



# RACING.



## RACING CALENDAR.

### SEASON 1907.

#### FIXTURES.

Dec. 22, 26 and 27—Manawatu R.C.  
Dec. 26 and 27—Northern Waioa Racing Club  
Dec. 26 and 27—Taranaki Jockey Club  
Dec. 26 and 27—Thames Jockey Club  
Dec. 26, 28, January 1, 2—Auckland Racing Club  
Jan. 10 and 11, 1908—Whangarei R.C.  
Jan. 15—Waikato Trotting Club.  
Jan. 25, 29, Feb. 1—Takapuna J.C. Summer  
Feb. 6 and 7—Gisborne R.C. Summer  
Feb. 13 and 14—Poverty Bay T.C.  
March 5 and 7—Wanganui J.C.

#### NOMINATIONS.

Dec. 28—Waikato Trotting Club.  
Jan. 3—Takapuna J.C. general entries.  
Jan. 7—Gisborne R.C. Summer  
Jan. 11—Poverty Bay T.C.  
January 24—Wanganui J.C.

#### WEIGHTS ARE DUE.

Dec. 27—A.R.C. Summer. Bowen, Ponsoby Hurdles, Summer Cup, Visitors', Alexandra, Criterion, Waitemata and Salisbury Welter Handicaps.  
Dec. 30—A.R.C. Summer—Ferguson, New Year's Hurdles, County, Racing Club, Midsummer and Maiden Handicaps  
Jan. 1, 1908—A.R.C. Summer: Goodwood, Sylvia, Grandstand, Auckland Hurdle, Newmarket and Grey Handicaps  
Jan. 7, 1908—Whangarei R.C.—First Day  
Jan. 7—Takapuna Cup and Steeplechase  
Jan. 7—Waikato Trotting Club.  
Jan. 10, 1908—Whangarei R.C.—Second Day  
Jan. 10—Takapuna J.C.  
Jan. 18—Gisborne R.C. Summer  
Feb. 7—Poverty Bay T.C.  
February 15—Wanganui J.C. (special events)  
February 22—Wanganui J.C.

#### ACCEPTANCES.

Dec. 27—A.R.C. Summer: Bowen, Ponsoby Hurdles, Summer Cup, Visitors', Alexandra, Criterion, Waitemata and Salisbury Welter Handicaps.  
December 20—Auckland Trotting Club  
Dec. 30—A.R.C. Summer: Ferguson, New Year's Hurdles, County, A.R.C., Midsummer, Maiden and Glasgow Handicaps.  
Jan. 1, 1908—A.R.C. Summer: Goodwood, Sylvia, Grandstand, Auckland Hurdle, Newmarket and Grey Handicaps.  
Jan. 7, 1908—Whangarei R.C.—First Day  
Jan. 10, 1908—Whangarei R.C.—Second Day  
Jan. 11—Waikato Trotting Club.  
Jan. 17—Takapuna J.C.  
Jan. 28—Gisborne R.C. Summer  
Feb. 8—Poverty Bay T.C.  
February 28—Wanganui J.C.

#### FURTHER AND FINAL PAYMENTS.

Dec. 26—A.R.C. G.N. Foal Stakes (sub.), 5 sovs at post  
Jan. 1, 1908—A.R.C. G.N. Derby (sub.), 7sovs, at post  
Jan. 1, 1908—A.R.C. Auckland Plate (2sovs)  
Jan. 2, 1908—A.R.C. Royal Stakes (sub.), 5sovs.

## THE CHRISTMAS WEEK.

"Here we are again," as the new clown was wont to remark. Once again has Christmas rolled round bringing with it the usual round of festivities and merry making. Out in this new land at Christmas, where the blazing Yule log plays no part in the programme, outdoor amusement is eagerly sought for a fact not to be wondered at with the thermometer away up near the eighties. It is at this time of the year that Auckland is at the very best, while the requirements of the holiday-making folk are freely catered for. Every train leaving town for the country, and every steamer has been crowded with passengers off for the holidays but as fast as they go the country folk pour in to replace them, until now as one strolls up Queen-street it seems to be full of strange faces, our country cousins in town for their annual outing. The exchange is a fair one, for, while the town toilers welcome the pure air and free life of the country or seaside, the incomers are given plenty of ways in which the week may be enjoyably spent.

First, and foremost there is the Summer meeting of the Auckland Racing Club. The lover of a good horse, and who is not, will go out to see the race for the Cup, which this year promises to give rise to a fine struggle. Quite a number of Southern horses are up to assist at the fixture, and it promises to be one of the best in the history of the club. The meeting opens on Box-

ing Day, and will be continued on Saturday, and January 1 and 2.

Next in importance comes the Summer meeting of the Auckland Trotting Club, which to lovers of the harness horse is the fixture of the year. Here again there will be Southern horses competing against the Northern champions so some fine exhibitions of trotting should be shown.

For those who do not care for the racecourse or trotting track, ample provision has been made. Cricketers will have a chance of judging by the prowess of our team against Otago and Hawke's Bay whether the great victory over Canterbury was a flash in the pan or not.

Then the Tennis Association has a tournament on, and with so many players of even merit, many close games should result.

The bowling fraternity, whose name is legion, will be in hard training for the great Northern Tournament which commences the first week in January, and at which it is said that no less than thirty-five Southern clubs will be represented.

Lastly, but by no means least, there is Auckland's national relaxative, as it were, the picnic, and the huge mosquito fleet on the Waitemata will have a busy time indeed during the next few days carrying ship-loads of holiday makers to the many picturesque spots with which Nature has so plentifully endowed the metropolis of the North.

To the racing man or the trotting enthusiast, to the cricketer, the bowler, the tennis player, the yachtsman, and the sportsman of every kind, we wish the very best of good luck this Christmas time.

## THE AUCKLAND CUP.

The acceptances for the Cup made on Friday leave fourteen in the big race, so that allowing for one or two possible withdrawals a dozen should face the starter. Master Delaval (Seaton Delaval—Campania) 9.4, has been galloping freely in his work, although some hold the opinion that he is not looking so well as was the case twelve months ago. His great staying ability should stand him in good stead at the bitter end of the battle. Zimmerman (Birkenhead—Solitaire) 8.4 is a fine looking four-year-old, who at times has shown great brilliancy, while at other times it has been the reverse, which side will be shown on Thursday remains to be proved. Uranium (Leolantia—Brownie) 8.2, has set the wisecracks talking. Some say she can stay two miles, while others smile at the idea. She is very well, has a beautiful action, and has so far done everything that has been asked her this season. Could a champion do more? Still there is the question of the extra distance now to be confronted. Paritutu (Castor—Yattaghan) 7.13, has been hitting out in his work like a two-year-old, but is his day past? Some say yes, and others no. Which is the case? Mahutu (Mahaki—Spring) 7.12, has come up to try his luck, and Mr McManaway's black horse looks well to the eye. Apa (Addington—Merriwai) 7.10, is another of the formidable Southern contingent. Uhlander (Uhlen—Dolly) 7.10, is under strong suspicion for unsoundness, but has been accepted for a fact which has caused surprise. The softer going may improve his chance. Bonny Glen (Stepniak—Crest) 7.8, showed sign of soreness during the week, but has thrown it off. Many favour the chestnut colt's chance, but we shall have to wait and see if he is as good as his admirers think. Downfall (San Francisco—Cantatrice) 7.6, has given us a taste of his quality before. The big chestnut has a nice easy stride, but he has not so far attempted so long a journey as two miles. He looks well and appears in good nick. Waipuna (Soul—Folly) 7.5, may be troubled by the distance, but this should not apply to Star Rose (Day Star—Queen Rose) 7.5, who has a New Zealand Cup to his credit. He is only a commoner in looks, and his work has not greatly pleased the critics. Carl Rosa (Seaton Delaval—Vieux Rose) 7.4, is one

of the local brigade, but, although he has run well at times, he hardly takes the eye as a Cup horse. Still there's no telling. Akarana (Seaton Delaval—Anna) 7.4, is nicely treated on the score of weights. He is, however, a very difficult horse to train, and has been giving Blachford a lot of trouble. He ran very well last year but has hardly had a gallop since. If he was really himself the Southerners would have to look to their laurels but there is that little "if" which makes all the difference. Fashionable (Soul—Bit o' Fashion) 6.9, is one of the pony brigade. Altogether the material is there for a capital race, and the winner seems hard to find.

## POVERTY BAY TURF CLUB'S ANNUAL MEETING.

The programme for the Poverty Bay Turf Club's annual meeting is now to hand, and a perusal shows that it is a splendid one looked at in any way. The meeting will extend over two days, Thursday and Friday, February 13 and 14, 1908, and each day's programme will comprise eight events. The various events are well endowed with prize money, so that it may be taken as quite certain that there will be a liberal response from horse-owners. On the first day the principal event is the Turanga Stakes, Handicap of 160sovs, and on the second day the Sunderland Stakes of 130sovs. The other events are:—Welter Handicap, 50sovs; First Handicap Hurdles, 60sovs; First County Stakes, 50sovs; First Maiden Scurry, 50sovs; Telephone Handicap, 60sovs; First Hack Flat, 50sovs; Flying Handicap, 70sovs; Stewards' Handicap, 70sovs; Second Hurdles, 60sovs; Second Hack Flat, 50sovs; Second Maiden Scurry, 50sovs; Second County Stakes, 50sovs; Publicans' Purse 60 sovs; Farewell Handicap, 60sovs. Full particulars of the date of the closing of nominations, etc., will be found in our advertising columns in this issue.

## WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

In the present issue will be found the programme of the Wanganui Jockey Club's autumn meeting, and a glance through it will show it to be all that could be desired. The meeting will be opened on Thursday, March 5, and concluded on Saturday, March 7, and as the various races are well endowed with prize money, there should be a good response from horse-owners in all parts of the Dominion when the date for receiving nominations rolls round. The principal event on the opening day is, of course, the Wanganui Cup of 600sovs, one mile and three-quarters and on the second day the Wanganui Stakes and Jackson Stakes, run over distances of one mile and a-half and six furlongs respectively, are the chief events, each having 300sovs attached to them. With the exception of the Jackson Stakes for which race nominations have already closed, nominations for all other races to be decided at the meeting close with the secretary (Mr. W. Hall) on Friday, January 24, 1908, at 9 p.m. Full particulars will be found in another column.

## GLENORA PARK YEARLINGS.

The annual sale of Glenora Park yearlings will take place at Papakura on January 3, 1908, and a few remarks about the youngsters to be put under the hammer by Mr. Walters may not be out of place. A brown colt by Soul—The Squaw, is a very lively fellow, and possessing as he does plenty of size and carrying a very racy appearance, he leaves the impression that his purchaser, whoever he may be, will never regret the deal. A bay colt by Menschikoff—Electra is a well-built colt, and gives promise of being able to earn the feed he consumes. A bay filly by Seaton Delaval—Evelyn, is a well-grown youngster and greatly resembles many of the Seaton Delaval family in respect to being of the long, lean sort. St. Olga, the sister to that game little horse, St. Paul, is responsible for a brown filly

by Merriwee, and although she does not appear to be overburdened with quality, she gives the impression that when she is led into the ring she will not be allowed to go without some spirited bidding. This is St. Olg's first foal. A brown filly by Soul—Gold Web, and therefore a full sister to the pony Hughie, is a well-grown and muscular looking youngster, and should eclipse the performances of her brother. A full sister to Celtic by Menschikoff—St. Margaretta, has plenty of size to recommend her, and as she bears a very racy appearance her future looks promising. The "star" of the collection is a colt by Multiform—Soulgirl, a colt over which any true lover of the thoroughbred might go into ecstasy. Looked at from any point this fellow fills the bill in every particular. He has a blood-like head, powerful shoulders, and excellent quarters, and is a true son of Multiform. Soulgirl is by Soul—Fishgirl, the latter being by Yattendon—Fanny Fisher. A chestnut filly by Patronus—La Bijouterie does not fill the eye as Multiform's son does, she not having furnished out so much as one would have expected, but nevertheless gives promise of developing into solid mare in time. A beautiful brown colt by Soul—Lady Emmeline, has done well, and has plenty of size and length, and he will probably race early. The colt, it may be remarked, is a full brother to Cordon Rouge (winner of the Avondale Stakes), and Mignon, both very fast sprinters. Curacoa is responsible for a very evenly-built filly by Soul, and she bears a very racy appearance. Curacoa herself was never raced but her dam Rubina was very fast, and won innumerable races. Rubina is the dam of that one-time phenominal smart sprinter Machine Gun, who put up a record for five furlongs in New Zealand with the tidy impost of 11.5 to carry. The chestnut colt by Spalpeen—Epingle, although foaled late, shows plenty of size, and should command attention of those at the ringside on January 3. Epingle (Medallion—Epine) never raced, but Spalpeen won races both over hurdles and on the flat. A well-grown colt showing plenty of promise and quality is the youngster by Soul—Inamorata. A colt who gives the impression that he will be ready for the fray early is the bay son of Soul—Helen McGregor and as he is very evenly built and solid should command attention from those in search of racehorses. St. Edith is represented by a colt by Soul. The youngster is of good conformation, strong, robust, and well-made, and should make a good stayer. A filly by Soul—Lady Musket, is very big, and anyone would hardly credit that a filly could be so big for her size. She will, however, probably require time before being seen at her best on the race track. She is very lengthy and strong. A filly possessing great substance is that by Multiform—Soul Rose, and she may be said to stand by herself amongst the fillies. She is said to be very fast and if this is so, the bidding for her possession should be very spirited. Soul Rose is a full sister to that great stayer Wairiki.

## ELLERSLIE TRAINING NOTES. THURSDAY.

The weather on Thursday morning was fine, and a fair amount of work was witnessed at Ellerslie. The course proper, sand and tan tracks were used, and the following gallops were registered:—Court proper: Downfall ran a mile and a-half in 2.47, a fair gallop; Clochette was to have joined in over the last mile, but got left badly, and could not get up to Downfall. Lady Dot, Tunewha and Jolly Tar finished in that order over three-quarters of a mile in 1.24, and Star Rose was of no use whatever to Paritutu over a mile, which occupied 1.53. Paritutu finished up his task well. Carmania, Le Beau and Red Rain finished in the order written at the business end of a gallop over six furlongs in 1.21. Finery showed what a fast mare she is by getting to the end of half a-mile in 50.2-5. English, Armagh and another covered six furlongs in 1.24, and Te. Aroha beat Turbine over three furlongs in 39.2-5. Duart and Strathmoira sprinted four furlongs in