



RACING.



RACING CALENDAR.

SEASON 1907.

FIXTURES.

April 1, 2—Nelson J.C. Annual
 April 4, 8, 11—Auckland Trotting Club
 April 7, 8—Manawatu R.C.
 April 8, 9—Southland R.C.
 April 10, 11—Reefton J.C.
 April 18, 20—Wairarapa R.C.
 April 18, 20, 21—Auckland Racing Club
 Autumn
 April 20—Patea R.C.
 April 20, 21—Riverton R.C.
 April 20, 21—Kumara R.C.
 April 20, 21—Canterbury J.C.
 April 20 and 21—Feilding J.C.
 April 29, May 2—Avondale J.C.
 April 29, May 2—Wellington R.C.
 May 6, 7—Hawke's Bay J.C.
 May 6, 7—Mariborough R.C.
 May 13, 14—Ashburton County R.C.
 May 23, 25—North Otago J.C.
 May 23, 25—Takapuna J.C.
 May 23, 25—Wanganui J.C.

NOMINATIONS.

April 3—Avondale J.C. (special events)
 April 17—Avondale J.C. (general entries)
 April 24—Takapuna J.C.
 April 24—Wanganui J.C.

WEIGHTS ARE DUE.

April 3—Auckland Racing Club (first day)
 April 6—Patea R.C.
 April 6—Avondale J.C. (special events)
 April 20—Avondale J.C.
 May 8—Takapuna J.C.
 May 9—Wanganui J.C.

ACCEPTANCE.

April 13—Patea R.C.
 May 15—Takapuna J.C.
 May 15—Wanganui J.C.

THE TWO EASTER HANDICAPS.

The weights for the Easter Handicap to be run at the approaching A.R.C. Meeting, and for the Great Easter Handicap to be decided at the C.J.C. on the same date have duly been declared, and it is somewhat interesting to compare the work of Mr. Morse and Mr. Henrys. Of course the race at Riccarton is run over a furlong shorter distance than the one at Ellerslie, but this should affect the handicap but little. Mr. Morse commences his list with Marguerite, 9.4, who is asked to concede 1 lb. to Zimmerman and 4 lbs. to Gold Crest. Mr. Henrys reverses this and makes Gold Crest concede 2 lbs. to Zimmerman and 3 lbs. to Marguerite. Here is a considerable difference of opinion. Bearing in mind the easy way in which the colt defeated the mare in the Wellington Summer Handicap at even weights, one is disposed to think Mr. Henrys the more correct. The Auckland weight adjuster considers that Marguerite should give King Billy 12 lbs., but his Southern confrere estimates the difference between them as only 6 lbs., and this, although the shorter distance should suit the son of Merriwee. Here Mr. Henrys goes astray, or it looks like it. In the Auckland race Gold Crest has to concede Sir Tristram 10 lbs., but at Riccarton the latter receives 17 lbs. from the son of Gold Reef. On the whole the differences in the handicaps are not very great. Multifid has 3 lbs. more at Riccarton than here, Cambrian 2 lbs. less, Soultline 1 lb. less, Helen Portland 3 lbs. more, and Downfall 1 lb. less. It will thus be seen that there is no very glaring disparity in the two handicaps. If fault is to be found with Mr. Morse's adjustments it is rather in the handicapping of the local brigade, but of course this is almost inevitable with the weight adjuster living so far from Auckland. Of the Southern contingent in the Auckland race, through which names the scratching pen has been put, the most prominent are Zimmerman, Frisco, Multifid, Sir Tristram, Arc Light, Downfall and Ballarat.

THE SOUTH AUCKLAND MEETING.

The South Auckland Racing Club held a two days' meeting on Friday and Saturday last at the well-known Claudelands racecourse. The weather was fine on both days, but at the start the track was somewhat holding. On the opening day eight bookmakers were licensed at a fee of ten guineas, and should have done well considering the way the totalisator was neglected, only £1054 10s going through the machine. Mr. O'Connor

acted as starter, but was not quite so successful as usual, while Mr. Rowland was in the judge's box. Secretary W. Conradi and his committee worked hard to achieve success, and everything passed off well. Following the rule at country meetings this season, three out of the four starters in the Steeplechase ran off, thus leaving Pierre to win as he liked by ten lengths from Loch Fyne, with Kapakapa third, Cinque, the favourite, figuring as an "also started."

Omati was most fancied in the Claudelands Handicap, for which four carried silk. Recent form pointed to Foremost, and he led all the way and won easily from the favourite, with Dardanus third.

Flint Island was looked upon as a good thing for the District Hack Race, and here the public made no error, as he won in a canter by three lengths from Freemantle.

Mr. Ring has a penchant for Flying Handicaps, and in this race he was represented by the Freedom colt Wauchope. Lochbuhie was most fancied, but could get no nearer than third, Wauchope romping home three lengths ahead of Miss Crispin.

Lady Hune's victory in the South Auckland Cup was in a measure due to the bad start. Montigo was left at the post, while Certainty, Lord Seaton and Philosopher virtually had their chances extinguished at the barrier.

Owing to their being a special train from Auckland, and the fact of a half-holiday, there were more people present on Saturday, and the racing was a decided improvement. Eleven bookmakers were plying their calling, the fees for the two days amounting to within a fraction of £200. The totalisator was a little busier, £1723 being handled there.

Syren and Foremost were well fancied for the Publicans' Purse, and the latter was in front for most of the journey, but could not stave off Omati's finishing run, the hurdle horse winning by over a length with Syren third.

Loch Fyne was the right pea for the Second Steeplechase, in which he was opposed by Cinque, Pierre, Kapakapa and Reckless. Kapakapa looked a winner until near home, when Wilson brought Loch Fyne with a good run, the son of Lochness winning by three lengths.

The Waikato Handicap gave rise to a great race. In fact, so close was the finish that five of the six passed the box almost in a line. The judge's verdict was a head win for Lochbuhie, with Lady Hune second, and Lord Seaton, Montigo, and Certainty a tie. Lady Hune's rider could not draw the weight, while the rider of Lord Seaton failed to weigh in. Montigo and Certainty accordingly got second money and dividends—a bit of luck for their backers.

Sweet Alice was most favoured of the five runners in the Hamilton Handicap, but failed to get a place, Tua Kitua winning all the way from Discoverer and Azoff.

Foremost collared Mighty Atom at the distance in the Farewell Handicap, and won easily by over a length, Walhou just beating the pony for second place. This brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

TARANAKI J.C. AUTUMN MEETING.

The Taranaki Jockey Club's Autumn Meeting was held on Wednesday and Thursday last under very unfavourable weather conditions, show-throughout both days. Despite this fact, however, the meeting just concluded must be classed as one of the most successful ever held by the club. The fields, with one or two exceptions, were large and of good quality, and the racing right through was most interesting and exciting. The finishes of many of the events were very fine indeed, particularly so in the First Welter, when the whole field of eight finished in a bunch. The handicapper (Mr. George Morse) was deservedly congratulated on all sides for his splendid adjustments. Mr. O'Connor acted as starter, and de-

spatched the various fields with his usual ability. The whole meeting from start to finish was carried through without one single hitch or anything whatever occurring to mar the proceedings. This was undoubtedly due to the manner in which the secretary (Mr. Mussell Fleetwood) and his staff of assistants worked to attain this end. The totalisator returns showed an increase of £289 10s on the corresponding meeting last year. This, considering the state of the weather, must be considered most satisfactory.

Proceedings opened with the Kawarua Hack Hurdles, which comprised a field of six. Speciosa (a winner at Warrengate) took charge soon after the start, and was never afterwards troubled.

A splendid despatch was effected in the Stewards' Handicap of five furlongs, the field keeping together for nearly a furlong, when Kareroa, one of the St. Clements family, forged ahead, eventually winning by a couple of lengths.

Almost every contestant in the Pukaki Hack Handicap appeared to have a winning chance, and the race was full of interest from start to finish. Lamsdorf and Ney took up the running for a short distance, when Miss Vera went to the front, followed by Crucinella. At the head of the straight Lamsdorf also improved his position, but Miss Vera held her own, eventually winning by about half a length.

The next item on the programme was the Taranaki Cup, for which a field of eight faced the barrier, Mahuta being the popular fancy. Wee Trinket, Dear Dolly and Mahuta were the first to show out, followed by Uhlando, Scotty, and Signor. Wee Trinket and Dear Dolly headed the field passing the stand, Mahuta, Uhlando and Scotty close up. Soon after passing the five-furlong post Uhlando went to the front, followed by Mahuta. Wee Trinket and Dear Dolly cried enough, and Scotty went after the leaders. In the straight Mahuta raced alongside Uhlando, and in a splendid race to the post Uhlando gained the verdict by a bare half-length. Signor was fourth. Uhlando has now won the Waverley, Waitara, Wanganui and Taranaki Cups. The Uhlan gelding did not appear to be at all distressed after his effort, and appeared as if another furlong or two would not have troubled him.

The Welter Handicap provided a splendid race. On entering the straight half a dozen horses were racing in line, and in a slashing go to the post Arc Light won by a head, with the second and third horses a similar distance apart.

The Kaitake Hack of one mile needs little description. Pearlle assumed a slight lead soon after the start, while he held till just before entering the straight, where the Royal Artillery mare was caught by Mallet, and, holding his own, won comfortably by half a length. Unfortunately the Flying Handicap was contested by only two runners. The pair raced on even terms to the straight, where Moriarty forged ahead and won easily by a length from Pylades.

The last race was run in a heavy shower of rain. Inaha shot out from the barrier, with Explosive next, the rest of the field strung out. Muskerado, Nicotine and Chase Mab made up a lot of ground, but could not catch the St. Clements mare, who scored by a length.

SECOND DAY.

Proceedings on the second day opened with the Hack Hurdles, in which a field of six faced the barrier. Black Squall fell at the first jump. Bushranger, who is a beautiful jumper, but a little green at present, led the field for a good part of the distance. The three placed horses entered the straight almost together, but once over the last hurdle Immolation had too much pace for Bushranger and Speciosa, and won by four lengths.

Pylades caused a lot of trouble in the start for the Grandstand Handicap, and delayed the start. When the field was despatched Moriarty

and Kareroa were the first to show out. On entering the straight Moriarty headed the field, when Waihuka put in a good run, but could not catch the Merriwee gelding, who won easily by half a length.

Inaha scored her second victory at the meeting by annexing the Wharepapa Hack. Jumping off at the start she soon established a good lead and romped home an easy winner by a couple of lengths. Nukutibi and Hydraulic closed up a bit on entering the straight, but had no chance of catching the winner.

The Paul Memorial Handicap provided an interesting contest. From an even start Daisy Paul and Mahuta were the first to show out, with Scotty lying handy. Going along the back Signor joined the leaders, and Scotty started to move up, and had assumed the lead on turning for home, but Signor came with a splendid run and won a good race by a neck. Jeffrey (the rider) displayed excellent horsemanship.

In the Second Welter Mr. G. F. Moore scored his second victory at the meeting by the aid of Carissima. G'eam took up the running from the start, followed by Carissima and Irish Rifle. Mr. Moore's mare entered the straight with a clear lead, when Irish Rifle closed up, and in an exciting race to the post Carissima won by a neck.

A good field faced the barrier for the Kawan Hack of one mile. Killmarnock rushed to the front when the tapes were raised, and piloted the field right round the back and into the straight, where he dropped back and Somali and Pearlle were left in the lead. An exciting race to the post resulted in a half-length victory for Somali.

Only four runners went out to contest the Farewell Handicap. Golden Eagle and Dear Dolly gave some trouble at the post, but eventually the latter got away with a good start, with Golden Eagle in second and Miss Vera last position. When about a couple of furlongs had been covered Golden Eagle assumed the lead, and going on won easily by two lengths in the good time of 1m. 15 2-5s.

A five-furlong Hack Race was the concluding event of the meeting. Nicotine, who got a bad run in her race on the previous day, secured the verdict by a length from Eastmere. The winner is a full sister to Golden Eagle.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB METROPOLITAN COMMITTEE.

The Hon. E. Mitchelson presided at the usual monthly meeting of the Metropolitan Committee of the Auckland Racing Club, held on Wednesday. The disqualification on Arthur Langdon for riding at unregistered meetings at Hikutaia and Matakoho last season was removed and a license granted to him for the present season. The six pony races on the Auckland Trotting Club's autumn programme were approved.

In connection with the Whangarei meeting the report of the sub-committee, embodying statements from horseowners and others, was laid before the meeting, and as an outcome the jockeys' licenses of B. Deeley and J. Conquest were cancelled, and it was decided to send all the papers on to the Racing Conference.

The Auckland Trotting Club's report, with the sub-committee's report attached, bearing on the disqualifications recently imposed in connection with the Grandstand Handicap run at the summer meeting at Alexandra Park, was discussed, but as the time within which notice of appeal might be given had not elapsed, definite action was deferred. It was mentioned that two notices of appeal had been received.

THE A.R.C. COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the A.R.C. committee on Wednesday, the following transfers were passed:—From Cambria Park Stud: Brown colt by Eton—Rapid, to Frank Ross; bay colt by Eton—Lute, to W. Lang; bay colt by Soult—Sprite, to Sir George Clifford; brown colt by Eton—Senga, to Rob-