

RACING REVIEWED

NAPIER PARK RACING CLUB.

WINTER MEETING.

FOEMAN WINS STEEPLECHASE.

MULTIVE ANNEXES HURDLES.

(From Our Napier Correspondent.)

On the opening afternoon of this popular club's steeplechase fixture the weather was of the best possible grade, it being more like an early spring day than one in midwinter. The attendance was large, comprising visitors from near and far, and that they had come well armed with the necessary to support their fancies can be gathered from the fact that £19,955 was passed through the machine, an increase of £855 over the sum invested at the 'chasing meeting in 1918. The course was in good going order, just a trifle on the hard side for lepping, and some of the contestants showed signs of wear and tear after getting through their tasks. Backers who relied upon the favourites to pull them through financially just got out of the wood, for a brace of prime goods in Master Webster and Multive received the awards and another in Tiranga got second placing. The only double-figure dividend collected during the afternoon was that attached to Goldshine's placing in the Settlers' Hack Handicap, when he filled the position of runner-up to Honey Bee, and those fortunate enough to hold his tickets received over a score apiece.

Business for the afternoon was set going by the Moteo Hack Hurdles, which attracted a field of a baker's dozen, Master Moutoa being made a good favourite, with Movement and Rio next best supported. From the rise of the tapes it was a one-horse episode, for Rangit Thompson took Movement to the front and she stayed there to the finish without much effort on her part to keep her position. During the early portion of the contest Hydrus, who fenced clean and clever, was her nearest attendant, but he went back after going a mile and a-quarter. Coming to the home turn Movement was attended by Rio and Sensitive, who appeared at this stage as if they would secure second and third respectively. However, half-way up the running Kohu came with a big burst of speed, and filled the berth of runner-up. In the early portion of the contest Master Moutoa fenced none too well, but as he went on improved in his jumping, and with more experience at the business should make good.

Of the eleven that lined up for the Petane Steeplechase, Master Webster was installed a firm first choice, being backed down to a little over level money. Manhattan and Torchy were next in demand. Backers of Manhattan soon lost their money, for the field had not proceeded on their journey very far before he toppled over, giving his pilot (F. Meagher) a nasty spill, which resulted in a fractured collarbone. Manawapango, a fine-appearing six-year-old full-brother to Black Heart (All Black—Dear Heart), was leader for over a mile, when the favourite took charge and at the finish had matters all his own way. Torchy got the better of Manawapango in the last couple of furlongs, the latter running about a lot, covering more ground than anything in the race. Master Webster is a perfect fencer, and in the fullness of time may be looked for to win in more pretentious company than was the case with him in the Petane Steeplechase. Sail Home came down at the last fence, and his rider (P. Caddy) had to be brought in on the ambulance. Upon examination in the casualty room he was found to be suffering from concussion and was later on sent to the hospital, where upon making enquiries this morning I was informed he was progressing favourably.

Tiranga, who had the assistance of H. Gray, was picked as the goods in the Stewards' Handicap, Sweet Corn and All Over being the next best supported in that order. The latter pair failed badly, for neither finished in the first four. After settling down to their work Ohinewairua and Gold Kip became prominent, with Bagdad in third place. The latter, who was going in good style three furlongs

from home, suddenly dropped right back, the fact of his jockey losing one of his stirrup leathers accounting for the fall away at this stage. The favourite, who had been badly placed, then came from the rear, and, mastering Gold Kip, set off in pursuit of Ohinewairua. The latter, however, was not to be denied, and scored a meritorious win by a neck from Tiranga, with Bagdad a good third. From the latter's placing it looked as if but for the mishap to his gear he would have secured the judge's verdict. Silver Tongue, who was fourth, ran a good race, for he was not prominent during the early stage of the trip. Sweet Corn ran very sourly, and at no part of the race did she ever appear to have a winning prospect.

Polthogue had a solid following in the Napier Steeplechase, a third at the total investments registered on the machine being recorded on his number. The best backed of the other half-dozen contestants was Foeman, with Diavolo third favourite. The latter went to the front and occupied that position for a little over a mile, when he gave in to the favourite, who led Foeman to the sod wall in the second round, where he hit the obstacle badly. After passing the stand for the concluding circuit Polthogue surrendered his command to Foeman, while the post and rails settled the former, who came down heavily. Foeman was thus left with the verdict safe in his keeping. A great go amongst Ormsby, Stryax and Vacuum for second berth resulted in the first-named obtaining the verdict. Diavolo pulled up after going a couple of circuits, while Tarero fell. The favourite appeared to be made

the Gisborne-owned neddy prevailed in the run home by a small margin, with Master Lupin, not far away, in third place.

The day's sport was brought to a finale with the Settlers' Hack Handicap, for which a dozen got under weigh, two of the contestants being bracketed (Lady Kilworth and Houdini). Favouritism rested with Guanaco, a fine, big, well-proportioned gelding by Formative—Lady Atholine, with Honey Bee second choice. Fiddlestring was third pick. The favourite was given every opportunity, for he was first out, but he was not quite good enough for Honey Bee and the outsider of the bunch, Goldshine, both of whom silenced him. Honey Bee won with a bit to spare from Goldshine. The winner has been most consistent since he became the property of Mr. C. Haldane some time back, for he has started in that sportsman's interests in four events, three of which he has won and been second in his remaining start. Goldshine is a full-brother to Golden Sky and a half-brother to Hetaua, so it can be seen that he is some horse from a breeding point of view. His forty-one backers each collected a dividend of over a score, which made it the end of a perfect day for them.

The results were:—

- MOTEO HACK HURDLES of 175sovs. One mile and three-quarters.
- 1—P. Johnson's blk m Movement, aged, by Advance—Officer mare, 9.13 (Thompson) 1
 - 2—Estate W. J. Douglas' Kohu, 9.0 (Wairoa) 2
 - 3—H. McManaway's Rio, 10.3 (Ayre) 3
- Also started: 6 Hydrus 10.9, 1 Master Moutoa 10.9, 3 Sensitive 9.3, 8 Tigerland 9.0, 11 Woolahra 9.3, 9 Tuticorn 9.0, 12 Whenuakura 9.0, 13 Slumix 9.0, 4 Master Boris 9.0.
- Time, 3min 15 4-5sec.



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too much use of, for at one time he was quite a furlong in advance of his field. Had he been given a breather he probably would not have come to grief at the obstacle which extinguished his prospects. Foeman fenced cleverly, never laying a toe wrong.

Yankee Jack, who had the services of that proficient gentleman rider Mr. J. Morris, was selected as the favourite for the Ladies' Necklace, thirteen runners going out for the jewellery. Ethiopian and Maori Tikanga were second and third picks respectively, but the best the trio could do was to obtain a third placing, this position going to the favourite. The early running was carried on by Ethiopian, with Blackall next, but the former was settled half a mile from home, where White Ranger became prominent, and continuing to go on in good style he just managed to get the better of Blackall at the finish. Maraetotara was fourth, the balance of the contestants being well strung out down the straight.

There were only five runners in the Ahuriri Hurdles, Multive being elected first choice by a margin of thirteen pounds over Sleight of Hand, with Master Lupin third pick. Teka was first out, with Sleight of Hand at his heels, but the leader was not there long, for he tossed out at the first fence. Sleight of Hand was then joined by Multival, who had a commanding lead from the other two contestants. At the half-mile post Sleight of Hand was done with, and Multive, who had up to this been fencing very slovenly, came away from Master Lupin and was soon on terms with Multival. The pair rose at the last hurdle simultaneously, but

AHURIRI HURDLE RACE HANDICAP of 350sovs. Two miles.

- 1—W. Arnott's b g Multive, aged, by Multival—Minerva, 9.10 (H. Lorigan) 1
 - 2—A. McDonald's Multival, 9.5 (S. Henderson) 2
 - 3—J. Bull's Master Lupin 11.10 (F. Flynn) 3
- Also started: 2 Sleight of Hand 11.5, 4 Teka 10.8.
- Time, 3min 47sec.

SETTLERS' HACK HANDICAP. Six furlongs.

- 2—C. Haldane's ch g Honey Bee, 5 yrs, by Hymettus—By By, 10.11 (E. Manson) 1
 - 11—W. Mountain's Goldshine, 9.0 (C. Berry) 2
 - 1—H. M. Campbell's Guanaco, 9.6 (C. Emerson) 3
- Also started: 5 Orawia 11.0, 6 Tiedi 10.3, 3 Fiddlestring 10.2, 7 Lady Kilworth 9.8, 7 Houdini 9.0, 4 Transmission 9.7, 8 Pao 9.2, 10 Sea Foam 9.0, 9 Doric 9.0.
- Time, 1min 16 3-5sec.

CONCLUDING DAY.

FOEMAN WINS AGAIN.

GOLD KIP CAPTURES WINTER OATS.

The climate on Saturday, when the meeting was brought to a conclusion, was just the opposite to that of the previous day, for a cold, biting wind was in evidence, while during the afternoon several showers of rain came along in fast-driving fashion. The attendance was again excellent, and the totalist investments reached £24,785, this sum being £2396 in excess of the amount registered on the concluding day of the winter meeting last season. The total for the two days amounted to £44,740, showing an increase for the two days of £3251 when compared with the investments at the corresponding meeting in 1918. Followers of the first choices nearly broke even in their allegiance to their fancies, for with a sovereign invested on the favourite in each event a very slight loss would have resulted. A feature of the fixture was the quick-fire methods of Mr. R. H. Aldworth in sending aloft his decisions, which in no instances were challenged by those captious critics who are only too prone to imagine that they are just the best judges of everything and anything, but whose pockets are the only vulnerable part in their make-up.

Guanaco monopolised the betting in the opening event, the Meanee Hack Handicap, which attracted nine contestants, Orawia being second choice, with Goldshine next in request. The favourite, who made a few attempts to get a flying send-off, was badly left when the tapes lifted, being a long way in the rear of Doric, who hit the track quickly, and taking the lead maintained his own to the finish, scoring cleverly from Orawia, with Sea Foam, a half-sister by California to Sea Lord, in third place. The favourite, who ran a good race under the difficulties imposed upon him, was fourth. The winner is one of the Demosthenes tribe, for he was got by that sire out of Eocene, who in her time was more than fair to medium at the racing business. He is owned and was bred by Mr. J. Armstrong, of Glengarry, Dannevirke, and is one of the pupils of R. Gooseman, who of late has been having a fair wind run with another of Mr. Armstrong's team in The Speaker.

Very nearly a third of the total investments recorded on the machine in connection with the betting over the Waiohiki Hack Hurdles was registered against Movement's number, Reformation being the next best backed of the remaining seven runners. The public proved good judges as far as Movement was concerned, for she was quick to get out and she stayed in front from start to finish, and at the conclusion of the argument was not asked to nearly produce her best. For the first portion of the trip Tigerland, a fine-appearing four-year-old son of Finland and Tigress, was her closest attendant, but he gave in with half a mile to go, and Sensitive took up second place, and though much better handled than on the preceding afternoon he was no match for Movement. Still, he beat all the rest of the bunch that he was up against with just as much ease as he had been triumphed over by the winner. Sturdee was a fair third, and Tigerland fourth. Reformation was never in the picture, and gave a very poor showing to his big body of admirers. The winner, who carried 16lb. more than she was allotted by the handicapper on the first day, with a couple of furlongs less to compass, won apparently easier than she did on Friday, and must be ticked off for more victories in the near future.

The baker's dozen that were listed on the card for the Winter Oats all went to the post, Tiranga having a

PETANE HACK STEEPLECHASE of 200sovs. Two miles.

- 1—J. Tyldesley's b g Master Webster, aged, by Captain Webb—Lakeshell, 11.9 (Kaani) 1
 - 3—C. E. Vallance's Torchy, 10.8 (R. Hunt) 2
 - 9—H. A. Russell's Manawapango, 9.7 3
- Also started: 4 Chaban 10.8, 2 Manhattan 10.3, 6 Bollin 9.9, 11 Jen 9.7, 10 Stetson 9.7, 5 Sail Home 9.7, 7 Captain Black 9.7, 8 Union Jack 9.7.
- Time, 4min 16 4-5sec.

STEWARDS' STAKES of 250sovs. One mile.

- 5—W. J. Irwin's ch m Ohinewairua, aged, by San Fran—Maid of Astolat, 9.11 (P. Brady) 1
 - 1—H. Hall's Tiranga, 9.2 (Gray) 2
 - 4—Mrs. H. M. Campbell's Bagdad, 10.1 (H. Robinson) 3
- Also started: 8 Vagabond 11.7, 2 Sweet Corn 11.2, 3 All Over 10.12, 7 Sir Agnes 9.11, 11 Damien 9.0, 13 Hythread 9.0, 9 Crosswords 9.0, 6 Gold Kid 9.0, 10 Silver Tongue 9.0, 14 Sea Lord 9.0, 12 Haumakaka 9.0.
- Time, 1min 43 4-5sec.

NAPIER STEEPLECHASE of 500sovs. About three miles.

- 2—A. M. Wright's blk g Foeman, aged, by Advance—Brown Spec, 9.11 (P. Flynn) 1
 - 4—H. A. Russell's Ormsby, 9.7 (H. McSweeney) 2
 - 7—T. E. Wheelch's Stryax 9.7 (Hunt) 3
- Also started: 1 Polthogue 10.13, 3 Diavolo 10.0, 5 Vacuum 9.10, 6 Tarero 9.7.
- Time, 6min 13sec.

LADIES' NECKLACE of 100sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

- 5—Miss D. Cleaver's blk g White Ranger, aged, by Foremost—Brushholis, 10.13 (B. Brewer) 1
 - 7—Mrs. F. J. Lysnar's Blackall, 10.0 (Mr. P. Walker) 2
 - 1—Mrs. J. Bull's Yankee Jack, 11.1 (Mr. B. Morris) 3
- Also started: 8 Eheipa 11.8, 6 Wapping 11.6, 4 Maraetotara 11.3, 10 Mattock 11.2, 2 Ethiopian 11.2, 3 Maori Tekanga 10.13, 13 Mobilisation 10.11, 11 Sturdee 10.7, 9 Miramar 10.7, 14 Bircklot 10.7, 12 Strangeways 10.7, 15 Sansterre 10.7.
- Time, 2min 14sec.