

## The Clubman.

The time-honoured and chief of all classic races in the world, the English Derby, was decided on Wednesday, and with a field of nineteen facing the starter resulted in a win for Spion Kop, by Spearmint from Hammer Kop, owned by Captain Giles Loders, V.C. Spion Kop was started six times at two years old, and was second five times and third on the other occasion. In his first essay he was favourite. This was in the Hampton Court Stakes at Hurst Park just a year ago, and was beaten a length and a-half by Pelops, evidently a pretty good colt at the time, by Polymelus, as he had two wins, three seconds and three thirds to his credit during the season. In the Mersey Stakes in July, worth £900, a neck and three-quarters of a length was the verdict when he went down before Envoy and Marshal Neil. He was favourite again. He had earlier in the month run second to Orpheus in the Fulbourne Stakes, of £734, with nine others behind him. In the Prince of Wales Nursery in September, run over a mile, he went down before Firework, by Prince Palatine, who had beaten a field of twenty-two just previously. In the Allington Plate, also at Newmarket, he was second to Swynburn, by Swynford. The six furlongs was run in 1min. 12 4-5sec., and there were seven other runners, and three lengths divided him from the third. Spion Kop finished up with a half-length defeat in a Free Handicap worth £600, at Newmarket in October, in which he was conceding the winner, Tebricus, 6lb., and had against him a number of previous winners, including Pelops. His record, though without a win, was a creditable one, and his form looked of the staying order. The fact that Spion Kop put up a fresh time record—2min. 34 4-5sec.—for the race is worth recording.

The Derby course is generally supposed to be a trying one, and colts carry 9.0 as against 8.10 in our Derby events. Lord Derby furnished the second colt in the class Archaic, by Polymelus from Keystone II. Archaic won the Prince of Wales Stakes, worth £1800, last season, but only started three times. His dam, Keystone II., was got by Persimmon, and won the Oaks in 1906, the year that Major Eustace Loder's Spearmint, sire of Spion Kop, won the Derby. These facts are also interesting, and so is the further information that Mr. L. Neumann's best son, Spear-most, also a son of Spearmint, was third. Spearmint is the best son of Carbine left by that horse in England, and he has begotten a lot of good horses. Carbine was Musket's best son in the colonies, and Petronel the best he left in England, and the fact that Carbine was bred in Auckland is the point that comes out uppermost. That a world's champion can be bred in the Dominion is significant, and only goes to show that good material is only wanted for Nature to keep up a good average when the products are well looked after. It is further mentioned in the cable that Harchedon was fourth; that Allenby, who is by Bayardo, broke a blood-vessel, and that Tetratema, the best two-year-old last season, was favourite and was beaten at Tattenham Corner, which is a good span from the finish. Beaten in the Greenham Stakes by Silvern quite a sensational defeat was registered against Tetratema at Newbury races in April, but as he subsequently won the Two Thousand Guineas hopes were apparently again raised that the grey son of The Tetrarch would remove the reproach or a deep-rooted belief that his sire would not leave stayers. Excuses were offered for Tetratema in some quarters when he went under in his first race this season, but now what can be said for him?

The Tetrarch has yet to sire a Derby winner to realise the hopes of Major McCalmont, who has been more than once keenly disappointed, though the family name is written large in connection with English racing. The presence of the King and Queen, accompanied by Princess Mary and fifty specially invited guests, added interest to the occasion, and they had a great reception, as one could imagine with an estimated attendance of 250,000 people present. What a gathering! The greatest Derby in history, we are told. To be there thousands trudged the fifteen miles

from London. Ten thousand got there over night and spent the night in the open on the famous Downs, having hundreds of camp fires. What wonderful sights must have been witnessed, and the catering for such a concourse must have taken some doing. Half a million bottles of beer—what have the prohibitionists to say about this?—10,000lb. of meat, tons of hams and other food supplies were requisitioned, and all to see the Derby, the greatest race on earth with its traditions, won by a grandson of Carbine.

The Oaks, the classic race for fillies, followed the Derby, and was won by Mr. A. P. Cuncliffe's br f Charlebelle, by Charles O'Malley from Bushy Belle. Charlebelle won three races last season worth £1378. She was followed home by Cuina, by Polymelus from Baroness La Fleche, and Cuina had already been returned a winner this season, as she was last, and won the One Thousand Guineas on April 30. Roselet, who was third in the Oaks, was only placed on two occasions last season, and she is an

jockeys who got into trouble for their actions at the Avondale meeting, and it transpired that a large number who had refused to do duty on race specials had been dismissed, and the other men came out with them in consequence of their dismissal, the men, after running their cars back to the barns, thus suspending all tramway traffic—an exasperating procedure from the point of view of those not concerned with the troubles of jockeys, and very inconvenient for those who enjoy a good afternoon's sport and find the train service the best to meet their individual requirements. We are not going into the merits or demerits of the jockeys' dispute. We know that they have greater claims to consideration than they have received from clubs and owners, and we are assured that they will have legitimate grievances rectified and that they will in future receive better pay, but with a meeting pending between their representatives and representatives of horse owners for the purpose of ventilating their grievances and pressing their claims they were bound to ride at the Auck-

## RACING REVIEWED

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

GREAT NORTHERN MEETING.

LOCHELLA WINS GREAT NORTHERN HURDLES.

GLEN CANNY THE CORNWALL.

The proverbial good fortune of the Auckland Racing Club had not deserted that body when the opening day for their Great Northern meeting came round. Thursday was perfect, the sun was shining, and the day was bright. The early start left the club in the position of getting the business of the day through well and out of hand in good time. The attendance was large, though not a record one for the time of year. There was a splendid train service to cope with the anticipated patronage by rail. The trains brought thousands of racegoers to the Remuera stopping places, and it was a very representative race crowd that assembled to witness the sport. Good fields were the order of the day, numerically as well as in the matter of class, the average being up to a standard creditable to the province and other districts represented. The different courses were rendered holding through the frequent rainfalls, which were experienced on almost every day during the month of May. Thursday was certainly the best we had had for some weeks, and Mr. Spence (secretary) and his staff must have been on the best of terms with themselves at the conclusion of the afternoon, as the business from first to last went without a hitch, and of the totalisator management the same can be said.

More money was handled at the machines than on any previous day at a Great Northern meeting, and this can be said to have been greatly due to an additional event, the totalisator having been open on eight, as against seven races formerly. It is certain that the bookmakers did not do the same volume of business as usual, for the chief reason that there was much uncertainty almost to the last as to whether certain horses would reach the scene of action. Only a few failed to put in an appearance, and their absence did not seriously affect the meeting. Waimai's enforced absence in the south was on all sides regretted, but it transpires that even if he had not been detained through the action of the Seamen's Union he would likely not have been a competitor, as he was reported out of sorts last week. The sum handled at the totalisators was £82,204 10s., as against £60,238, representing an increase of £21,966 10s. as compared with the corresponding day of 1919, which, however, was not the King's Birthday. There were a few falls during the day in the jumping race, not so many as usual, perhaps, and this was an experience at the Wanganui gathering, which preceded the A.R.C. fixture. However, some interest was taken out of the Maiden Steeplechase and Great Northern Hurdle Race by the falling of horses whose prospects of success were believed to be good. Lord Nagar (at the second hurdle), and Omahu (at the seventh) in the big hurdle event, and Garryowen, Yankee Jack and Monopole in the Maiden Steeplechase, and General Stephen, Middlemark and Glenspire in the Maiden Hurdle Race, were those that came to grief. Argentum also fell in the Hunters' Hurdles, his rider (E. Copestake) breaking a collarbone, as did also W. Keepa, rider of Garryowen. None of the other riders were seriously injured. The best dividend of the day was paid on the consistent Night Time when that gelding ran second in the first division of the Jervois Handicap, and the next best was on Ngata, winner of the second division of the same race, each paying over £10. Only one actual first favourite won during the afternoon, and that one was Lochella, who was favourite from the time the weights appeared, and continued so after receiving a 5lb. penalty for winning at Wanganui. His weight was a big help to success. He was very fit, and simply outstayed those that stood up, and though it is probable that he could have won at two miles, the distance (two miles and a-half) was in his favour.



AN INCIDENT AT THE HURST PARK RACES IN ENGLAND—TARNAPOL being ridden back to the paddock by P. Allden, who caught him after he had fallen in the Norbiton Steeplechase.

own sister to Roseway, who won the One Thousand Guineas last year and proved a good stake winner, securing £4844. Both are by Stornaway from Rose of Ayrshire, who had another winner in Sonning, by Sunder, last season, a four-year-old colt.

The good luck of the Auckland Racing Club has often been commented upon, and the weather on Thursday last could not have been more inviting or more perfect for the time of year. Under such meteorological conditions it is no wonder there was a big crowd at Eilerslie, a crowd which could only have been a little below the best of some previous year for the corresponding day. From first to last the business of the day and the enjoyment of the racing was in keeping with the spirit of sport. The people were got there by train, tram, motor and horse conveyances, and a few walked short distances. After a most enjoyable outing came the return journey. The getting home will long be remembered by many, for thereby hangs many a tale. The train accommodation was never better, and if people had only known that extra specials had been provided more would have availed themselves of the iron horse. All too late some hundreds of the racegoers while wending their way to the tram stopping places as usual, learned that the service had been held up by a strike of the men. It was at once put down to the sympathy of the men with the

land Racing Club's winter meeting in the interval, or run the risk of being punished for breaking riding engagements thereat, as some of their number were at Avondale. That their sympathisers, the tramway hands, should have acted on the advice of the Transport Advisory Board and refused to work the race specials to a meeting declared "black" by certain sections of labour was an extreme step, to say the least of it, under the circumstances.

At a meeting of the Board of the New Zealand Trotting Association at Christchurch the other day, the chairman (Mr. H. F. Nicoll) reported that an appeal had been lodged by B. Shadbolt, owner of Roc Bell, against the decision of the Manawatu Trotting Club, in dismissing his protest against A. Freeth's Ballin for galloping in the Palmerston North Handicap at the club's recent meeting. The case had been reheard by the stewards, who had adhered to their previous decision. An appeal had then been lodged. The Appeal Committee of the Association had considered the case, and decided that it was a question of fact, in which no appeal could lie. The board upheld this ruling, and it was decided that the appeal deposit should be refunded in the circumstances.

Mr. A. J. Toxward evidently has hopes of getting another race out of Star Lady, as he has nominated her for the Caulfield Cup.