

**A CONSISTENT PERFORMER.**

**ROYAL IRISH PROVES A USEFUL STAKE EARNER.**

The Auckland-owned gelding Royal Irish (Soult—Asthore) signalled the opening of his ninth season on the turf by annexing the Whangarei Cup (one mile and three furlongs) in good style from his stable mate, Windorah, at the recent successful meeting held by the Whangarei Racing Club. Royal Irish, who is owned by the successful Ellerslie owner-trainer, J. Williamson, has proved a very consistent stake earner during the past eight seasons, and the fact of the son of Soult, who is now in his eleventh year, accounting for a double at Whangarei this month shows that he has retained his form in a manner which reflects credit on his owner.

To date, Royal Irish has won no less than £4950 in stakes, while he has started on 93 occasions, winning 19 races, running second in 14, and third 11 times, while he has been unplaced on 49 occasions.

Royal Irish made his first appearance with the colours up when, as a three-year-old, he contested the Ferry Handicap (five furlongs) at the Takapuna Jockey Club's summer meeting, on January 27, 1912, running second to Surplus in that event. His record to date is as follows:—

<b>Three years old (1911-12 season)—</b>	
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Second Ferry Handicap Takapuna J.C. summer .....	10
First Otorohanga Handicap (five furlongs) Te Kuiti R.C. annual .....	30
Third Mangere Handicap, Auckland R.C. autumn .....	10
First Maiden Plate (six furlongs) Avondale J.C. autumn .....	85
Once unplaced.	
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>135</b>
<b>Four years old (1912-13 season).</b>	
Second Flying Stakes, Avondale J.C. spring .....	10
Third Hobson Handicap, Auckland R.C. spring .....	10
Second Borough Handicap, Takapuna J.C. spring .....	10
Second Cautley Handicap, Takapuna J.C. spring .....	15
First Shortland Plate (one mile) Auckland R.C. summer .....	200
Third Goodwood Handicap, Auckland R.C. summer .....	25
Second Eden Handicap, Auckland R.C. autumn .....	50
Unplaced on three occasions.	
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>320</b>
<b>Five years old (1913-14 season).</b>	
First Flying Stakes (six furlongs), Avondale J.C. spring .....	160
First St. Andrew's Handicap (1½ miles), Takapuna J.C. spring .....	300
Third Spring Handicap, Takapuna J.C. spring .....	15
Third Christmas Handicap, Auckland R.C. summer .....	25
Third Glasgow Handicap, Auckland R.C. summer .....	25
First Takapuna J.C. Handicap (1½ miles), T.J.C. summer ..	375
Second Stewards' Handicap, Auckland R.C. autumn .....	50
First Avondale Handicap (1½ miles), A.J.C. autumn .....	300
First Railway Handicap (six furlongs), Avondale J.C. autumn ..	160
Unplaced five times.	
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>1410</b>
<b>Six years old (1914-15 season).</b>	
Second Avondale Cup, A.J.C. spring .....	70
First City Handicap (1½ miles), Auckland R.C. spring .....	700
Second St. Andrew's Handicap, Takapuna J.C. spring .....	50
Third Takapuna J.C. Handicap, T.J.C. spring .....	25
First Tradesmen's Handicap (1½ miles), Auckland R.C. autumn ..	250
Third Stewards' Handicap, Auckland R.C. autumn .....	30
Six times unplaced.	
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>1125</b>
<b>1915-16 season.</b>	
First Plumpton Handicap (nine furlongs), Avondale J.C. spring ..	300
Unplaced five times.	
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>300</b>
<b>1916-17 season.</b>	
Second Flying Handicap, Auckland R.C. spring .....	50
Third Takapuna Cup .....	50
Thirteen times unplaced.	
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>1917-18 season.</b>	
First Tauranga Cup (1½ miles) ..	75
First Whangarei Cup (1½ miles) ..	100
First Publicans' Purse Handicap (seven furlongs), Whangarei R.C. annual .....	45
Second Takapuna J.C. Handicap, T.J.C. summer .....	75
Third Te Kuiti Cup .....	10

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Second Takapuna J.C. Handicap, T.J.C. summer .....	75
Third Te Kuiti Cup .....	10

First Rotorua Cup (1½ miles) ..	110
First Te Aroha Cup (1½ miles) ..	240
Seven times unplaced.	
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>655</b>
<b>1918-19 season.</b>	
Second Whangarei Cup .....	20
First Publicans' Purse Handicap (seven furlongs), Whangarei R.C. annual .....	55
Second Te Kuiti Cup .....	75
Second Rotorua Cup .....	35
Second Arawa Park Handicap, Rotorua J.C. annual .....	20
First Ohinemuri Cup (1½ miles) ..	400
Third Thames Plate, Thames J.C. annual .....	20
Nine times unplaced.	
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>625</b>
<b>1919-20 season.</b>	
First Whangarei Cup (one mile three furlongs) .....	200
First Farewell Handicap (seven furlongs), Whangarei R.C. annual) .....	80
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>280</b>
<b>Total amount to date .....</b>	<b>4950</b>

**TURF TOPICS.**

Now that the tracks are getting harder Guanaco, on whom good money was lost in the winter, should not be long in getting on the winning list (says the "N.Z. Times").

Mr. J. B. Reid, whose horses at present in training are to be sold by auction during N.Z. Cup week, has been visiting England and America, and it was in the United States that he cabled his decision that the horses in question were to come under the hammer. Mr. Reid left America for New Zealand on the 6th inst., and is expected back in the Dominion about the 26th inst.

Answering a question at Christchurch as to whether he considered the use of spurs on racehorses cruel, Mr. H. S. S. Kyle, M.R.C.V.S., said that the whip and the spur used judiciously and at the right time were just as necessary as a walking-stick to a man out walking, to prevent him from slipping. He knew that many racehorse owners would not allow their "boys" to use spurs. The days of electric batteries were practically over, though there were black sheep in the racing game as well as in other sports.

On the last occasion when a Forbury Park spring meeting extended over two days the club gave £2300 in stakes. This year's spring programme will carry £3560 in stakes. The principal race on the first day is worth 500, and is for horses that can do 4min. 40sec. for two miles. The chief attraction on the concluding day is the Forbury Park Cup, endowed with £600. It is for horses that can do 4min. 38sec. for two miles.

**TROTTING.**

After the first payment has been made for the Waimate Plains T.C.'s 1920 Taranaki Futurity Stakes, thirty-three three-year-olds stand their ground.

Word from Christchurch is to the effect that the ex-Auckland Asturio recently met with an accident, which has necessitated a respite from activity.

Mr. G. Craw, the president of the Manawatu Trotting Club, has again devoted a gold cup to be competed for at the next annual meeting in April next.

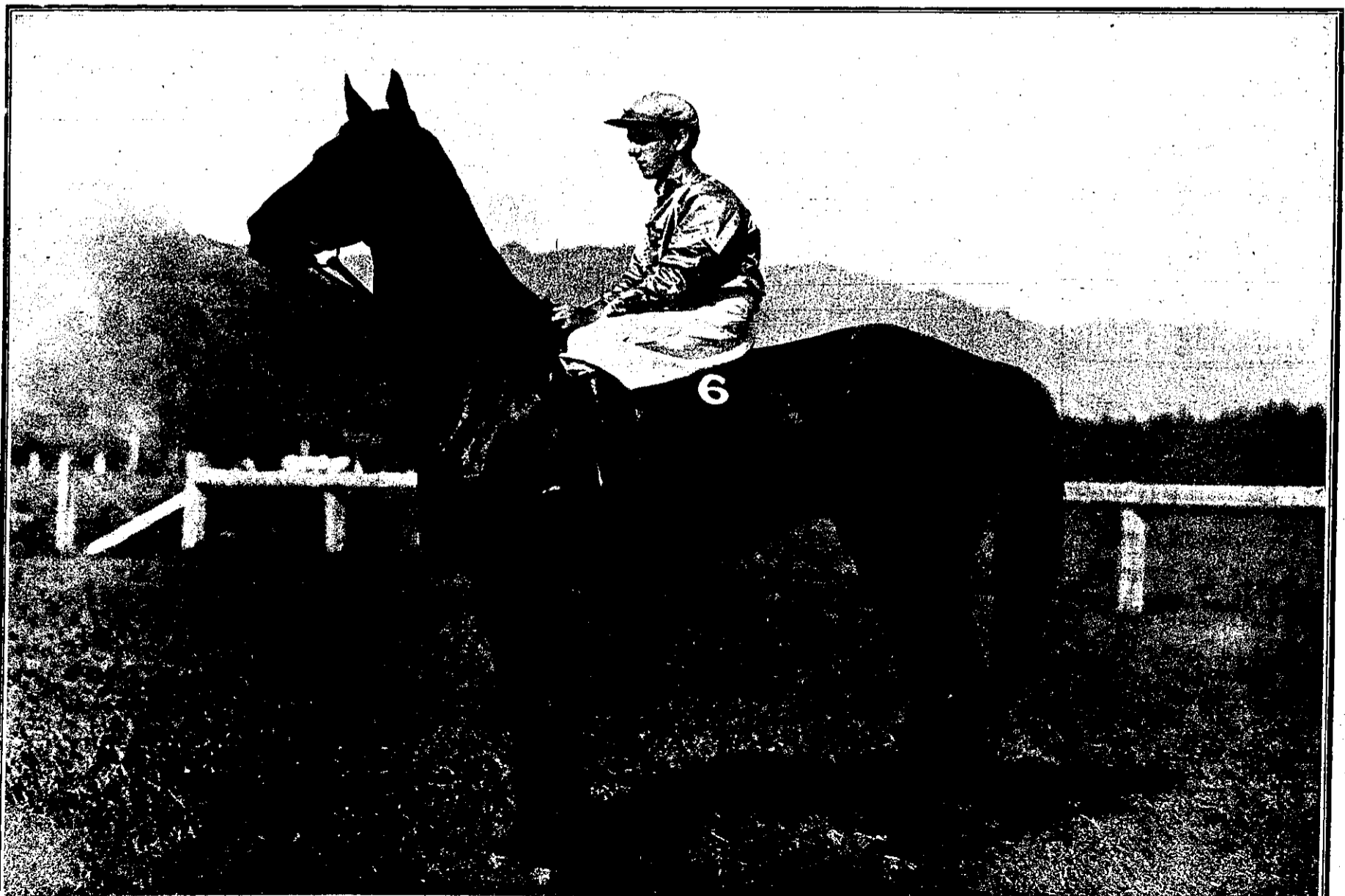
Albert Cling is reported to be training on the right way. The New Zealand Trotting Cup candidate is likely to sport silk at Oamaru on Labour Day.

At present there are a considerable number of trotters in Palmerston North, and the enthusiasm being shown by those interested in trotting augurs well for the future prosperity of the Manawatu Trotting Club.

A keen Palmerston North sporting enthusiast in Mr. Geo. McKenzie is forsaking the galloping and show business to indulge in trotting. At present Mr. McKenzie is negotiating for the purchase of a couple of decent trotters.

The Manawatu Trotting Club have recently received permission to lay down a training track for trotters only on the Awapuni racecourse, and the work will be carried out during the next few weeks and will be completed so as to be ready for use before Christmas. Owners and trainers of trotters in the Manawatu district will appreciate the assistance given by the Manawatu Racing Club for the furtherance of the light harness sport in that part of New Zealand.

**Notable Performers on the New Zealand Turf.—No. 69 : ROYAL IRISH.**



A CONSISTENT AUCKLAND-OWNED GELDING—MR. J. WILLIAMSON'S BLK G ROYAL IRISH, AGED, BY SOULT—ASTHORE. TRAINED BY OWNER. M. McCARTEN IN SADDLE.