

TROTTING

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Jan. 25, 27—Forbury Park T.C. Summer DATES OF LEADING EVENTS.
May 5—N.Z. Trotting Derby

AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB.

CHILD WINS GREAT NORTHERN DERBY.

ADELAIDE DIRECT NOW THE QUEEN.

ESTABLISHES AN AUSTRALASIAN RECORD.

The opening of the Auckland Trotting Club's summer meeting, interrupted by rain, was concluded on Thursday afternoon. Proceedings opened with the Eden Handicap Trot, for which Paul Huon was made favourite, and, capably handled by J. Bryce, cut down the leaders and won by forty yards from Hova, with Kirikiriroa third, but had Macwood not broken he would have been second. Rio Grande picked up a piece of wire in his shoe, and this caused him not to leave the mark at barrier rise. Hova was deprived of second place through interfering with Kirikiriroa.

In the Parnell Handicap Bush Child was picked by the bulk of followers of the game as a very likely winner, Doris Wilkes also having a lot of followers. Shrewd people pinned their faith to Rexcordium, who was fourth fancy, while Tim Doolan carried even more than the visitor. Dorothy Dimple was also well backed. The mission of Lena Patch seemed to be to interfere with other horses, and she did so to some purpose, Lieutenant coming in for a lot of attention, so much so that occupants of the stands started to hoot the driver, and when she finished in front of that gelding it was certain that action would be taken. An enquiry was soon begun and ended, the result being that A. Barker, driver of Lena Patch, was put out for two years and the stake awarded to Lieutenant and second place to Rexcordium, a finish up which was much appreciated by the public, and especially by the backers of the last-named. There was more in this race than met the eye. The example made of Barker should be a warning to unfair horsemen.

The Great Northern Trotting Derby was picked as a good thing for Child, by St. Elmo, a horse that once trotted with distinction in Auckland. J. Bryce had great confidence in Child's ability, and saved her all he could, and when Miss Rolfe had about run herself out and Vice-Admiral had had enough, he brought the black filly along with a run which carried her to the head of affairs, and she ultimately won by two lengths from Miss Rolfe, Vice-Admiral being eased up several lengths away. Child ran at a 2.18 gait, good time for a three-year-old event. It was satisfactory that the race was so interesting on account of the small field, which may happen at any time with classic races.

Mintson was made favourite for the Great Northern Handicap, Soda (ridden by F. E. Jones) being the second choice, these horses being from the stable of J. Bryce, who had Knight riding Mintson. Soda, well handled by Jones, won by a neck from Sandrift, Mintson being a length away in a most interesting finish.

Miss Rolfe and Vice-Admiral were produced for the St. Helier's Handicap, and the first-named carried more money than Stone Beldon and Vice-Admiral. Miss Rolfe showed her speed, but Vice-Admiral cut her down and won in good style, Stone Beldon being some lengths away.

The totalisator returns brought the investments for the eight events to £24,584 10s., as compared with £24,934 10s. last year. Results:—

EDEN HANDICAP TROT (Harness) of 250sovs; second 35sovs, third 15sovs. Two miles.

- 1—J. Smith's b h Paul Huon, aged, by Peri Huon—Creole, 84yds (J. Bryce) 1
 - 5—C. Ball's b g Kirikiriroa, aged, 120yds (Hird) 2
 - 2—Davidson and Delargey's b g Macwood, aged, 36yds (Pringle) 3
- Also started: 6 Rio Grande limit (Chadwick), 3 Grattan Chimes 12yds (McMaster), 4 Hova 96yds (Geo. Paul). Hova, who finished second, was disqualified for interference, and Kirikiriroa awarded second place, the fourth horse Macwood being placed third. Paul Huon won by four lengths. Time, 4min 55 1-5sec.

PARNELL HANDICAP (Harness) of 150sovs; second 20sovs, third 10sovs. Two miles.

- 6—H. Swaffield's b g Lieutenant, aged, by Commander—Tender, 60 yds (Hall) 1

- 4—Mr. Manail's b g Rexcordium, 2 aged, limit (Adams) 2
 - 5—N. Cunningham's gr m Dorothy Dimple, 6yrs, 24yds (Owner) 3
- A. also started: 1 Bush Child limit (Scott), 7 Lena Patch limit (Barker), 2 Doris Wilkes 12yds (Pringle), 8 Wereoa 36yds (Malcolm), 3 Tim Doolan 60yds (Abbott).
Lena Patch, who was first home, was disqualified for interference with Lieutenant, who finished second, the latter being declared the winner. Time: Lena Patch, 5min 5sec; and Lieutenant, 5min 6 1-5sec.

GREAT NORTHERN TROTTING DERBY of 250sovs; second 40sovs, third 20sovs. One mile and a-half.

- 1—V. B. Masham's blk h Child, 3 yrs, by St. Elmo—Miss Bentwood (J. Bryce) 1
 - 2—R. T. Reid's ch f Miss Rolfe, 3 yrs, by Ribbonwood—Pocahontas (A. Julian) 2
 - 3—M. Edwards' blk g Vice-Admiral, 3yrs, by Advance—Scarlet Rose (Owner) 3
- Won by a length and a-half. Time, 3min 36 3-5sec.

GREAT NORTHERN HANDICAP (Saddle) of 200sovs; second 30sovs, third 10sovs. One mile.

- 2—J. B. Thomson's b m Soda, aged, by Harold Dillon—Franca, 48yds (F. E. Jones) 1
 - 5—F. Lillyman's ch g Sandrift, 5yrs, limit (Cameron) 2
 - 1—Mrs. A. Seymour's b h Mintson, 5yrs, 60yds (Knight) 3
- Also started: 6 Huia Gray 12yds (Redshaw), 4 Salamander 12yds (Cunningham), 3 Prince Rufus 36yds (Julian), 7 Ludski 60yds (J. T. Paul).
Won by three-quarters of a length. Salamander was fourth. Time, 2min 16 4-5sec.

ST. HELIERS HANDICAP (Harness) of 150sovs; second 20sovs, third 10sovs. One mile.

- 3—M. Edwards' blk g Vice-Admiral, 3yrs, by Advance—Scarlet Rose, 12yds (Owner) 1
 - 1—R. T. Reid's ch f Miss Rolfe, 3 yrs, 12yds (Julian) 2
 - 2—C. Gordon's gr h Stone Beldon, 36yds (Chadwick) 3
- Also started: 6 Wildfire limit (Lupton), 4 El Rosa 36yds (Scott), 5 August Child 48yds (Cameron), 7 Phyllistina 60yds (Malcolm).
Won by three lengths. August Child was fourth. Time, 2min 24 1-5sec.

SECOND DAY.

On Saturday the business was gone on with under the most favourable conditions, and investments reached to £24,369 10s., as against £20,504 10s., bringing the total to £48,954 for two days.

Jaylyn, the favourite, made no sort of show in the Oaks Handicap, and Highflyer, the second favourite, might have won had he been as steady a goer as Scientist, who defeated him by several lengths.

George Akwood, the favourite for the Tramway Handicap, never once flattered his admirers, but Dabster did, and Manuka Park and Bellgana only beat him because the more reliable goers. Belgian Queen shaped fairly well, but Jays Belle did not reproduce her best.

The race against time, the 2min. 7 1-5sec. put up by Country Bell on the same track, and which Admiral Wood was expected to attempt to lower, only produced one trier. This was M. Edwards' fine mare Adelaide Direct, a daughter of Directway and a mare by Honest Harry, and it was a rare treat to see her in action, as she is a fine mover. Starting well behind the mile post, she came up under a good burst of speed, which carried her to the quarter in 31 4-5sec., to the half-mile in 1min. 4sec., and to the three-quarters in 1min. 34sec., the speed being all on as she went down the back at a two-minute clip, and she finished up her task in 2min. 6 2-5sec., thus chipping 4-5sec. off the Australasian record held by Mr. Morland's mare Country Belle, who did not have quite such a perfect day, a slight head wind being against her. M. Edwards and his fine mare came in for a good reception on returning to salute the judge.

The Summer Cup was generally thought to be a fair thing for Lady Haldane, but again, as in the Auckland Trotting Cup, that mare would not leave the mark. After Derby Dillon had led the field two-thirds of the way, Strategy and Reggie Huon headed him, and the last-named cut down Strategy and won handily, Jewel Chimes being a fair third.

After breaking twice and losing ground, King Capitalist had no difficulty in beating St. Trella and Harold Jun'or in the Christmas Handicap, in which Prince Rufus fell and Futurity did not leave his mark on time.

Macwood was a very strong fancy for the Epsom Trot, but went up when looking like a winner, and evidently has a weak spot or was not at his best. Paul Huon, driven by Orange, won in good style, and old Kirikiriroa got into second place, two lengths away, but Paul Huon won easily, and has proved very payable since he was purchased in Auckland last year.

Adelaide Direct, notwithstanding her previous effort at record-making, was ready for another big task, but

the Ranfurly Handicap was really an easy thing for her, and she beat Alf. McKinney and Joan of Arc (who were never better) and the rest of the field as if they were very ordinary.

Sandrift, the favourite, after a hard race with Bronze Patch, the second favourite, secured a win in the Dominion Handicap in masterly fashion.

Waterfall and Dillon Bell carried most money for the Dash Handicap, but the first-named did not begin or finish, and the other started well after his time and that possibly cost him the race. As it was, Stone Beldon, who led most of the way, was caught just before entering the distance, and was beaten a long neck by August Child.

Results:—

OAK HANDICAP (Harness) of 100sovs; second 10sovs, third 5sovs. One mile and a-half.

- 4—J. T. Paul's b g Scientist, 6yrs, by Specialist—Miss Taxie, 12yds (Owner) 1
 - 2—F. J. Remington's b g Highflyer, 6yrs, 12yds (Scott) 2
 - 1—R. Montgomery's b g Jaylyn, 5 yrs, 84yds (M. Edwards) 3
- Also started: 5 Sweet Memory limit (Robertson), 4 Dignity 48yds (D. Price), 6 Rita Galindo 96yds (H. Price).
Won by four lengths. Dignity was fourth. Time, 3min 59 3-5sec.

TRAMWAY HANDICAP (Harness) of 100sovs; second 10sovs, third 5sovs. One mile.

- 2—F. J. Remington's blk g Manuka Park, 3yrs, by Rotomanuka—unknown, 12yds (Scott) 1
 - 4—F. A. Piper's br m Bellgana, 4 yrs, 36yds (Julian) 2
 - 7—F. Meyrick's blk g Laoster, 3yrs, 12yds (T. Price) 3
- Also started: 6 Miss Chevalier limit (Hauer), 10 Ingorina 12yds (Faulder), 8 Asturio 12yds (Cunningham), 3 Jays Belle 36yds (G. Paul), 4 Belgian Queen 36yds (Kelsey), 1 George Akwood 36 yds (Orange), 9 Nellie Clive 48yds (McKendrick).
Won by two lengths. Belgian Queen was fourth. Time, 2min 26 1-5sec.

SUMMER CUP HANDICAP (Harness) of 500sovs; second 70sovs, third 30sovs. Two miles.

- 2—M. Edwards' m h Reggie Huon, 4yrs, by Denver Huon—Lady Cashier, 24yds (Owner) 1
 - 4—W. G. Abbott's br g Strategy, 4 yrs, 12yds (Owner) 2
 - 7—J. D. Piper's b h Jewel Chimes, aged, 72yds (Nyhan) 3
- Also started: 5 Derby Dillon limit (Robertson), 1 Lady Haldane limit (A. Pringle), 3 Prince Akwood 36yds (Henricksen), 6 Soda 72yds (Orange), 8 Steel Bell 96yds (Lynch).
Won by a neck. Soda was fourth. Time, 4min 36sec.

CHRISTMAS HANDICAP of 200sovs; second 30sovs, third 15sovs. Two miles.

- 3—H. A. Lloyd's b g King Capitalist, aged, by Capitalist—Lizzie Bheg, 12yds (M. Edwards) 1
 - 4—Geo. Hart's b g St. Trella, aged, limit (Greenwood) 2
 - 1—Andrew Brown's b g Harold Junr, 6yrs, 36yds (Owner) 3
- Also started: 2 Prince Rufus 48yds (Julian), 5 Futurity 72yds (Cameron).
Won by three lengths. Time, 4min 17 3-5sec.

EPSOM TROT HANDICAP (Harness) of 200sovs; second 30sovs, third 15sovs. Two miles.

- 4—J. Smith's b h Paul Huon, aged, by Peri Huon—Creole, 96yds (W. Orange) 2
 - 3—C. Ball's b g Kirikiriroa, aged, 96yds (Hird) 2
 - 6—T. G. Knight's b g Blackthorn, aged, 120yds (Wyatt) 3
- Also started: 1 Macwood 12yds (A. Pringle), 5 Auckland Girl 96yds (Robertson), 2 Lady Wilmington 120yds (M. Edwards).
Won by three lengths. Macwood was fourth. Time, 4min 48 4-5sec.

RANFURLY HANDICAP (Harness) of 250sovs; second 35sovs, third 15sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

- 1—M. Edwards' b m Adelaide Direct, aged, by Directway—Honest Harry mare, 96yds (Owner) 1
 - 2—C. Molloy's b g Alf. McKinney, aged, 36yds (Orange) 2
 - 4—R. R. Binnie's b m Joan of Arc, 6yrs, 36yds (Pringle) 3
- Also started: 3 Brown's Nugget limit (Abbott), 5 Phyllistina limit (Malcolm), 7 Huia Gray 12yds (Brown), 8 Ludski 60yds (Lynch), 6 Prince Berlin 72yds (Cameron).
Won by half a dozen lengths. Phyllistina was fourth. Time, 2min 40 3-5 sec.

DOMINION HANDICAP (Saddle) of 150sovs; second 20sovs, third 10sovs. One mile.

- 1—F. Lillyman's ch g Sandrift, 5yrs, by Driftwood—Lady Irvington, 36yds (Cameron) 1
 - 2—Chas. Redshaw's b h Bronze Patch, 4yrs, limit (Owner) 2
 - 3—H. Wilson's blk g Silver Black, aged, 36yds (Julian) 3
- Also started: 4 Bell Gray 84yds (Cunningham).
Won by three-quarters of a length. Time, 2min 17 2-5sec.

DASH HANDICAP of 150sovs; second 20sovs, third 10sovs. One mile.

- 5—C. Kasper's b m August Child, 6yrs, by Black Child—unknown, 48yds (Cameron) 1
 - 3—C. Gordon's gr h Stone Beldon, 5yrs, 36yds (Chadwick) 2
 - 7—W. Hosking's b g Wereoa, aged, 36yds (Malcolm) 3
- Also started: 1 Waterfall 24yds (Nyhan), 6 Wildfire limit (Lupton), 4 El Rosa 36yds (Scott), 8 Master Ham 60 yds (Robertson), 2 Dillon Bell 132yds (M. Edwards).
Won by a neck. Time, 2min 21 1-5 sec.

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- 2. TRIAL HANDICAP of 105sovs. Five furlongs.
- 3. DJMAIN HANDICAP of 110sovs. Six furlongs.
- 4. TE AROHA CUP HANDICAP of 250 sovs. One mile and a-quarter.
- 5. FLYING HANDICAP of 100sovs. Five furlongs.
- 6. GORDON HANDICAP of 100sovs. Six furlongs.
- 7. WAIHOU WELTER HANDICAP of 105sovs. Seven furlongs.
- 8. TOURIST HANDICAP of 100sovs. Six furlongs.

SECOND DAY.

MONDAY, MARCH 5, 1917.

- 1. MANAWARU HANDICAP HURDLES of 140sovs. One mile and three-quarters.
- 2. MAIDEN PLATE HANDICAP of 105 sovs. Seven furlongs.
- 3. WAIHOU HANDICAP of 110sovs. Five furlongs.
- 4. JOCKEY CLUB HANDICAP of 185 sovs. One mile.
- 5. ELECTRIC HANDICAP of 100sovs. Five furlongs.
- 6. PIAKO HANDICAP of 100sovs. Five furlongs.
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