

Wednesday 27 March 2013

Ocean Park in Dubai

The TAB is taking eight races live on TAB TV (Channel 35) on Easter Sunday morning with the first being at 2.10 am.

Ocean Park races at 5.40 am in the Dubai Duty Free over 1800m, where he will be ridden by Johnny Murtagh and has drawn 7 in a field of 14.

George Simon will be on The First Call on Saturday morning to give the latest information from Dubai around Ocean Park.

Other NZ-breds running at the meeting are:

Zahee (NZ) (Dylan Thomas x Zaheeya) trained by Mike de Kock in the UAE Derby at 3.25 am and **Joy And Fun (NZ)** (Cullen x Gin Player) trained by Derek Cruz in the Al Quoz Sprint at 4.05 am.

The Dubai World Cup, featuring Red Cadeaux, is the last race at 7.05 am. Fellow international star Dunaden also runs in the Dubai Sheema Classic at 6.20 am.

Drainage Work to Commence at Riccarton Park

The Canterbury Jockey Club has announced that with the assistance of New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing, and the Racing Safety Development Fund, a project to install drainage into the 1200 metre chute at the Riccarton Park Racecourse will be undertaken.

Christchurch firm 'Terrafirma Turf Limited' has been appointed to undertake the project which will commence as soon as possible following the race meeting scheduled for Saturday 6 April 2013.

As a consequence until the decision is made to resume use of the chute all 1200 and 1000 metre races will be shifted to the course proper and will be run over the distance of approximately 1250 metres.

The starting limit in these races, over the distance of 'about 1250 metres', will be 12 horses.

This affects the following races at programmes which have already been, or are about to be, advertised:

Saturday 20 April 2013:

- Open Handicap 1200 metre race now about 1250 metres.
- Two-year-old Handicap 1000 metre race now about 1250 metres.

Saturday 4 May 2013:

- Berkley Stud Champagne Stakes, Two-year-old 1200 metre race now about 1250 metres.
- Benchmark Rating 85 1200 metre race now about 1250 metres.
- Benchmark Rating 65 1200 metre race now about 1250 metres.

Friday 24 May 2013:

- Open Handicap 1200 metre race now about 1250 metres.
- Benchmark Rating 75 1200 metre race now about 1250 metres.
- Maiden 2yo and upwards 1200 metre race now about 1250 metres.

- Open entry Steeplechase 3200 metre race now about 3100 metres. Jumbo and the Racecourse Hotel Brush may have to be temporary fences located on the Course Proper.

Thursday 30 May 2013:

- Benchmark Rating 65 Fillies and Mares 1200 metre race now about 1250 metres.
- Three-year-old 1200 metre race now about 1250 metres.

Saturday 22 June 2013:

- Open Handicap 1200 metre race now about 1250 metres.

Riccarton Park Punters Challenge - Saturday 6 April 2013

You could win your share of \$5,000.

In addition to winnings the top team receives \$4,000 cash plus a challenge trophy and the two runners up receive \$500.

Entry fee \$500
 Registration \$50pp
 (maximum of 5 per team)

Entry includes buffet meal, beer, house wine & juice.

Entries and enquiries to:

Chris Rowe, Sponsorship & Marketing Manager
 Canterbury Racing
 Phone: 03 336 0053

Entries close 12 noon Tuesday 2 April 2013 (or earlier if fully subscribed)

Thursday 23 May 2013 – Previously Otaki Maori RC now Waverley RC

As the track at Otaki will be undergoing drainage related maintenance in May, the racemeeting scheduled for Thursday 23 May will now be a Waverley RC meeting, to be run at Waverley.

Turnover Information for the Period ending 24 March 2013

Date	Club	On-Course		Off-Course		Fixed Odds		Starters	
								12-13	11-12
18/3	Rotorua	18,014	10.4%	311,070	4.4%	137,811	11.7%	60	17.6%
20/3	Counties	31,283	43.2%	503,996	21.1%	208,808	20.5%	72	28.6%
21/3	Otago (1)	15,783	8.2%	576,029	6.3%	181,030	16.2%	105	23.5%
22/3	Waipukurau	44,628	9.3%	547,279	26.7%	192,125	23.3%	79	38.6%
23/3	Canterbury	65,611	27.9%	930,077	15.2%	215,629	10.9%	103	14.9%
23/3	Tauranga	183,245	12.6%	1,262,752	1.4%	436,974	22.5%	85	0.0%

(1) Otago RC; there were 10 races this year, compared to 8 races last year.

(2) Waverley RC; meeting scheduled for Sunday 24 March was not held due to unsuitable track conditions brought about by the recent drought.

NZ Thoroughbred Summary	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance +/()	Variance +%/(-%)
Races	1,990	2,043	(53)	(2.59%)
Starters	20,560	21,407	(847)	(3.96%)
Avg Field Size	10.33	10.48	(0.15)	(1.40%)
Off-Course Turnover	214,163,939	221,213,419	(7,049,480)	(3.19%)
On-Course Turnover	25,703,087	26,968,671	(1,265,584)	(4.69%)
Total Totalisator Turnover	239,867,026	248,182,090	(8,315,064)	(3.35%)
Fixed Odds	64,649,172	47,145,840	+17,503,332	+37.13%
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	304,516,198	295,327,930	+9,188,268	+3.11%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	153,023	144,556	+8,467	+5.86%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	14,811	13,796	+1,015	+7.36%
Total NZRB Racing Turnover	996,897,400	908,146,931	+88,750,469	+9.77%
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	152,303,301	152,934,560	(631,260)	(0.41%)
Total NZRB Turnover	1,149,200,701	1,061,081,491	+88,119,209	+8.30%

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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