



RACING.



RACING CALENDAR.

SEASON 1907.

FIXTURES.

March 6 and 7—Wanganui J.C.
 March 6 and 7—Westport J.C. Autumn
 March 11 and 12—Dannevirke J.C.
 March 13 and 14—Tolaga Bay J.C. Annual
 March 16 and 17—Ohinemuri J.C.
 March 17 and 18—Greymouth J.C.
 March 17 and 18—Napier Park
 March 21—Mauku R.C.
 March 21—Thames J.C.
 March 25 and 26—Taranaki J.C. Autumn
 March 26—Waipawa County
 March 27, 28—South Auckland R.C.
 April 4, 8, 11—Auckland Trotting Club
 April 18, 20, 21—Auckland Racing Club Autumn
 April 20—Patea R.C.
 April 20 and 21—Feilding J.C.
 April 29, May 2—Avondale J.C.

NOMINATIONS.

March 5—Mauku R.C.
 March 6—Third Feilding Stakes
 March 6—Thames J.C.
 March 6—South Auckland R.C.
 March 13—Auckland Racing Club (special events)
 March 14—Taranaki J.C. (hack events)
 March 20—Auckland Trotting Club
 March 27—Auckland Racing Club (general entries)
 March 30—Patea R.C.
 April 3—Avondale J.C. (special events)
 April 17—Avondale J.C. (general entries)

WEIGHTS ARE DUE.

March 9—Taranaki J.C. Autumn
 March 9—Ohinemuri J.C.
 March 12—Mauku R.C.
 March 13—South Auckland R.C.
 March 13—Thames J.C.
 March 23—Auckland Racing Club (special events)
 March 23—Auckland Trotting Club
 April 3—Auckland Racing Club (first day)
 April 6—Patea R.C.
 April 6—Avondale J.C. (special events)
 April 20—Avondale J.C.

ACCEPTANCES.

March 12—Ohinemuri J.C.
 March 13—Mauku R.C.
 March 14—Taranaki J.C. Autumn
 March 19—Thames J.C.
 March 20—South Auckland R.C.
 March 27—Auckland Trotting Club
 April 13—Patea R.C.

THE NEWMARKET HANDICAP.

A great field of thirty turned out on Saturday to contest the big sprinting event of the Victoria R.C. meeting. New Zealand had several representatives, these being Munjeet, Dusky Morn, Grenadier, and Captain Shannon. The English horses Antonio, Traquair, Bright Steel, and So-kinsha were there, while the remainder hailed from the Australian States. Traquair, a great sprinter when at his best in England, was first away, and he led for a furlong. Then Scotland commenced to work his way through, with Dusky Morn and Grenadier close handy. Coming home in great style, Scotland passed the judge's box two lengths ahead of Grenadier, with Akim Foo three-quarters of a length further away. The time, 1m. 14½s., although fast, has been beaten on five occasions, viz., by Cranbrook (1888), Carlton (1897), Amiable (1898), Sir Foote (1902, the record), and Playaway (1905). Scotland's victory was by no means unexpected, as he was very well handicapped, and had been backed to win a lot of money. He is a five-year-old bay son of that successful stallion Wallace, from Key, and runs for Mr. J. Brennan. Grenadier, the second horse, who made such a bold showing, was bred at Glenora Park, being by Soult from Hotcherina. This was the second big event in which he had acted as runner-up for within a few days. Akim Foo, the third horse, is a four-year-old brown gelding by Bobadil from Alice, who has been showing good form recently.

THE AUSTRALIAN CUP.

The Australian Cup, which is run over the long distance of two and a quarter miles, was decided at Flemington on Tuesday. With the presence in it of the ex-New Zealanders Apologue (who had top weight), Putty and Delaware, rather more interest than usual was taken in the event by sportsmen on this side of the Tasman Sea. The first-named horse, despite a welter weight of 9st 11lb, was well fancied, but found the burden too great. Ganymede, Delaware and Enchanted States made most of the running, the latter being

Apologue made his effort, but failed to in front at the home bend. Here maintain it. Delaware looked to have a chance at the distance, but failed to see it out, and Peru, who had been in a handy place throughout, came through and won by a length from Tulkeroo, with Enchanted States a similar distance off third. The time, 4m. 0¼s., has been beaten on five occasions, viz., by Dreadnought (1890), Idolator (1896), Dreamland (1901), Lord Ullin's Daughter (1905, record), and Tartan (1906). Peru hails from New South Wales and runs in the colours of the Hon. Agar Wynne, who bought him as a yearling for 280 guineas, and gave him to the veteran Tom Payton to train. But for Mountain King the colt would have been hailed as the winner of the V.R.C. Derby and St. Leger, as he filed second place behind the champion each time. Peru is a three-year-old black colt, and was got by the Galopin horse Grafton from Silver Coin, a daughter of Napoleon and Silverhair. Tulkeroo, the runner-up, is a five-year-old son of Simmer and Myall Queen, while the third horse, Enchanted States, is an aged gelding by Malvolio—The Enchantress.

PAPAKURA RACING CLUB'S ANNUAL MEETING.

Last Saturday the Papakura Racing Club held its annual meeting under very pleasant weather conditions. The special train required no less than fourteen coaches to carry visitors from Auckland, quite 700 going up from town by rail. All had to undergo a tedious wait at the start. It appears that owing to a shortage of engines the 12.45 train, an unusually long one, was sent away with insufficient hauling power. The inevitable result was a stick-up near the tunnel, and this delayed the departure of the special for over half an hour. This meant that the races were started nearly three-quarters of an hour late, but Mr. F. Yonge, the secretary, and his staff bustled things along and finished up in time to catch the return special. Thirty-one bookmakers, licensed at a fee of three guineas each, were calling the odds, and business was fairly brisk. The racing proved interesting, although it might have been expected that with such large nominations the fields would have been bigger.

This did not apply to the opening event, the Maiden Plate, six furlongs, for which eleven saddled up. Mr. Scott's gelding Explosive (Explosion—Nellie) was made favourite, a good selection, as he was in front all the way, and won handily by a length from Epsom Lass, who was brought too late, but finished very fast. Three Kings was third.

A trio contested the Flying Handicap, five furlongs, and once again punters dropped on to the good thing. This was Mr. Irwin's Cyrenian gelding Lochbuhie, who jumped off smartly, paced the others throughout, and defeated Waihou by a length. San Paulo was beaten off.

There were five contestants in the big race, the Papakura Cup, one mile. Cyrettus jumped away smartly with Landlock next and Le Beau last. Before the straight was reached Landlock moved up into the lead, but with heads turned for home Le Beau came with a rush, Ryan getting the Leolantis gelding home by a length.

Seven weighed out for the Hack Race, four furlongs, and this gave rise to a very pretty finish. Confide made the early running, attended by Engraver and Flint Island. Below the distance the latter was in front, but Whittaker, bringing Ngapuka with a great rush, landed Mr. Wallace's gelding a half-length winner from Flint Island, with Tua Kitua third.

On the strength of his previous win, Lochbuhie was made a strong favourite for the Railway Handicap, six furlongs, and, as it turned out, backers were on the right track once more, but it was a fairly close call. Lochbuhie and Epsom Lass were at it all the way round, but at the end the favourite had a little more steam left than his opponent, and, drawing out, he won by nearly a length. Land-

lock seemed unable to pace it with the other two, and finished well back.

There were four runners in the Welter Handicap, seven furlongs, and the result seemed open. Sonoma got off the mark very smartly, and she led into the straight. Philosopher and Cyrettus made unavailing efforts to catch the pony, who got home by a length from Philosopher, with Cyrettus third and Kapakapa last. This brought an enjoyable afternoon's sport to a close.

THE WANGANUI J.C. AUTUMN MEETING.

The autumn meeting of the Wanganui Jockey Club will be commenced to-day and brought to a termination on Saturday. Everything appears to point to a highly successful gathering, for the fixture is a popular one and the acceptances are first-class. There are eleven horses still left in the Cup, including two Auckland Cup winners in Zimmerman and Master Delaval, and the result appears remarkably open. On the second day Elevation's half-brother Gravitation will through down the gauntlet to Sir George Clifford's Glenculloch and Millionaire, and this should be a race worth watching. All the other events have drawn good acceptances, so that with fine weather those who assist at the fixture should witness some high-class sport. Those left in the Cup are—

Zimmerman 9.4, Master Delaval 8.13, Marguerite 8.8, Gold Crest 8.5, Moloch 7.13, The Lark 7.12, Tangimoana 7.12, Waitapu 7.6, Saga 6.9, Signor 6.9, Uhlando 6.8.

THE A.R.C. AUTUMN MEETING.

The time for holding the big autumn meeting of the Auckland Racing Club is rapidly getting nearer, held, as it is, during the Easter week. The programme, always an interesting one to peruse, will be found in another page of this issue. From this it will be noted that while general entries are not due until the 27th inst., yet those for certain of the big events, viz., the Brighton Hurdles, Easter Handicap, St. George's Handicap, Autumn Steeplechase and Autumn Handicap, close with Mr. Hartland on Friday, March 13, by 9 p.m.

THE THAMES MEETING.

The autumn meeting of the Thames Jockey Club takes place on Saturday, March 21, and for this a good programme has been arranged, which will be found in another column. Mr. W. H. Potts reminds owners that all nominations close to-morrow (Friday), March 6, at 8 p.m. To suit the convenience of local owners, Mr. H. B. Massey, 10, High-street, Auckland, has also been empowered to take entries.

THE MAUKU RACING CLUB.

The Mauku Racing Club will bring off the annual meeting on Saturday, March 21. The programme, which has been approved by the A.R.C., consists of the Hurdle Race of 8sovs, 1½ miles; the Maiden Handicap of 6sovs, 6 furlongs; Mauku Cup of 15sovs, 1 mile; the Flying Handicap of 8sovs, 4 furlongs; the Hack Handicap of 8sovs, six furlongs; Patumahoe Handicap of 9sovs, 5 furlongs; Welter Handicap of 6sovs, 7 furlongs. The course is some three miles from Pukekohe station, and coaches meet the trains. Owners must note that nominations close with Mr. F. E. Simpson, the secretary, Patumahoe, or with Mr. F. D. Yonge, Durham-street, East, Auckland, at 9 p.m. this (Thursday) evening.

THE NAPIER CARNIVAL.

The great Carnival week at Napier will commence on March 16, and with no less than £2500 to be given in prize-money all the events should fill well. There will be a Regatta, Bowling Tournament, Motor-car Gymkhana, Tennis Tournament, Swimming Races, Military Competitions, Horse Racing, and numerous other sports. In fact, Napier intends to fairly spread itself and have a real good time. Mr. A. E. Eagleton, the secre-

tary, desires attention drawn to the fact that the time for receiving entries has been extended for certain events. For the swimming championship entries close on March 7, for the Champion Rowing Races on March 14, Motor-car events on March 2, Bowling Tournament on March 6, Military Tournament on March 10, Tennis Handicap events on March 7, and Champion Events on March 12. There should be a lengthy list of nominations in all events. If visitors cannot enjoy themselves at Napier when the carnival is in full swing, then indeed they will be difficult to please.

AUSTRALIAN VERSUS ENGLISH HORSES IN INDIA.

For many years Indian owners have looked to Australia, and, in a measure, New Zealand, to supply the best racehorses. This was not to be wondered at, because the whalers, as they are called, have earned for themselves countless laurels. It would appear, however, that the colonial-bred animal is no longer to have matters all his own way, and the English-bred ones are becoming very formidable competitors. Take, for example, the big events of the recent great meetings at Calcutta, and this is how they resulted:—

Burdwan Cup (hurdles, R.C. and dist.), Mallard (Australia).
 The Trials (1 mile), Stirabout (England).
 The Viceroy's Cup (1½ mile), Fitz-Grafton (Australia).
 The Calcutta Plate (6 furlongs), Golden Glean (England).
 The Grand Annual (2 miles, hurdles), Marmalade III, (England).
 The Sandown Park Plate (5 furlongs), Sermon (England).
 The Cooch Behar Cup (1¼ mile), Ball-lark (Australia).
 The Chowringhee Plate (6 furlongs), Annamulloch (England).
 The Macpherson Cup (St. Leger course), Amplify (England).
 The Tally-ho Plate (2 miles, hurdles), Marmalade III, (England).
 The Metropolitan Plate (6 furlongs), Sea Spray (England).
 The King's Plate (R.C.), Misty Morn (Australia).
 The Prince of Wales' Plate (1 mile), Paddy's Darling (England).
 The Merchants' Plate (1½ mile), Footprint (England).
 The Hooghly Plate (5 furlongs), Ferndown (England).
 Steeplechases.—The Indian Grand National (3 miles), Mallard (Australia); the Tollygunge Plate (3 miles), Seclusion (Australia).

Writing on the subject, the Indian correspondent to the "Australasian" says:—Whilst Australia has sent the winners of the blue ribands of both the flat and cross-country events, and has also supplied the Cooch-Bihar Cup and King's Plate winners, the English horses have put up a very big score all round, and have shown both over hurdles and on the flat that they are yearly becoming more and more a factor for the Australian dealer to reckon with. England has appropriated all the principal sprint races, and both of the two big one-mile events, the trials, and the Prince of Wales' Plate, and this bears out the argument that Indian buyers find that they can get better value for their money for this class of horse in England than they can in the colonies. These results I think are worthy careful consideration at the hands of Australian sellers, as the Indian "nabob" who goes to Australia from the country of "rajahs and rice" is beginning to debate within himself whether he is not being asked rather too high prices!

BUYING YEARLINGS.

Investing in young thoroughbreds may be likened to searching for gold in new country. In both cases it is long odds against you striking it rich, but there is always the chance, and one good "find" makes up for a lot of "duffers." And so the prospector for the precious metal and the investor in yearlings are not dismayed by one, two or many disappointments. They go on while the funds last, in the hope that on one happy day the pick will expose a "jeweller's shop," or a bid secure a Mountain King. Then, when that lucky hour arrives, you can afford to forgive the past, and view the future with something like contentment. But how rare are "jeweller's shops" and Mountain Kings?