

## WANGANUI.

**F. Tilley's Success at New Zealand Cup Meeting—Bright Prospects for Feilding Jockey Club's Fixture—Extensive Improvements Made to Feilding Course.**

WANGANUI, Monday.

F. Tilley had a good innings at the Canterbury Jockey Club's meeting, as horses trained by him won over £3000. Oratress gathered in £1500 for Mr. S. J. Gibbons, and Isabel and Rude between them secured £1550. Mr. Tom Duncan, who owns Isabel, was particularly pleased with the filly's win in the Oaks, and he was heartily congratulated on his success in a classic race of such importance, which many owners who have been racing as many years as Mr. Duncan has months have never managed to carry off.

The Feilding meeting will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, and is being looked forward to with pleasurable anticipation by large numbers of racing enthusiasts. The acceptances received for most of the first day's events are large, but it is surprising that only five have been paid up for in the St. Andrew's Handicap, as the fine stake of £700 is hung up for the event. It must be very disappointing to the receive such a poor response from owners, but the fact that the five left in are the top weights tends to prove that it is not a question of dissatisfaction with the weights. However, though the field will be small, the race may probably prove a good one, and the winner not easy to sort out.

The top-weight, Client (9.2), has not yet raced this season, but he has been in steady work for some time. It is doubtful whether he will be seen at his best until he has had a race or two, but he is said to be doing good work, and would not need to be right back to form to beat the others engaged. Tenterfield (8.13) does not read badly, and may be handy if in the humour for galloping on the day. If H. Gray rides Marquetteur, the latter will be sure of solid backing.

Manihera is nicely placed in the Waituna Hurdles, in which Tempo may give a good account of himself, as his track work has been satisfactory.

Warrawee (9.1) has a big load in the Kowhai Hack, but his Trentham performance in running Isabel to a nose makes him out to be above the ordinary. If he is well placed when the straight is reached the Wolawa gelding will take a power of beating. Amber Tips (8.0) is galloping well, and so is All Cerise (7.11), but if Automona (7.13) is as good as supposed she should be well up at the finish.

Acre has not been seen in action so far this season, but will be a starter in the Flying at Feilding. He has been responsible for a lot of good work at Fordell, but he is one of those which take racing into condition, and it is, therefore, doubtful whether he will be able to show all his brilliancy in the race under notice, otherwise his prospects would look very bright. Of the others, Chimera and Jutland are likely to command solid support, and Nursing Sister should also be well backed.

If Admyra was quite sound she would stand out in the Fitzroy Hack, but a "dicky" leg has prevented her being given all the work she ought to have had. Voluble and Hymarty are a pair likely to run well.

It Jutland is kept for the Kiwitea Welter he must run a big race. Of the rest, Vasilkov and Simon read nicely.

Gloaming is expected to run in the Feilding Stakes, and if so the other starters will be after the second and third place money. Listowel will only need to do his best to be very handy.

The comprehensive scheme of re-modelling the grounds at the Feilding racecourse is well under way, and visitors to this popular course next week will be impressed with the striking nature of the improvements. Entering the front gateways one will be charmed with the spacious drives and gardens laid out in approved modern style. The plots bear a neat appearance, and the gardens will form one of the beauty spots of the district when the flowers are out in bloom.

The new electric tote will be in readiness for the meeting, though not quite completed in all its details. The machine will afford much greater facilities for investors than the old one, and the result should be seen in a greatly increased turnover. Everything points to the meeting being a record success.

W. Rayner had a team of eight out on the course this morning, including Listowel, Rose Queen and Thesplan. The two former are looking in first-class order.

T. Long sent All Cerise along at a fast pace over seven furlongs, and the way the All Black filly moved suggested that she will be very hard to beat in her engagements at Feilding.

## CANTERBURY.

**Number of Horses Amiss Following N.Z. Cup Meeting—Amythas Turned Out For Lengthy Spell—Royal Star Also on Easy List—Glendower May Not Race Again—Arrowsmith and Gloaming Expected to Race at Eilerslie—Intending Starters at South Canterbury Meeting—Euripos Taken in Hand Again—R. O'Donnell to Leave for Waikato Shortly—Author Dillon Expected to Attempt Record at Auckland Trotting Club's Meeting.**

CHRISTCHURCH, Monday.

On the conclusion of the C.J.C. meeting most of the trainers gave their charges a few days' spell, but now work is in full swing again.

The meetings at Timaru and Methven are claiming attention, and local stables will be well represented at both.

There were more than usual cases of horses going amiss at the Cup meeting, and in most cases the injuries were rather severe.

Amythas has been blistered and turned out for a lengthy spell. There is still a chance that he may race in the Dominion next autumn, but his proposed trip to Australia has been abandoned. With Poitrel off the scene it would have been interesting to see how Amythas would have shaped with the pick of the Commonwealth horses at weight-for-age conditions. They would certainly have tried him out, but I doubt if there is anything in the Dominion that could have done so over lengthy courses had he kept sound.

The injuries received by Royal Star in the New Zealand Cup through being galloped on were more severe than at first supposed. He has been turned out for a lengthy spell and cannot race again till next autumn.

Glendower has gone amiss, and I understand that no further attempt will be made to train him.

At present Kilrush is being ridden and next week will be galloped to see if he is likely to stand a preparation. On Wellington form it was only a question of his remaining sound to have been upsides with Oratress in the New Zealand Cup.

Winter Wind came through his racing all right, but is at present on the easy list. According to present intentions he will be taken in hand again in time to race at the Auckland R.C.'s summer fixture.

Arrowsmith and Gloaming are in the best of health, and both will be taken north for the Eilerslie meeting. A trial between the pair over a mile and a-quarter would be well worth seeing, but at less than that Gloaming's speed would carry him through.

It is quite on the cards that Gloaming will go north for the Feilding meeting. He may be the only representative from Riccarton, as Winning Hit and Fabrinade are doubtful contestants.

Nightraider is under orders for the South Canterbury meeting, and he looks all the better for his recent efforts. With a strong horseman on his back the Chokebore representative has only to be in a galloping humour to be very troublesome in the Teschemaker Handicap.

Trainer R. Longley will be represented at the Timaru meeting by Deep Well, Koesian, Gossard, Chae-ronia, and High Heels. As they are all in nice order there seems every chance of Longley picking up a race or two.

J. B. Pearson intends taking On-slaught and Warlike to Timaru, and both are sure to race well.

Malaga, War Cry and The Reaver will form F. D. Jones' team for Timaru, while W. McDonald's pair may be Some Kid and Castellan.

Euripos has been taken in hand again by F. D. Jones, and the same mentor is schooling Mandrake with the idea of racing him in the hurdle events at Methven.

W. McDonald has recently taken Balefire, the four-year-old brother to Fiery Cross, in hand, but he does not seem to be of much account.

The old-established training establishment at Yaldhurst, where R. J. Mason prepared so many good ones for the late Mr. G. G. Stead, changed hands recently. Its new owner is B. Jarden, who will use it as a training ground for trotters.

R. O'Donnell expects to get away for Waikato soon with Mr. G. L. Stead's racehorses and brood mares. When he has anything good enough Mr. Stead hopes to pay visits to Riccarton.

Author Dillon's trainer is out with a challenge to race any horse in the world for £1000 aside over one or two miles at Addington. There has been some talk of Man o' War's owner taking up the challenge, but so far nothing has been fixed up.

According to present intentions Author Dillon will be taken to the Auckland Trotting Club's summer meeting with the object of lifting the two purses held up for record-making performances. Should this eventuate it will be his last public appearance, as next season he goes to the stud.

## LATER.

**South Canterbury Jockey Club's Meeting—Notes on Intending Runners—Gloaming Leaves For Feilding—Kilrush Likely to Fulfill Auckland Cup Engagements.**

(Telegraph—Christchurch Correspondent)

Malaga has improved so much as a result of his racing at the Cup meeting that he is likely to go out favourite for the big event at Timaru on Thursday. Nightraider is in the same race, and it is only a question of his galloping to set the opposition a hard task. Unfortunately, he seldom reproduces in public what he can accomplish in private.

There are only five acceptors in the Otafo Hurdle Handicap at Timaru, and Warform looks to be the pick of the lot.

Bonny Mac has been accepted for in three events on the first day of the Timaru meeting, and he can hardly fail to pick up a race.

After working on Saturday morning, Koesian and Steepholm were both sore. The former is engaged at the South Canterbury meeting, but he can be regarded as a very doubtful starter.

Mandrake gave a greatly improved showing in his schooling effort on Saturday. He will be raced at Methven, which should do him a lot of good.

F. D. Jones intends taking a good-sized team south for the Christmas meetings at Dunedin and Invercargill.

Gloaming was sent north on Saturday to fulfil his Feilding engagements. Though set to carry maximum imposts he can hardly fail to pick up a stake there.

Kilrush is now in steady work, and his trainer has every hope of getting him ready to contest the Auckland Cup.

The well-known hurdle rider, Wattle Bush, has taken an engagement with G. Jones, who trains for Mr. W. G. Stead. He should do well with Jones, where he will have extended scope for his already well-known activity.

Several Riccarton horses are at present suffering from strangles. Two that have it in rather a bad form are Bluff and Limelight.

Although he does not figure in the Auckland Cup it is intended to bring Bonnie Heather north to compete in the welter races at Eilerslie during the A.R.C.'s summer meeting.

## HAWKE'S BAY.

**Full Brother to Bobrikoff Foaled at Okawa—Mosthenes Being Treated to Spell—Powder King Rejoins Active Brigade—Pente's Promising Track Work—Local Horses Likely to Make the Trip to Feilding.**

NAPIER, Monday.

A full brother to Bobrikoff made his appearance the other day at Mr. T. H. Lowry's breeding establishment, Gossip having produced a colt foal to Finland. The new arrival is also a full brother to En Parole (dam of Right and Left), Pourparler and Scandalmonger.

Mosthenes (Demosthenes—Dry Wood) has been given a let-up from the strenuous life, and it will be some time ere he will be seen again on the training circles.

First Salute, who got away with the verdict in the Alison Cup at Takapuna on Saturday, registered his first win for his owner (Mr. F. E. Ross), for previously when he was capturing last season he was running in the interests of Trainer J. Y. McCracken, who held him on lease from Mr. Ross. First Salute is now one of the pupils of K. Quinlivan, at Hastings, who also has Arch Salute, Soulerina, and Ruse in work for Mr. Ross, who bred the quartette named.

Powder King, who had to be rested after contesting at the spring gathering of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club, has once more joined the active band, and is being exercised on the roads and hills in the Greenmeadows district. He is just some fencer, and it is more than probable that during the approaching holiday season he will be found contesting in some of the hurdle events around here.

Amongst the foals running on Mrs. M. A. Perry's property at Otatara is a full brother to Duo and Demagogue, and his breeder has had enquires from various sources as to whether he is for sale, but there has been nothing doing in this direction. Quite recently Mrs. Perry was approached by a well-known Gisborne owner relative to the selling of her batch of babies by Demosthenes, but the "not for sale" tag has been attached to the bunch, it being her intention later on to go into the racing business again. Her reappearance will be welcomed, as will the old-time scarlet and white striped racing uniform, for so long borne by the representatives of her late father, Mr. G. P. Donnelly.

The failure of Matatane to connect at Levin last Wednesday cost stay-at-home backers in this district considerable money, for the daughter of Merry Moment and Hope Diamond came across the wires as a good bet.

Despite the dreadful weather, the Waipawa County Racing Club made a good profit over their annual race meeting, held on Labour Day.

Pente, the younger full sister to Impediment and the defunct Karo, is making good in her track efforts on the test-out at Hastings, and there is every likelihood of her getting amongst the winners very shortly.

Toa Taua, who got badly damaged in a train collision at Palmerston North when returning from the Auckland Racing Club's spring fixture, is still on the sick and sorry list, and likely to remain so for some time.

Manhattan, Pente, White Hope, Mokattam, Parisian Diamond, Statuette, Asterina, Hymarty, Maioha, and Matatane are probable "Bay" representatives at the approaching spring meeting of the Feilding Jockey Club.

## POVERTY BAY TROTTING CLUB.

**100-GUINEA TROPHY TO ACCOMPANY CUP STAKE.**

At a meeting of the committee of the Poverty Bay Trotting Club last week, the stakes of the two big races were substantially increased, the Cup Handicap offering the substantial amount of £505—400sovs., and a cup valued at 100gns.—for the February meeting.

Dr. Scott, president of the club, announced that this valuable trophy had been donated to the club by one of its patrons, Mr. J. R. Murphy, whose interest in sport and in the general welfare of the district in many other directions had been so generously extended in a practical form. A unanimous vote of thanks was accorded the donor.

Persian Prince, until recently trained by T. Carmont, has entered T. George's stable. He will make his next appearance as a hurdler. His schooling efforts over the batens have been satisfactory.

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