

FRIDAY 26 JUNE 2015

FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

The Whangarei RC and Hawkes Bay RI meetings on Saturday have attracted large field numbers with each venue carding eleven races. Nominations during the week were large, resulting in all meetings including Waipa on Sunday dividing races. Whilst earlier starts for these meetings may not optimise turnover, it is important for NZTR to ensure all horses that are ready to race have the opportunity to do so.

Hawke's Bay will be hosting their annual jumps day with the \$50,000 Animal Health Direct Hawke's Bay Steeplechase and \$50,000 Te Whangai Romneys Hawke's Bay Hurdle headlining the feature race day. Race four on the card is the 'Duke of Gloucester Cup' for the amateur riders. With six horses on the ballot and over fifty amateur riders currently licensed with NZTR, hopefully a full field will face the judge giving these riders chance to win a very impressive trophy.

Apprentice jockeys Samantha Wynne and Courtney Barnes will head to Victoria in July for two weeks on scholarships awarded by New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing. Wynne will be based with Jim Moloney at Caulfield while Barnes will be with Pat Carey at Mornington. We wish both riders the best of luck on their journeys across to Australia.

This type of experience is vital to these young riders in order for them to develop into world class athletes like former top NZ apprentice James McDonald. Congratulations to James who rode his first winner of his European sojourn overnight. It is always fantastic to see both human and equine athletes from New Zealand competing on the world stage.

2015 THOROUGHBRED HORSE OF THE YEAR AWARDS DINNER – THURSDAY 13 AUGUST IN HAMILTON

The annual celebration of thoroughbred racing attended by key members of the industry - the Thoroughbred Horse of the Year Awards Dinner – is to be held this year on the evening of Thursday, 13 August at Claude lands Events Centre in Hamilton. The evening is scheduled to start with drinks at 6.00pm. Dress for the dinner is black tie.

A total of 20 Champions for the 2014-15 racing season are announced on the night culminating in The Award for Outstanding Contribution to Racing and The Horse of the Year Award.

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2015 NZERF/BAYER LECTURES IN MID-JULY - EQUINE ACUPUNCTURE

The NZ Equine Research Foundation (NZERF) is to bring Sarah Le Jeune to New Zealand from UC Davis in California for the NZERF/Bayer Lectures. Her topic is Equine Back Pain: Using conventional veterinary medicine, acupuncture and chiropractic for diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation and will include a live demonstration of equine acupuncture. The lectures will be held at:

1. Karaka on 18 July,
2. Cambridge Lodge on 19 July,
3. Manfield (Manawatu) on 22 July, and
4. Canterbury Park on 25 July.

Sarah is Assistant Professor of Clinical Surgical & Radiological Sciences at UC Davis. She has also studied and worked at the University of Louvain in Belgium, University of Liege in Belgium, and Colorado State University in the United States. Her awards include:

1. Christopher M. Smith Equine Resident Research Award, Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital, University of California, Davis
2. Nicholas Vatistas Memorial Resident Award, University of California, Davis
3. Dan Evans Memorial Endowment Resident Research Award, Center for Equine Health, University of California, Davis
4. Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital Resident Research Award, University of California, Davis

Register to attend with nzerf@xtra.co.nz

SCOTTY MACNAB LEADS THE FLAIR NATIONAL AMATEUR RIDERS' SERIES AFTER 4 ROUNDS

After four rounds of the FLAIR National Amateur Rider Series, Scotty MacNab leads the field, just ahead of Caley Myers and Linda Wheeler.

First Name	Surname	Hawke's Bay 7-5	Egmont 24-5	Auckland 1-6	Wellington 6-6	Total
Scotty	MacNab	10	5	3		18
Caley	Myers	3	7	7		17
Linda	Wheeler	5		5	7	17
Lisa	Kennedy		10			10
Missy	Browne			10		10
Andre	Wallace				10	10
Harley	Cushing	7		2		9
Jonty	Reid		1		5	6
Jamiee-Lee	Lupton		3		2	5
Emma	Glasgow				3	3
Aaron	McDonald	2				2

Danielle	Hirini		2			2
Marita-Jane	Frith	1				1
Michelle	Northcott			1		1
Ashleigh	McIntyre				1	1

Points: 1st - 10; 2nd - 7; 3rd - 5; 4th - 3; 5th - 2; 6th - 1

Races to come:

1. Otago 25-6
2. Hawke's Bay 27-6
3. Manawatu 23-7
4. Canterbury 5-8
5. Te Aroha 9-8
6. Pakuranga at Auckland 22-8
7. Egmont 30-8
8. Rotorua 13-9
9. Waikato 27-9

The Flair National Amateur Rider Series has been sponsored by FLAIR, a group that promotes the interest of women in horse racing, for several years.

ENTRIES FOR THE ESTAR WINTER CUP

Fifty-four entries were received at the Tuesday, 16 June 2015 deadline for the eStar sponsored Winter Cup to be held at Riccarton Park Racecourse on the first day of the new season Saturday 1 August 2015. The total for the 118th renewal of the Group 3 winter 1600 metre feature is similar to the 56 entries received last year and the 59 entries received in 2013.

Whilst Karla Bruni, the winner of the last two Winter Cups, will not be defending her crown the three horses that finished in the minor placings last year – Marotiri Miss, Ric O'Shea and Keepa Tramp – are nominated. Ric O'Shea then went on to win the open 1400 metre race on the last day of the Carnival last year. Four other horses from among the beaten brigade in 2014 – Electronic Motion (14th), Werio (10th), Keep The Courage (9th) and Our Gazza (11th) are also among the entries.

Other entries of interest include North And South who won the Benchmark 85 1400 metre race on the first day last year and backed up on Grand National Day to win in the same grade over 1600 metres.

Miss Three Stars, a stakes winner of the Riverton Cup and third in the Group 3 Coca-Cola Canterbury Gold Cup, won the \$25,000 Benchmark 75 Fillies and Mares race on the middle day last year. She is the equal highest rated runner entered along with Authentic Paddy who finished ninth in 2013 and was a scratching last year.

Khemosabi will be looking to make his fourth trip to the Grand National Racing Carnival. He ran third in the 2012 Winter Cup, and eighth in 2013 before winning the open 1400 metre race on the last day that year. In 2014 Kemosabi competed in the sprint race on each of the Saturdays.

Local galloper Keep The Courage will be looking to start in the race for the third time having finished seventh in 2013 and ninth last year.

Notable entries include Group 3 Eulogy Stakes winner Choice, James Bull Rangitikei Gold Cup winner Danza Lad, Christchurch Casino Easter Cup winner Sir Singo, Greenwood Amberley Cup winner Timy Tyler and Gore Guineas winner Absolut Excelencia.

There is a provision of late entries which closes on Wednesday 22 July 2015. First withdrawals close on Wednesday 8 July, second withdrawals on Wednesday 22 July and weights will be declared on Thursday 23 July.

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
17-Jun	Whakatane	46,537	24,708	707,462	505,546	226,536	185,141	9	7	105	70
18-Jun	Oamaru	619	-	26,221	-	11,058	-	1	-	4	-
19-Jun	Otaki-Maori	7,047	29,197	177,674	562,497	52,605	211,346	3	8	35	82
20-Jun	Canterbury	71,968	82,877	922,754	895,687	321,874	256,418	8	10	92	97
20-Jun	Tauranga	173,216	194,997	1,655,964	1,822,804	575,880	607,559	9	9	109	110
21-Jun	Te Aroha	49,692	32,078	510,062	630,798	238,090	214,921	8	9	78	107

NZ Thoroughbred Summary FY15	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance +/()	Variance +%/(%)
Meetings	306	315	(9)	(2.86%)
Races	2,586	2,630	(44)	(1.67%)
Total Starts	27,016	27,397	(381)	(1.39%)

Avg Field Size	10.447	10.417	+0.03	+0.29%
Number of races less than 8 starters	414	426	(12)	(2.82%)
Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	368,968,057	357,602,907	+11,365,150	+3.18%
On-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	31,910,685	33,422,368	(1,511,683)	(4.52%)
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	400,878,742	391,025,275	+9,853,467	+2.52%
Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	284,575,389	298,028,722	(13,453,333)	(4.51%)
Subtotal FOB Turnover	116,301,050	92,996,538	+23,304,512	+25.06%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	155,019	148,679	+6,340	+4.26%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	14,839	14,273	+566	+3.97%
Total NZRB Racing Turnover	1,532,308,368	1,379,434,934	+152,873,434	+11.08%
Subtotal NZ Racing Turnover	748,194,563	741,142,554	+7,052,009	+0.95%
Subtotal Imported Racing Turnover	784,113,805	638,292,380	+145,821,425	+22.85%
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	361,058,619	267,381,959	+93,676,660	+35.03%
Total NZRB Turnover	1,893,366,987	1,646,816,893	+246,550,094	+14.97%

NZ Thoroughbred Export Turnover \$NZ (to 14 Jun)	302,265,227	282,457,674	+19,807,553	+7.01%
Total Races (to 14 Jun)	2,548	2,588	(40)	(1.55%)
NZ Thoroughbred Export turnover \$NZ per race	118,628	109,141	+9,487	+8.69%

Meeting details:

1. Whakatane RC Wednesday meeting equivalent was run a week later last season; 9 races this season, 7 last.
2. Oamaru JC Thursday meeting in FY15 was abandoned after 1 race due to the shifty nature of the track and surface water from heavy rain; the entire meeting was also abandoned in FY14, due to the water logged nature of the track after recent heavy rainfall.
3. Otaki-Maori RC Friday meeting this season was abandoned after 3 races due to visibility problems and concern for the safety of riders in the extremely heavy track conditions. The equivalent meeting ran 8 races last season.
4. Canterbury Racing Saturday meeting ran 8 races in FY15, 10 races in FY14.
5. Racing Te Aroha Sunday meeting equivalent was run on Wednesday last season; 8 races this season, 9 last.

Turnover summary notes:

1. Total NZ thoroughbred turnover is up 2.5% year to date.
2. 9 less meetings and 44 less races have been run than to the same date last season.
3. Turnover per race is up 4.3%.
4. Total starts made by thoroughbreds in NZ are down 381, 1.4 % less.

5. Average field size is 10.447 in FY15, up from 10.417 (0.29%) in FY14.
6. The number of races with less than 8 starters is 12 lower than the season prior (414 v 426).
7. The decline in NZ thoroughbred totalisator turnover (down 4.5%) has been offset by an increase in FOB turnover (up 25.1%).
8. Export turnover (\$NZ) is up 8.7% per race to 14 June.

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 all racing bet through the NZRB. NZ racing turnover is NZ thoroughbred, harness and greyhound turnovers combined; imported racing turnover is all imported thoroughbred, harness and greyhound turnover. Combined with sports, the racing turnover provides the total NZRB turnover. NZ thoroughbred export turnovers are stated in \$NZ, generally up to a week or two behind other turnover numbers.