



RACING.

(BY "THE JUDGE.")



RACING CALENDAR.

SEASON 1907.

FIXTURES.

- Nov. 7, 9—Winton J.C.
- Nov. 7, 9, 11—A.R.C.
- Nov. 7, 9, 11, 14—C.J.C.
- Nov. 9—Tairāi Amateur T.C.
- Nov. 9—Waverley-Waitotara R.C.
- Nov. 9, 10—Taratahi-Carterton R.C.
- Nov. 14, 18—Otahuhu Trotting Club
- Nov. 19, 20—Marlborough R.C.
- Nov. 25, 26—South Canterbury J.C.
- Nov. 23, Dec. 2—Takapuna J.C.
- Nov. 30, Dec. 1—Felling J.C.
- Dec. 3—Hororata R.C.
- Dec. 9, 10—Woodville District J.C.
- Dec. 11, 12—Lake County J.C.
- Dec. 12, 16—Christchurch R.C.
- Dec. 18—Alexandra J.C.
- Dec. 26—Kalkoua R.C.
- Dec. 26—Porangahau R.C.
- Dec. 26, 28—Dunedin J.C.
- Dec. 26, 28—Reefton J.C.
- Dec. 26, 28—Lower Valley J.C.
- Dec. 26, 28—Manawatu R.C.
- Dec. 26, 28—Cromwell J.C.
- Dec. 26, 28—Taranaki J.C.
- Dec. 26, 28—Thames J.C.
- Dec. 26 and 28—Thames J.C.
- Dec. 26, 30, Jan. 1, 2—A.R.C.
- Dec. 29—Ashhurst-Pohangina R.C.
- Dec. 31, Jan. 1—Greymouth J.C.
- Jan. 8 and 9—Whangarei R.C.

NOMINATIONS.

- Nov. 6—Takapuna J.C.
- Nov. 27—Thames J.C.
- Dec. 18—Whangarei R.C.

HANDICAPS.

- Nov. 13—Takapuna J.C.
- Nov. 20—Auckland Cup
- Dec. 11—A.R.C. Summer.
- Dec. 30—Whangarei R.C.

ACCEPTANCES.

- Nov. 6—Otahuhu Trotting Club
- Nov. 20—Takapuna J.C.
- Dec. 4—Auckland Cup
- Dec. 11—Thames J.C.
- Jan. 6—Whangarei R.C.

FINAL PAYMENTS.

- Nov. 7—Great Northern Guineas
- Dec. 18—Auckland Cup
- Dec. 18—Thames J.C.

THE AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

COMMENCES ON SATURDAY.

SOME GRAND SPORT PROMISED.

On Saturday next the flags will be flying at Ellerslie for the opening day of the season. Of course the Cup meeting of the C.J.C. is a very strong counter attraction, and a few of our best horses have gone South to race. Nevertheless, as the defections from the local ranks have been much more than made up for by the arrival of visiting horses, it would seem that there is no danger of the fields being small, while the presence of the Southern contingent will have the effect of lending additional interest to the meeting. The gathering is always a very enjoyable one, and if the weather prove fine, of which there seems a very considerable likelihood for the barometer is steadily rising, there is sure to be a good attendance. To enable would-be patrons to reach the course a special service of trains will be run commencing at 10.30 a.m. Also the Electric Tramway Company will place a large number of extra cars on the Remuera route which is within a few minutes of the course. The race track and enclosures are in very fine order just now, the flowers being quite a feature. Secretary J. F. Hartland may be depended upon to have all arrangements for the meeting on the most up-to-date lines, and the portents auger for a big success. The most attractive features on the opening day will be the Great Northern Guineas, the Welcome Stakes, and the City Handicap, representing three entirely different classes of race. In the Guineas, which is run over a distance of one mile, the following have been left in—

- Mr. Lance Wood's b f Ukraine, by Stepniak—Madder.
- Mr. W. Handley's br c Aimwell, by Soult—Glady's May.
- Mr. John Lynch's b c Coromandel, by Menschikoff—Golden Rose.
- Mr. E. J. Watt's br g Aborigine, by Merriwee—Indian Queen.
- Mr. F. Marshall's ch c, by Leolantis—Decoation.
- Trustees of Mrs. Coombes br c Master Soult, by Soult—Lady Hester.
- Mr. C. Matthews' br c Shuja, by Soult—Sprite.

- Mr. F. W. Arnold's b g Rarata, by Eton Peace.
- Mrs. J. Lennard's blk c Santa Rosa, by Soult—Vieux Rose.
- Mrs. J. Lennard's blk c Waimangu, by Soult—Roxana.
- Mr. J. Ellis' b c Beneform, by Multiform—St. Ouida.
- Mr. J. Ellis' blk c My Lawyer, by Blackstone—Eminence.
- Mr. D. McKinnon's b g Rimlock, by Flintlock—Hesper.

The best of the Aucklanders would probably have been Master Soult, but he will not be a starter, as he is engaged at Riccarton. Auckland will thus have a rather poor lot to oppose to Aborigine and Co., but a good race may result nevertheless. It is expected there will be about eight runners.

For the Welcome Stakes the acceptances are as follows:—

- First Wairiki, by Wairiki—Leo Delaval.
- Hyperion, by Soult—Thea.
- Maori King, by Merriwee—Indian Queen.
- St. Amans, by Soult—Lottie.
- Excelsior, by Eton—Tournament.
- Monsieur Soult, by Soult—Lady Emme-line.
- Elegance, by Seaton Delaval—Antelope.
- Kakama, by Soult—Winsome.
- Salute, by Soult—Lady Muskat.
- Terrazini, by Soult—Miss Annie.

This is a dash over five furlongs for two-year-olds. It is a race that would have been a pretty good thing for Elysian had he remained in Auckland instead of throwing down the gauntlet to the Southern brigade at Riccarton. His absence will have the effect of making the race more interesting, for they seem to be a very even lot engaged.

Fourteen remain in the City Handicap, which looks like providing a particularly fine struggle, the winner being well concealed. All the other races have good acceptances (the list will be found in another column), so that those who visit Ellerslie should witness some exciting racing. The first event is timed to commence at noon. The meeting will be continued on Monday and Wednesday.

THE N.Z. CUP.

The great Spring carnival of the C.J.C. will commence on Saturday, and will extend over four days. All reports from Christchurch unite in saying that the fixture promises to be the best ever held. The fields should be very large, while quite a consultation of talent has assembled at Riccarton, going from all parts of the Dominion to compete at the meeting.

Twenty-three horses have been paid up for in the Cup, and it looks as though quite twenty will start. Auckland will be represented by Master Delaval, who has been giving the utmost satisfaction in his morning gallops. The son of Seaton Delaval is in great buckle, and Aucklanders to a man will hope he may prove equal to holding his own against such powerful opposition. The top weight Zimmerman is very well, and is also a fine stayer, but if he succeeds in carrying his 9.9 to victory he is deserving of the heartiest cheer ever heard on the course. Frisco was at one time reckoned to have a chance second to none, but has rather gone out of favour, and this remark applies in a measure to Mahuta. Sir George Clifford will be represented by Stratagem, who at times has been doing good track work. Then there is Mr Lowry's chestnut colt Downfall, who will have a strong following down Napier way. The training track has also shown up the light weights Heorthen and White Lie in the most attractive light, from which it will be seen that the big guns will not have matters all their own way. One of the provisions of that ludicrous effort at grandmotherly legislation known as the Gaming Act prevents one from attempting to forecast the actual result. However, there is abundant material for a fine race.

THE V.R.C. DERBY.

On Saturday the Blue Ribbon of the Victorian turf was contested, and as the reports from Flemington pointed out it really resolved itself into a dual between the Victorian crack Alawa and the A.J.C. Derby winner Parsee, although there were nine starters. Parsee's victory in the Randwick

classic race was not held as a decisive test as to his staying abilities, as it was not a true run race, but a brush over the last six furlongs. Parsee, however, met Alawa in the Caulfield Guineas and won comfortably, but the latter, who had done little of account in private up to that time, was running on at the end, and was so much improved by the race that a few days later he easily won the Eclipse Stakes, in which he shaped like a stayer. He certainly had an allowance, but he scored very decisively at the end. On actual form Parsee had the pull over Alawa, but as the race was run at Flemington no doubt there was plenty of money forthcoming for Alawa, who represented Victoria. From the account of the race to hand it would seem that Clayton rode by no means his best race on Parsee, who was asked to make up too much ground. Alawa was in a good position throughout with Parsee a long way back, being last but one until nearing the home bend. Once in the straight he was sent in pursuit of the leader, but failed to reach him, Alawa winning by two and a half lengths. That the pace was a cracker was shown by the time hoisted, viz., 2m. 35½sec., which is the fastest time the race has ever been run in since it was founded in 1864. Lord Nolan finished in third place eight lengths behind Parsee. Alawa is a big colt who runs in the name of "M. Gordon," which is said to be the racing title of a well-known Victorian lady. The colt was sired by the Bill of Portland horse Malster, his dam being that fine mare Crossfire, by Goldsborough from Powder, by Binkhoolie. Crossfire, it may be remembered, was the dam of Long Tom, as well as sister to the Melbourne Cup winner Arsenal. Malster, the sire of Alawa, won the A.J.C. and V.R.C. Derbies of 1900. R. Lewis, who had the mount on Alawa, has on three occasions ridden the winner of the V.R.C. Derby.

THE MASTERTON MEETING.

(Notes by my Wellington Correspondent.)

The Masterton Racing Club's Spring Meeting held last week, was from a racing point of view, the most successful held by the Club. Speculation through the medium of the totalisator was, however, considerably below that of the corresponding meeting last season, when bookmakers were rigorously excluded from the club's enclosures. The meeting was patronised by the bulk of the most prominent pencilers who contributed in fees the sum of £335 to the club's funds. As this represents commission on another £4000, the club will come well out of the meeting. Fine weather prevailed for the opening day of the fixture, and despite the fact that the gathering clashed with the Wairarapa Agricultural Society's Show, which was being held at Carterton only eight miles distant, there was a capital attendance. Racing opened with the Hack Hurdles Handicap, for which seven ran. Spiciosa and Hatley were most fancied. Mr. W. Davies' Officer mare Yosami jumped in an improved style, and having more pace than her rivals, scored a first win over hurdles easily. Spiciosa made a faulty jump and lost considerable ground, otherwise she might have troubled the winner. Passive, by Lithé from Rotiri, won the Hack Flying by a neck, after a slashing finish, with Investment and Mildura, a short neck separating the trio.

The fine field of a dozen were saddled up for the Masterton Cup, for which Sir Frisco and Silken Rein were almost equal favourites, whilst all the other runners were solidly supported. The light-weights Skye and Blue Ribbon were prominent in the early stages. Hatch, who rode Sir Frisco was, however, always in a good position. S. Reid on Irish Rifle ran through at the distance, and Sir Frisco on the outside also made his effort. Reid, when within a chain of the judge's box, pulled Irish Rifle across Sir Frisco and Silken Rein,

and a collision was narrowly averted. The two fought out a desperate finish, Sir Frisco getting the verdict by less than a length from Irish Rifle, who just defeated Silken Rein. San Julie, Sandstream, and Merrie Rose ran disappointingly. Roscal, who was allotted the minimum impost (6.7) was last.

Kiltie Lass, a two-year-old filly by the defunct sire Kilcheran, easily defeated a large field of useful horses in the Maiden Hack Race.

The Ladies' Bracelet produced a fine field of ten runners, including Espartero and the Auckland gelding Haeremal. The race, however, went to Golden Butterfly, by Petroleum—Mascotte, a useful gelding that will win in better company. Espartero ran much below his Hawke's Bay form, and is probably short of a few gallops.

Tangaroa, who has not displayed much form for some time, just managed to defeat Highden and seven others in the October Hack Handicap after an interesting set too.

The Publicans' Handicap was selected as a good thing for Toatahi, Simplex also ruling strong support. The latter was prominent at the distance, but faded away when Polyanthus, Lothair, and Toatuhi made their effort, Mr. W. Doglars' aged daughter of The Possible showed a glimpse of her true form, and for the first time during the last two years caught the judge's eye. Lothair defeated Toatuhi by less than a length for second place.

The Dash Hack Handicap was contested by eleven runners, including the C.J.C. Derby colt Sir Artegal. Hermia, a four-year-old mare by Birkenhead—Nixie, displayed great pace and led past the distance. Tumut (by Merriwee—Ismene) came strongly and won nicely in 1min. 2sec., good time for the so-called hacks.

SECOND DAY.

The morning opened badly, heavy rain falling until noon. Visitors from the surrounding districts were thus kept away, and the success of the gathering thus seriously interfered with. The rain ceased after the second race. The club's handicapper, Mr J. H. Pollock, had the satisfaction of seeing large fields face the starter in all events save one, the Amateur Riders Race, which was badly placed on the programme, being immediately before the Hunters Race, in which the same horses were engaged. The winners were so well concealed that only one favourite won during the day, and in two events absolute outsiders prevailed. St. Brandon paying a big dividend, the biggest in the history of the club.

The Hack Hurdle Race again fell to Yosami, whose victory was made easy through Hatley refusing to start, and Speciora and Indian Mutiny running off at the first hurdle. Golden Butterfly, another dangerous rival, fell at the second hurdle, so with only three very moderate performers left in the race, Mr. Davies' mare had an easy victory.

A grand finish resulted in the Tradesmen's Hack Handicap, Metanra, King Post, Lucretius and Osiris fighting out a desperate finish. Short necks separated the first-named trio, whilst Osiris, who held the position of favourite was close up fourth. Irish Rifle (another strong favourite) was opposed by the nice field of eight, including Polyanthus and Silken Rein. The light-weights Sandstream and Skye made strong pace throughout, and although Irish Rifle finished well he could not get within striking distance of the leaders, who fought out a good race, ending in favour of Sandstream, who paid a substantial dividend.

Netherby, ridden by his owner, Mr Buick, who ran into third place in the Ladies' Bracelet on the first day, had a comfortable win in the High-weight Hack Handicap.

The Hunters' Hurdle Race was easily annexed by Ballance, who had the services of the Hawke's Bay amateur horseman, Mr G. Hirst.

The Welter Hack Handicap was spoilt by a straggling start. The out-