

## Racing Reviewed.

### AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

The bright, crisp weather on Saturday induced a very large number of Aucklanders to journey out to Avondale for the concluding day's racing of the A.J.C. spring meeting. The racing was most interesting and several keen finishes were witnessed. The course was in splendid condition and the management left nothing to be desired. Mr. F. W. Edwards was very successful in despatching his fields; in fact for the two days the starting was of high order and reflects great credit on Mr. Edwards. The totalisator staff was kept very busy, and the large sum of £18,673 was handled during the afternoon. This exceeds the amount passed through the machines on the second day of last spring meeting by £10,227. The total investments on the totalisator for the two days was £32,116 10s, as against £27,687 for the three days of the 1910 spring fixture. During the afternoon the stewards were called and confirmed a fine of £5 inflicted by the starter on J. Conquest, rider of Master Wairiki, in the Plumpton Handicap, for disobedience at the post. The stewards also ordered Conquest to stand down for the remainder of the afternoon for cutting in at one of the turns.

In the opening event, the hurdle race, the favourite, Regain, came to grief at the third hurdle when in the lead. Don Quex, who had been well to the fore up to this incident, took the lead and won comfortably. Lucille, was the best supported horse in the President's Handicap, and justified the confidence placed in her by winning easily from Poitiers. Seven good-looking three-year-olds contested the Avondale Guineas, and two stable companions, Miss Winsome and Malwa, finished first and second respectively. The winner, a sprightly dark bay Soult-Winsome filly, put up splendid time as she covered the mile in 1min 42 4-5sec, which is 2 2-5sec better than King Soult's performance last season—the previous best time for the Avondale Guineas. For the Nursery Handicap, Monorail, the winner of the Stakes on Wednesday, went out favourite, but had to lower his colours to Monoline, a chestnut filly, built on splendid lines and likely to develop into a fine mare. The Plumpton Handicap was won from start to finish by Master Wairiki, and Electrakoff, who was the best backed horse in the race, had to be content with second honours. Twenty horses started in the New Lynn Handicap and provided a pretty race, which was won after a keen finish by the Taranaki gelding Te Whararoa. St. Amans, who was beaten by the speedy Captain Soult in the Islington Handicap, won the Nihotapu Handicap fairly comfortably. The meeting wound up with a surprise packet. Hohungatahi was the public choice, with Urukehu and Turbine both well supported, but the biggest outsider in a field of seven snatched a victory by a very narrow margin and paid the biggest dividend of the meeting.

The following are the details of the racing:—

#### SECOND HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 100sovs. One mile and three-quarters.

- 2—H. Wilson's ch g Don Quex, by Cardigan—Jessamine, 10.2 (McFlynn) ... 1  
4—Miss Explosion, 9.8 (Wilson) ..... 2  
3—Delegate, 10.9 (Cowan) ..... 3  
Also started: 1 Regain 10.4, 7 Taiaha 9.5, 8 Mavourneen 9.0, 6 St. Wood 9.0, 9 Luxton 9.0, 5 Presently 9.0.

From an even start Don Quex was the first to taken the lead followed by Regain and Taiaha. Going along the back Regain took the lead, but hit the first hurdle in the straight heavily and came to grief, leaving Don Quex again in the van. Passing the stand Miss Explosion was running second, with Delegate close at hand. At the back of the course the three leaders closed up, but kept the same relative positions. Coming home Miss Explosion made a strenuous endeavour to head the leader, but the consistent son of Cardigan had something to spare and managed to stall off the challenge, eventually winning with an advantage of a length. Delegate was several lengths away third. Taiaha was next and the rest were strung out a long way back. Time, 3 min 17 3-5sec.

#### PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP of 100sovs. Six furlongs.

- 1—T. Cunningham's br m Lucille, by Soult—Postmistress, 7.6 (6lb overweight) (Deeley) ..... 1

- 5—Poitiers, 6.7 (inc. 5lb apprentice-ship allowance) (Poulgrain) ..... 2  
4—Admiral Soult, 7.5 (Henderson) ..... 3  
Also started: 2 Turbine 9.3, 3 Flying Soult 7.7, 7 Frontino 6.12, 6 Blue Mount 6.12, 8 Falchion 6.9.

The field got well away with the exception of Blue Mount, who was slow to start moving. Turbine shot to the front, but Lucille was close at hand, with Frontino and Poitiers next in order. Going along the back stretch Turbine got a clear lead with the rest of the field retaining much the same order. On entering the straight the field closed up and Lucille rushed to the front with Poitiers coming strongly, but Deeley managed to retain the lead until the post was passed with an advantage of a clear length. Admiral Soult, who put in a good run from the distance was beaten by nearly two lengths by Poitiers for second honours. Time, 1min 15 4-5sec.

#### AVONDALE GUINEAS of 200sovs. One mile.

- 1—D. McLeod's br f Miss Winsome, by Soult—Winsome, 8.5 (Deeley) ..... 1  
2—Malwa, 8.10 (F. D. Jones) ..... 2  
7—Kaween, 8.5 (Clarke) ..... 3  
Also started: 5 Hemisphere 8.10, 3 General Latour 8.10, 6 Cloudy Dawn 8.5, 4 Goldsize 8.5.

Kaween lost some ground at the start, but the rest got away well together. Malwa, Goldsize and General Latour entered on the back stretch on fairly even terms, with Miss Winsome not far behind holding a comfortable position. The first to lose his position was General Latour, who dropped back. Turning for home Miss Winsome put in her claim and was soon in the lead. In the straight Malwa came again with a strong challenge, but the Soult filly had no difficulty in keeping ahead and beat her stable companion comfortably by a length and a-half. Kaween, who put in a good run, was only able to get within four lengths of Malwa. Time, 1min 42 4-5sec. The winner was bred by her owner, Donald McLeod.

- 7—Monathol, 8.0 (Deeley) ..... 2  
6—Haku, 8.11 (McFlynn) ..... 3

Also started: 9 Caruso 9.0, 3 Hard Rock 8.12, 1 Taketumu 8.5, 4 Sir Walter 8.4, 17 Sabine 8.2, 12 Caedmon 8.2, 14 Takanihi 8.1, 8 Waerenga 8.1, 17 Glad Heart 8.1, 14 Lady Chiara 8.0, 18 Uraniniua 8.0, 11 Tipperary 8.0, 15 Alleta 8.0, 16 Friendless 8.0, 13 Ruffy 8.0, 10 Lord Delaval 8.0, 5 Maketu 8.0.

From a good start Te Whararoa was the first to take a lead and had as his nearest companions Haku, Sir Walter and Hard Rock. In the run to the post Monathol shot out from the ruck and made a very determined challenge, but Te Whararoa just managed to last out passing the post with a lead of a clear length, Haku, who also finished with a lot of dash, was only beaten by half a length for second place. Hard Rock came next. Time, 1min 3 1-5sec.

#### NIHOTAPU HANDICAP of 100sovs. Seven furlongs.

- 3—R. B. Hines' b h St. Amans, by Soult—Lottie, 7.0 (Stockley) ..... 1  
6—Jollie Fille, 6.10 (Satman) ..... 2  
2—Captain Soult, 8.7 (Deeley) ..... 3

Also started: 1 Domino 8.12, 7 Grenadier 7.13, 4 First Wairiki 7.6, 5 Master Jack 6.13, 10 Blue Mount 6.11, 9 Veitalia 6.10, 3 Miss Livonia 6.10.

The start was an excellent one and the first two to show up were Jollie Fille and Miss Livonia. The latter was first to turn the corner for home, but was soon headed by Jollie Fille, who had to surrender pride of place to St. Amans opposite the stand and the Soult horse won a plucky race by three-quarters of a length, with Captain Soult half a length further off third. Time, 1min 33 1-5sec.

#### MOUNT ALBERT HANDICAP of 100sovs. Five furlongs.

- 7—T. and H. Auckram's Lady Dot, by Takapuna—Dolly, 7.3 (O'Shea) ..... 1  
3—Turbine, 8.13 (Buchanan) ..... 2  
1—Hohungatahi 9.6 (J. D. Jones) ..... 3  
Also started: 2 Urukehu 8.4, 6 Peggy Pryde 7.4, 4 Columbia 7.2, 5 Lady Betty 6.13.

Hartgill's verdicts from the judge's box were given promptly and accurately.

Money was fairly plentiful, the sum of £3219 being put through the machine during the afternoon compared with £6167 that was dealt with on the corresponding day last year, showing an increase in favour of this year of £2052.

Racing began with the running of the Te Hiwi Memorial Stakes of one mile, for which Melologue was a strong fancy. The start, which was a perfect one, saw the favourite closely followed by Turna, at the head of affairs, but by the time the entrance to the straight was reached Melologue was done with, whilst Golden Age made a forward move closely followed by Brown Trout and Otahu. A little further on the latter took charge, and, stalling off a late run by Lady Volley, won cleverly by a clear length, with Turna a half length away third. Brown Trout was close up fourth, whilst Scots Fusilier was fifth, with the others beaten off.

The Kahurangi, on the strength of some excellent track work on the Porirua beach, was installed favourite for the Flying Handicap, whilst Deploy and Full Rate had plenty of admirers. The field were sent away in a capital line, and the two former at once rushed to the front and the pair had the race to themselves, Deploy eventually winning comfortably by a length, with Full Rate a head away third, Erin and Merry Frank finished in the order named. Full Rate ran a generous race and is evidently coming back to form.



Mr. H. De Latour's ch c, MONORAIL, by MONOFORM—Daffodil, winner of the Avondale Stakes (four furlongs). F. D. Jones in saddle.

#### NURSERY HANDICAP of 100sovs. four furlongs.

- W. L. Thompson's ch f Monoline, by Monoform—Delania, 7.6 (Deeley) ... 1  
1—Monorail, 8.11 (F. D. Jones) ..... 2  
3—Dido, 7.11 (Sceats) ..... 3  
Also started: 4 Semolina 8.3, 6 Launacost 8.0, 7 Prince Merriwee 7.10, 8 Paoli 7.8, 9 Salvannie 7.6, 5 Bleriot 7.6.

From a good start Monoline was the first to forge ahead and retained the lead throughout. Coming down the straight Monorail put in a challenge, but the little filly was too fast and won fairly easily by over two lengths. Dido was three lengths further away third. Time, 50 1-5sec.

#### PLUMPTON HANDICAP of 200sovs. One mile.

- 3—B. T. Hawkin's br h Master Wairiki, by Wairiki—Little Mabel, 8.5 (Conquest) ..... 1  
1—Electrakoff, 9.6 (Deeley) ..... 2  
4—Salute, 8.3 (Brady) ..... 3  
Also started: 2 Sedition 9.12, 5 Sea Elf 7.13, 6 Flying Soult 7.4, 7 Fuss 6.10.

There was some delay at the post during which Master Wairiki twice broke through the barrier and was penalised by having to start from the outside. However, when eventually the tapes lifted the son of Wairiki rushed to the front and took the lead. Along the back he was closely attended by Sedition, Electrakoff, and Salute close handy. After passing the four furlong post Master Wairiki got a break on the field and was leading by several lengths. After turning for home Electrakoff made a strong run, but only managed to reduce the lead of the winner to about two lengths when the race was won. Salute was third and Sedition fourth. Time, 1min 42 2-5sec. After the race Conquest, who rode the winner, was fined £5 for disobedience at the post, and for cutting in at one of the turns was ordered to stand down for the remainder of the meeting.

#### NEW LYNN HANDICAP of 100sovs. Five furlongs.

- 2—A. Rhodes' br g Te Whararoa, by St. Paul—Secrecy, 8.13 (Coleman) ... 1

After a troublesome time at the post the field was despatched on even terms, and a good race ensued. At the distance Lady Dot had the advantage of a length, but from there out there was a desperate struggle which ended in Lady Dot winning by a short neck from Turbine, while Hohungatahi was the same distance behind Turbine. Time, 1min 3 1-5sec.

### OTAKI MAORI RACING CLUB'S MEETING.

#### FIRST DAY.

(From our Wellington Correspondent)

The Otaki Maori Racing Club was favoured with beautiful weather for the opening day of their spring meeting that took place on Saturday last. The attendance was very satisfactory, the countryside being well represented, whilst a large contingent journeyed from Wellington. The racing throughout was distinctly interesting and some keen contests were fought out. Some substantial dividends were returned by several of the winners, testifying that the club's handicapper (Mr. J. H. Pollock) had used his best endeavours with a view to concealing them. The stewards did not consider that Equitas was ridden with consummate judgment and on their own initiative held an inquiry. After hearing evidence from those immediately concerned, no action was deemed necessary. Amongst those present was Sir James Carroll and a party of M.'s P.

Mr. T. Cameron was fairly successful at the barrier, whilst as usual, Mr.

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