

TROTTING

TROTTING FIXTURES.

Feb. 23, 26—Wanganui T.C.
Feb. 24, 28—Otahuhu T.C.
April 21, 25—Auckland T.C.

DATES OF LEADING EVENTS.

May 5—N.Z. Trotting Derby

WANGANUI TROTTING CLUB.

MEETINGS OPENS ON FRIDAY.

The Wanganui Trotting Club's meeting will be opened on Friday next (February 23) at the local racecourse, and with the presence in Wanganui of a large contingent of sportsmen from all parts of New Zealand the trotting fixture is certain to be widely patronised.

Judging by the good acceptances received for the first day of the meeting some splendid trotting should be served up for patrons on Friday next. The club has been very successful since its inception, and given fine weather the coming gathering should be the best yet held from every standpoint. Trotting has become very popular as a sport on the West Coast lately, thanks to the efforts of the Wanganui Club. The club recently purchased a very fine property handy to town for the purpose of making a five furlong track and having its own course and appointments. It is hoped that everything will be in readiness to hold next year's meeting on the new course, and then the club will be in a much better position, as the track will be right up-to-date and the best class of trotters will be attracted. This will mean that the game will boom in the Wanganui district, and the clubs should have a most prosperous career.

There are some good performers engaged at the Wanganui trotting meeting this week, and most of the races should be contested by capital fields. The Cup race is likely to be a very fine one, though the grass track to be used is not so even as it might be, and

OTAHUHU TROTTING CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

The Otahuhu Trotting Club will open their summer meeting at Alexandra Park on Saturday, and will bring the fixture to a conclusion on the following Wednesday. There is every prospect of some excellent trotting being witnessed at the gathering, the acceptances being particularly good, while the presence of a number of well-known southern competitors will lend additional interest to the gathering. The crack performers Steel Bell and Wallace Wood, both of whom have Auckland Trotting Cup victories to their credit, have been accepted for in the Dominion Handicap, in which Strategy and Waverley are both engaged, so that there is every reason to anticipate a sterling race.

The following are the acceptances for Saturday's events:—

SPECIAL HANDICAP, one mile and a-half.—Byrl Mac limit, Canberra limit, Kingstead limit, Highflyer 12yds, Hint 12yds, Flora Franz 12yds, Native Boy 12yds, Cello 12yds, Sandy Patch 12yds, Miss George 12yds, Waikoukou 12yds, Tiki 12yds, Sweet Memory 24yds, Kotiri 48yds, Merry Maid 84yds, Jaylyn 84yds, Rita Galindo 96yds, Lord Lonsdale 108yds.

NEWMARKET HANDICAP, one mile.—Dimboola limit, Victor Wood limit, Confusion limit, Sweet Mint 12yds, Lady Nettle 12yds, Syrene 12yds, Nancy Maxwell 12yds, Miss Murphy 12yds, Marinoto 12yds, Lovelight 12yds, Charming Rod 12yds, Lord Rose 12yds, Ihumata 24yds, Pita Roa 36yds, Treanac 36yds, George Akwood 36yds, Belgian Queen 36yds, Miss Chevalier 60yds.

DOMINION HANDICAP, two miles.—Dorothy Dimple limit, August Child limit, St. Trella limit, Paul Huon 12yds, Harold Junior 12yds, Prince Rufus 24yds, Waverley 60yds, Clive 60yds, Futurity 60yds, Strategy 96yds, Wallace Wood 144yds Steel Bell 166yds.

MANIKAU HANDICAP, two miles.—Striker limit, Special Boom limit, Springbok limit, Kereone limit, Papa-

Charming Rod, Sweet Mint, Belgian Queen, George Akwood, Treanac, Pitaroa, Nellie Clive, King Sweet, Lord Rose.

OTAHUHU CUP, two miles.—August Child, St. Trella, Huia Grey, Harold Junior, Dorothy Dimple, King Capitalist, Steel Bell, Prince Rufus, Waverley, Phyllistina, Lucille, Paul Huon, Tim Doolan, Strategy, Pearl d'Or, Dick Fly, Futurity, Wallace Wood, Karyrie.

ASCOT HANDICAP, one mile and a-half.—Sweet Prince, Charlie's Aunt, Asturio, Prince Child, Bellgana, Dabster, Bushchild, Manuka Park, Miss Chevalier, Belgian Queen, Treanac, Aotearoa, Nellie Clive, The Scout, Full Sail, Carleton, Muriel Star.

ALEXANDRA HANDICAP, two miles.—Miss Dexter, Hova, Flora Franz, Papatina, Proud Moor, Miss Huon Junr., Macwood, Grattan Chimes, Paul Huon, Lady Park, Auckland Girl, Blackthorn, Ivan Huon, Harold Wilkes.

PAPAKURA HANDICAP, one mile and a-half.—Lieutenant, Harold Junior, Silver Black, Dorothy Dimple, Sjambock, Miss Rolf, Selkirk, Waverley, El Rosa, Alf. McKinney, Lady S., Wereoa Clive, Tim Doolan, Kempsey, Bronze Patch, Master Ilam, Salamander, Wallace Wood, Zara.

PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP, one mile.—August Child, Sandrift, Huia Grey, Bell Grey, Master Park, Prince Rufus, Dick Fly, Aotearoa, Salamander, False Alarm, Colmena.

FAREWELL HANDICAP, one mile and a-quarter.—Lord Victor, Sweet Pet, Lady Specialist, Linotype, Charlie's Aunt, Silver Black, Sjambock, Lord Specialist, Dabster, Selkirk, Manuka Park, Lady S., Wereoa, Lucille, Strategy, Belgian Queen, Miss Dulce, George K. Wildfire, Carleton, Muriel Star.

NOTES.

There was joy here in the ranks of the punting brigade on Saturday evening last (writes our Southland correspondent), when the results of the N.Z. Metropolitan Trotting Club's

gress of a day's racing there. The stand cost somewhere in the region of £11,000, and differences with the insurance companies having been adjusted it is to be re-built without delay.

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this upsets calculations. Still, with Celtic Todd Bells, Stone Beldon, Shanghai and Albert Wallace amongst the probable starters, the race promises to be very interesting. The other events should also be well contested, and the sport provided during the two days will no doubt be of a high class. The acceptances for the first day are as follows:—

MAIDEN HANDICAP (Optional) of 50sovs, one mile and a-half.—Lady Hal 4sec, Red Lyon 6sec, Whixall 6sec, Tofua 6sec, Xavier 6sec, Morning Light 9sec, Montague 9sec, Rejoice 9sec, Rosanna 9sec, Tit Bits 9sec, Inora 9sec, General Botha 9sec, Doc 9sec, Gold Pin 9sec, Pukearuhe 9sec, Bliss 9sec.

MORTON MEMORIAL HANDICAP (Saddle) of 100sovs, one mile and a-quarter.—Gold Drift 2sec, Neigh 4sec, Lucy Wallace 6sec, Master Hal 7sec, Trooper Dillon 8sec, Kleitos 10sec, Bell-founder 10sec, Comedy 10sec, Lady Sef-ton 10sec.

WANGANUI CUP HANDICAP (Harness) of 200sovs, two miles.—Celtic 4sec, Stone Beldon 4sec, Shanghai 6sec, Albert Wallace 6sec, Todd Bells 8sec, Parole Bells 12sec, Peony 14sec, Good Child 14sec, Miss Havoc 14sec, Tatties 14sec.

KIRKWOOD HANDICAP (Saddle) of 100sovs, one mile and a-half.—Rio Grande scratch, Gladall 6sec, Red Morn 6sec, Sol 8sec, Wild Palm 9sec, Adroth 12sec, Flobal 12sec.

GONVILLE-CASTLECLIFF HANDICAP (Harness) of 90sovs, two miles.—Calmy 10sec, Sol 14sec, Gallipoli 20sec, Kate Zolock 20sec, Tim Wilkin 20sec, Lylock 23sec, Invictus 24sec, Whixall 24sec, Ringleader 24sec, Bettina 24sec, Birdwood 24sec, Wild Daisy 24sec, Xavier 25sec, Montague 25sec, Gold Pin 25sec, Bliss 25sec, Mawhiti 25sec, Inora 25sec.

PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP (Harness) of 100sovs, two miles.—Todd Bells scratch, Rio Grande 10sec, Cousin Jenny 12sec, Monsoon 13sec, Fernleigh 16sec, Gladall 16sec, Red Morn 16sec, Flobal 16sec, Amberite 16sec, Gold Boy 16sec.

DASH HANDICAP (Harness) of 90sovs, one mile and a-quarter.—Stone Beldon scratch, Neigh 4sec, Rexcordium 5sec, General Advance 6sec, Lucy Wallace 6sec, Good Child 7sec, Mahinga 8sec, Dahn 8sec, Comedy 10sec, Bell-founder 10sec, The Weaver 10sec.

lina 12yds, Proud Moor 12yds, Miss Huon Junior 48yds, Ivan Huon 60yds, Grattan Chimes 84yds, Macwood 96yds, Miss Dexter 180yds.

GOVERNOR'S HANDICAP, two miles.—Miss Chevalier limit, Prince Child limit, The Scout limit, Belgian Queen limit, Bush Child 12yds, Calton 12yds, Zara 24yds, Kempsey 60yds, Lady Park 60yds, Auckland Girl 84yds, Wereoa 96yds, Hova 108yds, Blackthorn 120yds, Lieutenant 132yds, Master Ilam 132yds, Paul Huon 144yds, Harold Junior 144yds.

SYLVIA PARK HANDICAP, one mile and a-quarter.—Lady S. limit, Dabster limit, Wildfire limit, Zara 12yds, Manuka Park 24yds, Lady Specialist 24yds, Tim Doolan 24yds, George K. 36yds, Selkirk 36yds, Lord Victor 36yds, Miss Dulce 48yds, Wereoa 60yds, Miss Rolf 60yds, Wallace M. 72yds, Lucille 84yds, Salamander 96yds.

MOUNT ALBERT HANDICAP, one mile.—Silver Black limit, Phyllistina 12yds, August Child 12yds, Derby Dillon 12yds, False Alarm 12yds, Strategy 24yds, Pearl d'Or 24yds, Alf. McKinney 24yds, Dick Fly 36yds, Bell Grey 36yds, Sandrift 36yds, Colmena 48yds, Aotearoa 48yds, Wallace Wood 84yds.

RAILWAY HANDICAP, one mile.—Asturio limit, Charlie's Aunt limit, Muriel Star 24yds, Sjambock 36yds, Lady Specialist 48yds, Selkirk 60yds, George K. 60yds, Full Sail 72yds, Linotype 72yds, Sweet Pet 72yds, Miss Dulce 72yds, Lord Specialist 84yds, Lucille 96yds, Bronze Patch 96yds.

SECOND DAY.

The meeting will be concluded on Wednesday next (February 28) at the Park, when the Otahuhu Trotting Cup (two miles) will come up for decision. The following are the nominations for the second day's events, handicaps for which will appear on Monday morning next, while acceptances will close on the same day at 9 p.m.:—

TRIAL HANDICAP, one mile and a-half.—Cella, Kingstead, Dignity, Tablet, Native Boy, Merry Maid, Waikoukou, Miss McKinney, Jaylyn, Miss George, Sweet Memory, Special Irish, Kereone, Congo, Sandy Patch, Byrl Mac, Black Gin, Typhoon, Springbok, Wehenga.

MARCH HANDICAP, one mile.—Marinoto, Sweet Pet, Victor Wood, Miss Murphy, Flora Franz, Asturio, Ihumata, Sirene, Confusion, Nancy Maxwell,

February meeting in Christchurch came to hand, and it was found that Soda had accounted for the principal event, a race for which she was solidly supported on the totalisator by home backers, who in many instances also coupled her up with another winner from J. Bryce's stable, viz., General Wilkes. Late investors took a short price about the combination, their only trouble being that they were willing to take.

It was very appropriate (remarks our Invercargill correspondent) that the pony pacing mare Soda should win a big race and accomplish a notable performance from a time point of view prior to her owner, Mr. J. B. Thomson, taking up military duties, as the little daughter of Harold Dillon is his favourite over a team of good and valuable horses. It was a great feat, and probably a world's record for such a diminutive pacer to cover two miles in 4min. 35sec., time which makes her eligible for the next New Zealand Trotting Cup. Since Mr. Thomson purchased her at about £50 some time back, Soda has won five races of a value of about £900. Her trainer (Bryce) contends that there is no other pony mare of her inches in the world to compare with this lilliputian, and he is probably correct. When she is at her home quarters, if by any chance the lower door of her box is left open the Parliamentary Handicap heroine can walk out if she pleases. She stands 13.2½. is good to look upon, and is possessed of perfect manners.

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