

At Hartford, Conn., on September 5, Cresceus beat the world's trotting stallion record in a match against time. The times for the quarters were: First, 31½sec, half-mile 1min 2½sec, three-quarters 1min 33½sec, and the full distance 2min 4½sec. Cresceus finished very strongly, and was not in the least blown. The former record, 2min 5½sec, was held by Directum.

One of the sensational horses out this year is the pacing horse Connor 2 04½, says the *Breeder and Sportsman*. He has been leading the horses in his class through the Grand Circuit and the limit of his speed does not seem to have been reached yet. Connor has won more than one hundred heats at the pacing gait, and twenty-one at the diagonal way of going. His trotting record is 2.13½. He comes of a double gaited family, as his granddam is the dam of the horse Charley P. that had a pacing record of 2.11½ and a trotting record of 2.25½. Connor is by C. F. Clay 2.18, the sire of Coleridge 2.05½ and Choral 2.08. C. F. Clay was by Caliban, a son of Mambrino Pilot and out of Soprano, dam of six in 2.30, and she out of Abbess, the dam of Steinway. Connor's dam is Bessie V by William Welch, son of Hambletonian 10, second dam Martha by Rothechild, a son of Mambrino Patchen. Connor took his record of 2.04½ at Providence in a race which he won in straight heats, the time being 2.06½, 2.04½ and 2.05. He beat Riley B., Harry O., Will Leyburn, Island Wilkes Jr., Johnny Agan and Sphinx B.

For the Spring Meeting the Otahuhu Trotting Club has framed a very attractive programme. The fixture will be held at Potter's Paddock on Saturday and Wednesday, December 8 and 12, and for the two days racing stake money amounting to £590 is provided. The biggest-moneyed race of the gathering is the Otahuhu Spring Trot Handicap of two miles. This event is worth 60 sovs, of which the second horse will receive 10 sovs. Trotters entered for this race will be handicapped to do 2min 53sec or better for the mile. The Harness Trot Handicap, one mile and a-half, is worth 50 sovs, and horses nominated will be handicapped to trot a mile in 2min 55sec or better. The Telephone Trot, one mile, has a stake of 40 sovs, and is for saddle or harness horses. The winner of any trotting race after the handicaps are published will be mulcted in a penalty of 5sec. On the second day there are three trotting events worth 50 sovs each, the Suburban Trot Handicap, two miles, the Second Harness Trot, one mile and a-half, and the Class Trot Handicap, one mile. In the last-named the entrants will be handicapped to do the distance in 2min 45sec or better. The ponies are well catered for on each day with flat races and jumping events. The Hurdle-Race on the first day is worth 35 sovs, while the Steeplechase run on the second day of the meeting has a stake of 40 sovs. Nominations for all events close with the Secretary, Mr W. L. Lockhart, either at Otahuhu or the Metropolitan Hotel, Auckland, on Friday, November 16. Mr McGee will publish his handicaps on Friday, November 23.

THE AUCKLAND TROTting CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

The response received from owners and trainers to the handicaps framed by Mr Edwards for the opening day of the above Meeting, must be very



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A GROUP OF ELLERSLIE ATHLETES.

satisfactory to the Club and pleasing to the handicapper. All through the acceptances are good, and the promise of a very interesting day's sport is sound. The public are sure to attend Potter's Paddock on Saturday, for we have had no racing since the Avondale gathering, and there are many, no doubt, extremely anxious to try and spot the winners. Proceedings on Saturday commence with the Maiden Pony Handicap. There are ten acceptors, the top weight, being Fairy Bower, whose 11st should not put him out of count. Next to the top-weight, Motukorea and Little Jim are perhaps left with chances. There are some strangers in the field of whom little is known. I fancy the result may lie between

Fairy Bower, Little Jim and Motukorea

The Hurdle Race has seven left in. If Fairy Bower can jump, the 11st 7lb should not be much of a trouble. Venus, 10st 10lb; New Boy, 10st 4lb; and The Flower, 10st, should make the race very interesting, and probably the verdict may fall to

NEW BOY.

In the October Handicap I like best

TOPSAIL, FAIRY TALE AND SHAMROCK.

The Flying Handicap has eight acceptors, and the race may result in a good finish between

FAIRY BOWER, SHAMROCK, AND DOLLY.

The Maiden Trot, one mile and a-half, has secured a big acceptance, no less than fifteen having been paid up for. It is a bit of a puzzle

to select the winner, and I give it up. Those I think will trot well forward are

NAT GOULD, MISS GRAHAM, AND MARTHA.

The Spring Handicap Trot ought to furnish a really interesting race. The Joker is on scratch, and I think he will have all his work out to win. Lord Harold, Waitekauri, and either Pioke or August are sure to be handy if they go kindly, while Empress is an honest little mare that will trot well. Perhaps the conclusion may be fought out by

LORD HAROLD, EMPRESS, AND HIRD'S ELECT.

The smallest field of the day will very likely contest the Stewards' Trot, and I shall look forward to a finish between

WOODBINE, AND LITTLE DOCTOR.

The Electric Trot, one mile, should produce an exciting contest, and the issue may lie between THE JOKER, LORD HAROLD, AND LITTLE AGNES.

AUCKLAND TROTting CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

FIRST DAY, NOVEMBER 2.

MAIDEN PONY HANDICAP, of 20 sovs. Five furlongs.

	st	lb		st	lb
Fairy Bower	11	0	Flora	7	12
Motukorea	8	10	Glenoee	7	12
Irish Moss	8	7	Moa	7	12
Taffy	8	7	Little Jim	7	0
Wild Rose	7	12	Handsome Jane	7	9

HURDLE HANDICAP, of 30 sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

	st	lb		st	lb
Fairy Bower	11	7	Spreydon	9	9
Venus	10	10	Moa	8	7
Newboy	10	4	Wild Rose	9	7
The Flower	10	0			

OCTOBER HANDICAP, of 25 sovs. Six furlongs and a-half.

	st	lb		st	lb
Fairy Tale	7	12	Taffy	7	6
Topsail	7	12	Shamrock	7	5
Spreydon	7	11	Banshee	7	0
Motukorea	7	6	Venus	6	12

FLYING HANDICAP, of 20 sovs. Five furlongs.

	st	lb		st	lb
Fairy Bower	9	12	Shamrock	7	6
Fairy Tale	8	0	Irish Moss	7	5
Topsail	7	12	Dolly	7	4
Motukorea	7	8	Little Jim	6	9

SPRING HANDICAP TROT, of 45 sovs. One mile and a-half.

	secs		secs
Joker	scr	Pioke	18
Lord Harold	8	August	18
Empress	12	Hollywood	19
Cob	17	Fibre	23
Waitekauri	17		

STEWARDS' HANDICAP TROT, of 45 sovs. One mile and a-half.

	secs		secs
Woodbine	5	Hollywood	19
Little Doctor	10	Sandfly	30
August	18		

ELECTRIC TROT, of 40 sovs. One mile.

	secs		secs
Joker	11	Miss Victor	29
Lord Harold	16	Little Agnes	30
Hard Case	20	Sandfly	30
Heires	25	Martha	30
Fibre	26		

MAIDEN TROT, of 20 sovs. One mile and a-half.

	secs		secs
Nat Gould	scr	Lady B	9
Ebonite	scr	Louie	9
Bert	scr	Darke	9
Colenso	scr	Autoorat	9
The Major	8	Tripipi	9
Daisy Belle	8	Netty	11
Martha	5	Miss Graham	12
Imperator	5		

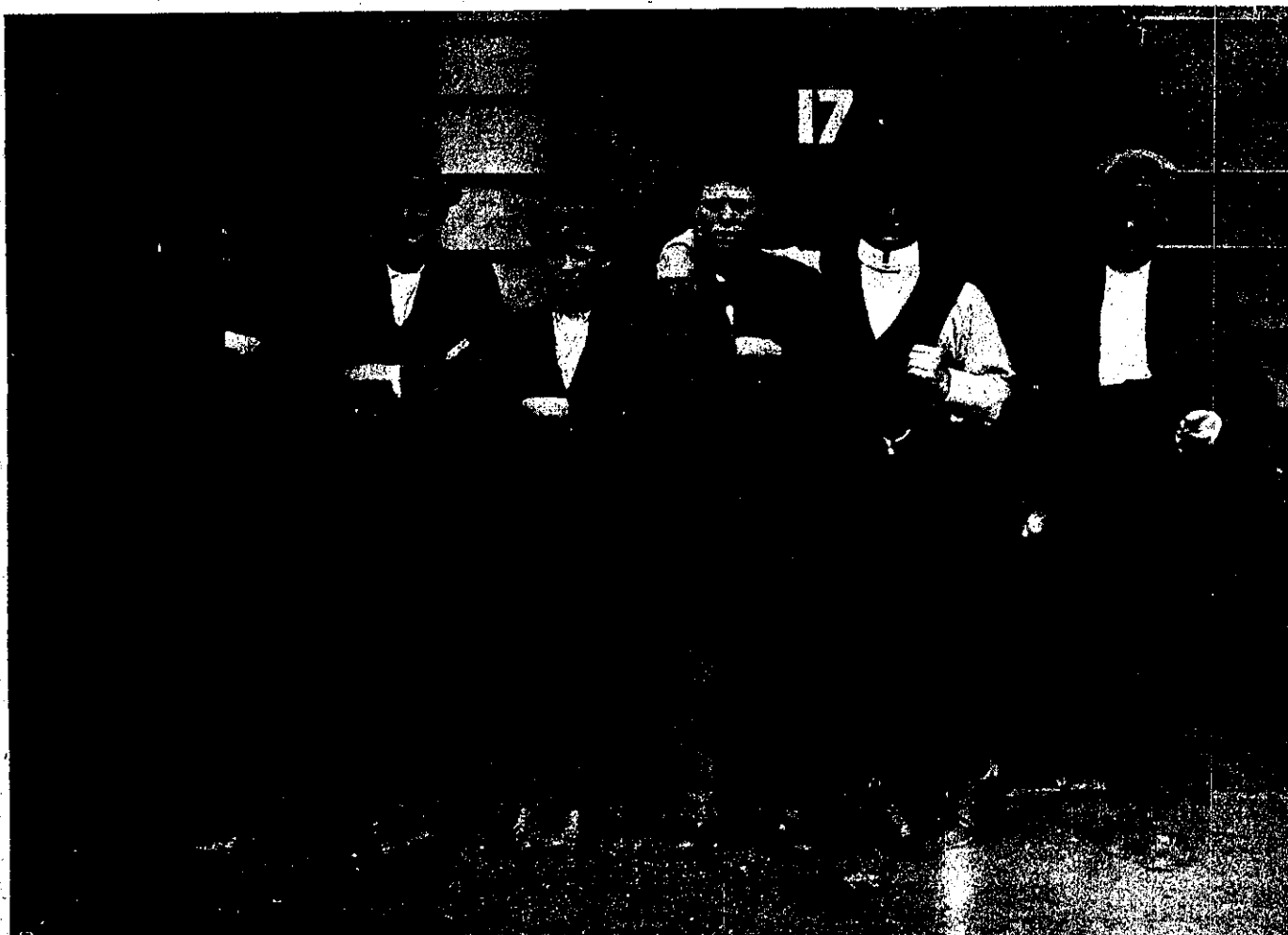


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