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PEACEFUL ALL CLASS IN WANGANUI FEATURE



Peaceful scores a convincing victory at Wanganui (Peter Rubery, Race Images)

The powerful Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman stable were back doing what they do best at Wanganui on Saturday when they produced progressive filly **Peaceful (NZ)** (Savabeel) to win the Listed The O'Leary's Fillies Stakes (1200m).

Fresh off a record breaking 2017-2018 season where they took out a total of twenty Group or Listed events amongst their New Zealand tally of 142 victories, the Cambridge combination posted their first black-type win for the new

season with the three-year-old Savabeel filly.

Successful at Listed level in her last start as a two-year-old, Peaceful went into the race off the back of a satisfactory trial at Te Rapa last month. Handled perfectly by in-form rider Matt Cameron, the filly enjoyed a cosy run in behind the speed before angling off the fence in the run home to issue her challenge.

Challenged hotly over the concluding stages by the Allan

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Sharrock trained pair of London Express (NZ) (Shamexpress) and Tutta La Classe (NZ) (Per Incanto), Peaceful found plenty to repel her rivals and add a second victory to her six-start career record.

Co-trainer Murray Baker watched the race from Melbourne where he has dual New Zealand Horse of the Year, Bonneval (NZ) (Makfi), kicking off her spring campaign in the Gr.2 Dato Tan Chin Nam Stakes (1600m).

“That was a good win, she’s a pretty promising filly,” he said.

“We weren’t too sure about her chances today as she is behind in her prep like a lot of our stable at the moment.

“The wet tracks have played havoc trying to get them ready, so she is only going to improve from the run.”

Baker confirmed the stable had bigger plans in store for Peaceful who races in the colours of part-owner Lib Petagna.

“She beat a pretty good one in Cyber Attack when she won the stakes race at Te Rapa last season, so we had a good think where we might go with her if she came up well this time in,” he said.

“After that win I think we might be taking her to Melbourne for some spring targets.

“She’s by Savabeel and they just walk on water so we think she can measure up over here.”

The Cambridge conditioners were quick to add a second victory to their haul for the day when former Hong Kong galloper Indigenous Union (Teofilo) scored over 2040m in the next race on the card.

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Race	The O’Learys Fillies Stakes L. 1200m
Winner	Peaceful (NZ) 2015
Owners	G P Clarke, JML Bloodstock Ltd, & P W O’Rourke
Trainer	Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Savabeel (AUS) out of Paloma by Mossman (AUS)
Breeder	G Harvey
Sales	2017 National Yearling Sale – Premier Sale; V: Westbury Stud, P: Bruce Perry Bloodstock; \$260,000



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DAZZLING DELIGHT FOR MARSH DESPITE POST-RACE DRAMA

Trainer Stephen Marsh doubled his pleasure at Wanganui on Saturday when **Bobby Dazzler (NZ)** (Zed) prevailed in a tooth and nail struggle to win the Listed HS Dyke Wanganui Guineas (1340m).

The Cambridge conditioner had started his day in the best possible way when he took out the first race on the card with promising juvenile Sai Fah (NZ) (Rios). Looking to add a second victory from his four-strong team at the meeting, Marsh was confident of a good showing from Bobby Dazzler despite the Zed colt coming in to the day's feature event off a lacklustre showing at Te Rapa.

Ridden by Danielle Johnson, Bobby Dazzler repaid that faith with a gritty performance as he held out fellow Cambridge rival Notabadidea (NZ) (Highly Recommended) by a bare nose after the pair went to war over the final 150m of the contest. To complicate matters the protest siren went once contestants had returned to the birdcage with the runner-up alleging interference in the concluding stages.

Celebrations were temporarily put on hold until the protest was dismissed and Bobby Dazzler was declared the winner.

"I said to Danielle when they came out into the birdcage that as far as types go, he looks the best," Marsh said.

"It was a beautiful ride as he got a sweet run. He looked beaten but he

kicked back hard which is what he did on debut."

Marsh had been prepared to forgive the colt's last start run on a tricky Te Rapa track after he had impressed with a gritty front-running performance at Tauranga when winning on debut.

"We were obviously a little bit disappointed last start," he said.

"There are a few problems there and he probably didn't like that. He had the side winkers on (today) as he's such a laid-back customer.

"He's a lovely colt and he's only going to get better."

Bobby Dazzler races in the familiar colours of his part-owners, the Carter siblings John, Mark and Rachael who bred him under their Jomara Bloodstock banner. The win completed a stellar week for the trio who also bred and share in the ownership of last

Saturday's Gr.1 Memsie Stakes (1400m) winner, Humidor (NZ) (Teofilo).

The Marsh and Johnson combination completed a winning treble when they rounded out the day's programme with Thee Old Cougar (NZ) (Rip Van Winkle) who scored convincingly over 1600m.

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Race	HS Dyke Wanganui Guineas L. 1340m
Winner	Bobby Dazzler (NZ) 2015
Owners	Jomara Bloodstock Ltd, R Brooke, S J Corlett, K Fraser, M Harper, T G Hoare, A J Reynolds, G Tong & C D Wilson
Trainer	Stephen Marsh (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Zed out of Tutuland (FR) by Green Desert (USA)
Breeder	Jomara Bloodstock Ltd



Bobby Dazzler (inner) and Notabadidea are locked together as they hit the line at Wanganui (Peter Rubery, Race Images)





TAVIRUN PRESSES CLAIMS FOR GUINEAS, DERBY

Co-trainers Trent Busuttin and Natalie Young are eyeing Classic success with another son of Tavistock after a tough on-pace win from three-year-old **Tavirun (NZ)** at Moonee Valley.

The trainers won the 2016 Group One Australian Derby with Tavago (NZ), a son of the Cambridge Stud-based stallion Tavistock, and they have had this spring's Victoria Derby (2500m) in mind for Tavirun.

But the Gr.1 Caulfield Guineas (1600m) now also looms as a genuine option after the gelding overcame a wide draw to lead all the way in Saturday's 1Print Handicap (1500m).

"We actually thought he

was going to get over a bit more of a trip but he has run a good time and he's definitely gone through the gears nicely today," Young said.

"He's just a lovely horse. He's got the best stride and we've found another nice Tavistock.

"We were initially thinking of getting him on a Derby path but the amount of toe he has shown today we might have to look towards the Guineas.

"He could go the Guineas path and then on to a Derby hopefully."

Tavirun, in his third start, made the step to city grade after breaking his maiden at Donald at his previous start last month.

From barrier nine of 11 jockey Linda Meech pressed forward on Tavirun to find the lead, with race favourite Approach Discreet (Dawn Approach) just off him in second.



Tavirun pressed his claims for a start in the upcoming 3yo Classic features with a win at Moonee Valley (Bruno Cannatelli)

Despite being challenged early in the home straight, Tavirun rallied on the inside and edged clear again late to defeat Muswellbrook (Denman) by 1-1/2-lengths.

- AAP

Race	1Print H. 1500m
Winner	Tavirun (NZ) 2015
Owners	T Scales, Ms B Patterson, D & S Juratowitch, A Kassem, M Tsang, S and N Lewin, S Baertschiger, D Lawn, Miss O Lawn, Mrs C Osborn, The Tee Off (Mgr: J Robertson), C C Pony Club No 2 (Mgr: S Matthews) & C C Racing (Mgr: S Kaso)
Trainer	Trent Busuttin & Natalie Young (Cranbourne)
Breeding	by Tavistock out of Alleyrun by Volksraad (GB)
Breeder	A J & Est late A M Bishop
Sales	2107 Ready To Run Sale of 2yos; V: Ohukia Lodge Ltd, P: Busuttin Racing & Tim Scales; \$300,000



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CAMBRIDGE VISITOR TAKES THE HONOURS IN FIRST TWO-YEAR-OLD CONTEST

The spoils from Wanganui's traditional opening two-year-old event for the new racing season are heading back to Cambridge.

A brace of trial wins at Te Teko last month saw the Stephen Marsh trained **Sai Fah (NZ)** (Rios) sent out a warm favourite in the five-horse field for the 800m dash and the Rios colt didn't disappoint in a head-to-head battle over the final 200 metres with eventual

runner-up, **First Rock (NZ)** (El Roca).

Despite being clearly headed by First Rock, Sai Fah fought back in dogged fashion to reclaim the lead in the shadows of the finishing post to score by a half-length with Alto Potenza (NZ) (Proisir) finishing off well for third.

"He's so honest and just loves the game," Marsh said after the race.

"I thought it was a very game run as

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Race	Wanganui Steelformers Juvenile Plate 800m
Winner	Sai Fah (NZ) 2016
Owners	Mission Downs Trust
Trainer	Stephen Marsh (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Rios out of Rongonui by Fast 'N' Famous (AUS)
Breeder	Waikato Stud Ltd
Sales	2017 National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Bloodstock Sale; V: Waikato Stud Ltd, P: Mission Downs Trust; \$6,000



Sai Fah (inner) defeats First Rock at Wanganui (Peter Rubery, Race Images)



CAMBRIDGE VISITOR TAKES THE HONOURS IN FIRST TWO-YEAR-OLD CONTEST

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he looked well and truly beaten at the furlong and especially at the 100m. He kicked back good and you love those horses that put one hundred and twenty percent in every time.

"He's unbeaten at the trials and now he's brought that form here today."

Although not known as a trainer that produces his two-year-olds so early in the season, Marsh was quietly confident he had more ammunition to come over the next few months.

"We might have a few nice ones lined up behind him so it's quite exciting for the things to come," he said.

Runner-up First Rock was brave in defeat as she tried to put the initial win on the board for the first crop of her Westbury Stud based sire El Roca, as was the third-placed Alto Potenza who was representing the first crop of Rich Hill Stud stallion Proisir.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Michael McNab shows true form at Doomben

New Zealand Group One-winning jockey Michael McNab showed he will be a force in Queensland with a rails-hugging ride to win on My Giuliano (Choisir) at Doomben.

McNab moved to Queensland six weeks ago to ride for Chris Waller's Gold Coast stable and has since ridden four winners.

McNab shot My Giuliano along the rails to beat Brilliant Jet (NZ) (Brilliant Leader) by 2-3/4 lengths in the Madison Cleaning Services Handicap (2000m).

Waller's Queensland Paul Shailer said McNab would start riding a stack of winners.

"The stable has been a bit low-key of late but when we start training winners he will be riding winners. Michael is a very good jockey," Shailer said. -

AAP

Moss 'n' Dale continues to deliver

Moss 'n' Dale (NZ) (Castledale) notched up his 12th career win when successful at Moonee Valley on Saturday in the Powerflo Solutions Craig Opie Cup (1600m).

The Peter Gelagotis-trained six-year-old sprinted clear with 50m to go to win with ease from Rising Red (NZ) (Redwood).

"Moss 'n' Dale, he's a great horse, he's a marvel," stable representative Manny Gelagotis said.

"He's a trainer's bread and butter horse. If you had 20 in the stable you would be going good."

Moss 'n' Dale, who won the Listed Sale Cup (1600m) last season, was bred by Wayne Larsen and bloodstock agent Lenny Russo of Bluegrass Bloodstock, who retain an ownership interest in the consistent galloper.

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