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Exciting Hong Kong based galloper Time To Celebrate is just one of the high profile graduates from the annual New Zealand Bloodstock South Island Sale

More than 100 yearlings will step through the ring for the annual New Zealand Bloodstock South Island Sale at the RDA Building at the Canterbury Agricultural Park in Christchurch from 11am today.

All yearlings purchased at the 2018 South Island Sale are eligible to enter the lucrative Karaka Million Series which comprises of two \$1 million races - the 2019 Karaka Million 2YO and the 2020 Karaka Million 3YO Classic, as well as the \$100,000 CollinsonForex Karaka Cup for the remainder of their career.

In the last five seasons the Sale has produced five individual Group winners and 15 individual stakes winners.

Group One winning sprinter Signify (NZ) (Perfectly Ready) is the leading graduate in recent years, however there have been a number of success stories from the Christchurch auction.

2015 sale topper Time To Celebrate (NZ), an \$82,500 son of Per Incanto, won two races in New Zealand before being exported to Hong Kong where he is the winner of a further three races to date and one of the better performed four-year-olds.

This season so far the Sale has produced five individual stakes winners:

Shadows Cast (NZ) (Per Incanto) – Gr.2 Coupland’s Bakeries Mile

Civil Disobedience (NZ) (Raise the Flag) – Listed Tasmanian Derby

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FROM CHAMPIONSHIPS TO NZ FEATURES



Saint Emilion will trek south to Riccarton on Saturday to contest the Gr.3 Coca-Cola Canterbury Gold Cup

Leading trainers Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman have switched their attention from the riches of Sydney racing to chasing five New Zealand features this weekend.

That has even meant a trip south for a couple of the stable's charges, **Saint Emilion (NZ)** (Mastercraftsman) and **Podravina (NZ)** (Bel Esprit), for the Gr.3 Coca-Cola Canterbury Gold Cup (2000m) and the Listed New Zealand Bloodstock Warstep Stakes (2000m) respectively at Riccarton on Saturday.

As well, the stable will have a

host of runners at Pukekohe the same day, including five runners in feature races, among them **Mime (NZ)** (Mastercraftsman) in the Gr.2 Manco Easter Handicap (1600m) and **Gundown** (High Chaparral) and **Marcellina (NZ)** (Savabeel) in the Gr.2 Valachi Downs Championship Stakes (2100m).

While preparing each of these horses for the weekend assignments, Baker and Forsman have welcomed home their Sydney squad of Gr.1 Sydney Cup (3200m) runner-up

Zacada (NZ) (Zabeel) and their four Gr.1 Australian Derby (2400m) runners, Vin De Dance (NZ) (Roc de Cambes) (fourth), Mongolian Marshal (NZ) (High Chaparral) (eighth), Weather With You (Teofilo) (ninth) and Mission Hill (Teofilo) (13th).

"They're all home and going out for a spell," Baker said. "Zacada went huge in the Sydney Cup and just missed out. He's now qualified for the Melbourne Cup and so is Vin De Dance.

"They'll both have a good spell and

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we'll work out plans to get them both back to Melbourne and maybe the Cup. Vin De Dance is owned by OTI and I know they're keen on the Cup."

Vin De Dance tried hard to repeat the New Zealand Derby – Australian Derby double of the Baker and Forsman-trained Mongolian Khan (Holy Roman Emperor) and, though he missed out, he put up a brave performance.

"All we needed was a bit of rain for all our Derby runners," Baker said. "Randwick usually gets some for this meeting, but this year it didn't come. It would have made a difference to all the Kiwi horses."

Though major success eluded New Zealand's leading trainers at the Sydney Championships, they have a strong hand in gathering more black-type

wins this weekend with Saint Emilion a leading prospect in the Canterbury Gold Cup.

"You just have to forget his last run," Baker said. "He's well and this is the last weight-for-age race beyond a mile for the season so we've got to have a go. Lisa Allpress will ride him and she should suit him."

Allpress will also ride stablemate Podravina in the New Zealand Bloodstock Warstep Stakes and Baker believes the daughter of Bel Esprit has the ability to be hard to beat.

"She's racing well and it's a good chance to try and get some black print with her," he said.

Owned and bred by Sir Peter Vela, Podravina is lightly tried, having had just four starts and she has improved with each outing.

At Pukekohe, Mime will be attempting to register her third Group Two win in the Manco Easter Handicap, having won the Sir Tristram Fillies Classic (2000m) in 2016 and the Travis Stakes (2000m) last year.

"She was trapped four-wide when resuming at Awapuni, but she's come through it well and she's a good mare when she's right," Baker said.

Gundown goes into the Championship Stakes with a game last start second in the Gr.3 Manawatu Classic (2000m) behind the smart Sherrif (NZ) (High Chaparral), who will again be a rival on Saturday, while stablemate Marcellina is a maiden who has twice been Group-placed.

"Gundown went well last time and doesn't mind soft tracks, but it's a bit of worry with Marcellina," Baker said.

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EASTER HOPES REST SOLELY WITH SEVENTH UP

Cambridge trainer Shelley Hale hasn't put all her eggs in one Easter basket.

A switch in plans will see Hale chase two stakes races within five days with **Seventh Up (NZ)** (Shinko King) and **Go Nicholas (NZ)** (Danroad) rather than start them both in the Gr.2 Manco Easter Handicap (1600m) at Pukekohe on Saturday.

Seventh Up is on target in an attempt to defend his Easter Handicap crown, but Hale has opted to reserve Go Nicholas for the Listed Manawatu ITM 1550 at Awapuni next Wednesday.

"There's nothing wrong with Go Nicholas. It's just the ground on Saturday is likely to be a heavy10 and that would be too much for him," she said.

"If it was 1200 metres I would probably give it a whirl, but a mile is at the end of his range. Even if it comes back a bit it would probably be too testing. Hopefully we get a better track at Awapuni next week."

Unlike Go Nicholas, Seventh Up prefers wet tracks and has the excellent record on heavy footing of four wins and a second from five attempts.

Grant Cooksley has been Seventh Up's regular rider, having been aboard in all but six of his 20 starts. His record on the seven-year-old son of Shinko King includes six wins, and four placings.

He has been the rider in each of the horse's last seven starts, including last year's Manco Easter Handicap in which he timed his run to perfection when Seventh Up charged home late to grab the honours by a long neck from Hiflyer (NZ) (Tavistock).

Seventh Up went into last year's Easter with two lead-up runs and Hale has adopted the same approach this time.

"The only difference is last year he raced over 1200m then 1400m and this year it's been 1400m and 1600m," Hale said. "He's also gone up from 55 to 59 kilos, but I'm really happy with him. He's done plenty of work. He's ready."

Seventh Up won fresh-up over 1400m at Rotorua last month then backed up a week later and finished a creditable fifth behind Ocean Emperor (NZ) (Zabeel) in the Gr.2 Windsor Park Stud Japan – NZ International Trophy (1600m) at Matamata



Seventh Up will attempt to take out his second Gr. 2 Manco Easter Handicap this weekend

after being held up in the run home.

"I was happy with the run," Cooksley said. "He's come up well and he should be a good chance again."

Cooksley will be chasing his fifth Easter Handicap win, having preceded his triumph last year on Seventh Up with victories on Clear Gold (NZ) (Bahroona), Status (NZ) (Truly Vain) and Sedecrem (NZ) (Faltaat).

Cooksley has also been the regular rider of Go Nicholas this year, notching a win and a couple of placings from his four rides on the Danroad six-year-old, and he will be aboard again in the Awapuni assignment.

Hale is considering Queensland options for both Seventh Up and Go Nicholas and will heed the advice of Cooksley.

"He's the best man to ask, but I'll wait to see how they both go in these next starts," she said. "There are several 1350m races over there away from top-class that I think could suit Go Nicholas and if he went really well there's always the Stradbroke."

"Seventh Up might be better suited going for something like the Hollindale and Doomben Cups, but it will all depend on what he does on Saturday."

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Seabrook (NZ) (Hinchinbrook)



Andrew Calder

Mick Price laments tough draw for Seabrook

Seabrook (NZ) (Hinchinbrook) was her own worst enemy in the ATC Sires' Produce Stakes (1400m), and now the barrier draw has conspired against the filly's prospects of finishing this campaign on a high.

Caulfield-based trainer Mick Price tried to put on a brave face after the two-year-old was allocated a wide gate for Saturday's Gr.1 Champagne Stakes (1600m) but admitted Damien Oliver's had his work cut out despite her versatility.

"I think it's ugly, she'll need a good ride. I don't know what my man will want to do," he said.

"He may take an opportunity to slide forward and get in. There's a couple of nice chances drawn to have a good run in the race."

Price forgave Seabrook for her last start ninth in the Sires' Produce Stakes at Randwick on April 7 after she was one of the favoured runners following a bold fifth in the Golden Slipper.

"She speared sideways out of the gates after having a look at the starter. Damien was half out of the saddle," Price said.

"There's no signs to suggest she couldn't go to 1600 metres and be competitive. She's a tough filly out of a Don Eduardo mare (Midnight Revels) so I think the mile won't be a problem," he said.

Stern test for Megablast

A new-look **Megablast (NZ)** (Shinko King) will face a stern fresh-up test in the Gr.2 Manco Easter Handicap (1600m) at Pukekohe on Saturday.

While all his rivals have been preparing for the 1600-metre feature with recent racing, Megablast hasn't been sighted on raceday since finishing eighth in the Gr.1 Livamol Classic (2000m) at Hastings last October.

However, Nigel Tiley doesn't believe Megablast's lack of recent racing will prevent him showing his best this weekend.

[Full story here](#)

Calder boosts jockey ranks

Talented jockey Andrew Calder has returned to New Zealand and will be out to make an immediate impression at Pukekohe on Saturday.

After a lengthy stint in Macau, Calder arrived in New Zealand on Monday and will be back in raceday action with the mount on **Time Lord (NZ)** (Guillotine) for his father-in-law, trainer Richard Collett, in the Gr.2 Valachi Downs Champion Stakes (2100m).

"Tash and the twins moved back last week, but I had to stay on in Macau to ride again on the weekend," Calder said. "The main reason for coming back is the family. The twins, Jax and Tye, will be one year old on the 25th (April) and it's good to have the family around. That's what we missed in Macau." [Full story here](#)

Red out to keep Rising in JRA Plate at Randwick

Longer-term ramifications mean just as much as the prizemoney for a comeback galloper in Saturday's Gr.3 Japan Racing Association Plate (2000m) at Randwick.

Rising Red (NZ) (Redwood) will contest the A\$150,000 event at his third run back from a tendon injury that cost the four-year-old a year of his career.

Training partners Trent Busuttin and Natalie Young have high hopes for Rising Red in the spring, but the son of Redwood must get himself into the big races by increasing his handicapper rating.

Rising Red is currently rated 90. Busuttin knows that won't be enough to get him into Group races in the spring so the gelding needs to perform in races like the JRA Plate.

"He's probably the horse on the up but this time 14 or 15 months ago, he was running around in Benchmark 64 races and couldn't break through," Busuttin said.

"I'm very keen on the spring for him but the problem is, he is rated 90 so he's in no-man's land at that time of the year.

"There's the Hollindale Cup and the Doomben Cup maybe but at the end of the

day, he's still got to go and do it."

Busuttin said connections are pleased with his progress but aren't getting carried away yet.

"He has thickened up into the best-looking horse and he's so strong. With 53 on his back up there, he'll run really well."

Rising Red has the tricky barrier 14 in the JRA Plate with Andrew Adkins having the task of negating the barrier on the talented galloper.



Chocante (NZ) (Shocking)

Winx form line for Chocante

Few horses will carry a better first-up form line into a race than **Chocante (NZ)** (Shocking) at Doomben.

The last time the five-year-old gelding resumed at 1600m he finished third to the super mare Winx (Street Cry) in the Gr.2 Chelmsford Stakes at Randwick.

The Stephen Marsh-trained Chocante raced in Queensland last winter when he capped his campaign with victory in the Gr.2 Brisbane Cup (2200m) at Doomben.

Chocante has been back in Brisbane for a fortnight and is set to resume in the Listed Tails Stakes (1600m) before heading to the winter staying races.

After his third to Winx in the spring, he had three more starts in Sydney including a third in the Gr.1 Metropolitan (2400m) in which last Saturday's Sydney Cup winner Who Shot Thebarman (NZ) (Yamanin Vital) was fourth.

Top jockey Jim Byrne, who won the Brisbane Cup on Chocante, will be reunited with the gelding on Saturday.

"It will be good to get back on him in a race and see how he is going," Byrne said.

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Lord O'Reilly (NZ) (O'Reilly)

Khoo only worried about wide gate for Lord O'Reilly

Trainer Leslie Khoo saw "Singapore Guineas" written all over a fetching O'Reilly yearling parading at the Karaka sales ring two years ago.

The former top jockey duly made a bid and ended up coming home with a NZ\$80,000 purchase.

Two years later, Khoo is two races away from the target he has set for the gelding since named **Lord O'Reilly (NZ)** by his new owner MA Racing No 2 Stable, the third Leg of the Singapore Three-Year-Old Challenge, the S\$1 million Singapore Guineas (1600m) on May 26.

But before the two-time winner from three starts gets there, the second Leg, the \$500,000 Singapore Three-Year-Old Classic (1400m) this Sunday will be just as crucial a stopover.

"Everything's gone well for Lord O'Reilly. He had his last gallop on Wednesday and I was very happy with that," said Khoo.

"If you ask me, the only setback is the barrier 13. My preference was somewhere like 8 or 9.

"He's a horse who needs to go forward, but at the same time, inside draws would be tricky in such big fields as there may be some traffic jam and he may get stuck on the inside.

"I'll leave it to the jockey how to ride him anyway, but he needs to be quite close to the speed.

"Hopefully he runs well and then the Guineas is next. It's worth one million dollars now, but that's always been the race I had in mind when I bought him as a yearling in Karaka."

Theanswermyfriend back at Caulfield

Trainer Henry Dwyer has gathered some new intelligence about **Theanswermyfriend** (High Chaparral) from the last time he ran at Caulfield.

The gelding was having his second start for Dwyer after being transferred from

Robert Smerdon when a fading 14th in the Gr.3 Victoria Handicap (1400m) at Caulfield on March 31.

Theanswermyfriend returns to Caulfield on Saturday to run in the Listed Anniversary Vase over the same distance as the Victoria Handicap.

Dwyer said Theanswermyfriend will not be ridden as aggressively from the barriers on Saturday as he is looking to extend the gelding out to 1600m with a view to next month's Listed Scone Cup.

"He gets a bit aggressive when he's dug out of the gates which happened the other day," Dwyer said.

"We're going to do a few things different with him and ride him a bit quieter to finish off and if he can do that then we'll step him up to the mile after that."



Bassett (NZ) (Savabeel)

Price to rely upon Bassett in Bel Esprit

Trainer Mick Price will rely on **Bassett (NZ)** (Savabeel) as his sole representative in the Listed Bel Esprit Stakes (1100m) at Caulfield after deciding to send Secret Agenda (Not A Single Doubt) to Adelaide.

Price has opted to add blinkers to Bassett's gear on Saturday.

"He's hard, fit, and has the blinkers on."

Bassett hasn't been successful since winning the Hareeba Stakes at Mornington last year before running two respectable unplaced races at Morphettville.

"Mark Zahra rode him in the Goodwood last year and while he drew out he had his chance," Price said.

"He's a nice horse that has won \$400,000, but he's a little horse that's a 96 rater who gets up in the weights a bit, so I need a bit of sympathy from (handicapper) Greg Carpenter."

Team Rogerson pair poised to pop the bubbles

More Wonder (NZ) (Mossman) will chase stakes success at Pukekohe on Saturday despite the persistence of Hong Kong



More Wonder (NZ) (Mossman)

interest in the Mossman colt.

Hamilton trainer Graeme Rogerson revealed More Wonder had attracted "big money" offers but confirmed he would take his place as favourite in the Listed Diamond Lodge Champagne Stakes (1600m) on Saturday.

"He'll be running. He's a colt that's just getting better and better. He's taken time to put it together but he's not a natural two-year-old," said Rogerson, who trains in partnership with his wife Debbie and granddaughter Bailey. [Full story here](#)

Mercy chases stakes win in south

In-form Pukekohe trainer Richard Collett has opted for a South Island black-type bid with his promising filly **Mercy Hill** (All American).

Collett entered the last-start winner for both the Gr.2 Valachi Downs Championship Stakes (2100m) at Pukekohe on Saturday and also the Listed New Zealand Bloodstock Warstep Stakes (2000m) at Riccarton and will run Time Lord (NZ) (Guillotine) and Azaboy (NZ) (Azamour) in the former event with the lightly tried Mercy Hill sent south.

"It looks a good option for her," Collett said. "She's very tough and I'm pretty confident she will get the 2000 metres.

"She's always shown a lot, but she had a wee setback in the spring, a chipped bone in a fetlock after she trialled at Ruakaka, and it's been a big effort to get this far.

"To get black-print has been the game plan so she gets her chance on Saturday."

2YO Stakes target again for Marsh

Cambridge trainer Stephen Marsh is eyeing up his fourth straight win in the Listed Waikato Equine Veterinary Centre 2YO Stakes (1100m) at Te Rapa next month.

Marsh has won the event with No More Tears (NZ) (Darci Brahma), Ugo Foscolo (NZ) (Zacinto) and Ardrossan (Redoute's Choice) and at Matamata on Wednesday he

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Santa Catarina (NZ) (Savabeel)

produced **Santa Catarina (NZ)** (Savabeel), a two-year-old filly, who could maintain the trend on May 5.

A daughter of Savabeel, Santa Catarina followed up a close debut second to Byzantine (NZ) (Savabeel) at Matamata last month with a determined win in the AA Auto Services Matamata Maiden 2YO (1100m) over the solid-finishing Peaceful (NZ) (Savabeel).

Despite appearing uneasy on the heavy track, Santa Catarina settled third after beginning well and ranged up at the 200-metre mark then slowly gathered in the leader Ava Bella (NZ) (Shamexpress).

"I was very worried about the track," Marsh said. "She's got a beautiful action and gee she staggered through the ground."

"She needs a better track so I'll freshen her and keep her for the stakes race on the fifth. That should suit her."

"You'll see a lot better sprint from her on a better track."



Obsessive (NZ) (Darci Brahma)

Chipper over Obsessive's future

Te Awamutu trainer Clayton Chipperfield notched up a welcome overdue win at Matamata on Wednesday with **Obsessive (NZ)** (Darci Brahma) and the promise of much more to come.

The former successful jumps jockey's main role is breaking-in and pre-training and

he knows how to put the winning polish on them, as he showed with Obsessive, a Dick Karreman-owned three-year-old who credited Chipperfield with his first training success since he produced Cut To The Chase (NZ) (Darci Brahma) to win at New Plymouth 14 months ago.

Obsessive, a son of the Gr.2 Auckland Thoroughbred Breeders Stakes (1400m) winner and dual Group One placegetter Obsession (NZ) (Bachelor Duke), was having his fourth start when he cleared out over the final stages of the Matamata Glass & Joinery Maiden 1600 to win by five and three-quarter lengths.

He had preceded the win with a close second to Princess Origami (NZ) (Mastercraftsman) at New Plymouth, boosting Chipperfield's confidence.

"We put blinkers on for the first time last start and that made a difference," Chipperfield said. "He's still doing a bit wrong, but he's slowly putting it all together. He's going to make a nice spring horse."

While training is only a secondary role, Chipperfield has prepared four winners on his own account after a successful partnership with Robert Priscott which netted 41 wins, including three black-type victories.



Vadamos

Rich Hill announce fees

Matamata nursery Rich Hill Stud have announced the fees for their 2018 stallion roster, which includes the exciting new stallion Satono Aladdin.

The farm, in association with Shadai Stallion Station, will offer the Group One-winning son of sire sensation Deep Impact for \$12,500 + GST.

Meanwhile, last season's most popular first season sire Vadamos, who served a book of 159, will remain at \$15,000+GST.

Melbourne Cup-winning stallion Shocking and former New Zealand Horse of the Year Jimmy Choux will stand at reduced fees of \$10,000+GST and \$5,000+GST respectively, while Proisir will remain at \$7,000+GST

after averaging 130 mares in his first three seasons at stud.



Reliable Man

Westbury announce fees

Westbury Stud have left their service fees relatively unchanged for their stallion roster heading into the 2018 breeding season.

The Karaka farm has kept Reliable Man at a fee of \$17,500+GST and have limited his book to 130 mares.

"Due to the increased size of his book in the northern hemisphere this year, we have decided to introduce a cap of 130 to his book in 2018," Westbury Stud General Manager Russell Warwick said.

Westbury have also kept with the status quo for Tarzino (\$15,000+GST), Redwood (\$10,000+GST), El Roca (\$7,500+GST) and Telperion (\$5,000+GST), while Swiss Ace will be offered at a reduced fee of \$12,000+GST, down from \$15,000+GST.



Showcasing

Showcasing no longer shuttling

Haunui Farm in conjunction with Whitsbury Manor Stud have announced that Showcasing will no longer shuttle to the Southern Hemisphere.

Showcasing's stallion career has continued to flourish at Whitsbury Manor Stud where he now commands a fully booked service fee of £35,000 having started his stud career in 2011 at a service fee of £5,000.

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With that in mind, Whitsbury Manor Stud's offer to purchase the 50 per cent shareholding owned by the New Zealand-based shareholders of Showcasing was accepted on the proviso that he would no longer shuttle to the Southern Hemisphere.

Showcasing has been represented by six stakes winners in the Southern Hemisphere this racing season including exciting three-year-olds Be Bee (NZ) and So Far Sokool (NZ) and two-year-old Group winners Xpression (NZ) and Bit Lippy (NZ).

Showcasing stood at Haunui Farm last season at \$12,000 + GST and will be represented by three further racing crops in the Southern Hemisphere.



Ocean Emperor (NZ) (Zabeel)



The Ice Knight (NZ) (Iffraaj)

(1600m) on May 26.

Hennessy has a proven overseas track record having prepared Ocean Park for Group One wins in the Cox Plate (2040m), Caulfield Stakes (2000m) and the Underwood Stakes (1800m). [Full story here](#)



Wanabefamous (NZ) (Star Way)

Manning's winter team preparing to take over

It's the changing of the guard at Ralph Manning's Cambridge stable with his winter team gathering momentum, but he still has a few shots to fire with his out-going squad.

Manning lined up several of his winter team at the Te Awamutu trials on Tuesday, including his problem-plagued galloper **Wanabefamous (NZ)** (Star Way), who won an open 1400-metre heat in the hands of his Mauritian apprentice, Ashvin Goindasamy.

Though Manning has gathered some success with 13 wins so far this season, including such recent winners as Stand Tall (NZ) (Niagara), Cutting Up Rough (NZ) (Per Incanto), Lala Land (NZ) (Darci Brahma) and Sleek Secret (NZ) (Sakhee's Secret), he is looking forward to stepping out his winter squad, especially Wanabefamous, whose seven wins include the 2014 Listed Taumarunui Gold Cup (2100m). [Full story here](#)

Hennessy's racing travels to continue

Gary Hennessy is preparing for another international tour of duty.

The Matamata trainer has his sights set on a Singapore feature after receiving confirmation that **Ocean Emperor (NZ)** (Zabeel) has gained a spot in the Kranji Mile



Art Deco (NZ) (Road To Rock)

Talented mare on black type path

Wet track specialist **Art Deco (NZ)** (Road To Rock) is limbering up for her favourite time of the year.

The Taranaki five-year-old was knocking on the stakes door last preparation and trainer Allan Sharrock is confident she can go to another level in the coming months.

"She's a good mare and she's a lot stronger now," he said. "I was a bit surprised she didn't get black type last time and I'm sure she can this time." [Full story here](#)

Oaks goal for Savacool

Savabeel three-year-old **Savacool (NZ)** has booked her passage to Adelaide for next month's Gr.1 Schweppes Oaks (2000m) at Morphettville.

The New Zealand-bred filly confirmed her classic quest with a strong win over 1600m at Caulfield on Saturday.

Trained by Chris Waller, Savacool has won three of her six starts and is closely-related to the Gr.2 Cal Isuzu Stakes (1600m) winner Coldplay.

Breeders Stakes bid for Knight

A huge run for third at Awapuni last start has put the promising **The Ice Knight (NZ)** (Iffraaj) in contention for the Gr.3 Cambridge Breeders Stakes (1200m) at Te Rapa on Saturday week.

After back-to-back wins at Avondale, The Ice Knight finished less than a neck from Ozil (Denman) over 1200 metres at the Manawatu Sires' Produce Stakes meeting.

"It was a huge effort as the set weights and penalties conditions didn't suit him," trainer Nigel Tiley said.

"He'll run in the Cambridge Breeders' then we'll decide what to do. I could take him to Brisbane if he goes well at Te Rapa. He's proved he's got the family ability."

The Ice Knight is a three-year-old brother to Tiley's top two-year-old Melt (NZ) (Iffraaj), who created a massive impression when winning her first two starts before finishing sixth in the Gr.1 Sistema Stakes (1200m).

Melt then bounced back with a top performance for second to the classy two-year-old Avantage (Fastnet Rock) in the Gr.1 Courtesy Ford Manawatu Sires' Produce Stakes (1400m).

"She doesn't like rock-hard tracks and that's what happened in the Sistema. She just didn't want to let go," Tiley said. "It was good to see her bounce back in the Sires."

"She's out until the spring. She'll start work again in June. She's grown since she's been out. She looks great."

Trainer optimistic about 3YO's future

Brendon Hawtin is looking on the bright side with **Simply Optimistic** (Encosta de Lago).

He doesn't know how long he will have the promising three-year-old in his Cambridge stable, but will make the most of his association with the good-looking son of Encosta de Lago.

"I don't know when the owner will decide to take him to Hong Kong, but I'll treat him like he's here for a long time," Hawtin said.

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NEWS IN BRIEF



Simply Optimistic (Encosta de Lago)

Raced by Herbert Cheung, the \$230,000 Ready to Run Sale graduate broke his maiden last time out when he resumed from a break at Pukekohe Park. [Full story here](#)



(Sir) Charles Road (Myboycharlie)

Stayer all the better for Sydney experience

Charles Road (Myboycharlie) returned home this week after going a long way toward realising his staying potential in Australia.

His Matamata trainers believe the trip will prove a coming of age experience for the four-year-old, who excelled in both of his Sydney outings.

"We were all very proud of him and he left it all out on the track, he tries so hard," said Andrew Scott, who prepares the gelding with Lance O'Sullivan for owner David Archer.

"He's one of the big improvers and the trip will be the making of him. There's a lot of improvement to come."

Charles Road won the Gr.2 Chairman's Quality (2600m) at Randwick and backed up strongly last Saturday to finish third in the Gr.1 Sydney Cup (3200m). He banked more than A\$265,000 from his two appearances.

"He has lacked experience and maturity, but this season he has gone forward and really hardened up," Scott said.

"He'll get home and go out to David Archer's property for a well-deserved break and we'll work out a spring plan in due course."



Special Memories (Fastnet Rock)

Kiwi breeders celebrate unforgettable Oaks

Unforgotten's (Fastnet Rock) victory in the Gr.1 Australian Oaks (2400m) provided a pair of New Zealand racing identities with a result to savour.

Carol Marshall and Nessie Paykel raced her sister **Special Memories** (Fastnet Rock) and they are now breeding from the daughter of Fastnet Rock and the Galileo mare Memories Of You.

Special Memories was purchased for them by Te Akau principal David Ellis from the draft of Curraghmore for \$400,000 at Karaka in 2014. [Full story here](#)

Rogerson fillies staying home

Adelaide trips have been canned for two of Team Rogerson's leading three-year-old fillies.

Contessa Vanessa (NZ) (Bullbars) and **Gift Of Power (NZ)** (Power) were earmarked for feature races at the Adelaide autumn carnival but both have been turned out.

"Contessa Vanessa is back home but she's

going out. She's done enough," Rogerson said of the Gr.1 New Zealand Oaks (2400m) runner-up who finished ninth in last Saturday's Gr.1 Australian Oaks (2400m) in Sydney.

"Gift Of Power just had a runny nose and a cough so she's taking a break too."



Demonetization (All Too Hard)

Demonetization progressing well

Pukekohe trainer Nigel Tiley is taking a cautious approach with his exciting three-year-old **Demonetization** (All Too Hard).

Demonetization was sidelined with a slab fracture on his fetlock joint when on track for a tilt at the Gr.1 New Zealand Derby (2400m) and has been off the scene since winning the Gr.2 Auckland Guineas (1600m) at Ellerslie on New Year's Day.

"He didn't have surgery. We've just let it heal on its own and he's coming along well," Tiley said.

"He's still having box rest and will have another x-ray at the beginning of the second week in May. We're a little bit over-cautious, but we don't want to rush things.

"He started in a small yard and he's been scanned a couple of times and it all looks good.

"The plan is to have him back in light work in June if the next x-ray goes well."

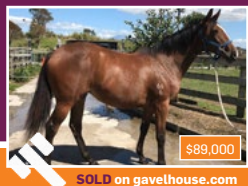
Demonetization has been beaten just once in four starts. That was in his third outing when third to On The Rocks (NZ) (Alamosa) in the Listed Trevor Eagle Memorial 3YO (1500m).

After winning the Auckland Guineas, he was the early favourite for the New Zealand Derby.



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GLOBAL NZ BRED WINNERS

12/04/2018 - 19/04/2018

AUSTRALIA

Alamosa : Ali Orphan (NZ) (Prey by Montjeu) 2013;

16/04/2018, 1st MRC (Mornington) Ladbrokes Cash in H. 1500m

Danfve : What a Hoot (NZ) (Hoot n' Holler by Kashani) 2011;

17/04/2018, 1st Geelong RC Prestige Jayco 30th Birthday H. 1112m
Sold by Landsdowne Park Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$44000

Darci Brahma : Annalysium (NZ) (Princess Annaliese by Van Nistelrooy) 2014;

12/04/2018, 1st Pakenham RC Jimmy Creed's Yearlings Maiden P. 1600m
Sold by Little Avondale Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$80000

Gallant Guru : Guru Jim (NZ) (Party Player by Defensive Play) 2011;

15/04/2018, 1st Naracoorte RC PPH&S H. 2000m
Sold by White Robe Lodge at South Island 2YO & Mixed Sale for \$20000

High Chaparral : Winsomemore (NZ) (Winsome by Housebuster) 2010;

12/04/2018, 1st Mackay TC Ubet H. 1800m
Sold by Sedgmere Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$130000

Jimmy Choux : Choux Bacquat (NZ) (Tranquil Flight by O'Reilly) 2013;

12/04/2018, 1st Mackay TC Kevin's Kitchen P. 1300m
Sold by Rich Hill Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$45000

Makfi : Delos (NZ) (Asterie by Sadler's Wells) 2014;

14/04/2018, 1st Goulburn DRC Semco Equipment Sales P. 2110m
Sold by Cambridge Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$200000

Makfi : Frankincense (NZ) (Scent of Joy by Redoute's Choice) 2012;

15/04/2018, 1st Pakenham RC Sportsbet Racing Form H. 1400m
Sold by Westbury Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$125000

Nadeem : Exilia Miss (NZ) (Exilio by O'Reilly) 2013;

15/04/2018, 1st Armidale JC W McNamara & Watt Guyra Cup H. 1400m

No Excuse Needed : Biding Time (NZ) (Stateswoman by Shinko King) 2010;

14/04/2018, 1st Holbrook DRC Holbrook Engineering H. 1400m
Sold by Stellar Lodge at Ready to Run Sale for \$28000

O'Reilly : Reilmartini (NZ) (Martini Red by Red Ransom) 2014;

14/04/2018, 1st MRC Walk for Phil H. 1200m
Sold by Trelawney Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$250000

Ocean Park : Ocean Class (NZ) (Glamour Puss by Tale of the Cat) 2014;

13/04/2018, 1st Wangaratta TC Rob Stribley Transport Maiden P. 1590m
Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$130000

Ocean Park : Ocean Knight (NZ) (The Iffraaj Dame by Iffraaj) 2015;

14/04/2018, 1st MRC Wellington RC 2YO H. 1200m
Sold by Trelawney Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$115000

Paco Boy : Iwatani (NZ) (Kintyre Lil by Casual Lies) 2012;

15/04/2018, 1st Armidale JC Regional Aust Bank Guyra H. 1100m
Sold by Landsdowne Park Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$30000

Per Incanto : Mohaka River (NZ) (Rivertaine by Centaine) 2013;

14/04/2018, 1st Noorama PRC Bydand Pastoral Co H. 1400m
Sold by Riversley Park Ltd at Ready to Run Sale for \$100000

Pins : El Shaday (NZ) (Celebrate by Savabeel) 2013;

14/04/2018, 1st GCTC Amir Mian Prestige Property H. 1300m
Sold by Wellfield Lodge at Ready to Run Sale for \$130000
Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$75000

Raise the Flag : Chequered Flag (NZ) (Star of Mulwala by Seasoned Star) 2011;

14/04/2018, 1st SAJC Ubet H. 2030m
Sold by White Robe Lodge at National Yearling Sale for \$21000

Redwood : Cedar Grande (NZ) (Merci Grand by Choisir) 2013;

15/04/2018, 1st Pakenham RC A Cut Above Design H. 1600m
Sold by Blackbridge at National Yearling Sale for \$22500

Rip Van Winkle : Henpecker (NZ) (La Falette by Faltaat) 2013;

15/04/2018, 1st Terang RC A Cut Above Butchers H. 1600m
Sold by Windsor Park Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$50000

Savabeel : Savacool (NZ) (Chilled Out by Anabaa) 2014;

12/04/2018, 1st MRC Thomas North H. 1600m
Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$220000

Shamoline Warrior : Hoof Hustler (NZ) (Elusive Quarry by Zabeel) 2013;

18/04/2018, 1st ATC Bowerman Office Furniture H. 2400m

Shinko King : Monarch Chimes (NZ) (Chiming In by Niniski) 2011;

15/04/2018, 1st Pakenham RC JEH Spencer Memorial S/chase 3200m

Showcasing : Showgals (NZ) (Regalia by Duelled) 2015;

13/04/2018, 1st Orange JC Silver Apple 2YO H. 1000m

Swiss Ace : Monsieur Macron (NZ) (Best French by Air de France) 2014;

14/04/2018, 1st Newcastle JC Polytrack Maiden P. 1200m

Tavistock : Won Won Too (NZ) (Celtic Dream by Casual Lies) 2014;

14/04/2018, 1st MRC Galilee Series Final H. L 2400m
Sold by Riversley Park Ltd at Ready to Run Sale for \$200000

Tavistock : Lucky for All (NZ) (Clerio by Soviet Star) 2014;

15/04/2018, 1st Terang RC TAC Be Races Ready Maiden P. 1400m

Yamanin Vital : Who Shot Thebarman (NZ) (Ears Carol by Carolingian) 2008;

14/04/2018, 1st ATC Sydney Cup Gr.1 3200m

Zabeel : Dauphin de France (NZ) (Our Joan of Arc by Beautiful Crown) 2012;

14/04/2018, 1st GCTC Amir Mian Prestige Property H. 1800m
Sold by JK Farm at Ready to Run Sale for \$100000

Zabeel : Choysa (NZ) (Classy Choice by Redoute's Choice) 2010;

18/04/2018, 1st MRC Spicer Thoroughbreds H. 3000m



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HONG KONG

Darci Brahma : Pick Number One (NZ) (Extra Explosive by Ekraar) 2014;
15/04/2018, 1st HKJC Victoria Harbour H. 1200m

Elusive City : Vinhmeister - Wayfoong Vinnie (H.K.) (NZ) (Shana Singa by Danasinga) 2011;
15/04/2018, 1st HKJC Sha Tin Hoi H. 1000m
Sold by Ardsley Stud Ltd at National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale for \$28000
Sold by Longlands Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$30000

Falkirk : Rainbow Gold (NZ) (Pink Samurai by Volksraad) 2010;
15/04/2018, 1st HKJC Kat O Hoi H. 1200m

Makfi : Win Beauty Win (NZ) (Mandeville by Hussonet) 2014;
15/04/2018, 1st HKJC Yan Chau Tong H. 1200m
Sold by Westbury Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$75000

Savabeel : Savannah Wind (NZ) (Now the World by Flying Spur) 2013;
18/04/2018, 1st HKJC Kowloon Bay H. 1800m
Sold by Westbury Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$360000

Zacinto : Namjong Plus (NZ) (Volkara by Volksraad) 2013;
15/04/2018, 1st HKJC CUHK Alumni Cup H. 1600m

MACAU

Elusive City : River Bobo (NZ) (Swiftsure by Jungle Pocket) 2011;
14/04/2018, 1st Macau Bangalore H. 1050m
Sold by Millfield Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$48000

Remind : Battle Tank - Royal Garden (Mac.) (NZ) (Kaytee by Senor Pete) 2013;
14/04/2018, 1st Macau Bombay H. 1500m
Sold by Kiltannon Stables Ltd at Ready to Run Sale for \$13000
Sold by Long Acres Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$4000

MALAYSIA

Alamosa : Aspen (NZ) (Kirin Belle by McGinty) 2010;
15/04/2018, 1st Selangor TC Class 4 H. 1400m
Sold by Pencarrow Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$170000

Battle Paint : Musang King (NZ) (Next in Line by Green Perfume) 2013;
15/04/2018, 1st Selangor TC Class 5 H. 1400m

Danroad : Big Bit Coin (NZ) (Beaver by Kashani) 2010;
14/04/2018, 1st Perak TC Hiroshima H. 1200m

Iffraaj : Always D'Great (NZ) (Sundown by Generous) 2014;
14/04/2018, 1st Perak TC Aomori S. 1000m
Sold by Hallmark Stud at National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale for \$10000
Sold by Cambria Park at National Yearling Sale for \$15000

MALAYSIA

No Excuse Needed : D'Great Vulture (NZ) (High Tune by High Chaparral) 2013;
15/04/2018, 1st Selangor TC Class 4 H. 1400m

Nom du Jeu : Eastern Towkay (NZ) (Fair Time by Woodman) 2012;
15/04/2018, 1st Selangor TC Class 5 H. 1400m
Sold by Diamond Lodge at Ready to Run Sale for \$50000
Sold by Goodwood Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$35000

Sakhee's Secret : Bristol Diamond (NZ) (Sparkling Promise by Wolfhound) 2012;
14/04/2018, 1st Perak TC Kyoto H. 1400m
Sold by Wentwood Grange at National Yearling Sale for \$22500

Swiss Ace : Cizen (NZ) (Broadway Queen by King Cugat) 2013;
14/04/2018, 1st Perak TC Nara H. 1100m
Sold by Charma Heights at Ready to Run Sale for \$15000
Sold by Westbury Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$5000

SINGAPORE

Coats Choice : King of Thieves (NZ) (Java Princess by Valiant Prospect) 2011;
13/04/2018, 1st Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1100m
Sold by Berkley Stud at South Island 2YO & Mixed Sale for \$8000

Darci Brahma : Distinctive Darci (NZ) (Distinctive Lass by Orientate) 2013;
15/04/2018, 1st Singapore TC Kranji A S. 1000m
Sold by Curraghmore Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$100000

Guillotine : Kratos (NZ) (Finishing School by Royal Academy) 2013;
13/04/2018, 1st Singapore TC Kranji C S. 1000m
Sold by Windsor Park Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$20000

Mastercraftsman : Muscular Captain (NZ) (Hot Stash by Secret Savings) 2013;
15/04/2018, 1st Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1600m
Sold by Prima Park at Ready to Run Sale for \$150000
Sold by Windsor Park Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$67500

Per Incanto : Wecando (NZ) (Magic Daze by Grosvenor) 2014;
13/04/2018, 1st Singapore TC Restricted Maiden S. 1200m
Sold by Kilgravin Lodge at Ready to Run Sale for \$40000

Road to Rock : Hes Callingcalling - Montaigne (Sing.) (NZ) (Diamond Dove by Postponed) 2012;
15/04/2018, 1st Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1200m
Sold by Wellfield Lodge at National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale for \$200

Swiss Ace : Zac Ace (NZ) (Firelight by Fantastic Light) 2013;
15/04/2018, 1st Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1600m



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