



[BY PETRONEL.]

TROTTING CALENDAR.

FIXTURES.

February 17, Sat; 21, Wed; 24, Sat—Otahuhu T.C Summer

NOMINATIONS.

May 4—Ashburton T.C Autumn

HANDICAPS.

February 2—Otahuhu T.C Summer

ACCEPTANCES.

February 9—Otahuhu T.C Summer

NOTES.

The famous trotters belonging to the late Robert Bonner will positively be sold at Madison Square Garden this month, under the auspices of the Fasig Tipton Company. Among them will be such well-known ones as Praytel 2.9½, the last horse purchased by Mr Bonner; Sunol 2.8½, by Electioneer; Maud C. 2.10½, by Benderton; Don L. 2.12½, by Col. Tom; Elfrida 2.12½, by Candidate; Ansel 2.20, by Electioneer; Prince Ansel, by Ansel; Melba, by Ansel; Lady Boone, by Hsmbletonian; Russella, by Harold; and a number of other old-time favorites. Maud S., the first trotter to turn a track in 2.8½sec, and one or two others, are not to go into stranger hands.

How many stallions have sired a half-dozen 2.15 trotters? was asked in the *Breeder and Sportsman* office the other day, and the records were referred to, with the result that but seventeen sires could be found that had gained that honor. The old hero of the homestretch, Robert McGregor, heads the list with fourteen 2.15 trotters to his credit. Baron Wilkes, Guy Wilkes, and Simmons have thirteen each, Electioneer and Red Wilkes twelve each, Onward eleven, Pilot Medium ten, Alcantra and Wilton nine each, Chimes and Jay Bird eight, Aloyone seven, and Elyria, McKinney, and Stranger each with six. McKinney is the youngest horse in the above list, he being twelve years of age, while Chimes, the next youngest, is fifteen. Baron Wilkes and Elyria are each seventeen years old. Stranger and Wilton are nineteen; and of the others that are living, none are less than twenty.

The road drivers of New York are discussing all sorts of plans by which they can have the Speedway kept in order for driving on during the

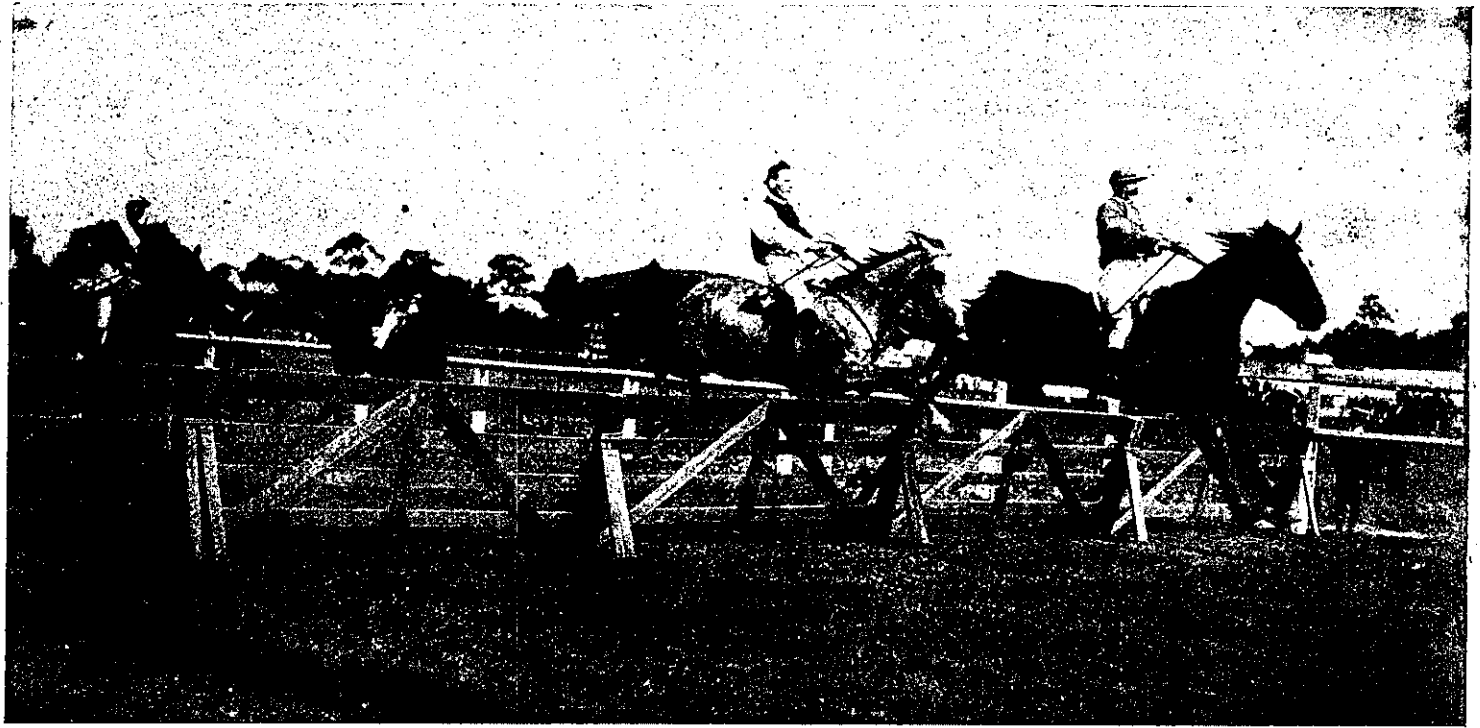


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THE LAST JUMP IN THE HANDICAP HURDLES AT TAKAPUNA—FAVONA LEADING.

winter, which shows that the coldest New York weather does not cool their ardour for a daily spin on the road. The Speedway offers no chance for sleighing, as many thought it would when it was being built. Last winter, with an unusual amount of snow, the great drive was not available for a single day's sleighing. After the heaviest snowfall of the winter, one enthusiastic and venturesome sleigh rider attempted the Speedway, and did not get as far as High Bridge until he was compelled to turn and laboriously make his way back to Central Park, where the sleighing was fairly good. Even under the most favorable weather for sleighing, it rarely lasts more than a day or two.

The Parisian correspondent of the *Spirit of the Times* thus describes the running for the £1000 International Race:—Monday, October 23, was the date upon which French bred trotters were to encounter some of the best American-bred horses imported in Europe. There were twenty competitors, and all of them started; 12 to harness, of which 7 were Americans; 8 to saddle, all French bred. As I already have remarked, the sulkeys were turning, ready to receive

the word, when the flag fell, under the nose of the saddlers grouped on one side, and off they went, of course, the rest hesitating, and hardly believing such a botch could be considered a start, but finally starting off, some of them a hundred yards or more behind the flying saddlers. But things changed with a vengeance very soon, and the American horse Wilburn M., all the way from Vienna, led the whole gang before one mile was over, after starting almost a furlong in the rear; then came little Killona, by King Wilkes, pretty soon passed by Deck Miller, and Charming Chimes, dropping the French saddlers one by one, the fifth place only being collared by the French horse Bayard who had enjoyed a capital start; so that, after all, and notwithstanding the disadvantage of a half grass, half sand track, to which they were totally unused, and notwithstanding such a start against them, as never was witnessed in the annals of trotting, the American lot most easily got the best of their French brethren. The distance of the race was two miles and a half, the winner, though losing fully one hundred and thirty yards at the start, covering the distance in 6min 9 1-5sec.

In the list of winning stallions in France of the races run under the rules of the French Jockey Club, during the past season War Dance is a good first with the large total of £35,876, Le Sancy is second with £20,172, Little Duck third with £14,495, and St. Damien next with £12,683. These are followed by Palais Royal, £10,980; Grandmaster, £1010; Floreal, £8585; Clarion, £8306; Donovan, £6699; and Border Minstrel, £6423. The last-named stallion heads the list of the winning sires of races run under the cross-country rules.

OTAHUHU TROTting CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

The following are the nominations for the above meeting, to be held at Potter's Paddock on February 17, 21, and 24:—

MAIDEN PONY HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Creel, Fair Gwen, Francis, Taradale, Lady Udney, Kirikirirahau, Silent, Stella II., Athel, Queen Quail, Sportsman, Moss Rose, Fairy Tale, Moetae, Howitzer—Satoria mare, Carmen, Matakura, Makiri II., Semolina.

HURDLE RACE, one mile and a half.—Venus, Newhaven, Little Tom, The Flower, Barbary, Kirikirirahau, Stella II., Brooklet, Fairy, Hine-moa, Nellie, Karaka, Hippocampus—Gipsy mare.

SUBURBAN PONY HANDICAP, six furlongs and a half.—Lady Howitzer, Nora, Trooper, First Whisper, Moss Rose, La Rose, Moetae, Norina, Topsail, Miss Lane, Stella, Spreydon, Edison, Semolina.

FLYING STAKES, five furlongs.—Creel, Barbary, Nannie, Nora, Trooper, First Whisper, Athel, Sportsman, Moss Rose, La Rose, Fairy Tale, Moetae, Norina, Matakura, Stella, Spreydon, Edison, Progress.

MAIDEN TROT, one mile and a half.—Happy, Louis, Scamp, Miss Rue, Tiripipi, Katie, Darkie, King of Munster, Brown Boy, Lady B., Black Bess, Vermont, Miss Victor, Victory, Popinjays, Dolly, The Mouse, Antea, Victor Royal, Peggy Sydney (late Peggy), Ben, Viscount, Bugler, Discombobulator.

OTAHUHU TROTting CUP, two miles.—Oob, Old Judge, Miss Huon, Empress, Patron, Dulce, Ebony, Royana, Albert Victor, Billy Wilson, Pioke, Miss Victor, Bob E.T., Hard Case, La Rue, Lord Harold.

HARNESS TROT, two miles.—Happy, Old Judge, Darkie, Vola Clair, Pilot, Hollywood, Albert Victor, Cleveland, Miss Victor, Victory, Lady B., Billy Wilson, Pioke, Bob E.T., La Rue.

ELECTRIC TROT, one mile.—Happy, Old Judge, Charlie, Miss Huon, Waitekauri, Tip-top, Fibre, Miss Victor, Victory, Lady B., Billy Wilson, Pioke, Bob E.T., Hard Case, Sally, Lusitania.

SECOND MAIDEN PONY HANDICAP, six furlongs and a half.—Newhaven, Creel, Fair Gwen, Francis, The Flower, Kirikirirahau, Stella II., Brooklet, Trooper, Athel, Queen Quail, Sportsman, Moss Rose, La Rose, Fairy Tale, Moetae, Nellie, Repeat, Howitzer—Satoria mare, Miss Lane, Carmen, Makiri II., Semolina.

OTAHUHU PONY CUP, one mile.—Creel, Lady Howitzer, Lady Udney, Barbary, Fairy, Nora, First Whisper, Athel, Moss Rose, La Rose, Fairy Tale, Moetae, Norina, Topsail, Miss Lane, Spreydon, Edison, Nannie, Progress, Semolina.



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MR G. G. STEAD'S CH H SCREW GUN (BY HOTCHKISS—ROSE OF WELLINGTON), WINNER OF ROYAL STAKES AT A R.C. MEETING.