

6—L. Carmon's br g Persian Prince, 5yrs, by Persian Knight—Florence McCarthy, 7.8 (B. Morris) 1  
 7—A. Mitchell's b m Lady Energy, 4yrs, 8.2 (L. Morris) 2  
 8—J. E. Thorpe's blk g Fisher, aged, 8.1 (Warner) 3  
 Also started: 1 Mangamahoe 9.8 (H. Robinson), 5 Blue Cross 8.11 (McFlinn), 4 Gold Kip 8.7 (Deeley), 3 Miss Leslie 8.2 (Gray), 10 Keystone 8.1 (J. O'Shea), 12 Revenue 7.12 (Husband), 15 Woody Glen 7.12 (M. D. O'Shea), 17 Sleepy Jack 7.10 (H. Goldfinch), 13 Independence 7.9 (Williams), 15 All Talk 7.8 (Chaplin), 8 King of the Valley 7.7 (Conquest), 9 New Zealand 7.6 (R. Reed), 20 Glucian 7.6 (C. Browne), 11 Carmen Sylva 7.1 (Perguson), 18 White Sox 6.8 (Hamilton), 14 Singular 6.8 (Cotton), 9 Monatour 6.7 (R. Preston).  
 Won by three lengths, a couple of lengths separating second and third. Carmen Sylva was fourth. Time, 1min 55 2-5sec.

CHEVALIER STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 250sovs; second 40sovs, third 10sovs. About three miles.

3—W. J. Woods' ch g Golden Glow, aged, by Saracen—Jeannette, 9.10 (F. Tutchen) 1  
 6—W. C. Ring's b g Hopye, aged, 10.1 (Warner) 2  
 1—Mr. Victor's ch g The Channel, aged, 9.13 (Henderson) 3  
 Also started: 7 Styx 10.9 (Chaplin), 2 Otter 10.7 (Stan. Reid), 8 Glendalough 10.3 (J. Preston), 4 Gluterno 9.13 (J. Anderton), 9 Hautere 9.12 (Kelly).  
 Styx was pulled up, while Glendalough collided with the rail entering the course proper, her injuries being of so serious a nature as to necessitate her being shot. Golden Glow won by a couple of lengths, four lengths separating second and third. Time, 6min 4sec.

RAILWAY HANDICAP of 250sovs; second 40sovs, third 10sovs. Six furlongs.

10—A. Asprey's b g Hymeona, 3yrs, by Hymettus—Eona, 7.5 (Morris) 1  
 1—A. W. Beveridge's ch g Cardrona, aged, 8.10 (J. O'Shea) 2  
 12—R. Montgomery's b g Mossman, 6yrs, 7.7, inc. 1lb over (Dillamore) 3  
 Also started: 13 Bedford 8.12 (Buchanan), 9 Hopfield 8.11 (McMillan), 6 Lightning 8.5 (Goldfinch), 3 Rekanui 8.0 (Robinson), 4 Fabr'quette 7.7 (R. Reed), 5 Stills 7.7, inc. 1lb over (C. Browne), 2 Madam Ristori 7.10, inc. 5lb over (H. Gray), 7 Arran 7.2, inc. 3lb over (Perguson), 15 Flying Gowrie 6.7 (Hamilton), 11 Alf. Delaval 6.10, inc. 3lb over (P. Sinclair), 14 Bellacily 6.7 (M. D. O'Shea), 8 Persian Prince 6.11, inc. 4lb over (Cotton).  
 Won easily by four lengths, three lengths between second and third. Time, 1min 14sec.

TITIRANGI WELTER HANDICAP of 250sovs; second 20sovs, third 10sovs. One mile and a furlong.

6—P. E. Pope's blk g Gold Fran, 6yrs, by San Fran—Fairy Gold, 8.8 (J. O'Shea) 1  
 1—Grant and Hodgson's ch g Pendooon, 6yrs, by Penury—Cardoon, 8.6 (McFlinn) 2  
 8—E. W. Alison's ch g Rockfield, 4yrs, 8.0 (Buchanan) 3  
 Also started: 4 Glenopal 9.8 (Robinson), 7 Kauri King 9.6 (Goldfinch), 3 Melchikoff 9.5 (Ryan), 5 Munster 9.2 (R. Reed), 2 British Arch 8.8 (Gray), 13 Analogue 8.2 (Warner), 10 Hylus 8.0 (Mullins), 12 Tatterley 8.0 (C. Browne), 11 Soultane 8.0 (Deeley), 9 Jack Delaval 8.0 (Chaplin), 14 Billy Wiggs 8.0 (Erickson).  
 A good finish resulted in a dead-heat. Rockfield being a length away third. British Arch was fourth. Time, 1min 55sec.

**WAIPUKURAU JOCKEY CLUB.**

**ANNUAL MEETING.**

(From Our Napier Correspondent.)

Alarm clocks were ringing in the homes of many racegoers on Easter Monday morning, and there was a very general order of "Call me early, mother, dear," on the part of Napier sports, for the day was the day of the Waipukurau Jockey Club's annual race meeting, and the only train by which one could be sure of being in time for the first race left about 6.30 a.m. Consequently if the racegoer did not wish either to miss the first race or his breakfast he had to be early astir. The Waipukurau meeting is always one of the most popular of the year with Hawke's Bay sportsmen, and no matter how inconvenient the train arrangements may be the public will find their way there somehow. The Waipukurau meetings have long since gained the reputation of being the most successful held by any one-day club in the Dominion. Judging by this year's meeting, the reputation is not likely soon to be lost. In spite of all the drawbacks of an indifferent train service, of the distance from town, of two days' steady rain on the previous days, the attendance was actually a record, and there must have been between 6000 and 7000 people on the ground. The meeting was, as it always is, admirably run; in this respect it yields to none that I know of, and can give points to most. There is no more capable secretary than Mr. W. G. Nightingale, there are none, I think, with a greater knowledge of the racing game.

There was one drawback to this year's meeting, and one only—the state of the track. It was so sodden by the continuous heavy rain of several days before that horses sank into the soft spongy ground right up to their fetlocks. None of the races were run faster than what would be good three-quarter pace on an ordin-

ary track, but the horses were doing their utmost and they were all very tired when they finished each race. To say that the form at the meeting is likely to be very much altered later on is only to state what is obvious. Some of the competitors simply could not act in the sticky going.

The totalisator investments were about £1000 below last year's figures, but this result must really be regarded as most satisfactory, as there were practically no commissions and big betting during the day, and many backers arrived on the ground too late for the first race and missed the second also because the horses were late in being sent down to the starting post.

The starting of Mr. R. E. Harley was particularly good, and Mr. Harley came in for a good deal of congratulations for his efforts. Mr. R. H. Aldworth, as judge, was also the right man in the right place.

The racing commenced with the Maiden Race. There were eight starters, with Torchlight carrying most bullion. Transmission was also well backed, with Antler a quiet tip in certain circles. Asterial looked well, but it was no two-year-old's job to win a seven furlongs race in such going, and after showing a bold front with Torchlight for five furlongs Asterial dropped back. Transmission had most left in her at the finish, and she won handily from Belgian Maid.

The field for the Easter Handicap numbered six. Haumakaka was installed favourite, Maraetotara following him in the betting. Neither appeared to find the track to their liking, and after Tavistock had endeavoured to make a runaway race of it Hylami caught him in the straight, and, galloping over him at the business end, won by three lengths. Mysteriarch was a poor third.

What has been written about the Easter may be written about the Hack Handicap, with just the alteration of names. Of the six starters Whakahoki was in most demand, Kahumanga coming next. Powder King, like Tavistock in the previous race, made all the running to the home bend, where Whakahoki came along and settled him without an effort.

Cleft was the outsider of the three runners for the Waipukurau Handicap, the favourite being Perfidy. Cleft led all the way and won without being pushed in the slow time of 2min 51 4-5sec for the mile and a-quarter. Perfidy was second, and Silver Tongue, who was somewhere about the home bend when Cleft finished, was third—and last.

The five two-year-olds in the Oringi Handicap were by no means a select lot, but the public went for Pavilion, who looked strong enough to carry the grandstand. Marula and Barcarolle were next in order of favouritism. When the tapes were released Barcarolle jumped back and lost several lengths. This enabled Pavilion to get a good break on, and he entered the straight with a commanding lead, but he tired to nothing in the last furlong, and Barcarolle, coming from the back with a surprisingly strong run, won by three or four lengths from Pavilion, with Marula still further back in third place.

Eight was the main in the Ladies' Handicap, and the public seemed undecided what to make favourite. Eventually Sabrenui finished up in that position, True Gun being second fancy. Neither of the pair struck the front at any stage of the race. Idealism led off, and, bowling along at an even gait, it looked as though he might not be caught, but he had to pay the penalty of lack of condition (he had only been in training a few weeks) and the more seasoned Belgian Maid, hard ridden, caught him a hundred yards from home and sealed her first win.

The largest field of the day (nine) faced the starter for the Hatama Hack Handicap. Queen Lizzie, with Hewitt as pilot, was the most in demand, but Humorist and Pao each carried a lot of money. Queen Lizzie led most of the way, and won rather easily from Gold Shot, with Humorist close up third. Queen Lizzie was the only favourite of the day to have her number hoisted in first position.

The last race of the day, the Flying Handicap, was, as often happens, the biggest betting race. With only five runners. Sheila, who had Hewitt

Tho' a cold in the head seems a simple thing  
 'Tis the cause of discomfort and suffering;  
 You have inflamed nostrils and aching eyes,  
 And incessant sneezing your temper tries;  
 'Tis a weary affliction that all have endured,  
 It is easily caught and easily cured;  
 That is to say, quite easy and sure  
 When using Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.

in the saddle, was sorted out as the best of good things, but there was always plenty of good money forthcoming for Vermillion, while Cleft was well befriended, despite a 7lb penalty. Vermillion and Tavistock struck the front early, but the latter failed to stay there, and when heads were turned for home Vermillion was left alone in her glory, the hopes of the others being buried. Cleft came on the scene in the last furlong, and though he failed to make any impression on Vermillion's lead, he just got up in time to beat Tavistock for second place by a head.

The results were:—

MAIDEN HANDICAP. Seven furlongs.  
 2—Transmission ..... 1  
 5—Belgian Maid ..... 2  
 3—Torchlight ..... 3  
 Also started: 9 Remote, 8 Copyright, 6 Multum, 10 Best Man, 7 Taleteller, 3 Antler, 4 Asterial.  
 Won by four lengths, with two lengths between second and third. Time, 1min 53 4-5sec.

EASTER HANDICAP. Once round.  
 5—Hylami, 7.5 ..... 1  
 6—Tavistock, 8.6 ..... 2  
 2—Mysteriarch, 7.0 ..... 3  
 Also started: 1 Haumakaka, 3 Purse-filler, 4 Maraetotara.  
 Won by half a length, with Mysteriarch six lengths away. Time, 2min 28sec.

HACK HANDICAP. One mile and a-quarter.  
 1—Whakahoki, 8.3 ..... 1  
 6—Powder King, 7.11 ..... 2  
 5—Blackall, 9.1 ..... 3  
 Also started: 2 Kaihumanga, 3 Sensitive, 4 Mania.  
 Won by ten lengths, six lengths between second and third. Time, 1min 42 3-5sec.

WAIPUKURAU HANDICAP. One mile and a-quarter.  
 3—Cleft, 8.13 ..... 1  
 1—Perfidy, 8.11 ..... 2  
 2—Silver Tongue, 8.3 ..... 3  
 The only starters.  
 Won by six lengths, Silver Tongue being two lengths away. Time, 2min 53sec.

ORINGI HANDICAP. Five furlongs.  
 3—Barcarolle, 7.9 ..... 1  
 1—Pavilion, 7.9 ..... 2  
 2—Marula, 7.9 ..... 3  
 Also started: 4 The Speaker, 5 Brown Aster.  
 Won by two lengths, with Marula five lengths away. Time, 1min 21 4-5sec.

LADIES' HANDICAP. One mile and a-half.  
 7—Belgian Maid, 10.8 ..... 1  
 3—Idealism, 11.6 ..... 2  
 5—Mysteriarch, 11.10 ..... 3  
 Also started: 4 Zeus, 3 Jem, 1 Sabrenui, 2 True Gun, 6 Tarn.  
 Won by six lengths. Time, 3min 40sec.

HATAMA HACK HANDICAP. Five furlongs.  
 1—Queen Lizzie, 8.11 ..... 1  
 5—Gold Shot, 8.4 ..... 2  
 3—Humorist, 9.0 ..... 3  
 Won by a length, with a head between second and third. Time, 2min 21sec.

FLYING HANDICAP. Six furlongs.  
 2—Vermillion, 7.13 ..... 1  
 3—Cleft, 8.11 ..... 2  
 4—Tavistock, 8.8 ..... 3  
 Also started: 1 Sheila, 5 Mazama.  
 Won by two lengths, with Tavistock half a head away. Time, 1min 35sec.

**AN URGENT DUTY.**

It is now generally admitted by those controlling the destinies of the Empire that the critical stage of the war has now been reached, and the next few months should reveal to the world whether or not the terrible slaughter in Europe is to be carried on throughout the fifth year of war. The Germans are throwing every ounce into the scale in a gigantic effort to gain an early decision and so save their tottering Fatherland, while the Allied armies are meeting them with that pluck and determination which must sooner or later spell deserved victory. No sacrifice is too great in the eyes of these heroic soldiers, who realise that the Huns must be beaten at all costs, and they are willingly giving their lives for the Allied cause. Next to the imperative question of reinforcing these brave lads is the urgent need to raise the huge sums required to meet the heavy expenditure involved in carrying on the war to a victorious end. Australia is responding magnificently at the present time to the War Loan that is being raised in that country, and New Zealanders are also experiencing a further appeal to their patriotism to support the Liberty War Loan, which should prove another tribute to the Dominion's allegiance to the Old Country. The soldiers who have gone forth from these shores are at present gaining further laurels on the battlefields of Europe, and it is to them that those remaining behind owe an everlasting debt of gratitude, which they can in part repay by subscribing to the Liberty Loan being raised in our midst, applications for war bonds in which will close on Monday next, April 15. Nobody in a position to invest money in this worthy proposition can afford to ignore the appeal for further funds to enable the Dominion to carry out her obligations to the Empire, and as the date for the closing of applications is fast approaching the present is the time for action.

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**ASHBURTON COUNTY RACING CLUB.**

**AUTUMN MEETING.**

To be held on **THURSDAY, MAY 9, 1918.**

President: Mr. J. C. N. Grigg. Vice-President: Mr. W. B. Denshire. Stewards: Messrs. H. D. Acland, J. R. Brown, G. H. Buchanan, W. B. Denshire, R. S. Forsyth, E. F. J. Grigg, J. C. N. Grigg, J. Hampton, C. G. C. Harper, J. R. Hart, D. M. Montgomery, E. B. Newton, C. W. Nicoll, H. F. Nicoll, E. Roberts, T. E. Upton (Chairman). Hon. Treasurer: Mr. D. M. Montgomery. Handicappers: Gallops Mr. J. E. Henrys, trots Mr. H. Brinkman. Judge: Mr. R. H. Aldworth. Starters: Gallops Mr. R. E. Harley, trots Mr. H. Reynolds. Clerk of the Scales: Mr. W. Anderson. Clerk of the Course: Mr. P. L. Donald. Hon. Timekeeper: Mr. F. B. Robilliard. Surgeon: Dr. W. J. Mullin.

**PROGRAMME.**

1. AUTUMN HURDLE HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs from stake. Over six flights of hurdles. Nomination 20s., acceptance 40s. About one mile and a-half.
2. LONGBEACH HACK HANDICAP of 120sovs; second horse 15sovs, and third horse 5sovs from stake. Minimum weight, 7.7. Nomination 20s., acceptance 37s. 6d. Seven furlongs.
3. ASHBURTON CUP HANDICAP of 400sovs; second horse 50sovs, and third horse 20sovs from stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 90s. One mile and a-quarter.
4. LAGMHOR PLATE of 120sovs; second horse 15sovs, and third horse 5sovs from stake. For two-year-olds and upwards. Two-year-olds to carry 7.6, three-year-olds 8.0, four years and aged 8.5. For horses that have never won an advertised race at time of starting of over the value of 50sovs. Mares and geldings allowed 3lb. Entrance fee 45s. Five furlongs.
5. FAIRFIELD WELTER HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs from stake. Minimum weight, 8.0. Nomination 20s., acceptance 40s. Seven furlongs.
6. MELROSE TROT HANDICAP of 120 sovs; second horse 15sovs, and third horse 5sovs from stake. Harness. For horses that can do 2.30 or better to the mile. Nomination 20s., acceptance 37s. 6d. One mile and three furlongs.
7. WINCHMORE HACK WELTER HANDICAP of 120sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 5sovs from stake. Minimum weight, 8.0. Nomination 20s., acceptance 37s. 6d. Six furlongs.
8. GROVE FARM HANDICAP of 175 sovs; second horse 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs from stake. Nomination 20s., acceptance 47s. 6d. Six furlongs.

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**SPECIAL CONDITIONS.**

1. The winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry a penalty of 10lb, and of every additional race a further penalty of 6lb. Horses handicapped at 8.10 or over to carry half of the above penalties. The winner of any hurdle race exceeding 40sovs in value after declaration of weights to carry 10lb penalty, and for every additional win 7lb extra.  
 2. The Committee reserve the right to alter the date or time of declaration of weights, nominations or acceptances as they may think fit.  
 Owners are reminded that the fee to the ACCIDENT INSURANCE FUND, and rider's losing fee, must be paid before starting.  
 NOMINATIONS for all handicaps, together with full particulars, must reach the Secretary not later than 9 p.m. on FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 1918.  
 HANDICAPS will be published on or about THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 1918.  
 ACCEPTANCES for handicaps, and ENTRIES for the Lagmhor Plate, must be in the hands of the Secretary not later than 9 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 1918.  
 All Nominations made by telegram must be confirmed immediately by letter, giving full particulars of the horse, breeding, colours, etc. Anyone omitting to do so will be fined. This will be strictly enforced.

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