

TAVAGO TO BE SET FOR MELBOURNE SPRING CAMPAIGN

ambridge couple Trent Busuttin and Natalie Young used the popular adage that timing is everything to their considerable advantage on the weekend as they produced a sparkling trans-Tasman stakes double.

Set to relocate to a new training base at Cranbourne in July this year the couple produced the perfect headline grabber as underrated three-year-old **Tavago (NZ)** (Tavistock) dominated his age group rivals to take out the Gr. 1 ATC Derby on the first day of The Championships at Royal Randwick.

The victory came off the back of a near perfect result back in New Zealand where Mabeel (NZ) (Savabeel) led from go to whoa to score

handsomely in Listed company at Awapuni, just a race after promising two-year-old Sicario (NZ) (Bullbars) finished a narrow second in the Gr. 1 Manawatu Sires' Produce Stakes at just his second raceday appearance.

Although suffering a little the morning after the celebrations that surrounded their Derby victory, Young was quick to admit the result couldn't have come at a better time for the pair.

"It was simply a magic day and one that makes all the hard work worth it," she said when contacted on Sunday morning.

"We've taken on a massive challenge with our move to Cranbourne as we are only taking twenty horses from our current operation with us. That means we have another



Natalie Young & Trent Busuttin enjoy that winning feeling at Royal Randwick

twenty boxes to fill which always looks a little daunting so the result we got on Saturday will hopefully make it a little easier to increase our numbers.

"The congratulations and support we've received after the races today has been just amazing with people already mentioning they would like to take a share in a horse with us. That is very encouraging so now we just have to capitalise on that momentum."

Speculation on the next assignment for their Derby winner was rife immediately after Saturday's victory with Young indicating a tilt at the Melbourne Spring Carnival staying features later in the year was currently the preferred option.

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"He has pulled up superbly well and was very bright and bouncing around when I took him for a walk this morning," she said.

"There has been talk of pressing on to the Queensland Derby but we think it might be best to send him to the paddock now as we are looking at the Melbourne Spring Carnival as a priority.

"We think he can only get better as he fully matures so the best thing for him is to give him a decent break before we have a crack at those big Cups in Melbourne if he comes up like we think he will."

Young also confirmed that both Mabeel and Sicario would be two of the twenty horses heading to Cranbourne from their existing team. "Mabeel has just gone from strength to strength in this campaign," she said.

"We made the right decision to scratch him at Tauranga last time as he just wouldn't have handled the track there.

Although it was wet at Awapuni it was a lot looser and he got through it well.

"Sicario is an exciting prospect as he is still as green as grass and will be a big improver once he learns what racing is all about."

Both horses will now be seen at Ellerslie later in the month with Mabeel to tackle the Gr. 1 Manco Easter Stakes (1600m) on the 23rd of April while Sicario will contest the Listed Champagne Stakes (1600m) on the same day.

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STAKES DOUBLE CAPS SUPERB DAY FOR CARTER FAMILY AT AWAPUNI

he barnstorming finish that carried two-year-old filly **Luna Rossa (NZ)** (Written Tycoon) to victory in the Gr. 1 Courtesy Ford Manawatu Sires' Produce Stakes on Saturday capped a day that Carter family siblings John, Mark and Rachel, who bred and race the filly under their Jomara Bloodstock banner, will never forget.

Brothers John and Mark, who were on-course at Awapuni on the day, barely had time to settle their emotions after celebrating a Group Three victory in the Higgins Concrete sponsored Manawatu Classic (2000m) with enigmatic three-year-old Humidor (NZ) (Teofilo) when the field entered the barrier for the day's main event. Just under ninety seconds later they were headed to the winner's circle to celebrate their second Group One prize as owners on a journey that started just on fifteen years ago when the family purchased well bred

racemare Emerald Dream (Danehill).

"Mum's side of the family had a pretty close affinity with racing so Dad decided to look for a mare we might buy as a future breeding prospect," explained John Carter.

"We ended up buying Emerald Dream, who was by Danehill and had already won a couple of races at that stage. We decided to keep racing her and put her with Murray Baker.

"She went on to win another five races for us including a Group One at Te Rapa and became our first broodmare under the Jomara Bloodstock banner.

"Since then we've expanded to 13 broodmares while we also stand the stallion Zed at Grangewilliam Stud, who was Emerald Dream's first foal."

It was the search for mares to support Zed (NZ) (Zabeel) that led the Carters to More Than Ready mare Wild

Promises who is the dam of Luna Rossa.



Mark (left) and John Carter with Group One winner Luna Rossa



Bruce Perry to the Gold Coast sales to see if we could pick up a couple of mares to send to Zed," said Carter.

"Wild Promises was one of the very last lots of the sale so I had gone home by then. We were attracted to her as Emerald Dream's dam featured in her maternal line so when Mark and Bruce both liked her they bought her in foal to Written Tycoon for A\$52,500 and brought her back to New Zealand.

"Unfortunately tragedy struck when she died foaling the filly who is now Luna Rossa.

"As you can imagine the win on Saturday was very emotional for a number of reasons, not the least that she is the only foal we managed from the mare. Obviously it is both a great thrill and a huge bonus now that she has got that precious elite black type so early on in her career."

Carter was also quick to acknowledge the delight the family received through the Manawatu Classic win of Humidor.

"He is one we also bred and we've always thought a lot of him so his win was very special as well," he said.

"He has been quite wayward as he's very green but we had an inkling that he might put his best foot forward on Saturday as he grew up a lot with the run in the New Zealand Derby last time.

"I didn't believe the wet track would bother him and he showed us he could be a very exciting stayer in the future." – NZ Racing Desk



SOUTHERN MARE SEES OFF NORTHERN RAIDERS AT RICCARTON

int sized mare **Coulee (NZ)**(Gallant Guru) made sure that the major spoils on offer at Riccarton on Saturday would remain in local hands as she saw off a pair of northern raiders in the Gr. 3 Valachi Downs South Island Breeders' Stakes (1600m).

The pint sized Gallant Guru mare made it three wins on end and six from just 15 career starts as she mowed down the Cambridge trained pair of El Sagrado (Azamour) and race favourite Charmont (High Chaparral) in the closing stages of a keenly run affair, courtesy of a perfect ride from apprentice Jacob Lowry. It capped a memorable day for Lowry who had earlier produced another gem when he

guided Hexie Hao (Hussonet) to victory in the Hororata Gold Cup.

Trainer Brian Anderton, who prepares the mare in partnership with son Shane, had an inkling his charge was ready to produce a career best effort after she completed her final gallop on Wednesday back at their Wingatui base.

"There's not much to her as she isn't much bigger than a pony but she has really gone from strength to strength in this campaign," he noted.

"She beat a couple of nice mares in a small field at Riverton last time where I thought she was pretty much spot on.

"Her work since then has been even better and when she came off the track on Wednesday her tail was up and she was pretty full of herself so my confidence increased after that."

Anderton was quick to pay tribute to Lowry who followed instructions to the letter throughout the race.

"We know she has a very powerful finishing burst so I did say to Jacob to try and get her one out in midfield if he could," he said.

"He got nicely on the back of the favourite and didn't panic when they started to swoop up around him on the



Coulee and rider Jacob Lowry storm to the front on the outer in Saturday's Group Three event at Riccarton

home turn. Once he had her balanced and in the clear she really finished it off well."

Anderton will now send the mare to the spelling paddock as he contemplates her options for next season.

"I'm not really in favour of setting her for Cup Week at Riccarton as I think it can knock them around too early in the campaign and they train off pretty quickly," he said.

"I more inclined to wait until later in the summer where she can have a go at a race like the White Robe Lodge at home before we think about a North Island venture if she comes up well."

- NZ Racing Desk

Race	Hororata RC South Island Thoroughbred Breeders' S. Gr.3 1600m.
Winner	Coulee (NZ) 2011
Owners	B J Anderton ONZM, Mrs L E Anderton, G W Dickson, M W Hampton, The Diamond Syndicate, White Flash Syndicate & Woolshed Wednesday Syndicate
Trainer	Brian & Shane Anderton (Wingatui)
Breeding	by Gallant Guru (AUS) out of Cherry Creek (AUS) by Monashee Mountain (USA)
Breeder	B J & Mrs L E Anderton; South; NZ







ZIP A DEE DOO DAH **ON SONG FOR DERBY**

avourite **Zip A Dee Doo Dah (NZ)** (Cecconi) came off a stop-and-start affair to score a dominant win in the \$60,000 Open Benchmark 61 race over 1900m on Sunday.

The winning move came when the Cecconi four-year-old was launched on a searching run by regular partner Alan Munro at the 800m. Before that, the lead changed hands between Tiger Bay (Danasinga) and Eclipse Dancer (NZ) (Roc De Cambes) before Hippo Prospero (NZ) (Handsome Ransom) whipped around to inject more speed into the race.

That was when Munro decided to get on his bike with Zip A Dee Doo Dah eventually coming off the widest around the home turn.

Race	Singapore TC Benchmark 61 H. 1900m.
Winner	Zip a Dee Doo Dah (NZ) 2011
Owners	Joe Giovanni Sarjeet Singh
Trainer	L Khoo (Kranji)
Breeding	by Cecconi (AUS) out of Sheka by Sandtrap (USA)
Breeder	Westbury Thoroughbreds Ltd; Waikato; NZ

Eclipse Dancer had in the meantime regained the lead but handed it back meekly when Zip A Dee Doo Dah swept past in his usual workmanlike manner before charging away to a three-and-a-quarter length win from the late-finishing Verglatica (Verglas).

Munro said the plan was to be in close attendance this time but luck also played a big part.

"Leslie and I agreed we wanted to be closer to the pace today," he said.

"The pace was not on and I was happy when the leader went forward and got out of my way. As it was, I'm glad they took off at the 800m because it would have been an uphill task for him if they did that at the 600m.

"He's still learning but he was a lot more professional today. The emphasis was on jumping in the past as he used to sit back in the gates, but he's getting a lot better now."

Trainer Leslie Khoo revealed he originally knocked Zip A Dee Doo Dah back but has gradually warmed up to him, so much so he could be his Emirates Singapore Derby (2000m) runner on July 10.

> "He didn't have the best of legs, and I didn't buy him but Joe Singh got him instead and he's laughing now.

"I did tell Joe to be careful because of his legs, and enjoy it while he can. He's a horse I have to space his races, but the Derby is definitely his target.

"Today, I told Alan to stay as close as possible to the first two horses and not let them run away from us. It's worked out good in the end."

Zip A Dee Doo Dah has now taken his record to two wins and two placings from six starts for stakes earnings close to \$95,000 for Singh.



Zip A Dee Doo Dah stakes his claim for a tilt at the Singapore Derby









RESUMING HUMDINGER SCORES BOILOVER WIN

rainer Bruce Marsh joked he had to whip out a map to get his directions to the Champagne Room after longshot **Humdinger (NZ)** (Road To Rock) blew away all calculations in the \$60,000 Class 4 Division 1 race over 1400m on Sunday.

Resuming from a four-month spell, the lightly-raced son of Road To Rock was hardly spotted (\$102) in the pre-race market even though he did show some qualities last term with a win in a Restricted Maiden race over 1400m last July and ran a solid third in a barrier trial on March 24.

But the sterling finish he conjured up at the 200m when all looked lost certainly spoke volumes about his inherent ability, especially when his trips are lengthened up in the near future.

Settled at the rear for most of the seven-furlong trip despite drawing an alley, the four-year-old started to inch forward from the 500m but still looked a lost cause turning for home. Humdinger suddenly sprouted wings inside the last 100m to lower the opposition's colours by three parts of a length from Bahana (NZ) (Elusive City) with Special Force (NZ) (Falkirk) third another length away. The winning time was

1min 22.85secs for the 1400m on the Long Course.

Marsh said Humdinger had been a challenge to take to the races, defying the promise he had shown back in New Zealand, but was confident Sunday's run was no fluke and he had turned the corner.

"He trialled brilliantly in New Zealand but he was a bit behind when he came here. He has not eaten and was very immature and even his previous trainer Trent Busuttin, who just won the Australian Derby (with Tavago) yesterday, agreed.

Humdinger comes with a late charge to score nicely at outside odds.

"But he trialled very well last week and I don't think today's win was a fluke. It's very rewarding for his owner Dato David Wilson who has been very patient with him.

"He will win again and over more ground. The Road To Rock's seems to be doing better over more ground in Australia

"It was great to get a win as I forgot where the Champagne Room was, had to get a map to find my way!"

With that second win from five runs, Humdinger has taken his stakes earnings past the \$80,000 for the Drummond Red Stable of Dato Wilson.

Race	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1400m.
Winner	Humdinger (NZ) 2011
Owners	Drummond Red Stable
Trainer	Bruce Marsh (Kranji)
Breeding	by Road to Rock (AUS) out of Her Hidden Talent by Groom Dancer (USA)
Breeder	Wellfield Holdings Ltd; Central; NZ
Sales	2013 Ready to Run Sale V: Maara Grange \$32500 P: NC Chan





NZ STALLION AWARDS

THE CENTAINE AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS	
SAVABEEL	\$8,723,094	
TAVISTOCK	\$8,273,136	
PENTIRE	\$7,250,929	
O'REILLY	\$5,960,909	
ZABEEL	\$5,397,152	
DARCI BRAHMA	\$5,074,436	
PINS	\$4,971,220	
IFFRAAJ	\$4,709,337	
ELUSIVE CITY	\$3,834,347	
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$3,240,225	
Criteria: Sire whose NZ-conceived progeny have accumulated the		

highest stakes earnings worldwide

THE DEWAR STALLION TROPHY

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
PENTIRE	\$6,165,401
ZABEEL	\$4,698,644
SAVABEEL	\$4,539,811
TAVISTOCK	\$4,390,361
DARCI BRAHMA	\$3,065,255
IFFRAAJ	\$3,045,169
PINS	\$2,649,509
O'REILLY	\$2,421,808
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$1,662,032
THORN PARK	\$1,647,197

Criteria: Sire whose progeny have accumulated the highest combined stakes earnings in Australia & New Zealand

THE GROSVENOR AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS		
SAVABEEL	\$2,101,070		
DARCI BRAHMA	\$1,849,540		
IFFRAAJ	\$1,433,585		
PINS	\$1,110,834		
TAVISTOCK	\$1,064,880		
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$987,550		
PENTIRE	\$958,201		
ALAMOSA	\$918,401		
THORN PARK	\$857,108		
COLOMBIA	\$817,475		

BEST PERFORMERS	EARNINGS
KAWI	\$498,000
JULINSKY PRINCE	\$307,500
XIONG FENG	\$579,685
DECORAH	\$141,400
VOLKSTOK'N'BARRELL	\$238,750
VALLEY GIRL	\$254,625
XTRAVAGANT	\$417,500
STOLEN DANCE	\$267,725
RYAN MARK	\$217,400
ADDICTIVE HABIT	\$376,750

Criteria: Leading Sires by Earnings in New Zealand



NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG MARCH 31

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
SUPER SPRINTER (NZ) 2012 by Showcasing (GB) out of Danceabeel (AUS) by Zabeel	J W Campin; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Sai Wan Ho H. 1650m.	2014 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale; V: The Estate of J. W. Campin, P: Cypress Point Farms; \$16,000 2014 Ready to Run Sale; V: Cypress Point Stables, P: F Lui; \$80,000
LINE SEEKER (NZ) 2011 by O'Reilly out of Hooked Ona Feeling by Zabeel	G J Chittick; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Tai Hang H. 1200m.	

NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG APRIL 3

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
UNIQUE JOYOUS (NZ) 2010 by Thorn Park (AUS) out of On the Board (AUS) by Spectrum	Haunui Bloodstock Ltd & Mrs N M Leicester; Auckland; NZ	HKJC Severn H. 1600m.	2012 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Haunui Farm, P: Prima Park BStk; \$52,000
(IRE)			2012 Ready to Run Sale; V: Diamond Lodge, P: Mr Manfred Man; \$270,000
Lucky Happy – CAREFREE LET GO (H.K.) (NZ) 2010 by Testa Rossa (AUS) out of Wednesday Rocks by Encosta de Lago (AUS)	G Harvey; NZ	HKJC Peel H. 1200m.	2012 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Westbury Stud, P: New Zealand BStk Ltd; \$70,000
			2012 Ready to Run Sale; V: Diamond Lodge, P: Nzb-ag; \$250,000
Atmosphere – VICTORY MAGIC (H.K.) (NZ) 2011 by Savabeel (AUS) out of Zephyr Song by Danasinga	G J Chittick; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Guildford H. 2200m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale; V: Waikato Stud Ltd, P: New Zealand BStk-ag; \$140,000
			2013 Ready to Run Sale; V: 888 Bloodstock Ltd, P: Cameron Cooke B/stock; \$240,000
Franzac – NONE OTHER (H.K.) (NZ) 2010 by Iffraaj (GB) out of Fitzy by Kingsttenham (USA)	F W Burt; Central; NZ	HKJC Lugard H. 1400m.	



NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE APRIL 1

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
JOHN DUKE (NZ) 2010 by Bachelor Duke (USA) out of Monica Mary by Riviera (FR)	F M Monopoli; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1100m.	2012 South Island 2YO & Mixed Sale; V: Kilmore Farm, P: Mr WN Lam; \$4,000
MR SCORSESE (NZ) 2012 by Pentire (GB) out of Marie Claire by O'Reilly	P J & P M Vela Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Novice S. 1200m.	2014 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale; V: Pencarrow Stud, P: LK Laxon; \$80,000
OLYMPIC ANTHEM (NZ) 2010 by Starcraft out of Fire Song by Senor Pete (USA)	P Webb; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Benchmark 97 H. 1000m.	2012 National Yearling Sale - Premier Session; V: Trelawney Stud Ltd, P: DGR TBred Services; \$150,000
Undefined – LIGN EM UP (Sing.) (NZ) 2010 by Align (AUS) out of Clafouti (AUS) by Marauding	Highview Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1000m.	

NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE APRIL 3

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
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ZIP A DEE DOO DAH (NZ) 2011 by Cecconi (AUS) out of Sheka by Sandtrap (USA)	Westbury Thoroughbreds Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Benchmark 61 H. 1900m.	
HUMDINGER (NZ) 2011 by Road to Rock (AUS) out of Her Hidden Talent by Groom Dancer (USA)	Wellfield Holdings Ltd; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1400m.	2013 Ready to Run Sale; V: Maara Grange, P: NC Chan; \$32,500
DEBT COLLECTOR (NZ) 2012 by Thorn Park (AUS) out of Prompt Payment (IRE) by In the Wings (GB)	Windsor Park Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1400m.	2014 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale; V: Windsor Park Stud, P: Michael Wallace B/ stock; \$30,000
			2014 Ready to Run Sale; V: Prima Park, P: Cliff Brown Racing; \$120,000

NEWS IN BRIEF

Big Day for Breeders at Te Aroha this weekend

The Waikato Branch of the NZTBA will once again host members from around New Zealand on Saturday 9th April at the Fiber Fresh NZ Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes Day at Te Aroha.

This popular event offers a day of high class racing action that is highlighted by the Gr. 1 Fiber Fresh NZ Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes - the country's premier Weight for Age contest for Fillies and Mares.

Heading the promotions to be won on the day is a 2016 service to Niagara kindly donated by The Oaks Stud Cambridge. Other prizes include a Cathay Pacific trip for two to Hong Kong (valued at \$3000), Lunch at Mills Reef Winery and Restaurant (\$1500), a Saddlery Voucher from Gregory Equine Matamata (\$1000) plus one tonne of Fiber Fresh Product (\$900) and other spot prizes on the day

All attendees must be a financial member of the NZTBA to enter the hosting area however there will be a special NZTBA membership offer of \$195 available, which will cover an 18 month period. Naturally, joining on the day will enable eligibility to enter the prize draw for the 2016 Stallion Service to Niagara

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