



THURSDAY 30 APRIL 2015

FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

The Waikato R.C. meeting on Saturday features 12 races with the first race starting at 10.45am. The Benchmark Rating 65 1600 and 1200 were split due to excessive nominations. This was not unexpected due to the unfortunate abandonment of Avondale R.C. on Monday. In addition, the \$20,000 Restricted Open Hurdle was split in accordance with the NZTR Open Entry nomination policy. In Restricted Open jumps events, the first Maiden across the line is entitled to \$1000, providing they do not win the event. Last season 48% of Maidens were successful in Restricted Open events. The first jumps race of the season took place at Riverton RC today.

The Canterbury J.C. meeting on Saturday features \$310,000 in stakes with 152 acceptances across ten races. Fine weather is forecast for the remainder of the week, and may indicate an improved track surface on race day. The premier meeting has two stakes races on the card.

The \$50,000 Speight's Mid Ale Great Easter Stakes includes exceptional performers Nashville, King Montrose, Sucre and The Diamond One. Open Handicap conditions create an even field, and recent form suggests The Diamond One is ideally weighted at 56kg.

The \$50,000 Berkley Stud Champagne Stakes provides a late autumn black type opportunity for two year olds. Proven runners Jacquetta, Velocchi and Dezzies Dream will test the majority of inexperienced runners. However, there are horses lower in the ratings such as Bonaparte (Showcasing), Lindis Pass (Iffraaj) and Sofia Rosa (Makfi) that are by sires who have achieved premier juvenile success this season.

Please note additional races have been added in the Northern Region.

Further information at <http://www.nzracing.co.nz/RaceInfo/15923/Meeting-News-Article.aspx>

PROHIBITED SUBSTANCE REGULATIONS

Prohibited Substance Rules (Fourth Appendix) are to become Regulations. The purpose behind moving the Fourth Appendix from the Rules to separate Regulations is to allow changes to be made in a shorter time to maintain currency and effectiveness. It is anticipated this will occur within the next two weeks, subject to publication of the notice in The New Zealand Gazette.

These changes will also include insertion of a cobalt threshold at an initial mass concentration of 0.20 milligrams per litre in urine. As cobalt is naturally occurring in equine biological samples - owing to its presence in pastures, soils and feedstuffs - the introduction of an agreed threshold is necessary to facilitate the control of its misuse in racehorses. Based on local population studies in Australia, it has introduced a race day urine threshold for cobalt at the same level as New Zealand.

Based upon population studies conducted in different countries and coordinated by the Advisory Council on Equine Prohibited Substances and Practices of the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA), the Advisory Council is advocating an international threshold for cobalt in urine at 0.10. Work is still continuing to establish an equivalent threshold in blood. Subject to receipt of a formal recommendation, NZTR will consider reducing its

threshold level to 0.10.

MANAWATU HUNT POINT TO POINT ON SUNDAY 10TH MAY 2015

The Manawatu Hunt is holding its Point to Point on Sunday, 10th May 2015 at the Levin Training Centre. Entries and queries to Leanne Elliot on 021 351972 or 06 3683946 or Leanne.elliott@xtra.co.nz

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
22-Apr	Otago@OAMU	19,223	-	461,068	-	309,078	-	9	-	102	-
22-Apr	Tauranga	22,878	28,445	364,025	409,133	346,899	157,914	8	8	62	78
23-Apr	Wanganui	34,903	32,811	523,129	598,231	253,620	170,972	8	9	90	99
24-Apr	Marlborough	40,091	37,976	438,453	451,485	207,174	162,098	8	8	81	62
25-Apr	Wellington	86,935	78,797	905,863	760,670	437,491	244,912	8	9	82	73
25-Apr	Cambridge	136,354	157,439	1,516,382	1,820,227	835,687	595,809	8	9	98	112
26-Apr	Marlborough	63,777	50,547	549,507	457,648	434,246	179,331	8	8	76	64

NZ Thoroughbred Summary FY15	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance /()	Variance %/(%)
Meetings	256	265	(9)	(3.40%)
Races	2,153	2,196	(43)	(1.96%)
Total Starts	22,279	22,744	(465)	(2.04%)
Avg Field Size	10.35	10.36	(0.01)	(0.09%)
Number of races less than 8 starters	361	368	(7)	(1.90%)
Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	317,220,144	309,200,570	8,019,574	2.59%
On-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	29,108,448	30,412,487	(1,304,039)	(4.29%)
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	346,328,591	339,613,057	6,715,535	1.98%
Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	245,207,795	259,332,560	(14,124,765)	(5.45%)
Subtotal FOB Turnover	100,691,689	80,280,482	20,411,207	25.42%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	160,859	154,651	6,208	4.01%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	15,545	14,932	613	4.11%
Total NZRB Racing Turnover	1,284,859,691	1,154,628,004	130,231,687	11.28%
Subtotal NZ Racing Turnover	636,305,741	631,389,132	4,916,609	0.78%
Subtotal Imported Racing Turnover	648,553,950	523,238,872	125,315,078	23.95%
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	296,042,873	205,754,697	90,288,176	43.88%
Total NZRB Turnover	1,580,902,564	1,360,382,701	220,519,863	16.21%
NZ Thoroughbred Export Turnover \$NZ (to 12 Apr)	256,539,452	239,464,247	17,075,204	7.13%
Total Races (to 12 Apr)	2,042	2,075	(33)	(1.59%)
NZ Thoroughbred Export turnover \$NZ per race	125,631	115,404	10,227	8.86%

Meeting details:

- Otago RC Wednesday meeting was transferred to Oamaru; 9 races this season, no direct equivalent last season.

- Racing Tauranga Wednesday meeting equivalent was run on a Monday in mid May FY14.
- Wanganui JC Thursday meeting equivalent was run in mid May FY14; 8 races in FY15, 9 races in FY14.
- Marlborough RC Friday meeting equivalent was run on a Thursday last season.
- Wellington RC Saturday meeting ran 8 races in FY15, 9 in FY14.
- Cambridge JC Saturday meeting ran 8 races this season; 9 last season.

Turnover summary notes:

- Total NZ thoroughbred turnover is up 2.0% year to date.
- 9 less meetings and 43 less races have been run than to the same date last season.
- Turnover per race is up 4.0%.
- Total starts made by thoroughbreds in NZ are down 465, 2.0% less.
- Average field size is 10.35 in FY15, down from 10.36 (0.1%) in FY14.
- The number of races with less than 8 starters is 7 lower than the season prior (361 v 368).
- The decline in NZ thoroughbred totalisator turnover (down 5.5%) has been offset by an increase in FOB turnover (up 25.4%).
- Export turnover (\$NZ) is up 8.9% per race to 12 April.

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.