

AFTER THE RACES.

CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB'S GRAND NATIONAL MEETING.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

FIRST DAY.

The fine weather favoured the Canterbury for the opening day of the Grand National meeting. The course was in good order, and the attendance was probably the largest on record. There was some capital racing, which was all in favour of the North Island horses, who typically carried everything before them. In the Steeplechase Inniskillen was a great race, being practically in the lead from the start to the finish. He was pulling hard all the way, and gave the jockey a very uncomfortable ride. The jockey had too much pace for the rest of the field, and jumping beautifully throughout, easily beat Haydn at the finish. Pipi again ran well, but once again proved that a horse to win a Grand National Steeplechase must have pace as well as jumping abilities.

Captain Campbell's grey gelding Master Alix opened the ball with a win for the North Island brigade, scoring in the First Hunters' Hurdles from Kohuru and Van. Makuri ran into first place for round the back, and was never afterwards troubled, winning easily by 10 lengths from Kohuru. Bill Bailey, who sent out a strong favourite, ran well for a mile, when he fell back. Grand Jolly failed to show any pace during the latter part of the race, but came strongly in the last half-mile and finished fourth.

The Winter Cup brought out 18 horses, Master Alix being the popular selection, followed by Golden Knight, Kremlin, and Golden Vein and Annie Chiel coupled next in demand. Golden Knight, who was ridden by the English jockey, J. Nolan, showed several lengths at the start, and was in the lead. Veneer was sent out just in advance of Brighton, Master Alix, and Kremlin. At the end of the furlong Veneer was still showing the lead from Master Alix, Kremlin, and Brighton, with Golden Vein leading the division. At the six-furlong post Master Alix and Master Full Cry were in the van clear of Kremlin, Tirole, Shrapnel, Brighton, and Full Cry. A little further on Tirole dropped right back, and for home Kremlin took command. Master Alix, after whom came Brighton and Full Cry. Master Alix was beaten at the distance, where Full Cry challenged Kremlin, and a capital struggle resulted in favour of Kremlin by a head. Exmoor was three lengths third, followed by Shrapnel, Bright, Annie Chiel, and Master Alix.

Next came the Grand National Steeplechase, the eleven horses figuring on the programme going to the post. Haydn was favourite, Phaetonitis and Kiaterere being in favour. The race furnished on the whole a poor exhibition of jumping, the three placed horses completing the race. Inniskillen led over the first furlong from Kohatu, after whom came Catherine Gordon, Phaetonitis, Pipi, and Full Cry in the order named. Kohatu was at the first of the stand doubles, and Inniskillen went on from Phaetonitis, Catherine Gordon, and Full Cry. Phaetonitis was leading Phaetonitis by three lengths, with Full Cry next. Here Comfort blundered and his rider. While entering the back straight Inniskillen increased his lead to six lengths from Phaetonitis and Pipi. Catherine Gordon lost her horse, and Slow Tom fell at the gorse, where Inniskillen was six lengths ahead of Pipi and Phaetonitis, with Full Cry and Kiaterere close up. At the second double Phaetonitis dropped with Haydn ten lengths behind Inniskillen, who was four lengths behind Inniskillen, the quartette being followed by Full Cry. At the post and rail fence Pipi came up to Inniskillen, Haydn and Phaetonitis being ten lengths away, six lengths in front of Kiaterere. There was a change as the field came down the straight till the second of the stand doubles was reached, where Kiaterere fell. Full Cry, Pipi and Inniskillen were still in the lead, with Haydn and Phaetonitis being ten lengths in front of Haydn, Phaetonitis a similar distance away. Inniskillen drew out from Pipi at the post, and a furlong further on the race took close order, Haydn having run in second place. The Kennels double was safely negotiated without alteration of position, but a little further on Pipi commenced to fall back, and Phaetonitis and Inniskillen. The post and rail fence brought Phaetonitis down, and Inniskillen landed in the straight half a mile in advance of Haydn, with Full Cry a similar distance away. Once again the last fence Haydn challenged the leader, but Inniskillen easily maintained his advantage, and won by three lengths. Pipi eight lengths away third.

The Tally-ho Plate Steeplechase

Playfair gave a fine exhibition of jumping, and after leading over the last fence had too much pace for Agitator, beating him by three lengths. Newtown was sent out favourite for the Jumpers' Flat Handicap, and he was among the first three from the time the barrier went up, and holding his own all the way down the straight, easily stalling off a challenge by Tupara, and beat him by a length, Cavalry being two lengths away third just in front of Hydrant, The Mohican, and Trumpery.

The Enfield Steeplechase produced a chapter of accidents, the three best-backed horses in the race, viz., Lurcher, Defoe and Narcissus, coming to grief at the Kennels double. Kohatu was right up among the leaders when he came down, and he was left with a substantial lead, eventually winning by six lengths from Noxious Weed.

Jolly Friar was prominent from the start in the Hack Handicap, easily beating Stepside at the finish, the much-boomed Flying Spark being third.

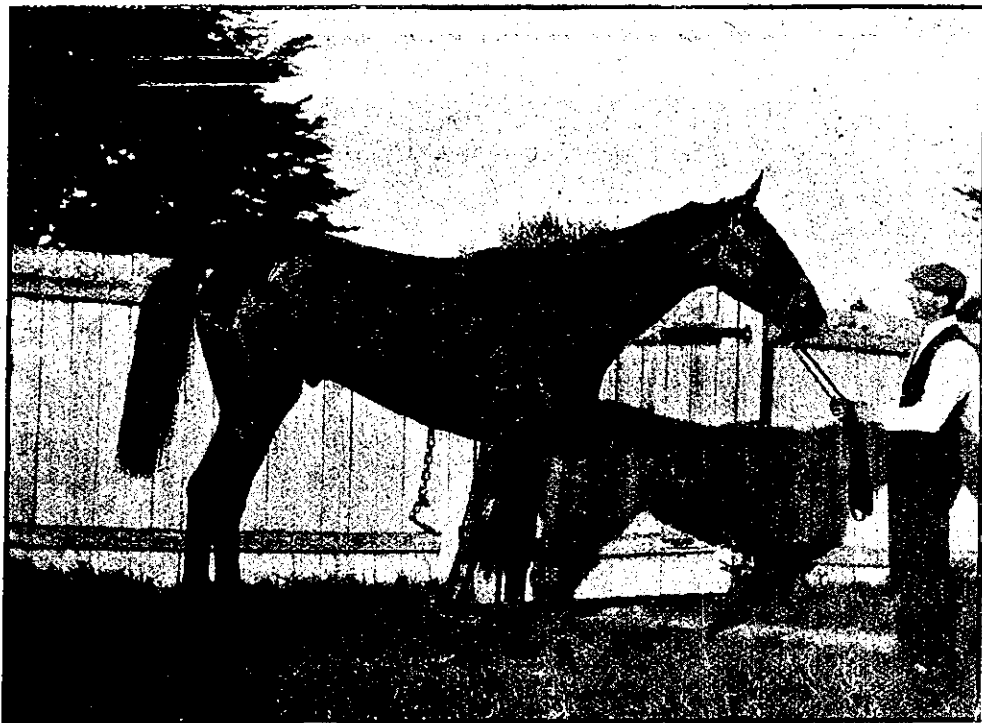
The following were the results:—

FIRST HUNTERS HURDLES. One mile and a distance.

Captain Campbell's gr g Makuri, aged, by Country Boy—Retrieve mare, 11.0 (Mr. G. Hirst)..... 1
Mrs. H. D. Buchanan's b g Kohuru, aged, 11.3 (McGrath)..... 2
Mr. A. G. MacDonald's b g Early Van, aged, 12.7 (Mr. B. R. MacDonald)..... 3

Other starters: Nikola 12.5, Bill Bailey 12.5, Grand Jury 12.3, Runaway Girl, Gold Bangle 11.7, Corona 11.0.

Won by five lengths. Time, 3min 14 1-5sec. Dividends, £59 17s 6d and £1 4s.



INNISKILLEN, winner of the Grand National Steeplechase.

TRIAL HURDLES. One mile and three-quarters.

Mr. A. McQuilkin's b g Jewel Gun, aged, by Needle Gun—Chatelaine, 9.13 (Walls)..... 1
Mr. D. Rutherford's b m Taxpayer, 5yrs, 9.0 (W. J. Rice)..... 2
Mr. G. Hirst's ch g Daredevil, aged, 10.0 (Whitehouse)..... 3

Other starters: Wind 10.9, Heroism 10.6, Baggpipes 9.13, Outer 9.11.

Won by nearly three lengths. Time, 3min 27sec. Dividends, £2 17s and £2 12s 6d.

WINTER CUP. One mile.

Mr. A. Hall's b g Kremlin, aged, by Stepniak—Aileen, 10.12 (R. King) 1
Mr. A. Champion's b g Full Cry, aged, 9.11 (Barlow)..... 2
Mr. J. Monk's br g Exmoor, 6yrs, 11.0 (Jenkins)..... 3

Other starters: Shrapnel Shell 10.12, Golden Vein 10.8, and Annie Chiel 10.5 (bracketed), Golden Knight 10.6, Tirole 10.6, Master Alix 10.3, Shrapnel 10.3, Wet Reef 10.3, Veneer 10.2, Durable 9.12, Ability 9.2, The Stake 9.2, Sardonix 9.0, Brighton 9.0, Somaroff 9.0.

Won by half a head. Time, 1min 45sec. Dividends, £6 5s and £6 12s.

GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE. Three miles and a-half.

Mr. H. Waldon's br g Inniskillen, 6yrs, by Fraternite—Nightingale, 9.13 (F. Howard)..... 1
Messrs. Maomanemin and Davis' b g Haydn, aged, 11.8 (S. Ferguson)..... 2
Mr. J. Jeffs' b g Pipi, aged, 9.12 (Carr)..... 3

Other starters: Kiaterere 12.5, Slow Tom 11.8, Comfort 10.13, Phaetonitis 10.11, Nadador 10.8, Catherine Gordon 9.9, Victory 9.7, Kohatu 9.7.

Won comfortably by three lengths. Pipi being six lengths further back. Only the placed horses finished. Time, 7min 17 3-5sec. Dividends, £5 16s 6d and £1 2s.

TALLY-HO STEEPLECHASE. Two miles and a-half.

Captain Campbell's b g Playfair, aged, by Saracen—Justice, 12.10 (Mr. Wilson)..... 1
Mr. B. R. MacDonald's b g Agitator, aged, 12.10 (owner)..... 2
Mr. R. Acton-Adams' ch g Wild Bill, aged 12.10 (Mr. Selby)..... 3

Other starters: Bungler, Ca Canny and Wallingford (bracketed), The Whip, Lucky Star, Guirtean, Gladys, Ngaitahu, all carrying 12.10.

Won by over two lengths. Time, 5min 29 4-5sec. Dividends, £3 16s 6d and £1 6s.

JUMPERS' FLAT RACE. One mile and a-half.

Mr. A. Ludlow's b g Newtown, aged, by Muskapeer—Ladybird, 8.13 (F. Howard)..... 1
Mr. G. J. F. Palmer's b g Tupara, aged, 9.11 (D. Watt)..... 2
Mr. A. Champion's b b Cavalry, aged, 9.11 (McGregor)..... 3

Other starters: The Mohican 11.2, Creusot 9.10, Hydrant 10.3, Magnificent 10.0, Trumpery 9.13, Rungarawa 9.9, Waiwera 9.7.

Won by half a length. Time, 2min 43 1-5sec. Dividends, £2 7s 6d and £2 14s.

ENFIELD STEEPLECHASE. About two miles.

Mr. L. D. Vallance's b g Te Kohau, aged, by Duke d'Anour—Barbaa, 10.7 (Galbraith)..... 1

TRAINING NOTES.

ELLERSLIE.

On Thursday morning the tracks were in a very bad state owing to the recent rains, consequently only moderate work was indulged in on the sand and tan tracks.

Saturday morning being fine, a lot of good work was got through after breakfast.

Waitati and Alba Rose finished together over a three-furlong course in the good time of 38 3-5sec on the sand.

Lady Clements, who looks big and well, had a couple of rounds at half pace, while Girton Girl, looking very fit, spurred a few furlongs alone.

Lord Seaton pulled over Kola Nip for four furlongs in 54 3-5sec.

General Average and Nervine left the same distance behind in 54sec. in that order.

Major broke away from the winning post and completed the circle in 2min 12sec alone.

Lady Annie, who looks to have wintered well, had a couple of rounds at half pace.

Monoform (Ben Deeley) and King Paul (V. Cotton) finished in this order for five furlongs in 1min 11sec. The latter looks a bit light.

Annette, looking big and bright, was sprinted a few furlongs.

The Middy and Trepine did three-quarter pace work for eighteen furlongs.

The speedy Siren had Foremost tied in a knot in a three furlongs' sprint in 42 1-5sec.

The Songstress colt and another two-year-old was spurred on the course proper for two furlongs, finishing together.

Waikato, never looking better, took matters easily for two circuits on the sand.

Miss Lottie and Apologue finished together from the seven furlongs' post in 1min 41 2-5sec.

Landlock and a chestnut stable mate fluttered over three furlongs in 41sec, keeping together.

Callie Iris and another got over the six furlongs' course in 1min 30sec, but could have improved the time.

Avalanche's full sister and the Menschikoff—Miss Quail colt jumped off at the old mile post on the course proper, and completed the three furlongs in 41sec, with little to choose between the pair.

Scotty pulled over Lycia for nine furlongs, and finished the distance in 2min 10sec, but could have done better.

The best gallop of the morning was between Putty and Sir Gilead (with two Sloanites, B. Deeley and V. Cotton, up). They ran the first six of seven furlongs in 1min 22 2-5sec, and the chestnut had the best of the bout, Sir Gilead being a slow beginner.

A lot of other useful work was got through. Te Papa and Cuiragno jumped seven of the schooling hurdles. The latter rapped his jumps, while the former jumped faultlessly.

Kremlin was very strongly supported in Auckland for the Winter Cup, and punters had a very pleasant surprise when the amount of the dividend was telegraphed through. Whether the layers of the odds were equally pleased is another matter.

As far as it has gone, the final test match between England and Australia looks like providing another draw. England leads on the first innings by 68, but there seems but little chance of the match being played out.

A newcomer in C. Weal's stable is a four-year-old mare by the Auckland Cup winner Nestor from Docility.

The new committee of the Auckland Racing Club will meet to-day, when a lot of work faces them. No doubt it will be decided whether the suggested improvements shall be proceeded with, but in view of recent developments these will no doubt be in abeyance for a time.

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At Albion Park, Brisbane, last week, the Hon. H. Mosman's then two-year-old colt Horsa won the six furlongs Welter Handicap under 9st, giving age to everything, and actual weight to many, in regular bulldog fashion (says the Queensland correspondent of the "Sydney Mail.") He may never quite set the Thames, or even the Brisbane, on fire, but he is one of the old-fashioned, workman-like sort, game as the proverbial ant, and pretty sure to pay his way. He was imported with other racehorses by Mr. Mosman from New Zealand, where the colt was bred, and is by the St. Leger horse Hylad from Monsoon, by St. Clair.