



Wednesday 22 February 2012

Rosie Myers to Represent NZ in Qatar Apprentice Series

The Qatar Racing and Equestrian Club is hosting the first Qatar Apprentice Jockey Invitation Races (QAJIR); an event which forms part of the Qatar International Horse Festival.

This festival will combine the 21st Qatar International Arabian Horse Show and the Qatar International Race meetings and is to be held on Tuesday 28, Wednesday 29 February and Thursday 1 March 2012.

Each member of the Asian Racing Federation was invited to send an apprentice to represent their country in the QAJIR.

Each participant is guaranteed 2 rides in the 3 QAJIR “apprentice only” races being held over the 3 days.

The Classic Royal Ascot Tour

Depart NZ: Friday 16 June

Depart UK: Sunday 26 June

Tour Highlights:

Royal Ascot - Newmarket Races - Warwick Races - National Stud Tour - Racing Museum
Lambourn Training Centre - Cheltenham & Epsom Racecourse Tours - Newmarket Training Centre.

Stable Visits in the Cotswolds, Lambourn, Epsom and Newmarket - Madness Live!

Madness playing live at Newmarket Races.

Private tour restricted to just 10 tour guests.

Hosted by English born & bred, NZ-based Racing Administrator, Andre Klein.

Staying at quality historic hotels in beautiful, carefully selected locations.

Tour Includes:

Flights from NZ to UK Return on Emirates Airlines
Accommodation (Twin Share) & Breakfast
Internal Travel
Tickets to all detailed race meetings & tours
Royal Ascot tickets are Grandstand & Furlong Club

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TAB \$20,000 Quaddies Boost on Monday's and Tuesday's in March

New Zealand thoroughbred racing commences a regular programme of Monday racing from Monday 5 March and a block programme of Tuesday racing from Tuesday 13 March.

To give customers an extra incentive to invest on these new days the TAB will inject a **bonus of \$20,000 to the Quaddie** on each Monday and Tuesday NZ Thoroughbred meeting throughout March.

All of these Bonus Quaddies will operate on the last four races at each meeting.

MONDAY

5 March

Paeroa

12 March

Hawera
(Taranaki Anniversary Day)

19 March

Rotorua

26 March

Tauherenikau

TUESDAY

13 March

Te Awamutu

20 March

New Plymouth

27 March

Matamata

Feature Race Nominations Deadline

Auckland RC

Late nominations for the Telecom New Zealand Derby close with the National Racing Bureau at 12 noon on Tuesday 28 February.

Turnover Information for the Period ending 19 February 2012

Date	Club	On-Course		Off-Course		Fixed Odds		Starters	
								11-12	10-11
15/2	Auckland	76,471	25.1%	478,402	24.9%	124,844	20.7%	53	15.9%
15/2	Canterbury (1)	26,317	19.7%	676,549	5.6%	154,506	46.3%	10	6.4%
16/2	Wairoa (2)	28,799	40.8%	417,842	29.9%	132,358	15.8%	55	34.5%
17/2	Te Aroha (3)	33,819	36.8%	561,119	37.2%	126,779	3.8%	82	35.9%
18/2	Taranaki	268,021	13.0%	1,579,968	22.2%	349,178	42.2%	119	24.0%
18/2	Auckland (4)	223,763	16.0%	1,204,744	23.3%	372,228	30.4%	86	7.5%
18/2	Southland (5)	77,398	10.6%	788,952	17.8%	125,459	28.5%	115	0.9%
19/2	Wairoa (6)	95,100	6.9%	490,541	27.4%	202,614	72.3%	61	22.8%

- (1) Canterbury Racing; 10 races this year, compared to 11 races last year.
- (2) Wairoa RC; 8 races this year, compared to 9 races last year. Fields were detrimentally affected by Heavy track conditions.
- (3) Racing Te Aroha; 7 races this year, compared to 9 races last year.
- (4) Auckland RC; 9 races this year, compared to 8 races last year.
- (5) Southland RC; 11 races this year, compared to 10 races last year. Meeting was detrimentally affected by 8 late scratchings due to several downgrades of track conditions throughout the day.
- (6) Wairoa RC; fields were detrimentally affected by Slow track conditions.

NZ Thoroughbred Summary	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance +/-	Variance +%/(-%)
Races	1,761	1,787	(26)	(1.45%)
Starters	18,585	19,075	(490)	(2.57%)
Avg Field Size	10.55	10.67	(0.12)	(1.13%)
Off-Course Turnover	193,428,164	206,009,576	(12,581,412)	(6.11%)
On-Course Turnover	23,609,531	26,379,104	(2,769,573)	(10.50%)
Total Totalisator Turnover	217,037,695	232,388,680	(15,350,985)	(6.61%)
Fixed Odds	38,862,888	35,326,191	+3,536,697	+10.01%
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	255,900,583	267,714,871	(11,814,288)	(4.41%)
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	145,315	149,812	(4,497)	(3.00%)
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	13,769	14,035	(266)	(1.89%)
Total NZRB Racing Turnover	784,372,705	785,785,191	(1,412,486)	(0.18%)
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	131,701,084	95,387,431	+36,313,653	+38.07%
Total NZRB Turnover	916,073,789	881,172,622	+34,901,167	+3.96%

Racing turnover was **up** 1.1% (+\$269k) for the week, Racing Tote was down 2.5% (-\$552k) with Domestic tote down 5.9% (-\$778k).

Domestic thoroughbreds turnover was down 7.3% (-\$589k) with the same number of meetings and just one less race (-1.4%) with horse starts down 5.3%. The features of the week (and top betting races) were the two Group 2's from Eilerslie, the largest betting race for the week was the Avondale Gold Cup (won by Single Minded) with turnover (tote and fob) of \$299k which was down 23.9% on last year (\$393k) having four less starters than last year's edition (-25.0%), while the Avondale Guineas (won by Silent Achiever) with turnover of \$271k, was 35% down on last year (\$417k) with this race also having four less starters (-26.7%).

FOB Racing was up 28.2% (+\$822k) last week (up 27.7% or \$573k domestically), with just three more options (+0.7%) 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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