

FRIDAY 9 JANUARY 2015

FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

I hope many of you got to enjoy the Interislander Summer Festival over the Holiday period. The feedback from clubs indicates the Festival has been extremely well received by the public. It was fantastic to see the kiwi summer days arrive and track managers around the country must be congratulated for holding the tracks to a high standard in dry conditions. These meetings are of particular importance because they introduce mainstream audiences to their local racing scene. High quality race day experiences ensure first time race-goers repeating their trip to the races. The Festival will continue onto Ellerslie and Awapuni Racecourse this Saturday. If you have a free day, get to the races for a true celebration of a kiwi summer. Go to www.theraces.co.nz for more information.

Routinely I offer my analysis for the weekend. Hopefully these investments can help 'fund' your celebrations. The \$55,000 Gallagher Marton Cup at Awapuni Racecourse showcases a top class field of progressive stayers. Blood Brotha and Ransomed are established stars and their weights reflect their class. Most punters will flock to the up and comer Maygrove for the premiership leading Baker/Forsman team. He is currently paying \$3.20 on Final Field, the combination of 54kg and barrier 4 gives the gelding a strong winning chance.

CHAMPIONS DAY AT WINGATUI ON SATURDAY, 31 JANUARY 2015

The South's only Premier meeting features the Group 3 White Robe Lodge Handicap, Listed Fire & Mechanical Dunedin Gold Cup and Listed ABC Business Sales Dunedin Guineas

Book into the Winning Post Lounge - \$100 per person (or \$900 for a table of 10) - with a 3-course lunch, with 3 drinks included in the price, or Marquee options: Mini Marquee (10-15 people, includes 10 admission tickets) - \$350; or Midi Marquee (15 to 30 people, includes 30 admission tickets) - \$900; or Maxi Marquee Packages (30 to 60 people, includes 60 admission tickets) - \$1650

Admission on-course is \$15 per person. For more information, contact the Otago Racing Club on 03 489 6233 or email charlotte@wingatui.co.nz

TURNOVER INFORMATION

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

30-Dec	Kurow	125,567	-	627,545	-	247,633	-	8	-	72	-
30-Dec	Taupo	154,147	145,846	957,309	946,605	378,498	372,813	8	8	80	73
31-Dec	Stratford	129,958	164,411	925,952	928,481	290,566	261,901	8	8	82	79
1-Jan	Auckland	674,153	604,407	4,022,199	3,643,957	1,508,131	1,049,009	10	10	133	142
1-Jan	Hawke's Bay	231,327	251,882	952,125	1,081,385	346,549	243,608	7	7	57	62
1-Jan	Waikouaiti	155,603	136,026	982,300	958,764	344,205	209,826	9	8	83	77
2-Jan	Tauranga	347,901	266,114	1,565,480	1,251,254	599,623	278,014	10	8	114	86
2-Jan	Wairarapa	379,405	358,589	920,130	1,037,868	284,851	232,846	8	8	69	74
3-Jan	Central Otago	126,771	148,708	793,533	995,806	259,156	250,321	8	12	77	130
3-Jan	Thames	191,411	195,732	1,040,326	1,152,290	401,334	386,374	9	9	76	69
3-Jan	Woodville	63,433	116,105	428,807	862,153	164,807	208,198	6	7	36	68
4-Jan	Greymouth	97,905	80,824	689,046	658,082	305,004	211,286	10	8	86	62

NZ Thoroughbred Summary FY15	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance +/()	Variance +%/(%)
Meetings	149	158	(9)	(5.70%)
Races	1,269	1,314	(45)	(3.42%)
Total Starts	13,579	13,925	(346)	(2.48%)
Avg Field Size	10.70	10.60	+0.10	+0.97%
Number of races less than 8 starters	173	193	(20)	(10.36%)
Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	193,009,528	187,865,795	+5,143,732	+2.74%
On-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	18,528,262	18,849,960	(321,698)	(1.71%)
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	211,537,790	206,715,756	+4,822,034	+2.33%
Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	153,494,141	159,375,594	(5,881,453)	(3.69%)
Subtotal FOB Turnover	57,616,845	47,340,146	+10,276,698	+21.71%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	166,696	157,318	+9,379	+5.96%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	15,578	14,845	+733	+4.94%

Total NZRB Racing Turnover	765,265,013	691,258,418	+74,006,595	+10.71%
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	148,174,717	115,489,877	+32,684,840	+28.30%
Total NZRB Turnover	913,439,730	806,748,295	+106,691,435	+13.22%
NZ Thoroughbred Export Turnover \$NZ (to 21 Dec)	142,408,464	137,306,100	+5,102,364	+3.72%
Total Races (to 21 Dec)	1,097	1,137	(40)	(3.52%)
NZ Thoroughbred Export turnover \$NZ per race	129,816	120,762	+9,055	+7.50%

Meeting details:

- Kurow JC 30th December meeting ran 8 races; the equivalent meeting was abandoned last season due to surface water on the track.
- Waikouaiti RC New Year's Day meeting ran 9 races in FY15, 8 races in FY14.
- Racing Tauranga 2nd January meeting ran 10 races this season, 8 last season
- Central Otago RC 3rd January meeting ran 8 races in FY15, 12 races in FY14.
- Woodville-Pahiatua RC 3rd January meeting ran 6 races this season, 7 races last season.
- Greymouth JC Sunday 4th January meeting equivalent was on Saturday 4th in FY14; 10 races this season, 8 races last season.

Turnover summary notes:

- Total NZ thoroughbred turnover is up 2.3% year to date.
- 9 less meetings and 45 less races have been run than to the same date last season.
- Turnover per race is up 6.0%.
- Total starts made by thoroughbreds in NZ are down 346, 2.5% less.
- Average field size is 10.70 in FY15, up from 10.60 in FY14.
- The number of races with less than 8 starters is 20 less than the season prior (173 v 193).
- The decline in NZ thoroughbred totalisator turnover (down 3.7%) has been offset by an increase in FOB turnover (up 21.7%).
- Export turnover per race (\$NZ) is up 7.5% to 21 December.

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). Total NZRB racing turnover is NZ thoroughbred, harness, greyhound plus all imported thoroughbred, harness and greyhound turnover; combined with sports this provides the total NZRB turnover. NZ thoroughbred export turnovers are stated in \$NZ, generally up to a week or two behind other turnover numbers.