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QIJI PHOENIX TO LEADING AUSTRALIAN STABLE



Exciting galloper Qiji Phoenix will do his future racing from the Chris Waller stable in Australia

takes winning two-year-old **Qiji Phoenix** (Not A Single Doubt) will join the stable of champion Sydney trainer Chris Waller.

The son of Not A Single Doubt was unbeaten in three starts in New Zealand for Donna Logan and Chris Gibbs, including a dominant victory in the Listed Champagne Stakes at Ellerslie.

He finished seventh behind Melody Belle (NZ) (Commands) in the Gr.2 BRC Sires' Produce Stakes on an unsuitable Eagle Farm track.

Raced by Chinese businessman Fudong Niu, Australianbased Aquis Farm has secured an interest in the colt along with Hongwei Chen and Alex Teng of Horse Feng Bloodstock.

"I am delighted that Aquis Farm and Horse Feng Bloodstock will be joining me in racing Qiji Phoenix," Fudong Niu said.

"He will join Chris Waller's stable with a view to enhancing his stallion credentials.

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"I can't thank Donna Logan and Chris Gibbs enough for their efforts and it was based on Donna's recommendation that we sought out Chris Waller."

Out of the multiple winning Testa Rossa mare No Mistaking, Qiji Phoenix was purchased at Karaka for \$75,000 as a yearling.

Races such as the Gr.1 Caulfield Guineas and Gr.1

Coolmore Stud Stakes could be on the radar for Qiji Phoenix, with the horse due to join the Waller stable next week.

"He has had a good spell at Aquis Farm in the warmer weather in Queensland after the Sires' Produce and will be heading to Sydney next week," Alex Teng said.

"We will be guided by Chris, but a race like the Caulfield Guineas looks a likely spring target."

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ROGERSON HAS HIGH HOPES FOR SMART JUVENILE

ne of the top juveniles from the past season is back in work and is making steady progress towards the start of a busy three-year-old campaign.

The Graeme and Debbie Rogerson trained **Gift Of Power (NZ)** (Power) caught the eye early in the 2016/17 season when she strung together a hattrick of wins that included the Gr. 2 Wakefield Challenge Stakes at Trentham in December. In two subsequent starts the filly from the first crop of Cambridge Stud stallion Power finished runner-up to Hasahalo (NZ) (Savabeel) in Group Three company at Ellerslie before finishing unplaced in the rich Karaka Million in January.

Put aside for a decent break, the rising threeyear-old has been back in work for some time now and is pleasing co-trainer Graeme Rogerson with her progress to date.

"She has really furnished into a super looking individual and strengthened up nicely during her time in the paddock," he reported.

"She's been back in work a wee while now and has done everything right so far. She's probably just about ready for her first serious gallop in the next week or so and we will then start to make our plans from there.

"We've got the 1000 Guineas at Riccarton as one of her main aims for the early summer with the Gold Trail Stakes at the Hastings spring carnival earmarked as an early assignment."

Meanwhile Rogerson and wife Debbie are reassessing the immediate plans for promising filly Malambo (NZ) (Duelled) who ran a courageous second at Te Rapa on the weekend.

"She went a very good race as she slipped at the start and that probably cost her the race," he noted.

"She had a bad draw and when she missed away a little it meant she couldn't get handy in the early rush like we



Gift Of Power in action in the Gr. 2 Wakefield Challenge Stakes at Trentham

wanted. She dug in like a good horse in the run home so we weren't disappointed with her.

"We had planned to take her to the Ryder Stakes but we're having another think about that as I don't think she really likes the heavy tracks. Nuclear Fusion will definitely be going to the race but we might just wait for something better with this filly."

Rogerson also confirmed that progressive sprinter Ferrando (NZ) (Fast 'N' Famous) was back in work with the major sprint events at the New Zealand Cup Carnival at Riccarton in November as his target while underrated two-year-old filly Santuzza (NZ) (Savabeel) was another from the team with Gr. 1 1000 Guineas aspirations in the coming season.

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TRUEMAN IMPRESSES AT TE RAPA

Johnathan Parkes made the most of an unexpected opportunity when he landed lightly raced four-year-old **Trueman (NZ)** (Keeper) a narrow but deserving winner at Te Rapa on Saturday.

Parkes was pinch-hitting for the unwell Cameron Lammas who was unable to take the ride on the giant Keeper gelding and did everything right in a stirring home straight battle that saw the Ken and Bev Kelso trained runner score his second win from just his sixth raceday start.

It certainly wasn't an easy victory for the gelding who was originally trained by his owner, well known Matamata conditioner Jack Tims, who transferred the horse to the Kelso's after a bout of ill health. Having broken his maiden status on his home track at Matamata back in June 2016 Tims had put Trueman away for a decent break after he finished seventh to recent Gr. 2 Brisbane Cup winner Chocante (NZ) (Shocking) at his next start.

A second fresh-up at Rotorua last month augured well for his prospects on Saturday and he didn't let his supporters down as he fought tooth and nail after being clearly headed in the run home to secure a narrow victory over Sea Home (Seidnazar) and Quantum (NZ) (Keeper) in the rating 65, 1400m contest.

Co-trainer Ken Kelso was taken by the performance when questioned after the race.

"It was a good tough effort by the horse as halfway down the straight I thought he was just battling away," he remarked.

"He fought back really well under a

strong ride by Johnathan."

Kelso admitted he had some doubts as to whether the Slow9 rated track would suit his charge prior to the race.

"He had gone a nice run first up at Rotorua but we did wonder about the track today," he said.

"He won on a Heavy11 at Matamata so we did wonder if it would be a bit good for him.

"I'm just so pleased for Jack Tims as we've only had him for two runs as Jack's health wasn't the best so he asked us to take him and the horse has delivered today."

Kelso is upbeat about Trueman's future prospects with the possibility he will make into a handy stayer.

"He's a nice progressive horse who could go on," he said.

"He's bred to get 2500 metres and I don't think he's an out and out Heavy 11 type of horse. I think he can cope with the better tracks so he's an exciting prospect."

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Race	Waikato RC Crossroads No 1 Pub Tab H. 1400m.
Winner	Trueman (NZ) 2012
Owners	JL Tims
Trainer	Bev & Ken Kelso (Matamata)
Breeding	by Keeper (AUS) out of Play Me (GB) by Nashwan (USA)
Breeder	Bloomsbury Stud; Waikato; NZ
Sales	2014 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale V: Brighthill Farm \$27500 P: JL Tims

Impressive Te Rapa winner Trueman heads to the start on Saturday







DREAM DEBUT FOR CAMBRIDGE GALLOPER

ambridge trained threeyear-old **Alvins Dream (NZ)** (Iffraaj) launched his racing career in style with an eye-catching debut performance at Te Rapa on the weekend.

The Iffraaj gelding had received a pass mark from his three trial outings leading in to Saturday's 1200 metre contest but took the step up to raceday company with aplomb as he dashed away from his rivals in the closing stages to record a comfortable one and three-quarter length victory.

Rider Troy Harris was suitably impressed as he returned to scale on the Mark Forbes prepared galloper.

"He did a lot wrong as I was on the wrong leg turning for home but he picked them up just like that," he enthused.

"He drew four so I got the run of the race although we probably got to the front a little too soon. He's a pretty promising horse."

Forbes was also pleased with the effort that saw his faith in the three-year-old justified despite the indifferent trial performances.

"I've always had a good opinion of him although I couldn't get him to win a trial as he was for sale," he joked after the race. "I did think he might need the run however on that performance he should get up to a mile as he's bred to go further.

"We have been waiting for better tracks even though the rain hasn't stopped lately. Today was the perfect opportunity for him and he drew a good gate as well.

"He's still got a lot to learn but should take a lot out of the run."

Alvins Dream is raced by a syndicate that includes Forbes grandparents along with his younger brother Alex. The gelding was a \$62,500 purchase from the 2015 NZB Select Sale at Karaka through the Wentwood Grange draft.

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Race	Waikato RC Tonksy's 40th Maiden S. 1200m.
Winner	Alvins Dream (NZ) 2013
Owners	A C Forbes, K R McFarlane, Mrs C & W G Tims
Trainer	Mark Forbes (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Iffraaj (GB) out of Many Dreams (AUS) by Zabeel
Breeder	Mrs C A; G M; Mrs G M & N D Hewson; Central; NZ
Sales	2015 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale V: Wentwood Grange \$62500 P: NZB as agent

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Troy Harris and Alvins Dream have the situation well under control at Te Rapa



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- 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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NZ STALLION AWARDS

THE CENTAINE AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS	
SAVABEEL	\$11,365,682	
DARCI BRAHMA	\$8,253,904	
TAVISTOCK	\$7,955,003	
PINS	\$7,203,850	
IFFRAAJ	\$6,880,788	
O'REILLY	\$6,455,374	
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$5,557,050	
THORN PARK	\$5,477,788	
PENTIRE	\$3,853,618	
KEEPER	\$3,836,443	
Criteria: Sire whose NZ-conceived progeny have accumulated the highest stakes earnings worldwide		

THE DEWAR STALLION TROPHY

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$7,420,211
IFFRAAJ	\$4,422,410
PINS	\$3,561,903
TAVISTOCK	\$3,239,594
DARCI BRAHMA	\$2,956,872
O'REILLY	\$2,862,997
PENTIRE	\$2,777,422
MAKFI	\$2,690,511
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$2,303,682
SHOCKING	\$2,193,538

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

THE GROSVENOR AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$3,048,670
IFFRAAJ	\$2,017,273
TAVISTOCK	\$1,681,667
DARCI BRAHMA	\$1,558,570
PINS	\$1,283,549
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$1,116,515
ALAMOSA	\$1,070,850
PER INCANTO	\$1,035,180
MAKFI	\$973,710
SHINKO KING	\$963,425

BEST PERFORMERS	EARNINGS
KAWI	\$378,750
GINGERNUTS	\$665,450
VOLKSTOK'N'BARRELL	\$288,000
DEVISE	\$114,625
REILLY LINCOLN	\$119,062
THEE AULD FLOOZIE	\$305,375
BELLE BOY	\$66,533
SARACINO	\$144,375
BONNEVAL	\$289,000
SEVENTH UP	\$187,225

Criteria: Leading Sires by Earnings in New Zealand



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NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG JULY 12

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
EASTERN PROWESS (NZ) 2012 by Teofilo (IRE) out of Speedos (AUS) by Redoute's Choice (AUS)	Ms H Johnson; N Pannell & Sunrise Bloodstock Ltd; Auckland; NZ	HKJC Street Cat H. 1650m.	2014 Ready to Run Sale; V: Leanach Lodge Ltd, P: PL Ho; \$230,000
FLYING QUEST (NZ) 2012 by Alamosa out of Enchant by Pentire (GB)	S K K Goh	HKJC Kings Falcon H. 1200m.	

NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG JULY 16

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
GENEROUS BOBO (NZ) 2010 by Towkay (AUS) out of Melanie by Al Akbar (AUS)	K L & Mrs S L Wood; Central; NZ	HKJC Sight Winner H. 1400m.	2012 National Yearling Sale - Festival Session; V: Eqwine Farm, P: MA & HD Mooney; \$22,000
Vanderkemp – GREEN ENERGY (H.K.) (NZ) 2012 by Rip Van Winkle (IRE) out of Medrano (AUS) by General Nediym (AUS)	Frantic Bloodstock Ltd; Haunui Bloodstock Ltd & D Nicol; Auckland; NZ	HKJC Entrapment H. 1600m.	2014 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale; V: Haunui Farm, P: Bruce Perry B/stock; \$250,000



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NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE JULY 14

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
EURO ZONE (NZ) 2009 by Iffraaj (GB) out of Wahaha by Stravinsky (USA)	CWWong; Canterbury; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1200m.	2011 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Te Mania Thoroughbreds, P: Raumai BStk Ltd; \$30,000
MAJOR TOM (Sing.) (NZ) 2013 by Darci Brahma out of Spin 'n Grin by Spinning World (USA)	Mrs S M & T R Roper; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1200m.	
SIMPANG (NZ) 2008 by Rusty Spur (USA) out of Goewin by His Royal Highness	M J Springford; Auckland; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1200m.	

NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE JULY 16

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
Yankeetown – LAUGHING BUFFALO (Sing.) (NZ) 2011 by Volksraad (GB) out of Estero by Storm Creek (USA)	Mrs C J & M A Taylor; Auckland; NZ	Singapore TC Open Maiden S. 1600m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Henley Park, P: Bridge Racing; \$15,000
PERKINS (NZ) 2011 by Sir Percy (GB) out of Dazzling Belle by Desert Sun (GB)	Monovale Holdings Ltd & G A Rogerson; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1700m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Monovale Farm, P: PHP Bayly; \$40,000
CHOPIN'S FANTAISIE (NZ) 2013 by Pins (AUS) out of Golden Gamble by Oregon (USA)	E P Lowry; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Benchmark 67 H. 1400m.	2015 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale; V: Waikato Stud Ltd, P: Michael J Clements; \$150,000
RIVER OF GOLD (NZ) 2012 by Pins (AUS) out of Indisputable by Not a Single Doubt (AUS)	Amadi Park Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1100m.	2014 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale; V: Highview, P: WS Team; \$30,000