

RACING REVIEWED

AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING.

GAZIQUE WINS HANDICAP.

SOME BIG DIVIDENDS.

The Avondale Jockey Club's autumn meeting was this year a one-day fixture, in order to conform to the Government mandate for a reduction in the number of meetings. Coming so soon after the A.R.C. autumn meeting, a number of horses engaged thereat remained or were kept going for the popular western suburb meeting, and the fields, as usual, were very satisfactory, the average being more than maintained, which must have pleased the handicapper, Mr. J. L. Henrys. The racing was good, too, while the starting was altogether of a character that left nothing to complain of, Mr. Harley, who officiated in the spring, again being in his place at the lever. A lot of money was handled at the totalisators, the sum of £40,404 10s. constituting a record for the course for one day, being £12,079 over the amount handled on the first day last year and £8058 10s. over the corresponding Saturday. This is in keeping with the doings of other clubs similarly affected, but more business could have been done had the facilities been greater. Mr. H. Hayr (secretary) and staff got through their parts well. The course was never quite so good in all respects and the grounds generally wore a well-kept appearance. The inconvenience of train arrangements, or want of arrangements, was again considerably felt, and made the day's racing a bit more expensive to those who are fond of the sport. Vehicular traffic by road was abnormal, but fortunately the roads are now very good. The crowd was a well-dressed, good-humoured one, and the dividends, most of which were good and some of them large, helped to cheer those fortunate enough to secure them. Aucklanders know how to win and lose with a good grace when they find everything above-board, and on Saturday in that respect nothing seemed out of place. There were several accidents in the shape of falls, but none serious to horsemen, the only regrettable one being the collision with the course rails leading from the steeplechase course to the course proper of Mr. Raven's thoroughbred mare Glendalough, who as an act of mercy had to be destroyed. The loss of such a well-bred mare is much to be regretted, because of her usefulness, monetary value, and the prospect there was of future usefulness. Moreover, she was owned and raced by a local sportsman who plays the game.

The business of the day commenced with the Maiden Plate Handicap, for which there were twenty-two runners, the combination Mr. S. G. Lindsay's

Debutante and Mr. George's Danseuse, both trained by Mr. Lindsay, being very solidly supported, so much so that there was two and a-half times as much money on the pair by Marble Arch as was invested on Mr. F. Loomb's Happy Valley, by Bunyan from a Natator mare. Lady Lyddite was another that was strongly backed. Shortly told, Happy Valley went to the front early, led all the rest of the journey, and won by about four lengths, showing qualifications apparently not altogether a sealed book to some backers, who helped themselves accordingly. General Stephen was second, while Mr. W. C. Ring supplied the third in Tama te Kapu. Whitehall, who finished fourth, was a very big outsider indeed, but like some of the gets of Marble Arch shows that he has galloping ability. All Talk, carrying 6lb. overweight on top of his already top weight, got fifth, and Moneymoon sixth.

Nine saddled up for the Juvenile Apprentices' Handicap, and the number included Auckland's best two-year-olds, Informal, Hineamaru and Spanner. The first-named, still a bit backward, was well loaded with dead-weight to carry his lightweight apprentice, and so was Hineamaru, though not to the same extent. That is, of course, a disadvantage. Lady Petain got rid of her rider before the start, and when brought back was left when the barrier was raised. Miss Ellice went away to the head of affairs with a good burst of speed, but was headed at the home bend, where Arch Lassie, Ruatara (an outsider) and Spanner drew up, passing her with heads fairly in line for home, and that is how they finished. Arch Lassie being quite two lengths to the good, and then, nearly the same distance off, came Spanner, Canzonet beating Informal (the favourite) for fourth place. Arch Lassie has raced well previously and is an improving filly.

The punters fastened on to Thrace for the Handicap Hack Hurdles, and the Poseidon gelding was a good deal more fancied than Yankee Doodle and Plenipotent. Kinkora, carrying 5lb. over, led after Swastika and Campaign and Yankee Doodle fell. Mummer broke down with less than a mile gone, and Thrace, gathering up Kinkora in the straight, won easily by nearly two lengths, with War Time a similar distance away, third. Silver Pine, Plenipotent and Companion were next. The Celt fell at the last hurdle, winded. The superior speed of Thrace pulled him through and he quite outclassed the lot that opposed him.

In the Avondale Handicap, Gazique led Housewife, Paddington Green, Waita and Bisogne past the stand and out of the straight, with Uncle Ned, Rebel and Colonel Soult in the rear. Along the back Gazique still led Housewife, Waita, Paddington Green and Bisogne close up. Gazique led Housewife into the straight, and Rebel coming from behind drew up, but it was no use, as Gazique drew away again and won by two lengths, Rebel a length clear of Housewife, with Waita, Colonel Soult, Bisogne, Cynic, Fionnuala, Demotic, Paddington Green, Uncle Ned and Royal Irish in order. The first half-mile was timed by Mr. Speight to take 54sec.,

six furlongs 1min. 18 3-5sec., mile and a-quarter 2min. 8sec.

Mangamahoe was made favourite in the twenty-horse field in the Mt. Roskill Hack Handicap, Fisher being nearly as well supported. Miss Leslie, Gold Kip and Blue Cross carrying most money of the others. Keystone got a bit the best of the send-off, but soon Miss Leslie, Gold Kip and Persian Prince took up the running. The last-named went up and joined Miss Leslie three furlongs from home, and Mangamahoe and Woody Glen followed them into the straight, Fisher (who was disappointed) and Lady Energy being handy. When it came to racing home Persian Prince showed his breeding and finally won by about three lengths from Lady Energy, who was finishing on with Fisher, the pair passing Gold Kip, Carmen Sylva, and Glucian also passing Mangamahoe, Woody Glen, All Talk and Blue Cross being handy.

The Chevalier Steeplechase was interesting with happenings of the burlesque order so common at Avondale, and an unfortunate accident, which cost one of the competitors, Glendalough, her life, through coming hard in contact with the course railing leading from the steeplechase ground to the straight for the finish. The Channel, Glendalough, Gluterino and Golden Glow were leading most of the way, Otter having run off after going a circuit, while Styra was pulled up. Golden Glow assumed command less than half a mile from home, and led The Channel over the last fence, after jumping which Hopye, finishing all on one rein right under the judge's box, passed and beat The Channel, four lengths each way being the verdict. Ranza Mist, Hautere and Gluterino were at longer intervals. Old Golden Glow, who is nearing his fourteen years, put up a record for the race, the time, 6min. 4sec., being 3sec. better than he registered three years ago.

Cardrona and Madam Ristori pretty evenly supported, Rekanui, Fabrique and Stilts carried the bulk of the money in the Railway Handicap, Lightning being the next best fancied. Cardrona ran up to his best form, but nothing had a hope with Hymeona, the winner, who won by quite four lengths after getting clear, in the first half-furlong, of Hopfield and Cardrona. Mossman, who was all but one the extreme outsider, his table companion Stilts carrying £15 for every one invested on him, was third, three lengths behind Cardrona. No field has ever been more demoralised. Hymeona carried them all off their legs and must have put up a track record, the time being 1min. 14sec. His connections have backed him consistently, and he has raced consistently, always there or thereabouts, but their money was not on him on Saturday that is evident, as he paid a splendid price. Fabrique, Lightning, Persian Prince, Hopfield and Madam Ristori finished in order.

A fitting close to a good day's racing was brought about in the Titi-rangi Welter Handicap, with fourteen starters, Kauri King being the cause of trouble, and with Soultane losing ground at the start. Pendoon and British Arch were the best supported, and after them Melchikoff and Glendalough. Rockfield forced the pace after

passing the stands, old Jack Delaval, Gold Fran and Pendoon being next in order as they ran along the back and into the straight, where the last-named pair headed Rockfield, and fighting out a good finish crossed the line, a dead-heat being recorded. Rockfield was nearly a length off, with British Arch about the same distance away, well out on the track, and Munster and Hyllus next.

The results were:—

MAIDEN PLATE HANDICAP of 150 sovs; second 20sovs, third 10sovs. Six furlongs.

2—F. E. Loomb's ch g Happy Valley, 6yrs, by Bunyan—Natator mare, 8.3 (Robinson) 1
 9—J. Twobill's b g General Stephen, 3yrs, 8.0 (R. E. Brown) 2
 8—W. C. Ring's b g Tame te Kapu, 3yrs, 8.6 (B. Deeley) 3

Also started: 10 All Talk 9.0 (Stan. Reid), 1 Debutante 8.2 (Gray) and Danseuse 8.2 (P. Brady) bracketed, 7 San-acre 8.2 (C. Browne), 16 Whitehall 8.2 (Warner), 19 Miss Thame 8.2 (Williams), 5 Moneymoon 8.2 (J. O'Shea), 14 Active 8.1 (McFlinn), 18 Hibernia 8.1 (B. Morris), 11 White Sox 8.1 (Chaplin), 15 Royal Prince 8.1 (Patten), 12 Cordite 8.1 (L. Morris), 21 Whitford Belle 8.1 (Hamilton), 6 Notability 8.1 (Ryan), 13 Newlant 8.1 (Goldfinch), 3 Lady Lyddite 8.0 (Conquest), 4 Rangit Aroha 8.0 (R. Reed), 17 Monatour 8.0 (R. Preston), 20 Erinagh 8.0 (Ferguson).

Won by three lengths, two lengths between second and third. Whitehall was fourth. Time, 1min 15 2-5sec.

JUVENILE APPRENTICE HANDICAP of 150sovs; second 20sovs, third 5sovs.

For two-year-olds. Five furlongs.
 2—F. O. Weine's b f Arch Lassie, by Marble Arch—Lassie Doon, 7.0 (R. Preston) 1
 7—W. C. Ring's br g Ruatara, 7.0 (Downing) 2
 3—W. Alison's (junr.) Spanner, 8.4 (Erickson) 3

Also started: 1 Informal 9.5 (M. D. O'Shea), 3 Hineamaru 8.12 (Ferguson), bracketed with Spanner, 4 Canzonet 8.3 (Rowe), 6 Miss Ellice 7.7 (McCurdy), 5 Principal Lady 7.0 (P. Sinclair), 8 Lady Petain 7.0 (Hamilton).

Won by two lengths, a length between second and third. Canzonet was fourth, with Informal a head away fifth. Time, 1min 3sec.

HACK HURDLE RACE of 180sovs; second 20sovs, third 10sovs. One mile and three-quarters.

1—E. W. Alison's (junr.) Thrace, 5 yrs, by Poseidon—Cremona, 10.7 (F. Tutchon) 1
 5—S. Bradley's ch g Kinkora, 4yrs, 9.0 (Kelly) 2
 10—W. Kemp's b g Wartime, 5yrs, 9.0 (Chaplin) 3

Also started: 3 Plenipotent 10.8 (E. Rae), 2 Yankee Doodle 10.4 (T. Scott), 6 Companion 9.10 (Henderson), 9 The Celt 9.8 (J. Preston), 4 Mummer 9.6 (Stan. Reid), 13 Glenore 9.1 (Warner), 12 Silver Pine 9.1 (Erickson), 10 Campaign 9.0 (Anderton), 7 Te Kapara 9.0 (Roach), 8 Swastika 9.0 (Coleman).

Campaign, Yankee Doodle, Swastika and The Celt fell, while Mummer broke down. Thrace won by a length and a-half, a similar distance separating second and third. Time, 3min 21sec.

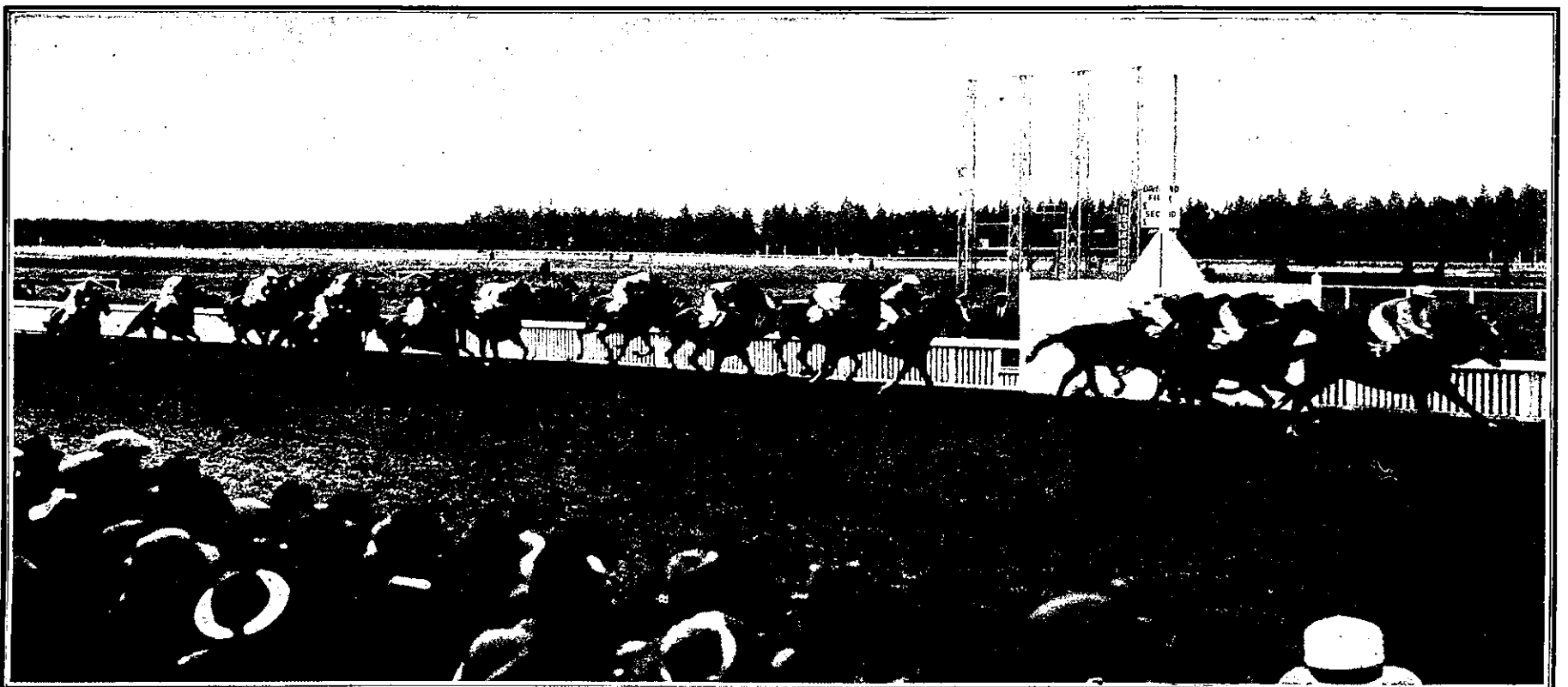
AVONDALE HANDICAP of 500sovs; second 40sovs, third 10sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

2—C. J. Bennett's b g Gazique, 5yrs, by Gazeley—Pauline, 8.7 (A. McFlinn) 1
 1—R. Hannon's b g Rebel, 4yrs, 8.6 (H. Robinson) 2
 11—E. Alison's blk m Housewife, 5 yrs, 8.5 (J. O'Shea) 3

Also started: 3 Bisogne 9.6 (Stan. Reid), 8 Fionnuala 8.9 (R. Reed), 5 Uncle Ned 8.7 (Goldfinch), 6 Royal Irish 8.5 (Gray), 4 Colonel Soult 8.5 (Buchanan), 7 Cynic 7.12 (Deeley), 9 Waita 7.7 (R. E. Brown), 10 Paddington Green 6.13 (L. Morris), 12 Demotic 6.12 (M. D. O'Shea).

Won by two lengths, a length between second and third. Waita was fourth and Colonel Soult next. Time, 2min 8sec.

MOUNT ROSKILL HACK HANDICAP of 150sovs; second 20sovs, third 10 sovs. One mile and a furlong.



THE FINISH OF THE C.J.C. GREAT EASTER HANDICAP (SEVEN FURLONGS)—NYSTAD (G. Clarke) wins from GLORIFY (F. Corlett), with KOESIAN (C. Emerson) third.