

## RACING REVIEWED

## MANAWATU RACING CLUB.

## SUMMER MEETING.

## FIRST DAY.

## NOBLEMAN WINS CUP.

The prediction freely ventured by sportsmen during the past few weeks that the Manawatu Racing Club's summer meeting would create fresh records in the annals of this progressive racing body was fully realised on Boxing Day, when the gathering was opened in delightful weather in the presence of a very large attendance. As the afternoon wore on it was evident by the brisk speculation on the machine, and the enjoyable nature of the racing, that the meeting was destined to prove the most notable in the history of the club. Visitors from all parts of the North Island put in an appearance in strong numbers, and assisted materially to make the gathering the unqualified success that it proved. Backers were fairly accurate in their selections considering the big fields engaged, three favourites prevailing during the afternoon, while second favourites were successful on two occasions. The finishes, with the exception of the Gillies Hack Handicap, in which the favourite (Hupana) made hacks of her thirteen opponents, were of a close and exciting character, testifying to the good work of the club's handicapper, Mr. Jas. E. Henrys. Mr. Angus Keith got the fields away in an even manner, which aroused much favourable comment, while Mr. W. H. Hartgill gave his decisions promptly and accurately.

The management of the gathering was all that could be desired, a word of special praise being due to Mr. J. M. Johnston, the club's energetic secretary, who carried out his numerous duties in his usual courteous and capable manner.

The totalisator staff experienced a particularly busy time, the record sum of £48,401 being handled, as against £40,025 on last Boxing Day, an increase of £8376.

No less than fifteen candidates lined up at the barrier in the Trial Plate, Messrs. V. and E. Riddiford's filly, Exclusive, being the elect of backers, while Mill Queen, Signorella, Vacuum and Vascovia were all solidly supported in the order named. The favourite got away smartly, closely attended by Mill Queen, the pair carrying on the running until the half-mile post was reached, where Engari moved up, Exclusive losing her position. Engari and Exclusive showed the way into the straight, where the former commenced to tire, while Signorella made a forward move. With heads turned for home Mill Queen went to the front and maintained her lead up to the winning post, gaining the verdict by three lengths from Signorella, with Exclusive a couple of lengths away, third. March On was fourth.

Eleven candidates came out to contest the Tokomaru Hurdles, favouritism being accorded Colorado, while Want, Kohinahina and Marton all had a good following of supporters. Kohinahina showed the way over the initial obstacle, with Sail Home and Nicomar as his nearest attendants. Marton came to grief at the third hurdle, Lorrigan escaping with a shaking, while Kohinahina led out of the straight, Sail Home dropping back, while Want got on terms with the leader and Arlington improved his position. The latter was in charge when the last half-mile came to be undertaken, with Want as his nearest opponent, Kohinahina falling back, while Nicomar and Colorado both were handy at this stage. Once in the straight the issue appeared to be between Want and Arlington, but A. McDonald brought Colorado along with a well-timed run and scored fairly comfortably by two lengths from Want, who defeated Arlington by a length for second honours. Nicomar was fourth.

Backers would hear of nothing but Mr. E. Short's four-year-old mare Hupana for the Gillies Hack Handicap, the daughter of Advance going out a pronounced favourite. Endure, Vermillion and Cooing were next in the public's estimation. The race proved the good thing the betting indicated, for H. Young took the favourite to the front the moment the barrier lifted, and the issue was never in doubt, Hupana scoring a runaway victory by fully twenty lengths from Vermillion, who was a couple of lengths in front of Cooing when the winning

line was crossed. Tuticorn was fourth. Tinkler dislodged his rider at the straight entrance, G. McLean sustaining no injuries as a result of the fall.

Multipical was the only withdrawal from the seventeen acceptors for the Manawatu Cup, and backers installed the consistent All Black mare Devotion favourite, in view of her recent three consecutive victories in big handicaps. Client, Square Deal, Impediment, Nobleman, Mascot and Cleft were next best fancied in the order named. The favourite was never in a position to flatter her supporters, the running of the race, in which the pace was on from barrier rise to post, causing her to fail under her 8.10 burden, a new record being established for the course. Whilst taking a hand in the finish, the Papakura horse Rangitero broke down badly, and displayed severe symptoms of the mishap by the manner in which he limped on returning to the saddling paddock, the mishap being regarded as likely to keep him off the race track for some time. From a good start Impediment set out to make the pace, Nobleman being at the head of the others, the pair being in the lead passing the stand, with Dribble and Devotion racing next. The order was unchanged as they raced along the back, with the exception that Sleight of Hand had moved up third, while Rangitero was seen improving his position. In the run to the straight entrance Impediment dropped back, leaving Nobleman in charge, and the latter was first to negotiate the home bend, with Rangitero, Client and Devotion as his nearest attendants. In a good race up the straight Nobleman maintained his advantage, winning by a couple of lengths from Client, with the little-fancied Master Moutoa a length away, third. Bonnie Maid was fourth. The time registered, 2min. 32.1-5sec., constituted a fresh record for the course, the winner, who is owned by Mr. W. J. Phillips, a prominent racing enthusiast, being responsible for a meritorious achievement.

The Juvenile Handicap, for two and three-year-olds, attracted a dozen starters, Torfreda, the two-year-old full-sister to the high-priced three-year-old Hymestra, being made a solid favourite, while good support was available for Coolpan, Chimera and Astrophel. The favourite prejudiced her chances by bolting a mile and a-half prior to the start of the race, Bagby having a difficulty in pulling her up. Chimera was first to leave the barrier, and led into the straight, her victory being loudly proclaimed, but a short distance from the post Astrophel caused considerable excitement by throwing out a determined challenge, but in a keen finish Chimera gained the verdict by half a length.

Quinn's Post was made a staunch favourite for the Tararua Hack Welter, in which there were eight starters, of whom Altercation, Namur and Ohoreka were next in request. The favourite was smartly away, attended by Zola, the latter having several lengths' advantage of the favourite with only half a mile to go. In the straight, however, W. Young made a move on Quinn's Post, and the Field Battery gelding responding gamely to his rider's demands, won handily by a length from Zola, who was a couple of lengths in advance of Altercation. Elevate was fourth.

Eleven sprinters went to the post to contest the Fitzherbert Handicap, Acre being a lot favourite, with Lingerie, Interlude, Trials and Lady General best backed of the others. Lingerie began with her accustomed brilliancy, but was soon displaced by Lady General and the favourite. Lady General was first into the straight, and in a good race with Acre, who threw out a resolute challenge, scored a meritorious victory by a length from Mr. W. Duncan's representative. Crowhurst was a length away, third, and Glorify fourth.

Gang Awa' was the elect of backers in the Grandstand Handicap, from which Trials, Dribble, Centre, Probation, Nobleman, Black Ada, Bonnie Maid and Haumakaka were withdrawn. Ladogeur was the second choice of backers, while Potentiality, Ohiwia and Sweet Tipperary were all accorded good support. A delay occurred at the post, Pursefiller proving unruly, but an even despatch saw Lady Louisa take up the running, but with half the distance covered Mahzoltov was in command, only to give place later on to Sweet Tipperary. Racing to the straight entrance Blackall and Ohiwia were in the lead, and the pair looked like deciding the issue between them, when Ladogeur put in his claim and, nicely handled by H.

Watson, scored a victory by a neck from Blackall, with Ohiwia a similar distance away, third. Mahzoltov was fourth.

## The results were:—

TRIAL PLATE of 100sovs. For three-year-olds and upwards. Seven furlongs.

- 2—Mrs. S. H. Ames' blk f Mill Queen, by Treadmill—Fire Queen, 7.10 (T. Young) ..... 1
- 3—Cullinane and O'Reilly's b h Signorella, 8.5 (H. Young) ..... 2
- 1—V. and E. Riddiford's ch f Exclusive, 7.10 (M. McCarten) ..... 3

Also started: 14 Marziale 8.5 (Kelly), 10 Golden Problem 8.5 (Carmont), 13 Jackal 8.5 (G. Young), 7 Willy's Knight 8.5 (Watson), 8 De Guer 8.5 (C. Price), 6 Master Iney 7.10 (B. Morris), Engari 8.5 (E. Manson), 12 March On 8.5 (L. Morris), 15 Vivid 8.5 (Hastie), 4 Vacuum 8.5 (W. Young), 5 Vascovia 8.5 (Bagby), 11 War Scot 7.10 (W. Price).

Won by three lengths, two lengths between second and third. Time, 1min 29sec.

TOKOMARU HURDLES HANDICAP of 200sovs. One mile and three-quarters.

- 1—J. Bull's (junr.) Colorado, aged, by Frisco—Etesian, 11.3 (A. McDonald) ..... 1
- 2—G. Penfold's b g Want, 10.2 (H. McSweeney) ..... 2
- 5—J. S. Adams' ch g Arlington, 10.8 (L. Traill) ..... 3

Also started: 6 Miss Sation 10.13 (W. Bowden), 4 Marton 10.12 (Lorrigan), 8 Nicomar 10.3 (J. Hastie), 7 Fashion Plate 10.2 (J. O'Connell), 3 Kohinahina 9.9 (McKinnon), 10 Mairua 9.0 (R. Manson), 9 Sail Home 9.0 (W. D. Young), 11 Seaweed 9.0 (S. Crawford).

Marton fell at the third hurdle. Colorado won by two lengths, a length between second and third. Time, 3min 25sec.

GILLIES HACK HANDICAP of 150 sovs. Six furlongs.

- 1—E. Short's ch m Hupana, 4yrs, by Advance—Tahua, 7.8 (H. Young) ..... 1
- 3—G. M. Spencer's blk f Vermillion, 7.12 (W. McKay) ..... 2
- 4—V. and E. Riddiford's b f Cooing, 7.7 (M. McCarten) ..... 3

Also started: 5 Idyllic 8.8 (Corlett), 6 Whakatana 7.13 (W. Price), 2 Endure 7.11 (G. Young), 9 Tuticorn 7.7 (B. Morris), 4 Matilda 7.2 (Armstrong) coupled with Cooing, 10 Association 7.4 (L. Manson), 11 Perrier 7.2 (Stratton), 12 Tinkler 7.1 (McLean), 8 Goldbearing 6.13 (L. Morris), 7 Zela 6.12 (P. Rayner), 13 Crescent Moon 6.10 (Bagby).

Won easily by 20 lengths, two lengths between second and third. Time, 1min 14sec.

MANAWATU CUP HANDICAP of 700 sovs. One mile and a-half.

- 5—W. J. Phillips' b g Nobleman, 5 yrs, by Sir Laddo—Lady Stockwell, 6.12 (L. Morris) ..... 1
- 2—W. Duncan's ch g Client, 5yrs, 8.10 (C. Price) ..... 2
- 13—F. S. Easton's b g Master Moutoa, aged, 6.7 (McBrearty) ..... 3

Also started: 3 Square Deal 8.10 (W. Young), 1 Devotion 8.10 (R. Hatch), 4 Impediment 8.0 (Hewitt), 8 Rangitero 7.13 (E. Manson), 9 Sleight of Hand 7.12 (W. Price), 10 Orleans 7.5 (H. Young), 12 Dribble 7.4 (McLean), 15 Maniara 7.3 (E. Reed), 7 Cleft 7.3 (B. Morris), 16 Midnight Star 6.8 (Corlett), 6 Mascot 6.8 (M. McCarten), 11 Flash Lady 6.7 (A. Griffith), 14 Bonnie Maid 6.7 (Bagby).

Won by two lengths, a length between second and third. Bonnie Maid was fourth. Time, 2min 32.1-5sec.

JUVENILE HANDICAP of 200sovs. For two and three-year-olds. Five furlongs.

- 3—C. F. Vallance's br f Chimera, 3 yrs, by Finland—Landrail, 8.5 (B. Morris) ..... 1
- 4—W. H. Gaisford's br c Astrophel, 3yrs, 8.11 (R. Hatch) ..... 2
- 5—R. Laurent's br f Staccato, 3yrs, 6.13 (M. McCarten) ..... 3

Also started: 2 Coolpan 8.3 (C. Price), 1 Torfreda 7.9 (Bagby), 11 Mediator 7.7 (J. Kelly), 6 Risingham 7.5 (T. Young), 9 Oratress 6.13 (L. Morris), 12 Matilda 6.13 (F. Corlett), 8 Whakaha-wea 6.13 (L. Berry), 10 Asterial 6.13 (G. Young), 7 Cotillion 6.11 (L. Manson).

Won by half a length, two lengths between second and third. Time, 1min 1sec.

TARARUA HACK WELTER HANDICAP of 150sovs. One mile and 55 yards.

- 1—G. E. Trevor's br g Quinn's Post, 4yrs, by Field Battery—Inamorata, 8.13 (W. Young) ..... 1
- 7—W. Rayner's br g Zola, 5yrs, 9.8 (W. Price) ..... 2
- 2—S. Parker's blk m Altercation, 5 yrs, 8.9 (S. Gibbs) ..... 3

Also started: 3 Namur 9.13 (Hewitt), 5 Hexton 9.1 (Hatch), 6 Lady Edith 8.9 (C. Price), 4 Ohoreka 8.3 (W. Bell), 8 Elevate 7.11 (B. Morris).

Won comfortably by a length, a couple of lengths between second and third. Time, 1min 45sec.

FITZHERBERT HANDICAP of 300sovs. Six furlongs.

- 5—T. Higgins' br m Lady General, 4yrs, by General Latour—Romola, 8.5 (W. Price) ..... 1
- 1—W. Duncan's b c Acre, 3yrs, 8.8 (C. Price) ..... 2
- 6—W. H. Gaisford's ch c Crowhurst, 7.6 (B. Morris) ..... 3

Also started: 2 Lingerie 8.9 (Hatch), 7 Lady Black 8.9 (Corlett), 4 Trials 7.13 (McKay), 10 Probation 7.3 (L. Manson), 8 Glorify 7.3 (Bagby), 9 Bagdad 6.10 (L. Berry), 3 Interlude 6.8 (L. Morris), 11 Jean Laddo 6.7 (Stratton).

Won by a length, a similar distance between second and third. Time, 1min 13.1-5sec.

GRANDSTAND HANDICAP of 200sovs. One mile and 55 yards.

- 2—L. McKenzie's b g Ladogeur, aged, by Sir Laddo—Voltiguer mare, 7.13 (H. Watson) ..... 1
- 8—F. J. Lysnar's b g Blackall, 6yrs, 6.10 (B. Morris) ..... 2
- 4—W. H. Gaisford's b m Ohiwia, 8.2 (H. Young) ..... 3

Also started: 1 Gang Awa' 9.0 (C. Price), 5 Sweet Tipperary 8.2 (Young), 7 Multipical 7.12 (W. Price), 6 Lady Louisa 7.11 (Carmont), 3 Potentiality 7.7 (E. Manson), 8 Pursefiller 7.7 (L.

Manson) coupled with Blackall, 9 Mahzoltov 6.7 (L. Morris).

Won by a neck, a similar distance between second and third. Time, 1min 47sec.

## SECOND DAY.

## IMPEDIMENT WINS PALMERSTON NORTH STAKES.

The meeting was concluded on Thursday in fine though dull weather, the attendance again being large. The track was in good order and some fast times were registered. There were few scratchings, but the racing was not as keen as on the opening day, several easy victories being recorded. Principal interest was centred in the Palmerston North Stakes (six furlongs), and of the eight acceptors Lingerie was the only withdrawal, the daughter of Finland being reserved for the Awapuni Handicap, run over a similar distance, and in which she let her supporters down badly, failing to reproduce her Feilding Stakes form. Acre was entrusted with most support for the Palmerston North Stakes, the Hawke's Bay representative Impediment, who was among the unplaced division in the Manawatu Cup the previous day, being second in request, while Crowhurst and Nystad both claimed many admirers. The contest resulted in a close victory for Impediment after a keen struggle with Chimera, the winner giving the impression that she is best suited over short courses, as she failed badly over the longer distance on the opening day, a fact that does not enhance her Great Northern Derby prospects, should she be on hand at Ellerslie on New Year's Day to oppose Estland, Hymestra, Vagabond, Lord Kenilworth and co.

Two first day's winners in Colorado and Hupana again scored in their respective engagements, the latter carrying 9.0 to victory in the Highden Hack Handicap in convincing style. The President's Handicap saw Trials defeat the favourite, Client, by half a length, after a spirited contest, the little-fancied Multipical filling third position. Backers of the favourites experienced a bad day financially, Hupana being the only one to catch the judge's eye, no less than six failing to provide a dividend, while both Client and Ohiwia acted as runners-up in their respective engagements, in which they were the heaviest-backed candidates.

A substantial increase was recorded in the totalisator investments, £42,461 passing through the machine as compared with £33,070 on the corresponding day of 1916, making a total of £90,862, as compared with £105,709 for last year's summer meeting, which was extended over three days.

## The results were:—

KELVIN HACK HANDICAP of 150sovs. One mile and 55 yards.

- 6—A. Parish's ch g Elevate, 6yrs, by Elevate—Julie, 7.0 (McEwan) ..... 1
- 5—F. J. Lysnar's ch g Master Iney, 3yrs, 7.0 (Bagby) ..... 2
- 1—S. Parker's blk m Altercation, 5 yrs, 8.5 (C. Price) ..... 3

Also started: 2 Mystified 8.10, 4 Fore 7.13, 3 Matilda 7.7, 7 Vacuum 7.0.

Won easily. Matilda was fourth. Time, 1min 45sec.

TE MATAI HURDLES HANDICAP of 200sovs. One mile and a-half.

- 2—F. Bull's (junr.) b g Colorado, aged, by Frisco—Etesian, 12.8 (A. McDonald) ..... 1
- 5—G. Penfold's b g Parawanui, aged, 10.8 (O'Connell) ..... 2
- 3—J. S. Adams' ch g Arlington, aged, 10.13 (Traill) ..... 3

Also started: 1 Mahzoltov 10.10, 4 Foeman 10.4, 6 Nicomar 10.2, 7 Kohinahina 9.13, 9 Lady Amai 9.2, 8 Holyhead 9.0, 10 Mairua 9.0.

Won comfortably. Foeman was fourth. Time, 2min 45.1-5sec.

HIGHDEN HACK HANDICAP of 150 sovs. Six furlongs.

- 1—E. Short's ch m Hupana, 4yrs, by Advance—Tahua, 9.0 (H. Young) ..... 1
- 7—R. E. Laurent's br f Staccato, 3 yrs, 7.1 (E. Reed) ..... 2
- 4—G. M. Spencer's blk f Vermillion, 3yrs, 8.2 (McKay) ..... 3

Also started: 3 Idyllic 8.5, 2 Mill Queen 8.2, 6 Endure 7.8, 5 Exclusive 7.1, 9 Association 7.1, 10 Goldbearing 6.10, 8 Zela 6.8, 11 Vivid 6.7.

Won by three lengths. Zela was fourth. Time, 1min 13.3-5sec.

PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP of 400sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

- 2—J. W. White's br g Trials, 5yrs, by Tribulation—Opaline, 7.10 (McKay) ..... 1
- 1—W. Duncan's ch g Client, 5yrs, 9.3 (C. Price) ..... 2
- 6—A. McDonald's b g Multipical, aged, 7.5 (H. Young) ..... 3

Also started: 3 Ladogeur 8.2, 7 Sleight of Hand 7.11, 4 Cleft 7.4, 8 Potentiality 6.7, 5 Bonnie Maid 6.7.

Won by half a length. Time, 2min 7.3-5sec.

PALMERSTON NORTH STAKES of 500sovs. Six furlongs.

- 2—E. H. Barac's ch f Impediment, 3yrs, by Demosthenes—Kauluku, 8.9 (R. Reed) ..... 1
- 5—C. F. Vallance's br f Chimera, 3 yrs, 8.2 (B. Morris) ..... 2
- 3—W. H. Gaisford's ch c Crowhurst, 3yrs, 8.4 (J. O'Shea) ..... 3

Also started: 4 Nystad 9.2, 1 Acre 8.11, 7 Carlatour 8.9, 6 Bagdad 8.1.

Won by a narrow margin. Acre was fourth. Time, 1min 13sec.