



Friday 6 September 2013

TAB put a Hefty \$500k Turbo Boost on Saturday's Races

Spring Racing season officially kicked off last weekend, and just 7 days into it the TAB comes to the table with a massive \$500,000 Terminating Turbo Pick6.

The final leg is scheduled to run just 70 minutes after the first. The first leg jumps at 3.36pm and everything should be tied up by 4.46pm.

Whilst a Turbo is always quick, Saturday's Terminating Turbo Pick6 will be staged across all 3 domestic gallop meetings at Ellerslie, Wanganui and Riccarton - and for the first time you can take your bet for the Pick6 by purchasing your ticket today.

Strong New Zealand Interest in Australia Tomorrow

Prominent NZ gallopers Ruud Awakening, Cauthen, Veyron, Sacred Falls and Fast Dragon all race in Australia tomorrow as spring racing is well under way.

Meanwhile in New Zealand the first race for the new season 2 Year-Olds takes place at Wanganui, along with the likely clash of top rated fillies Recite and Orbit.

At Ellerslie the Great Northern Hurdles and Steeplechase takes centre stage.

Sprightly Mufhasa in Great Shape

Veteran sprinter-miler Mufhasa continues to surprise trainer Bruce Wallace with his energy and zest for work.

The nine-year-old was a runaway winner at the Avondale trials on Tuesday to put him in the frame for a range of options both at home and away to add to his collection of 10 Group One titles.

"I've never in all my years - and I've had a few good ones - had a horse like him that loves trackwork so much," Wallace said.

"He strides to the track and back and can't wait to work - I can't see any reason why he can't carry on racing at Group One level. His joints are the best they've been since I've had him and leg-wise and feet-wise he's great."

Scratched from the Group 1 Makfi Challenge Stakes due to the heavy track at Hastings, Mufhasa was given a run at Avondale and breezed home by 10 lengths over 1200 metres.

"It would have been great to be at Hastings, but the track was never going to come back and it was better that we weren't there," Wallace said. "He went great at the trials and didn't get off the bridle - Leith (Innes) said he had a little blow and all he needs is a good track."

“We’ve got a bit of difficulty in getting him started off over 1400 metres and there’s the Windsor Park or the George Main at 1600 metres first-up.

“The other option is to wait for the Rupert Clarke over 1400 metres at Caulfield a week later, but the only problem is that he’d probably get 58.5kg in a restricted handicap and be giving a lot of weight away.

“Then there’s the Crystal Mile at weight-for-age at Moonee Valley and he could come back for the Captain Cook. There’s no doubt in my mind that he’s competitive at Group One level and we just want to run him on the best track.”

Thoroughbred Breeding Show Returns

Season two of Trackside’s popular thoroughbred breeding show Kiwi Bred began last Wednesday at 8pm.

The programme showcases New Zealand’s thoroughbred breeding industry and takes an inside look at the people who make it happen. Alisha Neilson, a new addition to the Trackside stable, will host the half hour show that will include new season sires, prominent NZ horse breeders and an overseas segment.

Produced by Jayne Ivil, Kiwi Bred is a must-see for anyone interested in the NZ breeding scene.

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Turnover Information for the Period ending 1 September 2013

Date	Club	On-Course (Tote & FOB combined)		Totalisator (Off & on-course combined)		Fixed Odds (Off & on-course)		Races	
		13-14	12-13	13-14	12-13	13-14	12-13	13-14	12-13
26-Aug	Avondale	22,845		417,334		135,012		7	
28-Aug	Matamata	24,930	26,883	496,101	665,629	165,093	201,070	6	8
29-Aug	Egmont	6,471	20,255	164,477	426,738	53,868	108,081	3	7
30-Aug	Ashburton	28,945	26,131	547,006	692,219	164,455	163,354	8	9
31-Aug	Hawke's Bay	156,591	224,908	1,779,512	2,218,277	522,912	577,550	9	9
31-Aug	Whangarei	75,805		982,249		314,319		8	

- (1) Avondale JC; last year this was a Whakatane RC meeting at which there were also 7 races.
- (2) Egmont RC; the meeting was abandoned after 3 races due to unsafe visibility and waterlogged track conditions.
- (3) Whangarei RC; last year this was a Racing Tauranga meeting at which there were also 8 races.

NZ Thoroughbred Summary	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance +/()	Variance +%/ ()%
Meetings	27	27	0	0.00%
Races	203	220	(17)	(7.73%)
Starters	2,069	2,179	(110)	(5.05%)
Avg Field Size	10.19	9.90	+0.29	+2.90%
Number of races less than 8 starters	29	38	(9)	(23.68%)
Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	27,386,762	28,387,524	(1,000,762)	(3.53%)
On-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	1,714,765	1,968,556	(253,791)	(12.89%)
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	29,101,528	30,356,080	(1,254,553)	(4.13%)
Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	23,184,152	24,636,399	(1,452,247)	(5.89%)
Subtotal FOB Turnover	5,917,376	5,719,682	+197,694	+3.46%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	143,357	137,982	+5,375	+3.90%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	14,066	13,931	+134	+0.96%
Total NZRB Racing Turnover	119,400,697	120,971,952	(1,571,255)	(1.30%)
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	21,941,107	23,181,510	(1,240,403)	(5.35%)
Total NZRB Turnover	141,341,804	144,153,462	(2,811,658)	(1.95%)

NZ Thoroughbred Export Turnover \$NZ (to 11 Aug)	9,174,224	10,840,842	(1,666,618)	(15.37%)
Total Races (to 11 Aug)	80	92	(12)	(13.04%)
NZ Thoroughbred Export turnover \$NZ per race	114,678	117,835	(3,157)	(2.68%)

Note: Meetings, races, starters and turnovers are totals of NZRB supplied meeting by meeting turnovers. Off-course turnover is totalisator and FOB combined. On-course turnover is totalisator and FOB racing combined, placed on-course at NZ thoroughbred meetings. Total NZRB racing turnover is NZ thoroughbred, harness, greyhound and all imported racing turnover; total NZRB turnover also includes sport. NZ thoroughbred export turnovers are now included, up to the most recently available meetings. All turnover figures are supplied by the NZRB, derived from various sources.

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