



# RACING NEWS

## RACING FIXTURES, 1919.

Mar. 13—Waimate R.C.  
 Mar. 13, 14—Wairarapa R.C.  
 Mar. 15, 17—Ohinemuri J.C.  
 Mar. 17—Westport J.C.  
 Mar. 17—Opunake R.C.  
 Mar. 19—Ngaruawahia R.C.  
 Mar. 22, 24—Thames J.C.

## EVENTS REQUIRING ATTENTION.

### Wednesday, March 12.

Acceptances first day Ohinemuri J.C. annual, at 8 p.m.

### Friday, March 14.

Nominations Poverty Bay T.C. autumn, at 8 p.m.  
 Nominations Gisborne R.C. autumn, at 8 p.m.

Nominations A.R.C. Easter Handicap, St. George's Handicap, Brighton Hurdles and Autumn Steeplechase, at 5 p.m.

Entries Hawke's Bay J.C. autumn, by 8 p.m., also subscription H.B. Stakes.

### Saturday, March 15.

Weights first day Rangitikei R.C. annual.

Weights second day Ohinemuri J.C. annual, at 8.30 p.m.

Acceptances second day Ohinemuri J.C. annual, at 9.30 p.m.

### Monday, March 17.

Weights first day Thames J.C. annual, on or about.

### Tuesday, March 18.

Weights Gisborne R.C. autumn.

## AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

### AUTUMN MEETING.

A signal of the near approach of the Auckland Racing Club's autumn meeting is given in the shape of a reminder to owners and trainers to the effect that nominations for four of the leading events to be run at the fixture namely, the Brighton Hurdle Race, Easter Handicap, St. George's Handicap and Autumn Steeplechase, are due on Friday with Mr. W. Spence at 5 p.m. The meeting is to be held on Saturday and Easter Monday, April 19 and 21, and there is every reason to anticipate a highly successful gathering. The Easter Handicap, of 1000sovs., is one of the leading mile events decided during the racing season, and never fails to induce a representative entry from all parts of the Dominion. The Brighton Hurdle Race, of 500sovs., is to be run over a two-mile course, and should be the means of attracting a strong field of capable fencers to Ellerslie at Easter time. The Autumn Steeplechase (second day), of 500sovs., three miles, constitutes one of the most interesting events to be run at the fixture, and a number of aspirants for Great Northern Steeplechase honours later in the season will no doubt be seen in action at the autumn meeting at Ellerslie next month.

In addition to the three events mentioned, three valuable classic events—the Great Northern Oaks, of 700sovs., 1½ miles; Great Northern Champagne Stakes, of 1000sovs., six furlongs; and the Great Northern St. Leger Stakes, of 1000sovs., 1¼ miles—are to come up for decision at the meeting, and will create wide interest throughout the Dominion. A number of valuable handicaps, including the St. George's Handicap (second day), of 1000sovs., 1½ miles, add further importance to the fixture, which is in every respect the principal Easter turf attraction in New Zealand. General entries for the meeting are due on Friday, March 28, by 5 p.m.

## FEILDING JOCKEY CLUB.

### EASTER MEETING.

With Easter less than six weeks off the time is opportune for owners and trainers to consider the question of the meetings at which they intend to be represented during the holiday period, and so make their preliminary arrangements accordingly. In both islands the Easter racing campaign is a most comprehensive one, including as it does meetings in many of the leading centres. In the North Island one of the most popular Easter fixtures is that of the Feilding Jockey Club, which as usual is to take place on Easter Monday and Tuesday (April 21 and 22). An exceptionally fine programme has been drawn up by the club, and the remunerative stakes offered for the various events will undoubtedly make a strong ap-

peal to sportsmen. The leading event is the Feilding Cup Handicap, of 700sovs., 1½ miles, which can be relied upon to attract a large field of high-grade quality. Another valuable first-day handicap is the Mangaone Stakes, of 350sovs., six furlongs, for which members of the sprinting division should be freely nominated. The Halcombe Welter Handicap, of 300sovs., seven furlongs, will assuredly receive substantial support from the right quarter, while the Kawa Kawa Hurdles, of 250sovs., 1¼ miles, will meet with the appreciation of owners of jumpers in the shape of an encouraging entry. Four hack events complete the first day's programme, these being as follows:—Maiden Stakes, of 200sovs., 5½ furlongs, for two-year-olds and upwards that have never won a flat race at the time of starting, weight 9.0; Onepuhi Hack Welter Handicap, of 200sovs., one mile and 54yds.; Taonui Hack Handicap, of 200sovs., seven furlongs; and the Onga Hack Handicap, of 200sovs., 5½ furlongs.

The principal race on the second day, the Easter Handicap, of 400sovs., 1¼ miles, will no doubt be the means of bringing nearly all of the Cup candidates together again over the

horses Hymettus (imported) and Acrostic, making in all 28. The sale is to be held without reserve at the Club Hotel Stables, commencing at 1.30 p.m. The mares include the dams of a number of first-class performers by Hymettus and other sires and are nearly all stunted to the imported sire, who has during his brief career at the stud left a lot of winners, including that very brilliant young horse Hymestra and Torfreda. The yearlings comprise a filly by imported Kilbroney from imported Grey Linnet, a colt by imported King Mark from Simois, a colt by Hymettus from Idealea, and fillies by King Mark from Balama and Temeraire. The mares were selected for the purpose of starting a stud for the Wairarapa, and it is hoped that settlers will make an effort to keep them there and thus carry out the plans projected by their late owner. It is as necessary that some stock raisers should breed good thoroughbreds as that others should raise good sheep and bullocks and dairy stock, and those who have good pasturage and the money to spare might find it profitable to have a brood mare or two on their properties, selling their progeny if not disposed to race them.

and Cetigne. They met in the Chelmsford, and Kennaquhair was third, Cetigne being unplaced. I think Kennaquhair would be Cetigne's master from a mile and a-quarter upwards. Cetigne failed at weight for age in Melbourne last spring, and in the C. B. Fisher Plate Kennaquhair beat Magpie and Wolaroi, both of whom had beaten Cetigne decisively in previous races at the Melbourne Cup carnival.

As to Desert Gold. She met Cetigne four times, and beat him in three races so decisively as to leave no doubt as to her superiority. Twice she accounted for him on different courses, but public opinion is a strange thing, and the moment Cetigne beat her once—and only by the smallest of margins—he was hailed as the champion of the pair. He turned the tables on her in the Craven Plate, but after that race she was a good second to Magpie in the Melbourne Stakes, while Cetigne was beaten off nearly half a mile from home, thanks to the brilliance with which Desert Gold cracked up the field in the first seven furlongs.

Biplane and Cetigne met only twice. Biplane won the Craven Plate a year ago in hollow style, with Ce-



An exciting finish in the Telephone Hack Handicap (six furlongs) on the concluding day of the Dannevirke R.C.'s recent successful meeting—NAMUR (McEwan) gains a head decision from METALLUM, with TUTI-CORN third.

two furlongs shorter journey, and as a strong field may confidently be looked for another fine contest should be witnessed by the club's patrons. The Denbigh Stakes, of 300sovs., six furlongs, is the open sprint handicap on the second day, and there is certain to be a high-class field on hand to dispute sprinting honours. The Kimbolton Hurdles Handicap of 200sovs., 1½ miles, and the Makino Welter Handicap, of 250sovs., seven furlongs, should both fill well, as there will be a large number of eligible candidates available for these events judging by the preparations at present in progress for autumn racing. Two-year-olds and upwards who have never won a flat race exceeding the value of 50sovs. in value at the time of starting will have a further chance of annexing a good stake in the Waitata Stakes of 200sovs., 5½ furlongs, in which all contestants will carry 8.0. Other hack events to be decided on the second day are the Oroua Hack Handicap, of 200sovs., one mile and 54yds.; Rewa Hack Handicap, of 200sovs., six furlongs; and the Awahuri Hack Welter Handicap, of 200sovs., seven furlongs, which go to make up a programme that should ensure a record number of entries being received by the club.

Nominations for all events will close with the secretary, Mr. Edmd. Goodbehere, secretary, Box 45 Feilding, on Friday, March 28, at 8.30 p.m.

## THE BLAIRLOGIE STUD DISPERSAL.

Bloodstock sales of the same importance to breeders and racing men have never been held in the Wairarapa as that of the Blairlogie Stud, which is to be dispersed on March 21, at Masterton, on account of the death of the owner, the late Mr. R. D. M. Morrison. There are 21 choice thoroughbred mares, five thoroughbred yearlings and the two stud

## PRESENT AUSTRALASIAN W.F.A. CHAMPIONS.

The selection by "Iroquois," of the Sydney "Sun," of Gloaming, Kennaquhair, Desert Gold, Wolaroi, Biplane and Magpie as the best six horses at weight for age in Australasia continues to form the subject of a heated controversy in Australian racing circles. The chief feature about the controversy has been the number of turf enthusiasts who have expressed surprise and resentment at the omission of Cetigne's name from the list of weight for age aristocrats. Cetigne's form during the past couple of years has been so successful and consistent that Mr. T. A. Stirton's representative is a popular idol in Australia, and the fact that he has never run an indifferent race has naturally made a great impression on turf followers. The explanation given by "Iroquois" regarding his non-inclusion of Cetigne is of especial interest, and when he mentions that he was reluctant to leave out the names of Cetigne and Rebus from the list, but realised that all could not be included in making a selection of six, recognition will at once be given to the fact that he was faced with no ordinary difficulty. In support of his claim he makes the following individual comparisons between the six horses he named originally and the much championed Cetigne:—

Cetigne and Gloaming met only once, the latter winning the Chelmsford Stakes, while Cetigne was out of a place. However, that race was not run at true weight-for-age, Gloaming having an allowance, while Cetigne carried a penalty. It is questionable whether the reallocation of weights under the scale could have reduced such a remarkable margin as Gloaming won by. Personally, I do not think it would have done.

Form does not offer a direct line of comparison between Kennaquhair

and Cetigne. It was thought to be futile to start Cetigne against the colt in the Linlithgow Stakes a few weeks later at Flemington, and he was not produced. That Cetigne was in form at the time he showed by running Wallace Isinglass to a neck in the C. B. Fisher Plate on the last day of the meeting. They were both runners in the Rosehill Spring Stakes last September, but Biplane ran off the course at the start, so it was no test. Anyhow, Cetigne did not run into a place.

Undoubtedly Wolaroi proved Cetigne's superior last spring. He finished ahead of him in the Rosehill Spring Stakes, but went under by a head to him in the Craven Plate. Wolaroi was a trifle unlucky, losing a couple of lengths near the half-mile through no reason that his rider could explain, but to those who watched the race closely it was obviously enough to account for a big margin between Mr. Seaton's horse and the winner. They met twice afterwards. In the Melbourne Stakes (one mile and a-quarter) Wolaroi was third, and Cetigne three lengths away fourth. Wolaroi won the Linlithgow Stakes at a mile, a few days later, and Cetigne was again unplaced.

Magpie is the last of my team. He has met Cetigne twice, and beaten him twice. In the Melbourne Stakes, which Magpie won, Cetigne was fourth, and in the Linlithgow Stakes, in which Magpie was second, Cetigne was again fourth. Cetigne got into trouble in the latter event. Wood waited too long for the opening on the rails; but it did not come, as it had done in the Craven Plate, and he was hopelessly hemmed in for the last furlong. It appeared that he was galloping as well as any of the place-getters at the finish—Outlook was third—but, of course, that does not settle the argument as to whether he would have won if he had secured the run Wood sought.