

## TRAINING NOTES.

### ELLERSLIE.

A lot of useful work was accomplished this morning at Ellerslie by horses engaged at Rotorua, Waiuku, Taranaki and Wanganui. Kola Nip, with Gall in the saddle, led Lord Seaton for a mile on the sand in the slow time of 51 3-5sec. Dardanus spurted four furlongs on the sand track in 53 sec. Uhlander, who is very well at present, spurted over the same distance in 52 3-5sec, in company with Lady Winnie, but the latter tired to nothing. Bonomiana fairly bolted away from Geordie for three-quarters of a mile in 1min 22 2-5sec. The latter is a horse of moods, and cannot be depended on for track gallops. Octoroon (late Serf) spurted a few furlongs, finishing strongly. Master Delaval and Scotty, on the old grass track, jumped off from the three furlongs post and ran a circle in 1min 56 4-5sec, and completed the distance in 2min 24 1-5sec. Scotty led till five yards from home, when Master Delaval caught and defeated the bay, who was giving away a lot of weight. Quadroon slipped away from Master Clements on the sand over half a mile in 51 3-5sec. Manapouri moved nicely for a few furlongs, and is on the improve. Duart galloped fast for a few furlongs. Others to do good work in view of the Easter meeting were Waitati, Necktie, Celtic, Cambrian, Cadence, Maheno, Conductor, Jolly Tar, Silicia, Nestator, Fabricator, Loch Fyne, Carl Rosa and Waipuna. Stenning's and Rae's teams did useful work.

### TUESDAY.

On Tuesday morning Kola Nip and Lord Seaton were given a round on the new grass track, which is a few yards over the mile. They completed the distance in 1min 48 2-5sec, and the latter, who had a light weight, finished in front. Uhlander had Lady Winnie in trouble all the way on the sand for five furlongs. The distance was covered in 1min 6sec. Lady Hune and Geordie jumped off from the mile post (outside the trestles) on the course proper, and the mare finished in front under a strong pull in 1min 54sec. Campaigner and The Mantle colt slipped over five furlongs on the same track in 1min 9 2-5sec, the former in front. Master Delaval had Bonomiana well settled for nine furlongs on the sand in 2min 4-5 sec. Cadence and Maheno, on the sand, finished together in a half-mile tatter in 50 2-5sec. Master Clements, Quadroon, and Octoroon finished in this order from the five-furlongs post on the sand in 1min 5 3-5sec. Methuma, who has been absent from Ellerslie for the last 18 months, ran four furlongs in 50 1-5sec on the sand. Waipuna, Carl Rosa, Waitati, Jolly Tar, Tunehua, Port Light, Convoy, Turbine, Delania and others all did useful work.

## AFTER THE RACES.

### WOODVILLE RACES.

(By Our Hawkes Bay Correspondent.)

#### FIRST DAY.

A vile day, the rain coming down in no half-hearted style, made matters very unpleasant for patrons of the Woodville Club. Still, notwithstanding the unsatisfactory conditions of the climate the investments were only £1250 behind the sum handled at the corresponding meeting last season. Despite the advantages under which they laboured, each and every one of the officials did their level best, and did it well to make the best of a bad job for their patrons.

Montigo, who, in the past has showed powers of staying of a high degree, came at the business end of the trip for the Woodville Cup, and scored in a very solid manner. When making his final effort in the straight, where O'Brien gave him a reminder or two, he bored over on to Probable interfering with him. Ito, who showed prominently at the home bend, was a fair third, but Assayer, the favourite, was never up in front, and the further the field went the further he was left in the rear, finishing a bad last. He was piloted by C. Jenkins, who received the news of his mother's death just before getting into the hogskin.

Local gee-gees were well to the fore in the Maiden Plate, honours coming to Lady Nell, who was steered by her trainer, F. Davis. Pluck got second berth, and a Karamu-bred mare, Routine (Sir Launcelot—Queen of Trumps) third.

All of the entrants, 18 in number, faced the music, and the excellent manner in which C. O'Connor got the big pack away gave further proof of his ability in the starting industry.

The Hack Hurdles was a poorly-contested affair, Fretwork, the first pick, never leaving the issue in doubt, winning with ease by quite a hundred yards.

A solid favourite in Mahoe got the verdict in the Victoria Hack, but at the finish of the argument it did not prove the extra good article that the betting prophesied, for Sandix, a good-looking son of San Fran and Minature, made matters sultry in the last furlong, and it looked open to argument that if Mahoe had not crossed

over on to him half-way down the straight that Mahoe would have reversed the position with Sandix.

Engraver, a half brother by the Workman to Convoy, was picked as the pea for the final argument of the day, the Telephone Handicap. He got badly settled in the final bit, for Sunbonnet, on the outside, was never asked for his best, and got there without an effort by a length. Gawain, who loomed big and lusty, made a fair show for half a mile, when he retired.

Mr. Gothard was the acme of perfection in the handling of his staff, and while on the subject I may say that he came in for a lot of good-natured chaff.

#### SECOND DAY.

With the day breaking fine it looked as if fair climatic conditions could be expected for the concluding day of the Woodville Meeting, but patrons were doomed to disappointment, for half an hour before the start of proceedings the rain came down in torrents, and continued till well on in the afternoon, when it cleared up. By this time the paddock was a sea of mud, and naturally backers met with a deal of discomfort in their efforts to pick winners. Mr. Gothard and his staff were on the spot in discharge of their many duties, and considering the climate speculation was fairly brisk, £5330 passing through the machines, a decrease of £1252 on the sum registered at a similar meeting last season.

Jolly Friar proved a great mud lark, winning the Autumn Handicap all the way, and scoring at the finish by quite half a dozen lengths. Probable again filling second place. Landwern, who was a slightly better favourite than Montigo, never appeared to have a winning chance, although his connections were very sanguine.

Marseillais flew in in the Settlers' Hack, for which event Maura was picked as the best.

The disappointing William I. of Prosser's lot, got second money. The race was run in a terrific shower, which quite obscured the colours of the riders, and consequently no one knew who was winning till the field got well up the straight.

Another easy victory was that gained by Gold Dust in the Hurdle. Munn's gelding played with his opponents all the way, capturing hard held by a couple of lengths at the finish.

Playmate, who had the services of Jenkins, was selected as the pea for the Ballance Hack Welter, but had no chance throughout the piece, the consistent Sandix triumphing easily.

D. Price, on Erl King was nearly caught napping in the Kumeroa Hack for he let Moata, who was not ridden a good race throughout the piece, get on speaking terms with him, and Price had to shake up the Karamu-bred colt to avert defeat. Had Moata won it meant a good stake for his owner, Mr. D. Martin, who came at him in good style.

The Shorts was only an exercise gallop, for Chicane, who hopped off quickly and had her opponents beaten in the first furlong. A real good go took place for second award between Westward and Lord Ullin, the former just getting the mastery of Lord Ullin by the barest of heads. Lord Ullin, who is a grey gee-gee by Bay King, the sire of Miss King (a well-known hurdler) should prove more than useful in the future, for though he was as green as a shamrock he fought the argument out in great style. He has now been taken in hand by Arthur Lord, and should assuredly benefit by the education he will receive at this capable mentor's hands. The well-bred Aorangī fell at the second fence, and his chance was gone.

Honyhnhnm was made a warm choice for the Whariti Hack, and the result proved that punters had located the right article to do their gold upon for the hard-to-pronounce named daughter of St. Hippo pulled to the front at the home bend, and then it was all over. Lomaria, who was also well backed, looked half-way down the straight as if it was a sure thing that she would get second place, but Monsieur Beaucaire put in a very brilliant run in the last bit, and just pipped Lomaria on the post for second money and dividend. Millennial got hung up in the tapes, and was the last to leave the mark. Lord got her away quickly when she got clear, but the effort to make up the lost advantage settled her prospects, and she finished a good distance away from the placed horses. The Hastings-owned and trained Robin Link showed a bold front for five furlongs. Dulcinea, as usual, did a circus act

before the send-off, which delayed the dismissal for some time.

Waicola, a TeMahanga-bred mare, is a daughter of Sheet Lightning (a mare who used to carry the late Mr. Caulton's colours) by Mahaki, won the hottest contested heat of the day by half a head from a pupil of Goosemans (Chicane). This was the County Hack Handicap, in which Armamento and Sweet Helen were also contestants. This pair, who had a poor following on the machine, were never prominent, and finished away down the straight. Robin Link was again stepped out in this event, which seemed, considering the heavy state of the going, a severe question to ask her for an hour and a-half previously she had been given a good test in the Whariti Hack. As might have been expected, she made no sort of a show.

Five lined up for the President's Handicap, Rosegrove having a 4lb call over Chatterer. The going apparently settled Mr. Armstrong's mare, for she was well gone before the straight was reached, and at this point it looked a million to a mushroom that Rosegrove would win. Hearty cheers went up when she came back to scale, showing how popular her owner is with sporting folk.

Waihuka, the favourite in the Hack Scurry, was evidently not at home in the going, for he slithered about and did not seem to be able to find his feet and use them. Toatuhi conquered in a very easy style, and really had the verdict in her keeping from the fall of the flag. Mota got second and Waratah, who was paying a hatfull, third.

Another popular victory brought the tixture to a close, Chatterer carrying Mr. F. Armstrong's well-known banner to the front, and again cheers went up for one of the best of sports.

## TROTTING.

### THE OTAHUHU TROTTING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

#### THIRD DAY.

The concluding day of the Otahuhu Trotting Club's Summer Meeting was held on Saturday, in ideal weather. The attendance was very good, and speculation was especially keen, the sum of £3275 being put through the totalisator. In fact, throughout the meeting, the totalisator was patronised most freely, and just double the amount was put through this year in comparison to last, the total for the three days being £8761 10s.

The President's Handicap drew a field of ten starters. Flora Mac was the popular fancy, though Agnes B and Manxman were strong tips. The race was an easy task however, for an outsider in Royalty, and from start to finish the son of Victor Royal had it all his own way. Agnes B and Flora Mac, both off scratch, put up a great fight for second place, the former wrestling second stake and div. from the chestnut mare by a short neck.

Fibre's success in the Pony Trot on the first day was no doubt responsible for the support accorded her in the Second Pony Handicap. With Wairere the grey mare was about an equal favourite. From a good start, Wairere was the quickest to settle into her stride, and led past the stand the first time round, with Huanui second. Wairere kept her lead right round the back, but nearing the home turn Huanui wore her down, and once into the straight, drew away and won how she liked. Tuxton trotted consistently throughout, and finished third. Jersey Lily and Awhiohio whipped the field in.

Only three starters faced the barrier in the Welcome Stakes. Glenora, after her victories on the two previous days, was backed as though there was nothing else in it. Mr O'Connor had some difficulty in getting the small field away. In a leading article not long since the frequency with which refractory horses get a flying start was referred to in the "Review." Mataura's performance on Saturday was another instance of delaying the despatch from the barrier, and the subsequent advantage gained by being first through the tape. The Sylvia Park mare got away with a length's advantage, and was never headed. The favourite made an attempt to get on even terms, and at the five furlong distance had the difference reduced to a minimum. Gladys Rose was at least five lengths behind. Entering the straight Griffin drew the whip on Glenora, but Mataura had plenty of finishing power, and easily drew away, winning with a length and a-half to the good. Gladys Rose finished very fast, but could not overhaul the winner, and had to be satisfied with second place.

There was a good field for the Criterion Trot. Nat Gould, the limit horse, moved off very quickly, and led past the stand with 40 yards to the good from General Election. Young McKinney, a red-hot

favourite, lined the field a treat from scratch, and ran into third position the second time round. The McKinney horse had been pushed over much, however, and he tired quickly in the last few furlongs. Nat Gould seemed to have the race well in hand until he shied and broke. General Election, who had been trotting very prettily throughout, took command, and led to the finish, winning by two lengths from Macquarrie, with Duke C a similar distance away third. Miss Dunmore trotted in great style, and finished a good fourth. Rosebud ran a bad last. Speculation on the event was brisk, 1187 tickets being held.

The Papatoetoe Trot provided the best finish of the day. Black Rose, Cora Victor, and Huon Leal had the race all to themselves, the rest of the field were having a look in. In the run down the straight Black Rose broke. Cora Victor looked to have the race well in hand, but Huon Leal finished with a rattle, and snatched the victory from the Albert Victor mare by a short head. Black Rose was a very close third.

The girths were tightened on eight ponies in the Manukau Handicap. Mighty Atom was the popular fancy, and the good thing ultimately came off. As in the previous galloway event, some difficulty was experienced in getting the field away. The favourite was the first to hop out of the barrier, and the son of Freedom was never headed, skipping over the four and a-half furlongs in 58 seconds. Mataura, under the impost of 9.7, ran second, and Norma, with 7.2 in the saddle, third.

A fourteen to one chance in Specialist landed the February Trot. Miss Wilson made the pace a cracker. Mint and Specialist, the scratch horses, soon got through the ruck, and the trio battled the race out between them. Once into the straight, Specialist left no room for doubt as to the result, but came right away and won comfortably.

Ballot was a quiet paddock tip for the Dash Trot, though Princess Ena was trusted with most of the public money. The Electioneer gelding was easily able to hold his own, and having deprived Olive of the lead, trotted past the post with three lengths to the good. Princess Ena put up a good performance, but could get no better than third.

The following are the details of the racing:—

**PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP.** One mile.  
Mr. W. C. Griffiths' blk g Royalty, 6yrs, by Victor Royal—Hippocampus mare, 3sec (Duncan) ..... 1  
Mr. T. Brady's b m Agnes B., aged, scratch (Hunt) ..... 2  
Mr. S. Hamilton's ch m Flora Mac, 4yrs, scratch (owner) ..... 3  
Also started: Dan 3sec, Manxman 5sec, Harold Huon 6sec, Mangere 7sec, Mack 8sec, Cleve 8sec, Huon Clair 9sec.  
Time, 2min 24 5-5sec. Dividends, £4 11s 6d and 13s 6d.

**SECOND PONY TROT HANDICAP.** One mile and a-half.  
Mr. C. Baker's b m Huanui, aged, by Wilmington, 8sec (owner) ..... 1  
Mr. A. Williamson's b m Wairere, aged, 18sec (Hird) ..... 2  
Mrs. C. Ranger's b g Tuxton, 6yrs, 27sec (Mabee) ..... 3  
Also started: Cleveland's Pride 8sec, Fibre 13sec, Special Light 14sec, Plaintiff 18sec, Jersey Lily 18sec, Miss Sage 24sec, Awhiohio 27sec.  
Time, 4min 2 4-5sec. Dividends, £2 3s 6d and 9s 6d.

**WELCOME STAKES HANDICAP.** Six furlongs and a-half.  
Mr. A. Morrow's ch m Mataura, aged, by Sylvia Park—Durus, 9.0 (Conquest) ..... 1  
Mr. E. Hussey's b m Gladys Rose, aged, 7.0 (Whittaker) ..... 2  
Mr. H. Barr's b m Glenora, 4yrs, 8.10 (Griffin) ..... 3  
These were the only starters.  
Time, 1min 27sec. Dividend, £1 17s 6d.

**CRITERION TROT HANDICAP.** Two miles.  
Mr. W. A. Scott's b g General Election, aged, by Electioneer, 16sec (Scott) ..... 1  
Mr. R. Webb's b g Macquarrie, aged, 15sec (owner) ..... 2  
Mr. A. C. Gilman's b g Duke C., aged, 7sec (Herbert) ..... 3  
Also started: Young McKinney scr, Miss Dunmore 6sec, Rosebud 7sec, Stranger 9sec, Weary Willie 12sec, Redleaf 17sec, Miss Huon 18sec, Nat Gould 24sec.  
Time, 5min 14sec. Dividends, £2 and £1 11s 6d.

**PAPATOETOE TROT HANDICAP.** One mile and a-half.  
Mr. W. E. Singleton's rn g Huon Leal, 5yrs, by Huon Junior—Leila, 6sec (Lowe) ..... 1  
Mr. W. N. Paul's b m Cora Victor, aged, 16sec (Paul) ..... 2  
Mr. J. Burfoot's blk m Black Rose, aged, 13sec (Orange) ..... 3  
Also started: Baxter scratch, Torpedo II 5sec, Olive 10sec, Tableaux 12sec, Daydawn 13sec, Maureen 14sec, Wilhelmina 14sec, Iago 16sec, Avenal 21sec, Pukerimu 21sec.  
Time, 4min 1sec. Dividends, £2 14s 6d and 14s 6d.

**MANUKAU HANDICAP.** About four-furlongs and a-half.  
Mr. W. C. Ring's br g Mighty Atom, 4yrs, by Freedom—Jewel, 9.5 (Gray) ..... 1  
Mr. A. Morrow's ch m Mataura, aged, 9.7, including 7lb penalty (Conquest) ..... 2  
Mr. H. N. Weston's b m Norma, 4yrs, 7.2 (W. Chaaffe) ..... 3