

amongst the number being Santa Claus and Phyllistina.

Only six are engaged in the October Handicap, but nevertheless the event is very open. Maplewood is set to give V.S. 2sec., and the tussle between the pair should be a good one.

The meeting will conclude with the Electric Handicap, in which event Goldwood is on 9sec. and Belle Gray on scratch.

The following are the acceptances:—

**SPRING HANDICAP**, two miles.—Sweet Patch scratch, Viscount 1sec, Baxter 2sec, Lady Love 6sec, John Harold 8sec, Haldane 12sec, Harold Abdallah 14 sec.

**ELECTRIC HANDICAP**, one mile.—Belle Gray scratch, Madam Melba 1sec, John Harold 2sec, Lady Park 3sec, Ballot 4sec, Phyllistina 4sec, Jungle 6sec, Mah Honey 7sec, Goldwood 8sec, Iago 12sec.

**OCTOBER HANDICAP**, one mile.—Maplewood scratch, V.S. 2sec, Scotia 5sec, Cavalier 6sec, Robex 7sec, Taihoa 8sec.

**STEWARDS' HANDICAP**, one mile and a-half.—Manxman scratch, Black Diamond 1sec, Autocrat 3sec, Lady Wilmington 5sec, Good Friday 6sec, Fiery Cross 6sec, Nelson 7sec.

**MIDDLE-CLASS HANDICAP**, one mile.—Madam Melba scratch, John Harold 1 sec, St. Michael 1sec, Phyllistina 3sec, Lady Wilhelmina 8sec, Santa Claus 14sec, Mikado 14sec, Hamapuku 14sec.

**TROTTING HANDICAP**, one mile and a-half.—Robex scratch, Stranger 1sec, Wild Marie 6sec, Little Paul 7sec, Receiver 10sec, Murad 10sec, Count 15sec, Diamond Bell 15sec, Bert 18sec, Maureen 22sec, Mersey 24sec, Bob G. 24sec.

**MAIDEN HANDICAP**, one mile and a-half.—Hamaupku 1sec, Merry Kate 1sec, Miss Bellboy 1sec, Young Wellington 1sec, Wahaitasee 1sec, Dick May 1sec, Lady Roskill 1sec, Captain Bell 1sec, Black Gin 1sec, Special Diamond 6sec, Prince Berlin 6sec, Merry Will 9sec, Queen Victoria 8sec, Ferncliffe 8sec.

**ONEHUNGA HANDICAP**, six furlongs and a-half.—Frontino 8.12, Mistime 8.7, Fraulein 7.12, Miss Stella 7.7, Blue Vale 7.2, Pairawaatu 7.2, Prophised 7.2, Miaka 6.12, Nora Scout 6.9.

The meeting will be brought to a close on Wednesday next.

**DANNEVIRKE R.C.'S SPRING MEETING.**

**NOMINATIONS CLOSE ON WEDNESDAY NEXT.**

Horseowners are reminded that

nominations for the whole of the events to be decided at the spring meeting of the Dannevirke Racing Club, which takes place on November 16 and 17, close with the secretary, Mr. James Spiers Freeman, P.O. box 50, Dannevirke, on Wednesday next at 9 p.m. Handicaps for the first day's racing will appear on November 2, and acceptances for same fall due on November 7.

**TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB. PROGRAMME FOR THE SPRING MEETING.**

The Takapuna Jockey Club are out with the programme for the spring meeting, and a strong one it is. The meeting will take place on November 26 and 30, and each day eight events will be decided, including one race for ponies. With the exception of the pony races, which are each worth 75sovs, no event will have less than 100sovs attached. The chief event is the St. Andrew's Handicap of 200sovs on the opening day, and on the second day the Spring Handicap of 150sovs. There is a race each day for two-year-olds; in fact, owners of every class of horse are catered for. As will be noticed from the advertisement, nominations for all events close on November 4 with the secretary, Mr. R. Wynyard, High-street.

**FEILDING JOCKEY CLUB. THE SPRING PROGRAMME.**

The attention of horseowners is directed to the spring programme of the Feilding Jockey Club, which will be found elsewhere in this issue. The bill of fare drawn up by this energetic club is a most attractive one, and is well up to requirements in every particular. The meeting takes place on November 30 and December 1, and comprises 16 events, the amount of prize money attached being £2950. On the opening day the Feilding Stakes of 500sovs, and St. Andrew's Handicap of 400sovs are the chief events, while the principal item on the second day is the Manchester Handicap of 300sovs. There are three events worth 200sovs each, three worth 150sovs each, and the remainder each worth 100sovs. Taken all round, the programme is one which should meet with the approval of owners, and a good response should be forthcoming on Friday, November 4, when the secretary (Mr. E. Good-behere) will receive nominations.

**Racing Reviewed.**

**NGARUAWAHIA R.C.'S ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual race meeting of the Ngaruawahia Club eventuated on Saturday last in beautifully fine weather. The special train which left Auckland carried a large number of sportsmen, and, together with a good muster from the surrounding districts, the attendance, when racing commenced, was well up to the average.

The fields were particularly good and the racing interesting, although the finishes would in many instances have been closer had the starts been more even. Betting was confined to the bookmakers, of whom 16 paid £4 each to call the odds.

The gathering was well carried out, and, taken all round, was an undoubted success, and credit must be given to the secretary (Mr. E. Rathbone), who saw that everything was done to make the outing an enjoyable one. Mr. H. Waring occupied the judge's box, and his position was an easy one to fill.

The opening event, the Hurdles, saw three runners, and of these Kaiwhaka was at once made a hot favourite. However, the market underwent a change, and money coming in for Whatashot, he supplanted Kaiwhaka and had a slight call in his favour. The issue was soon placed beyond all doubt, as Kaiwhaka, going to the front at the start, had his two opponents well beaten a long way from home, and he won by three lengths from Jill. Whatashot fell at the second fence from home, but he was then last, and making heavy weather of it.

A field of seven contested the Maiden Plate, and of the number Arawa, a three-quarter brother to Mighty Atom, in C. Coleman's stable, was early supported, and a short price was soon on offer about his chance. Then coin came for Blue Rocket, with the result that there was little to choose between the pair at the close of betting. Miss Ada was at a fairly good price. When sent on the journey Whittaker rushed Arawa to the front, and the little fellow soon had a big break on his opponents, and at the head of the straight it looked as though he could not lose. In the run down the straight Greenwood brought Miss Ada along with a good run, and, rapidly overhauling the tiring Arawa, she just got up in time to win by a head. Report was a length and a-half away third, and the rest beaten off.

The Cup attracted seven runners, and of these Waitohi was the most fancied. When the field jumped off Caruso was the first to show out, and Whittaker, keeping him moving, never left the issue in doubt, winning all the way and passing the post a length in front of Waitohi, with Fraulein a good third.

Backers asked for nothing but Kanewara in the Publicans' Handicap, and he went out an odds-on favourite. He was in front at the start and never headed, winning easily from Miss Lavonia, with Maika a fair third. Lady Dot was a starter, but was never in it at the end.

The Maiden Trot saw eight horses compete. The connections of Nimrod thought their horse a moral, and executed a fair-sized commission. Royal Mail was then made the medium of strong support, and every shade of odds being eagerly snapped up, he eventually started a hot favourite. The race was a farce to watch. Royal Mail was in front very quickly, and cleared right away, the verdict being won by a quarter of a mile. Nimrod defeated the rest of the runners almost as easily as Royal Mail had beaten him.

The Patronus mare Patricia, who has let her connections down badly before, was backed as if the Hack Handicap was all over. She again left her admirers lamenting, as she could only run a poor third, the winner turning up in Miss Wairiki, by C. Coleman's stable. Dick, upon whom a few stray sovereigns were invested, ran a good race, and was beaten a length and a-half, but was finishing the stronger. It was whispered that Dick was an assumed name for the animal, and second money was consequently impounded.

After his Cup victory Caruso was sent out favourite for the Waingaro Handicap, but this time Waitohi reversed the positions, except that Caruso failed to run into a place. Miss Lavonia ran a good race, and

was a creditable second, and Fraulein third.

Despite her poor showing in the Publicans', Lady Dot was the only one backed in the Flying Handicap, and she fairly bolted in after being in front all the way. Frontino ran well and easily disposed of the others.

The results are as follows:—

**HURDLES HANDICAP** of 15sovs. One mile and a-half.

J. Kevelle's b g Kaiwhaka, by St. Clements, 9.9 (Roche) ..... 1  
R. Hannon's br m Jill, 9.4 (Tuchen) ... 2  
Whatashot, the only other starter fell. Won easily.

**MAIDEN PLATE** of 10sovs. Six furlongs.  
W. Sharpe's br m Miss Ada, by Pukaki—Dolly, 8.5 (Greenwood) ..... 1  
C. Coleman's b g Arawa, 9.0 (Whittaker) ..... 2  
J. Donnelly's b g Report, 8.3 (Killick) 3  
Also started: Blue Rocket 8.8, Leonite 8.8, Lismire 8.7, Gold Ring 8.3.  
Won by a head.

**NGARUAWAHIA CUP** of 25sovs. One mile.

H. Gibb's b h Caruso, by Strowan—Miss Hawthorn, 8.2 (Whittaker) .... 1  
A. Alley's ch m Waitohi, 7.7 (Oliver) 2  
H. S. Keesing's b m Fraulein, 7.6 (Greenwood) ..... 3  
Also started: Azoff 9.5, Frontino 8.1, Romantic 7.2, Totika 7.2.  
Won by a length.

**PUBLICANS' PURSE** of 10sovs. Six furlongs.

N. Bank's b g Kanewara, by Sylvia Park—Phyllis, 9.0 (Brady) ..... 1  
G. Bettley's ch m Miss Lavonia, 7.9 (Roche) ..... 2  
T. P. Simich's br g Maika, 7.2 (Conquest) ..... 3  
Also started: Lady Dot 9.7, Arawa 7.11.  
Won by two lengths.

**MAIDEN TROT** of 10sovs. One mile and a-half.

M. Crimmin's b g Royal Mail, by Rothschild, 15sec (Owner) ..... 1  
W. A. Scott's br h Nimrod, scr (Scott) 2  
G. Cox's br g Kihinoa, 21sec (Owner) 3  
Also started: Teddy McKinney 15sec, May Salisbury 18sec, Valda Salisbury 18 sec, Buster Brown 21sec, Castor Oil 21sec.  
Won by a quarter of a mile.

**HACK RACE** of 10sovs. Five furlongs.

A. Craig's br m Miss Wairiki, by Wairiki—Miss Drury, 8.9 (Whittaker) ... 1  
J. Flynn's br g Dick 8.4 (J. Brady) .. 2  
W. H. Paterson's ch m Patricia, 8.9 (Oliver) ..... 3  
Also started: Kotiki 8.10, Clemose 8.9, British Navy 8.9, Martell 8.7, Crusader 8.7, Lord Menschikoff 8.5, Bennie 8.4, Restless 8.4.  
Won by a length.

**WAINGARO HANDICAP** of 12sovs. Seven furlongs.

A. Alley's ch m Waitohi, by Blue-jacket—Lady Emily, 8.5 (Oliver) ... 1  
G. Bettley's ch m Miss Lavonia, 7.12 (Roche) ..... 2  
H. S. Keesing's b m Fraulein, 8.4 (McFlynn) ..... 3  
Also started: Blue Rocket 7.10, Report 7.5.  
Won by two lengths.

**FLYING HANDICAP** of 17sovs. Five furlongs.

Mrs. Auckram's br m Lady Dot, by Takapuna—Dolly, 9.7 (Whittaker) ... 1  
T. Davis' b g Frontino, 8.11 (P. Brady) 2  
T. P. Simich's br g Maika 7.0 (Conquest) ..... 3  
Also started: Lady French 10.0, Treppoff 8.10, Miss Grizzle 7.7.  
Won easily by two lengths.

**NAPIER PARK RACING CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.**

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Notwithstanding that the climatic conditions were very unfavourable on both afternoons, the Park people had a most successful reunion for their spring venture, for, from a financial and racing point of vision, matters panned out in a highly satisfactory manner, the attendance being good, and that speculation was brisk may be gathered from the fact that the amount registered by the tote officials amounted to £11,210, an increase of £471 when compared with the sum that was handled at the opening gathering of the club last season. The revenue obtained from the pencilers was also on the up grade, for on Wednesday and Thursday they contributed £395 to the treasury department of the club, this sum being

£49 10s in advance of the fees paid at the last spring gathering.

The racing in the greater number of instances was of a keen, exciting description, and that winners were difficult to locate may be observed when I add that out of sixteen events the actual first favourites only asserted themselves in four events, and in only one case did the dividend as regards them exceed level money, and in that instance it was only of a fractional nature. This occurred when Bellah won. Supporters of Cullinan and Strathmoira had to lay odds on, and in regard to Sea Pink nearly three to one on—a fielder's meeting in every sense of the word, and a weary lot of backers turned homewards at the conclusion of hostilities on Thursday evening.

The most successful owner at the gathering was Mr. T. H. Lowry, whose team secured five events, three of the victors being the production of his stallion Royal Fusilier. The squire of Okawa was not present on the opening day, but put in an appearance on Thursday.

Parable, who has not been long in work, made a vigorous showing in the Park Stakes, for she was out in front from the period when the lever was pressed to within a short distance of the judge's chair, when Sandstream got to her and promptly administered a beating. As a matter of fact the quietus could have been given previously, for when once in the straight it could easily be discerned that Gray held the verdict in his keeping on the bay son of San Fran, as he was riding in a very confident manner. Kopu, who started favourite in the contest, was a moderate third. The winner looked a much-improved horse to what he was the previous week at Hastings, and there is not the slightest doubt that Griffiths had him at his best, a presumption that carries weight when it is stated that Sandstream carried within a pound of 9st and ran the ten furlongs in 2m. 7 3-5s., and, in addition, ran over much more ground than some of the other contestants. Woodhey was considerably favoured throughout the trip, for she had a clear run on the rails for the greater part of the journey. Iranui, Lamsdorff, Spate, and Bunkum at no stage of the game had a winning prospect.

The good field of eleven weighed out for the Racing Club Handicap, ten owners being represented, Mr. Watt starting two—Bridge and Parable. The former was making his first appearance at the meeting, as was Merriwa, Amato, and Separator. Merriwa, who in his track work has been proving superior to Cullinan, was installed favourite, the bracketed pair coming next in demand, then Kopu. Young Kemp, who piloted Spate when she won the Spring Handicap at Hastings last week, had the leg up on Vi, who was one of the neglected divisions in the betting over the affair, and the youngster put in force the same tactics that he had found so successful on his ride on Spate, for he got Vi out of the tapes first and never surrendered the position during any portion of the journey. Kopu was the unlucky horse of the race, for he got pocketed and cornered on several occasions, and under those conditions ran an exceedingly good race. Parable was always within the danger zone, but not near enough to get up to the leader, who at the finish had a two lengths' advantage from Kopu, the latter about the same distance in front of Parable, the favourite fourth. He did not get a particularly good passage, for he seemed to be meeting bother just as he was preparing to make a bid for the award. He was also very slow to get going, and it took him some time to find his feet, so that he, like Kopu, under the circumstances, though beaten, was not by any means disgraced. Bridge was up amongst the bunch just before heads were turned for home, and he finished fifth just behind Merriwa. The appearance of The Possible's son suggested that when he gets more racing that he will then show to greater advantage. Vi paid the price of the meeting, and several who had taken notice of the vigorous style in which she finished in the last bit of the Railway Handicap the previous afternoon entrusted her with their coin and confidence in the Racing Club Handicap, their observation and allegiance to Merriwee's daughter resulting in most satisfactory financial results.

Both of the baby races were captured by Mr. T. H. Lowry's representatives, Bellah and Sea Pink, and at the finish neither had to use very strenuous endeavours to gain success. The former is a stout-bull son of Royal Fusilier and Lissadurn, who

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