

SPORTING FIXTURES, ETC.

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NOMINATIONS CLOSE.

Jan. 8	Auckland Racing Club
Jan. 8, 13	Wellington Racing Club
Jan. 12	Hawke's Bay Jockey Club Autumn
Jan. 16	Nelson Jockey Club
Jan. 15, 28	Canterbury Jockey Club
Jan. 21	Dunedin Jockey Club
Jan. 23	Egmont Racing Club
Jan. 29	Papakura Racing Club
Feb. 5	Canterbury Jockey Club
Feb. 12	Lake Racing Club
Feb. 13	Dunedin Jockey Club
Feb. 19	Onslow Trotting Club
Feb. 20	Henderson's Mill Turf Club
Mar. 1	Hawke's Bay Jockey Club Autumn
Mar. 1, 12, 25	Dunedin Jockey Club
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May 27	Auckland Racing Club
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June 17	Hawke's Bay Jockey Club
June 20	Canterbury Jockey Club
July 25	Canterbury Jockey Club

WEIGHTS APPEAR.

Jan. 11	Onehunga Summer
Jan. 9	Egmont Racing Club
Jan. 4, 8, 12, 22	Wellington Racing Club
Jan. 11	Dunedin Jockey Club
Jan. 11, 18, 29	Takapuna Jockey Club
Jan. 16	Nelson Jockey Club
Jan. 25	Canterbury Jockey Club
Feb. 2	Takapuna Jockey Club
Feb. 3, 24, 26	Dunedin Jockey Club
Feb. 4, 17	Egmont Racing Club
Feb. 16	Lake Racing Club
Feb. 18	Papakura Racing Club
Feb. 22	Onslow Trotting Club
Mar. 2	Henderson's Mill Turf Club
Mar. 7, 23	Dunedin Jockey Club
Mar. 17	Hawke's Bay Jockey Club
Mar. 19	Canterbury Jockey Club
Apr. 4, 13, 18	Auckland Racing Club
Apr. 8, 18	Canterbury Jockey Club
Apr. 20, 29	Wellington Racing Club
May 3, 24	Dunedin Jockey Club
May 10, 30	Auckland Racing Club
June 4	Auckland Racing Club
June 8	Hawke's Bay Jockey Club
June 25, 30	Wellington Racing Club

ACCEPTANCES DUE.

Jan. 7	Poverty Bay Turf Club
Jan. 15, 20	Wellington Racing Club
Jan. 15, 28	Canterbury Jockey Club
Jan. 21	Dunedin Jockey Club
Jan. 29, 30	Takapuna Jockey Club
Jan. 23	Egmont Racing Club
Jan. 23, Feb. 3, 4	Nelson Jockey Club
Feb. 3	Takapuna Jockey Club
Feb. 5	Canterbury Jockey Club
Feb. 11, 17	Egmont Racing Club
Feb. 13	Onehunga Racing Club
Feb. 19	Lake Racing Club
Feb. 19	Papakura Racing Club
Feb. 22, 24	Dunedin Jockey Club
Feb. 26	Onslow Trotting Club
Mar. 1, 14, 17	Hawke's Bay Jockey Club
Mar. 6	Henderson's Mill Turf Club
Mar. 12, 23	Dunedin Jockey Club
Apr. 1, 14, 18	Canterbury Jockey Club
Apr. 8, 14, 18	Auckland Racing Club
Apr. 25	Wellington Racing Club
May 10, 24	Dunedin Jockey Club
May 20	Auckland Racing Club
June 1, 4	Auckland Racing Club
June 17	Hawke's Bay Jockey Club
June 1, 6	Wellington Racing Club

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We have to apologise to our subscribers and readers for late publication this week. An accident happened to the machinery, hence the delay in printing.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

SECOND DAY.

NEW YEAR'S DAY was the second day of the Auckland Racing Club's Summer Meeting. The attendance was not up to the average though the grand stand was well filled. There were a great number of visitors present, including the Hon. G. McLean, and Hon. J. D. Ormond, Messrs. W. R. Wilson (Victoria), Stead, Gollan, Wilson (Wanganui), Hungerford, Dan O'Brien and Patsy Butler, who had come up for the yearling sales. Then last, but not least, was the celebrated Mr. H. M. Stanley and his wife, but as my *conferere* deals with the company and ladies dresses (which are completely out of my line) in another column, I shall confine myself to the racing. As on the first day, the starting was something infamous, and loud and deep were the anathemas hurled at Mr. Buckland's head by those who lost their money through him. For the Midsummer Stakes the horses were kept over three-quarters of an hour at the post, during which time there were *twenty-two false starts* and *forty* breaks away; then when the flag did fall there must have been a dozen lengths between the first and last horse. To end the matter of starting, one may say there was not a *single good start* during the whole meeting. Mr. Buckland fined some of the jockeys, but it was not their fault; the fact is that he does not even know the rudiments of the way how to start, but in his egotistical way he came back, time after time, to the stand with a smile on his face. Why he was appointed no one knows, as Mr. Halstead, who started at the Spring Meetings and Suburban Meetings, and gave every satisfaction, was present. It is really a wonder the stewards did not take the flag, but the fact was Mr. Garrett was the only one that appeared to take any interest in the racing. It would be well in future years if the A.R.C. Committee were more careful in selecting their stewards, as if they do their duty the appointment is no sinecure.

The racing was not without some surprises, or what is generally known in Auckland as "reversal of form."

The Derby was a surprise. Morion, who had been "plating" in very moderate company, winning by half a length. Looking at it in a charitable way, Clifford deserves a great deal of praise for the way he rode him, as more than once he tried to cut it, but he was kept going, and had not a chance. Dolosa rather unexpectedly gave her popular owner a turn by winning the A.R.C. Handicap. The mare is evidently running much more generously since she has been stinted. The Maiden Plate showed a reversal of form on Mr. G. Wright's Van Dieman, who could not get near the front in the Maiden Plate at Takapuna with 7st 10lb, and moderate company then, comes out with 8st 3lb, and wins cleverly. A question often asked me is how long are these practices going to be permitted before the stewards take action?

The races commenced with the New Year's Hurdle Race, for which the four acceptors started. Fishmonger, 10st 9lb, and Yardman, 9st 7lb, made the running for about a mile, when they were joined by Try Fluke. At the back of the course the second time round Sentinel, who had been lying last, moved up, but soon fell back. At the half-mile post Yardman was done with, Fishmonger coming on won all out by three lengths from Try Fluke, who was half a dozen lengths in front of Sentinel.

Eight faced the starter for the Newmarket Handicap, finishing as follows:—Lochness, 8st, 1; The Baron, 9st 2lb, 2; Fiesole, 8st 6lb, 3. Lady Belle, 7st 4lb; Master Pat, 7st 2lb; The Dancer, 7st; Roie, 6st 7lb; Ida, 6st 8lb, also ran. After a great deal of messing about at the post, the flag fell to a very moderate start, Lochness being first away, followed by The Dancer and Fiesole. On entering the straight the field closed up, the Baron coming to the front at the half distance, he challenged, but could never get quite up, Lochness winning all out by a length, Fiesole being a neck away, third.

The Great Northern Derby produced a field of five. Speculation was brisk owing to it being an open race, none of the horses having proved that they could get a mile and a half. The finish was: Morion, 1; Clanranald, 2; Flinders, 3. The Workman and Fraternite also started. Morion went away with the lead, the pace being very slow, Flinders and Clanranald following. At the mile post Morion tried to cut it, but Clifford quickly straightened him. Fraternite then went to the front, trying to make the pace faster. Passing the half-mile post Clanranald and Flinders closed up. Fraternite led into the straight, closely followed by Morion. When fairly in the line for home the former was beaten, Morion coming on in front. At the half distance Clanranald came up, but Clifford keeping Morion going, he could never get quite up, and was beaten by half a length, Flinders being a couple of lengths away, third. The others tailed off.

The Midsummer Stakes brought out the good field of twelve, but the whole interest in the race was spoilt by the wretched starting, which resulted as follows:—Whakawatea, 9st 10lb, 1; North Atlantic, 8st 6lb, 2; Stepniak, 9st 2lb, 3. Tamar, 8st; Wyvern, 8st; His Worship, 7st 7lb; Glenora, 7st 6lb; Puwerewere, 7st 5lb; First Nelson, 7st; St. Hippo, 6st 9lb; Lottie, 6st 7lb, and Swiftsure, 6st 7lb. After three-quarters of an hour had been wasted on the post, the flag fell to a wretched start, Stepniak being the first to show in front, but he was soon pulled back, North Atlantic taking up the running, followed by St. Hippo, who led into the straight, Whakawatea close up. When fairly in a line for home St. Hippo was beat. At the half distance Whakawatea challenged, and running very game got home a good head, Stepniak being third. A frivolous objection was raised by the trainer of Puwerewere that they were started in front of the post, but it was dismissed.

Five was the main for the Selling Race. Speculation was slack. Octopus got home a comfortable head from the Barb, The Laird third. Brian Borou and Essie were the other starters. The winner was bought in for £51 by his owner.

The Auckland Racing Club Handicap brought out a field of nine. Speculation was very brisk, the race being looked upon as a very open one. It resulted as follows:—Dolosa, 7st, 1; Lochness, 7st 4lb, 2; the Dreamer, 7st 4lb, 3. Pinfire, 8st 6lb; Leorina, 8st 3lb; Reprisal, 8st; Quadrant, 7st 11lb; Queen of Trumps, 7st 6lb; and Coalscuttle, 7st 4lb, also ran. The flag fell to a fairly even start, Queen of Trumps' colours being the first seen in the race, followed by Pinfire, Lochness, and Leorina, Dolosa heading the second division. Passing the three-quarter of a mile post Pinfire and Leorina closed on Queen of Trumps, but the latter soon fell back beaten. At the half-mile post Dolosa and the Dreamer closed up. Queen of Trumps led into the straight, but she was then done with, Dolosa coming with a rush, followed by Lochness and the Dreamer, who fought it out, the mare winning by a length and a half; the same distance between second and third, there being a long tail.

The Maiden Plate produced a field of eight moderate ones, finishing—Van Dieman, 8st 3lb, 1; Yattaghan, 8st 5lb, 2; the Dancer, 8st,