

LATE RACING.

OTAHUHU TROTTING CLUB'S  
SPRING MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

The Spring Meeting of the Otahuhu Trotting Club was opened at Alexandra Park yesterday in delightful weather, and in the presence of a large attendance.

The following were the results:—

TRIAL TROT HANDICAP of 25 sovs.; second horse to receive 5 sovs. from the stake. One mile.

- 2—J. Lynch's b f Vibroma, 3 yrs, by Young McKinley—Cora Victor, 10s. (Paul) ..... 1
- 1—W. Lynch's Madam Melba, aged, scratch (Crotty) ..... 2
- 3—T. M. Wade's Wild Marie, aged, 5s. (Wade) ..... 3

Also started: 7 Wahwahtasee 3s., 8 Pathfinder 3s., 9 Maggie Car 3s., 6 Harry Mace 5s., 4 Lady Wilhelmina 6s., 7 Dido 6s., 5 Special Diamond 6s., 7 Diamond Bell 6s., 9 Specimen Stone 6s.

Vibroma, on the limit, soon established a long lead, and when she passed the stand the first time had about 100 yards lead from Diamond Bell, who was just in advance of Madam Melba. Vibroma increased her advantage running out of the straight, and she was never troubled, and simply walked in by a dozen lengths from Madam Melba, who was half a furlong in front of Wild Marie. Harry Mace was fourth, and Maggie Car and Wahwahtasee a couple of furlongs away last. Time, 2min. 40 4-5sec.

MANGERE TROT of 45 sovs.; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the stake. One mile and a-half.

- 1—Preece and Hamilton's br m Foranz, 5 yrs, by Franz—Wild Cat, 10s. (Hamilton) ..... 1
- 2—T. B. Brown's b g Good Friday, aged, 6s. (Cameron) ..... 2
- 3—E. Cheeseman's blk m Bell Briar, 5 yrs, 7s. (Hendricksen) ..... 3

Also started: 9 Bell Gray scratch, 5 Huanui 2s., 6 Phyllistina 3s., 7 Bert 3s., 4 Royal Albert 6s., 2 Flora Mac 9s., 10 Inaha 15s.

The field had only gone half a furlong when Floranz went to the head of affairs, and from this out the issue was never in doubt, and the daughter of Franz won pulling up by about 100 yards from Good Friday, who was about 40 yards in front of Bell Briar.

TRAMWAY HANDICAP of 50 sovs.; second pony to receive 10 sovs. out of the stake. About four furlongs and a-half.

- 2—W. J. Bowden's b m Nora Soult, 5 yrs, by Soult—Nora, 7s (McMillan) 1
- 1—W. C. Ring's br g Mighty Atom, aged, 9.0 (Julian) ..... 2
- 3—J. B. Williamson's ch m Carmania, 5 yrs, 8.8 (Percival) ..... 3

Also started: 4 Frontino 8.3, 6 Miss Stella 7.9, 5 Maika 7.8.

From a grand start the colours of Mighty Atom were the first to show out, followed by Miss Stella and Nora Soult in that order. So they ran along the back and through the dip. Mighty Atom was the first to turn for home, but at the distance Nora Soult on the outside, and Carmania against the rails, threw out challenges, and an exciting finish saw Nora Soult win by a head from Mighty Atom, who was only a head in front of the fast finishing Carmania. Miss Stella was fourth. Time, 56 4-5sec.

SUBURBAN TROT HANDICAP of 65 sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third 5sovs out of the stake. Two miles.

- 1—W. Douglas' b m Rita W., 6yrs, by Wilmington—Nellie, 28s. (McLennan) ..... 1
- 6—C. R. Bailey's b g John Harold, aged, 14s. (Mabee) ..... 2
- 5—J. Parsons' b g Scotia, aged (Orange) 3

Rita W. was quickly out in front, and with Bert as his nearest attendant she led over the first two circuits. Entering upon the final round John Harold and Scotia set out after the leader, who was tiring fast, and a furlong from home they were close up. About 50 yards from the post Rita W. broke, and appeared to block John Harold, but, getting down again quickly, Rita W. won by half a length, with Scotia a neck away third. Albert H. was fourth. Time, 4m. 22s.

LADIES' BRACELET HANDICAP, for trophy valued at 25sovs; second, trophy valued at 5sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

- 7—Mrs. W. A. Scott's blk g V.S., aged, by Viking—Sylph, scr. (Wright) .. 1
- 8—Mrs. Orange's br g Royal Victor, 1s. (Stewart) ..... 2
- 5—Miss T. Carleton's blk m Lady Park, 6yrs (Wren) ..... 3

Also started: 11, Harold Huon, 7s.; 10, Bert, 11s.; 2, Day Dawn, 14s.; 4, Black Mire, 15s.; 3, Bell Briar, 16s.; 6, Albert Edward, 17s.; 9, Lady Wilhelmina, 17s.; 1, Lady Specialist, 17s.

Bell Briar and Lady Specialist were the quickest to get under way, but at the end of half a mile the two scratch horses, V.S. and Royal Victor, had charge, and they soon left the field behind. V.S. had a lead of about 10 lengths going along the back, and trotting in good style the black gelding had no difficulty in winning by half-a-dozen lengths from Royal Victor, with Lady Park third and Day Dawn fourth. Time, 3m. 9s.

ONEHUNGA TROT HANDICAP of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stake. One mile and a-half.

- 1—C. F. Giesen's ch g Receiver, aged, by Kentucky—Nellie Case, 18s. (Crotty) ..... 1
- 2—C. Baker's br g Cavalier, 6yrs, 16s. (Baker) ..... 2
- 5—J. G. Lecky's b g Maplewood, aged, 4s. (Hall) ..... 3

Also started: 6, Lady Lillian, scr.; 4, Conqueror, 13s.; 7, Mahoney, 17s.; 2, Queen Anne, 22s.

There is not much to say about this race. Receiver, who was a red-hot favourite, went to the front soon after the start, and was allowed to win by six lengths from Cavalier, with Maplewood third and Lady Lillian fourth. Time, 3m. 56s.

TROTting HANDICAP of 45sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from the stakes. One mile and a-half.

- 2—J. Callagher's blk g Haldane, 4yrs, by Wilmington, 9s. (Brennan) .... 1
- 1—H. Gladding's b g Albert Edward, aged, 13s. (Crotty) ..... 2
- 3—W. Douglas' br m Black Diamond, aged, 3s. (Orange) ..... 3

Also started: 5, Colenso, 7s.; 4, Royal Albert, 9s.

Albert Edward carried on the running well clear of Haldane, and this pair had the race to themselves. Albert Edward led to the distance, where Haldane ranged alongside, and Albert Edward breaking, Haldane won by about four lengths. Black Diamond was a long way back third, and the rest nowhere. Time, 3m. 56 1-5s.

ELECTRIC TROT HANDICAP of 45sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. One mile.

- 2—S. Galbraith's b g Ballot, aged, by Electioneer, 11s (Gladding) ..... 1
- 3—H. A. Coates' ch m Bell Gray, 4yrs, 12s. (Lowe) ..... 2
- 8—G. Nicholson's b m Irish Molly, 9s. (Nicholson) ..... 3

Also started: 9, Mistle, scr.; 6, Rosebud, 3s.; 10, Taihoa, 10s.; 5, Manxman, 10s.; 4, Iago, 11s.; 7, Lissie Bheg, 11s.; 11, Rosie Wilkes, 13s.; 1, Madam Melba, 13s.; 12, Donizetti, 13s.

Bell Gray and Irish Molly led past the stand, and this pair ran locked together out of the straight and along the back, but just before entering the dip Ballot took up the running, and, closely followed by the pair mentioned, he showed the way into the straight. A most exciting race to the judge's box ensued, Ballot lasting long enough to win by half a head from Bell Gray, with Irish Molly only a length away third. Time, 2m. 35 4-5s.

TURF TOPICS.

Mr. Morse has sixty-two horses to handicap for the Auckland Cup.

The complete programme for the Whangarei Jockey Club's meeting is published in this issue.

The only visiting horses from the South to win races at Ellerslie were Maori King and Dr. Shimose.

All the Southern horses have been sent home after competing at the A.R.C. meeting.

Bookmakers report a disastrous meeting at Ellerslie, and the merry little punters had all the best of the argument throughout.

The Otahuhu Trotting Club's meeting, which opened at Alexandra Park yesterday, will be concluded on Saturday.

The programme for the Wanganui Trotting Club's meeting appears in this issue.

The summer programme of the Auckland Racing Club appears in this issue.

Weights for the Auckland Cup and Railway Handicap are due to make their appearance to-morrow.

Those two beautiful blacks, Waimangu and Santa Rosa, each scored at the meeting, the former the Ascot and the latter the City Handicap. Trainer George Absolum had both horses looking in capital fettle.

Wild West now takes rank with Ashby, each having scored three wins out of three starts.

After his finish in the Maiden Hurdles, in which he finished third after being kept a long way back in the early stages, Castadrift may be worth watching for events ahead.

Dunborve credited his owner with the Maiden Hurdles, but it is doubtful if he would have won had a less experienced horseman than A. Julian been in the saddle. "Tartar" had a hard ride, but it is upon horses who have to be kicked along that he shines.

Carmania finished very fast in the Pony Race, but the distance was too short. However, she will soon turn the tables upon her conquerors.

Backers were evidently not quite satisfied with the running of the Onehunga Trot, won by Receiver, judging by their remarks after the race.

With about one exception, I think, the second day's races on Saturday will be won by horses which finished amongst the also-started division yesterday.

The Dannevirke Handicap, decided yesterday, was won by Mendip.

The finish in the Electric Trot yesterday was one of the best brought off at Alexandra Park for some time. Many people who were standing only a couple of yards from the post thought Bell Gray had won, but Mr. R. L. Absolum, judge, gave the verdict to Ballot.

An offer of 3000 guineas has been refused for Prince Foote.

After her displays at Ellerslie, Salute is certain to come into favour for the Railway Handicap.

A. Julian is riding in his best style 'just at present.

It is stated that Aboriginie has run his last race in Australia and after a spell at Bacchus Marsh will be shipped to India.

The two-year-olds racing at Canterbury are evidently a pretty even lot that is, the best of them. On each day of the meeting the race for the youngsters fell to a different juvenile.

R. Hannon has entered Uranium, Miss Winnie and Master Paul for events to be decided at the Feilding meeting.

Michaeloff figures amongst the nominations at Feilding.

Irish and Lochbuie, both found the going too hard at Ellerslie.

The placings in the two-year-old races on the first and second days of the A.R.C., were the same.

Potiki walked away very lame after his effort in the Hunter's Steeplechase.

Mr. C. O'Connor's starting on the concluding day at Ellerslie, was hardly up to his usual form. In a couple of races, horses were left so badly that their chance was nil from the word go.

Devonport, 8.8 appears to be very well treated in the Cheltenham Handicap at Takapuna.

Neither Lady Lucy or Gold Lace, who won the Cup and Stewards' at Riccarton are engaged in the Auckland Cup and Railway.

The big disappointment at the Canterbury fixture, was the running of Husbandman. One can only suppose he is not himself.

Ngauruhoe, who won the Flying Handicap at the Melbourne Cup meeting is referred to by one Australian writer as the mysterious New Zealander.

Prince Foote was only a year old when McCarthy was engaged to ride him in the Derby.

In the Flying Handicap, six furlongs, at Feilding, the Waikato mare Miss Winnie, has been awarded 7.7. On paper it looks as though somebody has made a mistake, and the chestnut mare will not want for backers in Auckland.

Doggerbank made his debut as a jumper in the Maiden Hurdles, but he only ran well for half a mile, when he dropped out.

Acceptances for all events to be decided on the opening day of the Takapuna Jockey Club's spring meeting close to-morrow at 9 p.m.

Doughboy was again unruly at the post in the Juvenile Handicap on Saturday, and the Gluten colt is making quite a name for himself as a nuisance.

R. Hannon has been offered every inducement by the handicapper (Mr. J. E. Henrys) to take his team to Feilding. The Waikato horses have been handicapped as follows:—Flying Handicap, six furlongs, Miss Winnie, 7.7; Waipuna Hurdles, Master Paul, 9.5; St. Andrew's Handicap, one mile and a-quarter, Uranium 7.7. Another Auckland in Michaeloff figures in the St. Andrew's with the minimum.

Urania, who won the President's Handicap at Ellerslie, was once a member of J. B. Williamson's stable. It will be remembered that when making her debut in a two-year-old race at Avondale under the name of Aqua Fortis she jumped the rails and went for a spin on her own. Urania is a fairly good jumper.

The two-year-old Obsidian ran true to form right through the A.R.C. meeting. In the absence of Ashby, to whom he acted as runner-up on the first and second days, Obsidian won on the third day. However, the start was not the best, and had Apellon got away upon equal terms, there may have been a different tale to tell, as he finished with great dash, and made up a tremendous lot of ground over the last two furlongs.

A horse showing improved form on the tracks is Celtic. On Thursday morning the son of Seaton Delaval ran a really smart five furlongs. He is now in K. Irwin's hands.

Coromandel was the unlucky horse at the A.R.C. meeting, a second day going down against his name. Oliver, who rides the son of Menschikoff, appeared to make his run too late, especially in the Ascot Handicap.

General Soult, who is now a member of J. B. Williamson's stable, made his reappearance at the Ellerslie meeting after a long spell. The full brother to Marshal Soult ran well, and should soon place a win to his owner's credit.

THE BETTING MARKET.

The following prices are on offer locally on the Auckland Cup:—

33 Aberbrothock	10 Master Soult
25 Akarana	100 Mendip
40 Aristocrat	25 Muskerry
12 Advocate	50 Merrivonia
25 Bridge	12 Ngapuka
20 Bollin	100 Outlander
33 Bully	66 Paragon
12 Bobrikoff	50 Parolina
40 Cymbiform	25 Rauparaha
66 Cuirasimon	40 Royal Scotland
50 Chanteuse	20 Roosevelt
50 Carmania	14 Ringdove
100 Cronstadt	50 Santa Rosa
66 Celtic	20 Sir Prize
50 Compass	33 Sedition
25 Coronetted	50 Scotty
100 Comedian	25 Sir Tristram
20 California	66 St. Felix
12 Downfall	14 Sandstream
50 Dunborve	50 Tiptoe
12 Diabolo	50 Tanekaha
16 Elystan	25 Te Aroha
25 First Gun	33 Tangimoana
25 First Wairiki	20 Taskmaster
66 Freevata	40 Uhlando
50 Field Gun	50 Umeraboy
100 Full Sail	25 Uranium
16 Husbandman	50 Wauchope
25 Kopu	14 All Red
25 Lochbuie	200 Roosevelt
100 Lawn Rose	20 Waimangu
16 Merriwa	

WANGANUI TROTting CLUB'S MEETING.

In another part of this issue will be found published in full the programme for the Wanganui Trotting Club's meeting, which is to take place on Thursday and Saturday, December 16 and 18. For a young club the programme is a splendid one, and a glance thereat shows each and every event to have a substantial sum in prize money attached. Distributed over the 14 events is the sum of £500, of which 80sovs is attached to the Wanganui Cup, and next in importance is the Tradesmen's Handicap (second day) of 60sovs, both being run over a two-mile course. The other events on the programme are:—Maiden Handicap of 25sovs, one mile; Kirkwood Handicap of 25sovs, one mile and a-half; Hammond Handicap of 35sovs, one mile; Castlecliff Handicap of 30sovs, one mile and a-half; President's Handicap of 40 sovs, one mile and a-half; Dash Handicap of 35sovs, one mile. On the second day there will be the Trial Trot of 25sovs, one mile; Aramoho Handicap of 25 sovs, one mile and a-half; Tramway Handicap of 30sovs, one mile; Eastbrook Handicap of 30sovs, one mile and a-half; Ballance Stakes of 35sovs, one mile and a-half; and Farewell Handicap of 25sovs, one mile. All races are optional. Nominations for all events close with the secretary (Mr. Selby Morton) on Saturday next, November 20, at 9 p.m. Full particulars are given in the advertisement.

Although weighted at 6.13 Coromandel carried 5lb. overweight in the Ascot Handicap, at Ellerslie when he suffered defeat by a neck. His impost at Devonport 7.8 is only 4lb. more and it is generally admitted that he had bad luck to lose the Ascot.