

THURSDAY 5 MARCH 2015

FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

Ellerslie Auckland Cup week is reaching a conclusion and we've been treated to exceptional racing. Yesterday's Barfoot & Thompson Auckland Cup provided an exciting finish with Lucky Unicorn mare Rock Diva taking the honours for Cambridge trainer Tony Pike.

TV3 New Zealand Derby day racegoers were spoiled with a memorable result in the feature. Mongolian Khan and Volkstok'N'Barrell highlight an exceptional three year old crop. The pair distanced the others by 6 lengths in a battle down the straight with the Baker/Forsman trained Mongolian Khan being victorious. The Inner Mongolia Rider Horse Industry (NZ) Ltd-owned colt will now contest the \$2,000,000 AJC Derby at the Royal Randwick Championships.

Murray Baker has outstanding classical success in Australia. He won the Victorian Derby with Lion Tamer and the AJC Derby with Dundee and Nom Du Jeu. Saturday's win was his first TV3 New Zealand Derby and another AJC Derby looks a possibility. Also a special mention for seven year old gelding Durham Town, who produced a dazzling three and quarter length victory in the \$100,000 Group Three Darley Plate.

Diamond Day on Saturday, in support of Ronald McDonald House Charities, hosts two Group One features. The last day of the carnival includes a match-up between Soriano and Rising Romance in the \$200,000 Ronald McDonald House Charities New Zealand Stakes. The two mares look to stake their claims for a potential trip to Sydney. Silent Achiever was victorious in the event last year before her eventual success in Australia. Some tickets are still available at <http://www.ellerslie.co.nz/#!auckland-cup-week-diamond-day/c2jm>

EXEMPTION FOR WINNER OF THE COURTESY FORD MANAWATU SIRES PRODUCE STAKES - 28 MARCH 2015

The winner/s of the Courtesy Ford Manawatu Sires Produce Stakes on 28 March 2015 will be exempt from the ballot for the BMW Australia J J Atkins (Group 1 1600m \$600,000 2YO) to be held at Doomben on 6 June 2015.

AUSTRALIAN RACING CONFERENCE 2015 - BRISBANE 21 – 23 MAY

The Australian Racing Conference is the largest national symposium for the thoroughbred racing industry. It brings together racing administrators, clubs, track managers, commercial stakeholders, media and government, owners, breeders and racing enthusiasts to discuss and debate topical issues and key areas of administration relevant to the industry.

The conference will be held at the Sofitel Brisbane Central between 21 – 23 May.

The conference programme will include international speakers and leading Australian sporting authorities including Dr Bernie Mullin, CEO of The Aspire Group and Gillon McLachlan, CEO of the Australian Football League. View the full conference

program [here](#)

Registration \$1,430 incl GST to include two full conference days, the Australian Racing Hall of Fame Dinner and a day in The Birdcage at the Doomben 10,000 Race Day function. Go to: +61 7 3858 5400 or email arc2015@mci-group.com

The program at a glance:

1. Thursday, 21 May 2015 – Full programme of speakers will address topical racing issues followed by the Australian Racing Hall of Fame Dinner
2. Friday, 22 May 2015 – Delegates will break into streams followed by networking drinks and then a free evening to explore Brisbane. Streams include Racing Administrators/ PRAs/ Race Clubs, National Racing Training, Racecourse Managers, Racing Ministers, Stewards/ Integrity
3. Saturday, 23 May 2015 – Day at the Brisbane Racing Club's Group 1 Doomben 10,000 Day at Doomben Racecourse in The Birdcage situated trackside.

THOROUGHBREDS IN EQUESTRIAN SPORT (TIES) 2014-15 COMPETITION

There has been strong support for the Thoroughbreds in Equestrian Sport (TiES) national competition this season. For the trial season in 2013-2014 Equestrian Sport NZ received entries for 77 horses. This season that number has grown to 136. The joint NZTR/ESNZ competition, which aims to increase second career options for thoroughbreds finishing their racing careers, offers classes across jumping, eventing, show hunter, dressage and para-equestrian. Points are accumulated during the season culminating in the Horse of the Year Show on 17-22 March in Hastings. Winners will be presented with their prizes on Sunday afternoon, 22 March, just before the Dressage.

2014 GLOBAL SYMPOSIUM ON RACING & GAMING TRANSCRIPTS NOW ONLINE

The Race Track Industry Program (RTIP) at the University of Arizona has now posted online all the transcripts and PowerPoint presentations from the 2014 Global Symposium on Racing & Gaming. Materials can be accessed at: <https://ua-rtip.org/symposium/transcripts-and-powerpoint-presentations>

Forty-nine speakers participated in fifteen panel sessions covering racing's cutting-edge issues during the event held on December 8-11 at the Westin La Paloma Resort in Tucson, Arizona.

The transcripts and other media are free to access and use for research. Reporters wishing to use them for publication must contact the Race Track Industry Program at (520) 621-5660.

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
25-Feb	Waikato	32,963	53,323	657,953	675,449	388,562	297,756	9	8	91	78
26-Feb	Marton	43,816	45,336	576,286	692,071	384,128	255,198	8	8	70	84
27-Feb	Central Otago	44,242	37,785	429,422	446,496	151,722	148,988	7	8	72	66
28-Feb	Auckland	524,912	629,866	2,392,618	3,258,399	1,272,497	1,008,925	10	10	99	107
28-Feb	Hawke's Bay	49,876	59,486	803,535	810,806	375,185	296,645	8	7	74	58
1-Mar	Otago@CROM	67,310	91,866	413,063	592,191	178,842	170,522	7	8	54	72

NZ Thoroughbred Summary FY15	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance +/-	Variance +%/(-%)
Meetings	204	214	(10)	(4.67%)
Races	1,721	1,768	(47)	(2.66%)
Total Starts	17,956	18,389	(433)	(2.35%)
Avg Field Size	10.43	10.40	+0.03	+0.31%
Number of races less than 8 starters	275	292	(17)	(5.82%)
Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	259,709,160	253,279,392	+6,429,768	+2.54%
On-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	24,839,947	25,474,443	(634,495)	(2.49%)
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	284,549,108	278,753,835	+5,795,273	+2.08%
Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	203,558,258	213,626,399	(10,068,141)	(4.71%)
Subtotal FOB Turnover	80,564,045	65,127,420	+15,436,625	+23.70%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	165,339	157,666	+7,673	+4.87%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	15,847	15,159	+688	+4.54%
Total NZRB Racing Turnover	1,026,959,125	928,399,357	+98,559,768	+10.62%
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	218,906,783	159,797,077	+59,109,706	+36.99%
Total NZRB Turnover	1,245,865,908	1,088,196,434	+157,669,474	+14.49%
NZ Thoroughbred Export Turnover \$NZ (to 22 Feb)	212,547,953	199,653,952	+12,894,001	+6.46%
Total Races (to 22 Feb)	1,672	1,703	(31)	(1.82%)

NZ Thoroughbred Export turnover \$NZ per race	127,122	117,237	+9,885	+8.43%
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Meeting details:

- Waikato RC Wednesday meeting ran 9 races this season, 8 last.
- Central Otago RC Friday meeting ran 7 races in FY15, 8 races in FY14.
- Hawke's Bay RI Saturday meeting ran 8 races this season, 7 last.
- Otago RC Sunday meeting at Cromwell ran 7 races in FY15, 8 in FY14.

Turnover summary notes:

- Total NZ thoroughbred turnover is up 2.1% year to date.
- 10 less meetings and 47 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 433, 2.4% less.
- Average field size is 10.43 in FY15, up from 10.40 in FY14.
- The number of races with less than 8 starters is 17 less than the season prior (275 v 292).
- The decline in NZ thoroughbred totalisator turnover (down 4.7%) has been offset by an increase in FOB turnover (up 23.7%).
- Export turnover (\$NZ) is up 8.4% per race to 22 February.

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.

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