

THURSDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2015

FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

The road to the \$750,000 TV3 New Zealand Derby continues this Saturday. The \$100,000 Group Two Essilor New Zealand Avondale Guineas will answer many distance queries about Derby favorite Volkstok'n'barrell. The gelding will face his toughest test to date, over 2100m, with last start winner Mongolian Khan threatening to challenge. It is a thrilling race and a key preview for the upcoming three year old classic on the 28th of February. Tickets are available at <http://www.ellerslie.co.nz/#!auckland-cup-week-derbyday/cma5>

The Go Racing Syndications Avondale Gold Cup provides a preview of the \$500,000 Group One Stella Artois Auckland Cup. The open handicap offers punters value on the weight scaling from 59kg to 52kg. Whoshot Thebarman went on to achieve the coveted double last year and further success in Melbourne. Ponderosa Miss and Perfect Start fit a similar mould of a progressive stayer and look well placed.

Hooker Pacific Taranaki Cup day promises to highlight the best and boldest from the Central Districts. A fascinating clash between Kawi, Silverdale and Iamishwara beckons in the Cup. Each horse is looking to break their maiden Group status and in particular Kawi looks a promising type. The \$75,000 Phoenix Park 2YO Classic is a difficult race to assess. Generally the juvenile races are highly reliant on front running tactics in New Plymouth, making barrier draws important for success. Expect a fast pace in the race.

NEW ERA FOR TAB TRACKSIDE RADIO

New Zealand Racing Board (NZRB) has announced TAB Trackside Radio is on the move, with all broadcasting set to take place out of its Auckland-based, purpose-built facility from 14 April 2015.

The move, which consolidates NZRB's broadcasting operations, is a continuation of wider broadcasting strategic improvements which began last year and enables NZRB to continue to build and enhance its customer experience.

Executive GM TAB, Glenn Patrick says "The changes to TAB Trackside Radio are very much in-line with our vision to become the best entertainment business for New Zealand. Bringing our radio operation in-house alongside TAB Trackside TV allows us to share resources more easily, which in turn will help us to improve and increase our offering. Having greater access to producers, talent and content that can be sourced from both national and international feeds, as well as expanding our airtime, means we will be better able to serve the needs of our customers."

The station has been housed at MediaWorks since its inception 10 years ago. As a result of the move there will be programming changes relating to the air time currently broadcast on TAB Trackside Radio from 6am-11am, under MediaWorks' brand LiveSPORT.

EQUIDAYS GOES 'OFF THE TRACK' FOR 2015

Equidays is pleased to announce the addition of Beyond the Barrier NZ's Dunstan Ex-Factor 2015 competition to New Zealand's premier equestrian event lineup, held at Mystery Creek Events Centre on 16–18 October this year.

With an aim to educate the public about the potential of Thoroughbreds as sport horses and the importance of re-homing retired racehorses, the competition will see 10–15 invited sport horse riders from a variety of disciplines schooling an off-the-track (OTT) thoroughbred for a new career.

Beyond the Barriers NZ's Dunstan Ex-Factor 2015 will see the invited riders source their own off the track (OTT) Thoroughbred, which has had no prior sport horse education, and train and produce that horse between now and Equidays in October. During the three days of Equidays, competitors will present their horses in a three-round competition.

Gina Schick and Nicky Wallace, co-founders of Beyond the Barriers agree the word 'retired' brings to mind an elderly horse ready to be put to pasture and this is where public education is so valuable. Horses 'retiring' from the race track are so often four, five, six years old.

Schick and Wallace have created this not-for-profit organisation to promote the adaptability and versatility of this breed as sport horses by showcasing successfully re-homed Thoroughbreds in their post-racing lives both in New Zealand and internationally, and communicating with people who may be able to provide suitable post-racing homes for Thoroughbreds.

RICCARTON PARK DRAINAGE WORK – FINAL 'TICK' CONFIRMS RESUMPTION ON FRIDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2015

Trackwork undertaken on the Riccarton Park Course Proper this morning provided the final 'tick' for the resumption of racing at the 'Feature Meeting' on Friday 20 February 2015.

On going that would be described as 'Good' horses worked from the crossing around the circumference of the track in the presence of Club officials, Stipendiary Stewards Nigel McIntyre and Jeff McLaughlin and NZTR National Venue Inspector Garry Foskett.

Nine riders, headed by David Walsh and Terry Moseley, rode over the course at various widths and were positive of the condition of the racecourse surface and have no issues with the results of the work undertaken to install sand-slits across the width of the Course Proper.

The unanimous view was that there is no impediment to racing resuming as planned and NZTR have formally sanctioned the use of Riccarton Park Racecourse for the Canterbury Racing meeting on Friday 20 February 2015.

ASIAN RACING CONFERENCE 2016

The 36th Asian Racing Conference is scheduled to be held in Mumbai, India, from 24th to 29th January 2016. Proceedings start on Sunday 24th January 2016 at Mahalaxmi Racecourse - home of the Indian Classics. The bureau sessions and committee meetings will be held on Monday, 25th January 2016 and the Business Sessions between Tuesday, 26th and Thursday, 28th January 2016. The venue for all these sessions is the prestigious Oberoi and Trident Hotels, located on Marine Drive in Mumbai. There will be a post-conference Stud Farm Tour at the Poonawalla Stud Farms in Pune, close to Mumbai (20 minutes by air).

Registration - www.arcindia2016.com Download the registration form and email it as a scanned attachment to registrationarcindia2016@rwitc.com

2014 BROODMARE RETURNS DUE 28TH FEBRUARY 2015

Broodmare owners/lessees are reminded that 2014 mare returns must be lodged with the Stud Book by 28th February 2015.

A return is required to update a mare's foaling/service details in the Stud Book, and needs to be lodged even if she has not produced a live foal or has not been served this season.

It is the responsibility of the mare owner/lessee to lodge the return, and it can be done either:

- **Online via the Breeders Service Centre at www.nzracing.co.nz**

If you used the Breeders Service Centre last season, your access codes are still valid. If you have forgotten the codes, email studbook@nzracing.co.nz and we will re-send them to you.

If you would like to register to use the Breeders Service Centre, email studbook@nzracing.co.nz with your name, and the name of the mare, and we will send you codes to access this secure part of our website.

Please note, only credit/debit card payments are accepted online. A 10% discount applies to these payments made by the due date.

- **Over the telephone**

Call 04 576-6240 and choose Option 3 to speak to someone from the Stud Book (Monday – Friday from 9am until 5pm).

Payment can be made immediately by credit/debit card (10% discount) through our secure payment system or we can send you an invoice to pay by cheque or internet banking (no discount for these payment options).

If a mare has been sold/leased out/given away, retired or died, email the details to studbook@nzracing.co.nz so that we can update our records.

Please note, 28th February 2015 is a Saturday. You will be able to complete online returns on this day, but the telephone service will not be in operation.

TURNOVER INFORMATION

Date	Club	On-Course (Tote & FOB combined)		Totalisator (Off & on-course combined)		Fixed Odds (Off & on-course)		Races		Starters	
		14-15	13-14	14-15	13-14	14-15	13-14	14-15	13-14	14-15	13-14
4-Feb	Southland	13,804	20,896	426,698	342,117	181,254	110,297	8	7	75	66
5-Feb	Tauranga	56,743	73,526	618,146	603,427	351,766	238,930	8	8	78	65
6-Feb	Otago	68,185	128,965	1,267,929	1,959,614	546,759	477,318	10	10	133	142
6-Feb	Wairarapa	169,626	181,496	795,313	998,742	377,303	400,934	8	8	62	76
7-Feb	Waikato	196,755	233,539	1,919,915	2,377,536	941,621	739,373	10	10	105	118
7-Feb	Manawatu	71,243	66,319	821,081	726,830	342,999	244,895	8	9	75	69
8-Feb	Matamata	43,441	46,741	531,501	598,958	327,615	233,942	8	8	73	69

NZ Thoroughbred Summary FY15	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance +/-	Variance +%/(-%)
Meetings	184	193	(9)	(4.66%)
Races	1,559	1,600	(41)	(2.56%)
Total Starts	16,443	16,792	(349)	(2.08%)
Avg Field Size	10.55	10.50	+0.05	+0.50%
Number of races less than 8 starters	236	253	(17)	(6.72%)
Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	236,512,547	230,350,934	+6,161,613	+2.67%
On-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	22,939,421	23,497,581	(558,160)	(2.38%)
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	259,451,968	253,848,515	+5,603,453	+2.21%
Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	186,964,701	195,072,795	(8,108,094)	(4.16%)

Subtotal FOB Turnover	72,060,463	58,775,705	+13,284,758	+22.60%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	166,422	158,655	+7,767	+4.90%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	15,779	15,117	+662	+4.38%
Total NZRB Racing Turnover	931,911,736	843,906,919	+88,004,817	+10.43%
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	190,614,860	144,570,414	+46,044,446	+31.85%
Total NZRB Turnover	1,122,526,596	988,477,333	+134,049,263	+13.56%
NZ Thoroughbred Export Turnover \$NZ (to 31 Jan)	186,649,142	178,367,980	+8,281,162	+4.64%
Total Races (to 31 Jan)	1,459	1,525	(66)	(4.33%)
NZ Thoroughbred Export turnover \$NZ per race	127,930	116,963	+10,967	+9.38%

Meeting details:

- Southland RC Wednesday meeting equivalent was run by Gore RC last season; 8 races this year, 7 last.
- Racing Tauranga Thursday meeting equivalent was run on a Wednesday in FY14.
- Otago RC Waitangi Day meeting was rescheduled from Saturday after being abandoned following race 1. Equivalent meeting last year was run on the same Saturday.
- Manawatu RC Saturday meeting ran 8 races this season, 9 last.
- Matamata RC Sunday meeting equivalent was run by Counties RC last season.

Turnover summary notes:

- Total NZ thoroughbred turnover is up 2.2% year to date.
- 9 less meetings and 41 less races have been run than to the same date last season.
- Turnover per race is up 4.9%.
- Total starts made by thoroughbreds in NZ are down 349, 2.1% less.
- Average field size is 10.55 in FY15, up from 10.50 in FY14.
- The number of races with less than 8 starters is 17 less than the season prior (236 v 253).
- The decline in NZ thoroughbred totalisator turnover (down 4.2%) has been offset by an increase in FOB turnover (up 22.6%).
- Export turnover per race (\$NZ) is up 9.4% to 31 January.

Note: Turnovers are provided by the NZRB from various reports. On-course is totalisator turnover on the meeting and on intertrack meetings, plus FOB racing turnover on the meeting only (FOB intertrack is not provided from these reports at present). On-course self service turnover is also not currently included. Total NZRB racing turnover is NZ thoroughbred, harness, greyhound plus all imported thoroughbred, harness and greyhound turnover; combined with sports this provides the total NZRB turnover. NZ thoroughbred export turnovers are stated in \$NZ, generally up to a week or two behind other turnover numbers.