



RACING.

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RACING CALENDAR.

SEASON 1910-11.

FIXTURES.

June 21 and 22—Hawke's Bay J.C. Winter
June 23 and 29—Napier Park R.C. Winter
July 6 and 7—Gisborne R.C. Winter
Aug. 8, 10, and 12—Canterbury J.C.'s
Grand National
Nov. 4—C.J.C. New Zealand Cup.

NOMINATIONS.

June 23—Canterbury J.C.'s Grand National
July 1—West Coast Breeders' Stakes

WEIGHTS ARE DUE.

June 9—Hawke's Bay J.C. Winter
June 16—Gisborne R.C. Winter
June 23—Napier R.C. Winter

ACCEPTANCES.

June 16—Hawke's Bay J.C. Winter
June 24—Napier Park R.C. Winter
June 28—Gisborne R.C. Winter
July 14—Canterbury J.C.'s Grand National.
Aug. 4—Canterbury J.C.'s Grand National
Sept. 1—C.J.C. New Zealand Cup.
Oct. 20—C.J.C. New Zealand Cup.
Nov. 1—C.J.C. New Zealand Cup.

FURTHER PAYMENTS.

Sept. 1—West Coast Breeders' Stakes

FINAL PAYMENTS.

Aug. 4—Canterbury J.C.'s Grand National

TARANAKI PLUMPTON MEETING.

The weather was fine for the first day of the Taranaki Plumpton Coursing Club's meeting. There was a good attendance of the public. The hares were in good condition, but unfortunately had not been trained, with the result that several, after getting into the baulk, did not succeed in reaching cover, and were headed to field again by the dogs. The result proved disastrous to the club, as at the end of the day, when the last hare had been killed, three dogs still remained in. In consequence only the Maiden Stakes were decided, and the Coronation event had to be postponed. The second day of the meeting had also to be abandoned. Results are as follows:—

Maiden Stakes: First round—E. P. Symes's Swift Spotty beat J. Hamilton's Miss Fullerton; A. McGiven's Pluto beat F. Rhodes's Victoria; W. Wills's Madam Butterfly beat A. A. McGiven's Joker; F. Rhodes's Nightshade beat A. Rees's Pretty Maid; F. Head's Tip beat J. Caldwell's Royal Flush; J. Mours's Glen Ossipoff beat J. Bradford's Aurora; Hikaka's Zinnia beat J. Caldwell's Simplex; A. Lashbrook's Twilight beat J. Smith's Chain Lightning; G. H. Gibbins's Mason beat R. Davidson's Polar Star; J. Hannen's Full Sail beat F. Nichol's Soultiform; A. Wallace's Silk Blouse beat J. Hamilton's Miss Bell; J. Gun's Sylvia beat R. C. Gardiner's Hesperia; A. Stockman's Lady Medallist ran a bye. Second round—Swift Spotty beat Pluto; Nightshade beat Madam Butterfly; Glen Ossipoff beat Tip; Twilight beat Zinnia; Full Sail beat Mason; Silk Blouse beat Lady Medallist; Sylvia ran a bye with War Cry. Third round—Nightshade beat Swift Spotty; Twilight beat Glen Ossipoff; Sylvia beat Full Sail. Fourth round—Sylvia beat Silk Blouse. As the last hare had been killed it was decided that Nightshade, Twilight, and Sylvia divide the stakes.

The running of Delegate in the Remuera Hurdles on Monday, suggested that had he not been badly left in the Great Northern, he may have been hard to beat. In the Remuera he was always with the first division and at the finish easily disposed of Appin.

Of the eleven starters in the Great Northern Steeplechase, Corozon, Antarctic, Le Beau and Loch Fyne were the only ones to finish.

That Mark Ryan is the only horseman who can handle Sea Elf properly I have always contended and her victory with him in the saddle in the Cornwall Handicap bears this out.

Racing Reviewed.

AUCKLAND R.C. GREAT NORTHERN MEETING.

WHAKAWEIRA WINS THE G.N. HURDLES.

SEA ELF THE CORNWALL HANDICAP.

A RECORD GATHERING.

With rain falling on Friday and a dull sky overhead early on Saturday morning, matters looked anything but promising for the opening day of the Auckland Racing Club's winter carnival. However, towards 10 o'clock the weather cleared and the sun making its appearance the weather for the remainder of the day was typical of beautiful summer. The attendance was large, in fact a record for an opening day of a winter meeting at Ellerslie. Amongst the number present being a strong contingent of visitors from all parts of New Zealand. The course and lawns were seen at their best and were greatly admired by the visitors. Consequent upon the heavy rain experienced throughout the week the going was heavy which accounts for the slow times registered in the various events. The racing throughout was interesting, the contest for the Great Northern Hurdles being a fine one, although the winner, Whakaweira scored easily at the finish. Big fields were the order throughout and backers found the task of selecting winners a difficult one, the only favourites to prevail during the afternoon being Whakaweira and the bracketed pair, Wauchope and Mighty Atom.

In the Jervois Handicap and Hunt Club Hurdles, there were two complete boil overs, Goodwin Sands, who won the Jervois, paying well on towards a century, while Golborne, winner of the Hunt Club Hurdles, returned a dividend of nearly half a hundred. The facilities for betting on the totalisators were very inadequate and thousands of pounds must have been shut out.

The conduct of the meeting was all that could be desired and the secretary, Mr. J. F. Hartland, and his assistants are to be congratulated on the way in which everything passed off. Mr. C. O'Connor, assisted by Mr. J. Vincent manipulated the barrier and in all but two instances he despatched the fields in good order. Mr. R. B. Lusk occupied his usual place in the judges' box and gave his decisions promptly, while Mr. J. K. Douglas struck off the various times, during the day. The Auckland City Band, under the conductorship of Mr. J. West rendered a choice programme of music which was highly appreciated.

THE RACING.

The first problem which backers had to solve, was the Maiden Steeplechase and as rumour credited Pleiades with making a wonderful improvement since leaving Auckland, it was always a certainty that he would go out first choice. Bonnie Jean, a sister to Red McGregor was second fancy and Castout next. The latter led up the hill the first time and over the two fences on top, with the field closely bunched together just behind. There was very little alteration over the stone and sod walls, except that Reservoir was a long way back last. At the double, Humakaha and Castout were together in the van, but just before reaching the old water jump, Castout fell on the flat. Okaihau and Pleiades then raced to the front and the pair ran together along the back and up the hill. At the top Pleiades was in front with Okaihau on his quarters and Humakaha next, the others all being well beaten. Okaihau showed the way down the hill and over the stone wall and in the run home had matters all his own way, winning easily from Humakaha who finished well and beat Pleiades for second honours. Connecticut was fourth and Romp next.

For the Jervois Handicap, five furlongs, the big field of 23 lined up. Backers' selections took a wide range and the favourite, Gloy, was paying a fair price. Gold Circle, Sir Walter and Sphinx were backed in the order written. A complete surprise was in store, the winner turning up in Goodwin Sands, who paid a dividend well on towards a hundred. Tua Kitua played up at the post and there was a long delay before Mr. O'Connor pulled the lever and sent the field away. Bogey and Harenao were the quickest to show out and they raced across the cutting followed by Lady Betty, Gold Circle, Wee Olga, and Goodwin Sands. At the turn for home, Harenao and Bogey were still fighting for the lead when Oliver shot up on the rails with Lady Betty and she took charge. About 200 yards from home R. E. Brown brought Goodwin Sands along with a rattle and Lady Betty faltering in the last few strides, Goodwin Sands just got up in time to annex by a head. Bogey was a couple of lengths away third with Tiresome fourth and Wee Olga close up next. Mary Ann being the last to reach the box. Luperin fell just after the start, both horse and rider (Ackroyd) escaping without injury.

The next event, the Maiden Hurdles, attracted 10 runners, Master William being a £7 better favourite than Kremlin. Captain Paul was third choice, but the chances of the others were not seriously considered. Once over the first fence Captain Paul assumed command, followed by Kremlin and Castle Blaney. The order remained the same passing the stand, the fence just past the judges' box bringing down Pat. Along the back Kremlin was upsidest with Captain Paul, the pair being well cut from Castle Blaney, with the others outclassed. At the fence near the three furlongs post Castle Blaney fell, bringing down Master William but they were well out of it at the time. Kremlin and Captain Paul raced together till the last fence was negotiated, when Kremlin drew away and won very easily by four lengths. Napenape was about four lengths further back third and Blue Mountain fourth. The favourite, Master William gave a wretched display.

The event of the day, the Great Northern Hurdle Race came next and when the numbers were hoisted it was found that Auratus was the only withdrawal from the 13 carded. It was bad luck for the connections of Auratus that one of his legs had filled as he promised to be very hard to beat. Paisano looked well to the eye, but the easy preparation he had undergone caused many to stand off the son of Strowan. Reumac and The Native looked well and it was given out that those behind the last-named would not hear of defeat. Bully did not move well in his preliminary, but Paritutu bore a well-trained appearance and looked quite ready. Delegate was star-gazing as usual, but he looked well, as did also Sol, whose size was in marked contrast to those opposed to him. Whakaweira was a ball of muscle and it was no surprise to hear that his trainer would not hear of his being beaten. No fault could be found with the appearance of Appin or Don Quex, but John did not look himself and Ribstone Pippin seemed a little on the big size. When the totalisator bell ceased ringing it was found that the horses were supported in the following order:—1 Whakaweira, 2 The Native, 3 Paisano, 4 Appin, 5 Bully, 6 Sol, 7 Ribstone Pippin, 8 Paritutu, 9 Delegate, 10 Reumac, 11 John, 12 Don Quex. The start was a poor one, the field leaving in straggling order. Delegate was left several lengths, while Paritutu was left altogether and took no part in the race. Don Quex led over the first fence followed by The Native, Ribstone Pippin, Renmac and Appin, and in this order they took the hurdle in front of the Stewards' stand. The fence at the seven furlongs post saw Paisano come to grief and Don Quex led along the back followed by The Native, Ribstone Pippin, Reumac, Appin, Whakaweira, Delegate, John, Bully and Sol following in that order. The only alteration in the positions till the back stretch was reached the next time, was that

Bully had broken down and was pulled up. Along the back Whakaweira and Appin made a forward move and at the five furlongs post were close up to the leaders. Here Ribstone Pippin cried a go. In the run across the cutting Whakaweira and Appin ran up to The Native and Don Quex while Sol could be discerned making up ground fast. The hurdle just past the half mile post brought The Native to grief and Appin showed out in front but before the turn was reached Whakaweira was on terms, the pair being followed by Don Quex and Sol, with Ribstone Pippin next. Whakaweira was in front at the last fence and getting over safely he had no difficulty in winning by four lengths from Sol, who put in a great run over the last three furlongs and beat Appin by three lengths for second place. Reumac was fourth and then in order came Don Quex, Delegate, Ribstone Pippin and John. On returning to scale the winner and rider (T. Pritchard) were accorded a great reception while that old favourite Sol and Brady were loudly cheered. Pritchard rode a splendid race on the winner, who is a horse a good deal above the ordinary. The performance of Sol was a great one and stamps the little fellow as about the best for his inches ever seen in allround jumping events in the Dominion. Reumac of the "also starteds" made the best showing and it was only in the last half mile that he failed.

Just a baker's dozen went to the post for the Cornwall Handicap for which Maxwell was first choice, Boenerges next and Santa Rosa third selection. A beautiful start was effected, the first to show out being Boenerges, who showed the way past the stand and out of the straight followed by Domino, Sea Elf and Coromandel with Ngapuka and Monoplane in the rear. Along the back Boenerges was still bowling along in front with Coromandel now second, just clear of Flying Soult, Coromandel and Sea Elf. Running through the cutting across the top Ryan gave Sea Elf a breather and she dropped back a couple of lengths. At the turn for home Boenerges had a slight advantage of Flying Soult with Santa Rosa, Maxwell, Regain and Sea Elf all close up. Half way down the running Sea Elf put in her claim and quickly settling the opposition, she came on and won by a couple of lengths from Domino, who was putting in a great run after being disappointed several times during the race. Had Domino not been eased and allowed to drop back early in the piece he may have troubled the winner. Flying Soult was a good third and Sedition next. Then came Maxwell, Boenerges and Santa Rosa, the last being Ngapuka.

The Hunt Club Hurdles, an event for gentlemen riders came next, and Cloudy Morn started favourite with Winiata, who it was said could not be beaten, second choice. Joe May led till the hurdle in the straight was reached the first time, when he came down leaving Sabine in front and the latter led along the back followed by Golborne, Hina and Cloudy Morn. Hina made a bad jump three furlongs from home and Sabine and Golborne entered the straight almost on terms. In the run home Golborne had most to say and won nicely by a couple of lengths, with Winiata, who finished fast, a fair third and Cloudy Morn fourth. The winner was neglected on the totalisator and returned his supporters a dividend of nearly half a hundred.

A most successful outing was brought to a close with the Members' Handicap, a five furlongs flutter, for which a field of 14 lined up at the post. The bracketed pair, Wauchope and Mighty Atom carried most money but individually Lucille was favourite with Smilax second choice. Turbine refused to face the barrier and there was a long delay, the field being despatched to a poor start, Blue Garment was quickest on his legs, but he quickly gave way to Wauchope and the latter led across the cutting followed by Mighty Atom and Turbine, the latter having run through the field at a great pace after being left. At the turn for home Wauchope had a couple of lengths lead of Mighty Atom and Turbine, who were together followed by Lucille and Dogger Bank. In