

WOODVILLE DISTRICT JOCKEY CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING.

HOUSEWIFE WINS THE CUP.

The weather was of a threatening nature for the opening of the Woodville District Jockey Club's autumn meeting on Wednesday, but nevertheless the attendance was well up to the average of former years. The racing proved of an attractive character, the Woodville Cup in particular providing a stirring finish between the Auckland-owned mare Housewife and the Marlborough Cup winner, Tango, the former prevailing by a neck. Four hot favourites in Grey Guard, Lady Middleton, Thrace and Form Up were recorded winners in their respective engagements, so that backers were fairly correct in their calculations. Visitors to the gathering enjoyed the outing thoroughly, the excellence of the arrangements for the comfort and convenience of patrons being the subject of much favourable comment. Mr. W. A. Lyon, the capable secretary, is deserving of no small meed of praise for the manner in which the meeting was conducted, and racing enthusiasts will always look forward to the club's re-unions with pleasurable anticipations.

The totalisator investments amounted to £14,144, as against £13,031 for the opening day of the 1916 autumn gathering.

The Grey Mogul was the only withdrawal from the Hack Handicap Hurdles, in which Grey Guard was a fairly warm proposition, with Sir Fisher, Hylaas and Jem only accorded moderate support. The favourite was ridden a judicious race by Copestake, who, though challenged by Paramahone in the run up the straight, succeeded in notching a head victory. Sir Fisher was third and Hylaas fourth.

Agnestes, Rawakore, Lady Kilworth and Astrophel were the defections from the Maiden Plate, leaving thirteen to go to the post. The Karamu representative, Bagdad, was elected a better favourite than Vermilion, the pair being the only ones to be accorded any degree of support. Matters proved most exciting at the barrier, for the Highden youngster, Achi Baba, bolted prior to the start, and colliding with a willow tree broke his neck, his rider, G. Clarke, fortunately escaping serious injury. Vermilion and Chimera held command in the early stages, but the latter faded out of the contest, and Vermilion finishing strongly won by a length from War Maid, who was three lengths in advance of Best Man.

Thirteen was again the main for the Whariti Hack Handicap, War Maid and Westella being the only absentees. Carillon was made a fifty pounds better favourite than Lady Edith, with Multaine also well backed. The last-named topped out smartly, with Lady Edith in close attendance, but the latter could make no impression on the Gisborne-owned filly, who defeated her comfortably by nearly two lengths. Woodlark was third, and the favourite fourth.

Ladify was the only candidate to be withdrawn from the Cup, in which Beltane was favourite, with Red Ribbon, Bronk Delaval and Housewife the best supported of the other seven runners. Beltane was prominent in the early stages, with Housewife and Tango always handy, but the former gave place to the latter pair when the real test began, while Red Ribbon also took a hand in the finish. A great race saw Carmont get Housewife home a head in advance of Tango, with Red Ribbon a couple of lengths away, third, and the favourite fourth.

A dozen went to the post for the County Hack Handicap, Humor'st, May Morn and St. Bees being withdrawn. Mahzoltov was made a pronounced favourite, with Parisian Diamond and Rockfield most fancied of the others. The race proved an interesting one, though once heats were in line for home Parisian Diamond displayed brilliant galloping ability, winning by a length and a half from Foeman, who just managed to defeat Splendidus for second honours. Mahzoltov was fourth.

Lady Middleton, who raced with considerable success at the Westland meetings, was installed a hot favourite for the President's Handicap, carrying over double the money invested on the second choice, Master Moutoa, while Goldstream was the only other of the nine starters to receive even moderate support. O'Shea had to do his best to get the favourite home by half a length from Gold-

stream, who with ordinary luck would have reversed the decision, the Porirua candidate having a bad passage. An outsider in Namur was third, and Jean Laddo fourth.

Seven started in the Victor a Hack Handicap, the Auckland, Thrace, being an odds-on favourite, while the Baronet and Lord Laddo were the only others whose chances were given serious consideration. The favourite got away badly and was tailing the field over the first four furlongs, his chances of success appearing almost hopeless. The Baronet was out in front forcing the pace, but in the straight Lord Laddo and Firing Line joined in the struggle, and the son of Laddo's victory was proclaimed. However, Carmont brought Thrace along with a phenomenal run and scored a victory from Lord Laddo by a neck, with Firing Line third.

Rockfield and Interlude were withdrawn from the Telephone Handicap, in which the consistent Form Up was backed down to odds-on, Sheila and Tyson being the only others to claim any degree of support. Tyson began with his usual smartness, and piloted the field into the straight, where Form Up put in his claim and won fairly comfortably from Sheila by a length, with Princess Moutoa third.

The results were:—

HACK HANDICAP HURDLES of 100 sovs. About one mile and three-quarters.
—C. Gordon's Grey Guard, 5yrs, by Advance—Grey Gown, 9.11, inc. penalty (Copestake) 1
—F. Armstrong's blk g Paramahone, aged, 9.0 (Standen) 2
—John Hurley's br g Sir Fisher, 6yrs, 11.1 (Lawrence) 3
Also started: 4 Jem 10.3 (Burt), 8 Confusion 9.3 (S. Reed), 3 Hylaas 9.0 (Eush), 7 Powder Fox 9.0 (Horn), 10 Papatere 9.0 (McMullen), 9 Blue Thread 9.0 (McDonald), 6 Beno 9.0 (McSweeney).
Won by a head. Time, 3min 24sec.

MAIDEN PLATE of 100sovs. Six furlongs.
—K. S. Williams' blk f Vermilion, 2yrs, by All Red—Rose Shield, 3.11 (Hockley) 1
—John Hurley's blk m War Maid, 4yrs, 8.11 (W. Bell) 2
—W. Karaitiana's b g Best Man, 3yrs, 8.4 (Brady) 3
Also started: 5 Record Breaker 8.11 (W. Young), 6 Lady Mascot 8.11 (R. Reed), 11 Gentle Lady 8.11 (R. Brown), 10 Rora 8.4 (Horn), 9 Whitiapite 8.4 (Watson), 8 Punga 8.4 (C. Price), 3 Polynesian 8.4 (Carmont), 5 Achi Baba 7.0 (Clarke), 7 Hockley 6.11 (McKay), 7 Chimera 6.11 (Williams).
Won by a length. Time, 1min 18 1/2sec.

WHARITI HACK HANDICAP of 100 sovs. Seven furlongs.
—A. B. Williams' br f Multaine, 3yrs, by Multifid—Lady Ainslie, 7.7 (R. Reed) 1
—Broad and Ingram's blk m Lady Edith, 4yrs, 7.7 (B. Morris) 1
—Hon. J. D. Ormond's ch g Woodlark, 3yrs, 6.13 (McKay) 3
Also started: 7 Lord Laddo 8.8 (C. Stowe), 11 Revalenta 8.5 (Bell), 4 Ngara 8.5 (C. Price), 1 Carillon 7.13 (A. Reed), 10 Swinton 7.12 (W. Price), 13 Hopeite 7.7 (Wilson), 3 Mystified 7.3 (C. Reed), 5 Manhattan 6.12 (Loader), 12 Te Opai 6.9 (Bagby), 9 Vladineau 6.7 (Morris).
Won by a length and a-half. Time, 1min 30sec.

WOODVILLE CUP HANDICAP (Open) of 250sovs. One mile and a-quarter.
—Ernest Alison's blk m Housewife, 4yrs, by Kenilworth—Busby Bee, 8.4, inc. pen. (Carmont) 1
—J. Rawdon's ch m Tango, 4yrs, 7.8, inc. penalty (R. Reed) 2
—F. Dorset's ch m Red Ribbon, 4yrs, 8.6 (W. Price) 3
Also started: 5 Orleans 7.13 (R. E. Brown), 1 Beltane 7.9 (A. Reed), 3 Bronk Delaval 7.8 (H. Watson), 6 Settler 7.1 (Loader), 7 Sir Agnes 6.12 (F. Corlett).
Won by a neck, two lengths separating second and third. Beltane was fourth. Time, 2min 10 3/5sec.

COUNTY HACK HANDICAP of 100 sovs. Six furlongs.
—G. D. Beatson's br g Parisian Diamond, 4yrs, by Charlemagne II.—Hope Diamond, 7.11 (A. Reed) 1
—A. M. Wright's blk g Foeman, 5yrs, 8.3 (C. Price) 2
—A. McDonald's ch g Splendidus, 4yrs, 8.0 (Bagby) 3
Also started: 3 Rockfield 8.9 (Carmont), 1 Mahzoltov 8.1 (O'Shea), 11 Discussion 7.11 (Wilson), 5 Merrie Poto 7.9 (Corlett), 9 Ally 7.3 (Watt), 10 Sunshade 7.3 (Rice), 7 Deep Sleep 6.13 (Tinker), 8 Goldbearing 6.13 (C. Reed), 12 Degeur 6.12 (Morris).
Won by a length and a-half. Time, 1min 16 1/5sec.

PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP (Open) of 120sovs. Seven furlongs.
—Walsh and Quarterman's blk m Lady Middleton, aged, by Gluten—Lady Minnie, 8.12 (O'Shea) 1
—J. H. Prosser's br g Goldstream, 5yrs, 9.8 (R. Reed) 2
—A. G. Havill's b m Namur, 6yrs, 8.5 (B. Morris) 3
Also started: Hushabye 8.12 (Bowden), 6 Glorify 8.11 (Stowe), 7 Multipical 8.11 (W. Price), 2 Master Moutoa 8.9 (C. Price), 9 Shaki 8.8 (P. Brady), 4 Jean Laddo 8.7 (R. E. Brown).
Won by half a length. Time, 1min 30sec.

VICTORIA HACK HANDICAP of 100 sovs. One mile and about 170 yards.
—E. W. Alison's (junr) br g Thrace, 5yrs, by Poseidon—Cremona, 9.2 (C. Carmont) 1
—W. Fallahee's br g Lord Laddo, 5yrs, 9.13 (Stowe) 2
—W. Isaac's b g Firing Line, aged, 8.7 (W. Young) 3
Also started: 2 The Baron 8.12 (J. O'Shea), 6 Sir Donald 8.7 (Bell), 4 Rylstone 8.7 (Brady), 5 Te Opai 8.7 (Watt).
Won by a length. Time, 1min 56sec.

TELEPHONE HANDICAP (Open) of 120sovs. Five furlongs.
—H. E. Troutbeck's b g Form Up, 3yrs, by Formative—Pursuring, 11.1 (A. Reed) 1
—A. B. Williams' b m Sheila, 3yrs, 7.4 (R. Reed) 2
—F. S. Easton's br m Princess Moutoa, 6yrs, 6.7 (McBrearty) 3
Also started: 3 Tyson 8.4 (O'Shea), 4 Trials 7.13 (Stowe), 9 Botanist 7.12 (Watt), 6 Tino Atua 7.8 (Wilson), 7 Sarah Grand 7.3 (Morris), 5 Honey Bee 6.10 (McKay), 8 Mahzoltov 6.7 (C. Reed), 11 Topsy 6.7 (Morris).
Won by a length. Time, 1min 0 2/5sec.

CONCLUDING DAY.

RED RIBBON WINS BIG EVENT.

The meeting concluded on Thursday under ideal conditions, the attendance being large and the racing of a high standard. The totalisator figures amounted to £15,360, as against £13,131 for the concluding day of last year, an increase of £2229. The total investments for the two days was £29,704, as against £26,162 for the 1916 autumn fixture, an increase of £3542. The results were:—

SECOND HACK HANDICAP HURDLES of 100sovs. About one mile and a-half.

—F. Armstrong's blk g Paramahone, aged, by San Fran—Waiou, 9.12 (Standen) 1
—F. Moore's Grey Guard, 5yrs, 10.9 (Copestake) 2
—J. Morris' br m Blue Thread, aged, 9.0 (McDonald) 3
Also started: 2 Sir Fisher 11.2 (Lawrence), 5 Papatere 9.0 (McMullen).
Won by 150 yards. Time, 2min 4 5/5sec.

KUMEROA HACK HANDICAP of 100 sovs. Five furlongs.

—R. Rossmead's b m Birkenetta, 5yrs, by Birkenhead—Marionette, 7.2 (A. Reed) 1
—A. McDonald's ch g Splendidus, 4yrs, 7.12 (O'Shea) 2
—S. V. Rodney's b g Goldbearing, 5yrs, 6.10 (B. Morris) 3
Also started: 3 Foeman 9.0 (C. Price), 4 Merrie Poto 7.7 (Corlett), 10 Vladineau 6.12 (L. Morris), 7 Deep Sleep 6.10 (A. Tinker), 11 Degeur 6.10 (C. Jenkins), 6 Lillydale 6.10 (Hockley), 9 Ally 6.10 (Stratton), 12 Rora 6.10 (Bagby), 5 Hupana 6.10 (C. Reed).
Won by a length. Time, 1min 2sec.

BALLANCE HACK WELTER of 100 sovs. Seven furlongs.

—F. Higgett's br f Kiltess, 5yrs, by Finland—Miss Lochiel, 9.12 (P. Brady) 1
—S. V. Rodney's b m Mystified, 6yrs, 9.0 (W. Young) 2
—A. M. Wright's b g Ngara, aged, 10.2 (C. Price) 3
Also started: 6 Hopeite 8.10 (J. Brady), 5 Manhattan 8.10 (Loader), 1 War Maid 8.7 (Bell), 9 Pohui 8.7 (W. Price), 7 Rylstone 8.7 (O'Shea), 8 Lady Mascot 8.7 (Carmont).
Won by a length and a-half. Time, 1min 31 3/5sec.

AUTUMN HANDICAP (Open) of 200 sovs. One mile and a distance.

—F. Dorset's ch m Red Ribbon, 4yrs, by Elevation—Blue Ribbon, 8.7 (W. Price) 1
—Ernest Alison's blk m Housewife, 4yrs, 9.0 (Carmont) 2
—W. McKegg's b m Ladify, 6yrs, 8.3 (C. Price) 3
Also started: 5 Tango 7.13 (R. Reed), 1 Beltane 7.7 (A. Reed), 6 Settler 7.0 (McKay), 8 Bradamante 7.0 (C. Reed), 9 Glorify 6.10 (Corlett), 7 Namur 6.9 (B. Morris).
Won by a length. Time, 1min 57sec.

SETTLERS' HACK HANDICAP of 100 sovs. One mile and about 170 yards.

—C. Hamlin's ch g Carillon, 4yrs, by Finland—La Cloche, 7.9 (A. Reed) 1
—A. B. Williams' br f Multaine, 3yrs, 8.7 (R. Reed) 2
—W. Isaac's b g Firing Line, aged, 6.12 (Corlett) 3
Won by three-quarters of a length. Time, 1min 54sec.

SHORTS HANDICAP (Open) of 120 sovs. Five furlongs.

—M. Williams' b g Waimatua, 4yrs, by Bezonian—Punewai, 8.3 (W. Price) 1
—T. Higgins' b m Lady General, 3yrs, 7.12 (A. Reed) 2
—J. W. White's br g Trials, 4yrs, 8.0 (Stowe) 3
Also started: 3 Tyson 8.0 (O'Shea), 2 Sheila 7.9 (R. Reed), 10 Botanist 7.9 (Watson), 5 Tino Atua 7.5 (Wilson), 7 Princess Moutoa 6.10 (McBrearty), 8 Sarah Grand 6.9 (B. Morris), 11 Perceler 6.7 (Stratton), 9 Mahzoltov 6.7 (C. Reed).
Won by half a length. Time, 1min 2 1/5sec.

JUVENILE STAKES of 100sovs. Six furlongs.

—H. E. Troutbeck's blk f Elocution, 2yrs, by Demosthenes—Rangaio, 6.11 (C. Reed) 1
—E. W. Alison's (junr) br f Agnestes, 2yrs, 6.11 (B. Morris) 2
—A. B. Williams' br f Chuckle, 2yrs, 6.11 (R. Reed) 3
Also started: 4 Polynesian 7.8 (A. Reed), 5 Chimera 6.1 (Williams).
Won by a head. Time, 1min 15 4/5sec.

MAHARAHARA HANDICAP (Open) of 120sovs. One mile and 170 yards.

—Walsh and Quarterman's blk m Lady Middleton, aged, by Gluten—Lady Minnie, 9.8 (O'Shea) 1
—W. Corlett's b h Sir Agnes, 6yrs, 8.2 (A. Reed) 2
—A. McDonald's b g Multipical, 6yrs, 8.5 (Watt) 3
Also started: 2 Goldstream 9.10 (R. Reed), 4 Miralma 8.10 (W. Price), 6 Bradamante 8.3 (P. Brady), 10 Hushabye 8.7 (W. Bowden), 1 Thrace 8.7 (C. Carmont), 5 Master Moutoa 8.4 (C. Price), 9 Jean Laddo 8.3 (R. E. Brown).
Won by a head. Time, 1min 56sec.

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NEW ZEALAND RAILWAYS.

WANGANUI RACES, 22ND AND 24TH FEBRUARY, 1917.

WANGANUI TROTTING MEETING, 23RD AND 26TH FEBRUARY, 1917.

WANGANUI—TAHAPE—PALMERSTON NORTH.

On 22nd February, passenger trains leave Palmerston North 6.45 a.m. and 7.10 a.m., Feilding 7.25 a.m. and 7.51 a.m., Marton 8.38 a.m. and 9.10 a.m., arriving Wanganui 10.35 a.m. and 11.15 a.m.

The usual 4.35 p.m. train Wanganui to Palmerston North will be delayed to leave Wanganui 5.10 p.m., Racecourse 5.15 p.m., Aramoho 5.26 p.m., Palmerston North arrive 9.29 p.m.

Special train leaves Wanganui 5.45 p.m., Racecourse 5.54 p.m., Aramoho 6.8 p.m., Palmerston North arrive 10.0 p.m.

On 24th February passenger train leaves Palmerston North 7.10 a.m., Feilding 7.51 a.m., Marton 9.10 a.m., Wanganui arrive 11.15 a.m.

The usual 4.35 p.m. train Wanganui to Palmerston North will be delayed to leave Wanganui 5.45 p.m., Racecourse 5.54 p.m., Aramoho 6.8 p.m., Palmerston North arrive 10.0 p.m.

On 22nd and 24th February the train usually leaving Fordell 5.34 p.m. will leave Fordell 5.29 p.m. and run 5 minutes earlier to Aramoho.

The usual 7.10 p.m. train Marton to Taihape will be delayed to leave Marton 8.25 p.m., after connecting with 5.45 p.m. train from Wanganui.

On 23rd and 26th February the usual 4.35 p.m. train Wanganui to Palmerston North will be delayed to leave Wanganui 4.55 p.m., Racecourse 5.0 p.m., Aramoho 5.10 p.m., Marton 7.7 p.m., Palmerston North arrive 8.42 p.m.

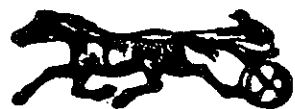
WANGANUI—HAWERA.

On 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 26th February the usual 4.5 p.m. train Wanganui to Hawera will be delayed to leave Wanganui 5.28 p.m., Racecourse 5.35 p.m., Hawera arrive 9.27 p.m.

Holiday Excursion Tickets, available for return until 28th February, 1917, will be issued to Wanganui on 22nd, 23rd and 24th February, and by morning trains on 26th February from Hawera, Taihape, Palmerston North and intermediate stations.

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