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WHO SHOT THE BARMAN: A CELEBRATION OF COURAGE



Who Shot Thebarman drives home to score his first win in Sydney in the A\$2m Sydney Cup

Less than 24 hours after watching his pride and joy, **Who Shot Thebarman (NZ)** (Yamanin Vital), seal his first Sydney victory in thrilling fashion in the Gr.1 Sydney Cup (3200m), part-owner Dan O'Leary admits he is still walking on air.

O'Leary described the scenes in the aftermath of the win as quite surreal as he fielded the congratulations of hundreds of well-wishers in the Royal Randwick mounting yard.

"He's a pretty special horse and has a huge fan club both in New Zealand and Australia," he said.

"When the judge announced the result there was a massive cheer and we were just swamped by people congratulating us.

"It was a very surreal experience and one we have never had in Sydney before as that was the first time he has ever won here.

"To do it when he was having his fifth attempt at the race is amazing and I think it is a tribute to the horse and his trainer, Chris Waller.

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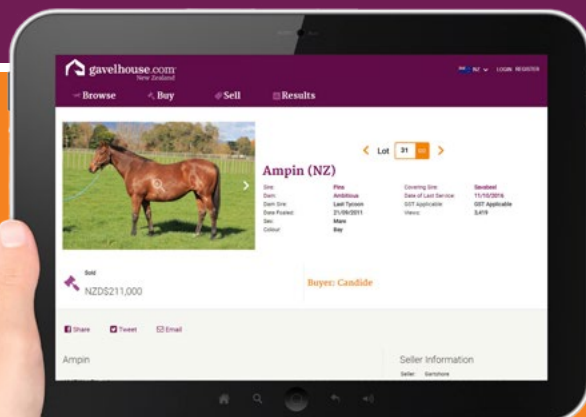
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“It’s just extraordinary.”

Despite having high hopes for at least a top three finish before the race, O’Leary admitted he wasn’t confident of a victory as he well remembered the disappointment of previous years.

“Chris had said to us he thought he could run in the top three but there might just have been one or two sharper than us,” he said.

“We were definitely hopeful but realistic in that he had been close before and the fact was he was a nine-year-old giving weight to most of the field.

“I think what played in his favour was the better track. In the past he had been on slow tracks in this race and that made it hard to carry the big weights.

“This time he had plenty of zip on the better track. You could see that when he started to make his move as he just zipped around them and was practically in front turning for home.

“He just kept grinding away and stuck his big head out at the right time. Like most Yamanin Vital’s he’s tough and doesn’t give in.

“I think that is what makes him so popular with his fans as every time he races he gives it his all.

“It’s just a real celebration of courage and people love that. I know we certainly do.”

Despite the gelding’s advancing age O’Leary believes he may return to Melbourne in the spring for another shot at the world-famous Melbourne Cup.

“He likes it in Melbourne and he just gets better with age so there’s no reason to think we couldn’t go back for another shot at the Cup,” he said.

“We know Chris will look after him and he will tell us whether it is an option or not. He likes it at Moonee Valley, so the Moonee Valley Cup would be the first target and then who knows what could happen after that.”

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Members of the O’Leary family parade with their pride and joy after the Sydney Cup victory





SMART TWO-YEAR-OLD TO BE SET FOR EARLY GUINEAS FEATURES

Exciting two-year-old **Madison County (NZ)** (Pins) has been earmarked as a potential Guineas candidate next season after clinching his first raceday success at Hastings on the weekend.

Race	Hawkes Bay Elbow Room Bar Mahora 2YO H. 1300m.
Winner	Madison County (NZ) 2015
Owners	China Horse Club Racing Pty Ltd
Trainer	Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Pins (AUS) out of Red Delicious by No Excuse Needed (GB)
Breeder	G J Chittick; Waikato; NZ
Sales	2017 National Yearling Sale - Select V: Waikato Stud Ltd \$36000 P: China Horse Club

Co-trainer Andrew Forsman has plenty of time for the showy Pins gelding and believes he is a perfect candidate for some of the early three-year-old features next season.

“He’s always shown us he has ability, but he has been pretty green along the way,” he said.

“That was the main worry heading into Saturday’s race as he had been a little erratic on debut at Rotorua and I was concerned that might cost him this time as well as he was up against a fairly handy field.”

Forsman’s worries were unfounded as Madison County and rider Matt Cameron delivered a stylish

performance to take out the two-year-old 1300m contest in convincing fashion. Settled nicely behind the leaders throughout the race, Cameron peeled his mount out to challenge on the home corner where he took control to score by a narrow but authoritative margin over runner-up, Langkawi (NZ) (Helmet).

“He’s not really a wet-track type so he probably got away with it on the Dead5 surface,” said Forsman.

“I think we’ll put him aside now as the tracks get worse. He will be going out at a good time where he can have a decent four to five weeks in the paddock before we bring him back for a



spring campaign.

“On what we’ve seen of him I don’t think he will be out of place in some of the early Guineas races so that will be the long-term target for him.”

Madison County is raced by the China Horse Club Racing PTY Ltd operation and was a \$36,000 purchase for the group from the Waikato Stud draft during the Select session of the 2017 National Yearling Sale at Karaka.

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Exciting juvenile Madison County proves too good for his rivals at Hastings





CAPUCINE PREVAILS IN DESPERATE FINISH AT TE RAPA

The powerful Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman partnership continued their inexorable march to a fourth National Trainer's premiership title when they landed a winning double on the weekend.

Successful at Hastings with two-year-old Madison County (NZ) (Pins) the pair added a second victory closer to home when lightly raced five-year-old **Capucine (NZ)** (High Chaparral) commenced her autumn campaign on a winning note at Te Rapa.

The three-quarter sister to champion galloper So You Think (NZ) (High Chaparral) looked something special when she scored on debut at Te Rapa in November but an aversion to the flint hard tracks over the summer months saw her set aside after she disappointed in her next run.

Punters obviously remembered that stylish debut victory as they installed her a warm favourite to take out her rating 65 1200m contest on Saturday. That confidence looked to have gone

astray when Capucine was battling to pick up race leader Pitch And Switch (NZ) (Manhattan Rain) with just 200m to run, but under a desperate ride from Jonathan Riddell the mare drove hard at the finish to snatch the victory by a bare nose.

"She has got plenty of ability but as she hadn't started for four months we were worried she might feel the pinch towards the end of the race," said Forsman.

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Capucine and Jonathan Riddell drive hard to victory at Te Rapa





CAPUCINE PREVAILS IN DESPERATE FINISH AT TE RAPA

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“She looked like she was battling when the other horse shot clear, but Jonathan got to work, and she showed a good turn of foot to pick that other horse up in the end.

“We do think she will get over more ground and that probably confirmed it for us with how strong she was at the end.”

Forsman is in no hurry with the mare, preferring to see her work her way through the grades while she has track conditions in her favour.

“She just doesn’t handle the really firm ground so that’s why we put her aside over the summer,” he said.

“Now the tracks are starting to loosen up she should be in her element, so we think she can make her way through the grades.

“With her breeding making her a three-quarter to So You Think she is a very valuable mare, so the opportunity to grab some black-type is the ultimate goal for her.”

While the Baker/Forsman team

were on the right side of the ledger with this photo-finish it sadly didn’t go their way in Sydney where Zacada (NZ) (Zabeel) was denied victory in the Gr.1 Sydney Cup by the evergreen Who Shot Thebarman (NZ) (Yamanin Vital) in a stirring finish to the A\$2m contest.

“He went a super race and when he shot to the front along the inside we thought he might be home,” said Forsman.

“He probably got all favours in the race but just couldn’t quite withstand the other horse who was out in the middle of the track.

“It was a great effort, but you do think what might have been when a head makes \$800,000 worth of difference in your payday!”

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Race	Waikato RC Sensortronic Scales H. 1200m.
Winner	Capucine (NZ) 2012
Owners	Mrs C A & C C Chamberlain, Mrs H M & M J Moran
Trainer	Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman (Cambridge)
Breeding	by High Chaparral (IRE) out of La Souvenir by Nuclear Freeze (USA)
Breeder	Mrs C A & C C Chamberlain; Mrs H M & M J Moran; Waikato; NZ

NEWS IN BRIEF

Monarch Chimes successful in Australian debut

Crack New Zealand jumper **Monarch Chimes (NZ)** (Shinko King) made the perfect start to his Australian odyssey when he and Richard Cully edged out Now And Zen (Zenno Rob Roy) and Dormello Mo (Conillon) in the J.E.H. Spencer Memorial Steeplechase (3200m) at Pakenham.

Prepared by Cambridge trainers Emma-Lee and David Browne, the six-year-old was unbeaten in his four jumping starts in New Zealand before tasting defeat for the first time over hurdles in the 2017 edition of the Great Northern Hurdles (4190m) at Ellerslie where he finished fourth.

Sunday’s Pakenham victory has set Monarch Chimes up for a tilt at the \$150,000 Brierly Steeplechase (3450m) at Warrnambool at his next start.



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LONDARO BACK TO WINNING FORM ON HOME PATCH

A bold ride from leading rider Samantha Collett paved the way for promising galloper **Londaro** (Lope De Vega) to bounce back to winning form at Hastings on Saturday.

The statuesque four-year-old created quite an impression when he broke his maiden status on the final day of the Hawkes Bay Spring Carnival in October last year. Put aside after finishing midfield in one further run in that campaign, the Lope De Vega four-year-old resumed with an ordinary performance at Waipukurau last month before Saturday's second up effort.

Caught wide on a muddling speed in the early stages of

Race	Hawkes Bay Stella Artois H. 1600m.
Winner	Londaro (AUS) 2013
Owners	B J & Mrs M A Harvey
Trainer	Guy Lowry & Grant Cullen (Hastings)
Breeding	by Lope De Vega (IRE) out of Spurcent (AUS) by Flying Spur (AUS)
Breeder	Patinack Farm
Sales	2015 National Yearling Sale – Premier Session; V: Ascot Farm, P: Glen Harvey/Paul Moroney Bloodstock; \$200,000

the 1600m contest, Collett strode forward with 1000m to run to sit outside the pacemaker, Pincanto (NZ) (Per Incanto). After sharing the speed to the home corner, the pair engaged in a tooth and nail struggle as they headed to the winning post. Just as Londaro beat off the challenge of Pincanto he was attacked by a fast finishing Johnny Lincoln (NZ) (Savabeel) who dived at him on the line but came up a nose short of victory.

"He had to do a fair bit of work today after being trapped wide going forward," said co-trainer Guy Lowry, who prepares the horse in partnership with Grant Cullen.

"He stuck on really well. He is a long-striding horse so I'm not too sure if the slow tracks will suit him in the future.

"She (Collett) did a good job putting him in the race and luckily he held on."

The victory marked a milestone for Collett as she reached the 100-win mark for the season, the first time in her career to date.

"I've got a lot of people to thank but it's not the end of the season yet," said Collett as she acknowledged her achievement after the race.

"It's been a labour of love, not just in this season, but to get to the milestone is really great."

Collett admitted her original plan had not been to adopt the pacemaking role on her charge.

"When I did the form before the race I had thought about settling in mid-field, one off the fence," she said.

"There wasn't much speed on and when the pace steadied I thought I just had to roll forward.

"He's a big, strong horse and his run last start was better than it looked. Full credit to him as he fought like a tiger."

Collett currently enjoys a 19-win margin over her nearest rival, cousin Alysha Collett (81), in the race for the National Jockey's Premiership title with three and a half months left in the 2017/18 racing season.

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Londaro provides Sam Collett with her 100th winner for the season





NO TRUMPING ZAC ACE **THIS TIME**

Trainer Ricardo Le Grange was walking rather cautiously towards the winner's stall even after his ward **Zac Ace (NZ)** (Swiss Ace) was first past the line on Sunday.

He had every reason to be on tenterhooks. The last time he marched down to lead in the Swiss Ace four-year-old, he eventually ended up with the runner-up prize after the result was overturned in the Stewards' room.

If redemption was being sought for horse, trainer and rider alike, it looked all done and dusted when the Zac Stable-owned galloper was angled out for his run by Juglall at the 300m of the \$45,000 Class 4 Non Premier race over 1600m on Sunday, looking ready to explode.

But Le Grange must have felt like *deja-vu* when Zac Ace hit a brickwall instead, with **Mettlesome (NZ)** (Gallant Guru), who had looked beat then, starting to pull the ground off him again.

When they hit the line, with the naked eye, Zac Ace might have just held on, but once bitten twice shy, Le Grange was not going to count his chickens this time.

The South African handler could, however, breathe easier after correct weight was flashed on the big screen

"For a second, I thought it would be the same story as last time, but luckily, he won, and we'll take the win with both hands," said the relieved South African handler.

"He's that type of horse who is



Westbury Stud stallion Swiss Ace, the sire of promising Singapore galloper Zac Ace

difficult to train as he keeps losing his weight all the time. Thanks to (assistant-trainer) Jacci (de Tert) who makes sure he stays fit all the time.

"I'd also like to thank his track rider Ayie who rides him every morning in trackwork."

Juglall said Zac Ace should have gapped his rivals by a bigger margin if not for his tendency to stargaze when he hits the front.

"I thought he would win by four. He was looking around, floating around," said the in-form Mauritian jockey.

"It's only when the other horse (Mettlesome) joined him that he got

his confidence back. He has improved a lot and a big thank you to Ayie for doing a good job on him as he's quite a difficult horse to train."

With that second win in 11 starts, Zac Ace has now taken his stakes earnings close to the \$85,000 mark for the Zac Stable.

Race	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1600m.
Winner	Zac Ace (NZ) 2013
Owners	Zac Stable
Trainer	Ricardo Le Grange (Kranji)
Breeding	by Swiss Ace (AUS) out of Firelight by Fantastic Light (USA)
Breeder	Mrs K G Parsons; Canterbury; NZ





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THE CENTAINE AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$10,539,556
DARCI BRAHMA	\$8,539,318
TAVISTOCK	\$5,702,448
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$5,566,931
O'REILLY	\$5,473,281
ROAD TO ROCK	\$5,336,901
PER INCANTO	\$4,304,395
PINS	\$3,476,571
SHOWCASING	\$3,437,540
THORN PARK	\$3,275,727

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

THE DEWAR STALLION TROPHY

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$6,988,700
DARCI BRAHMA	\$2,629,307
O'REILLY	\$2,569,028
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$2,373,099
PINS	\$2,329,046
TAVISTOCK	\$2,172,607
IFFRAAJ	\$2,160,597
YAMANIN VITAL	\$1,911,624
PER INCANTO	\$1,901,924
ZABEEL	\$1,798,979

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

THE GROSVENOR AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$3,163,705
DARCI BRAHMA	\$1,496,279
IFFRAAJ	\$1,460,779
FASTNET ROCK	\$1,396,460
TAVISTOCK	\$1,310,755
PER INCANTO	\$1,142,874
ALAMOSA	\$1,112,408
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$1,049,885
PINS	\$1,040,662
ROC DE CAMBES	\$930,745

BEST PERFORMERS	EARNINGS
EMBELLISH	\$466,310
DEVISE	\$157,750
GINGERNUTS	\$180,000
AVANTAGE	\$742,370
GOBSTOPPER	\$188,375
SHADOWS CAST	\$145,812
STOLEN DANCE	\$131,450
SAINT EMILION	\$160,500
PACKING PINS	\$122,750
VIN DE DANCE	\$623,500

Criteria: Leading Sires by Earnings in New Zealand



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NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG

APRIL 10

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
GOOD FOR YOU (NZ) 2012 by Thorn Park (AUS) out of La Serenissime (IRE) by Machiavellian (USA)	JML Bloodstock Ltd; Central; NZ	HKJC D'Aguilar Peak H. 1200m.	2013 National Weanling; Broodmare & Mixed Sale; V: Little Avondale Stud, P: Ascot Farm; \$55,000 2014 Ready to Run Sale; V: Ascot Farm, P: Magus Equine; \$70,000
CONTRIBUTION (NZ) 2013 by Street Cry (IRE) out of La Sizeranne by Stravinsky (USA)	M Maronde; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Mount Butler H. 1650m.	
STAR MAJESTIC (NZ) 2010 by Sakhee's Secret (GB) out of Dantessa by Danasinga (AUS)	K J Hickman & G W Hulston; Canterbury; NZ	HKJC Pottinger Peak H. 1650m.	2012 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Valachi Downs, P: P O'Sullivan; \$60,000

NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG

APRIL 15

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
RAINBOW GOLD (NZ) 2010 by Falkirk out of Pink Samurai by Volksraad (GB)	O Wong; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Kat O Hoi H. 1200m.	
NAMJONG PLUS (NZ) 2013 by Zacinto (GB) out of Volkara by Volksraad (GB)	Mrs DC & N J Cournane; South; NZ	HKJC CUHK Alumni Cup H. 1600m.	
Vinhmeister – WAYFOONG VINNIE (H.K.) (NZ) 2011 by Elusive City (USA) out of Shana Singa by Danasinga (AUS)	Marie Bloodstock Ltd; Central; NZ	HKJC Sha Tin Hoi H. 1000m.	2012 National Weanling; Broodmare & Mixed Sale; V: Ardsley Stud Ltd, P: Tony Pike BStk; \$28,000 2013 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Longlands Stud, P: Price B/stock Management; \$30,000
PICK NUMBER ONE (NZ) 2014 by Darci Brahma out of Extra Explosive by Ekraar (USA)	Explosive Breeding Ltd; Central; NZ	HKJC Victoria Harbour H. 1200m.	
WIN BEAUTY WIN (NZ) 2014 by Makfi (GB) out of Mandeville (AUS) by Hussonet (USA)	G Harvey; Auckland; NZ	HKJC Yan Chau Tong H. 1200m.	2016 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Westbury Stud, P: Wexford Stables; \$75,000



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NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE

APRIL 13

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
KING OF THIEVES (NZ) 2011 by Coats Choice (AUS) out of Java Princess (AUS) by Valiant Prospect (USA)	A W Jones & Mrs E W Morris; Canterbury; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1100m.	2013 South Island 2YO & Mixed Sale; V: Berkley Stud, P: NZB as Agent; \$8,000
WECANDO (NZ) 2014 by Per Incanto (USA) out of Magic Daze by Grosvenor	J E Fokerd; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Restricted Maiden S. 1200m.	2016 Ready to Run Sale; V: Kilgravin Lodge, P: S Gray; \$40,000
KRATOS (NZ) 2013 by Guillotine out of Finishing School (AUS) by Royal Academy (USA)	Alchemy Family Trust & Windsor Park Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Kranji S. 1000m.	2015 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale; V: Windsor Park Stud, P: LR Beckett; \$20,000

NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE

APRIL 15

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
ZAC ACE (NZ) 2013 by Swiss Ace (AUS) out of Firelight by Fantastic Light (USA)	Mrs K G Parsons; Canterbury; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1600m.	
MUSCULAR CAPTAIN (NZ) 2013 by Mastercraftsman (IRE) out of Hot Stash (AUS) by Secret Savings (USA)	Windsor Park Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1600m.	2015 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale; V: Windsor Park Stud, P: Prima Park B/stock; \$67,500 2015 Ready to Run Sale; V: Prima Park, P: John Foote B/stock; \$150,000
DISTINCTIVE DARCI (NZ) 2013 by Darci Brahma out of Distinctive Lass (AUS) by Orientate (USA)	Nearco Stud Limited; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Kranji S. 1000m.	2015 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale; V: Curraghmore Stud, P: Te Akau Racing; \$100,000
Hes Callingcalling – MONTAIGNE (Sing.) (NZ) 2012 by Road to Rock (AUS) out of Diamond Dove by Postponed (USA)	Wellfield Holdings Ltd; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1200m.	2013 National Weanling; Broodmare & Mixed Sale; V: Wellfield Lodge, P: JE Comber; \$200

