

RACING REVIEWED

MARTON JOCKEY CLUB.

SPRING MEETING.

MULTICIPAL WINS CUP.

The Marton Jockey Club's spring meeting was held on the club's course at Marton on New Year's Day in showery weather, but the unfavourable climatic conditions did not deter racegoers from assembling in strong force, the attendance reaching record dimensions. Though the fields were reduced considerably as the result of late scratchings, they were sufficiently strong to ensure some keen contests, the Juvenile Handicap in particular providing a stirring finish, while the race for the Marton Cup created great interest, Multicipal's victory being exceedingly popular. The management of the meeting was all that could be desired, the secretary, Mr. Arthur Way, attending to every detail with his usual foresight and integrity.

Brisk business was experienced on the totalisator, the investments amounting to £33,394, as against £23,302 for the first day of the 1916 gathering, when £41,045 was handled for the two days.

The afternoon's programme commenced with the running of the Hack Hurdles, for which Mattock was the heaviest backed candidate, others to receive solid support being Want, Calais and Portland Lady. From a good start Mahzoltov took command, with Calais as his nearest attendant, the latter being in charge as they passed the stand, with Mahzoltov, Portland Lady and Lady Amai at the head of the others. Portland Lady moved up going along the back, and was handy to Calais' entering the straight, with Miss Sation and Lady Amai next. The Porirua mare was going nicely, and once in the straight had Calais' measure, and sustaining her run in resolute fashion she crossed the winning mark a couple of lengths in advance of the Patronus gelding. A good race ensued between Miss Sation and Lady Amai for third honours, the former just beating her rival.

Consequent upon her double win at the Manawatu meeting, Mr. E. Short's speedy mare Hupana was installed a hot favourite for the Dash Hack Handicap, in which there were nine starters, of whom Warmmaid, Vladreau and 'Cello were the next best fancied. The favourite quickly found her way to the front when the barrier lifted, and with 'Cello and Zela in close attendance led until the approach to the straight, where 'Cello took command and was first to turn for home. A splendid race up the straight was witnessed, Vladreau putting in her claim, while the favourite still appeared to hold a winning chance. 'Cello, however, carried too many guns for his opponents, and when asked for a final effort by G. Young responded in tradesmanlike style, gaining a three lengths' victory from Vladreau, with Hupana a length away, third, and Warmmaid fourth.

Notwithstanding her failure to run into a place in her engagement at Awapuni on Boxing Day, when it was generally conceded her prospects were spoilt as a result of her bolting a mile and a-half prior to starting in the event in question, Torfreda was made the medium of heavy speculation in the Juvenile Handicap, carrying considerably more coin than Coolpan, Staccato and Tit Willow in a field of eight starters. From an even despatch Coolpan took the lead from Staccato, Torfreda and Demos, the last-named making up his leeway quickly. Once in the straight, Demos forged to the front, and finishing in attractive fashion outpaced Coolpan and secured the judge's verdict by a length and a-half. Torfreda was half a length away third, and Oratress fourth.

The withdrawals of Clent, Rangitero, Impediment, Dribble, Nobleman, Centre, Potentiality and Mascot reduced the field for the Marton Cup to half a dozen contestants, Multicipal being elected favourite, with Rude, Slight of Hand, Square Deal, Gold Soult and Namur supported in the order named. Namur piloted the field in the early stages, being several lengths in front of Slight of Hand and Square Deal passing the stand. Going along the back Slight of Hand took charge, Namur dropping back, while Multicipal, who had been tailing the field, improved his position. The latter ran up to the leaders in the run to the bend for home, and as the field straightened up for the run to the post a sterling race was promised, Rude and Gold Soult throw-

ing out strong challenges. A keen contest saw Multicipal, who was capably handled by H. Young, win an exciting race by a length from Rude, with Gold Soult a similar distance away, third.

Colorado, winner of the two hurdle races at the Manawatu meeting the previous week, was installed a pronounced favourite for the Ladies' Bracelet, in which he had a 12.12 burden to carry, while Blue Thread, Sir Fisher and Engari were all accorded a wide measure of support. Sir Fisher went to the front early, with General Madero and the favourite both handy, the trio showing the way into the straight. Sir Fisher was full of running, and had no difficulty in holding his opponents safe when the final test commenced, winning comfortably by three lengths from Colorado, with Engari a length away, third.

The defections of Nystad, Rantitero, Lady General, Turangapito, Starengo, Bagdad and Hupana left half a dozen competitors in the Railway Handicap, Moutoa Queen, fresh from her victory at Awapuni the previous Thursday, being preferred to Waimatao, with Sweet Tipperary best backed of the others. Interlude was responsible for the pace in the early stages, with Waimatao in close attendance, the latter soon having the Bezonian mare's measure, while Moutoa Queen joined in the issue, a good race to the judge's box resulting in a victory for Waimatao by a couple of lengths from the favourite, with Glorify a length and a-half away, third.

Signorella was made a solid favourite for the New Year Handicap,



A DOUBLE WINNER AT THE MANAWATU R.C.'S SUMMER MEETING—Mr. E. Short's ch m HUPANA, who accounted for the Gillies Hack Handicap (six furlongs) and the Highden Hack Handicap (six furlongs), returning to scale after her victory on Boxing Day.

with Hastie and Quinn's Post in most demand of the other five starters. Hastie led Bay Berry and Signorella over the first half-mile, and was first to enter the straight. Signorella then put in his claim, and smothering his opponents for pace placed the issue beyond doubt by prevailing by fully four lengths from Quinn's Post, with Hastie, who tired in the straight, a couple of lengths away, third.

The concluding event, the Stewards' Welter, attracted a field of seven, including Colorado and Combustion, who were both making their second appearance during the afternoon. Black Ada was selected as the most likely to score, while Zola and Arrowfield were each entrusted with substantial support. The favourite began smartly, and though both Zola and Fore made efforts to pace it with her their prospects were only of a hopeful nature temporarily, for once the straight was entered the daughter of All Black won with something to spare by a long neck from Colorado, who returned his supporters a good dividend. Arrowfield was fourth.

The results were:—

- HACK HURDLES of 175sovs. One mile and a-half.
- 4—J. H. Prosser's ch m Portland Lady, by Achilles—Portland Lass, aged, 11.9 (Burt) 1
 - 3—M. Gardner's b g Calais, aged, 10.1 (E. Copestake) 2
 - 7—C. P. Nash's b m Miss Sation, 11.0 (L. Trail) 3
- Also started: 1 Mattock 10.10 (McDonald), 5 Mahzoltov 10.8 (Davis), 2 Want 10.4 (McSweeney), 6 Combustion 9.12 (W. D. Young), 9 Lady Amai 9.6 (W. Bowden), 8 Pawerewere 9.0 (G. Clarke).
- Won by two lengths. Time, 2min 45 2-5sec.
- DASH HACK HANDICAP of 150sovs. Six furlongs.
- 4—W. Duncan's ch g 'Cello, by Achilles—Singer, 5yrs, 7.11 (G. Young) 1
 - 3—J. Morris' br m Vladreau, 4yrs, 7.7 (L. Morris) 2

- 1—E. Short's ch m Hupana, 8.12 (W. Young) 3
- Also started: 2 Warmmaid 7.8 (E. Reid), 5 Zela 7.0 (P. Raynor), 7 Jean Delaval 6.12 (McEwan), 8 Little Ann 6.10 (Bagby), 9 Mick 6.10 (M. McCarten), 6 Gold Problem (A. McFarlane).
- Won by three lengths, a length between second and third. Time, 1min 16sec.

JUVENILE HANDICAP of 200sovs. Five furlongs.

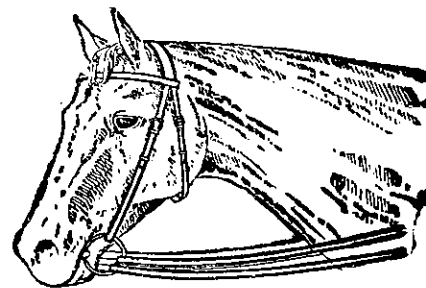
- 5—E. Short's br g Demos, 2yrs, by Demosthenes—Jeanne d'Arc, 6.13 (G. Young) 1
 - 2—W. Duncan's br g Coolpan, 3yrs, 8.5 (H. Young) 2
 - 1—A. McDonald's b f Torfreda, 2yrs, 7.11 (W. Price) 3
- Also started: 7 Manihira 7.2 (P. Raynor), 3 Staccato 7.0 (M. McCarten), 4 Willow 6.10 (L. Morris), 8 Sylla 6.10 (McEwan), 6 Oratress 6.10 (Bagby).
- Won by a length and a-half, half a length between second and third. Time, 1min 2sec.

MARTON CUP of 500sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

- 1—A. McDonald's b g Multicipal, by Multifid—Phoebus Apollo—Lady Wellington mare, 6yrs, 7.3 (H. Young) 1
 - 2—W. Duncan's br g Rude, 3yrs, 6.7 (M. McCarten) 2
 - 5—J. H. Prosser's br h Gold Soult, 7.8 (Bagby) 3
- Also started: 4 Square Deal 9.0 (W. Young), 3 Slight of Hand 8.5 (W. Price), 6 Namur 6.7 (L. Morris).
- Won by a length, a similar distance between second and third. Time, 2min 8 1-6sec.

LADIES' BRACELET of 100sovs. One mile and a-half.

- 3—Mrs. J. Hurley's br g Sir Fisher, by Maniapoto—Dear Dolly, aged, 12.6 (Mr. J. Curton) 1
 - 1—Miss M. Bull's b g Colorado, aged, 12.12 (Mr. T. R. Taylor) 2
 - 4—Mrs. E. Short's br m Engari, 4yrs, 10.11 (Mr. N. Short) 3
- Also started: 2 Blue Thread 10.12, 9 Briton 10.11, 8 Jackal 10.11, 10 Seaweed 10.7, 5 General Madero 10.7, 6 Gaekwar 10.7, 7 Lupinite 10.7.



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RAILWAY HANDICAP of 300sovs. Six furlongs.

- 2—M. Williams' br g Waimatao, 5 yrs, by Bezonian—Vesuvius, 7.9 (W. Price) 1
 - 1—F. S. Easton's b m Moutoa Queen, 3yrs, 8.9 (H. Young) 2
 - 5—A. McKenzie's ch g Glorify, 7.2 (Bagby) 3
- Also started: 3 Sweet Tipperary 8.5 (W. Young), 6 Hyginas 7.10 (M. McCarten), 4 Interlude 6.7 (T. Young).
- Won by two lengths, a length and a-half between second and third. Time, 1min 15 1-5sec.

NEW YEAR HACK HANDICAP of 150 sovs. Seven furlongs.

- 1—Cullinane and O'Reilly's b g Signorella, by Signor—Crucinella, 4 yrs, 8.3 (H. Young) 1
 - 3—G. E. Trevor's br g Quinn's Post, 4yrs, 9.13 (Hatch) 2
 - 2—J. Cameron's b g Hastie, aged, 9.4 (W. Young) 3
- Also started: 3 Bay Berry 8.4 (M. McCarten), 5 Vacuum 8.0 (W. Price), 6 Gold Problem 8.0 (C. Carmont).
- Won by four lengths, two lengths between second and third. Time, 1min 31sec.

STEWARDS' WELTER of 235sovs. Eight furlongs and a-half.

- 1—R. A. McKenzie's br m Black Ada, by All Black—Armada, 6yrs, 8.11 (R. Hatch) 1
 - 5—J. Bull's b g Colorado, 8.2 (Carmont) 2
 - 3—W. Duncan's br g Arrowfield, 8.0 (G. Young) 3
- Also started: 2 Zola 8.5 (W. Price), 4 Mystified 8.0 (L. Morris), 7 Combustion, 6 Fore 8.0.
- Won by a long neck. Time, 1min 50 2-5sec.

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