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RACING CALENDAR.

FIXTURES.

July 16, 20, 23—Wellington R.C. Winter
August 9, 11 and 13—C.J.C. Grand National

NOMINATIONS.

July 15—C.J.C. Grand National (general entries)

WEIGHTS ARE DUE.

July 8—C.J.C. Grand National
July 29—C.J.C. Grand National

ACCEPTANCES.

July 15—C.J.C. Grand National
August 5—C.J.C. Grand National
September 2—C.J.C. New Zealand Cup
October 21—C.J.C. New Zealand Cup
November 2—C.J.C. New Zealand Cup

FINAL PAYMENTS.

August 5—C.J.C. Grand National

TURF TOPICS.

The Wellington Racing Club's winter meeting opens on Saturday next.

C. Brown, the local rider, has joined the ranks of benedicts.

Owing to the mishap to Loch Fyne, Kremlin was not taken to Wellington to fulfil engagements.

Grafnax, who won the V.R.C. Grand National Steeplechase on Saturday, was a strong favourite for the event at latest advices.

The "Gisborne Times" states that Paisano's win in the hurdles was expected, but the display of the National candidate was by no means brilliant and his jumping was very faulty at times.

Wimmera and Ben Jonson have been withdrawn from the C.J.C. Grand National Hurdles.

Mahuta is the ruling favourite in the South for the Grand National Hurdles.

It now transpires that the New Zealander Atahua was one of the last three to finish in the V.R.C. Grand National Hurdles for which event he started favourite.

Nominations for all minor events at the C.J.C. Grand National meeting close to-morrow (Friday).

The committee of the Auckland Racing Club have had under consideration the Julius totalisator, the latest invention in the matter of automatic dispensers of odds. Experts who have inspected the new machine, which is said to be able to issue 118 tickets per minute, while admitting that it is a very ingenious invention, are divided in their opinions as to whether it is suited to racecourses. However, it is understood that the question of adopting it at Ellerslie will be considered by the Auckland Racing Club Committee at an early date.

Attention is called to an advertisement in this issue announcing that on Wednesday, July 20, Mr. Newton King, acting under instructions from Mrs. Stewart McGuinness, will sell by auction at her farm, Mangaraka, Waitara West, the thoroughbred mare Lady Fisher, with foal at foot by Feild Battery and stunted to Field Battery. Lady Fisher is well known as the dam of that speedy horse Maniopot, who left a mile and a-half behind in the A.J.C. Metropolitan Handicap in 1905 in 2.32½. Her yearling colt by Birkenhead sold at the sales in Sydney recently realised 700 guineas. The sale is advertised to take place at 2 p.m.

Acceptances for the C.J.C. Grand National Hurdles, Steeplechase and Winter Cup fall due to-morrow evening at 8 p.m.

On Saturday last nominations for the positions of president and vice-president and for five seats on the committee of the Auckland Racing Club closed. The Hon. E. Mitchelson was re-elected president and Mr. H. T. Gorrie vice-president. The following were nominated for the committee:—Messrs. G. W. S. Patterson, H. O. Nolan, S. Bradley, W. Davies, F. Earl and O. Nicholson.

Our Hawke's Bay correspondent writes that the connections of Nero will not hear of defeat in the Wellington Steeplechase.

Paisano has incurred a 5lb penalty in the C.J.C. Grand National Hurdles, and Te Arai 7lb in the Grand National Steeplechase.

Woolloomooloo has been awarded 9.7 in the Australian Hurdle Race and Kiatere 10.11 in the Australian Steeplechase.

The rule relating to fixed penalties has been discussed so often that it would only be a waste of space to write further upon the subject. How absurd it is was emphasised at the Gisborne meeting, where Paisano beat two very moderate performers in Sabre and Whakaweira and earned a 5lb penalty. Actually speaking, Paisano only beat Sabre, as Whakaweira fell.

An alteration proposed in the Auckland Racing Club's rules in regard to membership to be submitted at the annual meeting next month is as follows:—"In the event of a former member of the club desiring to rejoin, and being duly elected under rule 5, the entrance fee shall be £1 1s instead of £5 5s."

It appears that the weights for the New Zealand Grand National Hurdle Race were not published in Gisborne last Thursday, so that when Paisano was started in the Hurdle Race his owner was not aware of the fact that a win would mean a penalty for the Grand National Hurdles. The horse has not incurred a penalty at Trentham, and will carry 10.10 in the Winter Hurdles. It is understood that his owner has protested to the Canterbury Jockey Club concerning the Grand National weights being declared early, and not being published in Gisborne.

Grafnax, who won the V.R.C. Grand National Steeplechase on Saturday, fell when looking all over a winner in the event last year.

J. Chafe, junr., has an addition to his string at Ellerslie in a black gelding who will be known as Jack Johnson.

Prophet continues to move along in the right style at Ellerslie, and he should be quite ready to play his part when he faces the starter.

Electrakoff has arrived at Trentham to fulfil engagements and if this promising son of Menschikoff fails to win a lot of coin will be lost in Auckland.

Generality, who finished second to Grafnax in the V.R.C. Grand National, is a well-known performer at the South Australian meetings, where he has won several cross-country events. His most important victory was in the Great Eastern Steeplechase, three miles and a-quarter, last Easter Monday, when he carried 10.0, and beat 15 others.

There are disquietening rumours about Audax, one of the favourites for the Grand National Steeplechase, and also Oxton, who is engaged in the National Hurdles.

Balacava, one of the favourites for the Winter Cup, will be a competitor at the Wellington meeting.

Mahuta is a strong favourite in Christchurch for the Grand National Hurdles and Paisano is second in demand for the same event.

Wimmera was scratched for the Grand National Hurdle race at 4 p.m. on Thursday last.

The death is reported from the Wai-kato of the stallion Muskapeer at the age of 27 years. Muskapeer met with an accident as a youngster and never sported silk. He was bought by the well-known veterinary surgeon, Mr. J. Brown, when three years old, and remained his property throughout. Muskapeer sired some really good horses, the most notable of whom was Lottic, winner of the Auckland Cup in 1894.

New Zealand ponies nominated for the Ascot Thousand are Fireglow, Mahinga, Lady Sout, Waimoko, Etonia.

Of those figuring in the Wellington Steeplechase, Te Arai and Kiatere have each previously won the event.

The chestnut gelding Lloyds is now an inmate of B. Moberley's stable. Lloyds has been a great disappointment, and it is hoped a change of quarters will benefit him.

Obi, who won the V.R.C. Grand National Hurdles, won the Dountagalla Hurdles on the concluding day. On each occasion The Reckoning filled second berth.

The Auckland horseman A. Julian rode five winners at Gisborne. He scored twice on Te Arai, twice on Masonic and once on Master Stead.

Whatashot was started in both steeplechases on the second day at Gisborne. He won the Kaipara Steeplechase, and was beaten a length by Nogi in the Final Steeplechase.

Reports from Trentham credit Taurira with being in fine fettle, and the opinion is expressed that he will start favourite.

Ellerslie-trained horses won five events at the Gisborne meeting.

During the running of the V.R.C. Grand National Steeplechase, Riverbank came to grief and was killed.

B. Deeley was in form at Gisborne and rode three winners.

Capitol has arrived at Wellington to contest the steeplechase on the second day. The Thames gelding is a sure jumper and a thorough stayer, and should be going on when a lot of the others are stopping. He will be piloted by his old associate, M. Deeble.

Te Arai has won five hurdle races and two steeplechases at Gisborne during the last two seasons.

The Hawke's Bay Hunt Club's annual meeting takes place on July 27.

J. Lowe is booked to leave Sydney on July 29. In addition to his own team he will take across a half-sister to Multifid, the property of Mr. D. O'Brien.

The many friends of Luke Wilson will be pleased to hear that he had sufficiently recovered from the accident that laid him aside for a month as to be able to leave the private hospital last week.

The team to be taken to Australia by the Trentham trainer, J. Lowe, will comprise Gold Lace, Iranui and Effort.

Provocation is being placed in commission again.

At Jack Pot's death Mr. G. P. Donnelly offered Mr. Ellingham his pick of the stud. Mr. Ellingham has chosen a half-brother by Gold Reef to Stormont, who won the C.J.C. Grand National Hurdles.

Mr. R. S. Sievier, the former owner of Sceptre, won a Selling Plate at the Harpenden meeting in England on May 5 with Meul Messer, who started favourite, and after the race was bought in for 100 guineas. At the same meeting Mr. Sievier won the Hertfordshire Handicap with Tweedledum, who was also favourite.

It is rumoured that neither Audax nor Oxton will be produced at Christchurch.

Mr. Ian Duncan has received a cable from Mr. J. B. Reid, who is now in England, stating that he has purchased on their joint account, and is shipping out by the Shaw, Savill and Albion Company's steamer Athenic, the stallions Downshire and Varco. The former is by Ayrshire—Seadown, by Orvietto—New Zealand, by Isonomy—Australia, by Hermit, and will stand at Ellerslie. He was a fair number of races when on the turf. Varco is by Marco—Vara, by St. Angelo—Cheap Loaf, by Isonomy—Breadfinder, by Brownbread. Among other performances Varco won last year's Woodcote Stakes, and ran the six furlongs in 1m. 10 4-5s, beating the Two Thousand Guineas winner Neil Gow. It has not been decided where Varco will take up stud duties. Mr. Reid has cabled that they are very fine-looking horses.

Delegates of West Coast racing clubs met at Hokitika last week to appoint a handicapper for the Westport, Reefton, Greymouth, Kumara, and Hokitika meetings. Ten applications were received for the position, which carries a salary of 200 guineas. The names were reduced to four—Messrs. Noble (Reefton), Doogan (Greymouth), Shannon (Wellington), and Gibbs (Gore). The final ballot was between Messrs. Noble and Doogan, the latter receiving the support of the Grey Club with 18 votes, and Mr. Noble of the other four clubs, with 32 votes. Mr. Noble was then appointed for the year.

Vernier, with 11st 11lb, is top weight in the Australian Hurdle Race, for which event Atahua has been awarded 10st 11lb. For the Australian Steeplechase Bribery heads the list with 13st 5lb, Atahua being weighted at 11st 9lb.

Though Mr. J. Barron priced Prince Foote at £100,000 recently, he has not a shilling insurance on the colt, according to a Sydney paper.

The registration committee of the West Australian Jockey Club recently questioned several jockeys as to why they had not been in the habit of riding work at Ascot. It was further suggested that those who did not sign the attendance book with sufficient frequency prior to August 1 might find themselves without a license at the commencement of next season. The club is also credited with adopting a recommendation that all unmarried jockeys must obtain employment in racing stables.