

MARTON JOCKEY CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

A RECORD SUCCESS.

ORATRESS WINS MARTON CUP.

(From Our Wanganui Correspondent.)

The Marton Jockey Club's summer meeting, held on New Year's Day and the 2nd inst., proved a record success. The weather was fine both days, though a slight shower fell just after the last race had been run on the opening day, but it was not enough to mar the enjoyment. The fields were on the whole of good size, and the racing excellent. The Marton Cup was won by Oratress, the Demosthenes filly scoring very comfortably, and her victory was well received, as her owner (mine host of the White Hart Hotel) is very popular in racing circles, and he was very pleased over winning this event. A hot favourite in Bo-Peep went down in the Railway, which went to the Solferino gelding Bindle, on which P. Rayner rode a nice race. The management of the sport throughout was excellent, thanks to the splendid work done by Mr. Arthur Way (secretary) and the officials generally, all of whom rendered valuable assistance. The starting on the first day was not up to Mr. Angus Keith's best standard, but showed improvement on the second day. Mr. J. Cameron, who acted as judge, gave every satisfaction in that position. The attendance on the first day was a record, while on Friday there was another big crowd present. Speculation on both days was very brisk, the amount handled on New Year's Day being £41,118, as against £33,061, while on the second day the sum of £36,343 was put through, making £77,461 for the meeting, as against £33,061 for the one day last year.

Racing opened with the Hack Hurdles, for which six went to the post, Goldstream finishing up a slightly better favourite than Hushabye. The winner turned up in Endure, that gelding being early in front, and out-jumping everything won comfortably. There was a big field in the Dash Handicap, for which Paoanui found most support, Idle Talk and Finkop being also well backed. It was a fine race, Idle Talk just beating Farce, which filly had a bad run in the early part. Idleness, Mida and Paoanui were all close up.

Saima was the popular pick for the Juvenile Handicap, and he won all the way. Oliver got the Finland gelding off the mark smartly, and he was well out when half the distance had been covered. Bestir challenged, but Saima went on to win easily. Demand was badly placed early, but made up a lot of ground in the straight and got up third. Maungaronga was fourth.

The Marton Cup came next, the field being reduced to four. Oratress was made a warm order, Punka being the most fancied of the others. The favourite was in front all the way, and won without the whip from Ladogeur and Rose Queen, Punka being last. The winner has done good service for "Mr. Preston" during the holidays, as she won a couple of good races at Awapuni. F. Tilley has her in great form.

Eleven saddled up for the Ladies' Bracelet, War Star being made a better favourite than Hautawa. The winner turned up in Diamond Nap, an aged gelding by Glenapp, on which Mr. H. C. Judd rode a good race. There were several in it half-way down the straight, but Diamond Nap got the verdict from Hautawa, with Pomeroy and War Star close up. Before the start Warning (a six-year-old gelding by Advance—Seagull) bolted about two miles.

Bo-Peep carried most money in the Railway Handicap, but Ruddy and Coolpan also had many supporters. Bindle began well, and was never headed, the Solferino gelding getting home easily from the favourite in the very first time of 1min. 12 2-5sec.

There were thirteen starters in the New Year Hack, for which Fulica, the four-year-old daughter of Braxted—Bald Coot was made a better favourite than Moutoa Camp. Fulica was soon in the lead, and had no difficulty in winning from Salvaless, Moutoa Camp being third and Namur fourth.

Arrowfield was entrusted with most money for the Stewards' Welter, but Goldshine and Hyttus were also well supported. Hyttus was first into the straight, and, stalling off challenges by Goldshine and Arrowfield, won nicely. Fabrique was fourth. The results were:—

FIRST HACK HURDLES of 200sovs.

- One mile and three-quarters.
 4—W. Duncan's ch g Endure, 6yrs, by Advance—Endeavour, 9.8 (L. Lambess) 1
 2—M. Williams' ch m Hushabye, 2 10.0 (McSweeney) 2
 3—G. Morris' ch g Combustion, 10.3 (A. McDonald) 3
 Also started: 1 Goldstream 9.0 (Tutchen), 5 Turpenite 9.2 (A. Tricklebank), 6 Sartosta 9.0 (Proctor).
 Won by half a length, five lengths between second and third. No time taken.

DASH HACK HANDICAP of 175sovs.

- Six furlongs.
 2—H. Barrett's b m Idle Talk, 5yrs, by Kilbroney—Rumour, 8.2 (McCarten) 1
 6—G. M. Currie's br f Farce, 7.0 (Carmont) 2
 4—J. B. MacEwan's br f Idleness, 7.2 (L. Morris) 3
 Also started: 5 March On 7.8 (Corkill), 3 Hupana 7.6 (B. Morris), 3 Finkop 7.6 (Ryan), 1 Paoanui 7.0 (Baker), 7 Mida 7.0 (Barry), 10 Kawhau 7.0 (Rowlands), 9 Belle o the Camp 7.0 (Sloman), 11 Golden Vi 7.0 (Tricklebank).
 Won by three-parts of a length, a length between second and third. Time, 1min. 14 4-5sec.

JUVENILE HANDICAP of 200sovs.

- Four furlongs.
 1—J. Goring Johnston's ch g Saima, 2yrs, by Finland—Overall, 8.13 (Oliver) 1
 3—J. H. Prosser's b c Bestir, 2yrs, 7.12 (B. Morris) 2
 2—T. A. Duncan's b g Demand, 2yrs, 7.8 (M. McCarten) 3
 Also started: 7 Hollowell 7.8 (Rowlands), 8 Birkie 7.8 (Towler), 10 Red Bob 7.8 (Penman), 6 Lord Desmond 7.8 (G. Carmont), 9 Metronome 7.8 (Barry), 5 Celmisia 7.5 (R. Morris), 4 Maungaronga 7.5 (Raynor).
 Won by a length. Time, 48 2-5sec.

MARTON CUP (Open) of 600sovs.

- One mile and a-quarter.
 1—F. Preston's b m Oratress, 4yrs, by Demosthenes—Equitas, 8.10 (M. McCarten) 1
 4—L. McKenzie's b g Ladogeur, 7.9 (B. Morris) 2
 3—G. M. Currie's br f Rose Queen, 7.6 (Raynor) 3
 Also started: 2 Punka 9.0 (Oliver).
 Won by a length. Time, 2min. 9 2-5sec.

LADIES' BRACELET of 110sovs and gold bracelet value 20sovs. Eight furlongs and a-half.

- 4—Mrs. F. Watson's b g Diamond Nap, aged, by Glenapp—Raumai, 10.12 (H. Judd) 1
 2—Mrs. J. Brice's b g Hautawa, 5yrs, 10.13 (D. Patterson) 2
 3—Mrs. Peter Johnston's ch g Pomeroy, aged, 10.7 (G. McDonell) 3
 Also started: 1 Warstar 1.6 (Mr. Toxward), 3 Whetoki 10.7 (T. Taylor), 10 Some Day 10.7 (J. Curtin), 9 Student 10.7 (M. Homes), 3 Warning 10.7 (E. Watson), 6 Wakaruku 10.7 (J. Morris), 11 Desire 10.7 (E. Campion), 7 Turatau 10.7 (H. Waller).
 Won by three-parts of a length, a similar distance between second and third. Time, 1min. 54 1-5sec.

RAILWAY HANDICAP (Open) of 350 sovs. Six furlongs.

- 7—W. H. Gaisford's b g Bindle, 3 yrs, by Solferino—Happy Valley, 7.8 (Raynor) 1
 2—W. E. Herbert's b m Bo-Peep, 8.2 (L. Morris) 2
 12—H. Simmonds' ch g Gold Problem, 6.9 (G. Carmont) 3
 Also started: 5 Ruddy 7.13 (B. Morris), 6 Kipling 7.11 (McCarten), 9 Coolpan 7.2 (Barry), 13 Gaycium 6.9 (H. Tricklebank).
 Won by two lengths. Time, 1min. 12 2-5sec.

NEW YEAR HACK HANDICAP of 175 sovs. Seven furlongs.

- 1—W. E. Herbert's b m Fulica, 4yrs, by Braxted—Bald Coot, 8.3 (L. Morris) 1
 4—N. Cunningham's b m Salvaless, 8.10 (Ryan) 2
 2—F. S. Easton's br g Moutoa Queen, 8.5 (G. Carmont) 3
 Also started: 3 Raiand 9.5 (A. McDonald), 7 Rajput 8.10 (Tricklebank), 5 Namur 8.7 (Oliver), 8 Coral Queen 8.2 (B. Morris), 6 St. Omer 8.2 (Toms), 11 Regard 8.0 (Barry), 11 Whizz Bang 8.0 (Rowlands), 10 Pomona 8.0 (Proctor), 12 Huarenga 8.0 (Jenkins), 9 Top Dog 8.0 (M. McCarten).
 Won by three lengths. Time, 1min. 28sec.

STEWARDS' WELTER HANDICAP (Open) of 275sovs. Eight furlongs and a-half.

- 3—L. McKenzie's br g Hyttus, 6yrs, by Hymettus—Enna, 8.11 (W. Griffiths) 1
 2—W. Mountain's br g Goldshine, 9.5 (Oliver) 2
 1—W. Duncan's br g Arrowfield, 8.13 (M. McCarten) 3
 Also started: 5 Omaha 9.6 (B. Morris), 4 Fabrique 8.9 (Ryan).
 Won easily by three lengths. Time, 1min. 59sec.

CONCLUDING DAY.

DEMOS WINS SUMMER HANDICAP.

There was another big attendance on the second day, when the weather was hot and the track hard. The fields were fairly large, and the racing of a very enjoyable description. There were only six starters in the opening event, the Second Hack Hurdles, for which Endure was made a slightly better favourite than Hautawa, both carrying over £1000. Turpenite led over the first obstacle, and then Vigilo took command and led down the back and round the bend into the straight, where he toppled over, leaving Goldstream in command, and the son of Gold Crest went on to win nicely. Endure was fourth. The winner paid a good price. Endure was going along well until he struck a hurdle, which appeared to

take the running out of him.

There were seven starters in the Nursery, Birkie being withdrawn. Demand was made favourite, Saima and Guip (coupled) being next in demand. Saima got going very quickly and had a big break at the bend on all but his stablemate (Guip). Demand showed a lot of pace in the run home, but was beaten half a length, though had he not run about a lot in the straight he would perhaps have won. He is a fine-looking gelding, and if he learns to leave the mark quicker will win some good races. Guip is a nice-looking two-year-old filly by Absurd, and is evidently very speedy. It would come as no surprise to find her turning out a really good one. Saima gets going very fast, and his dual win was due to this. It was thought by many that the extra furlong would tell in Demand's favour, but the Highden gelding won in much the same style as he did on the first day, and is undoubtedly better than he was given credit for being.

Waimatao, Omaha, Ruddy and Fabrique declined their engagements in the Summer Handicap, and Demos was backed down to a very short price, Ladogeur being next in demand. Goldshine and Gaycium made the early running, but at the bend the field closed up. Demos and Ladogeur fought out a good finish, the favourite winning handily. Gaycium was close up, third, and Punka last. The latter will do better later on.

There was a good field in the Electric Hack, for which eleven faced the starter. Ruddy was made a better favourite than Farce, Idle Talk, Idleness and Mida also being solidly supported. Hupana and Idleness got out in front early, followed by Finkop, but as they headed for home Ruddy was up with the leaders and looked all over a winner until Farce came with a rattle on the outside and won comfortably from the favourite. Idleness was fourth and Hupana fifth.

All the acceptors saddled up for the Hack Welter, but Warning bolted three times round the course when doing his preliminary, and took no part in the race. Fulica was made a warm favourite, and justified the confidence reposed in her by winning as she liked. She paid a very small price, but Whetoki, which finished second, paid the best price of the meeting.

Ruddy and Bindle were scratched for the Telegraph Handicap, leaving only four starters, Waimatao being sent out a very hot favourite, carrying more than half the money on the machine. Birkenvale was the next best backed, and he carried Waimatao along to the turn for home, where the favourite drew out and went on to finish on his own in the fast time of 1min. 13 3-5sec.

Fulica was withdrawn from the Farewell Handicap, ten going to the post, War Baby carrying over £1000 more than Salvaless, the next in demand. Raiand was quickest to begin, but War Baby took charge going down the back and was never afterwards headed, though Raiand made a big effort down the straight and got up to within half a length. Kapiti was fourth.

Eight faced the starter in the concluding event, the Turakina Welter. There was very solid backing for Hyttus, Ermine and Gold Problem in that order. Hyttus repeated his first day's performance by coming with a fast run at the business end and winning from Ermine and Birkenvale. Gold Problem was fourth.

The most successful riders were A. Oliver and L. G. Morris with three wins each. H. Griffiths, M. McCarten, and P. Rayner rode a couple of winners apiece, while others who had winning mounts were F. Tutchen, A. McDonald, L. Lambess, and Mr. J. E. Judd.

The results were:—

SECOND HACK HURDLES of 175sovs.

- About one mile and a-half.
 4—J. H. Prosser's br h Goldstream, by Gold Crest—The Shannon, 9.3 (Tutchen) 1
 2—J. Brice's b g Hautawa, 10.2 (A. McDonald) 2
 3—G. Morris' ch g Combustion, 10.3 (McSweeney) 3
 Also started: 1 Endure 10.8 (Lambess), 6 Turpenite 9.0 (Tricklebank), 5 Vigilo 9.0 (McBrearty).
 Won by several lengths. Time, 2min. 47 3-5sec.

NURSERY PLATE of 175sovs. For two-year-olds. Five furlongs.

- 2—J. Goring Johnston's ch g Saima, by Finland—Overall, 9.9 (Oliver) 1
 1—T. A. Duncan's b c Demand, 7.10 (M. McCarten) 2
 2—J. Goring Johnston's b f Quip, 7.5 (L. Morris) 3
 Also started: 3 Bestir 8.3 (B. Morris), 5 Hollowell 7.6 (Rowlands), 6 Red Bob 7.6 (Penman), 4 Celmisia 7.2 (Raynor).
 Saima and Quip were bracketed on the totalisator.
 Won by half a length. Time, 1min. 2 1-5sec.

SUMMER HANDICAP (Open) of 400 sovs. One mile and a distance.

- 1—J. Hurlley's br g Demos, 4yrs, by Demosthenes—Jeanne d'Arc, 7.12 (L. Morris) 1
 2—L. McKenzie's b g Ladogeur, 8.0 (B. Morris) 2
 6—Mrs. E. Coffey's b m Gaycium, 8.7 (W. Tricklebank) 3
 Also started: 3 Punka 9.0 (Oliver), 5 Arrowfield 7.6 (M. McCarten), 4 Goldshine (Ryan).
 Won by half a length. Time, 1min. 55sec.

ELECTRIC HACK HANDICAP of 160 sovs. Six furlongs.

- 2—G. M. Currie's br f Farce, 3yrs, by San Fran or Absurd—Cowl, 7.5 (Raynor) 1
 1—J. Bull's b g Ruddy, 9.5 (B. Morris) 2
 6—R. Sheath's b g Finkop, 7.7 (W. Ryan) 3
 Also started: 3 Idle Talk 8.13 (M. McCarten), 7 March On 7.7 (Corkill), 4 Idleness 7.6 (L. Morris), 8 Hupana 7.5 (G. Carmont), 5 Mida 7.0 (Barry), 11 Kawhau 7.0 (Rowlands), 9 Belle o the Camp 7.0 (Baker), 10 Desire 7.0 (Hare).
 Won by a length. Time, 1min. 14 2-5sec.

HUNTERVILLE HACK HANDICAP of 100sovs. Eight furlongs and a-half.

- 1—W. E. Herbert's b m Fulica, 4yrs, by Braxted—Bald Coot, 8.13 (L. Morris) 1
 7—Mrs. R. Richardson's ch g Whetoki, 8.0 (G. Carmont) 2
 4—H. M. Downs' Coral Queen, 8.6 (B. Morris) 3
 Also started: 5 Moulou 9.4 (Oliver), 2 Diamond Nap 8.11 (A. McDonald), 3 Pomeroy 8.5 (Proctor), 8 Whizz Bang 8.0 (Rowlands), 6 Warning 8.0 (M. McCarten).
 Won by two lengths. Time, 1min. 51 1-5sec.

TELEGRAPH HANDICAP (Open) of 275sovs. Six furlongs.

- 1—M. Williams' br g Waimatao, aged, by Bezonian—Punawai, 9.0 (A. McDonald) 1
 2—C. P. Nash's b g Birkenvale, 7.7 (M. McCarten) 2
 4—W. E. Herbert's ch m Philomela, 6.12 (L. Morris) 3
 Also started: 3 Gaycium 6.7 (W. Tricklebank).
 Won very easily. Time, 1min. 13 3-5 sec.

FAREWELL HACK HANDICAP of 150 sovs. Seven furlongs.

- 1—J. Goring Johnston's b f War Baby, 3yrs, by Martian—Bebe, 8.7 (Oliver) 1
 3—Wallace and Spring's b m Raiand, 8.9 (A. McDonald) 2
 2—N. Cunningham's b m Salvaless, 8.5 (Ryan) 3
 Also started: 8 Rajput 8.2 (L. Morris), 4 Namur 7.10 (Raynor), 6 St. Omer 7.4 (Toms), 9 Lady Fire 7.0 (G. Carmont), 7 Achilleus 7.0 (M. McCarten), 5 Kapiti 7.0 (Barry), 10 Pomona 7.0 (Corkill).
 Won by half a length, a head between second and third. Time, 1min. 29sec.

TURAKINA WELTER (Open) of 260 sovs. Seven furlongs.

- 1—L. McKenzie's br g Hyttus, 6yrs, by Hymettus—Enna, 9.6 (A. Griffiths) 1
 2—J. Goring Johnston's br f Ermine, 8.11 (Oliver) 2
 6—P. Nash's b g Birkenvale, 8.13 (A. McDonald) 3
 Also started: 5 Omaha 9.4 (B. Morris), 4 Fabrique 8.9 (Ryan), 3 Gold Problem 8.5 (G. Carmont), 8 Combustion 8.0 (Barry), 7 Warstar 8.0 (L. Morris).
 Won by half a length, a length between second and third. Time, 1min. 29sec.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

The following weights have been declared by Mr. H. Coyie for the first day's open events to be run at the Wellington Racing Club's summer meeting, which takes place on January 20, 22 and 24. Acceptances are due on Wednesday next, January 14, at 9 p.m.:—

WELLINGTON CUP, one mile and a-half.—Karo 9.7, Vagabond 8.11, Snub 8.6, Kilrush 8.6, Surveyor 8.4, Mascot 8.2, Royal Stag 8.0, Battle Song 7.13, Onslaught 7.12, Red Ribbon 7.11, Bonnie Maid 7.11, Kilmoon 7.11, Alteration 7.10, Impediment 7.10, Oratress 7.10, Punka 7.9, Maihoa 7.9, Affection 7.9, Amythas 7.7, Teke 7.5, Rose Wreath 7.4, Taiamai 7.3, Bonnetter 7.0, First Salute 7.0, Eleus 7.0, Marquetteur 7.0, Melee 7.0, Lucid 6.12, Battle Array 6.11, Demos 6.10, Hurry Up 6.9, Brackenfield 6.7, Rose Pink 6.7, Pacific Slope 6.7, The Speaker 6.7, Bagdad 6.7, Paddington Green 6.7, Kipling 6.7, Bonnie Heather 6.7, Scornful 6.7, Nightraider 6.7, Thrace 6.7.

TELEGRAPH HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Silver Link 9.3, Acre 9.1, Surveyor 9.0, Some Boy II 8.10, Spanner 8.10, Arrowsmith 8.9, Chimera 8.8, Hymestra 8.6, Michaela 8.5, Waimatao 8.5, Tigriya 8.5, Onslaught 8.5, Royal Stag 8.4, Inah 8.3, Maihoa 8.0, Lord Kenilworth 7.11, Amythas 7.11, Lingerie 7.9, Bindle 7.8, Bo-Peep 7.8, Torfeda 7.8, Bonnetter 7.7, Bon Spec 7.7, Astinome 7.4, Statuette 7.3, Jutland 7.3, Bonny Briar 7.1, Kipling 6.13, Miss Mimic 6.12, Murihiku 6.10, Motuiki 6.9, Early Dawn 6.9, Ermine 6.9, Birkenvale 6.7, Redshire 6.7, Trespass 6.7, Sweet Memory 6.7, Matatia 6.7, Philomela 6.7, Swanee River 6.7, North Sea 6.7, The Speaker 6.7.

NURSERY HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Winter Wind 9.4, Right and Left 8.13, Weary Willie 8.12, Saima 8.7, Lucullan 8.5, Weldone 8.5, Wake 8.5, Listening Post 8.2, Dunedin 8.0, Caricature 7.12, Canyon 7.11, Handy 7.9, Blackmail 7.9, Little River 7.8, Kildee 7.5, Askari 7.4, Paphian 7.3, Pure Laziness 7.0, Fabrinade 7.0, Truthful 7.0, Sir Walter 7.0, Kaika 7.0, Birkie 6.12, Raceful 6.12, Le Paix 6.9, Pente 6.7, Mountain Chief 6.7, Demand 6.7, Vivation 6.7, Celmisia 6.7, Phio 6.7, Fortune Teller 6.7, Wanigan 6.7, Meeting Moment 6.7, Gate Pah 6.7, Tropical 6.7, Red Bob 6.7, Quip 6.7, Isabel 6.7, Insurrection 6.7.

ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP, one mile.—Eles 9.9, Melee 9.8, Hurry Up 9.7, Battle Array 9.4, Bonnetter 9.2, Bagdad 9.2, Lingerie 9.1, Burrangong 9.0, Brackenfield 8.13, Old Gold 8.10, Paddington Green 8.9, Demagogue 8.7, Nightraider 8.4, Penury Rose 8.0, Red Signal 8.0, Royal Exchange 8.0, Philomela 8.0, Prince Delaware 8.0, Hindi 8.0, Sonnino 8.0.