandra Handicap.—Gladys Rose, Hurihuri, Little Mabel, Forth, Miss Cuirassier, Lucrece, Orange and Blue, Lady Lottie, Whawhai, Inspiration, Kyra, Shrewsbury, Sally Horner, Wheturere, Solitary, Twine, Legerite.

THIRD DAY.

President's Trot Handicap.—Agnes B., V.S., Adelaide, Miss Dunmore, Judge Carden, Diavolo, Nokomai, Miss Vola, Tataraimaka, Eureka, Tamaki, Ayrshire Lad, J.Y., Huon Clair, Maori Boy, Seacole, Bill Bailey, Clevedon's Pride, Awhiowhio, Jib, Judge Beldon silly.

Papatoetoe Trot Handicap.—Happy, Bazaine, Colenso, General Election, Kiteonetea, Carabolic, Little Ben, Bell Car, Mangonui, Juliette, Victor C., Bert, Young Salisbury.

Welcome Stakes Handicap.—Gladys Rose, Hurihuri, Little Mabel, Forth, Miss Cuirassier, Lucrece, Orange and Blue, Lady Lottie, Whawhai, Fashionable, Sally Horner, Lucy Godfrey, Sentinel, Twine.

Criterion Trot Handicap.—Thorndean, Little Paul, Macquarrie, Duchess of Rothschild, Little Doctor, Duke C., Waitekauri, Miss Huon, Little Ben, Donizetti, Bell Car, Miss Wilmington, Legbreak, Cornwall, K.D., Le Rosier, Autocrat, Albertorious.

Second Pony Trot Handicap.—Agnes B., Lance, Rushlight, Lady Chieftain, Kidney Pai, Belle Irvington, Seacole, Eric, Victor C., Fibre.

Dash Trot Handicap.—Ballot, V.S., Macquarrie, Rushlight, Happy, Bazaine, Colenso, General Election, Miss Huon, Rosebud, Bell Car, Office, Bert, Daydawn.

Manukau Handicap.—Gladys, Rose, Hurihuri, Little Mabel, Forth, Miss Cuirassier, Lucrece, Orange and Blue, Lady Lottie, Whawhai, Inspiration, Kyra, Shrewsbury, Sally Horner, Wheturere, Marisa, Sonoma, Solitary, Lucy Godfrey, Sentinel, Legerite.

February Trot Handicap.—Heiress, Duchess of Rothschild, Little Doctor, Duke C., Taihoa, Sir Robert, Baxter, Lady Love, Waitekauri, Miss Huon, Donizetti, Bell Car, Rebel Boy, Miss Wilmington, Juliette, Legbreak, Occidental, K.D., Le Rosier, Young Salisbury, The Moors.

The Otahuu Trotting Club's Summer Meeting is drawing on apace, and on Saturday week reinsmen will be assembling at Alexandra Park to witness the sport. Acceptances for the various events close with Mr Yonge to-morrow evening.

It is understood that before long a number of improvements will be effected at Alexandra Park, which will have the effect of bringing it thoroughly up-to-date. A lawn in front of the stand is projected, and if this is done an alteration to the course will be necessary. The improvements will tend to greatly popularise the Park, as at present the enclosure is often in too congested a state.

The New Zealand Metropolitan Club's Autumn Meeting will take place on February 16 and 18.

An American exchange reckons that the trotting enthusiast, Mr C. K. G. Billings, has more than £60,000 invested in fine horseflesh. The cost of maintaining these horses is placed at £20,000 a year. He owns, among others, Lou Dillon, 2min 1sec, queen of the trotting turf; Major Delmar, 2min 1½sec, world's champion gelding; The Monk and Equity, world's trotting record to pole, 2min 7½sec; Charlie Mac, 2min 1¼sec, world's record to saddle; Prince Direct and Hontas Crook, 1min 0½sec, world's pacing record half-mile to pole; Morning Star and Prince Direct, 2min 6sec, world's amateur pacing record to pole; Prince of Orange, 2min 6½sec; Louise Jefferson, 2min 9¼sec; Fred. S. Wedgewood, 2min 5sec; Mazette, 2min 4½sec; and Angus Pointer, 2min 4½sec. Mr Billings is the sole owner of the mile track at Memphis, where he also owns the entire street railway system. His great fortune, left by his father was made in the Chicago gas companies consolidation.

Dan Patch, the king of the pacers, received a royal welcome back to Minneapolis the other day. Led by a band and followed by at least two thousand horse enthusiasts, Dan marched from his car at the Union Station to his winter quarters at the residence of his owner, M. W. Savage. He will be taken to the big farm in the Minnesota Valley about February 1 (says the "Breeder and Sportsman.") Despite the mid-season illness which came so near ending his life, Dan Patch came back to Minneapolis with two new world's records to his credit. At Memphis he negotiated the mile in 1:56 flat, clipping one-quarter of a second off his previous mark. At Oklahoma City he went the mile out in 2:03, a world's record for a half-mile track.

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SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

AQUATICS.

(By "The Reeler.")

By an error the placings in the motor launch race at the big Regatta were incorrectly given. These should have been Enoho 1, Matareka 2, Waitiri 3, Union 4, while the race for launches under 26ft fell to Billy Richardson. All these boats were fitted with Union engines.

The Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron's motor launch race on Saturday was, perhaps, the most successful one ever held on the Waitemata. In an event of this kind the chief obstacle is the extreme difficulty of bringing together boats of such different types and speeds, but handicappers J. Alexander and George Edgecombe solved the knotty problem in the race in question, the result being a very exciting finish. The starters were: Union and Slim Jim, scratch; Enoho, 18½min; Matareka, 19 min; Petrel, 20min. The long start boats had a great go among themselves, but chief interest attached to the duel between the express launches on scratch. Union on this occasion steadily drew away from her smaller rival, and had a big lead when Slim Jim broke down. A great finish occurred, but Union could not quite catch the leaders, Matareka winning by eight seconds from Enoho, Union being but thirty seconds astern of the second boat, while Petrel was last to finish.

Ngatira, Janet, Wairiki, and Wairere left on Saturday for a fortnight's cruise to the North. They must have dropped in for Sunday's gale, but no doubt sheltered at Bon Accord.

Thistle won the ocean race to Kawau organised by the North Shore Yacht Club. The wind was north-east and freshening, but twelve started for the long beat out. Thistle was timed at Kawau to be five minutes ahead of Wairiki, Ngatira, Viola, Wairere, Iris and Mystery following in that order.

The yachts which went to Kawau had a rough passage back to port on Sunday, the north-easter having knocked up a big lump of a sea. With Sunday night's gale there was a very wild sea running in the Gulf, but the yachts were safely in port by then.

Moana, sailing from scratch, easily won the Open Yacht Race at the Mahurangi Regatta on Saturday, beating Ilex, Ladye Wilma, Okere, Glen Ora, and Nyanza. The regatta proved highly successful, the flagship Kapanui being well patronised and the various events closely contested.

The St. George's Rowing Club will hold an "At Home" on Saturday, when Vice-Commodore Gillies' trophies will be competed for.

Mr Mackay, of Devonport, is now the owner of the crack cutter Rainbow, having purchased her from Messrs Gray Bros. She has certainly been one of the most successful yachts ever turned out in Auckland, and has been sailing in quite her best form recently. Whether Rainbow will continue to carry a racing flag has yet to be seen.

No less than seven of the yachts to cross the winning line first at the Anniversary Regatta were built by Logan Bros. A good record this.

Chas. Bailey, jun., has a lot of work on hand just now. Among the new vessels ordered are a 45ft launch for Messrs Seager Brothers, which will be fitted with a very powerful set of engines by the owners; a 35ft launch for Mr D. Suther-

land, of Onehunga, which will have an oil engine; three 25ft whaleboats for the Melanesian Mission; and one 20ft sailing boat for the Islands. In addition to these there is a new tender for the Union Company's work at Gisborne, while a new steam launch for Wellington has just been completed.

It has been freely stated that the speed launch Slim Jim is capable of a speed of fifteen knots an hour, but this must surely be an exaggeration judging by her performance against Union at the recent regatta. At the time of her breakdown Slim Jim was only just in front of the Union, both having started from scratch, yet Messrs Ryan's launch is incapable of anything over eleven knots, and it is very doubtful if she could do that. Then again on Saturday Union beat the Northern boat easily.

The Auckland-built Sunbeam easily won the All Yachts Handicap at the Sydney Anniversary Regatta, defeating eight opponents, while a more ancient Auckland in Akarana won the race for cruising yachts.

The scow race at the Anniversary Regatta is to be resailed owing to it not having been finished by the time limit, viz., seven p.m. There has been a considerable amount of talk about this, but why it was found necessary to obtain counsel's opinion on the matter passes comprehension. Surely the sailing committee were competent to deal with a matter coming directly under their own jurisdiction, and on a protest concerning which a regulation existed which had been in force for many years.

At the inter-State Carnival in Sydney, at which 14-footers from West Australia, Queensland, and New South Wales competed, the Queensland boat Violet won the Championship by 75sec from the Sydney boat Jessie. The 10-footer Championship was easily won by the Sydney representative Crescent. The event was a great success, five steamers following the race, each being crammed with spectators.

The Sydney Flying Squadron's general handicap, contested in Sydney Harbour the other afternoon, was probably one of the most exciting yacht races ever witnessed there (says an exchange.) Approaching Shark Island, the boats, which were going with all extras squared, were struck by a squall from the north. The Arawa was the first boat to turn turtle. At the Island buoy, the Australian and the Qui Vive had narrow escapes from capsizing. The sail of the Vera refused to swing across, and she took charge of her shipper, crashing into the club's steamer Lady Manning, and causing some damage to herself. Members of the crew who were forward jumped on board the steamer, escaping injury. When the excitement caused by the accident had subsided, the Arline was found to have turned turtle, and the rest of the boats narrowly escaped a similar disaster at the buoy, where the breeze was very treacherous. The Myee capsized just as it seemed as if she had the race won, and the Desdemona also turned turtle. Eventually the race was won by the Donnelly.

Word has been received in Wellington to the effect that there is every probability of the Sydney Club being represented in the championship regatta.

A Wellington sportsman has donated, through Mr A. G. Johnson, a trophy of the value of £10 10s, to be awarded as a special prize in the Championship Sculls at the New Zealand championship regatta.

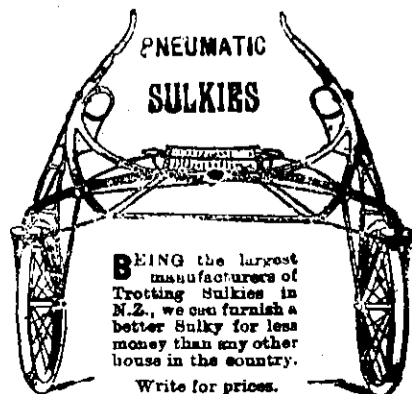
CRICKET.

The district Cup competitions were continued on Saturday. Grafton met City, and batting first put together 157, towards which D. Clayton contributed 39, E. Clayton 23, A. Laurie 23 (not out), Kallender 22, and Jones 21. City have 55 on the slate for no wickets, Hemus and MacCormick being 27 and 25 respectively.

Ponsonby hit up 154 against Eden, J. Gavin playing freely for 65, his score including eleven fours. M. Walker 21, Gallagher 20, and R. Woods 19, did best of the others. Eden have four wickets down for 94, the scoring being very consistent. The match is thus left in a very even state.

Parnell treated North Shore to an afternoon's leather hunting, running up the fine score of 412 for eight wickets. F. R. Mason compiled 193, which included no less than thirty-four boundary hits, while W. Philson has a century to his credit, and is still not out.

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