

JUVENILE HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Penates 1, Naumai 2, Splash 3. Also started: Sir Frisco, Steady, and Passive. Time, 1m. 4 4-5s.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Platypus 1, Wharekura 2, Sherlock Holmes 3. Also started: Prism, Scotch Reel, and Bonnie Doon. Time, 1m. 4 3-5s.

WAIHINE HACK HANDICAP, four furlongs.—Conquer 1, Tumut 2, Naumai 3. Also started: Skye, Swallow, and Lady Lethe. Time, 50s.

WAIPIKURAU JOCKEY CLUB'S ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Waipukurau Jockey Club was held on Monday. The attendance was large, and the going heavy. The totalisator receipts amounted to £6280, a decrease of £2666. Five bookmakers did business. Following were the results.—

MAIDEN PLATE HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—Lamsdorff 1 Utopia 2, Merry Tiger 3. Won by a head. Time, 1m. 41s.

EASTER HANDICAP, once round.—King's Lynn 1, Millennial 2, The Seer 3. These were the only starters. Time, 2m. 19s.

HACK HANDICAP, one mile and a quarter.—My Darling 1, Merry Tiger 2, Hopeful 3. Won by a length. Time, 2m. 55 1-5s.

WAIPIKURAU HANDICAP, one mile and a quarter.—Black Reynard 1, Grand Slam 2, Oasis 3. Won by a length. Time, 2m. 27s.

TWO-YEAR-OLD HANDICAP, four furlongs.—Berengaria 1, Remission 2, Kautuku 3. All started. Time, 57s.

LADIES' HANDICAP, one mile and a half.—Repute 1, Maku 2, Hopeful 3. Won by a head. Time, 3m. 4s.

FLYING HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Linkless 1, Tarina 2, Goldfield 3. Won by a neck. Time, 1m. 25 2-5s.

FINAL HACK HANDICAP, five furlongs.—My Darling 1, Earl King 2, Illustrious 3. Won by half a length. Time, 1m. 10s.

PATEA RACES.

The Patea Racing Club's meeting was held on Monday in fine weather. The results were as follows:—

HANDICAP HURDLES.—Compass 1, Bagatelle 2, Moosher 3. Scratched: Black Squall, Isult and Federation.

FLYING HANDICAP.—Hydraulic 1, Nukuthi 2, Nicotine 3. Scratched: Lantern.

FARMERS' PLATE HANDICAP.—Pierpont 1, Contralto 2. Scratched: Prob. Bon Cyr was second, but was disqualified.

PATEA EASTER HANDICAP.—Kilmarnock 1, Vertus 2, Aureole 3. Scratched: Cassiopea.

KAKARAMEA STAKES.—Research 1, Inaha 2, Muskerado 3. Scratched: Burton, Gold Wai, Hydraulic, and Nicotine.

BOROUGH STAKES.—Kilmarnock 1, Lantern 2, Lingerer 3. Billow also started.

ALTON HANDICAP.—Recreation and The Dane (dead heat) 1, Mistress 3. Scratched: King's Birthday, Cassiopea, Kilmarnock, and Vertus.

FINAL STAKES.—Supplement 1, Grizzle 2. Scratched: Gold Wai, Research, Guiding Star, and Flying Wind. Maha was winning when she fell.

FOOTBALL.

CAMBRIDGE RUGBY UNION.

Mr Abbott was in the chair at the annual meeting of the Cambridge Rugby Union. The balance sheet showed receipts to be £13 7s 3d and the expenditure left a debit balance of 2s 8d, but there is a sum of 11s 6d owing to the union. It was unanimously resolved to affiliate with the Waikato Rugby Union. The following officers were elected:—President, Mr E. J. W. Smith; vice-presidents, Messrs R. Fisher, Abbott, G. Boyce, N. Banks, H. Crowther, J. A. Hair, J. Watters, H. W. Mackereth, G.

F. McCullagh, F. Potts, and A. Underwood; hon. secretary Mr P. Carr; treasurer, Mr E. Brocklesby; Management Committee, Messrs K. Anderson (West), Mullins (East), Edwards (Ohaupo), and the secretary and treasurer, these gentlemen being the delegates from clubs. Messrs Abbott and McVeagh were elected the remaining members of the committee. The affiliation fee to the union was fixed as follows:—Senior clubs, £2 2s; junior clubs, £1 1s. The old boundaries were abolished and new ones agreed upon. The Management Committee then met and arranged the following fixtures:—First Round: May 2—Wes. v. Ohaupo, at Cambridge; East a bye. May 9—East v. West, at Cambridge; Ohaupo a bye. May 13—East v. Ohaupo, at Ohaupo. Messrs McVeagh and Abbot were appointed delegates to the Waikato union. The two silver cups will be competed for, and probably the union's banner.

THE N.Z. RUGBY UNION.

Here is a synopsis of the annual report to be presented to the New Zealand Rugby Union at Wellington, on May 14. It is, the committee state, with great regret that it has to record the death of the president of the union, Mr A. Bayly who was in his day a tower of strength to football in New Zealand.

The Australia tour last season had proved that Rugby in Australia had made considerable headway. The results were: New Zealand (3) v. New South Wales (3); New Zealand (nil) v. New South Wales (14); New Zealand (26) v. Australia (6); New Zealand (14) v. Australia (5); New Zealand (23) v. Queensland (3); New Zealand (17) v. Queensland (11). Total: Five wins, one draw, and one loss. Points for, 96; against, 47.

In connection with the British tour six matches in Australia had been arranged on satisfactory terms, similar to those made in 1904 between New South Wales and New Zealand.

A sum of £200 had been distributed among unions who had applied for grants in aid of school football.

Owing to the termination of the former agreement between the New South Wales, Queensland, and New Zealand Unions a conference of official representatives of these unions was held in Sydney during the visit of the New Zea and team to Australia in August last. Messrs N. Galbraith and E. Wylie were the New Zealand Rugby Union representatives. It was suggested that an Australian team should visit New Zealand in 1909 the return visit to Australia to be made in 1911, and it was agreed that there should be a programme of nine matches for each tour. The conference decided upon a common course of action with regard to players ordered off the field in their inter-colonial matches, and it was resolved to exchange any rulings upon points of the game during the season.

Good use had been made of the Appointment Board by unions, its services being requisitioned for the selection of referees in 13 inter-union matches. During the season the Auckland Union, holders of the Ranfurly Shield, were challenged by a number of unions, but the Aucklanders succeeded in retaining the shield. The committee holds that the time has arrived for amendment of the Ranfurly Shield regulations, more especially as regards the proceeds of "special challenge" matches.

The union's finances were in a satisfactory state. Seeing that the financial stability of the union was now assured, the committee were of opinion that any

profit arising from the approaching tour of the British team should be divided among affiliated unions. Further loans had been made during the year to the Hawke's Bay and the Otago Unions. The following were the balances owing by unions on account of loans as at March 31, 1908:—Auckland, £1000; Taranaki, £400; Wanganui, £650; Hawke's Bay, £450; Otago, £500; Southland, £1250; total, £4250.

AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB.

President: John Bollard, Esq., M.H.R. Vice-president: A. M. Myers, Esq. Judge: John Bollard, Esq., M.H.R. Stewards: Messrs M. Foley (chairman), John Bollard, M.H.R., Robert Duder, Donald McLeod, Chas. Grey, Jos. May, J. W. Russell, A. Davis, C. S. H. McKinney, Dr. Sharman. Starter: Mr. C. O'Connor. Handicapper: Mr. Robt. Wynyard. Treasurer: Mr. A. Davis. Clerk of Course: Mr. A. Selby. Clerk of Scales: Mr. F. W. Marks. Hon. Vets.: Messrs E. D. Halstead and Chas. Halstead. Secretary: Mr. H. H. Hayr.

AUTUMN MEETING.

(Passed by the Metropolitan Club).

FIRST DAY, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 1908.

MAIDEN PLATE HANDICAP of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of stake. For all horses that have not won an advertised flat race exceeding 50sovs in value, or races of the collective value of 200sovs at time of starting. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, six furlongs.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 80sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of stake. Over eight flights of hurdles. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, two miles.

OAKLEY HANDICAP of 60sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, five furlongs.

JUVENILE HANDICAP of 70sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of stake. For two-year-olds. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, five furlongs.

AVONDALE HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of stake. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb extra. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 3sovs. Distance, one mile and a quarter.

FIRST PONY HANDICAP of 50sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of stake. For all ponies 14 hands 3 inches and under. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, five furlongs.

CHEVALIER HANDICAP of 60sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have not won an advertised flat race exceeding 50sovs in value, or races of the collective value of 200sovs at time of starting. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, four furlongs.

RAILWAY HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of stake. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb extra. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, six furlongs.

SECOND DAY, SATURDAY, MAY 2, 1908.

MAIDEN HANDICAP HURDLES of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of stake. For all horses that have not won a hurdle race of the value of 80sovs, or races of the collective value of 200sovs at time of starting. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, one mile and three-quarters.

FLYING HANDICAP of 80sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of stake. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, four furlongs.

SECOND PONY HANDICAP of 50sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of stake. For all ponies 14 hands 3 inches and under. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, five furlongs.

AUTUMN HANDICAP of 130sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of stake. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 2sovs. Distance, one mile.

NURSERY HANDICAP of 60sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of stake. For two-year-olds. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, six furlongs.

HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of stake. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, about three miles.

MOUNT ROSKILL HANDICAP of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of stake. For all horses that have not won an advertised flat race exceeding 40sovs in value, or races of the collective value of 200sovs at time of starting. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, six furlongs.

WAITAKEREI HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of stake. Winner of Flying or Autumn Handicaps to carry 5lb extra. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, six furlongs.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC., AUTUMN MEETING.
With amounts to be transmitted to Secretary A.J.C.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 1908, by 9 p.m. NOMINATIONS.
Avondale Handicap 1sov, Autumn Handicap 1sov, Steeplechase Handicap 1sov, Railway Handicap 1sov.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17 (General Entry), by 9 p.m.

Maiden Plate Handicap 1sov, Handicap Hurdles 1sov, Oakley Handicap 1sov, Juvenile Handicap 1sov, First Pony Handicap 1sov, Chevalier Handicap 1sov, Maiden Handicap Hurdles 1sov, Flying Handicap 1sov, Second Pony Handicap 1sov, Nursery Handicap 1sov, Mount Roskill Handicap 1sov, Waitakeri Handicap 1sov.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, by 9 p.m. ACCEPTANCES.

Maiden Plate Handicap 1sov, Handicap Hurdles 1sov, Oakley Handicap 1sov, Avondale Handicap 3sovs, First Pony Handicap 1sov, Juvenile Handicap 1sov, Chevalier Handicap 1sov, Railway Handicap 1sov.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, by 9 p.m.
Maiden Handicap Hurdles 1sov, Flying Handicap 1sov, Second Pony Handicap 1sov, Autumn Handicap 2sovs, Nursery Handicap 1sov, Handicap Steeplechase 1sov, Mount Roskill Handicap 1sov, Waitakeri Handicap 1sov.

DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR.

ON OR ABOUT MONDAY, APRIL 6, 1908.
Avondale Handicap, Railway Handicap.

ON OR ABOUT MONDAY, APRIL 20.
Maiden Plate Handicap, Handicap Hurdles, Oakley Handicap, Juvenile Handicap, First Pony Handicap, Chevalier Handicap.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, Morning Paper.
Maiden Handicap Hurdles, Flying Handicap, Second Pony Handicap, Autumn Handicap, Nursery Handicap, Handicap Steeplechase, Mount Roskill Handicap, Waitakeri Handicap.
HARRY H. HAYR,
Secretary.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB.

PROGRAMME FOR WINTER MEETING, SATURDAY AND MONDAY, 23rd and 25th MAY, 1908.

OFFICERS:

President: Dr. Earle. Vice-President: H. N. Harrison. Timekeeper: A. E. T. Nixon. Judge: W. H. Hartgill. Starter: J. Coombe. Handicapper, Geo. Morse. Clerk of Scales: H. M. Speed. Clerk of Course: G. T. Lynch. Hon. Surgeon: Dr. Hatherly. Hon. Veterinary Surgeon: Maxwell Edgar. Stewards: President, Vice-President, and Treasurer (ex officio), and Messrs. Jas. Watt, E. A. Campbell, G. Marshall, James Higgle, D. Campion and Allan Cameron. Committee: E. A. Campbell (chairman), President and Hon. Treasurer (ex officio), and Messrs. Allan Cameron, D. Campion, James Higgle, H. W. Hole, G. Marshall, James Watt, J. F. Cutfield, H. M. Speed, R. Russell, and C. G. Russell. Hon. Treasurer, J. H. Nixon. Secretary, W. Hall.

FIRST DAY.

SATURDAY, 23rd MAY, 1908.

- BOROUGH HANDICAP** of 125 sovs.; second horse to receive 15 sovs., and third horse 10 sovs from the stakes. Distance, six furlongs. Nomination, 1 sov.; acceptance, 2 sovs. To start at 12 noon.
- WANGANUI STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP** of 400 sovs.; second horse to receive 40 sovs., and third horse to receive 10 sovs. from the stakes. Over the Wanganui Steeplechase course; distance, about three miles. Nomination, 1 sov.; acceptance, 3 sovs. To start at 12.45 p.m.
- ELECTRIC HACK HANDICAP** of 100 sovs.; second horse to receive 15 sovs., and third horse 5 sovs. from the stakes. Distance, five furlongs. Nomination, 1 sov.; acceptance, 1 sov. To start at 1.30 p.m.
- MAY HURDLE HANDICAP** of 150 sovs., second horse to receive 15 sovs., and third horse 10 sovs. from the stakes. Distance, about one mile and three-quarters; over seven flights of hurdles, 3ft. 6in. in height. Nomination, 1 sov.; acceptance, 2 sovs. To start at 2.10 p.m.
- KAITOKE HACK HURDLE HANDICAP** of 100 sovs.; second horse to receive 15 sovs., and third horse 5 sovs. from the stakes. About one mile and three-quarters, over seven flights of hurdles, 3ft. 6in. in height. Nomination, 1 sov.; acceptance, 1 sov. To start at 2.45 p.m.
- CONNOLLY HANDICAP** of 250 sovs.; second horse to receive 40 sovs., and third horse 10sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile and a distance. Nomination, 1 sov.; acceptance, 3 sovs. To start a 3.30 p.m.
- PURUA HACK FLAT HANDICAP** of 100 sovs.; second horse to receive 15 sovs., and third horse five sovs. from the stakes. Distance, one mile. Minimum weight, 7st. Nomination, 1 sov.; acceptance, 1 sov. To start at 4.15 p.m.

SECOND DAY.

MONDAY, 25th MAY, 1908.

- WINTER OATS HANDICAP** of 150 sovs.; second horse to receive 20 sovs., and third horse 10 sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile. Nomination, 1 sov.; acceptance, 2 sovs. To start at 12 noon.
- GRANDSTAND STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP** of 150 sovs.; second horse to receive 20 sovs., and third horse 5 sovs. from the stakes. Distance, about two and a-half miles; over such course as the Stewards shall direct. Nomination, 1 sov.; acceptance, 2 sovs. To start at 12.45 p.m.
- BALGOWNIE HACK HANDICAP** of 100 sovs.; second horse to receive 15 sovs., and third horse 5 sovs. from the stakes. Distance, one mile and a distance. Minimum weight, 7st. Nomination, 1 sov.; acceptance, 1 sov. To start at 1.30 p.m.
- CENTURY HURDLE HANDICAP** of 300 sovs.; second horse to receive 40 sovs., and third horse 10 sovs. from

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T. KING, Proprietor,

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