

ELLERSLIE TRACK NOTES.

On Saturday the semi-final gallops for the Takapuna Jockey Club's Summer meeting took place at Ellerslie, the course proper being open and in splendid order.

Goldsize set the ball rolling with a tan circuit, run in 1.56, not all out. The Celt strode round the course at top.

Kakama was set for a mile gallop from the old mile post, running out the distance in 1.47 1-5. The mare continued on and registered 2.2 for the nine furlongs.

Dandy Breeze and Harenao scampered over six furlongs in 1.25, being together.

Soultikoff surprised the onlookers by defeating Prince Soult over seven furlongs in 1.32 3-5.

Gold Necklet ran five furlongs, the new post, in 1.7.

Worcester had all the better of Goy at the end of six furlongs in 1.21.

La Reina and Ovation ran round the tan track in 1.56, the former being in front.

Merrimax was finishing better than Golden Grain in a tan circuit in 2min.

Excavator ran five furlongs, beating a juvenile in 1.7 1-5.

Devastation had all the better of Decorate at the end of seven furlongs in 1.34 1-5.

Goldnre, Wairiki, and Bonny Doon beat the noise-making Maui Nini over six furlongs in 1.22.

Jolie Fiile put in two moderate rounds on the sand rink, and when warmed up galloped freely.

Haku strode round the tan in 2min, looking very well.

The flying Glad Tidings ran four furlongs in a tan under 50 3-5sec, revealing in his work.

Royal Irish jumped off at the new mile post and was joined by Almeida at the six-furlong post, beating the mare home in 1.46—a solid gallop.

Lady Alicia alone ran the last four or six furlongs in 53sec.

The track and stable mates Tecoma and Loloma spurred half a mile in 53sec.

Obdurate and Chime lined up for a five-furlong nutter. The former, getting a break, increased the distance, running home in 1.6.

Admiral Soult alone ran over a mile in 1.48, finishing strongly.

After breakfast Doggerbank put a tan circuit past in 1.56 1-5.

The speedy Spanish held Lady Elgiva cheaply at the end of a three-furlong burst in 38sec.

Tripoli carried too many guns for Kitty Bellairs in a run from the half-mile post in 53sec.

Apellon downed Miss Livonia over two furlongs further in 1.6 1-5.

Cordite and Christmas Rose both cantered a bit scratchy on the tan. The latter was better when she warmed up.

Haweia brought Lord Delaval, Cogent, Pakaka, and Decorate's sister home from the half-mile post, the others running five furlongs, the time for which was 1.6 1-5, the quartette finishing in the order named. The first-named showed pace.

Tiki Tapu and Bogey ran the same distance in a tick less, coming in as above.

Glistening Sands and Overtime were together at the end of a half-mile spurt in 52 3-5sec.

Sesame left nine furlongs behind in 2.6 3-5.

Delenda and Hadj sprinted the last three of four furlongs on the two-year-old track in 38sec. The latter is steadily on the improve.

Manuwera put in a solid gallop on the tan, finishing up well.

Selection led Conway's two-year-old, Merry Dance, in a short sprinting mission.

Lady Penury beat Graduate over half a mile in 53 4-5sec.

North East negotiated five of the schooling hurdles in one style.

Prestwich and Navy Blue ran round the five schooling hurdles, the former showing to most advantage.

Lloyds and Te Onga were associated in a schooling lesson, the latter tending much the better of the pair.

Matawerewere, Antiphone, Signo, Maoriland, Tangiwai, Cloudy Dawn, and others put in useful work.

Lady Alicia ran six furlongs at top on the sand.

Chime ran away from Zamora for half a mile in 52 2-5sec.

Obdurate was all on to finish six furlongs in 1.21 3-5.

Admiral Soult alone left the mile behind in 1.47 3-5.

Dandy Breeze and Harenao registered 1.9 4-5 for five furlongs, the former being in front.

Tamanupo finished the last four of nine furlongs on the sand in 54 1-5. The Soult gelding seemed to be going much kinder than usual.

Matawerewere and Cloudy Dawn sprinted in patches on the tan, but gave the watch holders no line to go on. They are both well.

After the breakfast interval Apellon, Cordite and Miss Livonia lined up for a five-furlong spin from the new post, and came home as above in 1.6 4-5, the latter taking 1.9.

Pip ran round the tan looking remarkably well.

Markabi was going faster than Lady Elgiva at the business end of five furlongs from the new post.

Doggerbank flew six of the schooling fences in good style, leaving the round behind in 1.56.

Haweia and Conway's juvenile had a half-mile spin in 51 4-5sec.

Overtime beat Decorate's sister easily over five furlongs in 1.8 4-5. Vestal beat a chestnut and Te Onga in a circuit in the good time of 2.4 4.

Manurewa put in a sand lap in the same time.

Tiki Tapu had Bogey well beaten over a half-mile spin in 53 4-5sec.

Others that did useful work were Field Maid, Lord Delaval, Sesame, Marble Star, Kitty Bellairs, Hadj, Tiri, Lady Pansy, Graduate and Haku, all of which have Takapuna J.C. engagements.

TUESDAY.

On Tuesday the course proper was again opened, and all the principal work was done there, the track being fast.

Goldsize, alone, skipped over seven furlongs in 1.32.

North East went over the same track, taking 1 3-5sec. longer to complete the journey.

The Celt sprinted six furlongs in 1.22.

Gold Necklet sprinted five furlongs on the two-year-old track, and finished well.

Prestwich took 1.20 to run the last six of seven furlongs.

Kakama put up the best eight furlongs of the session, running 1.45 from the old mile post.

Decorate and Pupura battled out six furlongs in 1.20, the former in front.

Goldfire, which is very much on the improve, beat Maui Nina, registering

1.33 1-5 from the seven-furlong post.

Devastation, Soultikoff and Prince Soult ran home in this order from the same post, taking 1.34 1-5. Soultikoff did not get on his feet, but was finishing very strongly, but the former could have reduced the time.

Loloma and Tecoma were bustled over half-a-mile in 51 4-5sec., almost from a stand.

The Thames mare Clare left a tan circuit behind in 2.4.

Glad Tidings put up the best sprinting mission of the morning, running half-a-mile in 50 3-5sec.

Merrimax was going better than Golden Grain at the end of a sand circle run in 2.1.

La Reina had Ovation beaten in a sand-run eight furlongs in 1.46 3-5, completing the round in 1.59 3-5.

OTAGO CRICKET.

(From our Dunedin correspondent.)

The question of the selection of the New Zealand team for the test match against the coming Australian team, organised by Mr. Arthur Sims, created some discussion at a recent meeting of the Otago Cricketers Association. The local legislators were not well pleased with the manner of the selection of the New Zealand team which has just completed an Australian tour, and to avoid a repetition has made the recommendation to the New Zealand Council that a sole selector be appointed to select the New Zealand teams for the coming test matches, and a further recommendation that Mr. C. G. Wilson, the well-known cricketer and legislator of Wellington, be appointed. C. G. Wilson knows his subject, and we may be sure that he would select his teams without fear or favour, and that good sides would be the result. I trust that the Otago Association's recommendations will be passed by the Council. The manner in which the New Zealand team for Australia was selected left room for a deal of improvement.

Owing to the bad weather experienced before the holidays and the number of postponements occasioned, the Otago Association has had to consider the advisability of making the matches for the remainder of the season one-day fixtures. From to-day until the end of the present season at any rate senior grade matches in Dunedin will be confined to one day. Several years ago it was proposed that one-day matches should be given a trial, but the committee of the period tossed the suggestion out as unworthy. Now it is being given a trial under compulsion, and if it presents any prospects of success will be given a thorough "try-out" next season. One-day cricket has proved a great success in some of the second-class counties in England, and there is no reason why it should not succeed here.

The experiment of one-day matches on similar lines to that offering in League cricket in England was successfully tried on Saturday. All the senior games were keenly contested, and the batting was visited by freedom and vigour denied us so long in Otago cricket. The features of the day's play was a splendid innings by the colt Higgins, who, playing for Opoho against Albion, compiled 160 not out without a blemish. Higgins, who was the first player to make a century in senior cricket this season, has been a failure in representative company.

Alex. Downes, the veteran, came back to form in surprising fashion

on Saturday, and scored 59 by perfect strokes all round the wicket.

Seidberg, who was threatened to be dropped out of representative cricket after a long career, confounded the selectors by a finished innings of 63 on his 70 of the previous Saturday. It is hard to see how the selector is going to drop him for the match against Canterbury a fortnight hence.

ATHLETICS.

TEAM CHOSEN TO REPRESENT OTAGO.

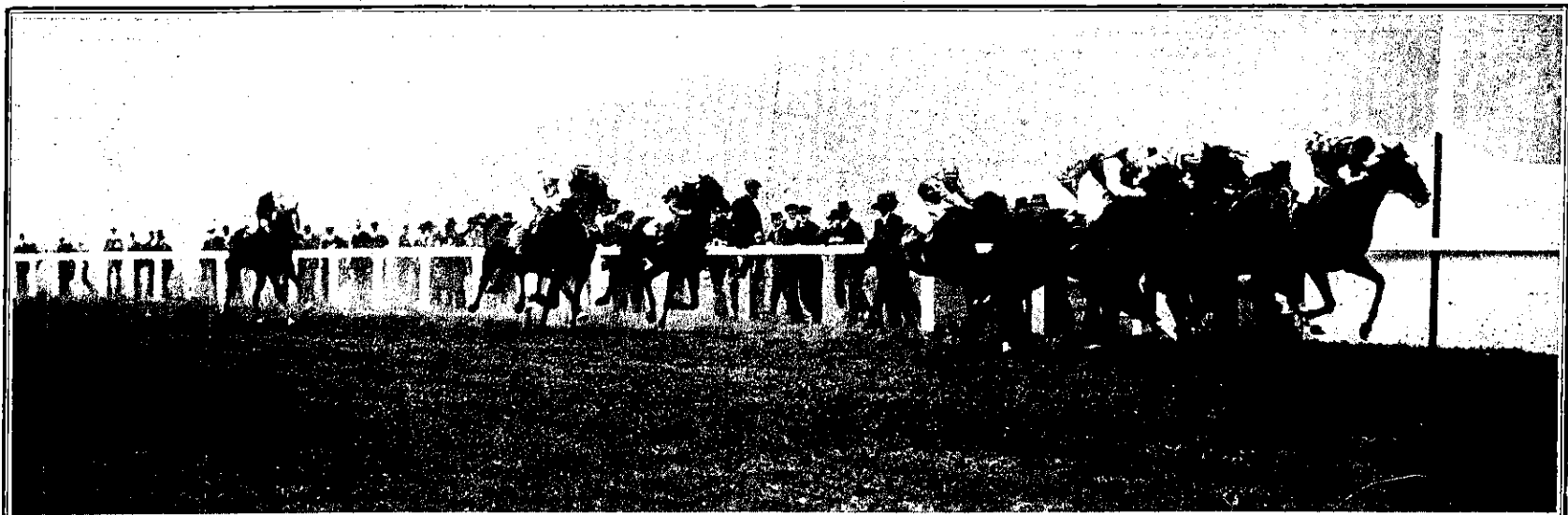
PERKINS' FINE PERFORMANCES.

(By Telegraph—Dunedin Correspondent.)
The first interprovincial athletic championship meeting of Otago was successfully inaugurated on Saturday. The purity of its amateurism is evidenced by the fact that certificates were to be the sole award to the winning competitors. The entries were large, and the racing interesting. The best performance was put up by Perkins, who performed well at the American meeting a few weeks ago. Perkins won the 100yds. in 10 2-5sec., the 220yds. in 24sec., and ran second in the quarter-mile, won by Swinney in 54 3-5sec. Perkins is the most promising sprinter in Dunedin, and if taken in hand will get into the championship class. He should run well in the New Zealand championships on February 7.

Swinney ran well in the half-mile, but the strong wind prevented fast time, and he took 2min. 15sec. for the distance. Crimp won the mile as he liked in the slow time of 5min. 3 4-5sec., and Fry, a clubmate of Beatson (the new Australasian champion), won the three miles in 16min. 25sec. Fisher and Pittaway tied in the 120yds. hurdles, and in the running broad jumper was unearched in Holmes, who, for a novice, did well in clearing 20ft. 4in. The high jumping was poor, the winner, Reid, doing nothing better than 5ft. 2 1/2in. The shot championship was won by the University lad with 34ft. 2in., and Hewitt won the hop, step and jump with 42ft. 2in.

The meeting furnished a try-out for the selection of the Otago team for the New Zealand championships, for which the following have been selected:—100yds. and 220yds. Flat, Perkins, Barton, Caddie and Christie; 440yds. Flat, Swinney, Perkins, and Bishop; Half-mile, Swinney, Bishop and Crimp; One Mile, Beatson and Crimp; Three Miles, Beatson, Frye, Thompson; One Mile Walk, Buchan and Stewart; Three Mile Walk, Buchan; 120yds. Hurdles, Fisher and Crimp; 120yds. Hurdles, Withers and Fisher; Broad Jump, Austin, Withers, and Reid; High Jump, Reid, Fisher and Glasgow; Pole Jump, McLachlan; Putting the Weight, McKeeffe and Paterson; Hammer-throwing, Boyne; Hop, Step and Jump, Hewitt, Glasgow and Thomson.

The Otago team is strong numerically, but the one real champion in the lot is J. Beatson, who won the three miles in such a sensational manner at the Australasian championships in Melbourne on Saturday. The Otago man's victory was received here with a deal of enthusiasm. Beatson was expected to have a good chance, but we did not expect him to win against the pick of Australia on an Australian track. The surprise is that Beatson won in the sprint to the tate, for the Otago man has never previously developed this.



THE CHOKEBORE COLOURS TO THE FORE—The favourite, GLEN FINNAN (B. Deeley), scores a popular victory from RED BOOK (L. Wilson), in centre of trio, and IMAGINATION (F. D. Jones), on outside, in the Anniversary Welter Handicap (one mile) at Trentham.