

Monday 23 July 2018

TOUGH DECISION PAYS OFF FOR ROGERSON

A chance meeting at the Gold Coast National Broodmare Sale back in May had a fairy-tale conclusion at Royal Randwick on Saturday for iconic kiwi trainer Graeme Rogerson when three-year-old filly **(Our) Malambo (NZ)** (Duelled) scored at her first start from the all-conquering Chris Waller stable.

Rogerson and wife Debbie prepared the Duelled filly for four wins from twenty starts in New Zealand before she was entered in the Gold Coast Sale to be sold as a racing and breeding prospect. After failing to meet her \$300,000 reserve Rogerson was mulling over what to do next with the filly he part owns along with Gavin and Shane Wealleans when he started chatting with Waller.

"I wasn't going to give her away so when she didn't make her reserve we had to think about what to do next," said Rogerson.

"I happened to run into Chris and he really liked the filly. We had a good chat and decided to send her to him for a Sydney campaign.

"I've always liked the way Chris operates, right from the time I first met him. His record speaks for itself and with the money on offer in Sydney it wasn't a tough decision, especially as we've always felt she could measure up to top company."

Rogerson was confident of a good performance on the weekend after reports from the Waller camp indicated the filly was flying in trackwork.

"The communication from Chris and his team is first class and they told us she was really going well," he said.

"James McDonald rode her in a trial and gave her a good report then Hughie Bowman galloped her on Tuesday and was very pleased with her work.

"She was up against it a little on Saturday with the weight she had so that's why Chris put young Sam Weatherley on her



Classy filly (Our) Malambo has made a winning debut in Sydney

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to get the claim. He rode her perfectly and she showed a great turn of foot to put them away when she got into the clear."

The victory was also a boost for her dam, the well performed racemare Dancing Song (NZ) (Senor Pete), who has a date with multiple Group One winner and former champion European three-year-old Almanzor who will commence stallion duties at Cambridge Stud later this year.

"I think it is a real coup that a horse of Almanzor's quality is standing in New Zealand," said Rogerson.

"We're very excited to be sending Dancing Song to him as I think he has the potential to become a great stallion."

Rogerson and his wife are currently gearing up for the start of the new racing season with a promising team of younger horses getting ready to make their debuts in the spring.

"We've got some terrific talent in the stable so we're very excited about the new season," he said.

"We've got five rising two-year-olds ready to trial already and amongst them are some cracking types, so I can't wait to get them to the races."

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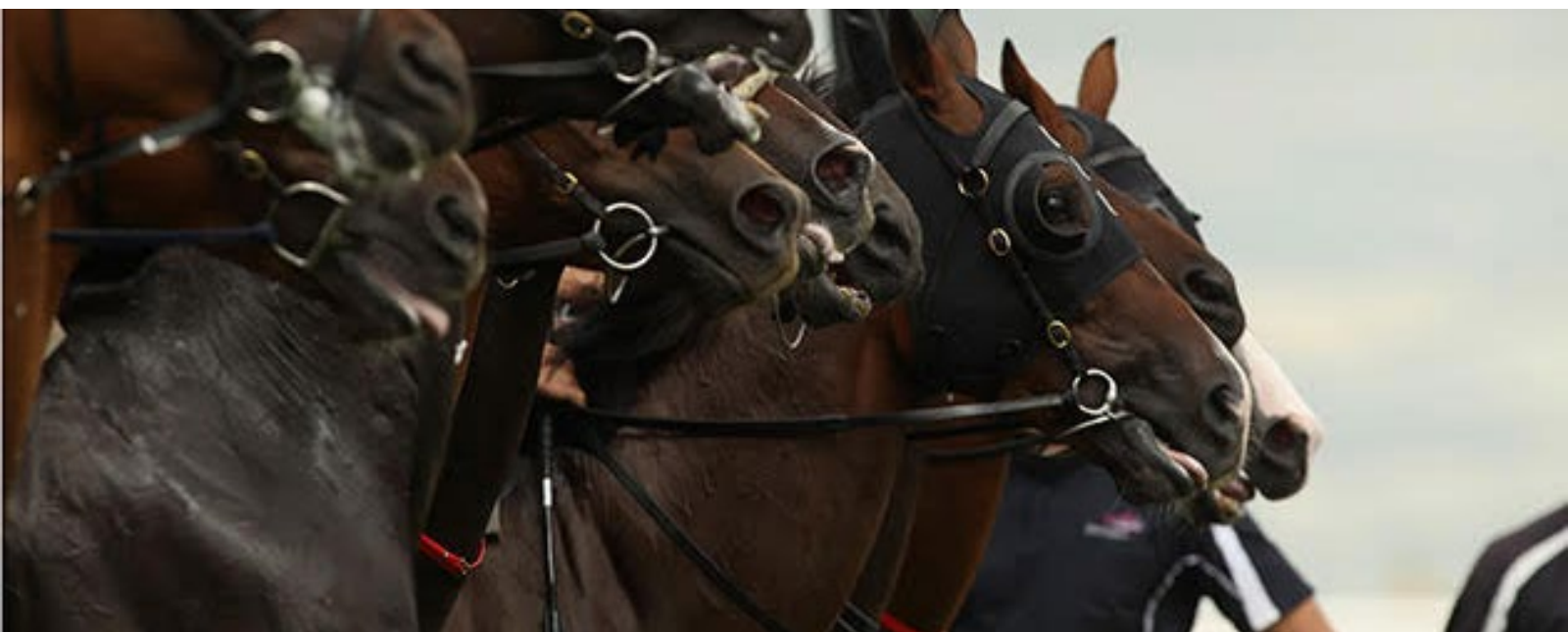


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TOP MARE NEARING RACEDAY RETURN IN AUSTRALIA

Well performed mare **Coldplay (NZ)** (Savabeel) is coming to hand nicely in her new Sydney environment as she prepares for her last campaign on the track before commencing a breeding career.

The four-time stakes winner, including twice at Group Two level, has been transferred to the powerful Chris Waller operation by owner Gary Wallace, who races the Savabeel mare in conjunction with Waikato Stud's Garry Chittick.

Wallace had entered the mare in the recent Gold Coast National Broodmare sale but after failing to reach her reserve, he took the decision to send her to Waller for one more campaign before visiting Australian sire, Snitzel.

"Gary put her in at the Gold Coast with the plan of selling her if he could get the right price," said Chittick.

"When she didn't meet expectations we had a chat about it and he settled on sending her to Snitzel.

"There weren't any options with us given she is by Savabeel out of an O'Reilly mare so the thought was to give her a campaign in Sydney before mating her in September and racing her on for the appropriate period if she justifies that.

"It all really depends on how she performs but I certainly think she is up to group quality over there if Chris can get her up to her best.

"I believe she is getting very close to trialling so it will be good to see how she has come up and where she can kick-off after that."

Chittick also has high hopes for Coldplay's younger sister, Eleanor Rigby (NZ) (Savabeel), who he co-owns with Wallace.

"We've got Eleanor Rigby with Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman and she is progressing nicely," he said.

"She is rising three and has been to the trials for

educational purposes a couple of times. She has pleased the stable, who think quite a bit of her, so I'm looking forward to seeing how she goes when she gets to the races.

"She is nearly ready to trial again so a race start shouldn't be too far off although I guess that will depend on what sort of tracks we get over the next couple of months."

– NZ Racing Desk



Well performed mare Coldplay will race from the Chris Waller stable during her spring campaign before heading to the broodmare paddock





BELL GETS DOUBLE DELIGHT AT TE RAPA

Cambridge trainer John Bell had double the reason to smile after a successful day at Te Rapa on Saturday.

Sentimental stable favourite **Athena Baby (NZ)** (Swiss Ace) notched his first New Zealand success when he took out the BGP Battlers Cup (2200m) while earlier in the day classy sprinter Julius (NZ) (Swiss Ace) confirmed he is on track for a potential Group One assignment when impressing onlookers during an exhibition gallop.

Bell has the Gr.1 Tarzino Trophy (1400m) in mind for Julius who won twice at Group Three level during a three-start campaign over the summer.

"He's come up pretty quickly this time in, so we thought we'd better see how he was going with a gallop at Te Rapa," said Bell.

"He has been his usual obnoxious self around the stable of late so he's obviously feeling pretty good about things.

"Jason (Waddell) came back with his eyes wide open and a huge smile on his face after the gallop so I think he was pretty happy about it all. We only really wanted him to speed up over the last 600m but he didn't want to pull up, so Jason let him roll right around to the back straight.

"That work will clean him up nicely, so I think he will have a run at Te Rapa in a fortnight before we tackle the Foxbridge Plate after that.

"He's still quite a way down on the order of entry for Hastings but if he performs in the Foxbridge, which is a



Athena Baby salutes for the first time on New Zealand soil

Group Two, then that might be enough to sneak into the Hastings field."

Bell was also delighted to see Athena Baby notch his first New Zealand success after the Swiss Ace gelding had won four times during an eighteen-month stint in Hong Kong.

"He was a good performer up in Hong Kong but he had a few niggles so the owners decided to bring him back here and give him plenty of time in the paddock to see if he could get over them," he said.

"You don't win four up there if you're not a classy customer so we always thought he could deliver here if we could get him right.

"He has thrived in his new environment so I did think it was a

matter of when and not if he could get back in the winning groove.

"He's a real favourite of my staff and after they all backed him on Saturday I would think he might be getting some extra special attention this week as well."

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	Waikato RC BGP Battlers Cup 2200m.
Winner	Athena Baby (NZ) 2011
Owners	Lee Ching Yiu & John Bell
Trainer	John Bell (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Swiss Ace (AUS) out of Miscellanea (AUS) by Vettori (IRE)
Breeder	G Harvey; Auckland;NZ
Sales	2013 National Yearling Sale - Select Session V: Westbury Stud \$90000 P: John Bell B/stock & Racing





VERRY FLASH JUST THAT **AT TE RAPA**

A never-say-die attitude saw promising three-year-old **Verry Flash (NZ)** (Zed) make it three wins from his last four starts when he held out all challenges to score over 1600m at Te Rapa on the weekend.

The Nicholas Bishara trained gelding has come of age in this preparation with regular rider Rowena Smyth convinced he has a big future ahead of him.

"He's a great horse and the best one I'm riding at the moment," she said.

"He thinks he knows everything now, he thinks he's the king."

That attitude stood the Zed gelding in good stead in Saturday's rating 75 contest as he was trapped wide near the speed for much of the race after he began well from an outside barrier.

Despite the wide passage Smyth had her charge relaxed nicely before urging him into a challenging position as they approached the home turn. In a dour struggle Verry Flash asserted his dominance in the final stages to forge to the front where he maintained a three-quarters of a length margin over Instinctive Habit (NZ) (Echoes Of Heaven) with Hawera

visitor Big Ben (NZ) (Handsome Ransom) fighting strongly to hold third.

"He's a very nice horse who is going places," said Bishara after the race.

"I think he is going to make a very nice stayer in the spring.

"At the moment we are just holding him to a mile on the wet tracks but there are a couple of nice staying races early in the spring when there's a bit of cut in the ground.

"There's not a lot of him but he's got a big ticker."

While Verry Flash is currently the star of the stable, Bishara is looking forward to the new season with a promising team coming to hand including Verry Flash's younger sister Verry Ellelegant (NZ) (Zed), who finished second on debut at Te Rapa earlier in the month.

"We've got some nice horses coming through so it's quite exciting," he said.

"We'd like to take her (Verry Ellelegant) up to Ruakaka next as, although she's a Zed, she's not a heavy tracker.

"She just wants a spring/autumn track, so we'll see if we can get an easy kill and then work our way into the early spring races if she is good enough."

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	Waikato RC Signature Homes H. 1600m.
Winner	Verry Flash (NZ) 2014
Owners	Nicholas Bishara & Don Goodwin
Trainer	Nicholas Bishara (Ardmore Lodge)
Breeding	by Zed out of Opulence by Danroad (AUS)
Breeder	J D Goodwin; Auckland; NZ



Promising galloper Verry Flash adds to his impressive record at Te Rapa





SANDTOP BREAKS THROUGH AT KRANJI

Local trainer Mok Zhan Lun's patience with **Sandtop (NZ)** (Henrythenavigator) was finally rewarded with a first Kranji win from the former Macau stakes winner in the \$45,000 Class 4 Non Premier race over 2000m on Sunday.

A two-time Group 2 winner in the former Portuguese enclave, the 2015 Autumn Trophy (1600m) and 2016 Spring Trophy (1500m), the son of

Henrythenavigator has not reproduced that stellar form at his new home since his first local start in October.

The Dester Singapore Gold Cup (2200m) was his main objective, but a rushed preparation to get the late arrival ready for the November blue riband saw him miss the cut on the back of an unplaced run in the lead-up, the El Dorado Classic (2200m) in October second-up.

It was back to the drawing board for Mok, but his subsequent runs over a mixed bag of distances did not yield the results connections had been hoping for.

There was the odd flash of brilliance like a fast-finishing third in a Kranji Stakes C race over 1600m when sporting a hood for the first time or even more surprisingly, a flying second over a distance not made to suit – 1200m – in a Class 3 race just last

month.

Mok could sense the frustrating run might be coming to an end soon, even booking champion jockey Vlad Duric (Sandtop was ridden by mostly local jockeys at his first 18 starts) just to find that extra length or two to finally nail that much-needed first win for his long-suffering owner Ho Pui Kim.

The New Zealand-bred six-year-old came from last but got caught in traffic in the middle of the pack to eventually run fifth.

Duric kept the ride and the Singapore champion jockey did not let the change go begging this time.

He again held him in a rearward spot, but with the benefit of hindsight, the Australian jockey did not wait till the top of the straight to set his mount alight this time.

From the 800m, Sandtop started to skirt around the field three to four wide to sit in a striking position upon greeting the judge. With acres of land before him, Sandtop went through his gears unimpeded, opening up to a commanding break which proved to be unassailable in the end.

"I've been feeling so much pressure with this horse as to why he can't win here in Singapore, but he's slowly got used to the right-hand track," said Mok.

"Vlad rode him last time and he knows the horse better now. I'd like to thank the owner for his support and patience.

"The main objective of bringing this horse from Macau to Singapore was the Gold Cup. Hopefully, he can run in more staying races to make it this year."

Race	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 2000m.
Winner	Sandtop (NZ) 2011
Owners	Ho Pui Kim
Trainer	ZL Mok (Kranji)
Breeding	by Henrythenavigator (USA) out of Flawless by Zabeel
Breeder	Jomara Bloodstock Ltd; Auckland; NZ
Sales	2013 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale V: Hallmark Stud \$50000 P: PK Ho



Sandtop breaks through for his first win in Singapore



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THE CENTAINE AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$13,357,466
DARCI BRAHMA	\$11,127,341
TAVISTOCK	\$7,803,631
O'REILLY	\$7,663,934
ROAD TO ROCK	\$7,481,552
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$6,641,019
PER INCANTO	\$5,331,349
SHOWCASING	\$4,814,766
PINS	\$4,333,285
IFFRAAJ	\$4,037,731

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

THE DEWAR STALLION TROPHY

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$8,337,413
DARCI BRAHMA	\$3,423,682
O'REILLY	\$3,141,914
TAVISTOCK	\$2,980,355
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$2,834,697
PINS	\$2,814,439
IFFRAAJ	\$2,741,029
RIP VAN WINKLE	\$2,569,938
PER INCANTO	\$2,430,304
MAKFI	\$2,222,912

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	\$1,872,327
DARCI BRAHMA	\$1,808,668
TAVISTOCK	\$1,666,542
PER INCANTO	\$1,465,744
FASTNET ROCK	\$1,420,200
ALAMOSA	\$1,266,058
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$1,244,060
PINS	\$1,115,915
ROC DE CAMBES	\$1,079,190

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

Criteria: Leading Sires by Earnings in New Zealand



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NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE JULY 20

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
SUCCESS COME TRUE (NZ) 2013 by Alamosa out of Falaniella by Faltaat (USA)	D C Ellis & K W Fenton-Ellis; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1200m.	
GLENGALLON (NZ) 2014 by Highly Recommended (AUS) out of Yeogor Lass by Sir Chromar	Mrs K A Barrett & Mrs N E Iles; Canterbury; NZ	Singapore TC Restricted Maiden S. 1000m.	
DARCI'S BOY (NZ) 2012 by Darci Brahma out of Princess Annaliese by Van Nistelrooy (USA)	R R Fauvel; Little Avondale Trust & R A Williams; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1600m.	2014 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale V: Little Avondale Stud \$110000 P: Lisa Latta Racing

NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE JULY 22

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
PRINCE ALEXANDER (NZ) 2013 by Onceuponatime out of Market Leader (GB) by Marju (IRE)	W N Lam; Canterbury; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1200m.	
SANDTOP (NZ) 2011 by Henrythenavigator (USA) out of Flawless by Zabeel	Jomara Bloodstock Ltd; Auckland; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 2000m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale; V: Hallmark Stud, P: PK Ho; \$50,000
MR WHITAKER (NZ) 2011 by Darci Brahma out of Felenic by Cape Cross (IRE)	P J & P M Vela Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1200m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale; V: Pencarrow Stud, P: LK Laxon; \$100,000
SKYWALK (NZ) 2013 by Battle Paint (USA) out of Daystar by Danasinga (AUS)	Mrs L J & W L Sullivan; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Korea Racing Authority Trophy 1200m.	2015 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale; V: Sedgmore Farm, P: Regal Farm Partnership; \$32000 2015 Ready to Run Sale; V: Regal Farm. P: China Horse Club; \$100,000



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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*

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