

TURF RESULTS.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB.

SPRING MEETING.

BJORNEBORG WINS GUINEAS.

DEPREDAATION CAPTURES BIG HANDICAP.

The spring meeting of the Wanganui Jockey Club, which opened on Thursday and was concluded on Saturday, was easily the most profitable one in the history of the old-established club, and furthermore the fields could not have been much below the best average in number and were little behind in the matter of class, while it is doubtful whether there has been a much better attendance in the spring of the year. The racing was good, and the track was carrying a good covering of grass, and was such as to suit horses suffering from soreness, of which, however, there was an almost entire absence. Like the experiences of other clubs already this season, the turnover at the totalisators was larger than usual, a record for a spring meeting being reached. The sum of £52,293 was handled, as against £46,004, the increase thus being £6289. As other meetings were to follow immediately afterwards which required the presence of some of the horses, the owners of which felt in duty bound to support, the result is all the more surprising. It is, however, quite evident that there is money for racing everywhere, more particularly in the North Island. The management left nothing wanting. The secretary (Mr. W. Hall) and his staff, the stewards and committee, and the totalisator workers all got through their allotted duties nicely, and the meeting was one of the most pleasing character, as the weather, an important desideratum, was perfect. Visitors were present from all parts of the North Island and some from the South, while the Hon. W. H. Herries and Sir George Clifford—and the latter, as usual, had horses carrying his colours—were amongst the more prominent, but most of the owners represented were in attendance, and the prize money was very well distributed amongst local and visiting stables, the form generally being of a most consistent order. Of accidents there were a few, but though Metcalf, an English apprentice attached to G. Price's stable, was taken to the hospital as the result of a fall with the hack Abalone, it is not anticipated that he will be incapacitated more than a week or two, and the other riders were not hurt. Abalone, however, had to be destroyed. Most of the starts effected by Mr. Skipwith were excellent, but, as is sometimes the case, there were a few uneven ones and some horses suffered in consequence. A number of good class horses took part, but it cannot be said that much light has been shed on the New Zealand Cup, or even on any of the classic races, as the form of the three-year-olds cannot be altogether accepted as conclusive. However, Bjorneborg may stay as well as the best of those that ran.

Better racing than was provided during the two days could not be wished for, the fields being good all through, while the various events were well contested, in many cases the finishes being remarkably fine. Four favourites got home altogether, one on the first day and three on the second, fairly good dividends being paid in most of the events, while in one instance the backers of the winner got over £20 in return.

A start was made with the Flying Handicap for which Panmure was made a better favourite than Chakwana, Greenstreet and Interlude also carrying a lot of money, though Interlude is hardly ready yet. Chakwana looked the best handicapped horse in the race, and she won nicely from Miacara. The latter finished well, and evidently her knee trouble has disappeared. There were nine starters, but Tyson was so badly left as to take no part in the race.

Sir Geo. Clifford's colt Wrestler was picked out as the most likely winner of the Maiden, and he had no trouble in beating his thirteen opponents, winning like a rattling good colt in a shade better time than Chakwana had registered. The way Carmel Arch ran suggests that he will be useful. Wapping, a three-year-old gelding by Advance—Betsy, got third. He promises to improve with racing.

The Guineas brought out a field of seven, a favourite being found in Good Hope, a fine-looking colt by Cannie Chiel—To-morrow, who let his backers down badly, as he never looked

like winning. Hyttus and Bjorneborg had many friends, Sweet Tipperary being the outsider of the party, but she ran so well that her victory was being loudly acclaimed, when Bjorneborg came with a fine run and scored decisively. Bjorneborg showed that he is a better gelding than his Avondale running made him out to be, and he should win other good races for Mr. T. H. Lowry.

Pursefiller carried most money in the Okehu Hurdles, but the other six starters were all well backed. The favourite did not run up to expectations, though she began badly, as did also Crawford, the next in demand. The race was between Vladian and Marton—two inmates of Walter Rayner's stable—as they were in front practically all the way. Vladian looked to be going to win comfortably, but Marton finished gamely, and a battle royal was witnessed, Vladian just getting the verdict, Styxax some distance back third. It was good to see two horses from the one stable fighting out such a finish.

Six out of the seven starters in the Hack Hurdles were solidly backed, the exception being Record, who was a big outsider. Combustion and Golden March were the best backed. The former gave a very poor display, but Golden March led over the last hurdle, when Record came with a great rattle and settled the Advance gelding with ease, winning comfortably. Mr. D. Campion, the owner, had nothing on the winner, whom Combustion had been beating with ease on the tracks, and his win was the surprise of the meeting.

The twelve acceptors started in the Putiki Hack, the topweight, Gang Awa, carrying most coin, though Devotion, Gaycium and Starengo were also well supported. Bivouac made the early running, but Gaycium took command at the bottom of the straight and won like a racehorse from Fidelio. The latter came very fast over the last bit.

Montana declined his engagement in the Spring Handicap, leaving eleven

Won comfortably by a length, half a length between second and third. Rangitero was fourth. Time, 1min 14 4-5sec.

MAIDEN RACE of 200sovs.

Six furlongs.
1—Sir Geo. Clifford's b c Wrestler, 3yrs, by Antagonist—Elusive, 7.7 (C. Emerson) 1
4—Walsh and Quarterman's b g Carmel Arch, 4yrs, 8.2 (Deeley) 2
6—Mr. Highden's ch g Wapping, 3 yrs, 7.7 (T. Metcalf) 3

Also started: 12 Zimicle 8.2 (A. Reed), 3 Hine Toa 8.2 (C. Price), 11 Warmald 8.2 (J. Cathro), 8 Field Boy 8.2 (W. Bell), 14 Prince Paul 8.2 (O. McCarten), 5 Haupal 8.2 (W. Rayner), 7 First Line 7.7 (G. Young), 2 Woodlark 7.7 (W. McKay), 10 Signorella 7.7 (R. Reed), 9 Turangapito 7.7 and 3lb over (W. Price), 13 Quinn's Post 7.7 (B. Morris).

Won easily by two lengths, three lengths between second and third. Quinn's Post was fourth. Time, 1min 14 3-5sec.

WANGANUI GUINEAS, a sweepstake of 10sovs each for starters, with 500 sovs added. One mile.

3—T. H. Lowry's b g Bjorneborg, 3yrs, by Finland—Warscare, 8.5 (J. O'Shea) 1
7—Dwan Bros' blk f Sweet Tipperary, 3yrs, 8.5 (H. Goldfinch) 2
6—W. E. Bidwill's b c Elation, 3yrs, 8.10 (A. Reed) 3

Also started: 1 Good Hope 8.10 (F. E. Jones), 2 Hyttus 8.5 (J. Buchanan), 4 Splendant 8.5 (B. Deeley), 5 Cease Fire 8.5 (A. Oliver).

Won by a length, half a length separating second and third. Splendant was fourth. Time, 1min 43 4-5sec.

OKEHU HANDICAP HURDLES of 200 sovs. About one mile and three-quarters.

4—Emeny and Lampett's b g Vladian, 6yrs, by Vladimir—Refect-ed, 9.6 (W. Young) 1
7—Morris and Hammond's b g Marton, 10.3 (E. Copestake) 2
5—R. Hick's ch g Styxax, aged, 11.7 (L. Trull) 3

Also started: 6 Harbour Light 11.8 (J. Deerey), 1 Pursefiller 11.8 (B. Poulgrain), 3 Leonta 10.4 (J. E. Brady), 2 Crawford 9.2 (A. McDonald).

Won by half a length, a length between second and third. Pursefiller was fourth. Time, 3min 17 3-5sec.

GONVILLE HACK HURDLE HANDICAP of 130sovs. About one mile and five furlongs.

7—D. Campion's br g Record, aged, by Renown—Famous, 9.1 (A. Gordon) 1
2—Jas. Bull's blk g Golden March, 10.8 (A. McDonald) 2
3—W. Duncan's ch g Austin, 10.11 (P. Brady) 3

Also started: 4 Patronymic 11.6 (J.

Reed), 2 Revalenta 8.11 (Oliver), 10 Black Heart 8.3 (L. Wilson), 12 Paraoa 8.1 (C. Price), 9 Henry Clay 7.11 (R. E. Brown), 11 Glorify 7.10 (C. Carmont), 5 Antwerp 7.6 (R. Reed), 14 Analogue 7.5 (Watson), 8 Royal Park 7.2 (B. H. Morris), 13 Dood 7.2 (J. Cordue), 16 Abalone 7.0 (T. Metcalf).

Won by three-quarters of a length, half a length separating second and third. Paraoa was fourth. Time, 1min 50sec.

CONCLUDING DAY.

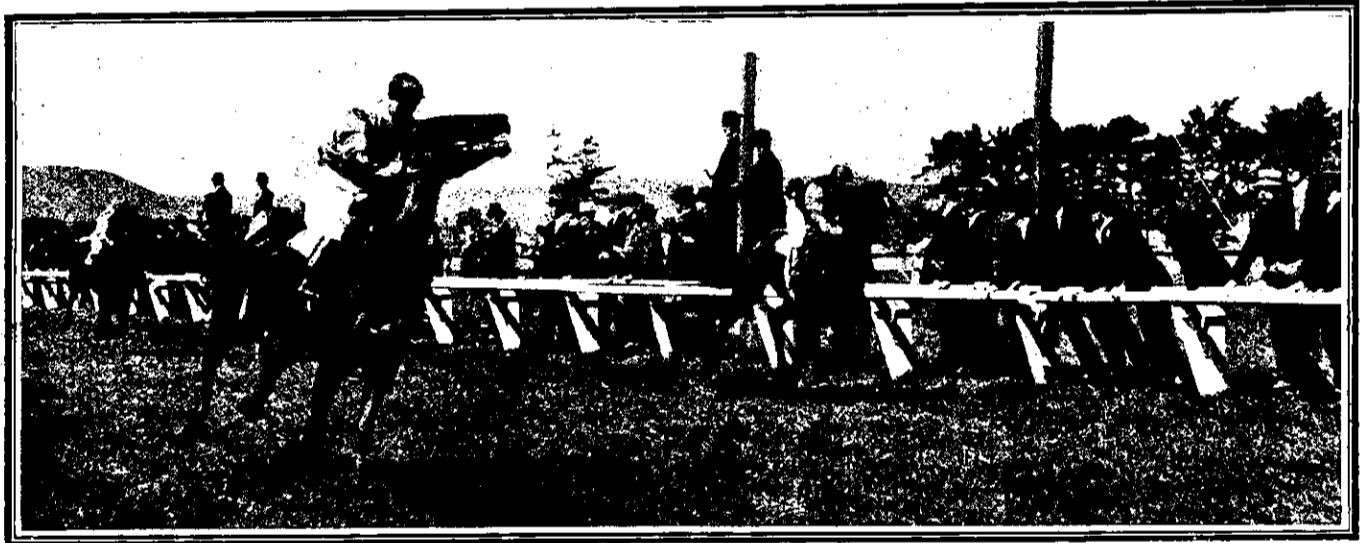
GAYCIUM, VLADIAN AND DEPREDAATION WIN AGAIN.

On the strength of her good running on the opening day, Miacara was made favourite for the Owen Handicap, with which proceedings opened on Saturday. There was a lot of money for Greenstreet, Rangitero, and Avon Park. The winner turned up in Rangitero, Miacara again fighting out a great finish but being beaten by the narrowest of margins. Lady Middleton was running well at the bend where she got a bad bump, and finished fourth.

Eleven lined up for the Railway Hack, Splendant being installed as favourite, with Carmel Arch next in demand. The race needs little description, as Gaycium was in front all the way and was well clear at the post. The six-year-old daughter of Gazeley—Cricium carried 9.3, and her performance in running the distance and winning so comfortably stamps her as an exceedingly good mare. She is said to have shown her party something particularly brilliant over five furlongs, and they were very confident of the result, so had two good wins.

There were six starters in the big hurdles, Golden March being the popular pick, but it was a fine betting race, Pursefiller being heavily supported, but she made a poor showing, the winner being Vladian, who looked in great fettle and showed that he is a real good one by scoring easily, though Austin made a big dab on the inside over the last bit and got up close.

Chaban was pulled out of the Hack and Hunters' Steeplechase, nine being



WRESTLER (Emerson), on outside, winning the Maiden Race (six furlongs) from CARMEL ARCH (B. Deeley) on the opening day of the Wanganui J.C.'s spring meeting on Thursday last.

to face the starter, of which lot Seddel-Bahr, Square Deal and Depredation were solidly backed in that order. Beltane tried to win all the way, but Depredation, finishing in splendid style, cut down the leaders in the straight and won by two lengths. The winner had been strongly supported, coupled with Chakwana, for the double, and the commission agents consequently were very heavily hit. Ararat ran a good race to the straight, where she fell, her rider, G. Young, sustaining slight concussion, and the mare was a bit lame behind as a result of the fall.

Kaiwhakahaere was the only withdrawal from the Durie Hack, sixteen going to the post. Moulu was entrusted with most coin, Revelenta and Hylatus also being well backed. Hylatus, Cleft and Toki were prominent in the early stages, and the former stayed in front all the way, winning comfortably. Camp Guard lost a lot of ground at the start, but finished a good third. Zola had a very bad passage. At two or three stages he looked like winning easily, so fast was he going, but he got blocked each time.

Results were:—

FLYING HANDICAP of 200sovs. Six furlongs.
2—V. and E. Riddiford's b m Chakwana, 5yrs, by Hierarch—Peace, 8.6 (A. Reed) 1
6—W. Duncan's br m Miacara, 8.0 (C. Price) 2
1—Mr. Highden's ch h Panmure, 9.5 (A. Oliver) 3

Also started: 8 Astor 8.9 (R. E. Brown), 4 Interlude 8.0 (C. Emerson), 5 Rangitero 7.13 (J. O'Shea), 3 Greenstreet 7.12 (B. Deeley), 7 Veto 7.10 (D. Anderson), 9 Tyson 7.5 and 2lb over (H. Goldfinch).

Trull), 1 Combustion 10.3 (E. Copestake), 6 First Consul 9.3 (S. Reid), 5 Worcester 9.2 (Henderson).

Won by a length and a-half, with a length between second and third. Worcester was fourth. Time, 3min 2 1-5sec.

PUTIKI HACK RACE of 130sovs.

Six furlongs.
3—Mrs E. Coffey's b m Gaycium, 6 yrs, by Gazeley—Cricium, 8.6 (H. Goldfinch) 1
10—W. C. Phillips' br m Fidelio, 4 yrs, 7.2 (B. H. Morris) 2
4—W. Brown's b g Starengo, 5yrs, 7.2 (Deeley) 3

Also started: 1 Gang Awa 8.10 (C. Price), 7 Sylvaroa 7.10 (O'Shea), 2 Devotion 7.10 (A. Reed), 9 Bivouac 7.9 (W. Price), 8 Hexton 7.9 (H. Johnson), 5 Merry Andrew 7.9 (C. Stowe), 12 Powder King 7.9 (Watson), 11 Rose Pink 7.7 (C. Reed), 6 Madam Ristori 7.1 (R. Reed).

Won easily by a length, half a length separating second and third. Gang Awa was fourth. Time, 1min 15sec.

SPRING HANDICAP of 250sovs. One mile and 110 yards.

3—R. Barlow's b h Depredation, 4 yrs, by Campfire—Gosling, 7.2 (R. Reed) 1
6—T. H. Lowry's br g Beltane, 3yrs, 7.2 (Watson) 2
5—Walter Raleigh's blk g Rewi Poto, 8.11 (C. Price) 3

Also started: 4 Nones 9.2 (Deeley), 11 Welcome Nugget 8.9 (A. Reed), 2 Square Deal 8.9 (L. Nodder), 1 Seddel-Bahr 7.8 (C. Emerson), 9 Marsinah 7.4 (Goldfinch), 8 Rumnina 7.0 (T. Reed), 7 Ararat 6.10 (G. Young), 10 Black Ada 6.7 (B. H. Morris).

Won by two lengths, a length and a-half separating second and third. Seddel-Bahr was fourth. Time, 1min 49sec.

DURIE HACK HANDICAP of 130sovs. One mile and 110 yards.

3—A. D. Webster's ch g Hylatus, 4 yrs, by Hymettus—Mandola, 8.11 (J. O'Shea) 1
6—F. J. Lysnar's b g Cleft, 4yrs, 8.11 (P. Brady) 2
15—G. Lupton's blk g Camp Guard, aged, 7.6 (C. Reed) 3

Also started: 1 Moulu 9.2 (Emerson), 4 Zola 9.2 (Stevenson), 7 Toki 8.13 (A.

the main. Marton carried a few pounds more than Czaronus, Critic and The Hound (coupled) between them a little less than Czaronus. The latter fell at the first fence, and from there on Marton, jumping beautifully, never gave anything else a chance. He was being allowed to canter home when Critic made a rush and all but caught him.

The Higgle Handicap, which followed, gave Depredation another chance to show what a real good one he is by scoring in fine style from the favourite, Nones, by a head. The favourite got off well, but was steadied and came with a run at the finish which just failed to land her a winner. There were six starters, and all were well backed. Moulu led to the straight, but failed to go on with it.

Twelve started in the Moutoa Hack, Hylatus being the most solidly backed, but Cleft also carried a lot of money, while Zola also had many friends. The last-named had been off his feed since the first day, and had lightened up. He made a disappointing snowing. Antwerp won from the favourite rather easily and paid a good price. Analogue showed good form, finishing close up, and Mr. J. E. Palmer, the popular Waverley sportsman, should pick up a race with him soon.

Rewi Poto was backed for the Marangai Handicap as if the race was all over, and the public made no mistake, as the black son of Maniapoto won anyhow from Welcome Nugget. There were three other starters, Marsinah, Lady Amai and Worcester, and it would have taken a ton of weight to stop the two which ran first and second from beating the others. Wor