



**Tuesday 2 October 2012**

### **Avondale Successful Return to Racing**

The Avondale Jockey Club this week successfully staged their first meeting at their own racecourse after an absence of two years.

Reports from jockeys, trainers and NZTR National Venue Inspector Garry Foskett were all very positive following the completion of Monday's eight race programme, with Chief Stipendiary Steward Ross Neal confirming that there were no issues with the performance of the Avondale track. Racing was conducted on a Dead 6 surface after overnight and morning showers. A total of 84 horses started with an average of 10.5 runners across the 8 race programme.

Avondale Jockey Club Secretary/Manager John Craig said that the Club was pleased to have been able to get back on track after the planned resumption of racing in April this year had to be delayed to give the track more time to consolidate following an extensive drainage and sand slitting programme had been completed earlier in the year. "As well as making a significant investment in track drainage, the Club has also built a new owners pavilion and undertaken a considerable amount of work to ensure the horse stabling areas are compliant with industry requirements." The Club only opened up their Main members stand building for the meeting, which comfortably accommodated the midweek crowd with on-course turnover of around \$54,000 in line with the Club's expectation for the day.

Craig said that while there had been a few minor management issues on raceday, the Club was generally very pleased with how Monday's meeting went, particularly given that there had not been any racing conducted at the venue for more than two years. Avondale has a further seven midweek licences scheduled this racing season, with their next meeting to be held on Monday 12 November.

### **2012 Flair Amateur Rider's Series**

At the conclusion of the Flair Amateur Rider's Series with the Lammermoor Farm Duke of Gloucester Cup run at Te Rapa on the National Jumps Day programme, the overall winner was Scott MacNab on 56 points. The points table is as follows:

56	Scott MacNab
52	Linda Wheeler
34	Scott Wenn
28	Michelle Northcott
17	Aaron Kuru
15	Danny Frye
14	Jacob McKay
11	Michael Roustoby, Tauí Johnson
10	Kelvin Peterson
7	Kerry King, Claire Anderton, Harry Bull
5	John Boyack, Karen Bruce, Jen McIlroy
3	Rebecca Black, Michael Gibbs, Marita Frith, Karina London
2	Kurt Hillis, Corrie Auchterlonie, Graeme Hughes, Alysha Hutton
1	Nicola Brown, Jane Hunt, Bruce Smith, Cheyenne Rusling

The Lammermoor Farm Duke of Gloucester Cup was won by the Frank Ritchie trained Miss Isle, ridden by Jacob McKay.

## 2012 Cheltenham Dream Series

Following the National Jumps Day at Te Rapa it has been confirmed that Tom's Myth, with 90 points, is the winner of this season's Cheltenham Dream Series.

It is confirmed that Tom's Myth will not be taking up the opportunity of travelling to Jumping Carnival at Cheltenham next March. At the time of writing the connections of the second-placed horse Morpheus were still to decide on his possible participation.

The final points of the leading contenders are listed below. The full list is available on the NZTR website, [click here](#).

90	Tom's Myth
81	Morpheus
74	Waitaha Toa
61	Volkswagin
51	Myths And Legends
48	Cape Kinaveral
46	Penstar
44	Wotabuzz
43	Southern Countess, Waitoki Ahi
40	Honey, Sir Heelan

## Turnover Information for the Period ending 30 September 2012

Date	Club	On-Course		Off-Course		Fixed Odds		Starters	
								12-13	11-12
24/9	Sth Canterbury (1)	25,115	76.2%	420,325	33.3%	149,099	46.5%	85	25.0%
25/9	Levin (2)	30,779		546,342		155,186		80	
26/9	Otago (3)	16,155		558,571		132,862		67	
27/9	Waverley (4)	27,507		695,934		183,202		87	
28/9	Te Aroha (5)	43,177		876,206		271,463		126	
29/9	Taranaki (6)	77,430	19.9%	1,038,846	9.5%	231,939	20.8%	84	14.3%
29/9	Auckland (7)	175,664	10.0%	1,866,289	33.5%	498,919	68.3%	120	18.8%
30/9	Waikato (8)	45,916		438,722		113,686		80	

(1) South Canterbury RC; Anniversary Day meeting; last year this meeting was held at Waimate; 9 races this year, compared with 8 races last year.

(2) Levin RC; no equivalent meeting last year; this year there were 8 races

(3) Otago RC; last year this was a Racing Te Aroha meeting at which there were 10 races; this year there were 7 races.

(4) Waverley RC; last year this was a Waimate RC meeting at which there were 8 races; this year there were also 8 races.

(5) Racing Te Aroha; last year this was a Levin RC meeting at which there were 11 races; this year there were 10 races.

(6) Taranaki TR; last year there 10 races, compared to 8 races this year.

(7) Auckland RC; last year there 10 races, compared to 9 races this year.

(8) Waikato RC; last year this was a Rotorua - Bay of Plenty Hunt meeting at which there were 9 races; this year there were 8 races.

NZ Thoroughbred Summary	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance /(I)	Variance %/(%)
Races	459	492	(33)	(6.71%)
Starters	4,621	4,982	(361)	(7.25%)
Avg Field Size	10.07	10.13	(0.06)	(0.58%)

<b>Off-Course Turnover</b>	45,960,308	49,197,969	(3,237,661)	(6.58%)
<b>On-Course Turnover</b>	3,377,686	4,233,924	(856,238)	(20.22%)
<b>Total Totalisator Turnover</b>	49,337,994	53,431,893	(4,093,899)	(7.66%)
<b>Fixed Odds</b>	11,998,709	9,282,155	2,716,554	29.27%
<b>Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover</b>	61,336,703	62,714,048	(1,377,345)	(2.20%)
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race</b>	133,631	127,468	6,164	4.84%
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter</b>	13,273	12,588	685	5.44%
<b>Total NZRB Racing Turnover</b>	237,684,256	208,544,780	29,139,476	13.97%
<b>Total NZRB Sports Turnover</b>	48,607,176	54,509,213	(5,902,037)	(10.83%)
<b>Total NZRB Turnover</b>	<b>286,291,433</b>	<b>263,053,993</b>	<b>23,237,440</b>	<b>8.83%</b>

Overall turnover up 3.6% ( \$1.23m) last week on the same week last year, with Rugby World Cup having contributed \$4.68m turnover to the same week last year.

Note: NZRB supplied On-course Turnover total represents On-course turnover placed on NZ thoroughbred meetings from all on-course venues. 'Total' NZ Thoroughbred turnover figure includes Off-course (including Pick 6), On-course (NZRB figure as commented above) and all Fixed Odds Turnover. All Turnover figures are supplied by the NZRB.

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