



RACING.

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RACING CALENDAR.

SEASON 1908-09.

FIXTURES.

July 17, 21 and 24—Wellington R.C. Steeplechase Meeting.
 July 28—Hawke's Bay Hunt Club
 August 10, 12 and 14—C.J.C. Grand National.
 Sept. 2 and 3—Marton J.C. Annual
 Sept. 18, 22, and 25—Avondale J.C. Spring.

NOMINATIONS.

July 16—C.J.C. Grand National.
 August 13—Marton J.C. Annual
 August 20—Avondale J.C. (principal events)
 Sept. 3—Avondale J.C. (general entry)

HANDICAPS.

July 30—C.J.C. Grand National.
 August 18—Marton J.C. Annual
 August 20—C.J.C. New Zealand Cup.
 August 25—Avondale J.C. Spring (Cup and Flying)
 Sept. 6—Avondale J.C. Spring (first day)

ACCEPTANCES.

July 16—C.J.C. Grand National.
 August 6—C.J.C. Grand National.
 Sept. 3—C.J.C. New Zealand Cup.
 Oct. 22—C.J.C. New Zealand Cup.
 Nov. 3—C.J.C. New Zealand Cup.

FINAL PAYMENTS.

Aug. 6—C.J.C. Grand National Hurdles, Steeplechase, and Winter Cup.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

OPENS ON SATURDAY.

The Wellington Racing Club open their winter meeting at Trentham on Saturday next, and the gathering will be continued on Wednesday and concluded the following Saturday. More than the usual amount of interest will be centred in this particular venture, as it is expected to throw a little light on the pending Grand National double at Christchurch. The Winter Hurdles, the principal event to be decided on Saturday, contains a number of National candidates, and as the handicap is generally voted a very open one, we may expect to hear of a close contest. Stormont heads the list of acceptances with 11.2, and he appears to have his full deserts. Exmoor, on the same mark, has plenty of weight, as has also Gold Dust (11.1), although his performance in winning the Hawke's Bay Hurdles was an attractive one. Paritutu (10.11) reads well, but he pulled up in a bad way at Ellerslie, and he may not be thoroughly himself, despite advices to the contrary from the South. Kairoma (10.11) has been responsible for a couple of very poor displays, but Irish (10.4) can always be relied upon to run well, particularly over hurdles. Scotty (10.2) has been given a great chance, and as he can jump and has plenty of pace, should keep the best of those engaged moving. Xavier (10.2) has some fair performances to his credit, and Bully (10.1), if he could be relied upon to reproduce his Great Northern Hurdle Race form, would probably start favourite. Commander (10.0), Le Beau (9.11), Stayboy (9.11) and Corazon (9.10) have all recent winning form to recommend them, and Stayboy should run a good race. Belario (9.9) appears to be the pick of the handicap, and will assuredly carry a lot of money. There are several likely ones amongst the light-weights, notably the Auckland-owned Pukenui. This horse does not always run up to form, but if on his best behaviour, he is so fast that one would not care to pick many to beat him.

The following are the acceptances:—

STEWARDS' HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—Martyrium 10.7, Waikaraka 10.4, Iranui 10.4, Simplex 9.13, Longner 9.12, Seaman 9.12, Sweet Angelus 9.11, St. Bill 9.10, Wimmera 9.8, Toa Tuhū 9.8, San Fernando 9.7, Sir Antrim 9.3, Martari 9.0.

MIRAMAR HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—King Post 10.10, Passive 10.2, King's Prize 10.0, Hilarian 10.0, Marathon 9.12, Gold Bird 9.8, Llanwern 9.5, Thetis 9.5, Splash 9.5, Sealer 9.0, Overrate 9.0, Rawera 9.0.

PENINSULA HURDLE HANDICAP, one mile and three-quarters.—Auratus 11.4, Kremln 10.5, Wirral 10.2, Rendron 10.0, Polyanthus 9.13, Aotea 9.13, Coy 9.13, Black Squall 9.7, Yosami 9.7, Silken Rein 9.6, Waione 9.5, Flinesseur 9.3, Wahnuka 9.3, Flintgun 9.0, Moscow 9.0, Grand Poplar 9.0, Taurā 10.2.

PARLIAMENTARY HANDICAP, one

mile.—Muskerry 10.10, Sir Frisco 10.9, Pikapo 10.2, Iranui 10.2, Coronetted 9.12, Seaman 9.11, Longner 9.11, Merrie Zealand 9.8, Diamond Star 9.8, Pohutu 9.8, First Mate 9.0, Gaelic 9.0, Kurawaka 9.0.
WINTER HURDLE RACE, two miles.—Stormont 11.2, Gold Dust 11.1, Paritutu 10.11, Kairoma 10.11, Irish 10.4, Scotty 10.2, Xavier 10.2, Bully 10.1, Kremln 10.0, Commander 10.0, Le Beau 9.11, Stayboy 9.11, Corazon 9.10, Belario 9.9, Te Arai 9.7, Whatakura 9.3, Forest 9.3, Taurā 9.0, Nero 9.0, Pukenui 9.0, Southern Cross 9.0, Exmoor 11.2.
THE ARO HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Contentend 10.11, Te Ru 10.7, Te Kahurangi 10.4, Inebonny 9.12, Skye 9.12, Axite 9.11, Hilarian 9.11, Furakau 9.11, Tinkle 9.10, Waata 9.8, Pronoun 9.8, Royal Maid 9.6, Waioriki 9.5, Merry Christmas 9.3, Vinco 9.2, Prevail 9.0, Cohort 9.0, Pikihi 9.0, Overrate 9.0, Glenfield 9.0.

GISBORNE RACING CLUB'S STEEPLECHASE MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

Though most of the horses wore their winter coats, they all looked well, and the events were keenly contested, says a Gisborne writer. Haurangi had an easy task in the Hurdle Race, and won almost from start to finish, and, what was more, returned his supporters a substantial dividend. A good field was saddled up for the Maiden Hack Race, and fancy ran to Sublime, Fort William, and Masonic. Sublime had shown good track trials, and Mr. T. W. Hackett was fairly

after a well fought out race. Lloyds alone was withdrawn from the Winter Oaks Handicap, and seven good horses were sent to the post. Paisano was the most popular, but there was money for Spate, Continuance, and Gladsmuir. Ballyheigh did not look his best, and Hinetitama was not fancied. Whakaweira, as usual, was left at the post, and Gladsmuir and Continuance showed the way for the first two furlongs. At the back of the course Spate put in a challenge, but Porter kept Gladsmuir going, and Mr. Clark's mare was shaken off. Spate, however, came again in the straight, and though Lowe rode a good race Gladsmuir was full of running, and won rather easily, with Paisano close up third.

Mr. J. Pettie, of Te Karaka, had his trotter, Sweet Patch, on the course, and treated the spectators to an exhibition of trotting.

SECOND DAY.

The feature of the racing during the two days was the consistent form of the locally trained horses, and the number of successes on the first day that were repeated on the concluding day. Mr. T. W. Hackett's smart filly, Sublime, won the Maiden Hack race on Thursday, and repeated her form by victories in the Maiden Hack Handicap and the Second Hack Flat Handicap. Out of a programme of 14 races for the two days, Sublime won three events, Te Arai two, Baldos two,

opinions would be interesting and conflicting. When Plenipotentiary, the favourite, beat 22 opponents in a canter by two lengths in the blue riband of 1834, it was thought by the cogniscenti that such a horse had never been seen on a racecourse before, and never would be again. The value of horses in those days was nothing like so great as it is at the present time, but an offer of £5000 down was made for Plenipotentiary, and a further £1000 a year so long as he lived, but this was refused. The opinion of such an eminent authority as John Porter, the famous trainer of so many Derby winners, in this connection is extremely interesting and valuable. The ex-master of Kingsclere says: "I think Ormonde was absolutely the best horse that ever won the Derby. I do not think we have ever seen his equal." Mr. Henry Chaplin struck what can be termed a highly auriferous mine when he bought Hermit as a yearling for 1000 guineas, for that speculation panned into something like £250,000.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS.

The following nominations were received on Saturday for the Executive of the Auckland Racing Club:—President, the Hon. E. Mitchelson; vice-president, Mr. H. T. Gorrie; committee, Messrs. Walter Davies, Richard W. Duder, N. Alfred Nathan, E. A. Price, George Dunnet, D. R. Ross, W. C. Somers, and Angus W. Gordon.

The Hon. E. Mitchelson and Mr. H. T. Gorrie being the only nominations received for the offices of president and vice-president, both gentlemen were duly elected to their respective positions. As there are only five vacancies on the committee and eight nominations have been received, an election will be held. The result of the ballot will be declared at the annual meeting of the Club on Aug. 2nd.

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR BREEDERS.

A MOVE BY WELLINGTON RACING CLUB.

For some time past, says the "Dominion," the Executive of the Wellington Racing Club has been considering a proposal to devote some prize-money to the breeders of winners of important races, and, at a meeting of the stewards held on Monday evening, the following resolution was passed:—"That the stakes in the following races be increased as under: Wellesley Stakes, 1909, 600 sovs. to 660 sovs.; Wellington Stakes, 1910, 500 sovs. to 550 sovs.; Challenge Stakes, 1910, 600 sovs. to 660 sovs.; St. Leger Stakes, 1910, 400 sovs. to 440 sovs.; Leger Stakes, 1911, 400 sovs. to 440 sovs."

The increase is to be devoted as follows:—Viz., 75 per cent. to go to the breeder of the winner, if bred in New Zealand, and 25 per cent. to be distributed to certain A. and P. shows to supplement prizes for events calculated to encourage the breeding of horses, such events not to be confined to thoroughbreds.

Conditions.—Any winnings under the above rule which are not paid over or claimed in writing within six months of the corresponding event, are to revert to the club. Unless particulars appear in the New Zealand Stud Book, breeders must apply for their winnings under the above rule, which will not be distributed until at least four weeks after the event. The owner or lessee of the mare at the time of foaling the winner will be deemed to be the breeder. In the event of any disputes arising out of the distribution under the above rule, the decision of the stewards of the Wellington Racing Club shall be final.

As far as the above events are concerned, entries have already closed, but, as the money to be allotted to breeders and the A. and P. Associations has been added by the club, owners will not be affected. So far as New Zealand is concerned, the scheme is quite an original one, and, if it be accepted favourably, it is quite likely



G. BULLED'S bk and wd RESPITE, by Reprieve II.—Lady Lillian, winner of Manawatu Cup at Palmerston North Coursing Club's Meeting.

confident of success. His smart filly stepped from the barrier quickly, and won in good style. The Auckland visitor, Toa Tere, was never prominent. Pearl Reef came to Mr. J. F. Pettie as a gift, and a profitable gift, for his new owner was confident of success, and Pearl Reef made no race of the Flying Handicap. Pluck was a strong favourite, and Dardanus also found support. Both were beaten, Munga Motio being the only one of a field of five that could make Pearl Reef gallop. Mr. Cuthbert Morse wisely reserved Te Arai for the Gisborne Park Steeplechase, and Te Arai had the measure of his only opponent, Mozart, all the way. Porter made a splendid race. He nursed his mount to advantage, and took no risks, the result being that the big Monaco gelding was never seriously troubled. The Hack Flat Handicap provided a good race. The Hawke's Bay colt, Bravery, cut out the running to the turn, and as the visitor was showing an enormous dividend on the totalisator the backers of Lloyds—a hot favourite—were feeling very despondent. Baldos made a run at the turn, where Broadfield was riding Lloyds rather easily. Deeley moved Baldos at a smart pace, but when Lloyds made his run it was too late, and Mr. Parker's gelding won comfortably. The Trial Steeplechase was a race between Te Kanui and Wairaka, as Te Kohau, though a good jumper, was never near the front, and Atanui and Waiohika, the other two candidates, fell. The weight told on Te Kanui, and Wairaka was victorious

Mozart two, and Gladsmuir two, while Pearl Reef, the winner of the Flying Handicap on Thursday, ran second to Baldos in the Waikanae Handicap. The other winners were Haurangi and Wairaka. F. Porter rode Te Arai and Gladsmuir on each occasion, making four winning mounts; E. Lowe won three times on Sublime, and Mr. Selby rode Mozart in both successes, and Deeley scored on Baldos twice. The other successful jockeys were J. Hall, W. Young, and J. Howard.

Te Arai easily defeated Reservoir in the Hurdle Race, and again demonstrated that Mr. J. Clark's cast-off has proved a good investment for Mr. C. Morse. Sublime showed her owner, Mr. T. W. Hackett, and the public, that she can gallop, for during the two days she won over distances of four, five, and six furlongs. Gladsmuir made hacks of Spate and Paisano in the Farewell Handicap, and showed that her victory on Thursday was no accident. There was a lot of money for Continuance, and Mr. Hollier's gelding ran a good race. Young moved his mount up to Gladsmuir twice, but Mr. Nasmith's mare was galloping freely, and she won rather easily by two lengths.

THE ENGLISH DERBY.

In the course of some interesting reminiscences of the Derby, an English writer says:—"If a hundred veteran sportsmen were gathered together at a symposium to discuss which is the best Derby winner, the various