

# AZKADELLIA DRAWS BARRIER 5 FOR STRADBROKE



Azkadellia will start as one of the favourites in tomorrow's prestigious Gr. 1 Stradbroke Handicap

Stradbroke Handicap favourite **Azkadellia (NZ)** (Shinko King) has drawn barrier five in Brisbane's signature race at Eagle Farm.

The mare will be out to give Melbourne trainer Ciaron Maher back-to-back wins in the \$A1.5 million race on Saturday following Srikandi's (Dubawi) victory last year.

Second favourite Black Heart Bart (Blackfriars) will jump from gate 10 in the field of 18 with Precious Gem (Econsul) to start from the outside barrier.

Azkadellia firmed in betting from \$4.20 to \$4 with UBET shortly after Wednesday's draw.

"She has drawn barrier five but really we know where she is going to be with her racing pattern to get back and work into her race," Maher said.

Last Saturday's Oaks meeting was washed out when 123mm of rain lashed the course in 24 hours.

However, course manager Warren Williams said the surface was drying out so well it might be necessary to irrigate it before Saturday.

It wasn't great news for Maher who believes Azkadellia is one of the best wet track horses in Australia.







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"She has worked and trialled there a couple of times and she does like the track, but she likes to get her toe into the track and I hope they keep up the water on it," Maher said. The trainer added that Azkadellia had continued to thrive since her second in the Doomben 10,000 two weeks ago. "She is a mare who gets better as she gets into her campaign," Maher said.

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# WALLER TAKES FOUR-PRONGED ATTACK INTO DERBY

Saturday's Gr. 1 Queensland Derby with one of the prerace favourites in **Mackintosh (NZ)** (Pins) coming up with a plum barrier that will only enhance his chances.

Successful in his last three runs, including twice at Group Three level, Mackintosh drew ideally in barrier five and looks set to start a warm favourite in the A\$600,000 Classic.

Waller had confirmed the gelding's Derby bid after seeing how well he had come through a tough run in the Gr. 3 Grand Prix Stakes (2200m) at Doomben a fortnight ago.

"We are very happy with the way that he has come through his winning run in the Grand Prix over the 2200m," he said.

"Having seen him come through the race and having a good look at his profile, we have no doubt that he will run the 2400m distance. "He is on a mission as soon as he gets in the barrier. He never over-races and is genuine."

Waller was pleased with his other runners on the eve of the race as he looks to snare another Group One victory in an already stellar season.

"Rodrico is up in grade but you have to respect Sydney Saturday form and he is very fit," he said.

"Encosta Line missed the Grand Prix Stakes but he hasn't missed any work while Multifacets is the least favoured of the four but if you had asked me earlier in the autumn he would have been my first pick and his form is not as bad as it looks."

Mackintosh is owned by a well known kiwi trio in Lib Petagna, Tony Muollo senior and Tony Muollo junior and was originally trained in New Zealand by James Bridge who purchased him as a weanling for \$11,000 at the 2013 Karaka Sale. The gelding won two of his first three starts for



Bridge before being sold and, after finishing unplaced in the Gr. 1 Randwick Guineas, was transferred to the Waller stable where he is unbeaten in three runs.

Multifacets (NZ) (O'Reilly) and Rodrico (High Chaparral) are both 2014 Karaka Yearling Sale Series graduates with Multifacets a \$75,000 purchase by Waller from the Waikato Stud draft while Rodrico was purchased by bloodstock agent Guy Mulcaster for \$235,000 from the Curraghmore draft.

Mackintosh will head the Chris Waller charge in Saturday's Gr. 1 Queensland Derby



# PROVOCATIVE STAYING ON OAKS PATH

Queensland Oaks start has been confirmed for **Provocative (NZ)** (Zabeel) by Tony Pike, who will now have three Group One runners at Eagle Farm on Saturday.

The Zabeel filly's owners Robin Peel-Walker and Mark Wyborn and their Cambridge trainer have decided against taking on the colts and geldings in the Queensland Derby.

"There's probably not a lot of depth

in the Derby to be fair, but she would have been 50/50 to make the field so we're staying where we are," Pike said.

"She worked very well on Tuesday morning and pulled up really well – she's a clean-winded filly and the extra week hasn't done her any harm."

Pike was referring to the abandonment of last Saturday's Oaks meeting.

Provocative was a last-start winner of her Australian debut at Ipswich

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under Vinnie Colgan, but Leith Innes, who rode her in all four of her New Zealand starts, will take the mount on Saturday.

Colgan will be in action at Eagle Farm though as he will continue his association with Sacred Star (Flying Spur), on whom he has won two Group One sprints – The Telegraph and the NRM Sprint.

"The owners have decided to have another run in the Stradbroke," Pike said. "If he could run in the first five or six we would be rapt, it's a very hot race."

Sacred Star ran fifth in the 2014 Stradbroke and he finished sixth 12 months ago.

Pike is confident of another top performance from his two-year-old Sacred Elixir (NZ) (Pour Moi) in the Gr.1 J. J. Atkins Stakes.

"He's loving it over here," he said "He's really flying and the mile at Eagle Farm will be absolutely ideal for him."

Sacred Elixir won at Caloundra two runs back before he got home powerfully from a wide alley to finish a close sixth in the Gr.2 Sires' Produce Stakes on the tighter Doomben track.

*New Zealand filly Provocative will tackle tomorrow's Gr. 1 Queensland Oaks at Eagle Farm* 

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#### **Blinkers on Cylinder Beach**

Trainer Desleigh Forster is hoping the addition of blinkers will do the trick for **Cylinder Beach (NZ)** (Showcasing) in the Gr.1 Queensland Derby at Eagle Farm on Saturday.

"He was ninth in the Grand Prix but I have put blinkers on him and that will sharpen him up," she said.

"I wanted him ridden back more in the Grand Prix but he was forward. We will probably go back on Saturday."

The son of Showcasing has drawn barrier 10 and he will be ridden by Michael Cahill.



Chabaud (NZ) (Lookin At Lucky)

Oaks delay no problem for Smerdon pair Robert Smerdon doesn't expect the one week delay to the Queensland Oaks to have any effect on his stable's two runners.

Śmerdon has **Chabaud (NZ)** (Lookin at Lucky) and Dulverton (Commands) in the 2400m-race for three-year-old fillies along with **Zafiki (NZ)** (Makfi) who is the fourth emergency.

"The delay shouldn't be a problem as everyone's in the same boat," Smerdon said.

With Mark Zahra having started a suspension, Dwayne Dunn will take the Dulverton mount.

Leading Queensland apprentice James Orman has the ride on Chabaud, a last-start winner of the South Australian Fillies Classic at Morphettville in May.

Smerdon stayed in Melbourne on Tuesday but said reports were good after Chabaud and Dulverton had a solid gallop at Eagle Farm in preparation for Saturday's race. "They haven't missed a beat," he said.

## Benzini camp pleased with stayer's condition

Harry Bull has been thrilled with the progress **Benzini** (Tale Of The Cat) has made since his encouraging debut performance in Australia.

"He seems well and he doesn't need to improve much to be in it again," he said.

The six-year-old drew an outside barrier in the Gr.3 Premier's Cup at Doomben and Rosie Myers had little option but to go



Benzini (Tale Of The Cat)

back before they finished well for third behind Real Love (Desert King) and the New Zealand-bred and owned Puccini (NZ) (Encosta de Lago).

Benzini will renew his rivalry with both the Darren Weir-trained runners in Saturday's Gr.2 Brisbane Cup at Eagle Farm. Full story here.

#### Kiwi to step out in NSW

New Zealand three-year-old **Sonorous** (NZ) (Rip Van Winkle) will tackle a lesser task in New South Wales this weekend.

Trainers Scott Lucock and Sally Gillespie's hopes of the three-year-old winning his way into the Gr.1 Queensland Derby were dashed when he was unplaced last time out at Randwick.

They have instead accepted with Sonorous in a 2000 metre handicap back at Randwick, in which he has 60.5kg, or they have the option of starting in an 1800 metre handicap at Hawkesbury on Sunday.



Majestic Champion (NZ) (Sebring)

#### Spotlight might soon fall on Majestic Champion

**Majestic Champion (NZ)** (Sebring) might only be getting second billing in the Ken and Bev Kelso stable this weekend, but that doesn't mean he will have to play second fiddle at Te Rapa on Saturday.

Sebring gelding Majestic Champion tackles the New World Te Rapa 1200 for twoyear-olds as the only race winner in the set weights and penalties event.

While trainer Ken Kelso won't be trackside to supervise Majestic Champion - he will be

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at Eagle Farm to saddle Gr.1 New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes winner Perfect Fit (NZ) (Elusive City) in the Gr.2 QTC Cup - he expects a bold run from his youngster at Te Rapa.

"He's Hong Kong-owned and he's got to get his rating up so that's mainly why he's there. He will go to Hong Kong if he continues to impress us and get his rating up," Kelso said. **Full story here.** 



Vespa (NZ) (Elusive City)

#### Vespa to Wellfield Lodge

Group One-winning sprinter **Vespa** (**NZ**) (Elusive City) is seen as a great fit to Wellfield Lodge's stallion roster.

The champion two-year-old of his year will begin his stud career at the Palmerston North farm in 2016 following his retirement earlier this year.

"We're always looking for opportunities and when this one came along we had to take it – Vespa is an exciting horse who will ideally complement our other two stallions Alamosa and Road To Rock," Wellfield's Bill Gleeson said.

"Vespa was a Group One and Two winning sprinter and he also placed at the highest level over a mile. He was a precocious type of horse and when we put our mares over him there is every likelihood he will leave early types who can then develop into top three-year-olds and older horses. Full story here.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF



Pour Moi (Montjeu)

#### **Pour Moi returns to Windsor Park**

Montjeu's sensational Epsom Derby winner **Pour Moi** will return to Windsor Park Stud in Cambridge this spring.

Pour Moi shuttled to Windsor Park Stud in 2013 and 2014 before he developed a problem in quarantine in England and did not return in 2015 on veterinary advice.

His first Southern Hemisphere crop are now two-year-olds and include the exciting Sacred Elixir (NZ), favourite for Saturday's Gr.1 JJ Atkins Stakes at Eagle Farm.

Bred on the same cross as English Derby winner and former Windsor Park sire High Chaparral, Pour Moi was notably popular in the sale-ring this year with his yearlings selling up to \$360,000.

Pour Moi's 2016 fee is yet to be announced. He will stand alongside Charm Spirit (\$22,500), Rip Van Winkle (\$12,500), Shamexpress (\$12,500) and Mongolian Khan (\$10,000).

#### Collett enjoying satisfying season

Sam Collett is on track to achieve her season's goal for the 2015-16 term.



Sam Collett

"I'm pretty happy with the way things are going - I set myself a target of 60 winners and I'm up to 49 so it's been very rewarding so far," the 26-year-old said.

"I rode 53 winners in my second year and I tried to crack that last season and got to 52. I was a bit disheartened by that, but this term it's going nicely and I'm trying to get as many winners as I can before a two week break."

Collett is going to Sydney in early July to attend the wedding of fellow jockey Daniel Stackhouse and she will then head to China.

"I've been invited to their main meeting on the 9th, 10th and the 11th and I'll miss the first day, but I will be riding on the last two days," she said.

In the meantime, Collett has a number of chances at Riccarton on Friday to keep her tally ticking over. **Full story here.** 

#### **Break for talented filly**

Stakes winner **Volpe Veloce** (Foxwedge) has gone to the spelling paddock. Trainer Graham Richardson said the

unbeaten filly was likely to return to racing



Volpe Veloce (Foxwedge)

in the Gr.3 Gold Trail Stakes in the spring before a crack at the Gr.1 New Zealand 1000 Guineas.

Volpe Veloce maintained her perfect record with victory in Saturday's Listed Castletown Stakes at Wanganui following her winning debut at Matamata in March.

#### New role at NZTR

Wellington solicitor James Dunne has been appointed as the New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing company secretary and general counsel.

"The calibre of candidates for the position was impressive and we are very happy to have obtained someone with James' expertise and enthusiasm," NZTR chief executive Greg Purcell said.

"His range of skills will be well suited to what will become an increasingly varied and complex role."

Dunne, who will begin work at NZTR on June 27, fills the position vacated by Simon Cooper, who has returned to England to take up a senior role with Weatherbys.

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### AUSTRALIA

Alamosa: Super Mover (NZ) (Elusive Quarry by Zabeel) 2010; 05/06/2016, 1st Warrnambool RC Dwyer Robinson P/L H. 1400m Sold by Monovale Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$31000

Align : Airalign (NZ) (Grosvenaire by Grosvenor) 2009; 08/06/2016, 1st Sale TC Wellington Shire H. 1511m

Bachelor Duke : Heza Ripper (NZ) (Galejade by Rory's Jester) 2011; 08/06/2016, 1st Sale TC Www.saleturfclub.com H. 1205m

Duelled : Marenostro (NZ) (Maybe Yes by Last Tycoon) 2010; 04/06/2016, 1st ATC FIIG H. 1400m Sold by Dormello Stud at National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale for \$20000

High Chaparral : Foreign Prince (NZ) (Julinsky Princess by Stravinsky) 2010; 04/06/2016, 1st ATC Thomson Reuters Tax H. 1800m

Sold by Seaton Park Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$100000

High Chaparral : Phoenix Arizona (NZ) (Summer Daze by Encosta de Lago) 2010; 04/06/2016, 1st Adelaide River RC BPM Plumbing H. 1000m

King's Chapel : Tremont (NZ) (Cremisi by Royal Academy) 2009; 02/06/2016, 1st Rockhampton JC Prestige VW Golf Alltrack H. 1600m Sold by Woodsford Racing at South Island 2YO & Mixed Sale for \$25000

**O'Reilly : Our Masquerade (NZ) (Under and Over by Danasinga) 2011;** 03/06/2016, 1st Tamworth JC Freight Specialists H. 1400m Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$60000

O'Reilly : Empress O'Reilly (NZ) (Victoria's Reign by No Excuse Needed) 2011; 04/06/2016 1st Adelaide River RC Southern Cross H 1000m

04/06/2016, 1st Adelaide River RC Southern Cross H. 1000m Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$32000

Pins : Strangest Dream (NZ) (Pernod by Centaine) 2012; 08/06/2016, 1st Sale TC Subway Sale Maiden P. 1205m

## **HONG KONG**

Encosta de Lago : Good Fit (NZ) (Mrs. Squillionaire by Last Tycoon) 2010;

05/06/2016, 1st HKJC HKU Faculties of Dentistry H. 2000m Sold by Lyndhurst Farm at Ready to Run Sale for \$280000 Sold by Whakanui Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$200000

**High Chaparral : The Show (NZ) (The Quarewan by Supremo) 2010;** 05/06/2016, 1st HKJC HKU Architecture & Arts H. 1600m Sold by Wentwood Grange at National Yearling Sale for \$320000

Thorn Park : Unique Joyous (NZ) (On the Board by Spectrum) 2010; 05/06/2016, 1st HKJC HKU Medicine & Engineering H. 1600m Sold by Diamond Lodge at Ready to Run Sale for \$270000 Sold by Haunui Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$52000 **Pins : Tuscan Classic (NZ) (Sienna Sunrise by Bertolini) 2012;** 04/06/2016, 1st Devonport RC Race Replays at Tasracing Maiden P. 900m

Postponed : Landslide (NZ) (Political Princess by Desert Prince) 2011; 08/06/2016, 1st Sale TC Laurels Function Centre H. 1728m

**Rip Van Winkle : War Legend (NZ) (Sea of Faith by Danehill) 2012;** 04/06/2016, 1st MRC Ladbrokes Mega Margin H. 1600m Sold by Valachi Downs at National Yearling Sale for \$150000

Savabeel : Superbee (NZ) (Cinnie by Keeper) 2012; 02/06/2016, 1st Gosford RC XXXX Gold Maiden H. 1600m

Savabeel : Praecereus (NZ) (Prickle by Pins) 2012; 02/06/2016, 1st Bendigo JC Schweppes Australia H. 1600m Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$130000

Savabeel : Savanero (NZ) (Oenotria by O'Reilly) 2010; 05/06/2016, 1st Port Augusta RC Ian's Western Hotel H. 1600m Sold by Little Avondale Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$100000

Show a Heart : Plan Red (NZ) (Strategic Answer by Strategic) 2012; 08/06/2016, 1st BRC Coca Cola Maiden P. 1350m

Swiss Ace : Swiss Kiss (NZ) (Regal Kiss by Royal Academy) 2012; 02/06/2016, 1st Bendigo JC Taste of Spring Raceday H. 1000m

Tavistock : Bexstar (NZ) (Danish Seaway by Danehill) 2011; 05/06/2016, 1st SCTC Monaco Resort Maiden H. 1400m Sold by Westbury Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$25000

Tavistock : Torelli (NZ) (Wahaha by Stravinsky) 2012; 02/06/2016, 1st Bendigo JC E-Cycle Mosstrooper H. 1600m

Tavistock : Rising Stock (NZ) (Wahaha by Stravinsky) 2011; 02/06/2016, 1st Bendigo JC Bet365 H. 1300m Sold by Anistay Lodge at National Yearling Sale for \$22000

## MACAU

Guillotine : Yanson (NZ) (Black Beauty by Black Minnaloushe) 2011; 04/06/2016, 1st Macau Winning Touch H. 1200m Sold by Windsor Park Stud at Ready to Run Sale for \$50000

One Cool Cat : Golden Double (NZ) (Dream Princess by Maroof) 2008; 04/06/2016, 1st Macau Directors' Cup L 1700m

Savabeel : River Treasure (NZ) (Dita von Teese by Pins) 2012; 04/06/2016, 1st Macau Lucknow H. 1500m

04/06/2016, 1st Macau Lucknow H. 1500m Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale for \$40000 Sold by Hallmark Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$32000



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### MALAYSIA

Bachelor Duke : Bukit Subang (NZ) (Mirima by Last Tycoon) 2009; 05/06/2016, 1st Selangor TC Class 4 H. 1200m

**Fastnet Rock : Super Good (NZ) (Tonic by Blues Traveller) 2009;** 05/06/2016, 1st Selangor TC Class 4 H. 1200m Sold by Esker Lodge at National Yearling Sale for \$170000

**Pins : Time to Shine (NZ) (Caffeine by Zabeel) 2009;** 04/06/2016, 1st Perak TC Ulverstone H. 1800m Sold by Whakanui Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$19000

Savabeel : Sam Mesi - Ghost Emperor (Mal.) (NZ) (Sentura by Volksraad) 2009; 05/06/2016, 1st Selangor TC Benchmark 77 H. 1600m

**Tiger Prawn : Eyeofthetiger (NZ) (Tanshenell by Le Grand Seigneur) 2011;** 04/06/2016, 1st Perak TC Kingston H. 1200m

## SINGAPORE

**Bachelor Duke : Nova Warrior (NZ) (Muppy by Snaadee) 2011;** 05/06/2016, 1st Singapore TC British Club Gallop S. 1200m Sold by Esker Lodge at National Yearling Sale for \$11000

Falkirk : Special Force (NZ) (Asset by Golan) 2012; 05/06/2016, 1st Singapore TC Palace of Holyroodhouse S. 2000m Sold by Bradbury Park at Ready to Run Sale for \$34000 Sold by Windsor Park Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$10000

### **SINGAPORE** (CONT.)

**Faltaat : Elise (NZ) (Tongariro by Nadeem) 2012;** 05/06/2016, 1st Singapore TC Buckingham Palace S. 1200m Sold by Wentwood Grange at National Yearling Sale for \$32500

## Mastercraftsman : Taramea (NZ) (Wildcat Woman by Forest Wildcat) 2011;

03/06/2016, 1st Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1600m Sold by Hallmark Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$47500

Red Giant : Nova Strike (NZ) (La Panthere by Generous) 2012; 03/06/2016, 1st Singapore TC Benchmark 74 H. 1600m Sold by Kiltannon Stables at Ready to Run Sale for \$60000

Roc de Cambes : French Vintage (NZ) (Marlena by Zabeel) 2011; 03/06/2016, 1st Singapore TC Open Maiden S. 1400m Sold by The Oaks Stud at Ready to Run Sale for \$100000

**Rusty Spur : Mastermind (NZ) (Mrs Bond by Last Tycoon) 2009;** 05/06/2016, 1st Singapore TC Sandringham House S. 1000m Sold by Totara Park Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$3250

Shamoline Warrior : Super Line (NZ) (Sangiovese by Chianti) 2012; 03/06/2016, 1st Singapore TC Initiation P. 1000m Sold by Emily Holmes Racing at Ready to Run Sale for \$70000

## Swiss Ace : Lincoln Road (NZ) (Moonlight Lily by Redoute's Choice) 2011;

05/06/2016, 1st Singapore TC Windsor Castle S. 1100m Sold by Westbury Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$55000

