

FRIDAY 8 MAY 2015

FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

Racing Rotorua Campbell Infrastructure Cup day is this week's feature race meeting. The track is currently rated a Slow 7 and the weather is forecast to be fine on race day. Four-time cup winner Indikator will lead out the \$75,000 Campbell Infrastructure Rotorua Cup field. The field features last start winner El Soldado, wet tracker Intransigent and top weight Decorah. The race is scheduled to start at 2.35pm.

James McDonald is currently leading the Longines World's Best Jockey Award series. Scores are accumulated from points in races identified as the world's top 100, with 12 points for a win, six points for second and four points for third. The duration of the competition is 12 months from December 1 to November 30.

This weekend, a number of New Zealand trained Thoroughbreds will compete in Australian feature races. The Roger James trained Silent Achiever will most likely have her swansong in the \$650,000 Doomben Cup. The race is scheduled to run at 5.27pm. Busuttin/Young four year old entire El Roca runs in the \$500,000 BTC Cup at 6.07pm. The \$500,000 South Australian Derby will feature Andrew Campbell trained last start Championship Stakes winner Werther and VRC St Leger placegetter Gifted Lad for the Bussutin/Young partnership. The Derby is at 6.23pm.

FROM RACE TRACK TO DRESSAGE ARENA FOR 2014-15 OVERALL TIES WINNER

When Wendy Jeffery's expensive Anamour dressage horse went out with injury she sought a stand in. What she ended up with is far more than that. Rokowai - or Rocky as he's known at home - is off the track. He was bred to race (by Rainbow Myth out of Vain Ego by Straight Strike) but his lack of speed saw him retired young, and he's now a successful dressage horse, who has won this year's NZTR-sponsored Thoroughbreds in Equestrian Sport (TIES) Dressage and Overall Winner titles.

Jeffery, who is Policing Development Manager for the NZ Police Communications Centre's National Management Group in Wellington, acquired Rocky from Claire Wilson's HorsesalesNZ's sale in January 2013. "I wanted a cheap horse to keep me going for a few months while my other one was out of work," she says. His breeder Hilton Meech in Hastings had sent the horse to Wilson for a brief 'learn to jump session' as a three-year-old in the hopes he would learn to hurdle. "Luckily for me he proved too slow for this, so he returned to Claire a year later to sell. Claire loved his jump, but he was just a bit small for her to carry on with as a showjumper, so he was sold to me." Jeffery, who lives on a **small** farm in South Wairarapa while commuting to Wellington for her work at Police HQ, clearly remembers Wilson telling her that **while** Rocky was no dressage horse, **he was still very special**.

Well, he's turned out just fine as a dressage horse, and two years down the track he and Jeffery are still competing. They started competing in dressage in 2013, and since then they have won a number of championships at level 1 and 2, and are regularly placed at regional championships. He is also a great jumper, easily jumping 1.2m.

"While he may not have the big movement of the warmbloods, he still has very good paces and tries hard when learning new things," says Jeffery. "He can be a little sensitive at times, but if you give him confidence and keep him forward, he quickly gets over it."

And he's a real character - his attitude he had as a foal is well and truly still there. "He's very expressive and tells you when he is happy or not." And he loves nothing more than hanging out at the truck ramp sharing gingernuts with his owner.

Jeffery, current President of the **Wairarapa and Solway Dressage Groups**, is a big supporter of TIES. "It is really worth while," she says. "There are a lot of Thoroughbreds competing in equestrian sports. For dressage, where typically there are a lot of warm bloods, it is nice to have a Thoroughbred who has another chance at life, and doing really well."

Rokowai joins many other Thoroughbreds in the dressage arena including recent two times Horse of the Year (2008-9 & 2011-12) Mufhasa.

NZTR and Equestrian Sports New Zealand (ESNZ) created the TiES programme as a joint initiative to raise awareness of the adaptability of Thoroughbreds for second careers in equestrian sport and increase links between the Thoroughbred racing industry, the wider equestrian community and the public to stimulate uptake of ex-racehorses for second careers.

Each horse accumulates points over the season, determined by their overall Thoroughbred placing in an individual class. This is the second year the TiES Competition has been held.

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."*

OVERALL TiES SERIES WINNER FOR 2014-15

Result	Rider	Horse	Sire	Dam	Prize Money
1	Wendy Jeffery	Rokowai	Rainbow Myth	Vain Ego	\$1,000

TIES DRESSAGE COMPETITION

Result	Rider	Horse	Sire	Dam	Points	Prize Money
1	Wendy Jeffery	Rokowai	Rainbow Myth	Vain Ego	250	\$1,000
2	Nicki Klevering	X Box	Omicorp	Lady Harrisand	161	\$700
3	Wendy Price	The Flying Doctor	Doctor David	Flight Jewel	139	\$500
4	Jacq Nesbit	Smiling High	Faltaat	Chocks Away	137	\$300
5	Jasmine Naden	Dapper	Volksraad	Classic Affair	134	\$100
6	Chelsea Burns	JDF Master Dee	Generous	Hello Sue	99	\$50

TIES EVENTING COMPETITION

Result	Rider	Horse	Sire	Dam	Points	Prize Money
1	Holly Morrell	Alani	Ball Park	Aloha	40	\$1,000
2	Sherilyn Pavis	My Little Indian	Indian Danehill	Island Eyes	37	\$700
3	Madeleine Riordan	Uncensored	Senor Pete	Most Illustrious	31	\$500
4	Rachel Cave	Van Heck	Desert Fox	Escaline	27	\$300
5	Lauren Alexander	AA Bedazzled	Beautiful Crown	Heated Rush	26	\$100
6	Amber Goulding	Divine Right	His Royal Highness	Cenia Juanita	25	\$50

TIES JUMPING COMPETITION

Result	Rider	Horse	Sire	Dam	Points	Prize Money
1	Jessie McNeil	Air Hill Squaw Valley	Hula Town	Skiing	97	\$1,000
2	Graeme Isaacson	Pokere	Al Jadeed	Retrieved	95	\$700
3	Melanie Weal	Moving On	Yamanin Vital	Personify	84	\$500
4=	Cindy Dames	My Call	Private Call	Vicissitude	65	\$200
4=	Katherine Foley	Kilrenny	Cicerao	Auchtermuchty	65	\$200
6	Stephen Nickalls	First Light	Chatham	Sky Horizon	56	\$50

TIES SHOW HUNTER COMPETITION

Result	Rider	Horse	Sire	Dam	Points	Prize Money
1	Merran Hain	Untouchable	Warsaw	Melting Point	184	\$1,000
2	Jessie McNeil	Air Hill Squaw Valley	Hula Town	Skiing	96	\$700
3	Paxton Conder	Hot Wired	Personal Escort	Sheer Talent	84	\$500
4	Matthew Irvine	Veldt	Volksraad	Jumble	61	\$300
5	Diana Cottle	Morpheus Rising	He Is Risen	Kiri Anne	57	\$100
6	Katherine Foley	Kilrenny	Cicerao	Auchtermuchty	50	\$50



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. queries to Leanne Elliot on 021 351972 or 06 3683946 or Leanne.elliott@xtra.co.nz

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
27-Apr	Avondale	19,501	74,582	211,928	980,640	65,201	377,564	3	8	37	97
27-Apr	Feilding	71,683	106,368	919,028	896,697	397,358	256,475	9	8	88	83
29-Apr	Te Aroha	48,168	41,591	682,042	543,251	251,528	195,984	10	8	120	78
30-Apr	Riverton	27,923	28,165	454,076	491,526	185,673	175,190	9	11	95	102
1-May	Otaki-Maori	33,389	30,166	553,671	577,307	285,115	226,563	8	8	83	95
2-May	Waikato	76,010	78,575	1,555,052	1,281,063	829,138	432,579	12	10	146	111
2-May	Canterbury	94,025	61,903	1,304,238	830,858	657,786	356,889	10	9	144	80

NZ Thoroughbred Summary FY15	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance /()	Variance %/(%)
Meetings	263	272	(9)	(3.31%)
Races	2,214	2,260	(46)	(2.04%)
Total Starts	22,992	23,394	(402)	(1.72%)
Avg Field Size	10.38	10.35	0.03	0.32%
Number of races less than 8 starters	367	382	(15)	(3.93%)

Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	324,979,224	315,518,048	9,461,176	3.00%
On-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	29,459,825	30,711,915	(1,252,090)	(4.08%)
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	354,439,049	346,229,963	8,209,086	2.37%
Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	251,073,259	264,176,084	(13,102,825)	(4.96%)
Subtotal FOB Turnover	103,363,488	82,053,865	21,309,623	25.97%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	160,090	153,199	6,891	4.50%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	15,416	14,800	616	4.16%
Total NZRB Racing Turnover	1,317,669,926	1,181,683,719	135,986,207	11.51%
Subtotal NZ Racing Turnover	652,232,928	644,033,314	8,199,614	1.27%
Subtotal Imported Racing Turnover	665,436,998	537,650,405	127,786,593	23.77%
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	304,858,380	212,522,535	92,335,845	43.45%
Total NZRB Turnover	1,622,528,306	1,394,206,254	228,322,052	16.38%
NZ Thoroughbred Export Turnover \$NZ (to 26 Apr)	256,539,452	249,664,103	6,875,349	2.75%
Total Races (to 26 Apr)	2,153	2,196	(43)	(1.96%)
NZ Thoroughbred Export turnover \$NZ per race	119,154	113,690	5,464	4.81%

Meeting details:

Avondale JC ANZAC Holiday Monday meeting equivalent was run on ANZAC Day Friday last season. The meeting was abandoned after race 3 due to poor visibility; 8 races were run last season.

Feilding JC ANZAC Holiday Monday meeting equivalent was run on a ANZAC Day Friday in FY14. 9 races were run in FY15, 8 races in FY14.

Racing Te Aroha Wednesday meeting equivalent was run a week earlier last season; 10 races this season, 8 races last.

Riverton RC Thursday meeting ran 9 races in FY15, 11 in FY14.

Waikato RC Saturday meeting ran 12 races this season, 10 last season.

Canterbury Racing Saturday meeting ran 10 races in FY15, 9 in FY14.

Turnover summary notes:

Total NZ thoroughbred turnover is up 2.2% year to date.

9 less meetings and 46 less races have been run than to the same date last season.

Turnover per race is up 4.4%.

Total starts made by thoroughbreds in NZ are down 402, 1.7% less.

Average field size is 10.38 in FY15, up from 10.35 (0.3%) in FY14.

The number of races with less than 8 starters is 15 lower than the season prior (367 v 382).

The decline in NZ thoroughbred totalisator turnover (down 5.3%) has been offset by an increase in FOB turnover (up 26.0%).

Export turnover (\$NZ) is up 4.8% per race to 26 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.