

Wartalk (half-sister to Bobrikoff) are the property of Mr T. H. Lowry, Lassie Doon and Morella belong to the native sport, Mr Waikari Karaitiana, Merry Monarch is owned by C. L. Lagor, the owner-trainer of California, and Elevator claims Mr F. Armstrong, of Akitio, as his possessor. Elevator's dam is a half-sister, by Hildat Halberdier, who scored in the New Zealand Cup of 1902.

Dawn's two-year-old sister is going along the right way. The filly, who is owned by Messrs C. J. King and J. McLaughlin, is a natty, well-mannered young lady, and should she gallop as well as she looks, a joyous period is ahead of the confederacy who control her.

Mr T. H. Lowry struck bad luck early this term, for a couple of his young brood mares, Auraria and Reformist slipped foals the other day to Royal Fusilier. The former is an Australian bred mare, by Malster, who was purchased last year by Mr Lowry. Reformist is by Renown, out of Formulist, by St. Leger—Forme, the last mentioned mare being a half-sister to Cruciform and Co.

The half-brother by Multifid to Pink'un, who is one of H. Hickey's pupils, is bulking up into a rare good sort. He is a two-year-old and is owned by Mr J. Robson, of Waipukurau, who, while he was a resident in Gisborne, bred Pink'un, Gatenby, Stylish, Manupai, and Tynedale, who are all out of the same dam, Manutuku.

Prince Eddy (Royal Fusilier—la) has been sent down from Okawa Station to "Fred" Davis, at Greenmeadows, who will set him going in earnest, for the equines on Mr Lowry's estate are so well attended to that they are well forward by the time they are landed at Davis' establishment.

Swansong has been retired, and is now located at his birthplace, Okawa Station. When the climate gets a bit warmer it is intended to emasculate the son of Birkenhead and Madrigal.

SPORT IN SYDNEY.

THE WORLD'S SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP.

BEFORE AND AFTER THE RACE.

(By our Canterbury Correspondent.)

SYDNEY, August 1st.

Dick Arnst, of Tai Tapu, Canterbury, is still the world's sculling champion. Saturday last was the second time I have seen him successfully defend his title, and the way he polished off Australia's best on the Parramatta leads me to think that it will be some time before he is beaten. Arnst, as I have frequently said, is a marvel, and, according to William Beach, the unbeaten ex-champion, there is no man living capable of fully extending the champion.

Early on the day of the race I took one of the ferry steamers out to Mortlake, Arnst's training quarters and arrived there just in time to see Arnst coming in from a short spin. He was looking well, but after having a chat with him about Christchurch friends, I came to the conclusion that he was somewhat tired and perhaps a trifle overdone.

"How do you feel, Dick?"
 "Not too bad, but not nearly as well as when I first rowed Bill Webb at Wanganui. This sculling business is hard work and unless a man is thoroughly well it becomes tiring. Come into the shed and see me have a rub down."

In the shed Harry Nathan, Dick's trainer, was waiting fully armed with towels, oils and other necessary utensils.

"Have a drink, Dick?"
 "Yes, I'll have a glass of water!"
 During the rubbing down process Arnst informed me that the weather had been unfavourable for training, but both he and Pearce had been able to get in plenty of work. Arnst would strip at 13.2, and Pearce 12.10.

Prior to dinner, Arnst had a rest

and found time to sign his name on renowned long strokes and soon pass-post cards, etc. Dinner, at 12.30, consisted of a boiled chicken (How the champion relished it!), some toast, baked rice and stewed prunes and a glass of water. Dinner over, another quiet rest followed. At three o'clock Arnst came out into the shed, saw that his boat was ready, and then quietly waited for a launch to take him up to Ryde. Half an hour later the champion started on his journey amid ringing cheers from the small army of New Zealanders gathered to wish him luck on Mortlake Wharf.

Pearce and his party went up the river an hour before Arnst's party.

THE RACE.

Beautiful weather, smooth water and a westerly wind in their favour was what the scullers wanted, and they got everything. It seemed as if the climatic conditions had been made to order. They were simply perfect.

The championship course was from Ryde wharf to Searle's Monument, a distance of three miles 330 yards. William Beach was umpire and Mr. N. Z. McDonald judge.

There was a tremendous crowd all along the course, the Sydney newspapers estimating it at between 75,000 and 100,000. For Arnst, Harry Floyd won the toss from Tom Kelly, who represented Pearce, and chose the southern side, but there was no advantage in position so perfect were the conditions. Both scullers got away to a beautiful start. Pearce, in light blue, was soon in front, and in the first quarter of a mile he had gained a length on the champion. Here the latter wavered slightly owing to dropping a scull, but he soon got going again. At the half mile Pearce, who was rowing the much quicker stroke, increased his lead to two lengths, and his supporters became jubilant. Nearing the mile point Pearce narrowly escaped fouling Arnst, but the latter took in the situation at once, and cleverly avoided any danger. Pearce at this stage was half a length in front, but passing Mortlake the New Zealanders on the shore cheered their man to the echo, responding to their calls, the champion put in some of his ed the Australian. Steering a fine course Arnst passed the two mile post at Tennyson two lengths in front and had gained another length on reaching Cabarita. Crossing the river on the Gladesville side with two and a-half miles gone the New Zealander had a five lengths lead. Pearce made several game attempts to overhaul his opponent, and at Henley he had reduced the gap to three lengths. Arnst, however, eased up a little at this stage, but in the last half mile he rowed in his best form, and passed the winning post five lengths in front of Pearce. Time, 19min. 46sec. a record for the race.

There was tremendous excitement at the finishing point, where some 30,000 people were gathered. The champion received quite an ovation, the wearers of the "Kangaroo" badges acknowledging in graceful terms that the "Fern Leaf on the black" was too good for them that day. All the steamers following the race were crowded.

After the race Arnst rowed back to Mortlake, where he received a great ovation. The New Zealanders present walked in single file from the wharf to the Palace Hotel and awaited the champion's arrival. Directly he pulled alongside the wharf they danced Maori hakas and gave Maori war cries from the balcony of the hotel. The crowd enjoyed the fun immensely. After a rub down Arnst walked over to the hotel and addressed the crowd from the balcony.

He said he had met a tough man in Pearce who made him row the race of his life. He thanked the good people of Mortlake for the kindness they had shown him during his training work, and when he was next asked to defend his title he hoped he would be able to row as well as he had done that day. He was very tired and thought a good rest would do him good.

The stakes were paid over on August 1st in the presence of a representative gathering of Sydney sportsmen.

TURF RESULTS.

CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB'S GRAND NATIONAL MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

PARITUTU WINS THE STEEPLECHASE.

The Canterbury Jockey Club's Grand National meeting opened on Tuesday, attracting a vast attendance. Amongst the visitors were the Governor, Lord Islington and his staff and representative racing men from all parts of the Dominion. The results were as follows:—

HUNTERS' HURDLE HANDICAP of 130sovs. Once round and a distance
 Mr. J. G. Wilson's br g Hawick, aged, by Phaeton—Hempie, 11.1 (Hill) ... 1
 Mr. C. F. Vallance's br m Nedra, aged, 10.4 (R. Thompson) ... 2
 Mr. J. Christie's b g Simon Pure, aged, 10.9 (H. Coker) ... 3
 Also started: Mauri 12.3, Shillelagh 10.13, Sabine 10.12, Sylvia Maid 10.7, Myall 10.5, Master Webb 10.4, Miharo 10.2, Wiri-hana 10.0.

Myall and Nedra led past the stand and out of the straight, but at the mile post the latter had drawn clear. Hawick then supplanted Myall and rounding the top turn drew level with Nedra. Hawick was first over the last hurdle, and easily holding his advantage, won by two lengths and a-half. Simon Pure was two lengths further back third, with Sylvia Maid next. Mauri, Miharo and Myall fell. Time, 3min 10 1-5sec.

TRIAL HURDLE HANDICAP of 200 sovs. One mile and three-quarters.

Mr. W. C. Vincent's blk m Passive, aged, 9.10 (T. Pritchard) ... 1
 Mr. J. Buckley's b g St. Aidan, 6yrs, 10.13 (P. Brady) ... 2
 Mr. R. Baxter's ch g Cardiff, aged, 9.0 (Beard) ... 3
 Also started: Dogger Bank 9.6, Gold Pin 9.4, Redmond 9.4, Wairakei 9.0.

Dogger Bank and Cardiff showed the way out of the straight, followed by St. Aidan and Passive. Going along the back Cardiff took charge, but he and Dogger Bank were beaten as they turned into the straight, where St. Aidan and Passive closed on them. The latter pair took the last hurdle on terms, but in the run home Passive drew away and won by a length. Cardiff was four lengths back third, with Dogger Bank fourth. Time, 3min 23 3/4sec.

JUMPERS' FLAT RACE of 150sovs. One mile and a-half.

Mr. A. R. Maltley's b g Gaelic, aged, by Bonny Scotland—St. Leger mare, 9.0 (Price) ... 1
 Mr. T. Kett's br g Embrasure, aged, 9.0 (Lloyd) ... 2
 Mr. J. Casserley's b g Compass, aged, 11.2 (T. Pine) ... 3
 Also started: The Native 11.1, Master Paul 10.0, Kildonan 9.13, Windage 9.3, Milo 9.0.

Master Paul at once rushed to the front, and going along the back had a lead of 10 lengths from Embrasure and Windage. Before the turn into the straight was reached Master Paul was done with and dropped right back. Half-way down the straight Gaelic and Embrasure drew out, and in a good finish the former won by a head. Compass was a length away third, with Windage next. Time, 1min 44 4-5sec.

GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE of 1000sovs. About three miles and a-half.

Mr. J. George's b g Paritutu, aged, by Castor—Yattaghan, 10.2 (R. Thompson) ... 1
 Sir W. Russell's ch g Corazon, aged, 12.3 (inc. 7lb pen.) (J. Hercock) ... 2
 Mr. T. M. Bowling's ch g Antarctic, aged, 12.2 (Scott) ... 3
 Red McGregor, 10.10 (Windsor) ... 0
 Lovell, 10.10 (H. Telford) ... 0
 Eurus, 10.9 (L. Hegarty) ... 0
 True Blue, 10.4 (H. Coker) ... 0
 Winiata, 10.3 (H. Fletcher) ... 0
 Yasmak, 10.3 (C. Cress) ... 0
 Honest Tom, 10.2 (W. Retter) ... 0
 Dorando, 10.1 (P. Brady) ... 0
 Le Beau, 9.13 (J. Pinker) ... 0
 Liberty, 9.13 (V. Coleman) ... 0
 Ribstone Pippin, 9.13 (C. Cochrane) ... 0
 The Gunner, 9.7 (Z. Coleman) ... 0

Passing the stand the order of the leaders was True Blue, Lovell, Paritutu and The Gunner. The first fence of the stand double, however, brought True Blue down, and The Gunner took charge, followed by Paritutu and Lovell, Dorando and Antarctic. Going along the back Antarctic ran to the front, and at the kennels double he was showing the way to Paritutu and Corazon. As they ran through Antarctic was out by himself in front, and then came The Gunner, Paritutu, Corazon and Dorando. Winiata fell at the second of the stand double, while the sod wall brought down Dorando. Turning for home Corazon and Paritutu closed on Antarctic, who had lost ground by a faulty jump near the six furlong post. Corazon landed over the last fence clear of Paritutu, but the latter put in a great run over the final stages and won by a head. Antarctic was two lengths further back third, followed by Red McGregor. The Gunner, Le Beau and Eurus. Time, 7min 12 4-5sec.

TALLY-HO STEEPLECHASE of 100sovs. Two miles and a-half.

Mr. C. F. Vallance's b m Hill Lass, aged, by Chief Commander—Pride of the Hills, 12.10 (Mr. G. Hirst) ... 1
 Mr. H. Wimblesborne's ch g Silver Blaze, 6yrs, 12.7 (Mr. W. J. Cowie) ... 2
 Mr. H. J. Cameron's b g Glenmore, aged, 12.10 (Mr. C. D. Camplin) ... 3
 Also started: Uncle Tom 12.10, Matai 12.10, Walt-a-Bit 12.10, Flamingo 12.10, Kingsway 12.10, Kildare 12.10.

Hill Lass was in a handy position throughout, and turning for home ran to the front and won easily by four lengths from Flamingo, who finished 12 lengths in front of Silver Blaze. Glenmore and Kildare were the only others to finish. Flamingo's rider was unable to draw the weight, and the second money went to Silver Blaze and the third to Glenmore. Time, 6min 25sec.

WINNER CUP of 600sovs. One mile.

Mr. W. Smart's b g Undecided, 6yrs, by Menschikov—St. Amy, 9.11 (inc. 5lb pen.) (R. Hatch) ... 1
 Mr. H. Whitney's br g Odessa, 4yrs, 9.5 (inc. 5lb pen.) (C. Jenkins) ... 2
 Mr. G. Murray Aynsley's ch h Bonny Glen, aged, 9.12 (R. King) ... 3
 Also started: Nyland 10.11, Effort 10.5, Coroniform 10.4, Fasnakyle 10.3, Iney 10.1 (inc. 5lb pen.), The Rover 9.13, Flitaway 9.13, Negative 9.5 (inc. 5lb pen.), Mumura 9.5, Turna 9.0, Flambeau 9.0, Gold Circle 9.0.

Nyland was first away from the barrier, followed by Mumura, Odessa, Iney and The Rover. Passing the six furlong post Mumura ran to the front, with Odessa and Nyland at the head of the others. Rounding the top turn Bonnie Glen, Undecided and Negative closed on the leader, who retired at the distance. Odessa was then at the head of affairs, but Undecided threw out a strong challenge and won a good race by half a length, with Bonny Glen a neck away third. Flitaway was fourth, and then close together came Iney, Effort, Coroniform and Nyland. Time, 1min 46sec.

ENFIELD STEEPLECHASE of 130sovs. About two miles.

Mr. C. Hole's br g Wirral, aged, by Birkenhead—Nixie, 10.13 (R. Gray) ... 1
 Mr. J. Hennah's b g Captain Jingle, 10.2 (J. O'Connell) ... 2
 Mr. W. Crossan's b g Stayboy, aged, 10.8 (Flynn) ... 3
 Also started: Lagmohr 10.9, Tyrannic 10.6, Corona 10.1, St. Albert 9.13, Deerslayer 9.10, King of Trumps 9.7, Kelp 9.7, Salopian 9.7, Tairiki 9.7.

Only the placed horses finished. Wirral winning easily from Captain Jingle, who was 40 yards in front of Stayboy. Time, 4min 1 2-5sec.

AVONHEAD HANDICAP of 130sovs. Six furlongs.

Mr. H. Whitney's b m Ahuapai, 5yrs, by San Fran—Casllisk, 9.2 (C. Jenkins) ... 1
 Sir Geo. Clifford's br g Somersault, 5yrs, 9.2 (F. E. Jones) ... 2
 Mr. H. Nurse's ch g Eaglestone, 6yrs, 9.0 (J. Pine) ... 3
 Also started: Shuja 10.13, Wedge 10.2, Fritvilliti 9.11, Nightlight 9.1, Good Sign 9.0, Baffin 9.0.

The race was run in a very bad light. Ahuapai was in front at the distance, and, stalling off a challenge by Somersault, won by a length. Eaglestone was three-parts of a length further away third, with Fritvilliti fourth.

NEW ZEALAND METROPOLITAN TROTTING CLUB.

FIRST DAY.

The New Zealand Metropolitan Trotting Club's August meeting opened on Monday in fine, though cold, weather. The attendance was large, and the totalisator investments amounted to £11,578. The results were as under:—

STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 100sovs. one mile and a-half.—Full Sail, 10sec, 1; Prince Rufus, 3sec, 2; Rannerdale, 16sec, 3. Thirteen horses started. Won comfortably by two lengths. Time, 3min 41 1-5sec.

LADIES' BRACELET of 60sovs, one mile and a-half.—Andy Regan, 4sec, 1; Charming Boy, 4sec, 2; Silverene, 2sec, 3. Fifteen others started. Won easily by two lengths. Time, 3min 51 1-5sec.

AUGUST HANDICAP of 160sovs, one mile and a-half.—Little Stranger, 12sec, 1; Franzie, 8sec, 2; Derrington, 9sec, 3. There were thirteen other starters. Won by three parts of a length. Time, 3min 38sec.

ALEXANDRA HANDICAP of 110sovs, two miles.—Goldie, 22sec, 1; Esma, 14sec, 2; Miss Florrie C. scratch, 3. Nine horses started. Won by four lengths. Time, 5min 20 2-5sec.

INTRODUCTORY HANDICAP of 115 sovs, one mile and a-half.—Stomer, 15sec, 1; Edward R., 15sec, 2; Sir Joe, scratch, 3. Thirteen others started. Won easily by eight lengths. Time, 3min 56sec.

SELWYN HANDICAP of 100sovs, two miles.—Brown Bell, 14sec, 1; Radiant Morn, 16sec, 2; Proud Girl, 12sec, 3. Seventeen horses started. Won easily by 12 lengths. Time, 4min 53sec.

ELECTRIC HANDICAP of 100sovs, one mile.—Lady Cherry, 5sec, 1; Dragon, 6sec, 2; Prince Randle, 4sec, 3. Nineteen others started. Won by four lengths. Time, 2min 25sec.

SPEEDWAY HANDICAP of 100sovs, one mile.—Red Cloud, 10sec, 1; Diadem, 10sec, 2; Gramplan, 9sec, 3. There were fifteen starters. Won by four lengths. Time, 2min 17sec.

AUSTRALIAN RACING.

VICTORIA AMATEUR TURF CLUB'S MEETING.

The V.A.T.C. opened their August meeting at Caulfield on Saturday. The following was the result of the leading event:—

THE AUSTRALIAN HURDLE RACE of 1300sovs; 1000sovs of the said sum to go to the first horse, 200sovs to the second, and 100sovs to the third. Three miles and a-half less 92 yards.

Mr. P. Ross' b g Arquebuse, 6yrs, by Pistol—Birchen, 11.5 ... 1
 Mr. H. A. Hancock's br g Flash Jack, 5yrs, by Junot—Princess, 9.0 ... 2
 Mr. R. A. D. Hood's b g Minato, aged, by Portsea—Lady, 10.6 ... 3

Once settled down, Invermayson took charge. Minato, however, went to the front before the turn was reached, followed by Bribery, Huntersdon, Yarrabar, Invermayson, with Arquebuse last. Excepting Steam displacing Bribery in second place, there was little change till after passing the judge's box the second time. The pace quickened along the back, where Minato still led from Obi and Yarrabar, with Flash Jack and Arquebuse handy. Minato fell back at the turn, and Obi took command. The last fence, however, beat Obi, and a fall on his part left Arquebuse with the lead, with Minato, Flash Jack and Battery his closest attendants. In a good finish Arquebuse kept the opposition at bay, and he had a neck the best of it when the post was reached. Flash Jack was two lengths in front of Minato. Time, 6min 52 1/2sec.

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