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PUNTERS PICK PAYABLE PLUMS AT EASTER RACES

(By our Racing Writer)

An overnight shower in no way affected the track which was in excellent order for the Tongariro Racing Club's Easter meeting. There was a real holiday spirit (the only spirit available) and punting patrons were present from Christchurch to Bluff.

Never before has local accommodation been so overtaxed, and rather than miss this year's Great Easter and Riverton Cup contest, many enthusiasts camped around the course for several days. In fact, some of the more ardent racegoers slept on the track and had to be politely removed by the caretakers each morning when they arrived to water the course and adjoining lawns.

The Totalisator handled £162 16s. 6d. enabling £15 10s. to be handed to charity. Only two tickets were taken out on the winning double and odds were at 160 to 1. One punter who took the double the 36 ways received £8 for his 36/-outlay.

Niente's breeding (by Boloney, out of Jane) told punters that there was something doing and he overcame every hurdle to get there at 6 to 1. Niente certainly proved there is nothing in a name. Musty (by Patriotic Issue, out of NAAFI) failed to go, while Snail's Pace (by Bay Boat, out of Convoy) looked a doubtful finisher at one stage but stuck gamely to her task.

The Dunedin Guineas might have been a better race had On The Nose, Hangover and Bolonachi not been suffering from soreness. This gave Sleepless Nights an easy win and he practically yawned his way home at odds of 9 to 2.



HANGOVER

who certainly looks as if he has had one

A hardened campaigner in At Last (by Old Dig, out of Hope) outstayed the field to win the Great Easter at good odds of 13 to 2. Wild Dream bolted before the start and was still uncontrollable when the barrier lifted. Fair Dinkum's performance was not true to form.

The popular Long Beer won the Cup, with iffy Pot Luck second.

WAR NEWS IN HEADLINES

Important news is expected when the security black-out on Fd. Marshall Montgomery's army is lifted.

German reports: "2nd Army spearheads are 60 miles from Hanover."

American 3rd Army is 40 miles from Weimar.

Allied advances have released some 300 British and 1,200 US POW's west of Cassel.

Two powerful Russian forces are closing in on Vienna. One is within 20 miles of the city.

Gen. Malinovsky's forces are within sight of Bratislavia,

The Central Burma Plain is being cleared in a series of small actions,

The Okinawa invasion force has extended its bridgehead. An effort is being made to cut right across the island.

Japanese report a further landing west of Okinawa.

There now is considerable mine-laying by US planes in the Inland Sea of Japan

The latest Philippines landings are progressing well.

Sunburnt was sore. Get Crackin' was too late when he did and Frozen Credit remained stationary.

Luger had the draw on the field shooting to the front early to hold up challengers. Mr. Drink staggered under Spring Song's burst and Arivederci's owner was last heard calling his name before jumping overboard Don R was out of touch with the field.