



Tuesday 6 March 2012

Positive Start to New Monday Racing Programme

The Paeroa Racing Club meeting yesterday, 5 March 2012, provided an encouraging start to a regular weekly schedule of Monday and Tuesday thoroughbred race meetings.

With a minimum stake of \$7,000, the mid-week fixtures are designed primarily as off-course domestic and international wagering opportunities, and for horses progressing to Saturday Premier and Feature meetings, or those horses that may not be ready to compete at that level.

Paeroa’s eight-race programme produced an average field size of 9.4 per race despite 17 scratchings.

The meeting produced aggregate New Zealand TAB sales of \$596,450 and Australian totalisator sales of NZ\$1,238,241.

Australian export sales were assisted by the cancellation of two of the four Australian thoroughbred race meetings scheduled.

A summary of New Zealand and Australian wagering on the Paeroa meeting is set out below.

	Total Actual	Per Race Actual	Per Race Budget	Actual % of Budget
<i>New Zealand Racing Board</i>				
NZ – Off-course	\$430,380	\$53,798	\$55,000	97.8%
NZ – On-course	\$47,329	\$5,916	\$3,000	197.2%
Fixed Odds	\$118,745	\$14,843	\$5,000	296.9%
Total NZRB	\$596,454	\$74,557	\$63,000	118.3%

<i>Australian Totalisator Operators</i>				
Supertab	\$534,551	\$66,819	-	-
Tab Limited	\$473,181	\$59,148	-	-
Tatts	\$230,509	\$28,814	-	-
Total Export	\$1,238,241	\$154,780	\$80,000	193.5%

NZTR Chairman Matthew Goodson said that repositioning the industry in certain key areas was a key platform of the NZTR Business Plan. “The potential to grow export earnings across the Tasman is critical to our future. A consistent, quality racing product through the week, starting on Monday’s, will help grow New Zealand’s international markets.”

NZTR Facebook Page

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Hall of Fame Inductees of 2012

The Hall of Fame's fourth induction event was held on Friday 2 March 2012 at the Ellerslie Convention Centre, Auckland on the eve of the Telecom NZ Derby raceday.

With principal event sponsor The Huka Retreats, eleven elite horses and people were inducted into the NZ Racing Hall of Fame:

Jim Gibbs	Rough Habit	Graeme Rogerson
Dr Alex McGregor Grant	Brent Thomson	Redcraze
Jim Ellis	Brian Anderton	Bill Sanders
Bart Cummings	Show Gate	

TrackWalk for CatWalk

A CatWalk Trust Fundraising Venture

At 6 am this Easter Monday, 9 April, a team of four, led by Lance O'Sullivan ONZM, will start an attempt to run around all 51 licensed thoroughbred racecourses in New Zealand in just 6 days, finishing at Ellerslie at 10.50 am on Saturday, 14 April, Easter Handicap Day.

The aim is to raise money for The CatWalk Spinal Cord Injury Trust www.catwalk.org.nz a charity committed to raising funds to support the body of scientific opinion which says a cure for spinal cord injury will be found. Many Jockeys and Track Riders in thoroughbred racing have suffered spinal injuries in the pursuit of their careers.

O'Sullivan, a Patron of the CatWalk Trust, is joined by three New Zealand racing administrators who came up with the idea – Simon Cooper, from NZ Thoroughbred Racing, Andre Klein from the Otago Racing Club and NZ Jumps Inc, and Jason Fleming from Hawke's Bay Racing.

"We recognise the potential dangers our Jockeys and Track Riders face every day and, with the support of all the Race Clubs around the country and a number of generous sponsors, we are keen to put back into the industry we are all passionate about."

"In doing this we want to make sure we get at least a dollar off everyone we meet on the way, by any means possible, and get people to donate at www.fundraiseonline.co.nz/TrackWalk/ for CatWalk."

"To our knowledge only the late, great Jack Glengarry has run round all the courses in New Zealand but he did it in stages - not in six days. For four guys between the ages of 37 and 52, it will be a great challenge."

A number of sponsors are supporting TrackWalk for CatWalk including JUCY Rentals, Cambridge Stud, TAB, Usher GroupBP 2go Service Stations, NZTR, Interislander, Evergreen Lodge in Queenstown, Hotel Coachman in Palmerston North and Accounts Office.

See full details of the whole route and timings attached and at www.nzracing.co.nz

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Foxton RC Licence Changes in June

The NZ Racing Board Dates Committee has confirmed the following Foxton licence changes in June:

Monday 4 June Foxton RC to change venue and race at Waverley. This will be a Foxton RC @ Waverley licence/meeting.

Thursday 28 June Foxton RC licence to be transferred to Wairarapa RC. This will be a Wairarapa RC licence/meeting to be held at Tauherenikau.

Otaki Maori RC – 9 March 2012 – Stake Increase

The stake for the Maiden 1400m race at the Otaki Maori Racing Club meeting on Friday 9 March 2012 has been increased to \$8,000 (was originally \$7,000).

Feature Race – Final Late Nominations

Wellington RC

Final late nominations for the Wellfield New Zealand Oaks close with the National Racing Bureau at 12 noon on Tuesday 13 March.

Turnover Information for the Period ending 4 March 2012

Date	Club	On-Course		Off-Course		Fixed Odds		Starters	
								11-12	10-11
29/2	Waikato	34,919	16.4%	573,280	6.3%	154,579	25.6%	80	5.3%
1/3	Marton (1)	20,096	7.4%	596,002	1.5%	155,240	60.6%	76	2.7%
2/3	Central Otago	51,513	8.4%	662,062	4.5%	100,931	25.7%	101	0.0%
3/3	Auckland (2)	581,501	12.0%	2,051,605	5.8%	647,910	38.1%	97	9.0%
3/3	Hawke's Bay (3)	38,071	51.8%	557,390	51.4%	191,899	22.8%	50	36.7%
4/3	Otago (4)	166,018	1.6%	803,765	3.8%	150,159	1.7%	113	9.7%

- (1) Marton JC; meeting was detrimentally affected by 8 late scratchings due to the downgrade in track conditions.
- (2) Auckland RC; meeting was detrimentally affected by 6 late scratchings due to the downgrade in track conditions.
- (3) Hawke's Bay RI; meeting was detrimentally affected by atrocious weather and 11 late scratchings due to the downgrade in track conditions.
- (4) Otago RC; 9 races this year, compared to 10 races last year.

NZ Thoroughbred Summary	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance +/()	Variance +%/(%)
Races	1,866	1,885	(19)	(1.01%)
Starters	19,597	20,019	(422)	(2.11%)
Avg Field Size	10.50	10.62	(0.12)	(1.11%)
Off-Course Turnover	203,766,670	216,689,420	(12,922,750)	(5.96%)
On-Course Turnover	24,894,360	27,747,709	(2,853,349)	(10.28%)
Total Totalisator Turnover	228,661,030	244,437,129	(15,776,099)	(6.45%)
Fixed Odds	41,502,710	37,501,837	+4,000,873	+10.67%
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	270,163,740	281,938,966	(11,775,226)	(4.18%)
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	144,782	149,570	(4,787)	(3.20%)
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	13,786	14,084	(298)	(2.11%)

Total NZRB Racing Turnover	833,227,483	831,969,053	+1,258,430	+0.15%
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	140,702,126	102,348,440	+38,353,686	+37.47%
Total NZRB Turnover	973,929,609	934,317,494	+39,612,115	+4.24%

Racing turnover was down 0.4% (-\$87k) for the week, Racing Tote was down 3.9% (-\$859k) with Domestic tote down 7.7% (-\$984k).

Domestic thoroughbreds turnover was down 13.9% (-\$987k) with the same number of meetings and just one less race (-1.9%) with horse starts down 1.0%. The feature of the week (and top betting race) was the Group 1 Telecom NZ Derby on Saturday at Ellerslie, with turnover (tote and fob) of \$821k which was down 29% on last year (\$1.15m) having the same number starters as last year's edition.

The largest import betting race for the week was the Australian Guineas which turned over \$212k, down 20% on last year (\$265k) with the same size field as last year.

FOB Racing, with 23 Final Field Place options offered (\$223k) was up 26% (+\$772k) last week (up 25% or \$543k domestically), with 45 more options overall (+11.8%) available than in the same week last year.

Note: NZRB supplied On-course Turnover total represents On-course turnover placed on NZ thoroughbred meetings from all on-course venues. 'Total' NZ Thoroughbred turnover figure includes Off-course (including Pick 6), On-course (NZRB figure as commented above) and all Fixed Odds Turnover. All Turnover figures are supplied by the NZRB.

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