



FRIDAY 17 APRIL 2015

FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

All three race meetings feature stakes races on Saturday. There are 418 acceptances across three meetings and 28 races totalling an impressive \$1,036,500 in stakes, an average of \$37,017 per race. Punters are treated to quality racing, whether it is the \$200,000 Manco Easter Handicap at Ellerslie, \$100,000 Coca Cola Canterbury Gold Cup at Riccarton or the \$75,000 Winning Edge Presentations Hawke's Bay Gold Cup at Hastings. Saturday will highlight the best of New Zealand racing from each region in the country.

A strong renewal of the \$200,000 Manco Easter Handicap will conclude group one racing for the 2014/15 season. The race provided an exciting blanket finish last year with the Nigel Tiley trained Albany Reunion winning the prestigious event.

Do not be deterred by big weights under handicap conditions, three out of the last five winners have carried more than 57kg. Classy individuals such as Iamishwara (\$31) and Julinsky Prince (\$26) are still live chances at the top of the weight scale.

Last season's Champion Two Year Old Vespa (\$4.80) is currently favourite with 52kg and a favourable barrier draw of one, Time Keeper was the last three year old to win in 2010. The race also features elite level performers Nashville, Abidewithme, Spellbinder, Kawi, Chintz and Pondarosa Miss.

The New Zealand thoroughbred performed to distinction at Royal Randwick last Saturday. Criterion (NZ) was an impressive winner of the \$4,000,000 Queen Elizabeth Stakes, Australia's richest weight for age contest. Ex-pat trainer John Sargent saddled Gust of Wind (NZ) to win the \$1,000,000 Australian Oaks. Both races have been won back to back by New Zealand thoroughbreds.

AMATEUR RIDER RACES

Whilst by far the majority of races run in New Zealand are restricted to professional jockeys, the last few years have witnessed a huge resurgence in the popularity of amateur rider events.

The registered amateur rider ranks have soared from around 25 jockeys five years ago to close to 60 names in the 2015 season. This elevation in interest has come about in part due to the increase in opportunities these riders are now being provided with.

The most prestigious Amateur Rider's race for the season is the Duke of Gloucester Cup. In 2015, it will be staged at the Hawke's Bay RI meeting on Saturday 27 June, in a Benchmark Rating 65 2100m race, for a stake of \$17,500.

The last few seasons has seen the creation of National Amateur Rider Series, which includes a series of races up and down the country, scheduled between May and the end of September.

Points Updates for the Flair National Amateur Rider Series will be presented on <http://www.nzracing.co.nz/The-Guide/Amateur-Racing/Amateur-Rider-Series.aspx> throughout the season.

2015 Schedule up until 5 August:

| Date | Club | Race |
|----------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 7 May | Hawke's Bay RI | R65 & JMPS 2000m |
| 24 May | Egmont RC | R65 2100 |
| 1 June | Auckland RC | MDN & JMPS 2400 |
| 6 June | Wellington RC | R65 2100 |
| 25 June | Otago RC | R65 1600 |
| 27 June | Hawke's Bay RI | R65 2100 (Duke Of Gloucester Cup) |
| 23 July | Manawatu RC | R65 2100 |
| 5 August | Canterbury Racing | R65 1800 |

TURNOVER INFORMATION

| NZ Thoroughbred Summary FY15 | This Season, Year to Date | Last Season, Year to Date | Variance /() | Variance %/(%) |
|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Meetings | 243 | 251 | (8) | (3.19%) |
| Races | 2,042 | 2,075 | (33) | (1.59%) |
| Total Starts | 21,075 | 21,547 | (472) | (2.19%) |
| Avg Field Size | 10.32 | 10.38 | (0.06) | (0.61%) |
| Number of races less than 8 starters | 351 | 343 | 8 | 2.33% |
| Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB) | 303,105,567 | 294,822,348 | 8,283,219 | 2.81% |
| On-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB) | 28,229,426 | 29,264,442 | (1,035,016) | (3.54%) |
| Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover | 331,334,993 | 324,086,790 | 7,248,203 | 2.24% |
| Subtotal Totalisator Turnover | 235,251,829 | 247,592,447 | (12,340,619) | (4.98%) |
| Subtotal FOB Turnover | 95,656,360 | 76,494,328 | 19,162,032 | 25.05% |
| NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race | 162,260 | 156,186 | 6,074 | 3.89% |
| NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter | 15,722 | 15,041 | 681 | 4.53% |
| Total NZRB Racing Turnover | 1,216,826,113 | 1,096,274,149 | 120,551,964 | 11.00% |
| Subtotal NZ Racing Turnover | 606,097,628 | 601,124,414 | 4,973,214 | 0.83% |
| Subtotal Imported Racing Turnover | 610,728,485 | 495,149,735 | 115,578,750 | 23.34% |
| Total NZRB Sports Turnover | 278,386,680 | 192,863,117 | 85,523,563 | 44.34% |
| Total NZRB Turnover | 1,495,212,793 | 1,289,137,266 | 206,075,527 | 15.99% |
| NZ Thoroughbred Export Turnover \$NZ (to 31 Mar) | 243,302,005 | 228,907,681 | 14,394,325 | 6.29% |
| Total Races (to 31 Mar) | 1,928 | 1,975 | (47) | (2.38%) |
| NZ Thoroughbred Export turnover \$NZ per race | 126,194 | 115,903 | 10,291 | 8.88% |

| 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 |
| 6-Apr | Auckland | 94,627 | 123,401 | 989,213 | 1,169,390 | 463,553 | 389,181 | 9 | 10 | 86 | 95 |
| 6-Apr | Riverton | 89,233 | 89,362 | 829,594 | 886,167 | 310,436 | 221,555 | 11 | 10 | 126 | 117 |
| 8-Apr | Waipa | 20,023 | 17,789 | 423,408 | 356,963 | 237,152 | 162,864 | 8 | 7 | 61 | 51 |
| 9-Apr | Otago | 8,658 | 22,003 | 299,579 | 683,028 | 130,636 | 227,183 | 6 | 10 | 50 | 114 |
| 10-Apr | Manawatu | 36,266 | 45,346 | 644,858 | 528,624 | 378,281 | 164,220 | 8 | 6 | 77 | 71 |
| 11-Apr | Canterbury | 96,650 | 116,069 | 1,094,875 | 1,071,720 | 514,169 | 253,338 | 9 | 9 | 108 | 115 |
| 11-Apr | Wellington | 89,679 | 111,608 | 732,320 | 932,391 | 339,668 | 271,984 | 9 | 9 | 70 | 95 |
| 11-Apr | Tauranga | 76,501 | 55,654 | 722,317 | 473,643 | 408,285 | 192,649 | 9 | 8 | 70 | 53 |

Meeting details:

Auckland RC Easter Monday meeting equivalent was run two weeks later last season; 9 races were run this season, 10 last season.

Riverton RC Easter Monday meeting equivalent was run two weeks later in FY14; 11 races in FY15, 10 in FY14.

Waipa RC Wednesday meeting equivalent was run by Whakatane RC last season. 8 races this season, 7 last season.

Otago RC Thursday meeting was abandoned after 6 races due to the uncertain nature of the track; 10 races were run at the equivalent meeting in FY14.

Manawatu RC Friday meeting ran 8 races; last season the meeting was abandoned after 6 races due to a slippery track.

Canterbury Racing Saturday meeting equivalent was run a week earlier in FY14.
Racing Tauranga Saturday meeting equivalent was run a week later last season; 9 races this season, 8 last.

Turnover summary notes:

- Total NZ thoroughbred turnover is up 2.2% year to date.
- 8 less meetings and 33 less races have been run than to the same date last season.
- Turnover per race is up 3.9%.
- Total starts made by thoroughbreds in NZ are down 472, 2.2% less.
- Average field size is 10.32 in FY15, down from 10.38 (0.6%) in FY14.
- The number of races with less than 8 starters is 8 higher than the season prior (351 v 343).
- The decline in NZ thoroughbred totalisator turnover (down 5.0%) has been offset by an increase in FOB turnover (up 25.0%).
- Export turnover (\$NZ) is up 8.9% per race to 31 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.