

FRIDAY 10 APRIL 2015

FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

It was a memorable weekend at Royal Randwick for New Zealand trained and bred horses. Mongolian Khan notably completed a dual derby double that has not been achieved since the legendary Bonecrusher. The son of Holy Roman Emperor sold at the New Zealand Ready to Run sale for \$220,000 will now attempt to emulate Phar Lap by targeting the Melbourne Cup. Current trainer premiership leading Baker/Forsman and the Mongolian Inner Rider Horse Group were the winning connections. The partnership also produced a quinella with Diademe and Sports Illustrated in the \$200,000 Fiber Fresh NZ Thoroughbred Breeders Stakes at Te Aroha.

New Zealand bred Kermadec (Teofilo - Hy Fuji) won the world's richest mile race, the \$3,000,000 Doncaster Handicap for Sydney based kiwi trainer Chris Waller. Impressively, New Zealand bred horses have won 7 out of the last 8 Doncaster Handicaps. The general consensus of New Zealand exclusively breeding stayers might be misplaced.

Day 2 of the Championships on Saturday features notable kiwi interests:

Savaria	AJC Australian Oaks	4.35 pm
Diademe, Sports Illustrated	Queen of The Turf	5.15 pm
Who Shot Thebarman	Sydney Cup	5.55 pm
Lucia Valentina	Queen Elizabeth Stakes	6.35 pm

LONGINES WORLD'S BEST RACEHORSE RANKINGS

Hong Kong star **Able Friend's (AUS)** victory in the Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup (G1) is the effort that vaulted him to the top of the rankings. The gelding has won his last five starts, including additional Group 1 scores in the Longine's Hong Kong Mile and Stewards' Cup. On 7 April, he added the Chairman's Trophy (G2) to his list of laurels.

Earlier this year, **Shared Belief (USA)** took both the Santa Anita Handicap (G1) and the San Antonio Invitational (G2) in dominant fashion. In the San Antonio, he defeated America's 2014 Horse of the Year **California Chrome (USA)**.

Solow (GB) is now ranked third off of his impressive victory in the Dubai Turf sponsored By DP World (G1) on the Dubai World Cup undercard at the end of March. It was the 5-year-old gelding's first attempt at a Group 1 race, and he passed the test with flying colours, leaving **The Grey Gatsby** to check-in second 4 ¼ lengths behind him.

Sprinter **Brazen Beau (AUS)** is the highest-rated 3-year-old in the rankings after his victory in the Lexus Newmarket Handicap (G1), which featured a field including the likes of **Terravista, Chautauqua** and **Lankan Rupee (AUS)**.

Other newcomers to the top of the rankings include **Dolniya (FR)**, **Prince Bishop (IRE)** and **Flintshire (GB)**, after they all put in notable performances in Dubai. **Dolniya** took on males and defeated them in the Dubai Sheema Classic presented by Longines (G1), which she won over **Flintshire**. Meanwhile, **Prince Bishop** beat **California Chrome** in the Dubai World Cup (G1).

Meanwhile in Japan, **Gold Ship (JPN)** put in a strong effort to take the Hanshin Daishoten (G2) for the third time.

Looking forward, well-regarded 3-year-olds **Dortmund (USA)**, **Mubtaahij (IRE)** and **American Pharoah (USA)** all

appear to be headed for the Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (G1) after their exploits this spring.

Leading Horses	Rating	Trained
Able Friend (AUS)	125	HK
Shared Belief (USA)	125	USA
Solow (GB)	124	FR
Designs On Rome (IRE)	123	HK
Lankan Rupee (AUS)	123	AUS
Brazen Beau (AUS)	121	AUS
California Chrome (USA)	121	USA
Dolnya (FR)	121	FR
Flintshire (GB)	121	FR
Prince Bishop (IRE)	121	UAE

The full list and further information on the **LONGINES World's Best Racehorse Rankings** are available on the IFHA website <http://www.ifhaonline.org/>.

MORE FM "THINK PINK" RACE DAY

Sunday, May 31st 2015 - Queens Birthday Weekend Races

The Otago Racing Club has partnered up with More FM, Arthur Barnett and Brent Weatherall Jewellers to guarantee you a great day out, helping us on our mission to raise funds for the NZ Breast Cancer Foundation. Last year we raised nearly \$7,000 ... our aim for 2015 is to reach the \$10,000 mark, so do your bit and gallop along!

Tickled Pink Sunday Luncheon - for \$70 per person you will receive:

- A glass of bubbles followed by club priced beverages
- A reserved seat in the Winning Post Lounge, the best room in the house
- A delicious roast lunch followed by a hot dessert, tea and coffee
- A goodie bag courtesy of Arthur Barnett, Brent Weatherall Jewellers and Nutrimetics, not to mention many other kind sponsor's products
- 2 fundraising auctions as well as raffles throughout the day
- Presentations for best dressed
- Our ambassador for the day is Miss NZ Contestant Deborah Lambie
- The host for the afternoon is More FM's very own Kellie Ashdown
- Live music will be from local Sahara McDonald
- Entertainment from local magician Jonathan Usher

\$5 from every ticket sold goes directly to the NZ Breast Cancer Foundation.

ABC Business Sales NZBCF Oaks

The day features the Otago Hurdles and Steeplechase and also a special fundraising race, The ABC Business Sales NZBCF Oaks - where fourteen local riders will be riding against a champion jockey in an "extra" race on the programme.

Each track rider is aiming to raise \$500 each for the privilege to compete, with all proceeds being donated to the NZBCF.

Showgate Awards

The day also plays host to the annual Showgate Awards. This award is dedicated to a South Island female who has delivered a lifetime contribution to racing and will be presented by a special guest of honour.

For further information, to register and ride, to sponsor a rider, make a donation, give us a heads-up on a worthy Showgate Award recipient, or to book a seat or table, please feel free to give us a call or an email.

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JCA PENALTY GUIDE

The new JCA Penalty Guide will come into effect on 1 May 2015.

The JCA completed the stakeholder consultation process and the Guide has been approved by the JCA Board. The parties consulted included the JCA panelists, RIU, NZTR, HRNZ, Jockeys' Association, Trainers' Association, and Trainers' & Drivers' Association.

The JCA has drawn particular attention to the use of the whip starting point changes (Rule 638 (3) (b)) and the position for careless riding for South Island riders (Rule 638 (1) (d)) as well as the starting points for Rules 534(2) - Scratching Horses; 606 - Riders Present; 610 & 614 - Identification, Racing Gear and Riding Gear; 636 - Running Races; and 649 - Weighing -in. The Guide provides explanations of the above including 'starting points.'

RULE	OFFENCE DESCRIPTION	STARTING POINT (FINE OR SUSPENSION)
Rule 534 (2) (b)	Scratching after 7.30am deadline	\$400 fine - no horse denied a start
		\$600 fine - horse denied a start (previously \$400 fine)
Rule 606	Rider leaving Jockey's area or racecourse without permission	\$300 fine (new)
Rule 610 (4)	Rider wearing modified body protector	\$600 fine (new)
Rule 614 (2)	Neglect in saddling	\$750 fine - where there are consequences for bettors & owners, or horse or rider safety; \$50 fine - incorrect saddlecloth; \$200 fine - affixing gear incorrectly; \$300 fine - omitting a towel; \$500 fine - failing to attach a lead bag (previously \$750 fine for neglect in saddling)
Rule 636 (1) (d)	Failure to ride out to the end of a race	1 st place - 5 weeks; 2 nd - 4 weeks; 3 rd - 3 weeks; 4 th - 2 weeks; 5 th - \$300 fine; 6 th - 10 th - \$350 fine (previously 3 calendar weeks with regard to placing). In regard to the lower fine for 5 th place compared to 6 th -10 th places, for the few races where there are stakes for 6 th -10 th place, these stakes in dollar terms are significant and invariably much higher than the stake for 5 th in all other races.
Rule 638 (1) (d)	Careless riding (Northern & Central Regions)	5 riding days
	Careless riding (Southern Region)	3 riding days (previously 5 riding days)
Rule 638 (3) (b)	Excessive, unnecessary or improper whip use	\$500 fine or 2 day suspension for 1 st breach (previously \$300 fine)
	Excessive, unnecessary or improper whip use	3-5 day suspension for 2 nd breach within 6 months with a reset period of 6 months (previously \$500 fine or 2 day suspension within a year having regard to number of rides)
Rule 649 (1) (b)	Non-accidental touching another person prior to weighing-in	\$250 fine (new)
	Non-accidental touching another person prior to weighing-in - disqualified from non-dividend bearing position	\$500 fine (new)
	Non-accidental touching another person prior to weighing-in - disqualified from dividend bearing position	\$750 fine (new)

Rule 801 (1) (s) (ii)	Offensive, insulting, abusive language or behaviour to Racing, Integrity and Administration Officials	\$1500 fine (new)
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TURNOVER INFORMATION

NZ Thoroughbred Summary FY15	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance / ()	Variance % / (%)
Meetings	235	245	(10)	(4.08%)
Races	1,973	2,024	(51)	(2.52%)
Total Starts	20,427	21,003	(576)	(2.74%)
Avg Field Size	10.35	10.38	(0.02)	(0.23%)
Number of races less than 8 starters	331	335	(4)	(1.19%)
Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	295,082,789	288,449,143	6,633,646	2.30%
On-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	27,717,790	28,803,507	(1,085,716)	(3.77%)
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	322,800,579	317,252,650	5,547,930	1.75%
Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	229,499,595	242,428,925	(12,929,330)	(5.33%)
Subtotal FOB Turnover	92,874,180	74,823,710	18,050,470	24.12%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	163,609	156,745	6,864	4.38%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	15,803	15,105	698	4.62%
Total NZRB Racing Turnover	1,178,708,156	1,069,278,821	109,429,335	10.23%
Subtotal NZ Racing Turnover	589,528,920	587,294,971	2,233,949	0.38%
Subtotal Imported Racing Turnover	589,179,236	481,983,850	107,195,386	22.24%
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	270,942,282	187,245,608	83,696,674	44.70%
Total NZRB Turnover	1,449,650,438	1,256,524,429	193,126,009	15.37%
NZ Thoroughbred Export Turnover \$NZ (to 22 Mar)	236,466,088	221,877,052	14,589,036	6.58%
Total Races (to 22 Mar)	1,874	1,908	(34)	(1.78%)
NZ Thoroughbred Export turnover \$NZ per race	126,183	116,288	9,895	8.51%

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
1-Apr	Matamata RC	43,452	42,811	643,312	542,077	342,621	212,464	8	8	84	77
2-Apr	Taranaki TRI	26,031	32,413	504,776	450,922	261,054	152,178	8	9	66	67
4-Apr	Racing Te Aroha	184,877	185,219	1,641,993	1,521,667	697,924	503,360	9	9	92	96

4-Apr	Hawke's Bay RI	86,998	74,935	803,862	844,770	410,940	279,205	9	9	76	91
4-Apr	Riverton RC	187,541	206,295	1,137,672	1,125,425	393,567	256,059	11	10	133	122

Meeting details:

- Taranaki TRI Thursday meeting equivalent was run two weeks later last season; 8 races were run this season, 9 last season.
- Riverton RC Easter Saturday meeting equivalent was run two weeks later in FY14; 11 races in FY15, 10 in FY14.

Turnover summary notes:

- Total NZ thoroughbred turnover is up 1.8% year to date.
- 10 less meetings and 51 less races have been run than to the same date last season.
- Turnover per race is up 4.4%.
- Total starts made by thoroughbreds in NZ are down 576, 2.7% less.
- Average field size is 10.35 in FY15, down from 10.38 (0.2%) in FY14.
- The number of races with less than 8 starters is 4 lower than the season prior (331 v 335).
- The decline in NZ thoroughbred totalisator turnover (down 5.3%) has been offset by an increase in FOB turnover (up 24.1%).
- Export turnover (\$NZ) is up 8.5% per race to 22 March.

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 on 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.

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