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## KARAKA-BASED VENDORS DOMINATE FIRST DAY OF BOOK 2

Karaka-based vendors vied for the top spot on the first day of selling at Book 2 of the National Yearling Sales Series, with Westbury Stud and Haunui Farm providing the four top lots.

The Reliable Man colt, out of Elusive Quality mare Quality Dream, went through the ring as Lot 872 in Westbury Stud's draft and set the benchmark at \$270,000.

He is set to return to New Zealand Bloodstock's Ready to Run Sale in November after being knocked down to the bid of former Melbourne Cup-winning trainer Brian Jenkins.

"He's for myself and a partner," Jenkins said. "He will probably go through the breeze-ups, we bought him to trade."

The farm also sold the second-equal highest priced yearling with a son of first season sire Kermadec (Lot 755) who made \$160,000, joining the stables of purchaser and Awapuni-based trainer Lisa Latta.

Two of Haunui Farm's yearlings reached that same figure of \$160,000. Both yearlings were by Showcasing with a colt out of Party Lights (Lot 854) secured by Queensland trainer Liam Birchley, and a colt out of Saheel (Lot 892) going to the bid of Hong Kong-based Upper Bloodstock.

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*The Reliable Man colt, out of Elusive Quality mare Quality Dream, from Westbury Stud's draft set the benchmark at \$270,000 on the first day of Book 2 at Karaka. (Trish Dunell)*



*Sweynesse is a chip  
off the old block*

**Darren Beadman**

*Sweynesse, is a son of former champion racehorse and super sire Lonhro. Beadman rode Lonhro in most of his 26 wins and he gets to work with many of that horse's sons and daughters at Godolphin.*



- A multiple Group One performer (2nd G1 Randwick Guineas, 3rd G1 Spring Champion) beating some of the best 3YO Group One winners in Australia including Kermedec, Preferment, Hampton Court, Shooting To Win, First Seal.
- Winner of first four starts including dual Group 3 wins in the Spring Stakes and Gloaming Stakes.
- A winner at only start as a 2YO.
- A top 3YO Timeform rating of 122 makes Sweynesse one of the top Australian 3YO colts of his year.
- By Lonhro -The Champion 3YO, the Champion miler, the Horse of the Year, and now a Champion sire. Lonhro set a new Australian record of 160 individual winners in a season. His son Pierro, unbeaten juvenile Triple Crown winner, was rated the best juvenile colt in Australia since 1977.
- Out of the multiple winning mare Swansea by Champion Sire Singspiel (5XG1 Winner and sire of 99SW).
- Sweynesse is a magnificent individual. He stands 16.2 hh. He has a powerful hind quarter, a strong shoulder and a great athletic walk. He is very correct.
- Sweynesse is syndicated amongst many of New Zealand's top breeders who are strongly supporting him at stud.

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699	Sweynesse (AUS) - Eastern Eclipse, Brown Colt Leanach Lodge Ltd
700	Sweynesse (AUS) - Electrostatic, Bay Colt Kilgravin Lodge
702	Sweynesse (AUS) - Ella's Cat (AUS), Bay Colt Windsor Park Stud
722	Sweynesse (AUS) - Fastnfree, Bay Colt Novara Park
798	Sweynesse (AUS) - Madam Butterfly, Brown Colt Novara Park
864	Sweynesse (AUS) - Polyatomic, Bay Colt Ralph Thoroughbreds
885	Sweynesse (AUS) - Rock Rose, Brown Colt Mapperley Stud Ltd
946	Sweynesse (AUS) - Tafaool (IRE), Chestnut Colt Brighthill Farm
1055	Sweynesse (AUS) - Cutluse, Bay Filly Wentwood Grange
1062	Sweynesse (AUS) - Darcybee, Bay Colt Bradbury Park

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1090	Sweynesse (AUS) - Happy Endings, Brown Filly Brighthill Farm
1117	Sweynesse (AUS) - Likely Story, Bay Colt Highfield Grange Thoroughbreds
1148	Sweynesse (AUS) - Platinum Elle, Bay Colt Westend Partnership
1157	Sweynesse (AUS) - Quest for Kash, Bay Filly Brighthill Farm
1250	Sweynesse (AUS) - Cabal, Brown Filly Cambria Park
1251	Sweynesse (AUS) - Call Me Maybe, Bay Colt Sedgmere Farm
1254	Sweynesse (AUS) - Cangowest, Bay Filly Grangewilliam Stud
1269	Sweynesse (AUS) - Coterie, Bay Filly Cambria Park

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A pleased Birchley commented about his purchase saying "I've had a couple of Showcasings – one won the Karaka Million a few years ago, and this colt is along the same lines as him."

As trading closed today (Thursday), Westbury Stud topped the leading vendor by average table with six lots sold for an average of \$87,917 and Haunui Farm have come out on top as the leading vendor by aggregate trading \$682,000 for 11 yearlings.

Little Avondale Stud, who sold a Per Incanto colt (Lot 875) to Hiwi Lodge for \$150,000, are the second leading vendor by average with five lots sold averaging a price of \$85,500.

Per Incanto, who heads the stallion roster at Little Avondale Stud, is the leading sire by average (three or more sold) with six of his progeny selling at an average of \$77,500.

Westbury Stud's resident sire Reliable Man has sold

five lots at an average of \$68,300, while Haunui Farm's Showcasing has sold 11 lots at an average of \$54,773.

NZB's Managing Director Andrew Seabrook commented on the day's trading.

"There was good competition at the higher end of Book 2's catalogue, with Westbury, Haunui and Little Avondale all getting top honours in the statistics.

"We have two more days of selling yet to come and there are still plenty of opportunities for buyers, especially pin-hookers looking for Ready to Run horses."

127 of the day's 202 catalogued lots sold for receipts of \$5,056,500. The average closed at \$39,815, the median \$30,000 and the clearance rate 70%.

The second and final day of Book 2 selling commences tomorrow (Friday) at 11am with Lot 901 to Lot 1076 going under the hammer.

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# SAVABEEL COLT SETS RECORD FOR WAIKATO STUD

**A** breathless Mark Chittick was struggling to find the right words to describe his thoughts just moments after a youngster from resident sire **Savabeel** (Zabeel) smashed the auction ring record for a Waikato Stud yearling.

Lot 192, the Savabeel colt out of Pins mare Make A Wish, held the Karaka audience spellbound as a brief but fierce bidding war erupted soon after the flashy brown juvenile made his way into the auditorium.

An opening bid of \$800,000 drew an audible gasp before the big guns rolled up their sleeves and went to war. When the dust settled in was Te Akau supremo David Ellis who outlasted international Bloodstock agent Rob McAnulty to secure the colt for \$1.4 million.

That result smashed the 2018 record achieved by Waikato Stud when their Savabeel ex Posy filly sold for \$875,000.

A visibly affected Chittick was trying hard to keep a lid on his emotions when questioned about the sale.

“Phew, where do we start,” Chittick said.

“He is probably one of the most outstanding horses we have ever brought to the sales.

“The comments we were getting said he was the nicest horse that people had seen at the sale.

“We didn’t have a reserve (price) as I knew he would sell well. He has exceeded expectations.

“There was massive competition from all the big players.

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Lot 192, the Savabeel ex Make A Wish colt that was the \$1.4million sale-topper for Waikato Stud during Book 1 at Karaka (Trish Dunell)





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“Te Akau do a wonderful job, bought a beautiful horse and bought a horse off us last year that they won the Karaka Million with.

“They are flying with the Savabeels, like anybody is, who have got them.

“It is just a huge thrill for us, for Savabeel and for New Zealand.”

Chittick’s confidence in the selling potential of the colt was backed up by the pre-auction inspections undertaken once he had arrived at the Karaka Complex.

“He’s been out over 150 times, way over 150 times,” he said.

“He just has the best attitude and is so like his father.

“He will make us proud on the racetrack and when he goes and wins the Cox Plate for Te Akau, and New Zealand, we will be even more proud.”

Ellis secured the colt as a foundation member of his 2019 Colts Breeding syndicate, a concept that has proven extremely successful for Te Akau over a number of years.

“I was hopeful I could buy him for a million dollars as he is probably the best athlete that I’ve seen at Karaka for ten years or more,” Ellis said.

“He is an absolutely stunning horse and was on everyone’s list, you didn’t have to be a genius to work out that he was the most impressive athlete on the complex.

“We’ve done a stallion syndicate for the last few years and have seven stallions at stud here in New Zealand and Australia now.

“We want to buy the best horses, as we are proud New Zealanders and we want to see the best horses that this great country breeds stay in New Zealand.”

Ellis entered the bidding with an offer of \$1.2 million and admitted he was running on fumes at the conclusion of the action.

“I was on the ropes,” he said.

“I might have had one more, but I just don’t know.

“Everyone knows Te Akau has had huge success with the progeny of Savabeel and trained both of his Group One winning colts, Embellish and Hall Of Fame.

“We’ve won twelve group races with Savabeels in the last two seasons and he is a stallion that seems to suit the way we operate.”

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**Watch Mark Chittick describe his feelings after selling a \$1.4million colt at Karaka**



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# DE BURGH ENDS FOUR-DAY STINT WITH A BANG AT KARAKA

International Bloodstock Agent Hubie De Burgh kicked off the annual National Yearling Sale with a bang and he has ended his four-day visit to New Zealand on a similar note.

De Burgh outlaid \$500,000 for an I Am Invincible filly early on day one at Karaka and he matched that figure on day four when he purchased Lot 657, a Savabeel colt out of O'Reilly mare Cupid from the Waikato Stud draft.

The colt is a three-quarter brother to Waikato Stud's \$1.4 million sale-topping Savabeel/Make A Wish colt, a fact that wasn't lost on De Burgh.

"He is closely related to the \$1.4million colt, who is a beautiful horse that we wanted to buy, but I didn't have that sort of cheque book," he said.

"If we were looking for a Cox Plate horse then I guess this guy (Lot 657) is what he is.

"He's a really athletic horse who is beautifully balanced and really walks – he just floats on air.

"He is by this great stallion, out of the great Savabeel/O'Reilly cross, and also has Pins in his next dam.

"When you package that up and he has also come from a great Stud who breeds so many group winners, you are reducing the level of risk."

As with the I Am Invincible filly, the colt is headed to Lindsay Park in Melbourne for Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum and his Shadwell



Lot 657, the Savabeel ex Cupid filly bought by International agent Hubie de Burgh (Sarah Ebbett)

Racing operation.

"We're done now, we've blown the chequebook," De Burgh said.

"We bought four for Sheikh Hamdan and tried to balance things up.

"The I Am Invincible filly should be an early two-year old with a lovely page (pedigree), where we gave what I thought was a fair price.

"I still go back and talk about the prizemoney you can win. It (the sale price) is a lot of money, so let's not be flippant about it, but if you have been lucky enough to buy a horse that can gallop then you can win that back.

"The problem is that you come here to this sale and when there is a nice

horse, they don't hide. You can't just say I will wait as no-one else has seen it as they pick them out.

"It is the same in Europe and in Australia for the good horses. It is the same in property and art and in any commodity, the rules are the same."

De Burgh also purchased Lot 272, a Redoute's Choice filly from the Pencarrow Stud draft for \$200,000 along with Lot 275, an Iffraaj colt for \$360,000 from Haunui Farm for Sheikh Hamdan plus Lot 411, a Savabeel colt from Waikato Stud for \$150,000 for another client.

– NZ Racing Desk



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Lot 854 – Showcasing ex Party Lights colt

### Showcasing colt provides good news for Haunui Farm team

Queensland trainer Liam Birchley guaranteed himself all the hospitality he could ask for after he won an intense bidding war to secure a flashy Showcasing colt from the draft of Karaka-based Stud, Haunui Farm.

Birchley outlaid \$160,000 for Lot 854, the colt from Elusive City mare, Party Lights, who hails from the family of multiple stakes winner Party Queen and speedy Gr.3 Concorde Handicap (1200m) winner, Shezhardtocatch.

For the staff at Haunui Farm it provided a lucrative windfall after Stud boss Mark Chitty had instructed that any sale proceeds from the colt would be distributed amongst all permanent staff employed at the operation.

"The benefit is for all my permanent staff," Chitty said.

"From the gardener to the farmer to all the horse staff who have been in employment with me for eighteen months or more.

"This was their incentive. We sex-tested the mare and we knew she was having a colt and it has gone from there.

"It is all shared amongst them with the only one not involved being the boss (me)."

[Full story here.](#)

### "Bargain buy" tops sale

Bloodstock agent James Bester and Aquis Farm teamed up to secure the top lot on the opening day of New Zealand Bloodstock's Book 1 Sale on Sunday - lot 67, a Redoute's Choice colt out of Group One-winning mare Griante.

The partnership went to \$800,000 to secure the colt out of Cambridge Stud's draft and were pushed all the way by Cambridge trainer Tony Pike.

Bester was pleased with his purchase and



Lot 67 – Redoute's Choice ex Griante colt

thought it was a bargain buy for what he has judged as the best Redoute's Choice colt he has seen at any sale this year.

"I think this colt at the Gold Coast, judging by what the Redoute's Choice colts sold there, would have made well over A\$1 million," Bester said.

"In my view he was better than any colt I saw by Redoute's Choice at the Magic Millions, and we got him for NZ\$800,000, I consider that value. [Full story here.](#)



Lot 296 – Mongolian Khan ex Phocis colt

### Sales success for Windsor Park debutant

As the dust settled at the completion of the Book 1 catalogue at the National Yearling Sale, the results for sales debutant stallion **Mongolian Khan** have brought a wide smile to the faces at his Windsor Park Stud base.

The three-time Group One winner and dual New Zealand Horse of the Year had eighteen of his 24 catalogued yearlings sell during the Book 1 session at an average price of \$107,778 off the back of his \$10,000 service fee.

Lot 296, a colt from Encosta de Lago mare Phocis, was knocked down to the \$200,000 bid of Chris Waller Racing while he had another ten individuals fetch \$100,000 or more. [Full story here](#)



Tony Pike

### Pike gearing up for new project

Cambridge trainer Tony Pike is ready to apply the finishing touches to a new project he is attempting to get off the ground at this year's National Yearling Sale.

Pike is keen to establish his own specialised syndicate of five well-bred colts to race locally and in Australia from the purchases he makes during the Book 1 sale at Karaka this week.

"It's something I've been thinking about for a while," Pike said. [Full story here](#)



Lot 362 – Savabeel ex Rush filly

### Familial ties prove strong attraction in desire for Savabeel filly

A steady start to the action on day three of the New Zealand Bloodstock National Yearling Sale took a sharp upward turn when the Savabeel filly from an unraced O'Reilly mare made her way into the auction ring from the Waikato Stud draft.

Consigned as Lot 362, the showy brown filly strode her way around the auditorium without turning a hair as the bidding action raged around her.

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That theatre was completed when Byerley Park trainer Peter Williams' bid of \$525,000 secured the filly on behalf of Sarah Green and Ger Beemsterboer of Barneswood Farm.

[Full story here](#)



Lot 577 – Frankel ex Assume filly

### Cambridge Stud set early pace on day four at Karaka

Amongst the high achievers from the vendor ranks over the first three days of the New Zealand Bloodstock National Yearling Sale, Brendan and Jo Lindsay's Cambridge Stud operation made the biggest splash in a buying role early on day four at Karaka.

Following a prolonged battle over several minutes it was Cambridge Stud who emerged victorious when Lot 577, a royally-bred Frankel filly from the Pencarrow Stud draft was knocked down to their \$500,000 offer.

From Irish-bred Fastnet Rock mare Assume, the filly features numerous European stakes winners throughout her extended pedigree, a feature that Brendan Lindsay believed would see her amongst the more expensive offerings at the sale. [Full story here](#)



David Ellis (left) with Jamie Richards

### Ellis completes elite syndicate with Savabeel colt

Te Akau Racing boss David Ellis, who

looks a certainty to claim his fourteenth consecutive leading buyer title at the annual National Yearling Sale series, was back amongst the main selling action mid-way through day three at Karaka.

Ellis had outlined his plan prior to the sale to secure a triumvirate of well-bred individuals to make up the 2019 Te Akau Colts breeding syndicate.

The colts syndicate concept has worked well for Te Akau over a number of years with seven individuals going on to make a career as a stallion after their racing days were completed. [Full story here](#)



Lot 800 - Per Incanto ex Makkura colt

### Blackiston makes mark on day five at Karaka

While not onsite at Karaka this week, Australian trainer Nigel Blackiston still made a significant mark on the opening day of the National Yearling Sale Book 2 session that started on Thursday.

Blackiston called the shots over the phone from his Flemington base during the lengthy battle for Lot 800, a Per Incanto filly from Falkirk mare Makkura, who won on nine occasions in Singapore.

When the dust settled it was Blackiston's \$100,000 bid that secured the filly who has an extended family that includes brilliant New Zealand sprinter, Westminster. [Full story here](#)

### International bloodstock agent enjoying his return to New Zealand

British Bloodstock agent Alastair Donald is quick to express just how much he is enjoying spending time in the hot New Zealand summer as he conducts business during the National Yearling Sale at Karaka.

Donald cut his teeth in the New Zealand thoroughbred breeding industry during a gap year in his education as an eighteen-year-old, spending time at the old Thornton



Alastair Donald

Park Stud in the Central Districts during an eight-month stint in the country.

"This is my first time back since my year off when I was eighteen," he said. [Full story here](#)



Lot 388 – Savabeel ex Scintillula filly

### Savabeel sets the pace at Karaka

Boom sire Savabeel set the benchmark once again on day three at Karaka just 24-hours after a colt by the Waikato Stud-based stallion sold for \$1.4million.

This time it was a member of the fairer sex who set the day's benchmark when Lot 388, the filly out of Galileo mare Scintillula, was knocked down to the \$800,000 bid of Bloodstock agent Dean Hawthorne on behalf of Jonathan Munz and his GSA Bloodstock operation.

Hawthorne beat out a host of challengers, including Te Akau Racing principal David Ellis, for the filly who traces back to an extended family chock full of European stakes performers and was on offer through Sir Peter Vela's Pencarrow Stud draft. [Full story here.](#)

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Lot 90 - Zoustar ex Imanana filly

### International buyers to the fore at Karaka

The variety and strength of the international buying bench in attendance at the National Yearling Sale at Karaka this year was in evidence throughout the opening day of the Book 1 sale.

While Te Akau Racing boss David Ellis, the King of Karaka, lead the charge for the locals it was the internationals who took home the three top-priced lots from the boutique Sunday session.

Amongst those was Lot 90, a chestnut Zoustar filly from More Than Ready mare, Imanana, who fell to the \$600,000 bid of Godolphin Australia's Managing Director, Vin Cox.

Cox was fulsome in his praise for the filly who was offered out of the Cambridge Stud draft.

"She's by a superstar stallion in Zoustar, who couldn't be doing any better," he said.

[Full story here.](#)



Hubie de Burgh

### Exchange rate plays in favour of international agent

Some quick mental arithmetic was enough to convince International Bloodstock Agent Hubie De Burgh to soldier on as he waged war in the auction ring during the early action on Day One at Karaka.

De Burgh had his sights set on Lot 19, an Am Invincible filly from the Little Avondale Stud draft. As the bidding built steadily from the \$80,000 opening offer for the elegant brown filly, he was confident he had the firepower to see off the immediate challenges.

A raid-fire burst of action that saw her purchase price race past the \$400,000 mark had De Burgh sweating as he approached the limit of his budget. A final bid of \$500,000 saw him sign for the filly on behalf of his client, Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum and his Shadwell Racing operation. [Full story here.](#)



Lot 121 - Savabeel ex Kashmir filly

### Locals strike early on day two at Karaka

A pair of local buyers raised the stakes early on day two of the National Yearling Sale at Karaka as they secured a trio of royally-bred youngsters.

Lot 121, a Savabeel filly from O'Reilly mare Kashmir brought plenty of attention during her time in the auction ring. When the dust settled it was Cambridge trainer Roger James who produced the winning bid as he secured the daughter of classy racemare Vedodara for \$400,000 from the Waikato Stud draft.

"I like a lot about the filly obviously," James said. "I have a long-standing client that wanted a Savabeel filly and I thought she was clearly the best of them."

"It is the sort of money we thought we would have to pay. I don't say it's good value, but hopefully in two years' time we are saying it's wonderful value. [Full story here.](#)

### Sales topper set for Karaka return

A full-brother to Group One performer Hypnos is set to return to Karaka in November after being knocked down to the \$270,000 bid of former Melbourne Cup



Brian Jenkins with Sam Munro (left)

winning trainer Brian Jenkins on Thursday.

The Reliable Man colt, out of Elusive Quality mare Quality Dream, went through the ring as lot 872 in Westbury Stud's draft.

Jenkins was pushed all the way by bloodstock agent William Tai, but was able to secure his pick of the sale with a final bid of \$270,000, topping the first day of the Book 2 session of New Zealand Bloodstock's yearling sale.

Jenkins first laid eyes on the yearling at Karaka on Wednesday and said he couldn't fault the son of Reliable Man. [Full story here.](#)



Lot 755 - Kermadec ex House Of Borgia colt

### Latta strikes early in Book 2 session

Palmerston North trainer Lisa Latta struck early on the first day of New Zealand Bloodstock's Book 2 Sale at Karaka on Thursday.

The Central Districts horsewoman went to \$160,000 to secure lot 755, the Kermadec colt out of Flying Spur mare House of Borgia from Westbury Stud's draft.

It was Latta's biggest purchase of the week at Karaka after she was active in the Book 1 session, signing for three yearlings for a total of \$260,000. [Full story here.](#)

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Jakkalbomb (NZ) (Jakkalberry)

### Classic contender favoured at home

Three-year-old Jakkalberry filly **Jakkalbomb (NZ)** asserted herself as a Classic contender this season after her impressive runner-up performance behind Secret Allure (NZ) (Zacinto) in the Gr.3 Desert Gold Stakes (1600m) at Trentham on January 19.

The Janelle Millar-trained runner is being set for a tilt at the Gr.1 Al Basti Equiworld Dubai New Zealand Oaks (2400m) in March and will take her next step on that path when she competes in the Listed Fasttrack Insurance Oaks Prelude (1800m) at New Plymouth on Saturday.

"I was very happy with her (run at Trentham)," Millar said. "Apart from her just about falling at the start and running greenly at the end, she didn't get a great trip. She's improving every time and she's come on really well since then.

"She is just one of those horses that every time I throw something at her she takes it in and she improves on it." [Full story here.](#)

### Wide draws frustrate Marsh ahead of Classic

Cambridge trainer Stephen Marsh is thrilled with his Gr.3 Woburn Farm Classic contenders **Scotch** (I Am Invincible) and **Chiaretta (NZ)** (Makfi) but less than pleased with their draws for Saturday's 1200m New Plymouth two-year-old feature.

Chiaretta drew barrier 10 of 11, while last-start course winner Scotch drew only marginally better in eight.

"The draws are horrible. I couldn't believe they both drew wide," Marsh said.

"Chiaretta will go back from out there and hopefully she can be hitting the line strongly but Scotch has more tactical speed and can take up a handy position, but the draw won't make that easy."

Despite the awkward draws, TAB bookmakers have installed Scotch and Chiaretta as the third and fourth favourites for the Woburn Farm Classic at \$4.80 and \$6 respectively in a market headed by the Jamie Richards-trained debutante Folk Dress (Pierro) at \$4 and the Roger James-trained Hasstobegood (NZ) (Per Incanto) at \$4.50.

[Full story here](#)



Lanciato (NZ) (Per Incanto)

### Lanciato in tough Expressway test

Former New Zealand-trained galloper **Lanciato (NZ)** (Per Incanto) will face a stern test in Saturday's Gr.2 Expressway Sprint (1200m) at Rosehill.

Group One winners Trapeze Artist (Snitzel), Hartnell (Authorized), Le Romain (Hard Spun) and Alizee (Sepoy) are among the six-horse field.

Even though the numbers are small, Lanciato's trainer Mark Newnham admits it will still be tough for the dual stakes winner who is headed on a sprinting path this campaign.

His past two preparations have been geared towards 1600m-races but after his unplaced runs in the Epsom Handicap and Doncaster Mile, his trainer will keep him to slightly shorter races.

"I'm not sure he runs out a strong mile," Newnham said.

"The Expressway is the right race to start him off in but with horses like Trapeze Artist and Alizee in it, it certainly won't be easy.

"After the Expressway we will look at races like the Liverpool City Cup and the Canterbury Stakes."

The Gr.3 Liverpool City Cup on March 2 and Gr.1 Canterbury Stakes a week later are both over 1300m.

Lanciato finished third in a Warwick Farm barrier trial last week in preparation for his return.



Vassilator (NZ) (Zacinto)

### Relaxed Vassilator up for Caulfield return

Trainer Colin Little is working with a blank canvas with **Vassilator (NZ)** (Zacinto) and is encouraged by the progress the three-year-old has made ahead of his racing return at Caulfield.

The Gr.1 Caulfield Guineas (1600m) runner-up, a dual Flemington winner, resumes in Saturday's Gr.3 Manfred Stakes (1200m).

Little went back to the drawing board with Vassilator after a spring campaign marred in a number of races by the colt throwing his head around when restrained.

Vassilator was sent for a course of dressage after his break with the trainer working on getting the three-year-old to keep his head down while also removing the blinkers from Vassilator's race-day gear.

"We won't know for sure until he's in a race and among horses but it's been encouraging with the dressage, a bit of gear and he seems more settled," Little said. [Full story here.](#)



Air Max (NZ) (Nadeem)

### Robinson set to plunder southern spoils

Riccarton trainer Lance Robinson was successful in taking out the Listed Gore Guineas (1335m) earlier this month and he believes he has a strong chance of taking

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home more southern spoils at Wingatui on Saturday.

Robinson won the Guineas with **Air Max (NZ)** (Nadeem), who will contest the Listed MediaWorks Dunedin Guineas (1500m), and the Canterbury horseman couldn't be happier with his charge heading into the contest.

"It was an extremely good run (in the Gore Guineas). He did a couple of things wrong, he's still a little bit green, but he hit the line well," Robinson said. [Full story here.](#)



*Vigor Winner (Declaration Of War)*

### Vigorous effort expected from Brennan three-year-old

Cambridge trainer Lauren Brennan is excited to be armed with two quality three-year-olds as the season starts to heat up for New Zealand's Classic crop.

One of those runners is **Vigor Winner** (Declaration of War), who won impressively on debut over 1200m at Hastings on New Year's Day by 3-1/2 lengths.

"We knew he could gallop, but to win like he did was really impressive," Brennan said. "He's trained on really well." [Full story here.](#)

### Rodd returns to ride in NZ

Singapore-based jockey Michael Rodd will head to New Zealand next week to answer an SOS call from a number of stables.

The Melbourne Cup-winning jockey will ride at Te Rapa's February 9 meeting and has already picked up three quality rides on the nine-race card.

They are led by multiple Group One winner Danzanzdance (Mastercraftsman), who Rodd will pilot in the Gr.1 Herbie Dyke Stakes (2000m) after the suspension of regular rider Opie Bosson. [Full story here.](#)

### Oaks preparation continues for Miss Labasa

Previously unbeaten filly **Miss Labasa (NZ)** (Swiss Ace) finished unplaced in the



*Miss Labasa (NZ) (Swiss Ace)*

Karaka Million 3YO Classic (1600m) at Ellerslie on Saturday, but her trainer John Bary wasn't disappointed with his filly's run.

"She pulled up really well and travelled home well," Bary said. "I'm not disappointed at all. We felt like there was no pace and we were going to ride her forward.

"He (jockey Johnathan Parkes) squeezed her up out of the gates to get her there and everything went to plan until they put the brakes on. She was just hard on the steel the whole way for Johnathan, he said she never relaxed.

"At that top level everything has to go your way. She was just a bit strong and you can't do it at both ends, so it's unfortunate."

Bary was philosophical about the result and is looking forward to continuing his charge on a Classic campaign, which will culminate with a tilt at the Gr.1 Al Basti Equiworld Dubai New Zealand Oaks (2400m) at Trentham in March.

"It was only her fourth start and she was racing against probably the best three-year-old field that has gone around this season" Bary said.

"It bodes well, she travelled well. We will just regroup and go to the Lowland and the Oaks and just keep going forward."

### Oaks still a longshot for Collett fillies

A last-to-first performance by **Tiger Silk** (All American) last Friday wasn't enough to convince Richard Collett she is definitely a Gr.1 New Zealand Oaks (2400m) contender, but the Pukekohe trainer still has another smart filly on the borderline to get to the Trentham feature.

Tiger Silk did well to storm past the highly rated The Chosen One (NZ) (Savabeel) over the final stages of the three-year-old 1400m event at Pukekohe, going to the line comfortably three-quarters of a length



*Tiger Silk (All American)*

ahead.

The daughter of All American holds a nomination for the Gr.1 Al Basti Equiworld Dubai New Zealand Oaks (2400m) on March 16, as does impressive debut winner **Contrary Mary (NZ)** Rip Van Winkle). [Full story here.](#)



*Prince Jabeel (Savabeel)*

### Prince Jabeel aiming for crowning glory

It has been a whirlwind few months for talented stayer **Prince Jabeel** (Savabeel).

The Brendan and Jo Lindsay-owned gelding has gone from winning his maiden at Taupo in September to winning the Gr.3 City of Auckland Cup (2400m) at Ellerslie on New Year's Day and placing in the Gr.3 Wellington Cup (3200m) at Trentham earlier this month.

Trainer Lance Noble has been pleased with the Savabeel gelding's improvement and believes Prince Jabeel's win at Taupo flicked a switch in the five-year-old's mind.

"He ran terrific (at Trentham), I'm really proud of him," Noble said. "He was carrying 59 kilos and the first six horses home were all carrying 53kg except for him, so it was a terrific run.

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"He was just a very immature horse early on and he's a big horse and we ran him on a few wet tracks, but he's a genuine firm track horse now.

"It was almost like the penny dropped when he won at Taupo and learnt how to win. He's got competitive, is very genuine and tries really hard."

Noble has put Prince Jabeel out for a freshen-up before he makes a likely return to contest the Gr.1 Barfoot and Thompson Auckland Cup (3200m) at Ellerslie on March 9.

"We have just put him in the paddock," he said.

"He has been eating up since he's been home. We'll just see, but he has run well at Ellerslie so we'll head towards the Auckland Cup all going well."



*Xpression (NZ) (Showcasing)*

The three-year-old daughter of Showcasing will join premiership-leading trainer Chris Waller's stable and will be set to add more black-type to her impressive record.

The winner of the Gr.2 Wakefield Challenge Stakes (1200m) at two, Xpression returned at three to finish a narrow second to Avantage (Fastnet Rock) in the Gr.3 Gold Trail Stakes (1200m) before easily landing the Gr.3 Barneswood Farm Stakes (1400m).

[Full story here.](#)

### Talented filly Sydney bound

Group Two winner **Xpression (NZ)** (Showcasing) will do the rest of her racing on Australian soil after departing for Sydney on Monday.



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# GLOBAL NZ BRED WINNERS

## 24/01/2019 - 30/01/2019

### AUSTRALIA

**All American : Playbook (NZ) (Icy Reception by Groom Dancer) 2013;**  
26/01/2019, 1st Thangool RC Dotty Chrissy H. 1075m

**Cape Blanco : Rue de Rennes (NZ) (Ekstremer by Ekraar) 2014;**  
30/01/2019, 1st MRC (Morningson) Big Screen Company Maiden P. 2030m  
Sold by Cambridge Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$80000

**Darci Brahma : Dark Universe - New Universe (Aust.) (NZ) (Shalaka by Lonhro) 2013;**  
26/01/2019, 1st ATC Rise Up at the Championship H. 1600m  
Sold by JK Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$40000

**Lope de Vega : Heredero (NZ) (Princess Pedrille by Desert Prince) 2015;**  
29/01/2019, 1st Muswellbrook RC Great Northern Super Crisp Lager H. 1280m

**Makfi : Maclairey (NZ) (Dame Claire by Danehill Dancer) 2014;**  
28/01/2019, 1st MRC Big Screen Company H. 1600m  
Sold by Westbury Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$90000

**Mastercraftsman : My Pearl (NZ) (Cultured by O'Reilly) 2013;**  
27/01/2019, 1st Yea RC Whanregarwen Pastoral Maiden P. 2140m  
Sold by Wentwood Grange at National Yearling Sale for \$7000

**Nom du Jeu : Denominator (NZ) (Malissimo by Howbaddouwantit) 2012;**  
28/01/2019, 1st Penola RC Festival Hire Maiden P. 1700m  
Sold by Highden Park at South Island Yearling & Mixed Sale for \$3500

**O'Reilly : Dublin Diva (NZ) (Metropolitan by Elusive City) 2014;**  
29/01/2019, 1st Bathurst TC Kennards Hire Maiden P. 1100m  
Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$140000

**O'Reilly : Tycoon Flutter (NZ) (Flutter by Savabeel) 2012;**  
30/01/2019, 1st Ipswich TC Carlton Mid H. 1200m  
Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$100000

**O'Reilly : Shalwa (NZ) (Futoon by Elusive Quality) 2014;**  
30/01/2019, 1st Ipswich TC Museum Room Hire H. 1015m

**Ocean Park : Wahini Miss (NZ) (Dosh by Danske) 2014;**  
28/01/2019, 1st Murrumbidgee TC Australia Day Cup H. 2000m  
Sold by Mapperley Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$170000

**Rip Van Winkle : Honorable Mention (NZ) (Honor Bound by Honor Grades) 2014;**  
28/01/2019, 1st MRC Araza H. 1300m

**Road to Rock : Mushroom Rock (NZ) (No Hula No Dance by Rhythm) 2013;**  
26/01/2019, 1st Newcastle JC Foteff Property Group P. 2200m

**Shamus Award : Stolen Away (NZ) (Caserta by Hussonet) 2015;**  
26/01/2019, 1st SAJC Killer Queen Experience Maiden P. 1400m  
Sold by Ardsley Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$100000

**Shocking : Surprise Baby (NZ) (Bula Baby by Kaapstad) 2014;**  
25/01/2019, 1st MVRC Martin Ralston Cup H. 1600m

**Tavistock : Rising Stock (NZ) (Wahaha by Stravinsky) 2011;**  
27/01/2019, 1st Kilcoy RC Butler McDermott Lawyers H. 1060m  
Sold by Anistay Lodge at National Yearling Sale for \$22000

**Tavistock : Tavsomefun (NZ) (Miss Debonair by Danehill) 2014;**  
27/01/2019, 1st Geelong RC Associated Cold Tread Tyres H. 1700m  
Sold by Cambridge Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$180000

### HONG KONG

**Darci Brahma : Exceptional Desire (NZ) (Grace and Eva by Stravinsky) 2013;**  
30/01/2019, 1st HKJC Lambeth H. 1200m  
Sold by Little Avondale Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$80000

**High Chaparral : The Show (NZ) (The Quarewan by Supremo) 2010;**  
30/01/2019, 1st HKJC Murray H. 1200m  
Sold by Wentwood Grange at National Yearling Sale for \$320000

**Ocean Park : King Opie (NZ) (Hope So by Fast 'n' Famous) 2014;**  
27/01/2019, 1st HKJC Tai Tong H. 1400m  
Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$120000

**Piero : Furore (NZ) (Stormy Choice by Redoute's Choice) 2014;**  
27/01/2019, 1st HKJC Hong Kong Classic Mile L. 1600m  
Sold by Haunui Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$210000

**Pins : Espumoso - Regency Legend (H.K.) (NZ) (Sparkling by O'Reilly) 2015;**  
27/01/2019, 1st HKJC Yuen Long H. 1200m  
Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$50000

### MACAU

**Redwood : Silent Height (NZ) (Passionella by Falvelon) 2014;**  
25/01/2019, 1st Macau Nottingham H. 1050m  
Sold by Willowbank Stud at National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale for \$1600  
Sold by Three Valleys at South Island Yearling & Mixed Sale for \$3500

### SINGAPORE

**Alamosa : Man of Words (NZ) (Dementieva by Volksraad) 2014;**  
25/01/2019, 1st Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1000m

**Nom du Jeu : Robin Hood (NZ) (Bail Us Out by Justice Prevails) 2011;**  
25/01/2019, 1st Singapore TC Class 2 H. 1400m

**Per Incanto : Gentlemen Agreement (NZ) (Sirca Dane by Dexter) 2014;**  
25/01/2019, 1st Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1400m

**Pins : Satellite Warrior (NZ) (De Lago Lady by Encosta de Lago) 2014;**  
25/01/2019, 1st Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1400m  
Sold by Anzac Lodge at Ready to Run Sale for \$60000  
Sold by Mapperley Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$20000

**Sufficient : Berlinetta (NZ) (Barchetta by My Halo) 2014;**  
25/01/2019, 1st Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1600m



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