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Asian Racing Federation Welcomes Kentucky Lasix Ban

The Chairman of the Asian Racing Federation, Dr Koji Sato, has welcomed the move by the Kentucky Racing Commission to eliminate Lasix.

Dr Sato said that the profile of Kentucky within USA racing is such that the decision by the Kentucky Racing Commission will hopefully encourage other States to follow its example. "In addition to being a great step forward for Kentucky itself this development carries the prospect of having wider influence in promoting drug-free racing in North America. Kentucky plays such a prominent role within US racing and breeding that I am hopeful that other States will follow the example which has now been set by the Kentucky Racing Commission. "

"It is the Asian Racing Federation's strongly-held belief that drug-free racing is essential. Ensuring the welfare of our horses, achieving a level playing field for competitors, keeping the trust and confidence of the public, protecting horses and jockeys from injury, promoting the strength and soundness of the breed - these are all very powerful considerations and they all point in the one direction, namely that horses must race free from the influence of medication."

Sportsman – International Coverage Being Enhanced

Sportsman's already first class international racing coverage is about to get even better. From the June 22 edition, Sportsman introduces an exclusive International Formguide with detailed form for racing across three countries in a FREE supplement to its Weekend Edition.

The new guide features NINE runs of detailed form (Sportsman format) for Hong Kong, **New Zealand's Saturday meetings** plus Singapore both Friday and Sunday.

The International Formguide will include Sportsman's jockey/trainer statistics, records of favourites and barriers for New Zealand and Hong Kong meetings. The free International guide is only available in a digital format.

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Cambridge JC Meeting on 4 July – Leading Jumping Trainer and Jumping Rider Trophies

There will be trophies awarded for the leading jumping trainers and riders at the Cambridge JC race meeting at Te Rapa on Wednesday 4 July 2012. Points will be accrued in the jumping races on the programme as follows:

1 st	five points
2 nd	three points
3 rd	one point

The trophies have been kindly donated by Porritt Sand of Cambridge.

Flair Amateur Rider Series 2012

After the fifth race in the Flair Amateur Rider Series at Te Aroha last week the points table is:

35	Scott MacNab
15	Danny Frye, Scott Wenn
12	Linda Wheeler
10	Tauí Johnson, Michelle Northcott
7	Aaron Kuru, Kerry King
5	John Boyack, Karen Bruce
3	Rebecca Black, Michael Gibbs
2	Kurt Hillis, Corrie Auchterlonie, Marita Frith, Graeme Hughes
1	Nicola Brown, Michael Roustoby, Jacob McKay, Kelvin Peterson, Jane Hunt

The next race in the Series is at Wanganui on Thursday 12 July.

Cheltenham Dream Series 2012

Following the running of the FMG Manawatu Steeplechase and Manawatu ITM Awapuni Hurdle on Saturday 9 June, the current leaders in the Cheltenham Dream Series 2012 table are as follows:

Points	Horse
53	Morpheus
33	Sir Heelan
27	Myths And Legends
26	Ho Down, Lautenschlager
25	Borrack, At The Top
24	Volkswagin
20	Kid Columbus, Lord Custom
19	Arose
17	No Rush'N
16	Zagata
13	Dubhdara, Cheap Date, Thatz David, Solid Steal
12	O'Connor,
10	Barado, Big Brownie, Tom's Myth, Cee Gee Jay, Foremost, Brushman

The next races in the Series are the Hawke's Bay Steeplechase and Hawke's Bay Hurdles on Saturday 30 June.

Paeroa RC Trials Cancelled – Thursday 28 June 2012

The trials scheduled for Paeroa on Thursday 28 June have been cancelled. The cancellation has been deemed necessary following the running of 30 heats at the Club's last trials meeting (on a heavy track) resulting in the racing surface not being able to be repaired in time.

Despite the collective efforts of NZTR and the Northern Regional Programming Committee a replacement venue has unfortunately not been obtained.

Upcoming Northern Region Trial Meetings

The schedule of upcoming trial meetings in the Northern region is as follows:

June		
26	Tuesday	Cambridge (Jumps)
July		
3	Tuesday	Counties (Sand)
9	Monday	Cambridge (Jumps)
17	Tuesday	Counties (Sand)
24	Tuesday	Cambridge

Turnover Information for the Period ending 17 June 2012

Date	Club	On-Course		Off-Course		Fixed Odds		Starters	
								11-12	10-11
11/6	Hawke's Bay (1)	23,051		430,369		115,576		78	
13/6	Te Aroha (2)	39,216		522,445		139,126		100	
14/6	Wanganui (3)	43,361		616,054		120,985		98	
15/6	S/Canterbury (4)	17,522		421,291		99,333		78	
16/6	Auckland (5)	112,723		1,354,107		282,554		106	
16/6	Manawatu (6)	116,492	27.8%	976,800	29.3%	191,185	26.1%	88	6.4%

- (1) Hawke's Bay RI; no equivalent meeting this year; 7 races this year.
(2) Racing Te Aroha; last year this was a Waipa RC meeting; 9 races this year.
(3) Wanganui JC; last year this was a Taranaki TR meeting; 10 races this year.
(4) South Canterbury RC; last year this meeting was held on a Sunday, with a Racing Rotorua meeting held on the Friday date. This year there were 8 races.
(5) Auckland RC; there was no Saturday meeting held in the Northern Region last year due to waterlogged track conditions; 9 races this year.
(6) Manawatu RC; there were 8 races this year, compared to 10 races last year.

NZ Thoroughbred Summary	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance +/-	Variance +%/(-%)
Races	2,771	2,761	+10	+0.36%
Starters	29,347	29,583	(236)	(0.80%)
Avg Field Size	10.59	10.71	(0.12)	(1.16%)
Off-Course Turnover	287,274,281	302,378,848	(15,104,567)	(5.00%)
On-Course Turnover	32,142,035	35,401,622	(3,259,587)	(9.21%)
Total Totalisator Turnover	319,416,316	337,780,470	(18,364,154)	(5.44%)
Fixed Odds	64,008,197	52,629,979	+11,378,218	+21.62%
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	383,424,513	390,410,449	(6,985,936)	(1.79%)
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	138,370	141,402	(3,031)	(2.14%)
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	13,065	13,197	(132)	(1.00%)

Total NZRB Racing Turnover	1,221,831,545	1,204,311,665	+17,519,880	+1.45%
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	214,852,300	165,134,108	+49,718,192	+30.11%
Total NZRB Turnover	1,436,683,845	1,369,445,773	+67,238,072	+4.91%

Overall turnover was up 20.7% (+\$5.24m) last week on the same week last year, +4.9% season to date. Racing turnover was up 14.7% (+\$3.13m) for the week, with Domestic racing turnover up 25.7% (+\$2.58m).

Domestic thoroughbreds turnover was up 23.2% (+\$1.11m) (tote + fob) with one additional meeting and eight extra races (+18.6%) with horse starts up 24.0% (avg. field size up 0.4 starters a race).

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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