

Monday 9 July 2018

HANNAM SET FOR THIRD INDIAN SOJOURN

Popular Central Districts rider Robbie Hannam will honour a commitment he made to leading trainer Vital Deshmukh last year when he flies out to Hyderabad on Monday to commence his third riding stint in India.

Hannam is excited about returning to complete some unfinished business after a similar contract was cut short last year when he broke two bones in his leg in a nasty starting gate incident.

"I'm looking forward to going back as I was really enjoying myself last year until the accident," he said.

"I'd ridden about 15 winners at the time and things were going well, but the accident put a bit of a dampener on all that.

"I spoke with Vital at the time and we agreed that if we were both keen we would try it again this year.

"He has kept in touch and I was keen to go back so we negotiated a contract and I'm heading up there for about four months with the

option to stay on for a similar period after that if it is all going well."

Hannam admits conditions have changed in the Indian racing scene since his first visit just over 23 years ago, when an advertisement in the now defunct racing publication, the Friday Flash, triggered his first offshore venture.

"I answered an ad in the Friday Flash that was looking for someone to ride trackwork and races back then," he said.

"I ended up staying there for three years, rode plenty of



Popular local rider Robbie Hannam is preparing to head to India for a four month riding stint

winners and made some great contacts.

"The tracks up there are big and roomy although the standard of racing is probably a little lower than back here.

"The main thing I noticed when I went back last year was most of the guys I had ridden against were now training.

"That and the improvement in the facilities on-course which are first class. In the jockey's room there is a sauna and gym while they are very safety conscious with at least three ambulances at the track plus a large dedicated medical room and staff."

Hannam will take a wait and see approach to his riding stint when it comes to deciding upon extending his contract past the initial four-month period.

"The contract I have is very good and if I can ride a few winners then it will be successful financially for me," he said.

"All my expenses in regard to travel, accommodation and meals are covered so that is a great help.

"At the end of the four months I will need to look at the viability of staying on versus what I could expect back here at home.

"My wife Kim can't come up for the initial period as she has work commitments, but she is booked to visit in September and we can discuss what we do next at that time."

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DOUGIE DELIVERS AT TE RAPA

Consistent galloper **Dougie (NZ)** (Keeper) rewarded his many supporters when he delivered an emphatic victory in open company at Te Rapa on the weekend.

The Peter Lock-trained four-year-old had placed in both of his starts in his current campaign after closing out a summer programme with a win at Ellerslie back in December. A fast-finishing effort for second at Ruakaka last month saw him installed favourite for the J Swap Contractors 1600 on Saturday and he didn't disappoint as he sprinted clear in the run home to score in the hands of leading South Island rider Chris Johnson.

Lock joked he was more concerned about his riders strike rate for the stable rather than the Te Rapa track surface when questioned after the race.

"Everyone is a bit worried about the track at the moment but when I looked up the stats it wasn't the track I was worried about," he said.

"I think he's had six unplaced rides for me, so I was more worried about that.

"He's a horse on the move who has just got better and better this time in.

"He travelled into it really nicely today and at the half mile he was always going to win the race.

"He was a very weak and immature horse early on but he always showed he just needed time.

"We work him on the treadmill we have at home now and that has really settled him down."

Lock advised the horse would undertake an Australian campaign,



Dougie and Chris Johnson are well clear at Te Rapa

where he will accompany stablemates Mr Luigi (NZ) (Darci Brahma) and Hiflyer (NZ) (Tavistock).

"I'm pretty sure we will be heading to Australia with him now," he said.

"There's a benchmark 1600m race for \$100,000 at Randwick in a fortnight so that will be his first target.

"Mr Luigi will also run for \$100,000 in his grade at Rosehill this Saturday while Hiflyer will tackle a Listed 1400m handicap race there as well.

"Johnathan (Parkes) is coming over to ride Hiflyer and if he does everything well then we will look at something bigger and better later on.

"Our main aim is to go there to look at that and see how we go."

The victory was win number 101 for

Johnson this season, who has made an admirable fist of defending his National Jockey's Premiership crown from last year. He currently sits in second behind runaway leader Samantha Collett who added a double on the day to move to 121 wins with just over three weeks of the season left to run.

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Race	Waikato RC J Swap Contractors H. 1600m.
Winner	Dougie (NZ) 2013
Owners	R A Emery, P W Lock & D Lukas
Trainer	Peter Lock (Te Aroha)
Breeding	by Keeper (AUS) out of Deverra by Stravinsky (USA)
Breeder	R A Emery; Waikato; NZ





IMPORTED MARE STRIKES FIRST BLOW FOR NEW OWNERS

Imported German racemare **Igraine** (Galileo), who was bought as a future broodmare prospect for leading Waikato breeders Trelawney Stud, made a winning start to her local racing career when she won over 1400m Te Rapa on Saturday.

A winner of one race from six starts in Europe, the Galileo mare had impressed when defeating subsequent winner Pdraig (NZ) (Power) over 935m at the Cambridge trials back in May.

Given plenty of time to get over that effort, the Robert Priscott trained runner displayed a fine turn of foot as she raced away in the closing stages of the rating 65 contest to score comfortably by just over two lengths.

Trelawney Stud principal Brent Taylor was quick to congratulate local bloodstock agent Paul Moroney who had been responsible for sourcing the well-bred mare.

“Paul Moroney bought the mare for us in Europe,” he said.

“To be fair it was probably our only chance of owning and racing a Galileo.

“We bought her as a breeding prospect but the brief to Paul was to try and get something that might also be able to race.

“She had only had a handful of starts and her pedigree suggests she will get over a bit of ground given a bit of time.

“That was our hope anyway although racing is not as straight forward as that, so it is nice when a plan comes off.”

Moroney outlaid 65,000 guineas for the mare at the December Tattersall’s Breeding Stock Sale after she had finished fifth to subsequent American Grade One winner, A Raving Beauty, over 1800m at Listed level in Germany.

A daughter of German Oaks winner Iota (Tiger Hill), Igraine is a half-sister to Germany’s Champion Older Horse of 2015 and Group One winner Ito (Adlerflug).

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Race	Waikato RC Group One Turf Bar H. 1400m.
Winner	Igraine (GER) 2013
Owners	Trelawney Thoroughbred Ltd
Trainer	Robert Priscott (Te Awamutu)
Breeding	by Galileo (IRE) out of Iota (GER) by Tiger Hill (IRE)
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Imported mare Igraine scores at Te Rapa



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CAMPBELL HAPPY TO PLAY WAITING GAME WITH CLASSY CUSTOMER

A bold hit-out at Thursday's Waipa trials put a smile on trainer Andrew Campbell's face after promising galloper **Athletica (NZ)** (Tavistock) made his long-awaited return to the racetrack.

The good-looking Tavistock colt was one of a number of Campbell's runners that were knocked around with a virus that went through the stable earlier in the year. At the time Campbell had the colt aimed at the Gr. 1 New Zealand Derby (2400m) however a lacklustre effort at Te Rapa in February saw him sent straight to the spelling paddock.



Cambridge trainer Andrew Campbell

"I've always had a lot of time for this horse and he didn't disappoint when he won first up at Awapuni in the spring," he said.

"We tossed him in the deep end at his next start in the Hawkes' Bay Guineas and he went a pretty good race without much luck.

"The same applied in his next run at Te Rapa after which we gave him a brief break to get him ready for a Derby tilt.

"He ran in the three-year-old race on Karaka Million night and was fair but when he couldn't win a race we thought he would romp home in at Te Rapa I knew something was wrong so we put him in the paddock again."

That enforced break appears to have worked the trick for Athletica who was all class in downing noted winter performer, Mr Luigi (NZ) (Darci Brahma), in an open-class heat over 1150m at Waipa.

"He absolutely hated the track but he needed a good hit-out so we could see if he had recovered well enough from the virus," said Campbell.

"He was one of the worst affected and has taken the longest to recover so it was a good feeling to see him back out on the track.

"That will bring him along nicely but he will need another trial before we consider a raceday run. He has shown he just doesn't like the really wet stuff so when we do line him up it will probably be somewhere like Te Rapa or Ruakaka where the tracks are better.

"We don't have any concrete plans for him but hopefully he can furnish into a nice stayer with some of those good summer races on the cards."

Campbell also advised that a tilt at the Gr. 3 Winter Cup (1600m) at Riccarton had been shelved for last start Tauranga winner Pdraig (NZ) (Power).

"He won pretty much on heart and ability at Tauranga as he didn't cop the track that wet," he said.

"We decided to bypass Riccarton so he can have a few weeks in the paddock as well before we bring him back for the spring." – NZ Racing Desk



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NZ STALLION AWARDS

THE CENTAINE AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$13,161,765
DARCI BRAHMA	\$10,976,393
TAVISTOCK	\$7,688,769
ROAD TO ROCK	\$7,450,292
O'REILLY	\$7,254,173
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$6,502,631
PER INCANTO	\$5,193,222
SHOWCASING	\$4,726,236
PINS	\$4,131,972
IFFRAAJ	\$3,857,232

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

THE DEWAR STALLION TROPHY

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$8,184,849
DARCI BRAHMA	\$3,341,036
O'REILLY	\$3,031,849
TAVISTOCK	\$2,880,107
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$2,776,188
PINS	\$2,746,034
IFFRAAJ	\$2,655,204
RIP VAN WINKLE	\$2,405,273
PER INCANTO	\$2,313,049
MAKFI	\$2,201,442

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

THE GROSVENOR AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$3,373,190
IFFRAAJ	\$1,814,777
DARCI BRAHMA	\$1,773,091
TAVISTOCK	\$1,634,042
FASTNET ROCK	\$1,420,200
PER INCANTO	\$1,419,059
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$1,238,810
ALAMOSA	\$1,233,433
PINS	\$1,115,165
ROC DE CAMBES	\$1,076,940

BEST PERFORMERS	EARNINGS
EMBELLISH	\$466,310
GINGERNUTS	\$180,000
DEVISE	\$157,750
GOBSTOPPER	\$188,375
AVANTAGE	\$742,370
SHADOWS CAST	\$154,812
SAINT EMILION	\$218,300
STOLEN DANCE	\$131,450
PACKING PINS	\$122,750
VIN DE DANCE	\$623,500

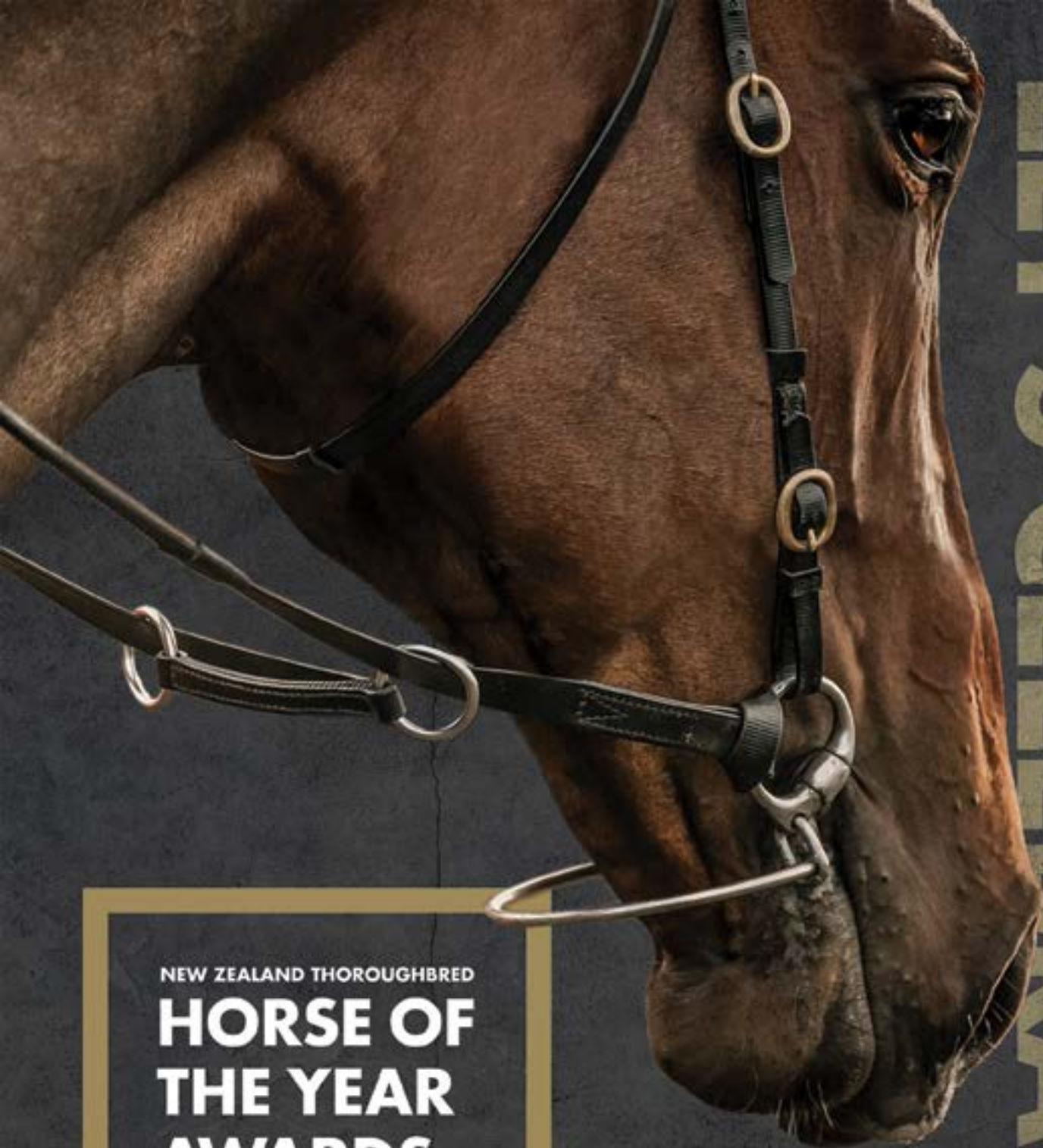
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NOBLE DELIGHT (NZ) 2014 by Jimmy Choux out of Set by Perfectly Ready (AUS)	Nearco Stud Limited; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Carnation H. 1200m.	2015 National Weanling; Broodmare & Mixed Sale; V: Bradbury Park, P: Kilgravin Lodge; \$10,000

NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE JULY 6

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
WITHOUT PREJUDICE (NZ) 2013 by Guillotine out of Treasured Choice (AUS) by Redoute's Choice (AUS)	S H R Davison; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1100m.	2015 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale; V: Mapperley Stud Ltd, P: ZL Mok; \$20,000
ARHAT (NZ) 2011 by Iffraaj (GB) out of Snaabelle (AUS) by Snaadee (USA)	Ballybin Farm Ltd; Canterbury; NZ	Singapore TC Class 3 H. 1700m.	

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