

Thursday 18 September 2014

FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

The second leg of the Hawke's Bay Triple Crown series is run this weekend. The \$200,000 Group One Windsor Park Plate features eight individual Group One winners. The track is currently a Dead 5, which brings plenty of runners into contention. Nashville will look to cement his status as New Zealand's finest miler. He was unlucky in the Makfi Challenge Stakes and has drawn barrier 12. He is a two-time Group One winner over the distance and the forecast is rainfall on Saturday. Seven out of his nine wins have occurred on Good to Dead tracks. He will remain tough to beat at \$6. I Do will prefer a soft track to vindicate her favoritism at 4\$.

New Zealand Champion Stayer Silent Achiever has been allocated a visitor's handicap of 56.5kg in the first release of Melbourne Cup weights. Barfoot & Thompson Auckland Cup winner Who Shot Thebarman has received 54.5kg and won convincingly at Flemington on Saturday. Puccini was also allocated 54.5kg and should be a worthy contender after a resounding Merial Mile success. Other notable New Zealand interests include:

Sangster 54.0

More Than Sacred 50.5

Kirramosa 53.0

Colonel Carrera 50.0

Lucia Valentina 53.0

Deane Martin 50.0

Costume 51.0

NZTR Regional Meetings will be held next week throughout New Zealand, starting on Monday as follows. All industry participants are welcome to attend.

Monday 22 September: 12pm – AUCKLAND at Ellerslie / 5.30pm – HAMILTON at Te Rapa

Tuesday 23 September: 11.30am - INVERCARGILL at the Ascot Park Hotel / 5.30pm – DUNEDIN at Wingatui

Wednesday 24 September: 12pm – CHRISTCHURCH at Riccarton Park

Friday 26 September: 10.30am – PALMERSTON NORTH at Awapuni / 4.00pm – NEW PLYMOUTH at Pukekura Park

The **2014 NZTR Performance Report**, which records NZTR's performance against the 44 Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) in the 2014-2016 NZTR Business Plan, will be presented at the meetings together with NZTR's key improvement strategies for New Zealand thoroughbred racing over the next three years focusing on the 2014-15 season.

The **2014 NZTR Performance Report** is also available on the NZTR website (together with the 2012 and 2013 Performance Reports) [HERE](#)

NZTR & EQUESTRIAN SPORTS NZ EXPAND TiES PROGRAMME FOR 2014-15

The partnership between New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing (NZTR) and Equestrian Sports New Zealand (ESNZ) to recognise Thoroughbreds in Equestrian Sport (TiES) is being expanded this coming season across the disciplines of Eventing, Jumping, Show Hunter, Dressage, and a Para-Equestrian partnership.

This follows a successful inaugural 2013-14 TiES Championship, which finished in May (at the Taupo 3-Day Event) won by Citadelle and Claudia Wilson. Citadelle was formerly raced as Vintage Peak, trained by 2013-14 Champion Trainer Lisa Latta. Vintage Peak won twice and had 4 placings in 20 starts before being retired in 2009 and retrained for a successful equestrian career.

NZTR and ESNZ created the TiES programme as a joint initiative to increase opportunities for second careers for Thoroughbred horses retiring from racing and raise awareness of their adaptability. This initiative has also strengthened links between the Thoroughbred racing industry, the wider equestrian community and the public to stimulate uptake of ex-racehorses for second careers. Matthew Goodson, Chairman of NZTR, said: *"Our ultimate goal is to achieve a balance between the number of horses leaving racing and the number of enthusiastic and suitable, new homes able to take on the responsibility of looking after a former racehorse."*

All ESNZ-calendared shows will now be eligible for TiES competition points, but only registered classes will count. Points will be allocated to the first six placing Thoroughbreds within an eligible class.

To be eligible to compete in the TiES National Competition your Thoroughbred must be registered with Equestrian Sports New Zealand. To register go to: www.nzequestrian.org.nz/para-equestrian/news/2014/september/ties/

TiES Registration confirmation can take up to three weeks depending on the information supplied. Once confirmed you will be sent a TiES Passport where all your horse details can be recorded along with TiES points throughout the season. If you previously registered with TiES in 2013-2014 you do not need to do this again and a TiES Passport will be sent to you shortly.

The TiES Championship will conclude at the Horse of the Year Show and will be showcased on the Saturday night at Horse of the Year, with awards being presented for the best Thoroughbred in each discipline along with the overall TiES Champion for 2014-2015.

RACING SAFETY DEVELOPMENT FUNDING APPLICATIONS

Applications for the next round of the Racing Safety Development Fund (RSDF) close on 30 September 2014. Application forms are available from <http://www.dia.govt.nz>. The RSDF application form outlines the criteria to be used to assess applications, and the supporting information that is required. Clubs are also encouraged to contact NZTR directly to discuss applications before submitting.

THE CHRISTCHURCH CASINO 19TH ANNUAL SOUTH ISLAND RACING AWARDS ON TOMORROW NIGHT

The awards will be presented at a Cocktail Function at the Tea House, Riccarton Park Racecourse from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm on Friday 19 September 2014 prior to The Canterbury Jockey Club Spring Racemeeting on Saturday 20 September 2014.

SOUTH CANTERBURY RC - MONDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2014 – STAKE INCREASE

The South Canterbury RC has increased the stake of the Benchmark Rating 75 Hcp 1600m race at their Monday 22 September meeting from \$8,000 to \$10,000.

OTAKI RC – THURSDAY 25 SEPTEMBER - FINAL RACE CONFIRMED

The following race has been added to the programme for the Otaki RC race meeting on Thursday 25 September 2014: Maiden SW - 1400m Of \$7,000 (\$4,375, \$1,400, \$700, \$350, \$175). All other races on the programme remain unaltered.

The Central Region Clubs are trialing an initiative where a number of days out from a midweek industry meeting the Central Regional Programming Committee & NZTR will confirm the additional race to be programmed based on recent nominations and a review of upcoming opportunities for those horses in the region. The flexibility to programme the extra race is designed to provide an opportunity for horses which might otherwise not be able to start.

2013-2014 OTAGO RACING AWARDS - 6:30PM SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2014

The Otago Racing Awards this year take place on the evening following South Otago Cup Day, Saturday, 27 September 2014. Tickets are \$30 for a buffet meal and a cash bar. RSVP to charlotte@wingatui.co.nz if you would like to come along.

TARANAKI – SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER - ADDITIONAL RACE PROGRAMMED

The following race has been added to the programme for the Taranaki TRI race meeting on Saturday 27 September 2014: Maiden SW 990m - \$10,000 stake. All other races on the programme remain unaltered. This race will appear in the September edition of the TRM.

EGMONT RACING CLUB – SATURDAY 11 OCTOBER – MINOR DISTANCE CHANGE

The Kaponga Hotel Egmont Cup will now be run over a distance of **2200m** as opposed to 2300m as it appears in the September *Thoroughbred Racing Monthly*, as follows: Kaponga Hotel Egmont Cup - OPN HCP **2200m** \$35,000.

This change has been requested by the Egmont Racing Club. All other races on the programme remain unaltered.

TAB ROLLING OUT EARLY QUADDIES

In October the TAB will be rolling out early quaddies on NZ Thoroughbred racing (in addition to existing quaddies). Each of the 28 NZ Thoroughbred meetings in October will have a \$40,000 Early Quaddie and a \$60,000 Quaddie

RACING CLUB CONFERENCE/AGM

The annual Racing Club Conference and NZTR AGM are being from 10.30am on 6 November 2014 at Room 4, Shed 6, Queen's Wharf, Wellington.

TURNOVER INFORMATION

	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
10-Sep	Waikato	53,707	61,784	863,895	718,339	383,678	235,876	11	8	137	93
11-Sep	Taranaki	28,326	25,206	551,624	501,320	219,595	174,809	7	7	66	61
12-Sep	Ashburton	18,231	16,980	351,457	484,606	165,826	164,270	6	7	54	67
13-Sep	Marton	108,818	132,737	1,882,737	1,624,717	505,957	413,756	10	10	130	121
13-Sep	Whangarei	77,831	77,122	1,059,278	960,352	487,752	361,609	9	9	80	71
14-Sep	Rotorua-BOP	36,411	38,212	474,654	549,228	179,499	159,181	8	9	64	77

NZ Thoroughbred Summary FY15	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance +/-	Variance +%/(-%)
Meetings	37	40	(3)	(7.50%)
Races	300	310	(10)	(3.23%)
Total Starts	3,008	3,105	(97)	(3.12%)
Avg Field Size	10.03	10.02	+0.01	+0.11%
Number of races less than 8 starters	50	52	(2)	(3.85%)
Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	40,098,136	40,268,134	(169,997)	(0.42%)
On-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	2,555,868	2,610,961	(55,093)	(2.11%)

Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	42,654,004	42,879,094	(225,090)	(0.52%)
Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	31,236,390	33,911,470	(2,675,080)	(7.89%)
Subtotal FOB Turnover	11,417,615	8,967,624	+2,449,990	+27.32%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	142,180	138,320	+3,860	+2.79%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	14,180	13,810	+370	+2.68%
Total NZRB Racing Turnover	180,074,887	167,616,442	+12,458,445	+7.43%
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	45,719,635	31,602,654	+14,116,980	+44.67%
Total NZRB Turnover	225,794,521	199,219,096	+26,575,425	+13.34%
NZ Thoroughbred Export Turnover \$NZ (to 31 Aug)	23,880,275	23,377,257	+503,018	+2.15%
Total Races (to 31 Aug)	205	203	+2	+0.99%
NZ Thoroughbred Export turnover \$NZ per race	116,489	115,159	+1,330	+1.16%

Meeting details:

- Waikato RC Wednesday meeting ran 11 races this season, 8 last season.
- Ashburton RC Friday meeting ran 6 races in FY15, 7 races in FY14.
- Rotorua –BOP HC Sunday meeting equivalent was on the following Friday in FY14; 8 races this season, 9 last season.

Turnover summary notes:

- Total NZ thoroughbred turnover is down 0.5% year to date.
- 3 less meetings and 10 less races have been run than to the same date last season.
- Turnover per race is up 2.8%.
- Total starts made by thoroughbreds in NZ are down 97, 3.1% less.
- Average field size is 10.03 in FY15, up slightly from 10.02 in FY14.
- The number of races with less than 8 starters is two less (50) than the season prior.
- The decline in NZ thoroughbred totalisator turnover (down 7.9%) is partly offset by an increase in FOB turnover (up 27.3%).
- Export turnover per race (\$NZ) is up 1.2% to 31 August.