

FRIDAY 17 JULY 2015

FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

Taranaki T.R.I. hosts a Premier 2 meeting on Saturday, the headline event being the \$65,000 Waikato Stud Opunake Cup. Last year, the Listed race produced Iamishwara before his subsequent Group One victory and top tier status. This year's edition will feature Thorn Prince, Queens Rose and North And South. The subsequent winner will be granted \$1000 in travel costs providing they start in the \$100,000 eStar 118th Winter Cup. The eight race card includes 112 acceptances competing for \$245,000 in stakes.

Also on Saturday, Waikato Racing Club will host five jumping events rounding out an eleven race card. In accordance with our open jumps policy, the open entry hurdle was divided into two separate Maiden Hurdles and one Restricted Open Hurdle due to high nominations. The Two Year Old set weight and penalties event was also divided. Please note due to these divisions, the first race is scheduled to start at 10.32am.

The Victorian Spring Carnival deadlines have been released. New Zealand trained thoroughbreds have had great success in recent years with Ocean Park, Sangster and Lion Tamer. Elite gallopers who have already announced intentions to target these races include Volkstok'N'Barrell, Mongolian Khan and Pondarosa Miss. Deadlines can be found here <http://rv.racing.com/racing-and-integrity/race-dates/feature-race-conditions>

OAMARU CUP DAY THIS SUNDAY

One of North Otago's most pleasurable social and sporting occasions. Oamaru Cup Day, featuring the the \$25,000 Oamaru Cup run over a mile, takes place this Sunday, 19 July.

Horse racing in Oamaru has a long and illustrious history. At the first Cup meeting on 12 March 1862 all seven races were won by horses owned by the Julius Brothers. If the same feat is achieved on Sunday, the owners can look forward to taking home a share of a record prize money pool of close to \$200,000.

Admission to the race day is free, and all ages are welcome to attend.

The annual Speights-sponsored, Punter of the Year Championship is free to enter and teams can be made up of any size (individuals are welcome too) but you must present a betting pool of \$400 at the beginning of the contest in order to participate. The Championships commence from Race 3 with the winning team taking home a cash prize of \$1000.

For more information on this contest or the race day itself, please contact: Andre Klein andre@wingatui.co.nz or Phone: 027 2423767.

2015 THOROUGHBRED HORSE OF THE YEAR AWARDS DINNER – THURSDAY 13 AUGUST IN HAMILTON

The Thoroughbred Horse of the Year Awards Dinner will be held this year on the evening of Thursday, 13 August at Claudelands Events Centre in Hamilton. The evening is scheduled to start with drinks at 6.00pm. Dress is black tie.

A total of 20 Champions for the 2014-15 racing season are announced on the night culminating in The Award for Outstanding Contribution to Racing and The Horse of the Year Award.

NZTR has announced finalists. This is available on the website [Click HERE](#).

For reservation enquiries: KJ Smith at Verve - the event agency 04 499 6909 or kj@verve.co.nz

PREMIERE OF HORSE TOWN STARTS 6 AUGUST ON COUNTRY TV

With a prestigious history that dates back to James I, Newmarket is the original home of modern horse racing. Horse Town offers viewers unique access to the town, the race course and Newmarket's ancillary racing related industries including the British Racing School, Tattersalls horse auction, Jockey Club, National Stud and National Equine Hospital. This is a classic multi-narrative observational documentary that lifts the lid on the people, the passions and the drama of life in Newmarket.

FORTY-FIVE LEFT IN THE ESTAR WINTER CUP

North And South remains unchanged as the \$6 favourite ahead of the big mover Spoke To Carlo at \$8, in from an opening quote of \$18, and Marotiri Miss who has firmed from \$12 to be the third favourite at \$10. Authentic Paddy and Miss Three Stars are on the fourth line of betting at \$12.

There is a provision of late entries which closes on Wednesday 22 July, the same date on which second withdrawals close. Weights will be declared on Thursday, 23 July 2015. The list of first acceptances can be found on the NZTR website www.nzracing.co.nz .

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EQUINE ACUPUNCTURE - 2015 NZERF/BAYER LECTURES START ON 18 JULY AT KARAKA

The NZ Equine Research Foundation (NZERF) is bringING Sarah Le Jeune to New Zealand from UC Davis in California for the NZERF/Bayer Lectures. Her topic is Equine Back Pain: Using conventional veterinary medicine, acupuncture and chiropractic for diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation and will include a live demonstration of equine acupuncture. The lectures will be held at:

1. Karaka on 18 July,
2. Cambridge Lodge on 19 July,
3. Manfield (Manawatu) on 22 July, and
4. Canterbury Park on 25 July.

Sarah is Assistant Professor of Clinical Surgical & Radiological Sciences at UC Davis. She has also studied and worked at the University of Louvain in Belgium, University of Liege in Belgium, and Colorado State University in the United States. Her awards include:

1. Christopher M. Smith Equine Resident Research Award, Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital, University of California, Davis
2. Nicholas Vatisas Memorial Resident Award, University of California, Davis
3. Dan Evans Memorial Endowment Resident Research Award, Center for Equine Health, University of California, Davis
4. Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital Resident Research Award, University of California, Davis

Register to attend with nzerf@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
8-Jul	Matamata	17,890	19,135	420,615	424,905	181,849	156,815	7	7	61	79
9-Jul	Stratford	27,292	24,653	510,780	516,214	206,570	171,448	7	7	75	76
10-Jul	South Canterbury	26,792	18,327	505,624	416,064	213,447	162,453	11	8	115	70
11-Jul	Whangarei	86,768	32,287	1,108,816	625,437	512,057	262,294	9	9	93	62
11-Jul	Wellington	153,812	183,464	1,042,403	1,407,550	354,237	396,750	8	9	81	94

NZ Thoroughbred Summary FY15	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance + / ()	Variance + % / (%)
Meetings	323	332	(9)	(2.71%)
Races	2,738	2,765	(27)	(0.98%)
Total Starts	28,603	28,834	(231)	(0.80%)
Avg Field Size	10.447	10.428	+0.018	+0.18%
Number of races less than 8 starters	437	443	(6)	(1.35%)
Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	386,590,746	374,159,781	+12,430,965	+3.32%
On-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	32,915,297	34,364,642	(1,449,345)	(4.22%)
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	419,506,042	408,524,423	+10,981,619	+2.69%
Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	297,904,033	311,189,056	(13,285,023)	(4.27%)
Subtotal FOB Turnover	121,599,707	97,335,352	+24,264,354	+24.93%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	153,216	147,748	+5,468	+3.70%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	14,667	14,168	+498	+3.52%
Total NZRB Racing Turnover	1,619,190,424	1,462,171,780	+157,018,644	+10.74%
Subtotal NZ Racing Turnover	784,689,639	777,559,160	+7,130,479	+0.92%
Subtotal Imported Racing Turnover	834,500,785	684,612,620	+149,888,165	+21.89%
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	384,555,647	297,484,723	+87,070,924	+29.27%
Total NZRB Turnover	2,003,746,071	1,759,656,503	+244,089,568	+13.87%
NZ Thoroughbred Export Turnover \$NZ (to 5 Jul)	314,759,626	295,518,395	+19,241,232	+6.51%
Total Races (to 5 Jul)	2,696	2,732	(36)	(1.32%)
NZ Thoroughbred Export turnover \$NZ per race	116,751	108,169	+8,581	+7.93%

Meeting details:

- Matamata RC Wednesday meeting equivalent was run on the previous Monday last season.
- Stratford RC Thursday meeting equivalent was run on Friday two weeks earlier in FY14.
- South Canterbury RC Friday meeting ran 11 races this season, 8 last season.
- Whangarei RC Saturday meeting equivalent was run at Avondale in FY14.
- Wellington RC Saturday meeting ran 8 races this season, 9 last season.

Turnover summary notes:

- Total NZ thoroughbred turnover is up 2.7% year to date.
- 9 less meetings and 27 less races have been run than to the same date last season.
- Turnover per race is up 3.7%.
- Total starts made by thoroughbreds in NZ are down 231, 0.8 % less.
- Average field size is 10.447 in FY15, up from 10.428 (+0.18%) in FY14.
- The number of races with less than 8 starters is 6 lower than the season prior (437 v 443).
- The decline in NZ thoroughbred totalisator turnover (down 4.3%) has been offset by an increase in FOB turnover (up 24.9%).
- Export turnover (\$NZ) is up 7.9% per race to 5 July.

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 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.