

Blue Cross 9.4 (R. Manson), 8 Waituta 9.0 (Deeley), 10 Te Oro 9.0 (Olsen), 7 Archie 9.0 (Clarke), 12 Penoma 9.0 (L. Manson), 6 Demoiselle 9.0 (Warner).

Won by a head, a length between second and third. Demoiselle was fourth, and Archie next. Time, 1min. 47sec.

WINTER STEEPLECHASE of 1000 sovs; second 200sovs, third 100sovs. About three miles.

1—H. E. W. Allison's b g Slow-coach, 5yrs, by Wauken Phast—Aquila, 10.3 (Fielding) 1
2—J. Bull's blk g Omaha, 5yrs, 10.12 (McDonald) 2
6—C. Shaw's b g First Call, aged, 9.7 (Rowe) 3
Also started: 3 Old Mungindi 12.0 (Preston), 5 Tenacious 10.0 (Packer), 4 Peneton 9.7 (Warner).

Won by a length, ten lengths between second and third. Old Mungindi was fourth. Time, 6min. 25sec.

CAMPBELL HURDLE RACE of 500 sovs; second 100sovs, third 50sovs. Two miles.

1—W. R. Kemball's br m Mill o' Gowrie, aged, by Glengowrie—Millie, 10.9 (Rennie) 1
5—G. Green's br g Thrace, aged, 11.7 (Henderson) 2
2—E. T. Batt's br g Ore Ore, 5yrs, 9.6 (Cameron) 3
Also started: 6 Cynic 10.8 (McFinn), 4 Gluetanus 9.12 (Warner), 3 Pendoon 9.10 (Packer).

Gluetanus fell at the hurdle in the straight the first time. Won by three lengths and a-half, a length and a-half between second and third. Cynic was fourth. Time, 4min. 1sec.

VISITORS' HANDICAP of 400sovs; second 70sovs, third 30sovs. Five furlongs.

2—J. Hetet's br g Tama-a-roa, 6yrs, by Penury—Electrum, 9.7 (C. Reed) 1
13—W. Kemp's b g Emerald Hill, 3yrs, 9.0 (Buchanan) 2
5—G. D. Beatson's b f Asterina, 3yrs, 9.4 (Oliver) 3

Also started: 1 King Abbey 11.5 (H. Robinson), 3 Golden Bubble 10.10 (H. Gray), 9 Bedford 10.6 (R. Manson), 7 Crowhurst 10.6 (Morris), 4 Ring Lupin 9.2 (Mullins), 6 Prince Charleroi 9.0 (Tinker), 17 Independence 9.0 (Conquest), 14 Finkop 9.0 (Rogers), 10 Clonmel 9.0 (Deeley), 19 Jocular 9.0 (G. Clarke), 15 Salvaes 9.0 (Wood), 11 Princess Charming 9.0 (McFinn), 8 Dead Sweet 9.0 (Sinclair), 18 Midget 9.0 (Olsen), 16 Oak Abbey 9.0 (A. McDonald), 12 Ohinewairua 9.0 (Henderson).

Won by half a length, a neck between second and third. Crowhurst was fourth, and Ring Lupin next. Time, 1min. 5sec.

FITZROY WELTER of 275sovs; second 50sovs, third 25sovs. One mile.

1—R. Hannon's ch g Royal Abbey, 4yrs, by Quin Abbey—Uranium, 12.3 (Robinson) 1
16—A. McArthur's b m Nunerrant, 5yrs, 9.0 (Mullins) 2
2—Mrs. J. Anderson's ch g Tuipa, 5yrs, 10.0 (Deeley) 3

Also started: 4 Sir Fanciful 11.1 (Oliver), 3 Kareao 10.6 (McDonald), 6 Khublai Khan 10.5 (Henderson), 8 Scottish Knight 9.12 (McFinn), 12 Monocrat 9.8 (C. Reed), 10 No Bother 9.8 (McTavish), 5 New Zealand 9.7 (Gray), 7 Flowing Bowl 9.7 (Olsen), 9 Some Fashion 9.6 (Conquest), 13 King Albyn 9.5 (Rennie), 11 North Loburn 9.3 (R. Manson), 19 Texas Lass 9.3 (Rowe), 15 Senlac 9.0 (Buchanan), 17 Merrie Prince 9.0 (Clarke), 18 Lynoe 9.0 (Wade), 14 Actrice 9.0 (Roach).

Won by two lengths, a length between second and third. North Loburn was fourth, and Some Fashion next. Time, 1min. 47 3-5sec.

GISBORNE RACING CLUB.

STEEPLECHASE MEETING.

DEAD-HEAT IN WINTER OATS.

The Gisborne Racing Club opened their steeplechase meeting on the Park Racecourse, Te Hapara, on Thursday in fine weather, the attendance being a large one. Despite the fact of the fields being reduced in size in consequence of the inability of the visiting contingent of horses to patronise the fixture through failure to secure passages by steamer some excellent racing was provided, the track being in good order. Naturally a decrease in the totalisator investments was to be expected, the sum handled during the afternoon amounting to £11,873 as against £16,997 last year, which is £5124 less than for the corresponding day in 1919. The secretary (Mr. H. E. Dodd) had all arrangements in smooth working order, nothing being neglected in providing the maximum of comfort and enjoyment to patrons.

A start was made at 11.20 with the running of the Park Hurdles Handicap, in which a quintette paced the starter, Mr. R. H. Skipwith. Hoki Fox led to the first hurdle, when Crosswords took charge, and passing the stand the latter showed the way to Cymer. Hoki Fox, Rotata, and Wairiri. At the hurdle near the seven furlongs post Cymer was on terms with Crosswords, while Wairiri and Rotata both refused at the obstacle in question. Cymer and Crosswords continued to dispute supremacy until the final hurdle, but once over Cymer outpaced his rival, and won comfortably by a couple of lengths, Hoki Fox being a dozen lengths away third.

The good field of 13 lined up at the barrier for the Maiden Hack Race, and from an even despatch Waikohu and Over There were quickest to find their feet, the latter leading into the straight from Anata, with Waikohu at the head of the others. A splendid finish saw Over There prevail by half a length from Anata, with Waikohu a similar distance away third. Queens Up was fourth. The winner is a three-year-old gelding by Gazeley—Faulen, and therefore a full brother to Gazique, and is owned by Mr. C. J. Bennett. Over There, who was solidly supported, was ridden a confident race by R. Reed.

The Flying Handicap attracted five starters, Lionskin, Actifid, Orawia, Shaki, and Lord Ainslie. Actifid was smartest out of the barrier, and made the running from Orawia, this pair fighting out a great finish, in which

the latter prevailed by a head, Shaki being close up third, and Lionskin fourth. The latter's showing was made the subject of an inquiry, and after consideration, his rider (C. Poulgrain) was disqualified for two years.

Brunswick and Fagot were the only starters in the Gisborne Steeplechase Handicap, and the former shot to the front from the start, and never allowed his opponent to get on terms with him, winning easily at the finish.

Nine started in the Hack Flat Handicap, Prince Randall and Persian King being the early pilots, but at the approach to the straight entrance Tiedi took command, but Glengyle was up with the latter at the turn for home. The pair engaged in a desperate finish, Glengyle gaining the judge's verdict by a head. Prince Randall was half a length away third, and Persian King fourth.

Juan, Gay Boy, and Con were the only starters in the Tramway Hack Steeplechase, in which the first-named registered an easy victory by half a dozen lengths from Gay Boy, Con being 100 yards away at the finish.

There were five starters in the concluding event, the Winter Oats (one mile and a-quarter), which was productive of a stirring finish. The veteran Patetonga made the pace a cracker over the first half of the journey, with Orateur, Dribble, Cleft, and Acquittal following in the order named. Orateur was in front rounding the bend, with Cleft most handy of the others. An exciting set-to between Orateur and Cleft saw the pair flash past the post together, the judge (Mr. W. G. Sherratt) declaring a dead-heat. Dribble was a couple of lengths away third.

The results were:—

PARK HURDLES HANDICAP of 250 sovs. Two miles.

W. Olive's br g Cymer, 6yrs, by Elysian—Cyirma, 9.12 (Tricklebank) 1
A. Anderson's blk m Crosswords, 5yrs, 9.9½, inc. 2¼lb. over (Close) 2
J. Oates' b g Hoki Fox, aged, 9.0 (Poulgrain) 3
Also started: Rotata 9.13, inc. 13lb. over (Horne), Wairiri 9.0 (Owens).

Won by two lengths, 12 lengths between second and third. Time, 3min. 51¼sec.

MAIDEN HACK RACE of 150sovs. Weight 9.0. Four furlongs.

C. J. Bennett's ch g Over There, 3yrs, by Gazeley—Pauleen (R. Reed) 1
E. Malone's br g Anata, 5yrs, (Tricklebank) 2
W. MacDonald's b g Waikohu, 5yrs (Jennings) 3

Also started: Diabolic (Croskery), Demlone (Owens), Golconda (Harwood), Queens Up (Howard), Arbroath (Sinclair), Whanoko (Poulgrain), Mannikin (McCarten), Mix Up (Griffiths), Flywheel (Close), Hautonga (Tautau).

Won by half a length, a similar distance between second and third. Time, 50sec.

FLYING HANDICAP of 200sovs. Six furlongs.

C. Melton's b g Orawia, 6yrs, by Gazeley—Monaco mare, 9.6, inc. 1lb. over (McCarten) 1
E. Pardoe's b m Actifid, 5yrs, 10.2 (Griffiths) 2
G. Murray's b g Shaki, aged, 9.0 (Jennings) 3

Also started: Lionskin 10.13 (Poulgrain), Lord Ainslie 9.0 (Owens).

Won by a head after a sterling finish. Time, 1min. 17sec.

GISBORNE STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 400sovs. About three miles.

A. Rigney's b g Brunswick, aged, by Maniapoto—Linstock mare, 9.13 (Poulgrain) 1
F. T. Hall's b g Fagot, aged, 9.7 (Fitzgerald) 2

The only starters. Won by 12 lengths. Time, 6min. 38sec.

HACK FLAT HANDICAP of 200sovs. Seven furlongs.

M. G. Nasmith's br m Glengyle, 5yrs, by Multifid—Gladsmuir, 9.13 (Jennings) 1
H. D. de Lautour's g g Tiedi, 5yrs, 9.10 (Sinclair) 2
C. Norgrove's b g Prince Randall, 3yrs, 10.3 (McCarten) 3

Also started: Persian King 10.5 (Fitzgerald), Orateur 9.10 (Tricklebank), Thebes 9.7 (Reed), Crevasse 9.2 (Griffiths), Mumix 9.0 (Gordon), Pohehe 9.0 (Croskery).

Won by a head, half a length between second and third. Time, 1min. 31sec.

TRAMWAY HACK STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 200sovs. Two miles.

L. Galbraith's b g Juan, aged, by Strowan—Bulldog mare, 9.7 (C. Horne) 1
J. Pool's b g Gay Boy, aged, 9.9 (Fitzgerald) 2
P. Matu's ch g Con, aged, 11.0 (Tricklebank) 3

The only starters. Won by six lengths, 100 yards between second and third. Time, 4min. 12sec.

WINTER OATS HANDICAP of 250 sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

W. Howard's b g Cleft, aged, by Multifid—Cricium, 10.8 (Howard) 1
Mrs. J. R. Murphy's blk g Orateur, 4yrs, by Demosthenes—Tiret, 9.0 (McCarten) 2
F. S. Rutherford's ch m Dribble, 6yrs, 10.12 (R. Reed) 3

Also started: Acquittal 9.10½, inc. ¼lb. over (Tricklebank), Patetonga 9.6 (Jennings).

A fine finish resulted in a dead heat. The third horse was a couple of lengths away. Time, 2min. 15sec.

CONCLUDING DAY.

PATETONGA WINS WAIKANAE HANDICAP.

The meeting was concluded on Saturday in showery weather, the attendance suffering in consequence. Heavy rain having fallen during the night, the track was rendered soft, and the times were slow, while several falls occurred, the most serious of which was the mishap to Acquittal in the Waikanae Handicap, the three-year-old son of Treadmill—Fairhaven breaking his fetlock, necessitating his destruction. The fields in most cases were small,

only two coming out for the Te Hapara Steeplechase, though the Hack Steeplechase attracted five starters. The totalisator staff handled £14,002, as against £19,352 last year, making a total for the meeting of £25,875, as compared with £36,349 for the 1919 winter gathering, a decrease of £10,474. Details of the racing are as follows:—

GISBORNE HURDLES of 200sovs. One mile and three-quarters.

W. Olive's br g Cymer, 6yrs, by Elysian—Cyirma, 11.8 (Tricklebank) 1
A. Anderson's Crosswords, 10.8 2
J. Oates' b g Hoki Fox, 9.0 3

Also started: Lord Ainslie 10.8.

Won by a head, three lengths between second and third. Time, 3min. 24sec.

MAIDEN HACK HANDICAP of 150 sovs. Five furlongs.

E. Malone's br g Anata, 5yrs, by Multifid—Crackshot mare, 10.1 (Manson) 1
A. R. G. Henderson's Whanoko, 9.0 2
W. MacDonald's b g Waikohu, 9.5 3

Also started: Mannikin 9.2, Demlone 9.0, Queens Up 9.0, Jovial 9.0, Flywheel 9.0.

Won by a neck, two lengths between second and third. Time, 1min. 6sec.

WAIKANAE HANDICAP of 200sovs. One mile.

G. Murray's b g Patetonga, aged, by Marble Arch—Chiara, 9.3 (Jennings) 1
C. J. Bennett's b g Gazique, 12.6 2
W. Schollum's b g Persian King, 9.0 3

Also started: Cleft 11.0, Orateur 9.8, Acquittal 9.6.

Won by a head after a splendid finish, two lengths between second and third. Acquittal fell and broke a fetlock, having to be destroyed, his rider (Lowe) escaping unhurt. Time, 1min. 48sec.

TE HAPARA STEEPLECHASE of 250 sovs. Two miles.

F. T. Hall's b g Fagot, aged, by San Remo—Martyefeldt, 9.7 (Fitzgerald) 1
Brunswick 11.7 (Tricklebank) was the only other starter. Brunswick fell, and his rider suffered an injured collarbone. Mr. Allan Stevens, clerk of the course, rode to the hurdle, mounted Brunswick, and set out for second money. When half the distance was over Rigney mounted Brunswick, and finished the race. At a meeting, the stewards decided that no second money could be given as the horse was mounted a third time, without the second rider being thrown. The stewards, however, commented on the sporting action of Rigney in mounting Brunswick to finish the race. No time was taken.

SECOND HACK FLAT HANDICAP of 200sovs. Six furlongs.

H. D. de Lautour's g g Tiedi, 5yrs, by Marble Arch—Tauhel, 10.2 (Sinclair) 1
A. R. G. Henderson's Whanoko, 9.0 2
N. G. Nasmith's br g Glengyle, 10.10 3

Also started: Orawia 11.0, Over There 10.0, Anata 9.13, Thebes 9.5, Mannikin 9.0, Mumix 9.0, Pohehe 9.0.

Won by two lengths, a length between second and third. Time, 1min. 19sec.

TURANGANUI STEEPLECHASE of 200sovs. Two miles.

J. Pool's b g Gay Boy, aged, by Gazeley—San Remo mare, 10.0 (Fitzgerald) 1
L. Galbraith's b g Juan, 10.10 2
F. T. Hall's b g Fagot, 9.7 3

Also started: Brunswick 11.12, Chainman 9.7.

Won by two lengths. Time, 4min. 21sec.

FAREWELL HANDICAP of 200sovs. Six furlongs.

E. Pardoe's b m Actifid, 5yrs, by Multifid—Pyridine, 10.7 (Griffiths) 1
W. Schollum's b g Persian King, 9.13 2
C. Melton's b g Orawia, 9.12 3

Also started: Lionskin 10.13, Dribble 10.13, Prince Randall 9.7, Shaki 9.0.

Won by half a length. Time, 1min. 19sec.

ASHBURTON TROTTING CLUB.

WINTER MEETING.

SILVER NUT WINS PRINCIPAL EVENT.

CHILDE POINTER WINS N.Z. SAPLING STAKES.

(From Our Christchurch Correspondent)

The weather was ideal for the Ashburton Trotting Club's meeting, and there was a record attendance for a winter meeting. Though decidedly holding, the track was in fair order, and big fields were seen out in every event.

Several of the starters in the Trial Handicap refused to strike a gait from the start, and Petrix was soon out in front. When half the journey had been covered, Petrix was going comfortably in front from a well-bunched division, which included Belle Logan, Edie Mac, Dusky Locanda, Cammie, and Elsa Nore. Till the distance post was reached, Petrix looked a winner, but when asked for a final effort she failed to respond. By a brilliant effort on the outside of the field Dusky Locanda got up in time to defeat Cammie by a good length, with Edie Mac and Elsa Nore handy. The winner is a four-year-old filly by Brent Locanda from that speedy mare Dusky Morn, trained by W. Warren. She has a fine turn of speed, and promises to do well with racing experience. Petrix went a good pace for most of the journey, but so far is deficient in stamina, as are the Oakhampton pair, Herd Laddie and Roscray.

The Oamaru representative, Effie Bingen, was backed with the utmost confidence for the Longbeach Handicap, but she gave her supporters a poor run for their money. Breaking soon after the start, she never got near the leaders, and her display was a disappointing one. Peter the First was in charge all through the first mile, with Moving Picture, Wonder Why, and Lady Esma most prominent of the others. The leader held his position till

the distance post was reached, where Moving Picture joined him. In a good finish, the Dunedin representative out-stayed Peter the First, and won by nearly a length. Both horses went nicely all through, and showed more than average promise. Wonder Why, who finished well back in third place, went fast in patches, but it still unreliable. None of the back markers could make the least impression on the limit horses.

Betting took a wide range in the Ashburton County Handicap, there being plenty of money for Master Hal, All Bell, Gleaming, and Agathos. Rorke's Drift began smarter than the other limit horses, but before half the distance had been covered he faded out in favour of Hoymetta, Silver Nut, and Master Hal. Half a mile from home Silver Nut had Hoymetta's measure, with Sympathy and Gleaming handy. Silver Nut was first into line for home, just heading Sympathy, Gleaming, and Hoymetta. From the distance Gleaming put up a fine effort, but though he got away from his immediate attendants he was still a length behind Silver Nut as the post was reached. The winner, who was driven a well-judged race by E. McDermott, stayed on much better than in any of his previous efforts, and is acquiring stamina with age. He was one of the least fancied candidates of the field. Gleaming put up another solid race, while of the back makers, Vice-Admiral showed to most advantage. After losing his position in the early stage, G. M. Dillon was putting in good work at the finish.

A splendid collection of ten two-year-olds lined up for the New Zealand Sapling Stakes, all of whom got through satisfactory preliminaries. Though showing signs of lameness, Nelson Derby was elected favourite, with Copa de Ora Junr., who was not looking at his best, next in demand. After Childe Pointer, Ben Ohan and Phil Smith had made the early running, Nelson Derby raced to the front half a mile from home. So nicely was he striding along in front at the home turn as to make his success seem assured. When challenged by Childe Pointer and Taraira at the distance, Nelson Derby stopped very quickly, and could only struggle on into third place. An interesting set-to between Childe Pointer and Taraira ended in favour of the former by a length. The winner is owned by Mr. H. F. Nicoll, president of the club, and was accorded a great reception. She is a neatly-turned filly by Logan Pointer from Pearchild, and for a first effort gave much promise. Taraira broke up badly in the early stages, and did remarkably well to defeat all but the winner. He is by Four Chimes from Muricata, and in appearance favours his dam. He is likely to develop into a really high-class three-year-old. Neither Nelson Derby nor Copa de Ora Junr. raced up to expectations, both being at a disadvantage through having been stopped in their work. Phil Smith showed a nice turn of speed in the early stages, as did Ben Chan, but as yet both are deficient in stamina.

Wastewood established such a useful lead in the early stages of the Acton Handicap as to make his chance of success look bright. At the end of a mile he tired, and Imperial Junior, the favourite, took charge. From this out he had matters much his own way, though he had to be shaken up over the last bit to head off Madeline. The latter did not get too good a passage all through, otherwise she may have been very dangerous. Wastewood, First Carbine and Goldstream all showed plenty of speed for a mile, while of the back makers, Guynemer did best.

Effie Bingen and Sally Dillon started very smartly in the Stewards' Handicap, and with half the distance gone they were right out by themselves. What looked like providing a very interesting contest between the pair was spoiled by Effie Bingen going to a bad break a furlong from home. This made matter easy for Sally Dillon, who trotted a faultless race all through. Effie Bingen showed to much more advantage than in her earlier attempt, and is one of the most promising young trotters seen out this season. Wahinepai went a good race, but Ballin, who carried a lot of money, was never prominent.

Nancy Stair was made a strong favourite for the Winter Handicap, but though well placed all through, she faded out at the business end. After Kewpie had taken up the early running, she faded out at the end of six furlongs. Then Frank Tracey drew away, and scored a popular win by three lengths from Legacy, who stayed on better than Nancy Stair. Stockade did not commence well, but was putting in such good work at the finish as to suggest that with a nice run from the start he would have been very dangerous.

Our Ellerslie representative informs us that the racehorses Kerehore, Dead Sweet, Deviation, Oakleigh, Princess Charming, Peneton, Comedy Prince, Melchikoff, Glucian and Nunerrant are amongst those expected to represent Ellerslie stables at the Hawke's Bay meeting.

A sale of thoroughbreds and trotting stock is to be conducted at Methven on Friday, June 25, by the N.Z. Farmers' Co-operative Association of Canterbury, Ltd., when Mr. T. Twomey's horses will be offered for absolute sale. Particulars of the thoroughbreds and trotting stock which will come under the hammer are given in another column. The clearing sale will start at 11 o'clock and the sale of horses at 1 o'clock. Mr. Twomey is known as a successful owner and breeder, and the sale is certain to attract a large number of racing and trotting enthusiasts.

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