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FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

Turn Me Loose gave sire Iffraaj his first domestic Group One winner. The three year old colt gave the Baker/Forsman team back to back wins in the classic. This feat has not been achieved in 31 years. The dominant victory would suggest he has every chance to reach the heights of Sacred Falls, Darci Brahma and Jimmy Choux.

There are 182 acceptances over a ten race card at Riccarton this Saturday. O'Marilyn is the dominant favorite currently paying \$1.70 on the fixed odds market in the \$300,000 New Zealand Bloodstock 1,000 Guineas. She was a precocious winner of the \$70,000 Group Three James & Annie Sarten Memorial, who many consider the defining lead up event. She is already a Group One winner and will prove tough to beat. Dramatist and Avisto look the main threats.

If you missed the New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing AGM last Thursday. Videos and summaries of presentations are available on the NZ Racing website.

A select seven horse field in the \$100,000 Stella Artois Tauranga Stakes this Saturday features Group One Performers Veyron, I Do, Zennista , Survived and introducing New Zealand Bred Hong Kong Derby winner Fay Fay. The former Hong Kong star will look to replicate another former Hong Kong star Pure Champion's recent New Zealand success.

A special mention for Apprentice Michael Dee who claimed third place and a prize of HKD8,000 in the 14th Macau Apprentice Jockey Invitation Races series on Saturday 8 November.

Michael finished on 35 points, behind the winner Australian apprentice Harry Coffey on 47 points, and Japanese apprentice Yoshihito Nagaoka on 41. The series featured 14 riders from 14 different countries and comprised five races across two days.

COUNTIES RACING CLUB SECURES NEW SPONSORSHIP FROM CHEP PALLECON SOLUTIONS

Counties Racing Club is pleased to announce that CHEP Pallecon Solutions will sponsor the group three \$100,000 Counties Cup run later this month. To be known as the CHEP Pallecon Solutions Counties Cup the Group Three 2,200 metre race will be held at Avondale race course on 22 November.

Steve Spencer, Country Sales Manager of CHEP Pallecon Solutions NZ said: "We have had a long association with the Counties Racing Club and have been sponsor there for many years and had no hesitation in sponsoring this prestigious event when the opportunity arose." It is disappointing that we won't be at Counties home base, but we are confident we can be well accommodated at Avondale, and that the Cup will attract a high class field." CHEP Pallecon Solutions provides reusable Intermediate Bulk Containers, specialist materials handling equipment, liner bags and accessories to customers around the world and across a range of industries including food, beverage, pharmaceutical, cosmetic, chemical and general manufacturing.

RACES ADDED TO WOODVILLE-PAHIATUA & TARANAKI MEETINGS

Woodville-Pahiatua Wednesday 19th November: Benchmark R65 HCP 2100m of \$7,000. \$4,375, \$1,400, \$700, \$350, \$175.

Taranaki TRI Friday 21st November: Maiden SW 1600m of \$7,000. \$4,375, \$1,400, \$700, \$350, \$175.

All other races on both programmes remain unaltered.

RANGIORA TRIALS TRANSFERRED TO ASHBURTON

Trials scheduled for Rangiora on Tuesday 18 November have been transferred to Ashburton and will be run on Wednesday 19 November.

Following the rescheduling and subsequent abandonment of the Ashburton meeting originally scheduled for Saturday 18 October NZTR agreed with the Club that trials would need to take place prior to the important Christmas at the Races meeting on 19 December. A number of recommendations were made with respect to remedial work required at the track and these recommendations have been carried out with the Club confident that the problems which lead to the abandonment have been rectified.

Nominations for the trials will close with the National Racing Bureau at Noon on Tuesday 18 November.

CHRISTMAS AT THE RACES DATES/VENUES 2014

| Date | Club | Race Course |
|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Saturday, 15 November 2014 | Racing Tauranga | Gate Pa |
| Saturday, 22 November 2014 | Rangitikei RC | Awapuni |
| Sunday, 23 November 2014 | Cambridge JC | Te Rapa |
| Friday, 28 November 2014 | Levin RC | Otaki |
| Saturday, 29 November 2014 | Auckland RC | Ellerslie |
| Saturday, 29 November 2014 | Wanganui JC | Wanganui |
| Saturday, 29 November 2014 | Geraldine TC | Orari |
| Sunday, 30 November 2014 | Otago RC @ Cromwell | Cromwell |
| Wednesday, 3 December 2014 | Counties RC | Pukekohe |

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| Thursday, 4 December 2014 | Taranaki TRI | New Plymouth |
| Friday, 5 December 2014 | Canterbury Racing | Riccarton Park |
| Saturday, 6 December 2014 | Auckland RC | Ellerslie |
| Saturday, 6 December 2014 | Wellington RC | Trentham |
| Sunday, 7 December 2014 | Waipukurau JC | Waipukurau |
| Wednesday, 10 December 2014 | Otago RC @ Wingatui | Wingatui |
| Thursday, 11 December 2014 | Hawke's Bay RI | Hastings |
| Friday, 12 December 2014 | Racing Tauranga | Gate Pa |
| Saturday, 13 December 2014 | Manawatu RC | Awapuni |
| Saturday, 13 December 2014 | Waikato RC | Te Rapa |
| Saturday, 13 December 2014 | Southland RC | Invercargill |
| Sunday, 14 December 2014 | Auckland RC | Ellerslie |
| Wednesday, 17 December 2014 | Matamata RC | Matamata |
| Thursday, 18 December 2014 | Levin RC | Otaki |
| Friday, 19 December 2014 | Ashburton RC | Ashburton |
| Saturday, 20 December 2014 | Manawatu RC | Awapuni |
| Saturday, 20 December 2014 | Waikato RC | Te Rapa |
| Sunday, 21 December 2014 | Tapanui RC @ Gore | Gore |
| Monday, 22 December 2014 | Taranaki TRI | Pukekura Raceway |

2015-17 BUSINESS PLAN & 2014 NZTR PERFORMANCE REPORT AVAILABLE ONLINE

The 2015-2017 NZTR Business Plan and 2014 NZTR Performance Report are available on the NZTR website at <http://www.nzracing.co.nz/NZTR/Resources/NZTR-Publications.aspx>

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 |
| 4-Nov | Auckland | 682,287 | 664,252 | 2,554,008 | 2,581,347 | 869,571 | 596,551 | 10 | 10 | 130 | 126 |

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| 4-Nov | Otago | 209,558 | 215,494 | 1,075,458 | 1,074,464 | 303,551 | 226,526 | 9 | 9 | 105 | 91 |
| 4-Nov | Otaki-Maori | 84,799 | 94,589 | 1,086,612 | 1,122,155 | 339,328 | 208,083 | 10 | 9 | 116 | 110 |
| 5-Nov | Avondale | 46,846 | 55,741 | 1,051,455 | 760,996 | 389,098 | 373,323 | 12 | 11 | 143 | 119 |
| 7-Nov | Rotorua | 35,394 | 38,581 | 652,964 | 698,128 | 223,196 | 212,355 | 8 | 9 | 81 | 84 |
| 8-Nov | Canterbury | 297,408 | 301,351 | 1,948,552 | 1,791,019 | 795,888 | 653,914 | 10 | 10 | 119 | 116 |
| 8-Nov | Waikato | 127,857 | 130,739 | 1,723,199 | 1,400,510 | 663,807 | 398,401 | 10 | 9 | 123 | 123 |
| 9-Nov | Hawke's Bay | 65,590 | 61,352 | 726,765 | 717,058 | 370,572 | 261,586 | 8 | 8 | 77 | 75 |

| NZ Thoroughbred Summary FY15 | This Season, Year to Date | Last Season, Year to Date | Variance + / () | Variance + % / (%) |
|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Meetings | 90 | 95 | (5) | (5.26%) |
| Races | 757 | 784 | (27) | (3.44%) |
| Total Starts | 8,052 | 8,214 | (162) | (1.97%) |
| Avg Field Size | 10.64 | 10.48 | +0.16 | +1.52% |
| Number of races less than 8 starters | 96 | 123 | (27) | (21.95%) |
| Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB) | 108,298,294 | 103,954,459 | +4,343,835 | +4.18% |
| On-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB) | 7,747,347 | 7,746,850 | +496 | +0.01% |
| Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover | 116,045,641 | 111,701,309 | +4,344,332 | +3.89% |
| Subtotal Totalisator Turnover | 84,696,478 | 87,075,300 | (2,378,822) | (2.73%) |
| Subtotal FOB Turnover | 31,349,163 | 24,625,994 | +6,723,169 | +27.30% |
| NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race | 153,297 | 142,476 | +10,821 | +7.59% |
| NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter | 14,412 | 13,599 | +813 | +5.98% |
| Total NZRB Racing Turnover | 469,327,480 | 420,245,247 | +49,082,233 | +11.68% |
| Total NZRB Sports Turnover | 96,227,587 | 75,883,792 | +20,343,795 | +26.81% |
| Total NZRB Turnover | 565,555,067 | 496,129,039 | +69,426,028 | +13.99% |

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| NZ Thoroughbred Export Turnover \$NZ (to 31 Oct) | 79,019,873 | 79,369,250 | (349,377) | (0.44%) |
| Total Races (to 31 Oct) | 653 | 694 | (41) | (5.91%) |
| NZ Thoroughbred Export turnover \$NZ per race | 121,011 | 114,365 | +6,646 | +5.81% |

Meeting details:

- Otaki-Maori RC Melbourne Cup Day meeting ran 10 races, last season the equivalent meeting ran 9.
- Avondale JC meeting equivalent was run on the following Monday last season; 12 races this year, 11 last year.
- Rotorua Racing Friday meeting ran 8 races in FY15, 9 in FY14.
- Waikato RC Saturday meeting ran 10 races this season, 9 races last season.

Turnover summary notes:

- Total NZ thoroughbred turnover is up 3.9% year to date.
- 5 less meetings and 27 less races have been run than to the same date last season.
- Turnover per race is up 7.6%.
- Total starts made by thoroughbreds in NZ are down 162, 2.0% less.
- Average field size is 10.64 in FY15, up from 10.48 in FY14.
- The number of races with less than 8 starters is 27 less than the season prior (96 v 123).
- The decline in NZ thoroughbred totalisator turnover (down 2.7%) has been offset by an increase in FOB turnover (up 27.3%).
- Export turnover per race (\$NZ) is up 5.8% to 31 October.

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). 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.