

THE A.R.C. MEETING.

The A.R.C. Great Northern Meeting will be brought to a close on Saturday, when in the event of fine weather there should be another large attendance. As the acceptances do not close until after we go to press, it is impossible to hazard any forecast as to likely winners, but there is good prospect of some capital sport. All the usual arrangements will be in force, and there will be numerous special trains and plenty of trams and brakes to enable patrons to reach the course. The first race will start at noon. The following are the handicaps:—

TAMAKI STEEPLECHASE of 100 sovs. Two miles and a-half.—Baritone 11.2, Khama 11.2, Roseplot 10.12, Pierre 10.6, Loch Fyne 10.0, Kruger 9.10, Mangamahaki 9.10, Wellcost 9.9, Tip 9.9, Sir James 9.7, Roif 9.7, Jess 9.7, Iona 9.7, Brigham 9.7.

YORK WELTER HANDICAP of 250 sovs. One mile.—Gold Crown 11.5, Landlock 11.1, Exmoor 11.1, Leonator 11.0, Rookby 10.4, Rose Madder 10.3, Waikato 10.2, Nerve 9.12, Geordie 9.12, Ironmould 9.12, Shrapnel Shell 9.11, Diania 9.8, Apologue 9.7, Claremont 9.6, Le Beau 9.6, Lady Hune 9.6, Bully 9.4, Lucrece 9.3, Franklin 9.3, Akarana 9.2, Defender 9.2, Fashionable 9.2, King Paul 9.2, Sir Gilead 9.2, The Leader 9.0, Te Taniwha 9.0, Silver Shell 9.0, Pangaroa 9.0, Mechanic 9.0, Kaimere 9.0, Idasa 9.0, Cyrano 9.0, Baltimore 9.0.

WINTER STEEPLECHASE of 200 sovs. About three miles.—Sol 12.1, Haydn 11.3, Hautapu 11.3, Swimmer 10.13, Hakaria 10.9, Moccasin 10.7, Cannongate 10.6, Aka Aka 10.6, Nadador 10.0, Pharos 10.0, Eclair 9.13, Hippowal 9.12, Baritone 9.11, Medallius 9.11, Irish 9.10, Sophia 9.10, Tip 9.7, North Star 9.7, South Star 9.7, Catherine Gordon 9.7, Jess 9.7, Mawhiti 9.7, Kruger 9.7, Pierre 9.7.

CAMPBELL HURDLE RACE of 175 sovs. One mile and three-quarters.—Sol 11.6, Comfort 11.0, Cavalry 11.0, Khama 10.7, Romany King 10.7, Hydrant 10.4, Irish 10.3, Hippowal 10.1, Weary Bil 10.1, Cuiragno 10.0, Medallius 9.13, Waiwera 9.12, Liberator 9.7, Lady Hune 9.6, King Paul 9.4, Le Beau 9.4, Defender 9.3, Silica 9.2, Corporal 9.1, Catherine Gordon 9.1, Oryx 9.0, Bonomiana 9.0, Fieramosca 9.0, Mideyr 9.0, Omati 9.0, Wellcast 9.0.

FITZROY WELTER HANDICAP of 100sovs. Six furlongs.—Bully 10.9, Franklin 10.9, Trephe 9.12, Lunetta 9.8, Silver Shell 9.8, Seabird 9.4, Rotoiti 9.3, Engraver 9.2, Henry Havelock 9.2, La Cigale 9.2, Metallist 9.2, Chief Steward 9.2, Stepany 9.2, Baricole 9.0, Bump 9.0, Hermes 9.0, Hillflower 9.0, Keep Step 9.0, Lucio 9.0, Paderewski 9.0, Pamperia 9.0, Rose Lawa 9.0, Stromness 9.0, The Scotchman 9.0, The Duncie 9.0, Tahuta 9.0, Tui Cakobau 9.0, Waipa 9.0, War Cloud 9.0, Fortification 9.0, Seabohm 9.0, Bluestone 9.0.

FAREWELL HANDICAP of 100sovs. Five furlongs.—Landlock 11.12, Waikato 10.3, Miss Winnie 10.2, Ben Blair 9.10, Discoverer 9.9, Certainty 9.7, Alba Rose 9.7, Black and Gold 9.7, Takaroa 9.7, Lucrece 9.6, Ben 9.6, Waitai 9.6, Tambourina 9.4, Soutimaid 9.4, Chief Steward 9.2, Metallist 9.2, Pearl Necklet 9.2, Kola Nip 9.2, Etu 9.0, Fortification 9.0, Hillflower 9.0, Lady Clements 9.0, Merry Sout 9.0, Pangaroa 9.0, Rotoiti 9.0, Stromness 9.0, Sir Hector 9.0.

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C. V. LANGSFORD,
Sec. A.R.U.

My Wanganui correspondent writes too late for inclusion in proper column.

It transpires that in addition to the £350 Mr. E. Stevenson paid for Miss King, he is to hand over £50 out of her first win.

Some local punters are taking long shots about Boomerang for the next New Zealand Cup.

It is understood that Kuroki is to be taken to Australia within a week or two. Frank Lind is at present at Otaki, but will return here after that meeting for the son of Fiske. The gelding should pay his way on the other side, as he is a good hurdler and has a lot of pace.

Kuroki's half-brother (by Crack-shot) d'Nil has been sold to a patron of Fred. Tilley's stable. It is said that the price paid for the gelding was £350. D'Nil ought to do well later on. He has a fine turn of pace, though a bit slow to begin, and can jump splendidly. It would be no surprise to see this gelding performing well next season.

Rangiwhenua is being kept going with a view to competing at the Hawke's Bay Steeplechase Meeting. The grey son of Rangipuhi is in tip-top form at present, and should win a race for his popular trainer (Walter Raynor) shortly. It was very unlucky that he should have bumped up against such a good 'un as Exmoor in the Kaitoke Hack Hurdles at the recent Wanganui meeting.

Harry Jackson's team is doing serviceable work, and this capable trainer should soon have his charges in good trim again. Pontenoy is pleasing the touts, not because of the work he is doing, but on account of the improved appearance the colt bears, as he has filled out considerably and has lost that "leggy" look which characterised him when in work before. He is likely to be seen to some advantage before long.

A deal of money was won here over Exmoor's win in the Great Northern Hurdles, but more would have come this way had Romany King got home. The latter was backed for a lot of money, both straight out and in doubles on account of his fine showing here. There were many who imagined the son of Gipsy King was sure to beat Exmoor, but there were not wanting those who expected the latter to show up better at Auckland, believing that the Grafton gelding would be improved greatly by his running here, as he was apparently.

Mr. E. J. Watt, while in Wanganui for the Steeplechase meeting, purchased Hurimoana, a younger full brother to Oingo.

It is understood that W. Higgins will accompany Alec Hall's team of jumpers to Australia if the trip eventuates. Higgins appears to be riding as well as ever he did, which is saying a lot, as ten or fifteen years ago he was one of the best and most fearless and dashing cross-country riders in the colony.

Slow Tom is being supported already for the Grand National Steeplechase. His win at Dunedin yesterday was anticipated by a number of local backers, as was also that of Sychem, and these two horses cost the bookies a lump of money.

George Price, the well-known local horseman, intends visiting Australia again this winter, and will leave in about a week's time for Sydney.

Dr. Graham, a well-known local sport, was elected as an extra committeeman for Wanganui at the recent meeting of the North Island Horse-owners' Association.

It is said that Mr. E. Stevenson (Miss King's new owner) contemplates entering the Bay King mare for the V.R.C. Grand Nationals.

AFTER THE RACES.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

GREAT NORTHERN MEETING.

The Winter, or Great Northern, Meeting of the Auckland Racing Club was commenced at Ellerslie on Saturday last, the weather being fine and the attendance very good. Owing to the great amount of rain which had fallen during the week the track was very heavy, but Friday's sun and cold wind had a drying effect, and it was not so bad as was anticipated. Mr. O'Connor, as usual, acted as starter, and in all the events but one got the fields away on even terms, the Maiden Welter proving an exception, but this was the fault of some of the competitors, who were slow to begin. Mr. Lusk was in the judge's box, but he had nothing very close to adjudicate upon. The racing was only fairly interesting, most of the events being won rather easily. During the day the sum of £12,959 10s was handled at the totalisator. The management of Secretary Hartland and his staff left nothing to be desired.

There were seven runners in the Maiden Steeplechase, two miles and a-half, with which proceedings commenced. There was not a great deal of business on the race, but the betting favoured Baritone. The event gave rise to a rather interesting contest. As they passed the stand the first time Kruger was showing the way to Catherine Gordon and Baritone. At the stone wall Medallius came to grief, and Catherine Gordon moved up to the front, closely attended by Baritone, Kruger, and Loch Fyne. Half a mile from home it was evident the race rested between Catherine Gordon and Baritone, and the pair drew away from the field. The former was just over the last hurdle in front and holding the Leolantis gelding at bay up the straight won all out by two lengths, Roseplot being ten lengths off third.

A nice field of fourteen went to the post for the Maiden Welter, seven furlongs, Ben and Pearl Necklet being most fancied. After some delay at the post, caused by the kicking propensities of Kaimere, the field left to a straggling start. Hillflower and Integrity immediately took up the running, and led down the back. Nearing the bend Integrity was in the van, with Ben, who had been in third place, closing up. A fine race took place all the way up the straight, but Ben stalling off a finishing run by Pearl Necklet, on whom Jenkins had the mount, won by a length, with Integrity half a length off third, and then came Tui Cakobau, Trephe, and Hillflower, with The Duncie a bad last.

As was generally expected, there was a free use of the scratching pen in the Great Northern Hurdle Race, two miles and a quarter, fourteen dropping out. This left a field of ten. When the machine closed down it was found that Exmoor, Romany King and Silicia carried most investments. It must be confessed the race was a particularly uninteresting one, for Exmoor was in front for the greater part of the journey, and won without pressure. The start was a good one, but Hydrant fell at the first jump and Defender toppled over him. Exmoor opened out a big lead, his nearest opponents being Romany King, Irish and Cuiragno. The second time round Cuiragno ran up into second place, while Romany King also commenced to set up a run. Neither could make the slightest impression on Exmoor, who won very easily by four lengths from Romany King, who

beat Cuiragno in the last little bit by a neck. Cavalry was a moderate fourth, Comfort fifth, Irish sixth, and Silicia seventh. Waiwera was hopelessly tailed off before they had run a mile, and was pulled up.

Of the eight runners in the Maiden Hurdle Race, one mile and three-quarters, Ability was in such demand that he went out a red-hot favourite. Liberator streaked away with a great lead in the early stages, but after going three-quarters of a mile Bonomiana and Ability were alongside him. These three ran together down the back, with Corporal in fourth place. Half a mile from home Ability was in front, and although Liberator made a great effort to hold him, the favourite ran home an easy winner by three lengths, with Corporal four lengths off third and Bonomiana fourth.

There was a fine field of sixteen in the Cornwall Handicap, one mile, and with such a field backers were rather in a quandary as to what to do. When the machine figures were added up Ironmould, Rookby and Rose Madder were found to carry most investments. Directly the barrier rose Le Beau jumped into his stride, and making matters very willing, he led past the six-furlong post from Claremont and Shrapnel Shell. Nearing the straight Le Beau retired, and Claremont was first into the straight. At the distance Geordie and Leonator drew up and commenced a great battle. Fifty yards from home Geordie looked like repeating his last year's win, but Ryan brought Rookby with a great rush on the outside, and the son of Brookby got up in time to win by a length, while Claremont was a length behind Geordie.

Lady Nannie was the popular pick in the Pony Handicap, seven furlongs, for which event six faced the barrier. Forth dashed away in front, and attended by Lady Nannie led to the home turn. Here Lady Nannie went to the front, and coming away looked to be winning easily. Fashionable set up a strong run in the last hundred yards and got to within half a length of the favourite, with Merry Delaval a poor third and Kilderkin last.

The day's racing was concluded with the Ladies' Bracelet, one mile and a-half, for which there were nine competitors, and of these Baltimore was in most request. Peregrine, Haeremai and Baltimore formed the advance guard for the greater part of the journey, when the latter forged to the front and, leaving his opponents without an effort, won very easily by six lengths from Haeremai, who was two lengths ahead of Peregrine, with the rest in a straggling line.

SECOND DAY.

The second day of the meeting was on Monday, when the weather was again fine, although dull. The track was in better order than on the open-day and times were faster. There was a splendid attendance of the public, and betting was brisk, the sum of £15,283 10/ going through the totalisator. The starting of Mr. O'Connor was excellent, and the judging of Mr. Lusk beyond question. The management of Mr. Hartland and his staff was again above reproach. The only serious mishap was when Silicia fell in the Remuera Hurdles, when his rider, Fergus, was severely injured.

Racing was resumed with the Ora-kei Hurdles, 1½ miles, and of the six runners Convo was made a strong favourite, with Liberator next in demand. Liberator, following his usual custom, dashed away in the lead, and at the stand was showing four lengths clear of Corporal and Convo, with Mid Cyr last. At the bend Corporal ran up to the leader, the favourite falling back. Rounding the turn for home Liberator drew out again, and easily holding his own up the straight won by two lengths from Corporal, with Convo, at the head of a bunch, ten lengths away third. Ten runners went to the post for the Ranfurly Welter, one miles, Baltimore being made a better favourite than Franklin. Directly the barrier rose to a capital start Peregrine set out to make the pace with Kaimere and Trephe in attendance, the favourite being in a bad position. As they neared the home bend Trephe forged to the front, and holding the opposition at bay all the way home won by two lengths from Franklin, who was a similar distance ahead of Baltimore.

A fine field of 14 went out for the Great Northern Steeplechase, 3½ miles, and there was such a strong demand for Sol that he went out favourite with Aka Aka and Comfort next in

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