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BONNEVAL WINS HORSE OF THE YEAR TITLE FOR SECOND TIME



Bonneval captures the Gr.1 Underwood Stakes on her way to winning her second Horse Of The Year title (Darryl Sherer)

Bonneval has become a dual Horse of the Year winner. The Cambridge mare defended the title she won last year, as a three-year-old, when taking the premier prize at the New Zealand Thoroughbred Horse of the Year Awards, in Auckland on Sunday night.

She is the fifth successive Horse of the Year winner trained by Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman. The record-breaking training partnership prepared the 2014 winner Dundee, who was followed by Mongolian Khan (2015 & 2016) and Bonneval.

The Horse of the Year Award was introduced in 1971 and

Bonneval is the eighth horse to have earned the title more than once. The other multiple winners have been Sunline (four times), Show Gate, Rough Habit, Xcellent, Seachange, Mufhasa and Mongolian Khan.

"It's a big thrill to win the Horse of the Year category with Bonneval," Andrew Forsman said. "It's not easy to do it once let alone twice. It was a very even category this year and it could have gone to any number of horses."

"I'd say it's just that Group One win in Melbourne in the spring that's given her that edge over the others."

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Forsman was thrilled with Bonneval's trial fourth placing at Taupo on Wednesday which has her in line to resume in the Gr.2 Dato Tan Chin Nam Stakes (1600m) at Moonee Valley on September 8.

Bonneval was also voted the champion middle distance performer for the 2017-18 season and the Baker and Forsman partnership was named Trainer of the Year.

Kawi (sprinter-miler), Avantage (two-year-old), Savvy Coup (three-year-old), Charles Road (stayer) and Wise Men Say (jumper) were the winners of the other horse categories.

Premiership winner Sam Collett was voted Jockey of the Year and Isaac Lupton was named Jumps Jockey of the Year, for the third time.

The prestigious New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing Contribution to Racing Award went to prominent breeder Nelson Schick, who has been the driving force behind Windsor Park Stud. Schick has devoted a lifetime to the thoroughbred breeding industry and developed Windsor Park into a brand that was recognised around the thoroughbred world.

The stallions who have stood at Windsor Park include Star Way, Volksraad, Thorn Park, Kaapstad, High Chaparral and Montjeu and the stud's breeding credits include the Caulfield and Melbourne Cup winner Might And Power and Aerovelocity, a Group One winner in Japan, Hong Kong and Singapore.

Bonneval dominated the voting in the middle-distance category and received almost two-thirds of the votes for Horse of the Year. She topped the Horse of the Year poll with 40 votes, 25 more than Avantage. Kawi, NZ Oaks winner Savvy Coup and NZ Derby winner Vin De Dance were the others to attract votes.

Baker and Forsman, who won 146 races during the season, were unanimous winners of the Trainer of the Year award.

The partnership set new benchmarks for New Zealand trainers, with a record number of domestic wins and record stake earnings. Their 142 wins in New Zealand eclipsed their

own record of 114 wins and their team earned more than \$4.7 million in stakes in New Zealand. It was first time any stable had topped \$4 million in a season.

The Baker-Forsman partnership, which produced five individual Group I winners and won 24 black type races in total, also earned A\$1,688m in stakes in Australia, bringing the total stake earnings for the season to more than \$6 million.

Avantage, who won five of her six starts, received all but one of the 61 votes cast in the two-year-old category and Wise Men Say dominated the jumpers category.

Kawi, who was retired at the end of the season, won the sprinter-miler category by a wide margin but it was a much tighter contest for Champion Stayer. All four finalists received votes in the stayers section, with Charles Road, a Group winner in New Zealand and Australia and a Sydney Cup placegetter, edging Auckland Cup winner Ladies First by three votes.

All six finalists in the three-year-old category received support with Oaks winner Savvy Coup heading off Derby winner Vin De Dance by eight votes.

The tightest contest was for Owner of the Year. Wellington owner Lib Petagna, who races under the JML Bloodstock banner, was successful for the third successive year but was just two votes clear of Archer Equine Investments, the owners of Charles Road and Bostonian.

Petagna was a shareholder in 25 individual runners in New Zealand and almost a third were either black type winners or group-placed. His racing team included Francaletta, Nicoletta, Maygrove, Sofia Rosa, Gundown, Marcellina, Peaceful and Santa Catarina.

Waikato Stud and stud patriarch Garry Chittick were named Breeder of the Year. It was the sixth time Chittick has earned the title. Waikato Stud, which has been owned by the Chittick family since 1993, bred Savvy Coup, Embellish and Hasahalo, who between them won three of the four Group I classics held in New Zealand.



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2018 NEW ZEALAND THOROUGHBRED HORSE OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Twenty-five awards were presented at the 2018 New Zealand Thoroughbred Horse of the Year Awards dinner in Auckland on Sunday night.

Horse of the Year:

Bonneval (40 votes)

Also: Avantage (15), Kawi (3), Savvy Coup (2), Vin De Dance (1).

NZTR Award for Outstanding

Contribution to Racing:

Nelson Schick

Champion Two-Year-old:

Avantage (60)

Other finalists: Sword Of Osman (1), Melt, Spanish Whisper.

Champion Three-Year-Old – sponsored by FastTrack Insurance:

Savvy Coup (28)

Other finalists: Vin De Dance (20), Dijon Bleu (5), Embellish (4), Age Of Fire (1), Scott Base (1).

Champion Sprinter-Miler (up to 1600m):

Kawi (48)

Other finalists: Close Up (7), Gingernuts (3), Start Wondering (3).

Champion Middle Distance Horse (1601m-2200m):

Bonneval (58)

Other finalists: Lizzie L'Amour (3), Jon Snow, Saint Emilion.

Champion Stayer (2201m +):

Charles Road (27)

Other finalists: Ladies First (24), Zacada (6), Five To Midnight (2).

Champion Jumper:

Wise Men Say (52)

Other finalists: Monarch Chimes (5), Upper Cut (4), Zedeedudadeeko.

Trainer of the Year – sponsored by

Dunstan:

Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman (61)

Other finalist: Stephen Autridge & Jamie Richards.

Jockey of the Year:

Sam Collett (42)

Other finalists: Opie Bosson (12), Johnathan Parkes (3), Chris Johnson (1).

Jumps Jockey of the Year:

Isaac Lupton (39)

Other finalists: Aaron Kuru (22), Will Gordon (1), Shaun Phelan, Charlie Studd.

Owner of the Year – sponsored by New Zealand Racing Board: J

ML Bloodstock (22)

Other finalists: Archer Equine Investments (20), Emma Evans (7), Bromley Bloodstock (4), Kevin Hickman (2), Sir Peter Vela (2), Kamada Racing Partnership.

New Zealand Strapper of the Year – sponsored by Chris Waller:

Jane Davidson (employed by Mike Breslin)

Other finalists: Garry Barlow, Renee Larkins.

NZTR Award for Contribution to Media, Digital & Content:

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Other finalists: Brian de Lore, Aidan Rodley, Marianne Twentyman & Greg O'Connor.

Breeder of the Year:

Waikato Stud & Garry Chittick (breeders of Savvy Coup, Embellish, Hasahalo & Ocean Emperor)

Other finalists: Willie & Karen Calder, Christopher Grace, Nearco Stud.

Broodmare of the Year:

Bagalollies (dam of Werther, Gobstopper & Milseain)

Other finalists: Stylish Bel, Zalika.

Trainers' Premiership:

Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman

Jockeys' Premiership:

Sam Collett

Apprentice Jockeys' Premiership:

Sam Weatherley

Owners' Premiership:

Sir Peter Vela

Newcomer to Training – sponsored by gavelhouse.com:

Andrew Carston

Grosvenor Award (stallion earnings in NZ):

Savabeel

Dewar Stallion Trophy (stallion earnings in New Zealand and Australia):

Savabeel

Centaine Award (stallion earnings worldwide):

Savabeel

New Zealand Bloodstock Filly of the Year:

Dijon Bleu





REPORT CARD ON SATURDAY'S MCKENZIE STAKES AT MOONEE VALLEY

The report card is out on the kiwi-bred runners in Saturday's Listed McKenzie Stakes (1200m) at Moonee Valley.

Winner – Brutal (NZ) (O'Reilly)

The colt from the Hawkes stable lived up to his name and all of the hype with a strong win in the day's feature three-year-old contest. He began well and Dwayne Dunn was able to slot him into a nice spot on the backs of leaders Tavisan (NZ) (Tavistock) and Mig Energy (Redoute's Choice). The overall time of 1.11.09 was marginally slower than the BM90 gallopers in Race 1, but almost half a second quicker

than the fillies in Race 3. Six of the nine winners on the day led on the rail. Brutal was not one of them, potentially adding merit to the win. Co-trainer Wayne Hawkes said post-race that connections will decide in the coming days whether the son of O'Reilly is kept to sprint trips this campaign or chases the \$2 million Caulfield Guineas (1600m).

Wayne Hawkes: "When they're \$1.50 everyone expects them to win by five lengths but we should remember the Big O (Octagonal) because he won 10 Group 1 races by a total margin of 3.75 lengths. This is his second start and he can only win, that's what he did."

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Saturday's Listed McKenzie Stakes winner Brutal (Darryl Sherer)





REPORT CARD ON SATURDAY'S MCKENZIE STAKES AT MOONEE VALLEY

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Dwayne Dunn: "I just love the way he's improving. It was a matter of just getting the job done here and I was a little bit concerned at The Valley, it's his first time here as a baby but he's handled himself really well."

Runner-Up – Tavisan (NZ) (Tavistock)

For the second start in a row, he flew the gates and ended up a length in front of his rivals after 50m. Had he been left alone in front instead of attacked by Mig Energy, he may have proven more difficult to run down. In any case, the run was full of merit and both Mick Price and Michael Walker were thrilled with the colt, who looks set for a traditional Guineas campaign.

Michael Walker: "He was beaten by a better horse today but when he really switches on and knows what he's meant to do he's got lengths up his sleeve. I really think he's a serious horse and today is only going to make him."

5th – Ocean Knight (NZ) (Ocean Park)

Super run. Didn't have the early toe to find a position first-up over 1200m so he settled last on a track which wasn't conducive to back-markers. The second half of his race was super and he ran the fastest last 800m (46.33), 600m (34.96) and 200m (11.43) of the race. Connections said post-race he's likely to tackle the Group 2 Danehill Stakes (1200m) next before stepping up to 1400m in the Guineas Prelude. Another one to add to Lindsay Park's Guineas arsenal.

Ben Hayes: "They were too quick for him early so he just settled out the back but when he got into his rhythm what I really liked in his race was how easy he travelled. We're hoping he's a Guineas horse."

Regan Bayliss: "It was a terrific effort, they rolled along for the first part of the race so he was nice and relaxed and when I brought him to the outside he was strong to the line so he's on target."

- Racing.com



STALLIONS 2018

CHARM SPIRIT <i>Invincible Spirit - L'Enjoleuse by Montjeu</i>	P.O.A	MONGOLIAN KHAN <i>Holy Roman Emperor - Centafit by Centaine</i>	\$10,000*
TURN ME LOOSE <i>Iffraaj - Indomitable by Danehill</i>	\$15,000*	RAGEESE <i>Street Cry - Rabsha by Dehere</i>	\$5,000*
RIP VAN WINKLE <i>Galileo - Looking Back by Stravinsky</i>	\$12,500*	VANBRUGH <i>Encosta de Lago - Soho Secret by Lucky Owners</i>	\$5,000*
SHAMEXPRESS <i>O'Reilly - Volkrose by Volksraad</i>	\$12,500*	FALKIRK <i>Tale Of The Cat - Madam Valeta by Palace Music</i>	\$4,000*

*All service fees exclude GST and include a Live Foal Guarantee





IRISH FLAME SECURES HOME TRACK DOUBLE FOR WHEELER

Talented four-year-old **Irish Flame (NZ)** (Zed) indicated he could be in for a prosperous spring campaign when he scored a gutsy fresh-up victory over 1400m on his home patch at New Plymouth on Saturday.

A Group Three winner as a two-year-old, Irish Flame hadn't been seen on the track since finishing midfield in the Gr.1 New Zealand Derby (2400m) at Ellerslie back in March.

Wheeler has always held a high opinion of the Zed gelding and was confident of a good performance despite opting not to trial him leading into the fixture.

"He's a pretty good horse who's always shown me a lot," Wheeler said.

"He hadn't had a trial or a jump-out or anything but I knew he was pretty much on the job.

"I thought I may as well start him as it was his home track. It's good to run them on their home track as it doesn't take too much out of them."

Wheeler's confidence was backed up by a positive ride from Johnathan Parkes who kept his mount within striking distance of the leaders throughout before assuming control on the point of the home turn. Although getting a little leg weary in the concluding stages, Irish Flame found plenty to hold out the challenge of No Loitering (NZ) (No Excuse Needed) with



Irish Flame and Johnathan Parkes combined for a comfortable fresh-up win at New Plymouth (Race Images)

Pukekohe visitor Mount Midoriyama (NZ) (Per Incanto) finishing strongly for third.

"He's not the finished article yet," Wheeler said.

"He's filled out a lot but he's got a lot more to go.

"I'm delighted with him as he's a very good horse who will go on."

The victory capped a good day for Wheeler after Irish Flame's stablemate Quaff (NZ) (Darci Brahma) took out the

opening event on the card in the hands of Lisa Allpress. – NZ Racing Desk

Race	Taranaki RC ITM Psp H. 1400m.
Winner	Irish Flame (NZ) 2014
Owners	G C Kemp, Mrs M L & W G Reid & Est late B M Kemp
Trainer	John Wheeler (New Plymouth)
Breeding	by Zed out of Fleur de l'Orient by Thunder Gulch (USA)
Breeder	B M & G C Kemp; Mrs M L & W G Reid; Central; NZ





TRIPLE DELIGHT **FOR TEAM ROGERSON**



Mutechi (far right) adds another victory for Team Rogerson on the weekend (Kirsten Ledington)

A winning double at Te Aroha followed by a hard-fought victory for class filly (**Our**) **Malambo (NZ)** (Duelled) at Moonee Valley sealed a day of delight for trainer Graeme Rogerson on Saturday.

Rogerson, who operates under the Team Rogerson banner with wife Debbie and grand-daughter Bailey, was feeling quietly satisfied with the team's results on Sunday morning as he reflected on the previous 24 hours.

"We've made a pretty good start to the season with a double last weekend and another one on Saturday," he said.

"While we missed an opportunity to win the rich maiden race at New Plymouth, Malambo winning in Melbourne certainly eased any pain about that."

Rogerson was referring to stable runner **Sure Bet (NZ)**

(Reliable Man) who found plenty of back luck in running before finishing mid-field in the \$101,000 Platinum Homes Taranaki Challenge (1400m). The Reliable Man filly was coming off the back of a top performance at Tauranga with Rogerson quick to forgive Saturday's effort.

"She just didn't get any luck and ended up in the wrong part of the track in the run home," he said.

"She probably should have tracked the winner (Back In A Flash) out wide but she kept getting blocked and didn't really get a crack at them until it was too late.

"I think she is a real stayer in the making and we have the VRC Oaks as her main spring target. She can go home for a quick break now before we work out a programme to get her to Melbourne for that race."

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TRIPLE DELIGHT FOR TEAM ROGERSON

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Rogerson also believes there is plenty more in store for Te Aroha winners **Mutechi (NZ)** (Swiss Ace) and **Gallante** (Montjeu) who impressed in their respective victories.

"Mutechi has really come to it of late and I think she has the ability to go through the grades," he said.

"She won well at Te Rapa last weekend and we thought that's where we were going back to until they shifted the meeting.

"She missed the start on Saturday and still went around them to beat a pretty good line-up. She can go back there in a fortnight and will be very competitive again."

Dual Group One winner Gallante showed he will be a force to be reckoned with in his new role as a jumper based on his competent display to win on debut over hurdles.

"I think he will be a star as a jumper," Rogerson said.

"He's won two Group Ones and over \$2m on the flat but he just wasn't showing us that much, so we decided to try him as a jumper.

"He's been out at Ann Browne's place and she taught him to jump. He's been going up that hill there and it has really sharpened him up.

"We are seriously thinking of sending him back to Te Aroha for the Great Northern Hurdle next month although I wish he could have had one more run over the fences before then.

"No matter what happens he is a candidate for all the big jumps races in Australia next year, so we have plenty to look forward to in his new role."

- NZ Racing Desk

Race	Pakuranga HC Dunstan Feeds H. 1200m.
Winner	Mutechi (NZ) 2014
Owners	G A Rogerson MNZM, NZ Thoroughbred Holdings Ltd & G R Wilson
Trainer	Team Rogerson (Tuhikaramea)
Breeding	by Swiss Ace (AUS) out of Eclaircissement (AUS) by Hussonet (USA)
Breeder	G Harvey; Auckland; NZ
Sales	2016 National Yearling Sale - Select Session V: Westbury Stud \$65000 P: Team Rogerson

Race	Pakuranga HC Pakuranga Hunt Landowners Maiden Hurdle 2800m.
Winner	Gallante (IRE) 2011
Owners	G A Rogerson, Butterworth Racing Syndicate, G R Wilson, T Lovejoy, J Tolley, C A Leishman, R R Ratcliffe, L Gurney & T Morrison
Trainer	Team Rogerson (Tuhikaramea)
Breeding	by Montjeu (IRE) out of Crazy Volume (IRE) by Machiavellian (USA)
Breeder	Lynch Bages Ltd & Camas Park Stud

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HIFLYER READY FOR TARZINO TASK

A powerful work-out at Matamata on Thursday by stable star **Hiflyer (NZ)** (Tavistock) has Te Aroha trainer Peter Lock excited about his prospects for the first Group One contest of the season at Hastings this coming weekend.

Hiflyer will start as one of the well fancied candidates for the Tarzino Trophy (1400m), currently sitting on the second line of betting at \$6 in the TAB's Fixed Odds market behind \$3.80 favourite Melody Belle.

Lock believes the Tavistock gelding's recent Australian campaign has been the making of the six-year-old who finished fourth in both of his starts at Rosehill.

"He seems to have grown up as

a result of that trip and is a different horse now," Lock said.

"I just can't believe how good he looks and he has turned plenty of heads lately.

"Sir Patrick Hogan, who co-owns him, came over home on Friday and he told me he has never seen a horse look so good after coming back from Australia."

Lock has had his star ticking over nicely since his return from Sydney with his gallop at Matamata confirming he is near his peak for Saturday's contest.

"His work was just massive on Thursday," he said.

"He did exactly what I asked of him and he has been bouncing since then.

"I guess now all we are looking for

is a good draw and a little piece of luck in the race."

While most trainers will be anxiously scanning the weather forecasts over the next few days, Lock is in the enviable position of having a galloper who is adept in all track conditions.

"Like most of the horses we will be suited best by a decent track but if it did rain then we may have a small advantage over some of the runners," he said.

"He's won on a heavy track at Trentham so we know he can handle it if it does get very wet.

"I think for the good of racing we need a good surface so we can see the best perform but I won't be worried if it does cut up a bit rough.

"I actually asked Sir Patrick to do his best with the weather gods, so I've got my fingers crossed his contacts can come through."

Hiflyer will also enjoy the services of regular pilot Johnathan Parkes who is in a purple patch of form to kick-off the new season where he sits atop the Jockey's Premiership after picking up a winning treble at New Plymouth on the weekend.

– NZ Racing Desk



Hiflyer is on target for this weekend's first Group One of the season, the Tarzino Trophy at Hastings (Trish Dunell)



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NZ STALLION AWARDS

THE CENTAINE AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$508,420
DARCI BRAHMA	\$244,332
ZED	\$231,610
O'REILLY	\$223,347
SWISS ACE	\$202,407
PER INCANTO	\$199,536
EKRAAR	\$179,940
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$176,135
IFFRAAJ	\$152,436
RIP VAN WINKLE	\$146,272

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

THE DEWAR STALLION TROPHY

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$279,491
ZED	\$224,673
O'REILLY	\$176,390
EKRAAR	\$170,210
DARCI BRAHMA	\$165,890
PER INCANTO	\$164,205
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$148,145
SWISS ACE	\$148,097
IFFRAAJ	\$131,950
OCEAN PARK	\$128,370

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

THE GROSVENOR AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
ZED	\$223,473
SWISS ACE	\$116,122
RED GIANT	\$96,940
GALLANT GURU	\$88,525
PER INCANTO	\$88,035
EKRAAR	\$73,750
BACHELOR DUKE	\$68,685
KEEPER	\$66,602
DARCI BRAHMA	\$66,525
COMMANDS	\$62,500

BEST PERFORMERS	EARNINGS
PERRY MASON	\$42,500
JULIUS	\$41,875
PLATINUM COMMAND	\$66,775
JACKFROST	\$50,750
MAUNA KEA	\$38,275
BACK IN A FLASH	\$60,000
SCAPOLO	\$24,875
LAEKEEPER	\$45,625
QUAFF	\$22,750
MELODY BELLE	\$62,500

Criteria: Leading Sires by Earnings in New Zealand



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NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE

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HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
GLORIA ECLIPSE (NZ) 2014 by Red Giant (USA) out of Conferencia (AUS) by More Than Ready (USA)	G Harvey; Auckland; NZ	Singapore TC Kranji S. 1100m.	2016 Ready to Run Sale; V: Westbury Stud; P: I Hartono; \$15,000
RICH FORTUNE (NZ) 2012 by Keeper (AUS) out of Blackrock College by Volksraad (GB)	J G & Mrs T A Donovan; Sir Patrick & Lady Hogan; J R & Est late L J Wheeler; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Kranji S. 1100m.	2014 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale; V: Cambridge Stud; P: GI Alton; \$20,000
KEY SUCCESS (NZ) 2013 by Fully Fledged out of Our Final Call by Howbaddouwantit (USA)	Fairdale Stud (2007) Ltd; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1600m.	

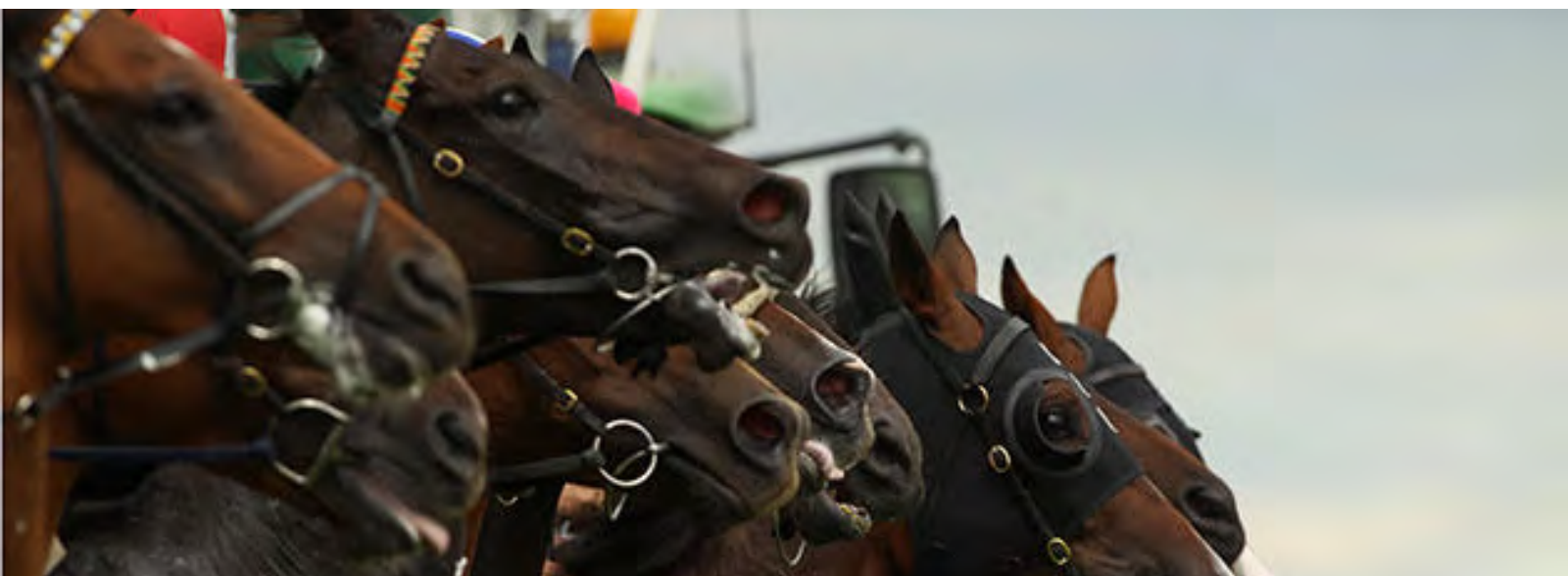
NEWS IN BRIEF

Jakkalberry filly impressive at Cranbourne

Three-year-old filly **Pressure (NZ)** (Jakkalberry) opened her winning account with an impressive victory at Cranbourne on Sunday.

The Matt Cumani trained three-year-old dashed away in the run home to register a four-length victory over 2080m in the hands of Linda Meech.

Pressure is the second foal of Librettist mare Presslist (NZ) and is raced by a syndicate who includes her breeder Tony Muollo and his brother Luigi. She is from the first crop of the ill-fated stallion Jakkalberry who stood at the Muollo family's Novara Park Stud from 2014 until his untimely death earlier this year.



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Almanzor



Darci Brahma



Bullbars



Shamexpress



Turn Me Loose



Wrote



Kurtis Gillovic



NZB's Danny Rolston getting some instructions from William Birch



NZTBA WAIKATO STALLION PARADES – DAY 2

