

TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB

SUMMER MEETING.

MERRY ROE WINS CUP.

The summer meeting of the Takapuna Jockey Club commenced on Saturday, and was witnessed by one of the largest attendances seen at the old and favourite racing resort. The weather was just right, a good healthy breeze tempering the sun's rays. The course afforded good going, and the fields were quite up to the standard of previous years and the racing was entertaining. The class of horses competing included some more than ordinarily useful when seen at their best, and the majority have been seen on the metropolitan course at Ellerslie. The racing was free from accidents, and though there were several enquiries into bumping or interference on the part of some of the horses and their riders, only one case called for more than kindly advice, the apprentice Rowe being suspended for one month for cutting across tactics in the Calliope Handicap and interference with Agnestes and others in that race.

The ball was set rolling with the Trial Handicap, in which a field of thirteen took part, Keystone, Chilblain and the imported Australian-bred Thrace carrying most money. The two first-named acted up to expectations, but Silver Lupin, the topweight, has now got to his best, and he carried his top weight home in front of both, who were close together at the finish. Some thought Porphyry had set fourth, but Lady Energy was awarded the barren honour. Plenipotent was good enough to lead for three-parts of the journey.

Waiuta, whose consistency has been very pronounced on courses wherever she has raced, carried considerably more than three times as much as Fabriquette, the next best supported, who went to the front and was only passed by the three placed horses, Loyal Arch, Lady Glen and Soultane, in the last quarter. Loyal Arch finished well, and gave her owner his first win with her for nearly two years.

Merry Dan was the favourite for the Hauraki Handicap Hurdle Race, but Gluterino made things too merry for a mile for most of them, and when he retired Luperino came away and won in good style by a liberal three lengths from The Celt, who came from nearly last place over the last quarter and secured second place, Glendalough getting third, close up.

Te Papapa was withdrawn from the Takapuna Cup, King Lupin, as was very generally expected, being made first favourite, practically an odds-on chance, the pool reaching to £5775. Merry Roe was second in demand, and then came Housewife. The last-named soon took charge and kept the field busy until a circuit had been run, at which stage Tabasco, who came next the rails, took a hand and led down the back and to the straight, where Merry Roe put in her claim and headed Tabasco, who came again and was only beaten a neck in 2min. 28 1-5sec., record time. Royal Irish, who had been beating Lady Penury in their gallops at Ellerslie, beat the favourite for third place.

Merry Roe's win made the third successive one for J. O'Shea, whose next mount, Bowler, was installed favourite for the Ferry Handicap, with Last Call and Bellacety next, Homeric (coupled with Celestial) carrying a fair amount. Homeric led at a rattling pace, but the distance, only five and a-half furlongs, proved a furlong too far, for though the son of Achilles and Paptua ran second and had been given every chance by the handicapper, there was another Achilles in the field, and the filly, Bellacety, ridden by J. Conquest, who has so often been up on Mr. L. Harris' horses, nicely administered a beating to her disappointing relative, Last Call and Monodon coming next.

A rather better favourite was made of Bingham than Agnestes in the Calliope Handicap, Demotic being the third fancy. The locally-trained filly got out well enough and led, but met with some interference on the part of Backfire. Empire then got to the front, but was caught coming home by Demotic, who lost nothing through Deeley having the mount. Bingham, finishing well, was only beaten a neck for second place by Empire, who paid the best dividend of the day.

Tenacious carried more money than Gluepot in the Orewa Hurdles, Marconi being third and Te Onga fourth fancies. Gluepot led and he and Te Onga had the greater part of the journey to themselves, and the first-named, after a strenuous set-to, just

squeezed home from Te Onga, with Tenacious in third place some lengths away.

The Stewards' Handicap saw Ring Lupin, Kitty Bellairs, Bedford and Tinoreka go out best backed, and the race may be shortly described. Ring Lupin and Tinoreka went out together and made the pace for all they were worth. Bedford came at Ring Lupin a furlong and a-half from home, and a little further on, when in the straight, took Tinoreka's measure and finally won by two lengths in the exceptionally good time of 1min. 8 1-5sec. for the course. Ring Lupin was nearly the same distance away, third, Gaycium and Tact next.

Throughout the day Mr. Wynyard, secretary, had the business of the meeting well in hand, and the committee looked after their visitors nicely, though there were fewer than usual in evidence in the stewards' stand. Results:—

TRIAL HANDICAP of 150sovs; second 25sovs, third 10sovs. One mile.
 3—R. Murdoch's ch g Silver Lupin, 6yrs, by Lupin—Leolantis—Margery mare, 9.4 (O'Shea) 1
 2—F. Hendon's ch g Chilblain, 4yrs, 7.5 (Conquest) 2
 1—Ben. Godfrey's b g Keystone, 5yrs, 8.3 (Deeley) 3
 Also started: 6 Plenipotent 8.1, inc. 5lb allow. (McCurdy), 3 Thrace 8.3 (C. Carmont), 12 Nimrod 7.9 (A. Reed), 8 Uncle Ned 7.5, carried 7.6 (C. Brown), 7 Sea Devil 7.0, inc. 5lb allow. (Ferguson), 9 Rosori 7.5 (R. Reed), 10 Lady Energy 7.0, inc. 5lb allow. (Cotton), 13 Lady Amans 7.2, inc. 3lb allow. (Rowe), 11 Wartime 7.5 (Chaplin), 4 Porphyry 7.5 (R. Manson).
 Won by a length and a-half, with Agnestes was fourth. Time, 1min 11sec.

Housewife 7.2 (Cotton), 7 Munster 7.0 (Sinclair).

Won by a neck, with Royal Irish two lengths off third, and King Lupin, who finished on well, a close fourth. Time, 2min 28 1-5sec.

FERRY HANDICAP of 165sovs; second 30sovs, third 15sovs. Five furlongs and a-half.

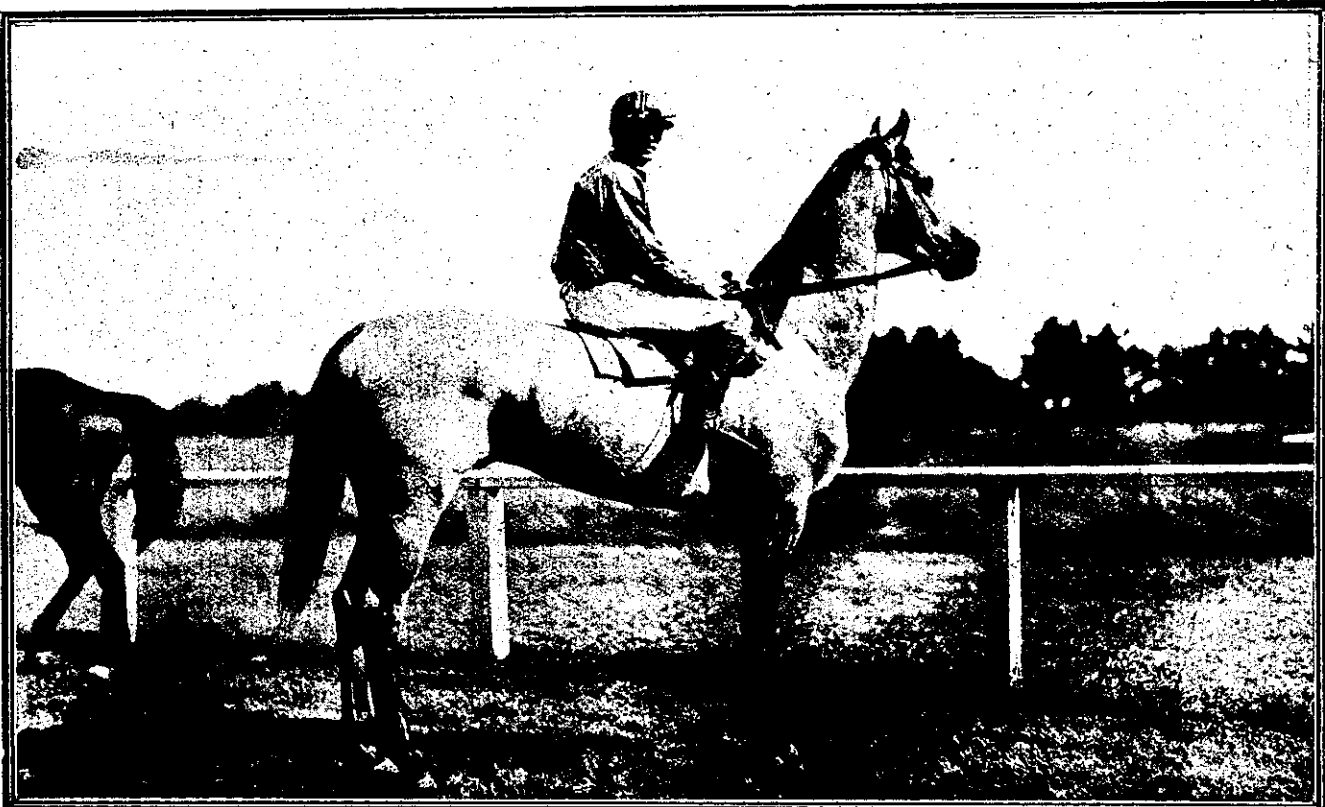
3—Claud Motion's b f Bellacety, 3yrs, by Achilles—Sweet Angelus, 8.11 (Conquest) 1
 4—L. Harris' (junr.) b c Homeric, 3yrs, 8.5 (W. Ryan) 2
 2—J. D. Kemp's br g Last Call, 5yrs, 8.5 (Sinclair) 3
 Also started: 9 Erroneous 9.7 (A. Reed), 10 Kirwinnig 9.2 (McFlinn), 14 Ahuriri 9.0 (W. Young), 6 Monodon 8.3 (Deeley), 5 Bezmor 8.11 (Robinson), 16 St. Carl 8.5 (Stockley), 1 Bowler 8.0 (O'Shea), 4 Celestial 8.3 (Manson) bracketed with Homeric, 8 Whitehall 8.3 (A. Reed), 1 Pink Tie 8.3 (Carmont), 15 Waihinapal 8.3 (K. Lambess), 7 Royal Arch 8.3 (Roach), 13 Lady Amans 8.0, inc. 3lb allow. (McCurdy), 12 White Sox 8.3 (Chaplin).

Won by a length and a-half, with a head separating second and third. Monodon was fourth. Time, 1min 10sec.

CALLIOPE HANDICAP of 175sovs; second 35sovs, third 15sovs. For two-year-olds. Five furlongs and a-half.

3—W. Casey's br c Demotic, by Demosthenes—Gold Treasure, 7.7 (B. Deeley) 1
 8—Mesdames Foss and Stuart's b g Empire, 7.0, carried 7.5 (Manson) 2
 1—I. S. Hardley's br g Bingham, 8.2 (J. O'Shea) 3
 Also started: 2 Agnestes 8.7 (C. Carmont), 4 Penthesilea 7.13 (Robinson), 5 Princess Bee 7.8 (R. Reed), 6 Lady Bruce 7.2 (Conquest), 7 Backfire 7.0 (Rowe), 10 Whitford Belle 7.0 (Cotton), 9 Pearl d'Mont 7.0 (Harvey).

Won by three-quarters of a length, with a head between second and third. Agnestes was fourth. Time, 1min 11sec.



Mr. F. Jewell's gr g ICEBERG, 6yrs, by Coronet—Snowflake, winner of the Carnarvon Hack Handicap (one mile and 100 yards) on the concluding day of the Foxton R.C.'s annual meeting. R. E. Brown in saddle. Trained by C. Jackson.

half a length between second and third. Lady Energy was fourth. Time, 1min 44 4-5sec.

ZEALANDIA HANDICAP of 175sovs; second 35sovs, third 15sovs. Seven furlongs.

6—D. P. Moraghan's br m Loyal Arch, 4yrs, by Marble Arch—Lady Minnie, 7.13 (O'Shea) 1
 3—L. Lytton's br m Lady Glen, 4yrs, 7.10 (Sinclair) 2
 4—Alexander and Bruce's b g Soultane, 6yrs, 7.12 (Deeley) 3
 Also started: 8 Kauri King 8.8 (K. Lambess), 1 Waiuta 8.8 (W. Young), 5 Alf. Delaval 7.12 (Conquest), 7 Carbiness 7.8 (C. Brown), 11 Fionnuala 7.8 (Ferguson), 2 Fabriquette 7.5 (R. Manson), 9 Signo 7.3 (Cotton), 10 Salvia 7.1 (R. Reed).

Won by a length and a-half, Soultane a neck away third. Fabriquette was fourth and Alf. Delaval and Signo close up. Time, 1min 29 3-5sec.

HAURAKI MAIDEN HURDLES of 160 sovs; second 35sovs, third 15sovs. One mile and a-half and 100 yards.

3—J. B. Charters' br g Luperino, 6yrs, by Lupin—Matron, 9.3 (C. Scott) 1
 8—R. Walker's ch g The Celt, aged, 9.4 (Anderton) 2
 4—A. L. Raven's br m Glendalough, aged, 9.7, inc. 5lb allow. (Preston) 3
 Also started: 1 Merry Dan 9.13 (McFlinn), 2 Kaiwhakahaere 9.5 (Roach), 5 Gluterino 9.0 (Pougrain), 6 Te Wheturamara 9.0 (Woods), 10 Lady Whitford 9.0 (Collins), 9 Paramahone 9.0 (Standen), 7 Spalspire 9.0 (Henderson).

Won easily by three lengths, with The Celt, who finished fast, three-quarters of a length in front of Glendalough. Kaiwhakahaere was fourth. Time, 2min 58sec.

TAKAPUNA CUP of 700sovs; second 100sovs, third 50sovs. One mile three furlongs and a-half.

2—F. Hall's br m Merry Roe, 6yrs, by Soult—Erry Roe, 8.10 (J. O'Shea) 1
 5—Mrs. Harvey Patterson's ch c Tabasco, 3yrs, 7.2 (Conquest) 2
 6—J. Williamson's blk g Royal Irish, aged, 7.6 (R. Reed) 3
 Also started: 1 King Lupin 9.0 (Robinson), 3 Lady Penury 8.0 (A. Reed), 4

OREWA HURDLES of 200sovs; second 40sovs, third 15sovs. One mile and three-quarters.

2—W. H. Windsor's ch g Gluepot, aged, by Gluten—Cloud, 10.0 (J. Anderton) 1
 4—W. J. Brown's b g Te Onga, aged, 11.3 (McFlinn) 2
 1—E. J. L. Rae's b g Tenacious, 6yrs, 11.4 (E. Rae) 3
 Also started: 5 Guiding Way 11.0 (Kelly), 3 Marconi 10.4 (Henderson), 6 Takani 9.2 (Preston).

Won by half a head, with Tenacious three lengths off third, and Takani fourth. Time, 3min 20sec.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 400sovs; second 75sovs, third 25sovs. Five furlongs and a-half.

3—F. Marshall's ch g Bedford, 5yrs, by Bunyan—Miss Dix, 8.2 (A. Reed) 1
 4—R. Hannon's ch m Tinoreka, 6yrs, 7.0 (Sinclair) 2
 1—Geo. Johnston's ch g Ring Lupin, 6yrs, 7.13 (Conquest) 3
 Also started: 9 Hopfield 8.9 (McMillan), 11 Kauri King 8.2 (Lambess), 2 Kitty Bellairs 7.5, carried 7.8 (Deeley), 7 Arran 7.4, carried 7.6 (Manson), 5 Tact 7.3, carried 7.4 (Chaplin), 6 Gaycium 7.0, carried 7.1 (R. Reed), 8 Blue and Black 6.10 (Ferguson), 10 Deep Sleep 6.7 (McSmidt), 12 Glad Tidings 6.7 (Cotton).

Won by two lengths, Ring Lupin two and a-half lengths behind Tinoreka. Gaycium was fourth. Time, 1min 8 1-5sec.

ANNIVERSARY DAY.

LADY PENURY WINS TAKAPUNA J.C. HANDICAP.

The meeting was concluded on Saturday in windy but otherwise favourable weather, and there was a record crowd. The totalisator business ran to hitherto unreached proportions on the same course, no less a sum than £41,296 being passed through the windows during the afternoon, as against £28,456 on the corresponding

day of 1916, the total for the two days reaching £75,204 10s., as against £62,475, an increase of £12,828.

The fields averaged larger than on the first day, and only one actual favourite won during the day, or during the meeting. The management, with the exception of the long drawing out of the day's racing, was satisfactory, but really there are good grounds for protesting against the holding of eight races per day under existing conditions. It was 6.37 p.m. when the last race was run, and later, of course, before dividends were paid out.

Erroneous, who is leased to her present owner, who races under the assumed name of Mr. Finland, was coupled on the totalisator in the Moana Handicap with Thrace, owned by Mr. E. W. Alison, jun., and the combination started favourites, Chilblain being second in request, with Keystone next, while another combination, Plenipotent and Last Call, was well backed. The last-named and Bowler (who carried 4lb. overweight) ran a dead-heat, Porphyry, a rank outsider, being third, after a good race home, though Bowler was out in front forcing the pace and was only caught in the last pinch. The topweight, Erroneous, had a 5lb. allowance claimed for her, young Cotton riding, and the daughter of Finland got up handy to the placed trio. Plenipotent also had a 5lb. allowance for his rider, Mc-

Curdy. St. Carl, Whitehall and Royal Arch each had overweight, and so did the unruly Uncle Ned, who carried 14lb. above his handicap impost.

Yankee Doodle, who is still an uncertain customer at the post, was made favourite for the Takapuna Handicap Maiden Hurdles, but lost a lot of ground at the start and spoilt his chance. Luperino, who won on the first day, was equal to the task set him, and just won after a good race home with the faster-finishing Kaiwhakahaere, Glendalough again running into a place. Nukutawhiti, who was third favourite, failed to show up, and one is forced to the conclusion that he was not a good enough one to take on a Commonwealth campaign with.

The Suburban Handicap was picked as likely to furnish a match between the Stepiak mare Tinoreka and Ring Lupin, but the last-named was beaten out of a place, Tinoreka winning by a neck from Lady Glen, with Lightning half a length off.

The Takapuna Jockey Club Handicap found King Lupin still in the position of first favourite, despite the fact that Bedford was voted very favourably handicapped. The son of Bunyan was not quite sufficiently seasoned for the longer task, as indicated by the running, and possibly suffered from interference, as did Tabasco, in each case the evidence of the riders at an enquiry going to show that it was unavoidable, though Royal Irish, ridden by R. Reed, was thought to have galloped on Bedford. A fine race home resulted in favour of Lady Penury by half a length from the