

THURSDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2015

FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

The \$750,000 TV3 New Zealand Derby is here. The barrier draw on Radio Trackside was sure to raise a few eyebrows for connections of Mongolian Khan and Vavasour.

While the connections of Volkstok'N'Barrell and McQueen certainly would be delighted with the result of Barrier four and one. The Final Field markets have adjusted accordingly with Volkstok'N'Barrell an outright \$2.60 favorite and despite Mongolian Khans impressive last start victory, he is now drifted to \$4.

The Derby is the most sought out prize in classic racing and it is good to see top class fillies Vavasour and Chenille attempt to boost their broodmare claims against the colts and geldings.

In recent years it has been the classiest horse to win the 2400m event with Jimmy Choux and Puccini being previous examples, not necessarily the most natural staying types. So the market is correct to suggest Volkstok'N'Barrell and Mongolian Khan are the main dangers.

With Auckland Cup week and the Oaks meeting at Trentham approaching, here is your opportunity to enter a free online punters challenge and compete for cash prizes.

The online tipping competition is governed by New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing and allows punters to compete against friends and family. You can create groups similar to other virtual sports websites.

The challenge is simple:

1. Get over to www.nzracing123.com and register your entry
2. Pick a horse in each race over the four meetings of the competition and you will get a virtual \$1 each way on your selections
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EMIRATES MELBOURNE CUP TOUR

The Victoria Racing Club is now inviting tenders for 2015's Tour of the Emirates Melbourne Cup trophy.

The Emirates Melbourne Cup Tour (EMCT) brings the Emirates Melbourne Cup trophy (valued at \$175,000) to towns and rural communities across Australia and New Zealand in the lead up to the 155th running of the Melbourne Cup.

On the road the Cup is accompanied by Racing Ambassadors, Melbourne Cup heroes and legends of Australian racing, who bring an array of stories connected with the race.

As part of the tender process, host destinations are invited to organise visits to schools, nursing homes, hospitals, community fun days, charity events, cocktail parties and street parades to honour the Tour's visit to their town. Submissions via an application online must be in by Monday, 13th April, 2015. For more information about how you can host the EMCT in your town, please click [here](#). For other details contact Victoria Moffat on v.moffat@vrc.net.au or (+61) 3 8378 0678.

THOROUGHBREDS IN EQUESTRIAN SPORT (TIES) 2014-15 COMPETITION

There has been strong support for the Thoroughbreds in Equestrian Sport (TiES) national competition this season. For the trial season in 2013-2014 Equestrian Sport NZ received entries for 77 horses. This season that number has grown to 136. The joint NZTR/ESNZ competition, which aims to increase second career options for thoroughbreds finishing their racing careers, offers classes across jumping, eventing, show hunter, dressage and para-equestrian. Points are accumulated during the season culminating in the Horse of the Year Show on 17-22 March in Hastings. Winners will be presented with their prizes on Sunday afternoon, 22 March, just before the Dressage.

2014 BROODMARE RETURNS DUE 28TH FEBRUARY 2015

Broodmare owners/lessees are reminded that 2014 mare returns must be lodged with the Stud Book by 28th February 2015.

A return is required to update a mare's foaling/service details in the Stud Book, and needs to be lodged even if she has not produced a live foal or has not been served this season.

It is the responsibility of the mare owner/lessee to lodge the return, and it can be done either:

- **Online via the Breeders Service Centre at www.nzracing.co.nz**
If you used the Breeders Service Centre last season, your access codes are still valid. If you have forgotten the codes, email studbook@nzracing.co.nz and we will re-send them to you.

If you would like to register to use the Breeders Service Centre, email studbook@nzracing.co.nz with your name, and the name of the mare, and we will send you codes to access this secure part of our website.

Please note, only credit/debit card payments are accepted online. A 10% discount applies to these payments made by the due date.

- **Over the telephone**

Call 04 576-6240 and choose Option 3 to speak to someone from the Stud Book (Monday – Friday from 9am until 5pm).

Payment can be made immediately by credit/debit card (10% discount) through our secure payment system or we can send you an invoice to pay by cheque or internet banking (no discount for these payment options).

If a mare has been sold/leased out/given away, retired or died, email the details to studbook@nzracing.co.nz so that we can update our records.

Please note, 28th February 2015 is a Saturday. You will be able to complete online returns on this day but the telephone service will not be in operation.

CROMWELL CUP DAY

One of the most popular race meetings of the summer takes place this Sunday.

It's Cromwell Cup Day at the picturesque, Roundhill Racecourse

There are seven races scheduled with the first of those due to commence at 1.30pm.

The Cup itself, generously sponsored once again by Claas Harvest Centre Otago is Race 5 on the programme at 3.43pm. The last race of the day, the time honoured Speights Publican's Plate is at 4.53pm.

Gates open at 10.30am and admission is \$10 per person, with children under the age of 18 admitted for free.

The entertainment on the day features the customary, Fashions On the Field competition, and the event has been extended to incorporate both a male and children's division. There are some great prizes on offer.

In the Kids Zone area of the racetrack there is free entertainment galore as usual with all sorts of fun rides. We are welcoming the Water Walkers for the first time to Cromwell however for this exclusive activity there will be a charge made.

Trackspy is doing the Punters Club and his record at Cromwell is well worth mentioning. A simple \$10 each on his selections at the Christmas meeting would have yielded you a profit of over \$400. He'll be punting from Race 3 through to Race 7.

You have the opportunity to enter a free punting contest in the "\$100-A-Day-Jackpot" Contest. So far this season no one has managed to land the spoils so it is now up to a huge \$800. To enter you need to just fill in the form in the racebook and select the winners of race 3 through to

6.

Car boot picnics are welcomed and if you are early you should be able to get to a spot right up against the running rail, BYO is permitted at this event.

At this point in time, we have a few mini marquees left, so give us a call if they appeal. They are ideal for groups of 10 to 15 people and represent great value for money at \$300 plus GST, which includes your admission tickets.

Hope to see you at the races on Sunday!

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
18-Feb	Avondale	20,386	32,639	464,525	448,053	361,908	208,074	7	7	56	53
19-Feb	Wairoa	42,600	39,909	446,564	529,061	295,032	213,303	8	8	62	72
20-Feb	Canterbury	40,373	37,667	651,065	696,956	303,064	256,666	9	9	106	100
21-Feb	Otaki-Maori	101,038	106,561	1,019,227	1,142,188	448,644	346,105	8	9	72	86
21-Feb	Matamata	219,637	207,764	1,491,713	1,992,191	725,662	570,323	9	9	87	100
22-Feb	Wairoa	103,523	96,302	534,020	461,519	281,579	215,086	7	8	62	62

NZ Thoroughbred Summary FY15	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance +/-	Variance +%/(-%)
Meetings	198	206	(8)	(3.88%)
Races	1,672	1,703	(31)	(1.82%)
Total Starts	17,496	17,775	(279)	(1.57%)
Avg Field Size	10.46	10.44	+0.03	+0.26%
Number of races less than 8 starters	265	279	(14)	(5.02%)

Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	252,201,147	244,189,535	+8,011,612	+3.28%
On-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	24,076,827	24,469,815	(392,988)	(1.61%)
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	276,277,973	268,659,349	+7,618,624	+2.84%
Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	198,038,059	206,215,179	(8,177,121)	(3.97%)
Subtotal FOB Turnover	77,813,110	62,444,155	+15,368,955	+24.61%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	165,238	157,757	+7,482	+4.74%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	15,791	15,114	+676	+4.48%
Total NZRB Racing Turnover	995,188,670	898,662,965	+96,525,705	+10.74%
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	207,522,875	154,740,302	+52,782,573	+34.11%
Total NZRB Turnover	1,202,711,545	1,053,403,267	+149,308,278	+14.17%

NZ Thoroughbred Export Turnover \$NZ (to 15 Feb)	205,782,456	194,952,645	+10,829,811	+5.56%
Total Races (to 15 Feb)	1,624	1,663	(39)	(2.35%)
NZ Thoroughbred Export turnover \$NZ per race	126,713	117,229	+9,484	+8.09%

Meeting details:

- Canterbury Racing Friday meeting equivalent was run by South Canterbury RC on Sunday last season.
- Otaki-Maori RC Saturday meeting ran 8 races this season, 9 last.
- Wairoa RC Sunday meeting ran 7 races in FY15, 8 in FY14.

Turnover summary notes:

- Total NZ thoroughbred turnover is up 2.8% year to date.
- 8 less meetings and 31 less races have been run than to the same date last season.
- Turnover per race is up 4.7%.
- Total starts made by thoroughbreds in NZ are down 179, 1.6% less.
- Average field size is 10.46 in FY15, up from 10.44 in FY14.
- The number of races with less than 8 starters is 14 less than the season prior (265 v 279).
- The decline in NZ thoroughbred totalisator turnover (down 4.0%) has been offset by an increase in FOB turnover (up 24.6%).
- Export turnover (\$NZ) is up 8.1% per race to 15 February.

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 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.