

10 Romantic 11.0, 1 The Native 11.0, 6
Tiresome 10.10, 8 Tipua 10.10.
Won by a neck. Time, 1min 50 3-5sec.

THIRD DAY.

The weather kept fine for the concluding day's racing of the winter meeting of the A.R.C., and there was again a large attendance. The racing was interesting and passed off without a hitch.

Betting was again brisk, the sum of £22,079 10s being handled at the machines, against £14,153 10s on the third day of the winter meeting last year. This makes a total for the meeting of £70,625, an increase of £29,413 on last years figures.

THE RACING.

Racing opened with the Hunt Club Cup for which nine horses faced the starter. Hunakaha was a slightly better favourite than Winiata. Hunakaha, Connecticut and Prince Crispin were the leading division in the early stages of the race and when they approached the hill the last time Connecticut was showing the way to Hunakaha and Prince Crispin with Winiata making up his ground in great style. Hunakaha fell at the first fence on the hill and at the succeeding obstacle Prince Crispin came down. These mishaps left Connecticut in front with Winiata now second and Rebel third. In the run down to the course proper Winiata took charge and safely getting over the last two obstacles he won in a canter by a dozen lengths from Connecticut with Rebel about a dozen lengths away third. Wirihana was fourth.

A field of eight lined up for the Tamaki Steeplechase for which Okaihau was a good favourite with Castout and Pleiades well backed. Castout led over the hill the first time but just before the double was reached in front of the stand, Okaihau was on terms and the pair negotiated the obstacles just in front of Arty and Pleiades. Running along the back the order was Okaihau, Arty, Pleiades, Castout and Cloudy Morn and at the first fence on the hill Okaihau and Pleiades were almost on terms with Arty next the others being well out of it. In the run down the hill the two leaders cleared out from the field and Pleiades having all the best of it he came away and won easily by some six lengths from Okaihau with Arty a long way back third and Dhudeen fourth.

The whole of the thirteen horses carded went to the post in the York Welter, the bracketed pair Maxwell and Tattoo, carrying slightly more than Santa Rosa. From a fairly even start Smilax was the first to show out and he led along the back where Santa Rosa, who was running in the middle of the field was interfered with and dropped right back. Running across the cutting, Smilax was showing the way to Tattoo and Coromandel with Electrakoff and Maxwell close up. Across the top stretch Smilax was leading Electrakoff and Maxwell and so they turned for home. At the distance, Electrakoff and Smilax were fighting out a great battle and a great struggle to the post saw Smilax win by a head. Coromandel was a couple of lengths away third and Santa Rosa, who was flying at the end, close up fourth, followed by Maxwell.

The field for the Winter Steeplechase only numbered five, with Antarctic a strong favourite. Kapakapa led till the stone wall at the bottom of the straight was negotiated, when Antarctic took charge, and when the hill was approached the last time, there was practically nothing between Antarctic, Sol, Kapakapa, and Loch Fyne. Red McGregor at this time being hopelessly out of the race. Sol came to grief at the second fence on the hill, and in the run to the straight Antarctic drew away, and negotiating the last fence safely, he ran home an easy winner by half-a-dozen lengths from Loch Fyne, with Kapakapa about the same distance away third, and Red McGregor a furlong further back last.

Miss Explosion, who was making her first appearance in open company, was an equal favourite with Delegate in the Campbell Hurdles, for which only four horses lined up at the post. John was first over the initial fence, when Delegate rushed to the front, and joined by Miss Explosion, the pair ran together across the cutting six lengths out from John, who was followed by Don Quex. Running past the stand the first time, John closed on the leaders, and when they entered the back stretch he had worked his way to the front. From thence onwards the result was never in doubt,

and simply playing with his opponents, he came right away, and won, pulling up, by four lengths from Delegate, with Don Quex a poor third, and Miss Explosion last.

A record field of 25 lined up for the Fitzroy Welter, and selections took a very wide range. Many backers held off, knowing the start would play an important part in the decision of the race. Bogey was in front when the field settled down and he showed the way into the straight, followed by Luperin, Tua Kitua and Haku. In the run home the field closed up and St. Amans shooting out at the distance, he came away and won by two lengths from Gloy with Haku third. Then came Wee Olga and Tui Kitua close up with Alma Rose last.

The meeting concluded with the Farewell Handicap, for which Jack Delaval was a slightly better favourite than Nyland. The bracketed pair Wauchope and Hohungatahi also carried a lot of money. The start was a wretched one, the field leaving in straggling order, while Lucille did not run at all. Wauchope was soon out in front and he led to the straight followed by Nyland. Wauchope was always going well in front and he had no difficulty in winning by two lengths from Nyland, who beat Dogger Bank by a head for second money. Jack Delaval and Gold Circle were well up next.

The results are as follows:—

HUNT CLUB CUP of 100sovs. About three miles and a-half.

- 2—Mr. J. Cameron's b g Winiata, aged, by Leolantis—King of the Forest, 10.9 (Mr. G. Hirst) 1
 - 5—Mr. A. N. Dingle's b g Connecticut, aged, 11.13 (Mr. N. Dingle) ... 2
 - 3—Mr. A. Chadwick's b g Rebel, aged, 10.13 (Mr. Chadwick) 3
- Also started: 4 Hina 11.6, 7 Potiki 11.0, 1 Hunakaha 10.11, 8 Wirihana 10.7, 6 Prince Crispin 10.7, 9 Joe May 10.7.
Won by a dozen lengths. Time, 8min 22sec.

TAMAKI STEEPLECHASE of 200sovs. About two miles and a-half.

- 3—F. Salway's b g Pleiades, aged, by Daystar—Myra, 10.0 (Lind) 1
 - 1—J. Williamson's ch g Okaihau, 6yrs, 10.12 (Cowan) 2
 - 5—J. Twohill's b g Arty, aged, 9.7 (Speakman) 3
- Also started: 4 Cloudy Morn 10.9, 8 Mozart 9.13, 7 Bonnie Jean 9.7, 6 Dhudeen 9.7, 2 Castout 9.7.
Won easily by six lengths. Time, 4min 41sec.

YORK WELTER of 400sovs. One mile.

- 9—R. Hick's b g Smilax, 4yrs, by Obliquo—Convulvus, 9.1 (Coleman) ... 1
 - 5—R. E. Price's b g Electrakoff, 4yrs, 10.9 (H. Gray) 2
 - 11—W. Gall's b g Coromandel, 5yrs, 9.0 (Graydon) 3
- Also started: 6 Domino 11.1, 1 Santa Rosa 10.6, 7 Sir Artagal 10.6, 3 Tattoo 10.1, 8 Sea Elf 9.12, 2 Maxwell 9.8, 4 Flying Sout 9.6, 13 Master Jack 9.0, 12 Spectre 9.0, 10 Solus 9.0.
Won by a neck. Time, 1min 43 2-5sec.

WINTER STEEPLECHASE of 350sovs. About three miles.

- 1—T. M. Bowling's ch g Antarctic, 6yrs, by Salvadan—Coryphee, 12.3 (Scott) 1
 - 4—C. Thebe's b g Loch Fyne, aged, 10.11 (Howard) 2
 - 5—H. Swaffield's b g Kapakapa, aged, 9.10 (McKinnon) 3
- Also started: 2 Sol 11.1, 3 Red McGregor 11.6.
Won easily by ten lengths. Time, 6min 21 3-5sec.

CAMPBELL HURDLES of 200sovs. Two miles.

- 3—A. Jackson's b g John, 5yrs, by Cuirassier—Matamataharakeke, 9.1 (Coleman) 1
 - 1—J. Roulston's b g Delegate, aged, 10.6 (Cowan) 2
 - 2—H. S. Wilson's ch g Don Quex, aged, 9.9 (McFlynn) 3
- Also started: 1 Miss Explosion 10.3.
Won by four lengths. Time, 3min 51sec.

FITZROY WELTER of 125sovs. Six furlongs.

- 8—R. B. Hine's b h St. Amans, 4yrs, by Sout—Lottie, 9.2 (C. Brown) ... 1
 - 1—T. H. Barnaby's b g Gloy, 3yrs, 10.5 (Deeley) 2
 - 5—J. McNicol's br g Haku, 5yrs, 9.6 (M. Ryan) 3
- Also started: 7 Kanewarra 10.6, 2 Wee Olga 10.5, 19 Blue Mount 10.3, 4 Sphinx 10.13, 13 Scotch 9.13, 12 Goodwin Sands 9.12, 10 Fuss 9.12, 6 Poictiers 9.10, 9 Bogey 9.6, 15 Hard Rock 9.5, 14 Jolie Fille 9.4, 16 Ruatangata 9.4, 3 Parawai 9.3, 24 Master Stead 9.3, 25 Luperin 9.2, 18 Taka 9.1, 21 Manuwera 9.1, 22 Tipua 9.0, 17 Tua Kitua 9.0, 23 Rambling Rose 9.0, 11 Rutter 9.0, 20 Tiresome 9.0.
Won by two lengths. Time, 1min 19sec.

FAREWELL HANDICAP of 200sovs. Five furlongs.

- 5—W. C. Ring's b h Wauchope, 6yrs, by Freedom—Black Watch, 10.12 (H. Gray) 1
 - 2—Mr. Highden's br g Nyland, 6yrs, 10.2 (Oliver) 2
 - 6—T. Wyllie's b g Dogger Bank, aged, 9.11 (Ryan) 3
- Also started: 4 Turbine 10.13, 7 Hohungatahi 10.7, 1 Jack Delaval 9.11, 10 Flying Sout 9.8, 8 Lucille 9.4, 9 Blue Garment 9.2, 11 Elegance 9.0, 3 Gold Circle 9.0.
Won by two lengths. Time, 1min 3sec.

OTAKI MAORI RACING CLUB.

FIRST DAY.

GUNBOAT WINS RAUKAWA CUP.

(From Our Wellington Correspondent.)

The first day's gathering of the winter meeting of the Otaki Maori Racing Club which took place on Saturday last will long be remembered as the most successful and best attended meeting hitherto held by this racing institution. There was a record attendance, visitors being present from all parts of the Dominion, whilst Wellington sporting enthusiasts, who hold the Maori club in the highest esteem, were represented by such a crowd that one would imagine that races were being held at Trentham instead of at Otaki. The attendance was easily a record for the club and among those present were the Acting-Premier (the Hon. J. Carroll), the Hon. J. Millar and Mr. J. M. Johnston, secretary of the Racing Commission. The racing throughout was decidedly interesting, the finish in the Cup, when Gunboat defeated Merrie Zealand by a head, was a treat to witness. The finishes in several of the other events caused Mr. Hartgill some anxiety, as the horses came thundering up the straight, but as usual his verdicts were given promptly and met with the approval of all present. The weather was delightful and as a consequence racing was carried on under perfect conditions. The Club's handicapper (Mr. J. Pollock) was deservedly complimented upon the result of his verdicts in the weight department. It was conceded on all sides that the veteran had put forth his best efforts in the interests of the club. Mr. T. Cameron was very successful at the barrier, his send offs being marked with precision. People came well provided with the sinews of war, for at the close of the day's racing it was found that Mr. J. Ames and his staff had handled £13,371 through the machines. This amount is largely in excess of the figures for the similar day's meeting last year, when only £7856 was dealt with. The arrangements at the totalisator were woefully deficient and but for this circumstance several hundreds of more pounds would have been handled.

Proceedings commenced with the Maiden Flat Race and backers in sending Monologue out favourite showed some discretion, for, getting to the front early, Mr. O'Neill's chestnut stopped in front to the finish, winning very easily by two lengths from Kingswell, who was a neck in front of Otahu, with Recipe and Lady Mildred next. Monologue gives promise of turning out a profitable stake-earner for the owner of Gladiole. Parewanui was the smartest to find his feet in the Flying Hack Handicap, but after travelling a furlong Longstep assumed command, and galloping along in good style, won by a clear half length from Varna, with Undecided a similar distance away third, while St. Bee's was close up fourth, the others being tailed off. The winner paid a two-figure dividend, whilst Varna also paid a big price for getting into second position.

Several new aspirants for hurdle honours were making their first appearance in the Hack Hurdles, for which Whitestone was made a firm favourite, with Te Ru next in demand. Mr. Cameron despatched the field to an excellent start, for which

Taft was the first to show in front, but was, after a furlong had been traversed, passed by Lanark, who led past the stand from Te Ru and Boyne Water, with Whitestone and Passive next. Half a mile from home the latter went to the front, and entering the straight had a good lead, but she tired to nothing in the run to the post and had to be hard ridden to win by a neck from Mallet, who came with one of his well-known runs over the last portion of the journey. Te Ru was twenty lengths away third, Clemain fourth and Whitestone fifth. Aberration did not run too kindly and appeared to loose ground at his fences. Taft's performance was disappointing, but the run should help to make him conversant with the obstacles. Passive's performance was very meritorious, and Mr. Vincent, the Pahiatua sportsman, appears to have shown some discretion in putting the black to the hurdle business.

Woodhey was a firm order with backers in the Raukawa Cup, but Bliss and Gunboat also had many admirers. All the acceptors with the exception of Vibration faced the starter. Deploy was the quickest to begin and she led past the stand from Bliss and Hermia. Going out of the straight Bliss took command, and led up the back stretch from Hermia, whilst Mulga Bill was in hot pursuit with the others some distance away, with Merrie Zealand coming fast. Entering the straight the latter got his head in front and it looked any odds on the gelding landing the money, but it was ordained otherwise, for H. Gray had been biding his time on Gunboat, and in one of the best finishes ever seen on the Otaki course the successful Taranaki horseman snatched a victory for Gunboat by a head on the post. The finish was very exciting, the only person in a position to say with certainty who had won being the judge. Mulga Bill was a good third, whilst the others were bunched three lengths further back.

Lady Volley, on the strength of some excellent track work, was installed favourite for the Otaki Hack Handicap, but the chestnut did not succeed in getting into the placed division. The start saw Voca at the head of affairs, and the brown mare was in front for half the journey when several others disputed supremacy. Three furlongs from home Projectile cleared away and entering the straight was a clear three lengths in front of Black Reef and a bunched field and coming on won comfortably by half a length from Merrie Emerald, who was two lengths to the good of Cork, whilst Black Reef was fourth and Floater fifth, the last to finish being Turna.

A capital field of thirteen runners contested the Rahui Handicap, for which St. Toney occupied the position of favourite. The start was a capital one, the colours of St. Toney, Faunus and Mon Ami being conspicuous, whilst Zealand was slow to find his feet. Entering the straight St. Toney and Faunus singled themselves out, and in a great battle all the way up the straight the latter won by a head, with Tumut two lengths away third. The others were close up with the exception of Eclogue, who was a bad loser.

The day's racing was brought to a conclusion with the decision of the Birthday Welter Hack Handicap. The start was perfect and Septimus was soon in front, bowling along in good style, but entering the straight the gelding faded out of it and San Pan, Rongomai and St. Brandon joined issue, and in the run to the post St. Brandon lasted long enough to win by a bare head from Rongomai, with Sam Pan a good third. Aruake was favourite, but was never dangerous. This event was a brilliant windup to one of the best gatherings yet held by the club.

Okaihau scored such an easy victory in the Maiden Steeplechase on Saturday that it would seem as though he only has to keep sound to win more races before the season ends.

On Saturday the amount handled on the totalisator at Ellerslie was £22,681, compared with £14,713 on the corresponding day last year, when £738 was received in bookmakers' fees.

Herb Price, the well-known mercer and tailor, 54 Willis Street, Wellington, intends giving two more 18ct. gold chronometers to the most successful ockeyes over the fences and on the flat for the season 1910-1911.*

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