

Monday 18 July 2016

LOCK CONSIDERS AUSSIE STINT FOR MR LUIGI



Impressive Te Rapa winner Mr Luigi (centre) could be on a plane on Wednesday for a short Sydney campaign

A phone call to the New South Wales handicapper will be the main priority for Te Aroha trainer Peter Lock on Monday morning as he pieces together a potential Australian campaign for impressive Te Rapa winner, **Mr Luigi (NZ)** (Darci Brahma).

The strapping son of Darci Brahma's convincing victory on the weekend had Lock's Sydney based daughter Casey straight on the phone to her father to convince him of the

opportunity across the Tasman and Lock is keen to take up her offer.

"Casey and her fiancée Con (Karakatsanis) have a wonderful set-up at Warwick Farm and she has been on to me for a while now that this is the horse we should send over to them," he explained.

"I was a little hesitant at first as I wanted to make sure he

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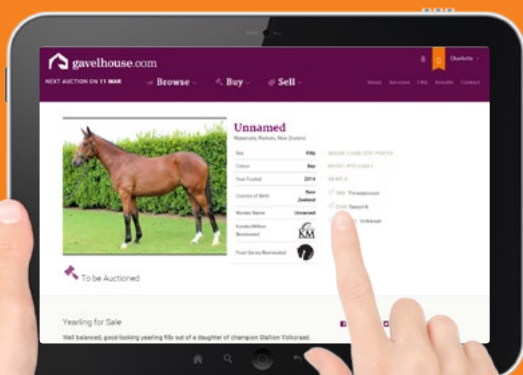
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had what it took to compete over there but I think after that win it has convinced me.

“Before we give it the green light I do want to make sure about what sort of weights he might be carrying over there as if he has to lump 60 kilos around he might be better off staying here for the time being.

“If he does head over the ditch it will most likely be for 6-8 weeks as I would like to get him back for the latter part of the Hastings carnival if things go to plan.”

Although Lock was confident his charge would be hard to beat on the weekend, despite stepping up in grade, he did have his concerns about the shifty nature of the Te Rapa surface.

“Having trained at Te Rapa for so long I know it can get a little tricky when it gets wet like that so I wondered if he would cope given he has such a big stride on him,” he said.

“He looked as though he was under pressure most of the way and didn’t travel that kindly which I put down to the track. When Sam (Spratt) came back in she said he didn’t really get going until halfway down the straight but when he did extend he put them away pretty easily.

“He even had the cheek to prick his ears close to the line and knock off a bit so it was a smart win.”

On the basis that he likes what he hears on Monday, Mr Luigi could be on plane as early as Wednesday to make the trip to Sydney.

Meanwhile Lock is also eagerly awaiting the return to his stable of promising Tavistock gelding Hiflyer (NZ) who also has Australian ambitions later in the season.

“Hiflyer will come back into work on the 1st of August and I can’t wait to get him back,” he enthused.

“All reports are that he has thrived during his break and looks fantastic. We do have some plans for him this spring which could include Australia if he performs like we think he can so it is a very exciting time for the stable.”

– NZ Racing Desk.

Race	Waikato RC Garrard’s Horse and Hound H. 1600m.
Winner	Mr Luigi (NZ) 2010 09
Owners	Trevor Sargent
Trainer	Peter Lock (Te Aroha)
Breeding	by Darci Brahma out of Hairini by Zabeel
Breeder	G C Luoni; Waikato; NZ

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GROUP THREE WINNER **FOR POWER**

Cambridge Stud shuttle sire **Power** (Oasis Dream) has enjoyed a milestone weekend with a runner from his first crop of Northern Hemisphere bred two-year-olds, the Aidan O'Brien trained Peace Envoy, scoring in the Gr. 3 Anglesey Stakes at The Curragh.

Ridden by Ryan Moore, Peace Envoy came with a sweeping run to defeat race favourite Psychedelic Funk (Choisir) and register the first stakes success for his sire who will return to Cambridge Stud for his fourth Southern Hemisphere breeding season this year.

The French-bred colt was having his fifth race start with O'Brien keen to tackle Group One company in the near future.

"He's getting better this horse and progressing well," he said.

"He could come back here for the (Gr. 1) Phoenix Stakes or he could go to the (Gr. 1) Prix Morny. He reminds me very much of Rock Of Gibraltar, although he has a long way to come, obviously."

Power's first crop of Southern Hemisphere progeny will hit New Zealand tracks in the spring after being well received at this year's New Zealand Bloodstock National Yearling Sale. A filly from Group One placed mare Octapussy (Octagonal) was secured by the China Horse Club for \$600,000 from the Cambridge Stud draft during the sale's Premier session.

Power will stand for a fee of \$8,000+GST during the 2016 breeding season.

– NZ Racing Desk.



Cambridge Stud based stallion Power





BANNOCKBURN KICKS OFF TRENTHAM TREBLE FOR LATTA

It was business as usual for the Lisa Latta stable at Trentham on the weekend as progressive intermediate galloper **Bannockburn (NZ)** (Falkirk) kicked off a winning treble for the powerful Awapuni operation with a dominant win over 1200 metres.

Latta, who is currently enjoying a well deserved mid-winter holiday, also took out one of the day's feature flat events with Platinum Command (NZ) (Red Giant) before completing the programme with a win to the ghostly grey galloper Yin Dragon (NZ) (No Excuse Needed).

While Platinum Command cemented her place in the upcoming eStar Winter Cup at Riccarton, Bannockburn showed he was coming back to the form of last winter that saw him marked as a galloper capable of competing at the top level.

"He has taken a couple of runs this time in to come to it although he was pretty unlucky at Wanganui last time," said stable representative Andy Rennie after the race.

"It was a lovely ride by Robbie (Hannam) and once he gets to the front bowling along like that he is a tough horse to beat."

Hannam was suitably impressed by the gelding's performance after striking trouble on him at his previous run.

"He likes the wet and he likes Trentham having won here before," he commented.

"He was a little bit unlucky last time and won quite comfortably in the end here carrying topweight. That's a good effort on a tough track that they've got out there today."

Bookmakers reacted to the six

length winning performance of Platinum Command in the Hanley Formula sponsored Whyte Handicap by installing her as the clear \$5 favourite for the eStar 119th Winter Cup to be run at Riccarton on the 6th of August.

– NZ Racing Desk.

<i>Race</i>	WRC Central Group Forklifts H. 1200m.
<i>Winner</i>	Bannockburn (NZ) 2010
<i>Owners</i>	C & K Bishop, J L & A Milmine
<i>Trainer</i>	Lisa Latta (Awapuni)
<i>Breeding</i>	by Falkirk out of Stadsmadad by Kaapstad
<i>Breeder</i>	B G & C P Bishop; Auckland; NZ



Bannockburn and Robbie Hannam kick start a winning treble for the Lisa Latta stable at Trentham



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WOOD STRIKES WINNING DOUBLE AT TE RAPA

A large on-course support crew for the Chris Wood stable had plenty to cheer about when the Cambridge trainer uncorked a winning double with **Pacorus (NZ)** (Tavistock) and **Wooden Edge (NZ)** (Have No Fear) at Te Rapa on Saturday.

Wood, who has struggled for numbers at his home base over the past few seasons, had been keen on the chances of both of his runners who were well fancied after producing impressive winning performances at their last runs.

"It was a pretty good weekend when we won with Pacorus on the Saturday at Tauranga and backed up with Wooden Edge at Te Awamutu the next day but I think this might top that," he said.

"They had both worked up well in the interim so I did tell the connections of both horses they would be worth a bet so there were plenty of happy people after they both got up.

"One of the team in Wooden Edge brought twelve mates down from Auckland with him in a mini-van so I'm picking it was a great trip home.

"It's been a bit of a battle to get horses in the stable for the last couple of years so I've had to go out and chase things pretty hard. There are a good bunch of mainly new people in both these horses along with some loyal clients so I'm chuffed to get the results for them."

One of those loyal clients Wood was referring to is former jockey Gary Edge who shares in the ownership of Wooden Edge. The four-year gelding from unheralded sire Have No Fear certainly wasn't on Wood's radar when he got a call from Edge about the gelding.

"Gary had taken over the horse when his owner couldn't pay his agistment bills," he explained.

"He asked me to take a look at him as he said he was a magnificent paddock galloper. I did tell him they don't pay out on winning paddock gallops but when I saw him I agreed to take him for a few weeks and try him out.

"The first thing he did was drop Viktoria (Gatu) at the track one morning which didn't impress her much so I let one of



Wooden Edge and Viktoria Gatu are all business as they head to the finish at Te Rapa

my other track riders look after him. He told me he had plenty of ability and was pretty quick to remind me of that when he won his first trial.

"Since then he's just continued to improve although he only does what he's asked and no more so I'm not sure just how good he is.

"Viktoria told me he had plenty of petrol left on Saturday so there should be a few more wins in store on that performance."

Woods will now give both Pacorus and Wooden Edge a fortnight in the paddock with a view to tackling some of the support races during the upcoming Hawkes Bay spring carnival. – NZ Racing Desk.

Race	RC Lisa Chittick Foxbridge Plate 13 August H. 1400m.
Winner	Wooden Edge (NZ) 2011
Owners	G Edge, Betalert Ltd, S Durrant, D Sexton, I Green, K Gregory, P Wicks, D Proverbs, M Hayes, D McHugh, P O'Sullivan, R Clark & R Woods
Trainer	Chris Wood (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Have No Fear out of Oh My Girl by Istidaad (USA)
Breeder	M G Hodge; Waikato; NZ





ZEDEEDUDADEEKO IMPRESSES AT TRENTHAM

Promising jumper **Zedeedudadeeko (NZ)** (Zed) atoned for a narrow defeat at his hurdle debut last month when he trounced his opposition with a convincing display at Trentham on Saturday.

The accomplished flat performer had been strongly tipped to make a winning debut over fences at Awapuni in June but went under by a bare nose to the Kevin Myers trained Zed Case (NZ) (Zed) on that occasion. A disappointing run on the flat at the same venue seven days ago had some pundits questioning his credentials on the weekend however trainer James Phillips was having none of that before Saturday's contest.

"I was very confident he would win when he made his hurdle debut as I know just how good a jumper he is

but he didn't get all favours that day," he noted.

"We did expect him to go okay last time at Awapuni but he didn't cop the track that day and couldn't pick his feet up in it. There were quite a few well fancied runners that went poorly that day so when he pulled up like he hadn't had a race I just put a line through it.

"Going back to Trentham suited him as he loves it there and I thought he would be very hard to beat if he did things right."

Phillips' faith was vindicated with Zedeedudadeeko producing a polished display in the hands of Charlie Studd as he outfinished race favourite Kipkeino (NZ) (Sunray) in the closing stages of the Ekraar@Linwood Park sponsored maiden hurdle, despite bungling the last fence.

"He is a very economical jumper who relaxes beautifully in his races so I asked Charlie to be patient with him early on," he said.

"Charlie rode him perfectly although he probably got to the front a little early in the run home. I think that's why he didn't jump the last that well as he didn't have any competition but once he got over it he finished off strongly to the line.

Phillips will now set the rising eight-year-old for an Open hurdle at Awapuni on the 28th of July before deciding on his future winter plans.

"I think he has what it takes to win a big race so I do have the Great Northern Hurdles in the back of my mind," he said.

"He's not that big so I don't want to crucify him with weight so if he could sneak into the Northern on the minimum we would have a serious look at it this year. If he doesn't make it then there will be plenty of opportunities for him next season."

– NZ Racing Desk.



Race	WRC Ekraar at Linwood Park Maiden Hurdle 3000m.
Winner	Zedeedudadeeko (NZ) 2008
Owners	J P Phillips & The McInteer Family Trust
Trainer	James Phillips (Tauherenikau)
Breeding	by Zed out of Cheeko Beeko by Straussbrook (AUS)
Breeder	J P Phillips & The McInteer Family Trust; Central; NZ

A comprehensive maiden hurdle win on Saturday has Zedeedudadeeko earmarked for higher honours this season





ALIBI BACK ON THE WINNING TREND

Kranji trainer Michael Clements was having a good day at the office on Sunday when he saddled a second winner in **Alibi (NZ)** (Darci Brahma), whom he described as “classy” in the post-race debrief.

Impressive debut winner Knight Chen Bay (Hinchinbrook) got the ball rolling for the Zimbabwean-born handler three races earlier, when he raced away to a facile victory at the top of the straight, but Alibi had to pull out all the stops in an epic struggle inside the last two furlongs to come out at the thicker end of the prizemoney.

The Darci Brahma three-year-old was coming back from a seven-week freshen-up and certainly slotted right back into the groove in the \$75,000 Graduation race over 1200m.

Normally close to the speed, Alibi was a lot further back than usual, but when regular partner Vlad Duric peeled him to the outside upon straightening, he started to unwind with plenty of purpose before hitting the front at the 200m and holding on to score by a head. The winning time was 1min 10.65secs for the 1200m on the Short Course.

“He’s a pretty smart horse and I



Alibi and Vlad Duric make it a double for trainer Michael Clements on Sunday.

think he wants seven furlongs and above,” said Clements.

“We wanted to ride him quiet today so he can finish off as the 1200m was on the short side, but I think it’s his class that saw him through.

“Vlad rode him very well. There were a few anxious moments when he tried to weave him through the field, but again it’s his class that got him home.

“I will look for a 1400m race for him next.”

With a record that already reads three wins, one second in four starts

and more than \$130,000 in stakes money, Alibi looks to be heading that way for his lucky connections.

Race	Singapore TC Graduation S. 1200m.
Winner	Alibi (NZ) 2012
Owners	Alibi stable
Trainer	Michael Clements (Kranji)
Breeding	by Darci Brahma out of Bound to Impress by Galileo (IRE)
Breeder	T R & Mrs V M Pascoe; Waikato; NZ
Sales	2014 Ready to Run Sale V: Esker Lodge \$90000 P: Michael J Clements



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NZ STALLION AWARDS

THE CENTAINE AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$14,487,119
TAVISTOCK	\$11,667,311
PENTIRE	\$8,508,451
O'REILLY	\$7,363,626
DARCI BRAHMA	\$7,015,382
ZABEEL	\$7,012,586
PINS	\$6,936,534
IFFRAAJ	\$5,937,721
ELUSIVE CITY	\$5,073,260
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$5,071,553

Criteria: Sire whose NZ-conceived progeny have accumulated the highest stakes earnings worldwide

THE DEWAR STALLION TROPHY

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$8,079,487
PENTIRE	\$7,014,522
ZABEEL	\$6,077,528
TAVISTOCK	\$4,907,749
PINS	\$3,863,314
DARCI BRAHMA	\$3,837,521
IFFRAAJ	\$3,475,914
O'REILLY	\$3,170,920
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$2,450,717
SHINKO KING	\$2,434,101

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

THE GROSVENOR AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$2,460,775
DARCI BRAHMA	\$2,332,145
IFFRAAJ	\$1,705,895
PINS	\$1,369,869
TAVISTOCK	\$1,267,115
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$1,194,490
ALAMOSA	\$1,123,763
PENTIRE	\$1,114,426
KEEPER	\$1,073,128
THORN PARK	\$998,358

BEST PERFORMERS	EARNINGS
KAWI	\$498,000
JULINSKY PRINCE	\$309,500
XIONG FENG	\$579,685
DECORAH	\$141,400
VOLKSTOK'N'BARRELL	\$238,750
VALLEY GIRL	\$254,625
STOLEN DANCE	\$267,725
XTRAVAGANT	\$461,250
ILLUMINATI	\$107,150
RYAN MARK	\$217,400

Criteria: Leading Sires by Earnings in New Zealand



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NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE JULY 15

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
MUSCULAR SPRINTER (NZ) 2012 by Coats Choice (AUS) out of Sweet Spot (AUS) by Royal Academy (USA)	A W Jones & Mrs E W Morris; Canterbury; NZ	Singapore TC Restricted Maiden S. 1400m.	2014 National Yearling Sale - Festival Sale; V: Berkley Stud, P: Beatson Stables; \$15,000
Karalli – LIM'S AFFECTION (Sing.) (NZ) 2011 by Elusive City (USA) out of En Pointe (AUS) by Carnegie (IRE)	D J Myers; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Kranji S. 1600m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Festival Sale; V: Haunui Farm, P: KT Myers; \$6,000
CASING ROYAL (NZ) 2012 by Showcasing (GB) out of Icy Bubbles by One Cool Cat (USA)	Nearco Stud Limited; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1200m.	2014 South Island Yearling & Mixed Sale; V: Highden Park, P: DR Wiles; \$1,000

NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE JULY 18

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
ALIBI (NZ) 2012 by Darci Brahma out of Bound to Impress by Galileo (IRE)	T R & Mrs V M Pascoe; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Graduation S. 1200m.	2014 Ready to Run Sale; V: Esker Lodge, P: Michael J Clements; \$90,000
ZAHIR (NZ) 2011 by Any Suggestion (AUS) out of Zevita (AUS) by Zeditave (AUS)	B S Mullane; P Setchell & L Williams; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1600m.	2012 National Weanling; Broodmare & Mixed Sale; V: Scotsman Valley Farm Dispersal Sale, P: New Zealand BStk Ltd; \$2,000

