

## FRIDAY 24 JULY 2015

### FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

Levin Racing Club will host the last stakes race of the season, the \$50,000 Courtesy Ford Ryder Stakes. In recent years, the two year old event has seen the likes of Niki Piki Milo and Move Faster claim the black type prize. The race is scheduled to run at 2.38pm.

The Emirates Melbourne Cup Tour is currently in Wellington (Thursday/Friday). The \$175,000 cup will take a trip on the Wellington cable car and will also visit the internationally recognised Weta Workshop. Taupo will host the Cup on Sunday.

The \$200,000 Makfi Challenge Stakes first nominations closed on Tuesday at 4pm. The first group one race of the season has drawn exceptional interest with 34 nominations currently processed. Group One winners Volkstok'N'Barrell, Puccini, Turn Me Loose and Vespa are some of the Group One stars headlining the weight-for-age sprint. An order of entry has been released on the NZRacing website. Please refer to Standard regulation 9.4.1 for conditions.

Congratulations to Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman for breaking the New Zealand Trainers' Premiership (number of wins) record. The remarkable achievement occurred when Dentelle won the Peter Howland's Beaurepaires Matamata 1200 on Wednesday. The partnership, which is having an iconic year with Mongolian Khan, Turn Me Loose and Dal Cielo among others, now has 112 wins, \$3,264,745 in stakes from 536 starters at a strike rate of 4.79.

### 2015 THOROUGHBRED HORSE OF THE YEAR AWARDS FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing (NZTR) announced today the remaining finalists for the 2014-15 Thoroughbred Horse of the Year Awards. The winners will be announced at the Awards Dinner at the Claudelands Events Centre, Hamilton, starting at 6.30pm on Thursday, 13 August 2015.

#### **GROSVENOR AWARD**

(Earnings in NZ)

There are no finalists for this Award. To be determined at the end of the season and presented at the Thoroughbred Horse of the Year Awards Dinner.

#### **DEWAR AWARD**

(Earnings in Australasia)

There are no finalists for this Award. To be determined at the end of the season and presented at the Thoroughbred Horse of the Year Awards Dinner.

#### **CENTAINÉ AWARD**

(Earnings worldwide)

There are no finalists for this Award. To be determined at the end of the season and presented at the Thoroughbred Horse of the Year Awards Dinner.

#### **BROODMARE OF THE YEAR**

1. **Exodus** (NZ) by Kaapstad out of Lady Genesis – dam of Aerovelocity
2. **Mica's Pride** (AUS) by Bite the Bullett out of Gainesville – dam of Criterion
3. **Parfore** (NZ) by Gold Brose out of Classy Twiggy – dam of Terravista & Tiger Tees

#### **BREEDER OF**

1. **Graham and Helen-Gaye Bax** – breeders of Lucia Valentina and

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Pasadena Girl

2. **Garry Chittick/Waikato Stud** – breeders of Sacred Falls, Costume, Diademe & I Do
3. **IDL Breeding Ltd (Dominic Li)** – breeder of Volkstok'N'Barrell & Sauvito
4. **Monovale Holdings Ltd (Paul and Cushla Smithies)** – breeders of Platinum Witness & Puccini

## NZ BLOODSTOCK FILLY OF THE YEAR

**Platinum Witness** – The 2015 New Zealand Bloodstock Filly of the Year is Platinum Witness (California Dane – Chartreuse) owned by John Street and Neville McAlister, and trained by Lisa Latta. Lisa Latta purchased Platinum Witness at the 2013 Karaka Select Yearling Sale for \$55,000 from Monovale Farm. Platinum Witness has earned \$387,775 with four wins from 14 starts.

**1. Brenda Collins** – The driving force behind NZ Thoroughbred Magazine for nearly a decade, Brenda has opened up the audience base by making it accessible to on-line readers. Her magazine, featuring news and stories about both the horses and people surrounding them, also includes historic features, industry news and entertainment.

**2. Des Coppins** – Des brings a considerable repertoire to Radio Trackside. His historical perspective, knowledge of the horses currently racing, and rapport with all involved with the industry adds depth to his interviews. An outstanding year for Des with a new show on Monday mornings reviewing the weekend highlights and the week ahead.

**3. Steve Davis** – Steve continues a wide body of work with his sixth year hosting Off the Track, Trackside's popular in-depth interviews that delve behind the headlines into the lives of some of the most compelling figures in racing.

Steve's work as an interviewer and presenter is across a number of shows, including The First Call.

**4. Brendan Popplewell** – With a decade of excellence under his belt at Trackside, Brendan has become the recognised host of New Zealand's premier racing action. He now draws upon his experience, and rapport with the industry's participants, to gain the best information from his interviews, and present racing in a compelling light.

**5. Matt Smith** – Matt's outstanding work at the Otago Daily Times has kept readers up to date and entertained throughout the season. From his evaluation of the year to in-depth features on the industry's leading lights, he has showcased South Island racing.

## MEDIA AWARD

## MCBEATH APPRENTICE JOCKEY OF THE YEAR

**Rory Hutchings** – currently recording 75 wins including 6 Group and Listed Races, 57 seconds and 76 thirds from 687 starts with a strike rate of 9.16, and stakes won of \$1,749,027

## JUMPS JOCKEY OF THE YEAR

1. **Michael Mitchell** - Premiership Winner (wins) & Most Stake Money Won
  2. **Charlie Studd** - Most Prestige Jump Races Won
- No nominations from NZ Jumps

## JOCKEY OF THE YEAR

1. **Matthew Cameron** - Premiership Winner (wins) & Most Stake Money Won
2. **Opie Bosson** - Most Group & Listed Races Won
3. **Danielle Johnson** - Nominated by the NZ Jockeys' Association

**TRAINER OF THE YEAR**  
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**Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman** - Premiership Winner (Wins), Most Stake Money Won & Most Group & Listed Races Won

No nominations from NZ Trainers' Association

**OWNER OF THE YEAR**

To be confirmed at the close of the season on 31 July 2015.

**CHAMPION JUMPER**

1. Amanood Lad
2. Mr Mor
3. Sea King
4. Wee Biskit

**Horses-in-Training Awards (announced on 7 July 2015):**

**CHAMPION TWO YEAR OLD**

1. Dal Cielo
2. Marky Mark
3. Rocanto
4. Serena Miss

**CHAMPION THREE YEAR OLD**

1. Mongolian Khan
2. Platinum Witness
3. Turn Me Loose
4. Volkstok'n'barrell
5. Werther

**CHAMPION SPRINTER (-1500M)**

1. I Do
2. In Style
3. Sacred Star
4. Whosyourmaster

**CHAMPION MIDDLE DISTANCE HORSE (1501-2100M)**

1. Iamishwara
2. Puccini
3. Sakhee's Soldier
4. Silent Achiever
5. Soriano

**CHAMPION STAYER (2101M +)**

1. Maygrove
2. Mongolian Khan
3. Rising Romance
4. Rock Diva
5. Werther

**OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO RACING**

There are no finalists for this Award. To be determined at the end of the season by the NZTR Board and presented at the Thoroughbred Horse of the Year Awards Dinner.

**HORSE OF THE YEAR**

Finalists for the NZTR Horse Of The Year Award comprise finalists in all horses-in-training categories

**For reservation enquiries: KJ Smith at Verve - the event agency 04 499 6909 or [kj@verve.co.nz](mailto:kj@verve.co.nz)**

### **THIRTY-THREE IN RECKONING FOR THE ESTAR WINTER CUP**

Thirteen horses were withdrawn from the list of first acceptances, and there was one late entry, for the **eStar** 118<sup>th</sup> Winter Cup at the 11am deadline on Wednesday 22 July 2015.

As a result 33 horses remain in contention for the \$100,000 Group 3 winter feature on the first day of the new racing season, and the horses' birthday, Saturday 1 August 2015. This is the highest total of second acceptances in the last seven years.

The late entry is the Richard Sherwin trained Sacred Flyer a gelding who has done all his racing in Australia since December 2011. He won two races from eight New Zealand starts before crossing the Tasman where he won another five races from 21 starts with his best performances over staying distances. He has accumulated total stake earnings of just over \$414,000. Interestingly he races in the colours famously carried to victory by Sacred Falls in another feature Riccarton Park metric mile, the Sothys NZ 2000 Guineas of 2012.

Final withdrawals close next Wednesday 29 July 2015. The list of second acceptances can be found on the NZTR website [www.nzracing.co.nz](http://www.nzracing.co.nz).

### **PREMIERE OF *HORSE TOWN* STARTS 6 AUGUST ON COUNTRY TV**

With a prestigious history that dates back to James I, Newmarket is the original home of modern horse racing. Horse Town offers viewers unique access to the town, the race course and Newmarket's ancillary racing related industries including the British Racing School, Tattersalls horse auction, Jockey Club, National Stud and National Equine Hospital. This is a classic multi-narrative observational documentary that lifts the lid on the people, the passions and the drama of life in Newmarket.

### **NOTICE TO LICENCE HOLDERS**

If you are renewing via hard copy/ the post, please ensure you complete the questions on the front page and sign the back page before returning to NZTR. Otherwise you can renew online via the NZTR website.

## TURNOVER INFORMATION

		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
15 Jul	Tauranga	43,021	53,701	452,847	522,741	200,895	163,620	8	7	62	66
16 Jul	Hawke's Bay	53,689	35,004	633,302	649,950	405,446	291,035	8	9	84	91
17 Jul	Avondale	35,028	36,988	609,746	608,880	272,606	209,308	7	8	83	92
18 Jul	Taranaki	58,101	164,183	57,057	1,508,625	-	435,906	-	8	-	107
18 Jul	Waikato	15,843	81,403	185,868	1,133,169	71,093	429,461	3	11	36	123
19 Jul	Oamaru	35,454	-	767,178	-	353,351	-	10	-	105	-

NZ Thoroughbred Summary FY15	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance +/(-)	Variance +%/(-%)
Meetings	328	337	(9)	(2.67%)
Races	2,774	2,808	(34)	(1.21%)
Total Starts	28,973	29,317	(344)	(1.17%)
Avg Field Size	10.444	10.441	+0.004	+0.04%
Number of races less than 8 starters	444	447	(3)	(0.67%)
Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	389,037,205	380,009,446	+9,027,759	+2.38%
On-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	33,156,432	34,743,528	(1,587,095)	(4.57%)
<b>Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover</b>	<b>422,193,637</b>	<b>414,752,974</b>	<b>+7,440,663</b>	<b>+1.79%</b>
Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	300,630,891	315,788,011	(15,157,120)	(4.80%)
Subtotal FOB Turnover	122,903,097	98,964,948	+23,938,149	+24.19%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	152,197	147,704	+4,493	+3.04%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	14,572	14,147	+425	+3.00%
<b>Total NZRB Racing Turnover</b>	<b>1,646,501,021</b>	<b>1,489,491,367</b>	<b>+157,009,654</b>	<b>+10.54%</b>
Subtotal NZ Racing Turnover	794,408,121	790,376,073	+4,032,048	+0.51%
Subtotal Imported Racing Turnover	852,092,900	699,115,294	+152,977,606	+21.88%
<b>Total NZRB Sports Turnover</b>	<b>392,724,745</b>	<b>306,041,972</b>	<b>+86,682,773</b>	<b>+28.32%</b>
<b>Total NZRB Turnover</b>	<b>2,039,225,766</b>	<b>1,795,533,339</b>	<b>+243,692,427</b>	<b>+13.57%</b>

NZ Thoroughbred Export Turnover \$NZ (to 12 Jul)	318,695,867	298,597,744	+20,098,124	+6.73%
Total Races (to 12 Jul)	2,738	2,765	(27)	(0.98%)
NZ Thoroughbred Export turnover \$NZ per race	116,397	107,992	+8,405	+7.78%

Meeting details:

1. Racing Tauranga Wednesday meeting ran 8 races this season, 7 last season.
2. Hawke's Bay RI Thursday meeting equivalent ran 8 races in FY15, 9 in FY14.
3. Avondale JC Friday meeting equivalent was run on the following Wednesday; 7 races were run this season, 8 last season.
4. Taranaki TRI Saturday meeting was abandoned due to surface water following heavy rain; 8 races were run in FY14
5. Waikato RC Saturday meeting was abandoned after 3 races due to heavy rain and surface water causing poor visibility; 11 races were run last season.
6. Oamaru JC Sunday meeting ran 10 races in FY15. The equivalent meeting in FY14 was abandoned due a waterlogged track from recent rainfall.

Turnover summary notes:

1. Total NZ thoroughbred turnover is up 1.8% year to date.
2. 9 less meetings and 34 less races have been run than to the same date last season.
3. Turnover per race is up 3.0%.
4. Total starts made by thoroughbreds in NZ are down 344, 1.2 % less.
5. Average field size is 10.444 in FY15, up from 10.441 (+0.04%) in FY14.
6. The number of races with less than 8 starters is 4 lower than the season prior (444 v 447).
7. The decline in NZ thoroughbred totalisator turnover (down 4.8%) has been offset by an increase in FOB turnover (up 24.2%).
8. Export turnover (\$NZ) is up 7.8% per race to 12 July.

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.