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RACING CALENDAR.

SEASON 1910-11.

FIXTURES.

Aug. 9, 11 and 13—C.J.C. Grand National
Aug. 17—Manawatu Hunt Steeplechase
Aug. 25—Amberley Steeplechase Club Annual
Sept. 2, 3—Horowhenua Hack R.C. Annual
Sept. 7 and 8—Marton J.C. Hack
Sept. 14 and 15—Rangitikei R.C. Spring
Sept. 15 and 16—Ashburton County R.C.
Sept. 17, 21 and 24—Avondale J.C. Spring
Sept. 22 and 23—Lower Valley J.C. Annual
Sept. 29 and 30—Geraldine R.C. Spring
Sept. 29 and Oct. 1—Wanganui J.C. Spring
Oct. 12 and 15—Auckland Trotting Club Spring
Nov. 19 and 23—Otahuhu Trotting Club Spring
Dec. 27, 31 and Jan. 7—Auckland Trotting Club Summer

NOMINATIONS.

Aug. 11—Amberley Steeplechase Club Annual
Aug. 12—Horowhenua Hack R.C. Annual
Aug. 19—Marton J.C. Hack
Aug. 19—Avondale J.C. Spring (special events)
Aug. 19—Rangitikei R.C. Spring
Aug. 29—Wanganui J.C. Spring
Aug. 30—Ashburton County R.C. Spring
Sept. 2—Wanganui Jackson Stakes (1912) and Guineas (1911)
Sept. 2—Lower Valley J.C. Annual
Sept. 2—Avondale J.C. (general entry)
Sept. 6—Geraldine R.C. Spring

WEIGHTS ARE DUE.

Aug. 15—Amberley Steeplechase Club Annual
Aug. 19—Horowhenua Hack R.C. Annual
Aug. 24—Marton J.C. Hack
Aug. 24—Avondale J.C. (Cup and Flying)
Sept. 3—Rangitikei R.C. Spring
Sept. 3—Ashburton County R.C. Spring
Sept. 5—Avondale J.C. Spring (first day)
Sept. 7—Lower Valley J.C. Annual
Sept. 16—Wanganui J.C. Spring
Sept. 17—Geraldine R.C. Spring

ACCEPTANCES.

Aug. 20—Amberley Steeplechase Club Annual
Aug. 26—Horowhenua Hack R.C. Annual
Aug. 30—Marton J.C. Hack
Sept. 2—C.J.C. New Zealand Cup
Sept. 6—Rangitikei R.C. Spring
Sept. 9—Avondale J.C. Spring (first day)
Sept. 9—Ashburton County R.C. Spring
Sept. 13—Lower Valley J.C. Annual
Sept. 22—Geraldine R.C. Spring
Sept. 26—Wanganui J.C. Spring
Sept. 29—Wanganui Guineas (5sovs)
Oct. 21—C.J.C. New Zealand Cup
Nov. 2—C.J.C. New Zealand Cup

AUSTRALIAN.

Aug. 13—Australian Steeplechase
Oct. 1—Australian Jockey Club's Derby
Oct. 1—Epsom Handicap
Oct. 3—Metropolitan Handicap
Oct. 5—Craven Plate
Oct. 8—Caulfield Guineas
Oct. 15—Caulfield Cup
Oct. 29—V.R.C. Derby
Nov. 1—Melbourne Cup.

Nominations for the Horowhenua Hack Racing Club's annual meeting close to-morrow.

Racing Reviewed.

CANTERBURY J.C. GRAND NATIONAL MEETING.

TE ARAI WINS THE STEEPLECHASE.

NYLAND THE WINTER CUP.

AUDAX BREAKS A LEG.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CHRISTCHURCH, Tuesday.

The Canterbury Jockey Club's Grand National meeting opened to-day under very auspicious circumstances. The weather was keen though fine and there was a very large attendance including visitors from all parts of New Zealand. Lord Islington, the new Governor of the Dominion, who was making his first appearance at Riccarton received a hearty ovation on his arrival. Both he and the members of his suite seemed to take a keen interest in the sport. The racing was full of interest throughout the day, but in the Grand National Steeplechase and Winter Cup the ultimate winners seemed to have a bit in hand at the finish.

The Hunters' Hurdles first claimed attention, Totika, Hawick and Spaniard being the favourite selections. Canton led past the stand followed by Red King and King of Trumps, but going along the back Hawick joined the leaders. Half a mile from home he drew to the front and turning into the straight Hawick was several lengths in front of Red King, but Mauri caught him at the last hurdle (where Totika fell) and won by a length and a-half. Spaniard was six lengths away with Red King and St. Amelia next. The winner was successful at the North Canterbury meeting and besides jumping well, possesses a fair amount of pace.

The Trial Handicap brought out six starters, Master Paul being sorted out as a good thing. Right from the start the son of St. Paul made every post a winning one and at one part of the race after the field had gone a mile he was leading by twenty lengths. Easily holding his own, Master Paul was leading by fifty yards coming into the straight, but making a faulty jump at the last hurdle, he lost ground and nearly came down. His rider, however, made a wonderful recovery and landed his mount a winner eight lengths in front of Appin, who was a bare length in front of Jack Ashore.

A big field contested the Winter Cup, which furnished some spirited betting. The start was a good one, with the exception that North East who is usually a quick beginner got away badly losing several lengths. Wauchope and Wimmera were the first to show out, followed by Manilus, Sharpshooter and Penates. At the end of two furlongs Sharpshooter moved up to the leaders and rounding the top turn he was running in company with Wauchope in the lead with Electrakoff next, followed by Wimmera, Penates, and Nyland. Sharpshooter showed the way into the straight with Wimmera and Electrakoff most prominent of the others. At the distance, Nyland put in his claim and drawing away in the run home he won by two lengths from Dreadless, who finished fast and beat Electrakoff by nearly a length for second place. Wimmera was fourth followed by Tawhaki, Penates and Sharpshooter.

Next came the Grand National Steeplechase, for which fifteen horses faced the starter. It was a good betting race, Red McGregor, Kiatere and Bullworth coupled, and Te Arai all being well supported. The big field jumped the first fence without any mistake but before approaching the double in front of the stand Nero broke down and had to be pulled up. At this point Lovell was in the lead, followed by Sir Lethe, Kiatere, Te Arai and Audax. At Cutt's Audax broke his leg. Lovell continued to show the way down the back, being six lengths in front of Sir Lethe, and the order

was the same at the field approached the sod wall, Te Arai, Bullworth, Kiatere and Le Beau heading the others. Waione ran off at the fence at the top of the straight and Doctor Bill was pulled up. Passing the stand, Lovell was three lengths in front of Sir Lethe the next division comprising Te Arai, Kiatere, Le Beau and Bullworth, Capitol being ten lengths away. There was little change in the order during the next two furlongs and at the kennels double, Lovell was three lengths clear of Te Arai and Sir Lethe. Lovell then drew out again, but turning for home Te Arai joined in and at the last fence Te Arai was several lengths in front of Lovell and coming away he won easily by ten lengths, Lovell beating Sir Lethe by three lengths, with Kiatere, two lengths away, followed by Bullworth, Capitol, Tyrannic, Red McGregor and Lock Fyne.

In the Tally-Ho Plate Steeplechase Lagmor, who was sent out a strong favourite and King Story made all the running, but the latter fell at the last fence, leaving Lagmor to romp home an easy winner by a dozen lengths from Liberty who beat Otekaikē by a length.

The Jumpers' Flat brought out nine starters, Prophet being sent out a strong favourite. Woolloomooloo led out of the straight, but at Cutt's Rifle Range had taken charge, followed by Stayboy and Hydrant. Going down the back the field closed up, Southern Cross, Compass and Prophet improving their positions rapidly. Turning for home Woolloomooloo also appeared on the scene and at the distance he and Compass drew away, Woolloomooloo winning by half a length. Hydrant was two lengths away followed by Waitapu, Southern Cross and Prophet.

Glengariff had no difficulty in winning the Enfield Steeplechase from the Southland horse Honest Tom, Full Cry, who jumped badly, being third.

The Avonhead Handicap brought out the biggest field of the day, twenty-four horses facing the starter. From a straggling start, Scotch Plaid shot out and won easily from Brillancy, who was made the medium for a heavy plunge from North Island backers. A rank outsider in Tyrant was third.

SECOND DAY.

GRAND NATIONAL HURDLES.

The meeting will be continued this afternoon, when the chief event to be decided will be the Grand National Hurdles. The field is a particularly strong one, and at present it would appear as though a field of about 14 will go to the post. The following is a list of the horses engaged in the event:—

GRAND NATIONAL HURDLE RACE of 1000sovs. Two miles.—Paisano (including 14lb penalty) 12.1, Comass 11.6, Prophet 11.2, Taurira 11.1, Paritutu 10.3, Hydrant 10.2, Mahuta 10.1, Woolloomooloo 9.11, Stayboy 9.11, White Cockade (inc. 5lb pen.) 9.5, Aorangī 9.4, Lionheart 9.4, Waitapu 9.3, Jack Ashore 9.0, Arcflight 9.0, Kremlin 9.0, Appin 9.0.

Paisano has a big burden, but he is such a good one that he is sure to count a strong following, and perhaps he will be found in the position of favourite. Compass won the event last year, and his record in the Jumpers' Flat on Tuesday would point to the Daystar gelding being well off on the score of condition. Prophet was unplaced in the Jumpers' Flat, but the son of St. Paul has always been a disappointment on the flat, and he should do much better this afternoon. Taurira is getting through his tasks in good style, and he is certain to be strongly supported. Paritutu, Hydrant and Mahuta hardly read like winners, but Woolloomooloo, after winning the Jumpers' Flat, is entitled to consideration. He is well treated on the score of weight, and has heaps of pace. Stayboy and White Cockade are the only lightweights who appear to have chances, and there is a probability of the latter being an absentee. Indications point to the contest being a good one, and the result of the meeting between Taurira, Paisano and Prophet will be eagerly awaited.

TURF TOPICS.

C.J.C. Grand National Hurdles to be decided to-day.

Paritutu is stated to be suffering from a cold.

The New Zealand 'chaser Wanganui has arrived at Caulfield.

Programme for the spring gathering of the Wanganui Jockey Club appears in this issue.

Te Arai, who won the Grand National Steeplechase on Tuesday, started favourite in the event last year, and finished third.

Racehorse owner: "William, you are too heavy. You say you're wearing your lightest suit, and haven't tasted food all day; then, for heaven's sake, go and have a shave."

At Wanganui A. Hall is still on the sick list, suffering with a rather bad attack of sciatica. During his incapacity his team is being looked after by J. Peachey.

Mr. A. F. Douglas has selected the name of Thrave for Carnelian's three-year-old son by Torpedo. In the early days of Scottish history Thrave was the name given to one of the strongholds of the Black Douglas clan in the highlands of Scotland.

Ribble, who put up an Australian two-year-old record at the New South Wales Trotting Club's meeting last month, by covering a mile in 2min 25 4-5sec, is by Ribbonwood, his dam, Amiable, being by Tuxedo—Miss Harold, by Childe Harold. Ribble is a full brother to Ribbonwood Junior, who took a record of 2min 28 1/4sec as a two-year-old.

The following are the nominations for seats on the New Zealand Trotting Association for the ensuing year:—North Island: Messrs. J. H. Pollock and C. F. Mark. South Island: Messrs. E. Clarkson, W. H. Denton, R. O. Duncan, W. G. Garrard, W. Hayward, C. S. Howell, A. L. Myers, H. F. Nicoll and P. Selig. The two North Island members are elected unopposed, but a ballot will be necessary to elect seven South Island members.

The Needlegun gelding Lord Irwell came to his end in a rather sensational manner at the Woodlands Hunt meeting. He was made a very hot favourite for the Hack Handicap. Hercock got him off the mark very smartly, and he was running level with two others in the lead as the field came round the bend. Here he stopped dead, and his rider dismounted. The gelding then fell, and an examination proved that his back was broken. After that the only thing left to do was to use a friendly bullet to end his sufferings.

Wet Day was withdrawn from the New Zealand Cup on Friday last.

The annual report of the Australian Jockey Club for the year just ended shows a profit of £11,340. The stakes distributed amounted to £58,682 and the added money £44,950. The added money to be given for the present year will be £50,850, while a further sum of £2000 is provided for the Derby of 1911 and the Sires' Produce Stakes of 1912.

Advices from Australia state that the New Zealand-bred horse Canteen has been sold for 90 guineas. Canteen, it will be remembered, won the New Zealand Cup in 1903, defeating those two great horses Wairiki and Achilles, and leaving the two miles behind in the record time of 3.27 1-5. He was then purchased by Sir Rupert Clarke for 3000 guineas and taken to Australia, but, like numerous other New Zealand Cup winners was a perfect disappointment, and never succeeded in winning a race afterwards.