

# INTERPROVINCIAL

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS.)

## WELLINGTON.

**Jiu Jitsu Sold to Gisborne Trainer—Idle Talk to be Given a Spell—Notes on the Otaki Meeting—Great Finish in Raukawa Cup.**

WELLINGTON, Monday.

Mr. W. Cleaver, of Hawera, has sold Jiu Jitsu to H. Hickey, of Gisborne. The horse named should prove a useful proposition in racing events in the Poverty Bay district.

To take a trio of horses to a meeting and for all three to get amongst the money was the experience of P. E. Hazleman, the Featherston trainer. He took Momac, Justification and Californian to Otaki, where the first-named won, while the latter pair each ran a second. The dividends in each case were of the substantial order. Hazleman, who had considerable experience in England in the training business prior to coming to New Zealand, bids fair to become a very successful trainer in this country. He has the knack of landing his horses at the post in perfect trim, and this was reflected by the fine contests they put up in their respective engagements last week. Further successes should come Hazleman's way in the near future.

Two popular wins recorded at Otaki were those of Kyoto and Idle Talk, both the property of Mr. H. Barrett, a son of "Dave" Barrett, a genial sporting enthusiast of Feilding. Both horses won in convincing style, and trainer H. Batten, who prepares the pair, was deservedly complimented upon the fine order that he had landed his charges at the post. Idle Talk is to be treated to a spell, while Kyoto's next appearance will be at the Wellington Racing Club's winter meeting.

Moutoa Boy (Gold Crest—Kate Sarto) gave a fine display at Otaki. The four-year-old is destined to turn out a good sort.

R. Penman, an apprentice son of the well-known Otaki trainer of that name, made his initial effort with the colours up when he rode Detroit in the Raukawa Cup on Tuesday last. The lad handled his mount with considerable skill, and as he can go to scale at the handy weight of 7.0 he should soon work his way to the top rung of the ladder. Certainly, his prospects for the future are distinctly promising.

Amongst the visitors to Otaki last week was Mr. A. ("Ngakonui") McDonald, a popular Wairarapa sportsman, whose many friends were glad to see him about again after an illness that had compelled him to lay up for a few weeks.

Mr. R. H. Skipwith, who, before going to the war, acted as starter to several racing clubs, was a visitor to the Otaki races. Mr. Skipwith intends following his old profession as soon as the opportunity occurs.

The racing at Otaki was distinctly good, and close finishes were the order of the day. The starting, however, was marred by several bad send-offs, and a number of prominent owners were heard complaining at the faulty despatches. In many instances horses' chances were spoilt at the post, much to the disappointment of their connections and supporters.

Arrowfield was very unlucky at Otaki. Mr. W. Duncan's galloper was number 13 in the race book, and after getting the worst of the start the gelding lost his rider (J. Barry). Luckily the lad escaped lightly, for with the exception of a few scratches on the face, he was none the worse for the mishap. Some critics were heard remarking that a horse bearing the unlucky number of 13 was sure to strike trouble if there was any about, and Arrowfield certainly secured his full share.

A run of ill-luck appears to have struck the Porirua stable, J. H. Prosser's horses going through the Otaki meeting without a win. The writer remembers the time when Mr. Prosser always played a strong hand at the native meetings, it being a rare occurrence for inmates of his beach establishment not to win a race. The veteran trainer has some nice horses in hand, and some successes should come his way before the present season closes.

Pretty Bobby was allowed to pay a false price on the second day at Otaki. The Auckland-owned galloper

was not fancied with his 10.4 impost, despite which he beat Justification by a head in the Ohau Welter Handicap.

W. Bell, who does not get many chances, rode a fine race on Pretty Bobby at Otaki. The jockey named, who is farming at Weraroa, proved by his handling of his mount that he has not yet forgotten how to ride, and when the weights suit he will always do a little riding.

White Ranger ran a capital race at Otaki. The black gelding, who finished third in the Ohau Welter, was beaten by two good ones in Pretty Bobby and Justification.

Battle Song put up a splendid race in the Raukawa Cup, in which he just missed the rich stake by a head. The horse came fast over the last few yards, and a stride past the post was in front of Volo. This gave rise to some discussion, but shrewd critics, who were in a position to see the finish, declare that Volo won without a doubt. Mr. Cameron gave his decision promptly, which met with the approval of the onlookers.

was run on the opening day of the D.J.C. meeting, and was won by the aged gelding Palladio, probably the finest fencer ever bred in the south. Many horses can beat him for pace, but very few can match him as a fencer. He made the running at his own pace, and this assisted him to win, as his perfect jumping did not take too much out of him and he had a large amount of reserve force in stock when called upon to stall off a final challenge from Vascular, who tired himself at some of his fences. Palladio is now owned by Mr. W. Swale, of Winton district, who purchased the old son of Pallas a few days prior to the Riverton R.C.'s Easter fixture.

The ex-North Island mare Nita was expected by many people to race prominently between the flags at Wingatui, but the deep going proved too much for her and she failed to get round on either day. As the outcome of her tumble to-day H. G. Coker, her rider, is now nursing a broken collarbone.

Mr. W. Couser has had the misfortune to lose his brood mare Camille, who was in foal to Markhope, when found dead on her owner's property at Mataura Island. Mr. Couser, however, has two daughters of the old matron in his possession—Camaieu, by Downshire, now in foal to Kilbroney, and Clothilde, by Rokeby.

Morecambe, who was sold at the late Hon. J. D. Ormond's dispersal

between three Southlanders—Tin Soldier, Eleus and Samiel. The latter pair were having a strenuous battle all on their own when Tin Soldier, by Calibre—Tinwald Beauty, dropped from the clouds and just got up to snatch the honours from his stable companion, Eleus. Hogan thus trained first and second horses.

Rorke's Drift is stated to be recovering from his lameness of last week, but it will be some time before he can be raced again. Had he been able to start in the Birthday Handicap the son of Calibre would almost surely have won.

## WANGANUI.

**Endure Being Treated to Spell—Success of Recent Wanganui Winter Meeting—Improvements to Wanganui Course Projected—Rude on the Easy List.**

WANGANUI, Saturday.

Endure, the five-year-old son of Advance—Endeavour, has been turned out by F. Tilley. He was galloping well before the Wanganui meeting, and it was hoped that the bit of schooling over the hurdles which he was given would do him good. However, he quite failed to run up to track form on the day, and it is quite on the cards that he will not be taken up again. Still, he is one that would probably make a really good hurdler,



A WELL-KNOWN COMPETITOR IN LEADING HANDICAPS IN BOTH ISLANDS DURING THE PRESENT SEASON—Mr. D. H. Roberts' b g GLENDOWER, 5yrs., by Glenapp—Ecarte. R. S. Bagby in saddle. Trained by F. Christmas.

## SOUTHLAND.

**Dunedin J.C.'s Winter Meeting—Success of Southland-owned Horses—Palladio's Victory in Otago Steeplechase—Death of Brood Mare, Camille—Morecambe's Popular Win at Wingatui—Rorke's Drift Recovering From Lameness.**

DUNEDIN, June 5.

At the time of writing the Dunedin J.C.'s winter meeting is in progress, and Southland owners and trainers have been experiencing a very agreeable run of success. During two days' racing southern stables have accounted for nine races—four on the opening day and five to-day. Of this number six of the contestants were trained by P. T. Hogan at Rorke's Drift Lodge, and the events secured include the two principal steeplechases and the richest flat stake of the gathering.

At the dispersal sale of Mr. H. Friedlander's thoroughbreds at Wingatui yesterday, the American-bred stallion Mohawk fell to the bid of Mr. R. Patterson, of Arrowtown, who intends to use the son of Mexican and Maxine Elliott as a sire. The Lake County sportsman has some nice matrons on his property, and about eight of these will be stunted to the imported horse. At the same time all hope of the horse racing again has not been abandoned. His injured limb is to be operated upon by Mr. Martin, M.R.C.V.S., and it is hoped that he will be galloping in public again when the next autumn season comes round.

The Otago Steeplechase, the first one thousand pound event of the kind ever decided south of Christchurch,

sale for 40 guineas, turned up a winner here to-day, when he scored from end to end of the Second Hack Steeplechase. He was brought down to race at the Dunedin J.C. fixture by Mr. A. J. Keith, but he made a mistake in the Otago Steeplechase and did not see out the journey. He was purchased by Mr. L. C. Hazlett, at a price said to be 400 guineas, prior to his success to-day. This is the first race won by the vice-president of the Dunedin J.C. for a very long time, consequently the victory was a popular one. Should he stand up to his work Morecambe will be heard from later on in the season, as he is a very fine jumper. The Birkenhead—Film gelding will be a nice schoolmaster for Silva, and we may see the pair competing in the next Grand National Steeplechase.

Three recently-returned soldiers were riders of cross-country winners at Wingatui this week, viz., J. McChesney (Palladio), G. Fielding (Silverspire and Dardanelles), and W. L. Easton (Morecambe).

The North Island horseman Rangit Thompson was due in Dunedin to ride Compulsion in his hurdle race engagements, but was injured in schooling a horse at Hastings and could not make the trip. The Auckland jockey J. Tilsley turned up at the meeting and had several mounts, one of these being a winning ride on Jeannot in the Otago Hurdle Race (£500). The northern horseman put in a great rush at the finish and the judge was the only one who could tell what had won as between Jeannot and Naupata.

The principal flat race of the current D.J.C. meeting, the Birthday Handicap, produced an exciting finish

and he might be given a chance to distinguish himself at that game.

It is pleasing to be able to state that the recent winter meeting of the Wanganui Jockey Club was the most successful financially ever held by the club. There were a few pessimists who, because the acceptances for one or two of the first day's events were not so large as expected, were very doleful, and anticipated that the meeting would not be a success from any point of view, evidently not realising how popular the Wanganui meetings are with the public generally.

It is probable that within a very short time the Wanganui Jockey Club will have decided on the purchase of one or other of the properties under offer to the club for the formation of a new course. The two properties which appear to be most suitable for the club's purposes are what is known as the Paul estate and one situated at Westmere. Both are on or quite near to the through railway line, and from every point of view appear to be admirably adapted for formation into a racecourse. In fact, an expert in such matters has declared that the Wanganui Club is the luckiest in New Zealand in having two such properties from which to choose, and it would certainly seem that he is not far wrong. Of course, whichever property is finally selected it will take years to form the track and get into order for racing, so that the present course will be used for a long time yet.

Rude has been thrown out of work, and is not likely to be seen in action again until the spring. The Cyrus gelding appears to be improving with age, and he is likely to do well next season.