

# RACING REVIEWED

HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

(From Our Napier Correspondent.)

Ideal climate was granted to the metropolitan body of the district for the opening day of the summer venture on New Year's Day, and naturally patrons rolled up in holiday force. That they had come well prepared with the necessary to support their fancies was clearly demonstrated by the amount machined for the afternoon, for when the totals were added up at the conclusion of hostilities it was seen that the sum invested was £35,968, as against £20,997 last New Year's Day, an increase of £14,881. It was a good time for backers of the prime goods, for out of the eight events the first choices got into the money in seven events, securing three firsts and four seconds.

In the Maiden Hack, Sycorax and Guanaco distanced the others opposed to them from a betting point of view, and that the public very nearly landed the bull's eye was shown by the result of the one-two, Heather Sprig, who was fourth in request getting third berth. Guanaco and Sycorax had the finish to themselves and were always well placed during the trip. The winner was bred by the late Mr. G. P. Donnelly, at Crissoge.

Croesus, who was turned out in great heart, had the biggest following in the Christmas Handicap, Hymarty being only £19 in the rear of the half brother to Desert Gold in the betting. The pair were at one another from the rise of the barrier, and thus killed each other's chances, and when Tari put in his claim neither of them had a kick left to withstand the challenge. Thus the chestnut son of Mystification was able to win with a bit to spare from Dribble, who also polished off Croesus and Hymarty in the last bit. The latter mare evidently does not relish

the pinching process, for she likes it all her own way, and this was far from being the case on Thursday. Tari, since he was sold by R. Gooseman to his present owner, a well-known Hastings man, who races under the nom de plume of "Mr. C. Woolston," has done wonderfully well, and must have proved a payable proposition. He was bred at Porangahau by the late Mr. Keith White, and after his decease was purchased by Mr. Gooseman, who was in partnership with Mr. White in the gelding, and was, as above stated, passed on to his present owner.

The Gisborne-owned and trained Pavilion was sorted out as the correct thing to be on in the Welter Hack by the majority of punters, Arch Salute being a couple of hundred pounds behind in second favourite's position. Again did backers nearly hit the mark, for Arch Salute won, with Pavilion second. There is no getting away from the fact, however, that had the favourite been ridden with more judgment the result would have been different, for Pavilion's pilot, instead of getting a good position on the rails in the early stages of the run, ran about all over the place, going up on the outside of several horses instead of coming the shortest road home. Warrawee ran into third place, but he found the class opposed to him a bit better than he was up against on Boxing Day, when he pulled off a double.

Over £1000 was invested on Love-match in the President's Handicap, which placed Mrs. Perry's representative at the head of the poll in the speculation over that event, Bagdad and Pacific Slope coming next in favour in that order. Again did punters get the right key to the solution, or very near it, for Bagdad just silenced the full sister to Nones, while Pacific Slope was a decent third. The winner, who was bred by the late Hon. J. D. Ormond, was overdue for a win, for he has been very handy to the fore of late. Impediment, the elder full sister to Karo and Pente, was stripped for battle, but though she was out in front in the early stage of the journey she wilted away when the pressure was applied.

Maraetotara was at a short price in the Otatara Jumpers' Flat, being supported to win at a little over even money, Prince Delaware being next

in the market, and Zeus third pick. The favourite took charge after a mile had been compassed, and it was then "good night, nurse," with the other runners, for the chestnut mare won with her head in her chest from Tuticorn, who put in a vigorous run over the last couple of furlongs. Zeus was a fair third. Maraetotara was bred at Okawa by Mr. T. H. Lowry, who raced her dam (Ia) with a fair amount of success.

Handy, a fine, big, handsome gelding by Feramorz out of Dexterity, was picked as the most likely to score in the Two-year-old Handicap, with Verbosity (the half brother by Demosthenes to Import) the next to be enquired for, Pente (the full sister to Karo and Impediment) being third favourite. Verbosity was given every opportunity to score, for he was first out, while the favourite was well back as the field settled into their stride. At the home turn, Handy pulled to the front and that was the end of the argument, for he crossed the mark a good winner on the bit, Verbosity being second, and Polini, a nice, even-shaped filly by Mountain Knight—Chemise, third. Had the latter been able to reverse the position with Handy, her backers would have handled a hatful, while had she have only been able to settle the pretensions of Verbosity her backers would have, even in that case, been able to collect a two-figure dividend.

The money came in good style for Hepta in the Flying Hack, and he was pronounced favourite, for a shade over level money would have been forthcoming if he had triumphed. At the finish, however, he had to strike his flag to the fourth favourite, Makere. Reporoa and Import, the second and third favourites respectively, had no chance with the winner, although the latter managed to get into third place. Hepta tried to win all the way, but over the last hundred yards, when Makere got to him, he failed to respond, his early exertions having apparently taken all of the vim out of him, with the result that he was just walking as he crossed the mark in second berth. The winner was bred by her owner, Mr. Taranaki te Ua, and is a stable pal of Tari, so that Peter Smith had the pleasant duty of leading in his second winning student for the afternoon.

There was great betting in the New Year Handicap, Surveyor having a

pull of nearly £500 over the second choice, Lingerie, Lionskin being third pick, having only £7 less invested on her number than Lingerie. Each of the trio mentioned had considerably over a £1000 a piece invested on their number. That backers had got the affair nicely gauged is shown by the ultimate result, for the trio named, finished in the order in which they were supported. The favourite allowed Lingerie and Lionskin to hold command till the straight was reached when Rangī Thompson asked him for an effort, and he just responded in most generous fashion, winning comfortably. It was certainly a good performance on the part of the victor, for he is a three-year-old, and to carry his 9.9 and then annex in the hollow fashion that he did makes him just some horse—a reputation, by the way, that he did not only establish on the track at Hastings.

SECOND DAY.

DRIBBLE WINS THE SUMMER HANDICAP.

The weather for the concluding day of the meeting was of not such a pleasant grade as was apparent on New Year's Day, for a few showers came along, and after they had disappeared the climate was of the sticky, clammy variety that made the wearing of clothes a wearisome job. However, the crowd was there, and, carrying out the adage that where the multitude is there is the money, the machine came in for a lot of patronage, and when the figures were totalled up after the last race it was seen that last year's investments on the second day of the holiday fixture of the Metropolitan Club had been increased by £14,203, an increase over the 1919 total of £29,034, which means that at the next summer meeting of the club the stakes will have to be substantially increased.

The wheeze was circulated that Zeus would be hard in the Aotea Jumpers' Flat, and with heaps of wide-awake backers falling to the good news, Mr. Welch's gelding was soon installed in the premier position in the betting. Tuticorn and Fisher were next backed respectively for second and third choices. It was a correct summarising as regards the one, two, for Zeus won without much exertion from the Wairarapa-owned gelding, Fisher, with Prince Delaware

## Notable Performers on the New Zealand Turf.—No. 81: PADDINGTON GREEN.



WINNER OF THE TWO PRINCIPAL EVENTS AT THE TARANAKI JOCKEY CLUB'S CHRISTMAS MEETING.—MR. W. G. EMENY'S CH G PADDINGTON GREEN, 6YRS., BY FLAGFALL—POLLY PERKINS, WHO ACCOUNTED FOR THE CHRISTMAS HANDICAP (1½ MILES) AND THE NEW PLYMOUTH HANDICAP (ONE MILE AND 110 YARDS). H. GRAY IN SADDLE. TRAINED BY E. GEORGE.