

RACING REVIEWED

EGMONT RACING CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING.

OPENING DAY.

CHORTLE SCORES IN THE CUP.

(From Our Wanganui Correspondent.)

Perfect weather conditions prevailed for the opening day of the Egmont Racing Club's meeting on Wednesday, and there was a record attendance, despite the absence of railway facilities, the gate receipts showing an increase of £50 on the figures of the corresponding day last year. The course and grounds were in excellent order, and provided a first-class testimonial for the club's custodian, Mr. Alf. Morse. The bird-cage enclosure had been considerably enlarged since the club's last meeting, and this is a decided improvement to the grounds. The sport provided was of a high-class order, and was thoroughly enjoyed by the club's patrons, the excellent management gaining favourable comments from visiting sportsmen. The secretary, Mr. V. B. Stratton, and his assistants, carried out their duties in a most creditable manner, while the stewards one and all worked hard to ensure the comfort of visitors. Mr. H. Coyle was heartily congratulated on the excellent way in which he had adjusted the handicaps, as proved by the splendid racing. Mr. W. H. Hartgill, the judge, and Mr. C. O'Connor, the starter, were in their best form, and gave every satisfaction by the way in which they carried out their duties. Mr. J. McMahon, stipendiary steward, was present, but the only matter to engage the attention of the Judicial Committee was a protest that the rider of the winner of the Ladies' Purse was not entitled to hold a gentleman rider's certificate. After an inquiry the protest was dismissed, and the deposit forfeited.

Speculation throughout the day was very brisk, the sum of £29,033 being invested, as compared with £23,010 10s. last year, an increase of £6,022 10s. Over £5000 was invested on the Cup, a record in the club's history for one race.

Racing opened with the Ohawe Hurdles, for which nine went to the post, Portland Lady being entrusted with most money. Collector looked very well and was next in demand, Mattock also being well backed. The winner turned up in Arlington, the Signalman gelding being handy all the way to the leader, Otter, and catching the latter after getting over the last hurdle won by half a length.

Impediment was the popular pick for the Flying Handicap, and the Demosthenes filly had the race in hand practically from the start, getting home nicely from Madam Ristori, with Nystad, which was last two furlongs from home, but finished very fast, third. Turangapito gave some trouble at the start, and when the barrier went up did not begin too well, but was close up at the finish.

Munition carried most money on the Mere Mere Hack, but began badly or otherwise might have won. Staccato was first into the straight, but in the run home Piano put in a fine effort, and after a splendid struggle got the verdict by a neck, Rawakore a similar distance behind Staccato. The winner is a nice-looking three-year-old by Hymettus, and was well handled by L. Morris.

The defection of Impediment and Paraoa left a field of six to contest the Egmont Cup, the public favouring Nobleman's chance, and he carried over £1500. Chortle was also strongly backed, and so also was Wishful. The favourite and Wishful looked to be going to fight out the finish as they raced round the bend and into the straight locked together, with Dingle next and Chortle last. At the distance Chortle saw an opening and darted through, quickly reaching the leaders, and going on to win by two lengths from Dingle, with Wishful a length away, third. Then came White Blaze, Nobleman having dropped back last in the final pinch. The winner received an ovation on returning to scale.

There were 14 starters in the Ladies' Purse, a favourite being found in Winning Shot, Jiu Jitsu and Trombone being the best backed of the others. Jiu Jitsu got home after a punishing finish, with Trombone and Self Alliance in the places.

The Egmont Stakes was contested by three only, and they were backed in the order in which they finished, Finmark scoring comfortably from Demos, with Acre a fair third. Fin-

mark carried 7.7, and cut out the six furlongs in 1min. 13 2-5sec. If he starts in the Jackson Stakes on Thursday, in which he will have no penalty, he will keep the crack three-year-olds very busy.

Robur was backed for a lot of money on the machine, and was a very hot order elsewhere for the Waipapa Hack Handicap. The good thing duly came off, Deeley landing his mount home an easy winner from Signorella, White Ranger filling third place. It is said the commission agents were hit hard over Robur's win.

Hushman paid a false price in the Whereroa Welter, in which he was sent out the biggest outsider in a field of twelve, Glorify carrying most money, Cheddar and Zola also being well supported. Hushman took the lead early, and was never afterwards headed, winning decisively from Revocation and the favourite. Astor was close up, fourth.

The results were:—

OHAWA HURDLES, of 175sovs. One mile and three-quarters.
4—J. S. Adams' ch g Arlington, aged, 11.1 (Henderson) 1
9—L. Pepperill's Otter, 10.4 (Lambess) 2
5—G. Penfold's Parawanui, 10.8 (F. Flynn) 3
Also started: 6 Styra 11.12 (Traill), 1 Portland Lady 11.12 (H. Burt), 2 Collector 10.8 (S. Reid), 3 Mattock 10.2 (A. McDonald), 7 Deeside 9.7 (A. Ward), 8 Polthogue 9.0 (Croot). Won by three-quarters of a length, with six lengths between second and third. Time, 3min. 15sec.

FLYING HANDICAP, of 250sovs. Six furlongs.
1—E. H. Baracq's ch f Impediment, 3yrs., 8.10 (R. Reed) 1
6—E. George's Madam Ristori, 7.5 inc. 3lb. over (C. Brown) 2
4—J. Goring Johnston's Nystad, 8.3 (Clarke) 3
Also started: 8 Avon Park 7.10 (Lambess), 3 Gaycium 7.8 inc. 1lb. over (H. Young), 2 Turangapito 7.3 (McCarten), 5 Bon D'Or 6.7 (A. Tinker), 7 Coropett 6.7 (L. Morris). Won by a length, a half a length between second and third. Coropett was fourth. Time, 1min. 14 2-5sec.

MERE MERE HACK HANDICAP, of 120sovs. Five furlongs.
6—J. McKean's br f Piano, 3yrs., 7.2 (L. Morris) 1
5—R. E. Laurent's Staccato, 7.2 (C. Reed) 2
3—W. Raleigh's Rawakore, 7.12 (Johnson) 3
Also started: 2 Pergola 8.5 (C. Price), 1 Munition 7.13 (B. Morris), 4 Turpinite 7.5 inc. 1lb. over (Clark), 9 Silver Webb 7.3 (H. Watson), 7 Nemaleine 7.0 (McCarten), 11 Lake Eel 7.0 (Cook), 13 Gloom 7.0 (McDonnell), 8 Kaimanawanui 7.0 (Ayres), 12 Jane Douglas 7.0 (Tinker), 10 Miss Ora 7.5 inc. 5lb. over (C. Brown). Won by a neck, with a similar distance between second and third. Turpinite was fourth. Time, 1min. 2 2-5sec.

EGMONT CUP, of 600sovs. One mile and a-half.
2—A. B. Williams' br g Chortle, aged, 9.5 (S. Reid) 1
5—F. Selwood's Dingle, 7.7 (G. Clarke) 2
3—G. L. Stead's Wishful, 8.12 (H. Gray) 3
Also started: 1 Nobleman 8.10 (H. Young), 4 White Blaze 6.7 (L. Morris), 6 Henry Clay 6.7 (F. Johnson). Won by two lengths, a length between second and third. White Blaze was fourth. Time, 2min. 34 2-5sec.

LADIES' PURSE, of 100sovs. Weight, 10.7. Eight and a-half furlongs.
2—Mrs. J. Cleaver's b m Jiu Jitsu, 4yrs. (Mr. E. Cleaver) 1
3—McDonald Bros.' Trombone (Mr. Anstis) 2
10—A. J. Davey's Self Alliance (Owner) 3
Also started: 9 Lupinite (R. Gaisford), 11 Anitra (J. Gaisford), 4 Trench Wheel (Fowler), 1 Winning Shot (Clout), 14 Kemra (E. Short), 12 Gourmand, 3lb. over (J. Nicholls), 8 Cordon (Marchant), 5 Gaekwar (E. Watson), 6 Reparation (J. Crook), 13 The Ranch (J. Curtain), 7 Warmth (Desmond). Won by a length, with half a length between second and third. Warmth was fourth. Time, 1min. 52 2-5sec.

EGMONT STAKES, of 500sovs. Six furlongs.
1—T. H. Lowry's ch c Finmark, 2yrs., 8.3 inc. 10lb. penalty (R. Reed) 1
2—E. Short's Demos, 7.0 (L. Morris) 2
3—W. Duncan's Acre, 8.12 (C. Price) 3
Only starters. Won by half a length, a length and a-half separating second and third. Time, 1min. 13 2-5sec.

WAIPAPA HACK HANDICAP, of 120sovs. Seven furlongs.
1—J. Harle's b m Robur, 4yrs., 8.10 (Deeley) 1
6—Cullinane and O'Reilly's Signorella, 8.0 (H. Young) 2
11—D. King's White Ranger, 7.5 (Watson) 3
Also started: 3 Movement 9.13 (O'Shea), 4 Matty 8.9 (W. Young), 5 Cora Ora 8.6 (H. Gray), 2 Cello 8.6 (McCarten), 8 Clavis 8.1 (D. Anderson), 9 Marquetteur 8.1 (R. Reed), 10 Compel 7.3 (L. Morris), 7 Royal Park 7.5 inc. 2lb. over (C. Brown), 13 Perfect Day 7.2 inc. 2lb. over (Johnson), 12 Tirangi 7.3 1/2 inc. 3 1/2 lb. over (B. Morris). Won by two lengths, with White Ranger close up third, and Movement fourth. Time, 1min. 29 2-5sec.

WHAREROA WELTER HANDICAP, of 200sovs. Seven furlongs.
12—Clout Bros.' br g Hushman, 5yrs., 9.3 (Nodder) 1
3—J. Casserley's Revocation, 8.11 (Clarke) 2
1—R. A. McKenzie's Glorify, 9.0 inc. 1lb. over (Hatch) 3
Also started: 7 Glenroy 9.7 (Deeley), 6 Volo 9.7 (S. Reid), 8 Paddington Green 9.0 (W. Young), 2 Cheddar 9.0 (Gray), 5 George 8.12 (H. Young), 10 Colorado 8.11 (A. McDonald), 11 Astor 8.6 (O'Shea), 4 Zola 8.2 (W. Price), 9 Arrowfield 8.0 (C. Price). Won by three-quarters of a length, with half a length between second and third. Astor was fourth. Time, 1min. 29sec.

SECOND DAY.

VOLO WINS ATKINSON MEMORIAL.

HAWERA STAKES GOES TO ESTLAND.

The weather was again fine for the concluding day of the meeting, and the attendance was very large, the gate receipts showing an increase of £45 on the second day last year. Speculation was brisk, the sum of £30,017 being put through the machine, making £59,050 for the two days, an increase of £15,049 over the figures for 1917. The racing was again of a most interesting description, and the fact that not one first favourite got home in the handicap events shows that Mr. H. Coyle had concealed the winners well. The success of the locally-owned Volo in the Atkinson Memorial Stakes was well received. Mr. F. Selwood's gelding was well handled by the apprentice L. Morris, who also rode Astor to victory in the open six furlongs. V. R. McDonnell, the rider of Alteration in the big handicap, was suspended for a month for careless riding and giving unsatisfactory evidence. As on the opening day, proceedings went smoothly in all departments, and the club and all officials have every reason to congratulate themselves upon the unqualified success of the gathering.

Racing on Thursday opened with the Okaiawa Hurdles, Flying Camp being made a better favourite than Portland Lady, Arlington being the best backed of the others. As on the first day, Otter was soon in front, and led all the way. Arlington got up to within a length at the last hurdle, and made a big effort, but was beaten a neck, the finish being a great one between the two.

Acre was made a hot favourite for the Waimate Handicap, for which nine started. Turangapito was very solidly supported, but he played up at the barrier, and Mr. O'Connor's patience being exhausted he at length let the others go without the Australian-bred gelding, some of whose backers were hard hit as a result. Acre and Coropett made the early running, but Astor showed that the race on the first day had done him good, and he was first into the straight, winning by two lengths from Black Ada, Acre being a similar distance away, third, and Movement next.

Eleven faced the starter in the Farmers' Plate, Royal Park being the popular pick, Trombone being next in demand. Mattock got home by a couple of lengths, but his rider, Mr. J. Gaisford, failed to draw the proper weight by 1 1/2 lb., and the horse was disqualified, the race being awarded to Reparation. Warmth was placed second and Waitouture third.

Impediment was backed for the Atkinson Memorial Stakes as if the race was all over, but she was beaten after an exciting struggle by Volo, the second favourite, by half a length, Lady Beaufort being only a neck away third, and Paraoa close up fourth.

There were 21 starters in the Scurry, which the favourite, Staccato, won all the way, finishing four lengths in front of All Over. Staccato is improving, and is likely to win again soon.

Arrowfield was withdrawn from the Hawera Stakes, leaving only three to face the barrier, Estland carrying more than twice as much as the other two starters—Nystad and Koesian—combined. Koesian and Nystad were allowed to make play in turn until the bend for home, where O'Shea called on the favourite. The latter soon got up, and drawing away at the end won cleverly by a length and a-half after the semblance of a struggle.

Matty, on which O'Shea had the mount, was entrusted with most money in the Inaha Hack, but the winner turned up in Rawakore, the second favourite. The daughter of Penury had a bad run the first day, but won this event comfortably from Signorella. The latter was unlucky, otherwise would have troubled the winner.

There were seven starters in the concluding event, in which there was some heavy betting, Cheddar finishing up favourite, Henry Clay and Colorado being evenly backed. Cheddar, Henry Clay and Cello were all abreast in the run home, and it looked as if the latter would score, but he suddenly struck some trouble, threw up his head, and dropped back, Henry Clay going on to win by a length, Cello two lengths further back. Colorado was fourth.

The most successful riders were B. Deeley and L. Morris, with three wins each, while R. Reed and Stan. Reid each rode two winners.

The results were:—

OKAIAWA HURDLES, of 150sovs. One mile and a-half.
4—L. Pepperill's b g Otter, aged, 10.6 (S. Reid) 1
3—J. S. Adams' Arlington, 11.13 (Traill) 2
2—J. H. Prosser's Portland Lady, 11.8 (Burt) 3
Also started: 5 Parawanui 10.6 (Ward), 1 Flying Camp 10.4 (F. Flynn), 8 Zetes 10.2 (Henderson), 7 Paul Moore 9.11 (Lambess), 6 Calais 9.11 (A. McDonald), 9 Ratana 9.0 (Croot). Won by a neck, with two lengths between second and third. Parawanui was fourth. Time, 2min. 45 2-5sec.

WAIMATE HANDICAP, of 250sovs. Six furlongs.
7—A. W. Ogle's b g Astor, aged, 6.11 (L. Morris) 1
1—W. Duncan's Acre, 8.12 (C. Price) 2
5—R. A. McKenzie's Black Ada, 7.9 (R. Reed) 3
Also started: 6 Madam Ristori 7.9 (C. Brown), 4 Revocation 7.10 inc. 3lb. over (Clark), 3 Movement 7.6 (McDonnell), 2 Turangapito 7.1 (McCarten), 7 Coropett 6.11 1/2 inc. 4 1/2 lb. over (C. Reed), 9 Zola 6.7 (Rayner). Won comfortably by two lengths, a similar distance separating second and third. Movement was fourth. Time, 1min. 14sec.

FARMERS' PLATE, of 100sovs. One mile and a distance.
7—D. Lourie's b g Reparation, 6yrs., 10.7 (Mr. Short) 1
5—C. Lepperton's Warmth, 10.7 (Desmond) 2
5—A. Syme's Waitouture, 10.9 (Curtain) 3
Also started: 4 Mattock 12.4 (J. Gaisford), 6 Huza 11.7 (Crook), 1 Royal Park 11.0 (Clout), 2 Trombone 11.0 (Anstis), 3 Self Alliance 10.11 (Davey), 11 Cordon 10.7 (Marchant), 9 Lake Eel 10.1 (Tito), 10 Gaekwar 10.7 (Watson). Mattock won by two lengths from Reparation, with Warmth a similar distance away, third. Mattock's rider failed to draw the required weight by 1 1/2 lb. and the horse was disqualified. Reparation being placed first, Warmth second, and Waitouture third. Time, 2min. 1sec.

ATKINSON MEMORIAL STAKES, of 400sovs. One mile and a-quarter.
2—F. Selwood's b g Volo, 4yrs., 7.0 (L. Morris) 1
1—E. H. Baracq's Impediment, 8.9 (R. Reed) 2
5—P. Coffey's Lady Beaufort, 6.7 (McCarten) 3
Also started: 3 Paraoa 7.5, 4 Alteration 6.7, 6 Cora Ora 6.7. Won by half a length, with Lady Beaufort a neck behind Impediment. Paraoa was fourth. Time, 2min. 8 3-5sec.

MAIDEN HACK SCURRY, of 120sovs. Five furlongs.
1—R. E. Laurent's br f Staccato, 3yrs. (Deeley) 1
6—J. Bull jun.'s All Over (A. McDonald) 2
7—J. Dwyer's Nemaleine (W. Young) 3
Also started: 9 Anitra (Henderson), 8 Kiamanawanui (W. Ayres), 12 Mangatua (Nodder), 13 Applaud (R. Reed), 17 Cymro (Anderson), 19 Kemra (C. Brown), 20 Jane Douglas (Tinker), 15 Coronita (McCarten), 11 Key (Watson), 14 Crystal Palace (R. Brown), 3 Tempo (C. Price), 2 Turpinite (G. Clarke), 16 Lipton (Lambess), 21 Houpline (B. Morris), 5 Black Mark (H. Young), 10 Ibex (W. Price), 14 Oika (McDonnell), 3 Genskus (O'Shea). Won easily by three lengths, with half a length separating second and third. Time, 1min. 2 3-5sec.

HAWERA STAKES, of 400sovs. One mile.
T. H. Lowry's b c Estland, 3yrs., 9.1 (O'Shea) 1
G. L. Stead's Koesian, 8.11 (Gray) 2
J. Goring Johnston's Nystad, 9.0 (Clarke) 3
Only starters. Won by a length and a-half, a similar distance between second and third. Time, 1min. 42sec.

INAHA HACK HANDICAP, of 120sovs. Six furlongs.
2—W. Raleigh's blk m Rawakore, 4yrs., 8.0 (Johnson) 1
3—Cullinane and O'Reilly's Signorella, 8.5 (H. Young) 2
4—D. King's White Ranger, 7.7 (G. Clarke) 3
Also started: 1 Matty 8.7 (O'Shea), 7 Pergola 8.2 (C. Price), 5 Munition 7.10 (B. Morris), 6 Winning Shot 7.3 (C. Reed), 8 Tirangi 7.0 (McCarten). Won by three lengths, a head separating second and third. Time, 1min. 15sec.

NORMANBY WELTER, of 200sovs. Eight and a-half furlongs.
2—G. H. Gibson's ch g Henry Clay, 4yrs., 8.3 (B. Deeley) 1
1—C. McLaren's Cheddar, 8.12 (Gray) 2
6—W. Duncan's Cello, 8.0 (C. Price) 3
Also started: 5 Iceberg 9.0 (R. Brown), 4 Paddington Green 8.11 (W. Young), 7 George 8.8 (H. Young), 3 Colorado 8.13 inc. 7lb. over (A. McDonald). Won by a length, two lengths between second and third. Colorado was fourth. Time, 1min. 49 4-5sec.

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