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ALL AGED STAKES WIN GETS TIVACI'S STUD CAREER OFF TO FLYING START



Tivaci (striped cap) collars Le Romain to consolidate his stud credentials with a Group One win in the All Aged Stakes at Randwick.

Kiwi breeding operation Waikato Stud had a major windfall at Randwick yesterday when their new stallion **Tivaci** landed an invaluable Group One victory in the 1400 metre All Aged Stakes.

Last month Waikato Stud announced they had secured a major interest in the son of High Chaparral, who would commence stud duties later this year.

"We've always got an eye out and the competition for stallions is fierce across Australasia," Waikato's Mark Chittick said.

"Before his latest Listed win we were very interested and the impressive times he ran got us motivated to get moving on a deal."

Tivaci went into yesterday's weight-for-age contest as a dual Group Three winner, twice placed at Group One level. The entire was not suited by the slow tempo when fifth in the Group One Newmarket Handicap at Flemington and produced the fastest closing sectionals, with the exception of Chautauqua, when fourth in the Group One T.J. Smith Stakes a fortnight ago.

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SWEYNESSE

- **A winner at his only start at two and winner of his first four starts** including Dual Group 3 wins in the Spring Stakes and Gloaming Stakes.
- **A multiple Group One performer** (2nd G1 Randwick Guineas, 3rd G1 Spring Champion) beating some of the best 3YO Group One winners in Australia including Kermedec, Preferment, Hampton Court, Shooting To Win, First Seal.
- **One of the top Australian 3YO colts of his year with a top Timeform rating of 122.**
- **By Lonhro -The Champion 3YO, the Champion miler, the Horse of the Year, the Champion sire.** Lonhro set a new Australian record of 160 individual winners in a season. His son the unbeaten juvenile Pierro was rated the best Colt in Australia since 1977.
- **Out of the multiple winning mare Swansea by Champion Sire Singspiel** (Sire of 98SW).
- **Sweynesse is the highest rated stallion from the Zabeel sire line to begin stud duties in New Zealand since Savabeel.**



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Following his last-to-first win, trainer Mike Moroney said the victory would now result in a potential Queensland campaign being aborted.

"We'll have a meeting now as to whether we race on or whether he goes to stud now but I'd say that will be it," Moroney said.

"He's the fastest son of High Chaparral probably in the world, I would think. He's by a great sire and proving to be a sire of sires too, so he's going to a great home."

Mildly fancied at \$9, Tivaci stormed down the centre of the Randwick straight to grab a "tired" \$4 second favourite Le Romain (Hard Spun) in the latter stages to win by a neck. There was another 1¼ lengths back to roughie Jungle Edge (Dubawi) in third.

"He did a good job and defied the pattern," winning rider Damien Oliver said. "They haven't been making much ground all day and he is a quality colt, turning stallion.

"He is an imposing type, deserved a Group One and all credit to Michael Moroney's team.

"I would also like to pay a little bit of respect to Patrick Maloney, the stable rider down in Melbourne, who has done a lot of work with him and he is part of the reason why this horse had success today."

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Race	ATC All Aged S. Gr.1 1400m
Winner	Tivaci (Aus) 2012
Owners	L Petagna, Ballymore Stables (Aust) Pty Ltd (Mgr: M D Moroney), R & C Legh Racing Pty Ltd (Mgr: R P Legh), G G Ltd (Mgr: G G Peterson), B & Mrs C Dorman, Gurners Bloodstock (Mgr: M Ramsden), Dr J & Mrs A Kennedy, G Devonport and M J Chittick
Trainer	Michael Moroney (Randwick)
Breeding	by High Chaparral (Ire) out of Breccia by Fastnet Rock (Aus)
Breeder	Mr J B Cummings

NEWS IN BRIEF

Von Doussa to Zed Em

The new kid on the block held off the determined challenge of an old hand in yesterday's Von Doussa Steeplechase at South Australia's Oakbank course.

The 3250 metre lead-up to tomorrow's 4950 metre Great Eastern Steeplechase turned into a gritty duel down the straight before the six-year-old **Zed Em (NZ)** (Zed) held off the 2013 Von Doussa winner Lord Of The Song (Song Of Tara) to score by three-quarters of a length.

Jockey Richard Cully had the \$2.40 favourite Zed Em on the pace throughout before saving ground on the home turn and staying to the inside of the course in the straight while Brad McLean took the \$15 shot Lord Of The Song towards the outside fence at the 300 metre mark.

Zed Em fought gamely to score his second jumps win in a row for trainer Patrick Payne and his sixth victory from nine starts over obstacles in Australia and New Zealand.

– racenet.com.au





MURRAY'S POLISH SHOWS ON WOLF

Champion Kiwi trainer Murray Baker has dominated the Sydney three-year-old staying features during the autumn carnival and yesterday he again played a part in the outcome of the \$A150,000 Group Three Frank Packer Plate at Randwick.

Baker combined with his training partner Andrew Forsman to win the Australian Derby with Jon Snow (NZ) (Iffraaj) and the Australian Oaks with Bonneval (NZ) (Makfi).

The Cambridge pair were also the trainers of **Mongolian Wolf** (Pluck) until the three-year-old was purchased recently by Australian Bloodstock and, having his first start for Victorian trainer Darren Weir, the gelding recorded his fourth win from nine starts when taking the 2000 metre event.

His best New Zealand form was a third to dual Group One winner Gingernuts (NZ) (Iffraaj) in the Group Two Avondale Guineas before a tough run, three wide, cruelled his New Zealand Derby chances.

"I can't take all the credit there; I've only had him for two weeks," Weir said. "A big thanks to Murray for the order the horse came over in.

"Luke Murrell and Jamie Lovett [Australian Bloodstock proprietors] buy the right horses and they're getting the rewards."

Mongolian Wolf cruised up in the early part of the straight and looked destined to score an easy win but it wasn't until the latter stages that he put the issue beyond doubt.

"He's a nice horse and he did



Brenton Avdulla, wide out on the track with Mongolian Wolf, glances across to confirm he's beaten the obscured Veladero and Screamar in the Frank Packer Plate.

everything right for me for three-quarters of the race," winning jockey Brenton Avdulla said.

"I thought I was going to win by a lot further at the top of the rise but he got there and got a bit lost.

"I'm sure there's still plenty to come under the hood."

The \$6 second favourite, Mongolian Wolf defeated Chris Waller's \$8 chance Veladero (Medaglia d'Oro) by 1¼ lengths with a long neck back to the Anthony and Edward Cummings-trained Screamar (Street Cry) in third.

The \$2.10 favourite Acatour (Sebring) was never a factor in the race, settling back near the tail of the field and failing to make any ground.

Weir said Mongolian Wolf would now be targeted at the \$A600,000 Group One Queensland Derby at Eagle Farm on June 10.

"Luke and Jamie earmarked this horse about four weeks ago and said he'd make a great Queensland Derby

horse," Weir said.

"The way he went today you'd have to say he's on track for that."

Mongolian Wolf is a \$200,000 graduate of New Zealand Bloodstock's Ready To Run Sale of Two-Year-Olds and initially raced for the Inner Mongolia Rider Horse Group, who also raced another high-profile graduate of the sale in triple Group One winner Mongolian Khan (Holy Roman Emperor).

– racenet.com.au

Race	ATC Frank Packer P. Gr.3 2000m
Winner	Mongolian Wolf (Aus) 2013
Owners	Australian Bloodstock
Trainer	Darren Weir (Wangoom)
Breeding	by Pluck (USA) out of Oomaroo (Aus) by Tale Of The Cat (USA)
Breeder	Hillside Parade Racing & Breeding Pty Ltd
Sales	2015 Ready To Run Sale; V: Regal Farm, P: Rider Horse China; \$200,000





GENUINE STAYER GETS HIS REWARD

Smart young stayer **Five To Midnight (NZ)** (Domesday) yesterday closed a rewarding campaign in the best possible style at Hastings with success in the Listed Hawke's Bay Gold Cup.

The genuine four-year-old will go out for break at the top of his game after he got the better of the topweight Maygrove (Authorized) in the Winning Edge Presentations-sponsored feature.

Trainer Lisa Latta had said pre-race that win, lose or draw the paddock beckoned Five To Midnight and she's not changing her mind.

"He's been very consistent and run well in all the good races. He deserved a nice win and a good spell."

This campaign, Five To Midnight has won three races and placed in the Group Two Awapuni Gold Cup, Group Three City of Auckland Cup, Group Three Manawatu Cup and the Listed Feilding Gold Cup.

He also performed creditably to finish fifth in the Group One Auckland Cup and fourth in the Group Two Avondale Cup.

"I'm so happy to see him win one," said owner Kevin Pratt, who races the gelding under his Kamada Racing banner. "I'm going back to Sydney tomorrow and I've been here a month and hadn't won a race until now."

Five To Midnight drew

the inside gate and rider Danielle Johnson settled him into the trail and bided her time until she was into the clear on straightening.

Maygrove was driven to the front on the turn by Matt Cameron, but Five To Midnight wore him down in the closing 250 metres for a deserved victory. The frontrunner Balham (NZ) (Don Eduardo) boxed on gamely for his third placing ahead of Pacorus (NZ) (Tavistock).

Race	Hawke's Bay Gold Cup L 2200m
Winner	Five To Midnight (NZ) 2012
Owners	Kamada Racing
Trainer	Lisa Latta (Awapuni)
Breeding	by Domesday (Aus) out of Fastnet Lady (Aus) by Fastnet Rock (Aus)
Breeder	The Oaks Stud
Sales	2014 National Yearling Sale, Select Session; V: The Oaks Stud, P: Lisa Latta Racing; \$165,000



Danielle Johnson and Matt Cameron, who dominated yesterday's Hastings card with three wins apiece, fight out the finish of the Hawke's Bay Gold Cup, Johnson's Five To Midnight finishing too well for the grey topweight.





ANOTHER CUP FOR PATRICK ERIN

Time and rising southern staying star **Patrick Erin (NZ)** (Gallant Guru) have been best mates and Shane Anderton doesn't see that changing.

"Last season he was just dumb and green but this year he's doing things right and he'll continue to get better," said Anderton, who trains the lightly raced gelding with his father Brian.

"He's grown mentally and he's come through the grades pretty quickly."

Patrick Erin won the Wyndham Cup in his open class debut earlier this month and yesterday he added the Listed Carriers Arms Hotel Riverton Cup to his record at just his fifteenth appearance.

The five-year-old was given a good run with cover near the pace by Shankar Muniandy and rounded off strongly in the straight.

"He's really stepped up and won well," Anderton said. "We were confident he was in the right order and that's his swansong – he can go out for a good spell now. We'll be looking at the big cups when he comes back."

Topweight Revelator (NZ) (Zabeel) finished runner-up for the third consecutive time with another game performance and Motorboat Mike (NZ) (Perfectly Ready) ran third.

La Nouvelle Vague (NZ) (St Reims) was fourth ahead of Miss Three Stars (NZ) (Perfectly Ready), who was bidding for her third win on the bounce in the cup.

In the Bupa Care Services Franconin Stakes, **Twoznotenough (NZ)** (Sakhee's Secret) made an immediate impact from her new quarters with a defeat of Flying Sardine (NZ) (Flying Spur) in the fillies and mares' feature.

The six-year-old was making her first appearance for Riccarton trainer Les Didham after winning five times from the Taranaki stable of Allan Sharrock.



Patrick Erin (#5) continues his rise through the southern staying ranks with a solid win over the topweight and perennial placegetter Revelator in yesterday's Riverton Cup.

Race	Riverton Cup L 2147m
Winner	Patrick Erin (NZ) 2011
Owners	A C & G J Handisides and Miss J P, Mrs J R & P E Smith
Trainer	Brian & Shane Anderton (Wingatui)
Breeding	by Gallant Guru (Aus) out of Mega Babe by Personal Escort (USA)
Breeder	P E Smith

Race	Riverton RC Bupa Care Services Franconin S. 1400m
Winner	Twoznotenough (NZ) 2010
Owners	B Appley, N J Climo, R T Cribb, J R Gray, M W Haase, N Lucas, S T Moffett, G C Pease and S A Sharrock
Trainer	Les Didham (Riccarton)
Breeding	by Sakhee's Secret (GB) out of Middlebrook (Aus) by Royal Academy (USA)
Breeder	Gillovic Bloodstock Ltd
Sales	2012 National Yearling Sale, Select Session; V: Highview, P: S A Sharrock; \$21,000





BONNIE NOW **A BLACK-TYPE GIRL**

Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman achieved their goal with **Bonniegirl (NZ)** (Darci Brahma) at Hastings when the specialist fresh performer earned her first black type victory, the Cambridge trainers producing the mare to win yesterday's Listed New Zealand Bloodstock Finance Sprint in her first start since November.

Bonniegirl stormed home from back in the field under Matt Cameron to take the thick end of the stake and remain unbeaten in five first-up appearances.

"She's a little ripper and she still had a lot to do at the top of the straight," Forsman said.

"She's got black type and that's what she deserves. We know she goes best fresh and she's quite fragile so she's good for two or three runs.

"We'll keep ticking her over and look for any black-type options."

Bonniegirl attacked the line with vigour to beat Underthemoonlight (NZ) (El Hermano), who was also resuming, and Passing Shot (NZ) (Swiss Ace).

"I got held up behind the second horse and once we were clear she really got home," Cameron said.

Race	Hawke's Bay Finance Sprint H. L 1200m
Winner	Bonniegirl (NZ) 2011
Owners	Est late I E McCarrison
Trainer	Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Darci Brahma out of Electricity (Aus) by Geiger Counter (USA)
Breeder	P Chen
Sales	2013 National Yearling Sale, Select Session; V: Lyndhurst Farm, P: M P Baker; \$85,000



Bonniegirl justifies her favouritism with a storming finish to grab another fresh-up win in the open sprint at Hastings.





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FLAMINGO AIMING HIGH **AFTER HB WIN**

The chances of **Flamingo (NZ)** (Pins) having a crack at a black-type race before her campaign closes were boosted yesterday with a dynamic performance to maintain her unbeaten record.

The filly went to Hastings off the back of a stylish debut victory at Waipukurau and she again turned on the style with a sizzling winning run in the NZB Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Bloodstock Sale 8-9 May.

Race	Hawke's Bay NZB National Weanling 8-9 May H. 1200m
Winner	Flamingo (NZ) 2013
Owners	M J Chittick
Trainer	David & Emma Haworth (Foxton)
Breeding	by Pins (Aus) out of Bird by Danasinga (Aus)
Breeder	M J Chittick

"She was very impressive the other day, I was pretty proud of her at Waipukurau," said Emma Haworth, who trains the Waikato Stud-bred and raced three-year-old with her father David.

"I thought she would win but I didn't think she would win that easily."

Flamingo trumped that effort at Hawke's Bay where she unwound powerfully from the back of the field under rider Matt Cameron.

Consideration will now be given to a start for Flamingo in the Group Three Cambridge Breeders' Stakes at Te Rapa at the end of this month.

"She's a pretty smart horse," David Haworth said. "We were very happy with her coming into today. The track was a bit of a worry and it was a step up for her, but she's got what it

takes."

The topweight **Bushfire (NZ)** (Pins) also turned in a terrific performance to finish second in his first appearance for nearly two years while the well-supported **Endean Express (NZ)** (Fast 'N' Famous) was third ahead of **Danmulan (NZ)** (Danroad), who led 150 metres off the post.



Flamingo (white jacket) makes it two starts for two wins in a stirring finish to the Rating 65 sprint at Hastings. Bushfire (nearest camera) takes second with Endean Express (chequered cap) and Danmulan also figuring in the photo-finish.





BOSTONIAN INHERITS FAMILY ABILITY

The Mufhasa (NZ) (Pentire) colours were again to the fore at Hastings where a relative of the two-time New Zealand Horse of the Year continued the perfect start he has made to his career.

Among Mufhasa's ten Group One victories were Makfi Challenge Stakes and Windsor Park Plate successes on the Hawke's Bay course, which yesterday was the stage for **Bostonian (NZ)** (Jimmy Choux) to show he had inherited a good measure of the family ability.

Out of a half-sister to Mufhasa, the Tony Pike-trained youngster was a debut winner at Avondale last month and was just as impressive when claiming the Fasttrack Insurance Juvenile.

"He's a very laid-back horse with a great temperament for a two-year-old," said Pike, who prepares Bostonian for David Archer.

"He's only going to improve again from here. He's going to make a nice Guineas horse in the spring.

"We'll get him home and then decide whether we press on for another run or put him out. He's going to be a very progressive three-year-old up to a mile and possibly further."

Bostonian crossed from the outside gate to a handy spot one off the fence before rider Leith Innes peeled three wide on the turn.

They took control 200 metres from home and were



Bostonian gives notice that he's likely to be back on the course chasing higher honours in October with a comprehensive win against the juveniles at Hastings.

untested to cross the line a length and a half clear of Mofara (NZ) (Iffraaj).

"I gave him one backhander and away he went," Innes said. "He's a true professional and he's got a good future, that's for sure."

Pacemaker Gilhoolie (NZ) (Guillotine) was a further two lengths back in third, ahead of Lincoln Hills (All Too Hard), who had a dream run but found little in the straight.

Race	Hawkes Bay Fasttrack Insurance 2YO S. 1300m
Winner	Bostonian (NZ) 2014
Owners	Archer Equine Investments Ltd
Trainer	Tony Pike (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Jimmy Choux out of Keepa Cheval by Keeper (Aus)
Breeder	Archer Equine Investments Ltd





COUNT CLOSES IN **ON CLEAN SWEEP**



Countofmontecristo continues his winning streak in the Singapore Three-Year-Old Classic on Friday night.

Rising star **Countofmontecristo (NZ)** (Echoes Of Heaven) kept his unblemished record intact when he brought up his fifth win from as many starts in the \$5350,000 Singapore Three-Year-Old Classic, over 1400 metres, at Kranji on Friday night, incidentally picking up a bonus of \$550,000 for winning two legs of the series after capturing the Three-Year-Old Sprint at his previous start.

There is now only the 1600 metre Singapore Guineas on May 14 left to achieve the clean sweep but trainer

Michael Clements is already delighted with what the game galloper has accomplished.

"I thought today would be his biggest test but this horse has answered in the best possible way every time we step him up," he said.

"We knew he was looking for more ground but it was his first time going from six furlongs to seven furlongs. It's always a query even if, pedigree-wise, we thought he would go further."

Clements said he was happy when Countofmontecristo settled one-out,

one-back in the running but was surprised to see him suddenly put two lengths on one of his main rivals, Sir Isaac (Dream Ahead), shortly after cornering.

From the stands, the move may have looked impressive but it could also have been a tad early, especially as Could Be Pearls (NZ) (Alamosa) was challenging hard along the fence. But Countofmontecristo knuckled down and reached the post with half a length to spare. Favourite Jupiter Gold

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(Congrats) settled at the rear then circled the field with a sweeping run but bottomed out inside the last 150 metres to eventually settle for third, another 1¼ lengths away.

He may not have threatened the winner, but the run of the race had to go to Deimos (NZ) (Showcasing), who unleashed a blinding piece of acceleration along the rails to finish fifth.

Glen Boss, who has ridden Countofmontecristo to all his wins bar the first when he was suspended, is keenly anticipating the last leg, even if he feels there are still some rough edges that could use some polishing.

“Like we saw in the enclosure, he’s still a bit juvenile in his head,” said

the Australian. “But every time he has come out for me he has become more and more a proper horse.

“Today, he was very relaxed when we got a good spot with cover. But when I saw Sir Isaac kick up on our inside at the top of the straight I told myself we could not afford to let a horse like him take two lengths on us.

“That was why I pressed the button a bit early. And I thought we got there a bit too soon. My horse has very good acceleration, but we’ve learned a lot from him today.”

Owner Joe Singh gracefully shared the plaudits at the presentation ceremony.

“I’ve got a bloodstock agent in New Zealand, Regan Donnison,

who buys my horses and he chose Countofmontecristo for me,” he said. “The horse was well trained by Michael and well ridden by Boss. It was a great team effort.”

– Singapore Turf Club

Race	Singapore 3YO Classic 1400m
Winner	Countofmontecristo (NZ) 2013
Owners	Joe Giovanni Sarjeet Singh
Trainer	Michael Clements
Breeding	by Echoes of Heaven (Aus) out of Replicate by Towkay (Aus)
Breeder	B F, Mrs H J & P J Crofskey
Sales	2015 Ready to Run Sale; V: Kiltannon Stables Ltd, P: Vermair Racing; \$57,500

