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GROUP ONE ASSIGNMENTS FOR NEW WINDSOR PARK STALLIONS



Former Spring Champion Stakes winner Vanbrugh will attempt to add a second Group One title to his career stats at Doomben tomorrow

Windsor Park Stud boss Rodney Schick admits he is on edge as two of his new stallions attempt to gild their stud credentials in interstate Group One features in Australia this weekend.

Schick is looking forward to welcoming Encosta de Lago four-year-old **Vanbrugh** and Street Cry four-year-old **Rageese** later this winter to Windsor Park, where they will serve their first book of mares in the spring.

But first there's the opportunity to enhance their stud value with further Group One assignments pending.

Rageese will tackle Saturday's Gr.1 Goodwood (1200m) at Morphettville in South Australia for trainer Darren Weir, while the Chris Waller-trained Vanbrugh contests the Gr.1 Doomben Cup (2000m) in Queensland just under 20 minutes earlier.

"It's a huge thing to have these two young stallions running in Group One races on the same day. Hopefully it can all come together," said Schick, whose parents Nelson and Sue Schick first took a financial interest in Windsor Park Stud in 1970.

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"It's exciting but bloody nerve-racking at the same time. Mum's going over to Brisbane to watch Vanbrugh but we've got a bit going on at the farm so I'm staying home. It's probably the best place for me."

Rageese, to be ridden by Damian Lane, was a winner of the Gr.3 L'Oréal Paris Stakes (1400m) at Flemington during Melbourne Cup week and Group One-placed in the ATC Sires' Produce Stakes (1400m) at Randwick at just the third start of his career.

"He won the Listed Nitschke Stakes at his only previous start at Morphettville by four or five lengths last year as a three-year-old so he's been there and done it before," Schick said.

"Morphettville suits him and Darren's happy with him. He's a good chance."

Rageese holds an entry for the Gr.1 Stradbroke Handicap (1400m) at Eagle Farm on June 10, a race in which Thorn Park claimed his ninth win and first at Group One level at his final start before retiring to Windsor Park in 2004.

Vanbrugh already has a Group One win to his credit, having claimed the Spring Champion Stakes (2000m) at Randwick last season on a good track.

"With the right ground on Saturday, he'll be right in the race. I spoke to Chris last night and he was thrilled with his work last Thursday and again on Tuesday. He was just hoping the track wasn't too bad," Schick said.

"Either way, they've both done enough and will make terrific stallions. It's the first time I can remember that we've had three new stallions coming in.

"We bought these two horses early on and the opportunity to buy Turn Me Loose after that was a huge one for us and one too good to pass up. To have three horses of this quality coming in is very exciting."

Vanbrugh, a winner at two and hailing from the family of Group One winners Diademe (NZ) (Savabeel) and Sacred Star (Flying Spur), would take his earnings past \$1 million with success on Saturday.

"We've invested heavily in stallions in the last three or four years," Schick said.

"We lost Thorn Park a few years ago when he was right at the top of his game and that hit us pretty hard. But rather than letting it affect us, we've really worked on getting the right stallions on the farm with Charm Spirit, Mongolian Khan, Shamexpress and Rip Van Winkle before these new three.

"With the industry's commitment to increasing prizemoney, there are bigger incentives to race horses in New Zealand. There are positive things happening in New Zealand racing and we think it's a good time to be backing the industry. It all starts with breeding - that's where the early investment lies.

"Vanbrugh's got all the credentials and in Rageese, you've got a son of Street Cry, the hottest blood in the world at the moment, and from the family of Emancipation. He's out of a Dehere mare, who's out of a Sunday Silence mare who's out of a Danehill mare. It's a great genetic structure."

- NZ Racing Desk



Rageese contests the Gr. 1 Goodwood at Morphettville tomorrow for master trainer Darren Weir





CYLINDER BEACH

AIMING FOR TEAR-JERKING WIN

If **Cylinder Beach (NZ)** (Showcasing) wins the Doomben Cup, it will mean far more than a Gr.1 triumph and a A\$416,000 booty to the group of owners.

The Queensland gelding races in honour of original owner Chris Lees, an insurance manager who passed away in 2015 after a sad battle with brain cancer.

The tough horse was named after Lees' favourite holiday spot - on Queensland's Stradbroke Island - and there is not a dry eye among the owners every time he runs.

Lees' widow Tracey is among the owners and says it is always a swirling mix of emotions every time the horse goes to the barriers.

Trainer Desleigh Forster always wears her heart on her sleeve and especially so with Cylinder Beach, a \$26 chance with Sportsbet in Doomben Cup (2000m) betting.

Cylinder Beach beat them easily in the Toowoomba Cup and then had few favours when he ran seventh in the Gr.2 Hollindale Stakes, beaten three lengths by Doomben Cup favourite It's Somewhat (Dynaformer).

"This horse means the world to quite a few of us and there is always a lot of tears when he wins," Forster said.

"I am convinced he is up to these at Group One level.

"His run in Sydney (in the Gr.1 Ajax) in March was terrific, he was only beaten a couple of lengths by It's Somewhat that day, and the jockey was very kind to my horse.

"The 2000m of the Doomben Cup will be ideal for him. He is a horse who can't sit and sprint, he needs to get into his rhythm and build up momentum."

Forster thinks a big plus for Cylinder Beach is jockey Jim Byrne, who takes the ride with huge confidence after winning



Cylinder Beach will have a large and emotional team cheering him on in the Gr. 1 Doomben Cup

the Gr.1 Doomben 10,000 on Redzel (Snitzel) last Saturday.

However, up to 50mm of forecast rain in Brisbane over the next two days is some concern as Cylinder Beach has never started on a heavy track.

"I've never had him on it so I don't really know ... I wouldn't say yes and I wouldn't say no," Forster says.

"But he is as fit and well as I can have him and ready to run a really big race.

"The Doomben track could be interesting on the weekend if we get a bit of rain, but anyone who wants to bag it is kidding themselves.

"People need to go back and have a look at how much racing Doomben has had recently."

One thing is for sure in Brisbane on Saturday, if Cylinder Beach wins the Doomben Cup, the owners will raise their glasses in a toast to the man who should have been there to see it.

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PUCCINI BOOSTS MAPPERLEY ROSTER

Former champion New Zealand three-year-old **Puccini (NZ)** (Encosta de Lago) brings another healthy dose of Group One quality to the Mapperley Stud stallion roster.

The New Zealand Derby winner will stand his first season in 2017 at Simms Davison's Matamata nursery, already home to the top-flight performers Complacent (Authorized), Contributor (High Chaparral) and He's Remarkable (NZ) (Pentire).

Puccini was the star performer in New Zealand in his classic season when, under the guidance of Peter and Jacob McKay, he triumphed in the Gr.1 New Zealand Derby off the back of Group Two wins in the Great Northern, Waikato and Avondale Guineas.

He came back the following term for Group Three victories in the Merial Metric Mile and the Thompson Handicap. He was subsequently runner-up in the Gr.1 Captain Cook Stakes and then went one better in the Gr.1 Thorndon Mile.

Puccini later had stints with Darren Weir and Wayne Walters in Australia where he was a multiple Group placegetter.

"He was the best three-year-old in New Zealand by a country mile and he trained on as a four-year-old for

another great season," Davison said.

"He's a good-looking, correct horse with a great nature – he's very exciting."

A son of champion stallion Encosta de Lago, Puccini is out of stakes-winning Paris Opera mare Miss Opera. She is also the dam of the six-time Group One winner Sir Slick (NZ) (Volksraad) and from the family of Group Two winner Amarula (NZ) (Thorn Park) and Group Three winner Little Wonder (NZ) (Volksraad).

"The mare produces durable horses who perform at the top level," Davison said. "He's got a fantastic New

Zealand pedigree and he represents outstanding value."

Puccini was bred by the late Paul Smithies and his wife Cushla, of Monovale Farm, and the family will stand the stallion with Mapperley at an introductory fee of \$5000 + GST.

"This is very much a family-orientated partnership and Monovale will be sending a lot of their top mares to Puccini, as will Mapperley," Davison said.

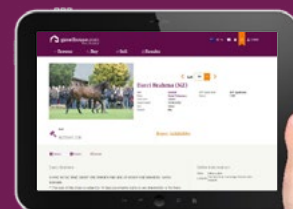
"We have formed the Puccini Club, which will offer huge rewards to breeders who commit to the horse for a number of years."

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Former champion three-year-old Puccini will commence his stallion duties at Mapperley Stud this season

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WESTBURY SECURES GROUP ONE-PERFORMED COLT

Street Cry's well-performed son **Telperion** has joined the stallion roster at Westbury Stud.

Farm principal Gerry Harvey has purchased a significant interest in the Godolphin-bred colt, who was a high-class juvenile in Sydney.

Third on debut, he then won the Listed Lonhro Plate at the expense of the subsequent Group One winner Prized Icon (More Than Ready) and was fourth in the Gr.2 Skyline Stakes before he filled a similar placing in the Gr.1 Golden Slipper Stakes.

Telperion stormed home from the tail of the field and, in doing so, he recorded the fastest closing 600

metres of the race.

The handsome colt was then runner-up in the hands of James McDonald to the dual Group One winner Yankee Rose (All American) in the Sires' Produce Stakes at Randwick.

"One of the first people I rang about the horse was James and he said he's a beautiful animal, he was very, very complimentary," Westbury general manager Russell Warwick said.

"He had a serious turn of foot, a quality we look for in all of our stallions."

Timeform's end of season Australian ratings had Telperion fifth equal with Flying Artie (Artie Schiller)

with only Exquisite Choice (Redoute's Choice), Capitalist (Written Tycoon), Yankee Rose and Kiss And Make Up (More Than Ready) rated above him and ahead of the Group One winners Prized Icon, Sacred Elixir (NZ) (Pour Moi), Astern (Medaglia D'Oro), and Divine Prophet (Choisir).

He is out of the Redoute's Choice mare Yavanna, herself a daughter of the Group Three winner Wild Queen (Loup Sauvage), who is a half-sister to the Gr.2 Ascot Vale Stakes winner So Gorgeous (Brief Truce) and the family of the great matriarch Denise's Joy (Seventh Hussar).

The cross between Street Cry and Redoute's Choice has been a notable one and responsible for eight stakes performers, including Group One winner Stay With Me (Street Cry).

Telperion will stand at a 2017 service fee of \$5000 + GST, while a select number of lifetime breeding rights will be available to breeders.

– NZ Racing Desk.



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Kelly McCulloch with Benzini

Substitute sister chasing Group One glory

Kelly McCulloch is hoping to do her sister proud when she combines with **Benzini** (Tale of the Cat) in tomorrow's Gr.1 Doomben Cup.

The Pukekohe-based jockey has taken the reins from her injured sibling Rosie Myers, who won the Gr.2 Brisbane Cup on the Adrian and Harry Bull-trained stayer 12 months ago.

"Rosie had a fall and broke a leg. She was desperate to get back to ride Benzini, but the doctors have put her back in a moon boot and she is still out," McCulloch said.

Benzini finished runner-up in the Gr.1 New Zealand Stakes and third in the Gr.3 Canterbury Gold Cup before leaving for Brisbane.

"I rode him in a barrier trial and it was a good effort to finish second behind what I am told is a smart horse (Perfect Dare)," McCulloch said.



Savvy Dreams (NZ) (Savabeel)

Filly due a change in fortune

Luck has been a stranger to the Hastings filly **Savvy Dreams (NZ)** (Savabeel) during her Australian venture.

The Gr.1 New Zealand Oaks placegetter was a late scratching from the Gr.1

Australasian Oaks after flipping over before the start and last Saturday she was forced over extra ground from a wide gate when a brave fourth in the Gr.1 South Australian Derby.

"She was three wide without cover all the way and she did a good job to box on in the straight," said Grant Cullen, who trains the daughter of Savabeel with Guy Lowry. [Full story here.](#)

Shampion steps up to stakes level

The Danny O'Brien-trained **Shampion (NZ)** (O'Reilly) will contest Saturday's Listed Andrew Ramsden Stakes (3200m) at Flemington.

The daughter of O'Reilly was chased down late in the 4000m Marathon Series Final last start at Caulfield, finishing third.

"She's a very fit mare and has done plenty of racing around these marathon trips this autumn," O'Brien said.

"If she got any black type it would be a great result for her pedigree. So we'll give her a chance on Saturday."

Feature focus for Hillis

Wayne Hillis is hoping his only two runners tomorrow can run and jump.

The Matamata trainer will produce **Watch This Space (NZ)** (Elusive City) in the Listed James Bull Rangitikei Gold Cup (1600m) at Awapuni and **Nothing Trivial (NZ)** (Elusive City) in the Porritt Sand Waikato Hurdles (3200m) at Te Rapa.

Watch This Space's performance will determine how much deeper into the winter his preparation goes, with Hillis keen to avoid the most testing heavy conditions. Although he is taking some confidence from the Elusive City gelding's best win in the Gr.2 Japan-New Zealand International Trophy at Tauranga coming on a heavy track. [Full story here.](#)

Back in trip no worries for New Universe

Jockey Tommy Berry holds no fears about exciting New Zealand import **New Universe (NZ)** (Darci Brahma) coming back in distance at Rosehill tomorrow.

New Universe, who raced as Dark Universe in New Zealand for Chris Wood, was one of the star performers at Rosehill earlier this month when swooping from last to blow away 10 rivals over 1200 metres.

The manner of the win suggested that a rise in distance would be a logical progression however trainer Chris Waller has accepted to run the son of Darci Brahma in an 1100 metre contest this weekend. [Full story here.](#)



Bonny O'Reilly (NZ) (O'Reilly)

Draw the barrier to black-type bid

Black-type racing in Queensland is still in **Bonny O'Reilly's (NZ)** (O'Reilly) future plans, just not at Doomben this weekend.

Trainer Bjorn Baker had intended to send the four-year-old north for the Listed Bright Shadow (1200m) tomorrow but an unfavourable barrier draw means she will race at Rosehill.

After she came up with gate 19 of 21 in Brisbane, Baker opted for the TJ Smith Hall Of Fame Handicap (1200m) as Bonny O'Reilly's second start of this preparation.

Baker says he still believes the mare can make an impact in Queensland during the winter.

"I'd like to get her up there and chase some black type at some stage through the carnival. We'll see what happens on Saturday and go from there," Baker said.

Bonny O'Reilly has banked five wins already and is favoured to record back-to-back victories at Rosehill, heading the TAB's market at \$3.20.

"She's in good order and I think she handles any track. There's a bit of rain forecast," he said.

Rosehill was classified as good on Thursday, a foundation for four of Bonny O'Reilly's wins with the other on soft ground on debut at Nowra.

Rain is forecast in Sydney today and Saturday.

Baker thought she had the ideal launching pad with Jason Collett from barrier seven.

"She's got tactical speed so it's the perfect gate for her."

Foreign Prince back on familiar territory

Foreign Prince (NZ) (High Chaparral) might not be the best horse in David Payne's stable but he is one of his favourites.

The six-year-old begins his latest campaign over 1500 metres at Rosehill on Saturday with the trainer hoping for another lucrative winter.

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Last year, Foreign Prince won more than A\$100,000 from his six mid-year starts which included a third in the Listed Winter Cup (2400m).

"He's a lovely old warrior," Payne said.

"He is a happy horse. He is honest and he's tough and he loves the wet tracks. He cost \$100,000 and has earned \$500,000.

"He will follow a similar program to last year. The 1500 metres will be a bit short for him but he has to start somewhere and it's a \$100,000 race on Saturday."



Shaun Fannin

Champion jockey again aiming high

Shaun Fannin has set himself a hard act to follow, but he isn't about to let his standards slip.

The 21-year-old distanced his rivals in the 2015-16 race for the jumping jockeys' crown, finishing with 25 winners and nine clear of former title holder Michael Mitchell.

"That was a pretty freakish season for me and I don't like finishing second so I want to win the premierships again and have another good go at the Grand Nationals and the Great Northerns," Fannin said. [Full story here.](#)



Flying Ibis (Nadeem)

Trainer sticking with top jockey's choice

Michael Pitman is tipping a much better home track showing today from **Flying Ibis** (Nadeem).

The Riccarton horseman, who enjoys a successful training partnership with his son Matthew, is expecting the seven-year-old to go close to victory in the skilled hands

of Chris Johnson in the Yesberg Insurance Celebrating 30 Years Open Mile.

Flying Ibis was a winner on the course three runs back and then placed before he was out of the money in the Listed Great Easter Stakes. [Full story here.](#)



Elfee (NZ) (Iffraaj)

Stakes goal for stable newcomer

Michael and Matthew Pitman have black type hopes for their in-form mare **Elfee (NZ)** (Iffraaj).

The Riccarton conditioners have been understandably impressed by the former Peter and Dawn Williams-trained mare, who will step out in the Gavelhouse.com Rating 75 Benchmark at Riccarton today.

Elfee has posted two wins from her new quarters and most recently she finished strongly for third.

"Her last run was massive, she should be a huge chance and we might look at the Winter Cup with her," Michael Pitman said.



Zacinto (Dansili)

Zacinto fee announced

On the back of a season which featured a Group One winning Classic winner, Inglewood Stud's leading young sire **Zacinto** will stand at a fee of \$12,000 (+GST) in 2017.

Inglewood Stud's Gus Wigley is understandably thrilled with the start made by Zacinto, which in addition to the Gr.1 NZ 2000 Guineas victory of Ugo Foscolo (NZ), has already seen 14 winners of 26 races and has the son of Dansili well clear on the New Zealand's Leading Second Season Sire's list

by both earnings and winners.

"It really has been a brilliant season for Zacinto," Wigley said.

"He's had his star performer but he has so many other promising young gallopers coming through as well, including Odeon who ran third in the Gr.1 South Australian Derby on Saturday."

"It's going to be pretty exciting next season with Ugo Foscolo targeting the Cox Plate, Odeon having lofty Melbourne spring carnival plans, Flemington winner Navagio no doubt having black-type spring carnival plans, while the exciting Sidestep has been sold to Hong Kong to target the Hong Kong Derby. In addition to that his local runners Son of Zac, Monrecour, Strowan, Zigwig and Zawhip all look capable of picking up black-type if they carry on as they've started," said Wigley.

"He's only had a tick over 30 starters so to have so many promising gallopers bodes very well for the future."

Duke of York winner for Showcasing

Haunui Farm shuttle stallion **Showcasing** (1200m) winner Tasleet on Wednesday, when the William Haggas-trained galloper trounced his rivals at York, in England's North.

The four-year-old entire has now won five of his 10 starts and handled the rain-affected track in good style.

"He's a very talented horse, but I always thought he wanted fast ground," Haggas said. "He's been a relatively sound horse, but he did have a bad injury to a hind ankle which took a long time to come right. He was a talented horse and difficult to criticize at two and is obviously versatile. He's got stronger and looks like a sprinter now."

The Gr.1 Diamond Jubilee Stakes at Royal Ascot on June 24 is the next target for Tasleet.

One of 15 stakes winners worldwide for Showcasing, Tasleet is a prime example of Showcasing's ability to upgrade his mares with all 15 out of non-stakes winners or stakes producers. Interestingly, Showcasing's tally of 15 stakes winners puts him ahead of fellow Haunui stallion Iffraaj, at the same stage of his career.

Showcasing will stand at Haunui Farm in 2017 for a fee of \$12,000 + GST.

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Bombard (NZ) (Dalghar)

Wide draw no problem

An outside gate on Wednesday wasn't enough to prevent a winning return at Ruakaka from **Bombard (NZ)** (Dalghar).

The Dalghar gelding showed speed to cross the field and he held a strong gallop in the straight to beat Malambo (NZ) (Duelled) and Lisdoonvarna (NZ) (Super Easy), who was three lengths last with 600 metres to run.

"He's still a bit green and with plenty more to learn," rider Sam Spratt said. "He was unlucky at his last start when he got chopped out, otherwise he would have been in the Karaka Million."

Bombard was subsequently put aside after he finished sixth at Ellerslie in January.



Smart Bronson (Smart Missile)

Harris back in business

Group One-winning jockey Troy Harris has launched his comeback to flat riding on a perfect note.

The 28-year-old, who has been plagued by weight issues, is making another concerted effort to further his career and he was rewarded with victory aboard the Mark Forbes-trained **Smart Bronson** (Smart Missile) at Ruakaka on Wednesday.

"I actually had my first winner here a few years ago so I don't mind coming back," Harris said. "Hopefully I can start getting some more rides now."

Smart Bronson is owned by Phillip Mak, who also races last Saturday's Gr.3 Rough

Habit Plate winner Shocking Luck (NZ) (Shocking).



Electrode (NZ) (Pins)

Electrode powers to victory

The Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman-trained two-year-old **Electrode (NZ)** (Pins) proved too good winning the NZB insurance Pearl Series event over 1150m at Te Awamutu on Monday.

The daughter of Pins had won a trial at the course last month and handled the Slow8 conditions on raceday with aplomb.

"That was promising," said Forsman. "The plan was to lead or at least be outside the leader and it was a little bit messy early on. She was over-racing in behind them and had to hook out wide and change ground, so it was a good effort."

"There's not a lot of her, so we will see how she comes through the run. She obviously gets through this ground alright, so we'll definitely look at black-type options with her in the coming months."



Inscription (NZ) (Cape Blanco)

Successful combination

Cambridge trainer Ross McCarroll and Matamata apprentice Sam Weatherley continued their impressive strike rate together when successful with **Inscription (NZ)** (Cape Blanco) at Te Awamutu on Monday.

Weatherley has had 12 rides for McCarroll and been successful on seven occasions with most of that success coming recently.

Inscription's win in the Legg Brothers 1400m came just a few weeks after Weatherley was successful on her half-sister Calligraphy (NZ) (Perfectly Ready) for McCarroll.

Inscription, a three-year-old daughter of Cape Blanco, had been placed in the first of her three previous starts and was soon put in the action on Monday by Weatherley and overcame a home-turn bump to win decisively by three and a half lengths.

"I think she's a pretty good horse," McCarroll said. "She's quite a lightly framed filly but she's got a really good turn of foot."



Linda & Graham Huddy

Volatile Mix works for Huddys

Queensland-based couple Graham and Linda Huddy have stuck to a winning formula which again paid dividends when **Volatile Mix (NZ)** (Pentire) won the Gr.1 South Australian Derby last weekend.

The Huddys enjoyed tremendous success with High Chaparral's son Shoot Out, a horse they outlaid just \$15,000 for.

Out of the Pentire mare Pentamerous, Shoot Out won 10 races, including Group One triumphs in the Australian Derby, Randwick Guineas, George Main Stakes, and two Chipping Norton Stakes, netting more than \$3.2 million in prizemoney.

So, when looking for a suitor for their High Chaparral mare Utopia, the Huddys were drawn to Rich Hill Stud's veteran sire Pentire.

[Full story here.](#)

Australian role changes for Group One pair

Group One performers and ex-stablemates **King Kamada (NZ)** (Shinko King) and **Reilly Lincoln (NZ)** (Pins) are embarking on new careers across the Tasman.

The former is destined for a jumping role in Victoria while Reilly Lincoln's racing days are over with the daughter of Pins bound for the broodmare paddock.

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King Kamada (NZ) (Shinko King)

"King Kamada doesn't like the heavy New Zealand tracks so he's gone over to Kath Durden," Awapuni trainer Lisa Latta said. "He had a hurdle trial (at Ballarat) and apparently went really well." [Full story here.](#)

Saundry appointed New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing CEO

The Board of New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing has announced, after a global search, the appointment of Bernard Saundry as the next NZTR Chief Executive.

Dr Alan Jackson, Chairman of NZTR said "Bernard's vast knowledge and experience from the creation of Racing.com and negotiating media rights, will be advantageous to New Zealand racing. His proven career in racing administration, club funding, building relationships with the jockey association and trainers and his experience with Country Racing will be invaluable."

"Mr Saundry is arguably one of Australasia's most experienced racing administrators and has spent the last 14 years in senior roles at Racing Victoria including Racing Development Director, Commercial Director, Chief Operating Officer, and the past four years as Chief Executive Officer." [Full story here.](#)



Here He Comes (Comin'through) (NZ) (Bullbars)

Wake-up required for Slow Learner
Here He Comes (NZ) (Bullbars) is in for

a couple of "wake-ups" to get him back on track for the Gr.1 Queensland Derby on June 10.

The Ruakaka three-year-old, who races in New Zealand as Comin'through, made his Australian debut at Doomben last Saturday and finished sixth behind fellow Kiwi galloper Shocking Luck (NZ) (Shocking) in the Gr.3 Rough Habit Plate (2000m).

Being beaten almost seven lengths wasn't a bad first-up run, especially after covering a lot of extra ground and both co-trainer Donna Logan and jockey Leith Innes are adamant he should have finished a lot closer had he concentrated. [Full story here.](#)



Gingernuts (NZ) (Iffraaj)

Gingernuts back in work

Dual Group One winner **Gingernuts (NZ)** (Iffraaj) has returned to the Matamata stable of Stephen Autridge and Jamie Richards to commence a slow build-up towards a potentially lucrative spring campaign.

The New Zealand Derby and Rosehill Guineas hero will be aimed at the Caulfield and Melbourne Cups in the spring and has returned from a month's spell at Te Akau Stud 50 kilograms heavier.

"He thrived during his time out on the farm and returned to the stable on Monday," Te Akau principal David Ellis said.

"We are looking forward to taking him to Melbourne for the spring carnival for the Caulfield and Melbourne Cups."

Ellis said he was delighted with the global success of the Te Akau operation, with Mark Walker leading the Singapore Trainers' Premiership, while the Autridge and Richards combination are the leading New Zealand stable by prizemoney and enjoyed Group success in Australia again last weekend when Shocking Luck (NZ) (Shocking) won the Gr.3 Rough Habit Plate.

Lewis Carroll set for Trentham

Cambridge owner-trainer Ngaire Fraser had a good reason for resisting the temptation to head to New Plymouth last Saturday with her smart four-year-old **Lewis**



Lewis Carroll (NZ) (Darci Brahma)

Carroll (NZ) (Darci Brahma).

Fraser had entered the Darci Brahma gelding in the open sprint, but elected to bypass the meeting and wait for a richer option.

"The weather wasn't good and, though the track improved a bit, I'm happy we didn't go down," Fraser said.

Fraser is focused on starting Lewis Carroll in the \$50,000 Hanley Formula Autumn Sprint Championship Final (1200m) at Trentham on May 27. [Full story here.](#)

Melbourne plans for Summer Passage

Group One winner **Summer Passage** (Snitzel) is back in light work being prepared for another Australian trip.

"He came back into work last week," co-trainer Andrew Scott said. "He's done well and will have a long, slow build-up."

"We're looking to campaign him in Melbourne in the spring."

Summer Passage has looked exciting in his four starts, which have resulted in two wins and two seconds. His first win came in the Listed Reid & Harrison Slipper at Matamata before taking the Gr.1 Sistema Stakes at Ellerslie.

Scott and training partner, Lance O'Sullivan, then switched their attention to Sydney with the son of Snitzel finishing a gallant second to Invader (Snitzel) in the Gr.1 Sires Produce Stakes at Randwick on April 1.

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NEWS IN BRIEF



Odeon (NZ) (Zacinto)



D'LLaro (NZ) (D'Cash)

Deserved break for Odeon

Odeon (NZ) (Zacinto) has gone to the paddock after a series of strong three-year-old performances.

The New Zealand-bred gelding won four races this term and he also earned two black type placings.

The Mathew Ellerton and Simon Zahra-trained Odeon finished runner-up in the Listed Port Adelaide Guineas and in his most recent appearance was third in the Gr.1 South Australian Derby.

Setback for Great Northern winner

A minor injury is hindering the prospects of **D'LLaro (NZ)** (D'Cash) defending his Great

Northern Hurdle crown.

All had been going well for D'LLaro until after the second of his two flat races when seventh at Pukekohe earlier this month.

"I was rapt in his first-up run (for fourth at Tauranga) and he went well at Pukekohe, but the following day he was a bit short in his action," trainer, part-owner and co-breeder Graeme Lord said.

"A splint came up and I've had to back off him. A 10-year-old with a splint! It's hard to believe. [Full story here.](#)

Cuneen preparing for Gold Coast sun

Canterbury jockey Racha Cuneen is counting down the days until he heads to

the Gold Coast to further his career.

Cuneen has announced he will leave New Zealand after the Wingatui meeting on May 26 and link up with a former Kiwi, Bruce Hill, who trains at Bundall.

The 25-year-old plans to test out the Gold Coast for five or six months before deciding whether or not to make it his permanent home. Between times he will keep in touch with his New Zealand contacts and may return for the New Zealand Cup meeting in November.

It was at last year's New Zealand Cup meeting that Cuneen rode his first Group One winner, La Diosa (NZ) (So You Think), in the New Zealand Bloodstock 1000 Guineas. A couple of months later he enjoyed further Group One success on Signify (NZ) (Perfectly Ready) in the Telegraph Handicap at Trentham.

Cuneen has ridden 115 winners, including seven at Group or Listed level, and he is keen to add Australian success to his tally.

"I just want to get over there, ride as much work as I can, work hard and see what I can pick up," he said. "It only takes one good horse to get you going and get your name out there."



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John Wheeler MNZM

During his heyday, John Wheeler was more successful in Australia than any other New Zealand trainer of modern times.

In Australia, he trained three near-champions – Poetic Prince, Rough Habit, and Veandercross and won many major Australian races (including a dozen Group Ones) with all three horses.

Wheeler has dominated the Australia's jumping scene for many years and won what is arguably the greatest jumping race in the world – the Nakayama Grand Jump in Tokyo with outstanding jumper St Steven.

Wheeler received the Insignia of a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to the horse racing industry in 2013.



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COMPARISON AT THE SAME STAGE IN THEIR CAREERS 15/5/17

	RUNNERS	WINNERS	STAKES WINNERS	STAKES PLACED	G1 WINNERS
SNITZEL AUSTRALIA'S CHAMPION & LEADING SIRE	183	127	8	12	-
SAVABEEL NZ'S CHAMPION & LEADING SIRE	147	83	8	10	-
PER INCANTO NZ'S LEADING SIRE OF INDIVIDUAL 2YO WINNERS 2014/15 NZ'S LEADING SIRE OF INDIVIDUAL 3YO WINNER 2015/16 CURRENTLY 2ND ON NZ'S 3YO SIRES FOR INDIVIDUAL WINNERS 2016/17	148	76	5	7	1

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AUSTRALIA

Bachelor Duke : Top Royal (NZ) (Capacity by Zabeel) 2010;
12/05/2017, 1st Oakley APRC Griffiths Chemmart Pharmacy Trophy Race 1000m
Sold by The Oaks Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$115000

Bachelor Duke : Top Royal (NZ) (Capacity by Zabeel) 2010;
13/05/2017, 1st Oakley APRC Newport & Geary Gift Trophy Race 1000m
Sold by The Oaks Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$115000

Danroad : Manny (NZ) (Milly Molly by Montjeu) 2009;
12/05/2017, 1st Mount Gambier RC Fairthorne Forestry H. 2050m

Danroad : Final Over (NZ) (Overflo by Almutawakel) 2011;
13/05/2017, 1st Toowoomba TC Wholesale Horsewear House P. 1050m

Darci Brahma : Rocbolt (NZ) (Upstaged by In the Wings) 2010;
17/05/2017, 1st Sale TC Ladbroke's Info Hub H. 1728m

Don Eduardo : Lautaro (NZ) (Carluke by Tierce) 2011;
12/05/2017, 1st Scone RC Kia Ora Stud H. 2200m
Sold by Bradbury Park at National Yearling Sale for \$1800

Hard Spun : (The) Armani (NZ) (Baldaque by Grosvenor) 2010;
12/05/2017, 1st Mount Gambier RC Border Watch H. 1550m
Sold by Monoval Farm at National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale for \$5500

Lucky Unicorn : Zabextra (NZ) (Zabex by Zabeel) 2012;
11/05/2017, 1st Mount Gambier RC Scott Group of Companies Maiden P. 1800m

Makfi : Mulinello (NZ) (Hurricane Mist by Spinning World) 2012;
11/05/2017, 1st Gosford RC Central Coast Motor Group H. 1600m
Sold by Haunui Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$150000

Makfi : Hursley (NZ) (Illuminates by Strategic) 2012;
13/05/2017, 1st MRC Chandler Macleod H. 2000m
Sold by Westbury Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$200000

Mastercraftsman : Baysa (NZ) (Cape City by Kaapstad) 2013;
16/05/2017, 1st Wyong RC Servers Australia H. 2100m
Sold by Windsor Park Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$120000

Nadeem : Victory Eight (NZ) (Queen's Colours by Rainbow Quest) 2013;
14/05/2017, 1st SCTC Secure Access Pty Ltd H. 1400m
Sold by Esker Lodge at Ready to Run Sale for \$80000
Sold by Te Runga Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$30000

Pentire : Black Fusion (NZ) (Stretto by Dance Floor) 2009;
13/05/2017, 1st Leeton JC Leeton Cup 1600m
Sold by Seaton Park Ltd at National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale for \$130000
Sold by Wellfield Lodge at National Yearling Sale for \$240000

Pentire : Volatile Mix (NZ) (Utopia by High Chaparral) 2013;
13/05/2017, 1st SAJC South Australian Derby Gr.1 2500m

Pentire : Shandaara (NZ) (Best Offer by Marscay) 2011;
11/05/2017, 1st Pakenham RC Wise Choice H. 2200m

Per Incanto : Bob of the Head (NZ) (Can't Keeper Down by Keeper) 2012;
17/05/2017, 1st Sale TC Ladbroke's Ride Guide H. 1105m
Sold by Little Avondale Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$42500

Remind : Flinch (NZ) (Startle by Danske) 2012;
13/05/2017, 1st Gordonvale TC Star 102. & 4CA H. 1100m
Sold by Long Acres Stud at South Island Yearling & Mixed Sale for \$6500

Savabeel : Superverloce (NZ) (Queen of Lions by King of Kings) 2012;
13/05/2017, 1st Donald DRC Buloke Times Maiden P. 1350m

Savabeel : Ouyang Feng (NZ) (Brianna by Sudurka) 2014;
11/05/2017, 1st Pakenham RC Racing.com Maiden 2YO P. 1200m
Sold by Milan Park at National Yearling Sale for \$120000

Savabeel : Danza Kuduro (NZ) (Night Danza by Danzero) 2011;
15/05/2017, 1st Werribee RC TAB H. 1600m

Savabeel : Knowing Me (NZ) (Molly Singer by El Moxie) 2008;
16/05/2017, 1st Mackay TC Marchant Signs H. 1560m

Shocking : Shocking Luck (NZ) (Shamardal Luck by Shamardal) 2013;
13/05/2017, 1st BRC Rough Habit P. Gr.3 2000m

Shocking : What a Shock (NZ) (Tiz Kate by Black Minnaloushe) 2013;
14/05/2017, 1st Ballarat TC Sportsbet's New Racing Form H. 1400m

Showcasing : Sound the Trumpet (NZ) (Tantara by Soviet Star) 2012;
13/05/2017, 1st Donald DRC Mackays Leading Edge Jewel. H. 1350m
Sold by Haunui Farm at National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale for \$10000
Sold by Prima Park Bloodstock at National Yearling Sale for \$10000

Testa Rossa : Test the World (NZ) (Worldly by Danasinga) 2013;
17/05/2017, 1st ATC Tab.com.au H. 1200m

Volksraad : Jackpot (NZ) (Downloaded by Catcher in the Rye) 2011;
17/05/2017, 1st GCTC Hume Doors and Timber H. 1200m
Sold by Wentwood Grange at National Yearling Sale for \$75000

Zabeel : Urban Explorer (NZ) (Amatista by Scenic) 2007;
17/05/2017, 1st Sale TC Ladbroke's Cash Out H. 2219m

Zed : Survived (NZ) (Liberal by Generous) 2009;
12/05/2017, 1st Mount Gambier RC Mount Gambier Cup 2400m



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Cecconi : Best Step (NZ) (Volique by Volksraad) 2013;
17/05/2017, 1st HKJC Arc de Triomphe Champions H. 1200m
Sold by Sunny Hill Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$3500

Mastercraftsman : Victory Boys (NZ) (La Bella Dama by Desert Sun) 2011;
17/05/2017, 1st HKJC Longchamp Racecourse H. 1800m
Sold by Mana Park at Ready to Run Sale for \$100000

Mossman : Burnt Orange - Happy Journey (H.K.) (NZ) (Oh So Royal by Danzero) 2010;
13/05/2017, 1st HKJC Chan Trophy H. 1400m

JAPAN

Jimmy Choux : Cosmo Peridot (NZ) (Diva von Tessa by Testa Rossa) 2014;
14/05/2017, 1st Tokyo Maiden Race 1400m
Sold by Lime Country Thoroughbreds Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$210000

MACAU

Danroad : Court the Toss - Court the Toss (Mac.) (NZ) (Bouquet Toss by Nureyev) 2009;
14/05/2017, 1st Macau Shek O H. 1510m
Sold by Woodbine Farm at National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale for \$6000

Fully Fledged : Cheerful Fish (NZ) (Status Quo by O'Reilly) 2012;
14/05/2017, 1st Macau Causeway Bay II H. 1050m
Sold by N. Tanner at Ready to Run Sale for \$42500
Sold by Fairdale Stud at South Island Yearling & Mixed Sale for \$4500

New Trumps : Destney (NZ) (D'Este by Slavic) 2012;
12/05/2017, 1st Macau Ap Lei Chau H. 1510m

One Cool Cat : Smart Cat - Laughing World (Mac.) (NZ) (American Cash by American Chance) 2006;
12/05/2017, 1st Macau Deepwater Bay H. 1510m
Sold by Haunui Farm at NZ National Yearling Sale for \$115000

Starcraft : River Dream (NZ) (Pure Wonder by Hernando) 2012;
14/05/2017, 1st Macau Sheung Wan H. 1050m

MALAYSIA

Bachelor Duke : Talisman (NZ) (Greenstone by Green Perfume) 2010;
13/05/2017, 1st Selangor TC Class 4 H. 1400m

Coats Choice : Gabbar (NZ) (Ginger Crunch Coup by Howbaddouwantit) 2012;
14/05/2017, 1st Perak TC Good Sight H. 1200m
Sold by Berkley Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$15000

Fastnet Rock : Bazinga (NZ) (La Campanella by More Than Ready) 2007;
14/05/2017, 1st Perak TC Vibrant Spirit H. 1100m
Sold by Kendayla Park at NZ National Yearling Sale for \$260000

Iffraaj : Stay Ahead - Justice World (Sing.) (NZ) (Dazzling Walk by Zabeel) 2009;
13/05/2017, 1st Selangor TC Metro B S. 1600m
Sold by Haunui Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$60000

Shinko King : Aguero (NZ) (Agnelli by Faltaat) 2010;
13/05/2017, 1st Selangor TC Class 5 H. 1600m

SINGAPORE

Alamosa : Mr Crowe (NZ) (Halfyaluck by Montjeu) 2012;
14/05/2017, 1st Singapore TC War Affair S. 1400m
Sold by Wellfield Lodge at National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale for \$10000

Exceed and Excel : Unsurpassed (NZ) (Alamantra by Elusive Quality) 2012;
14/05/2017, 1st Singapore TC Gingerbread Man S. 1200m

Mettre en Jeu : Mr Fatkid (NZ) (Celtic Legacy by O'Reilly) 2013;
14/05/2017, 1st Singapore TC Given Vision S. 1800m

No Excuse Needed : Hangman (NZ) (Suzy Harris by Centaine) 2013;
14/05/2017, 1st Singapore TC Affleck S. 1400m

O'Reilly : War Affair (NZ) (Kristique by Kris S) 2010;
14/05/2017, 1st Singapore TC Saas Fee S. Sgp-3 1400m
Sold by Trelawney Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$70000

Pentire : Mr Scorsese (NZ) (Marie Claire by O'Reilly) 2012;
12/05/2017, 1st Singapore TC Class 3 H. 1600m
Sold by Pencarrow Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$80000

Red Giant : Ground Control (NZ) (Melroy by Commands) 2012;
14/05/2017, 1st Singapore TC Stepitup S. 1600m

Redwood : Soonbaby (NZ) (Wahaha by Stravinsky) 2013;
12/05/2017, 1st Singapore TC Initiation P. 1000m
Sold by Cypress Point Stables at Ready to Run Sale for \$20000
Sold by Anistay Lodge at National Yearling Sale for \$20000

Showcasing : Show Far Show Good (NZ) (Ever a Lady by At Talaq) 2012;
14/05/2017, 1st Singapore TC Hornet S. 1400m
Sold by Wentwood Grange at National Yearling Sale for \$5000

