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MARENOSTRO CAPS A RECORD-BREAKING SEASON FOR WALLER WITH STAKES WIN



Marenostro completes a strong win in Rosehill's Winter Challenge.

The Chris Waller-trained **Marenostro (NZ)** (Duelled) yesterday captured his first stakes success in the Listed Winter Challenge over 1500 metres at Rosehill after an astute ride by Tye Angland.

From the outset, Marenostro was kept within striking distance of the leader, last start Winter Stakes winner Oxford Poet (Dylan Thomas), making the \$4.80 equal favourite work to cross him before moving up to apply more pressure at the

500 metre mark.

Angland's initiative ultimately proved decisive as Marenostro – easy in the betting to start at \$6 after opening at \$5 – outslugged Oxford Poet to the line, scoring by a half length with a nose back to James Cummings' resuming stayer Ruling Dynasty (Medaglio d'Oro) in third.

"I wanted to make Oxford Poet work a bit more early then

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again before the turn because we thought he'd be a bit of a query at the trip and it all went to plan," Angland said.

The win was Marenostro's tenth of his 29-start career, equating to an impressive 34.5 percent winning strike rate.

Waller's stable foreman Charlie Duckworth praised the rising six-year-old's versatility.

"He's very consistent 1400 to a mile and heavy, soft, good ground – it doesn't really matter for him, he always tries hard," he said.

"He's been brilliant this preparation."

Marenostro completed a winning treble for Waller at the final Sydney meeting for the season and elevated the trainer's record tally of Sydney winners for the season to 169.

"It's a 52-week, 365-day-a-year business and all the horses are special," expat-Kiwi Waller said. "It's the last Saturday of the season but the staff will be there tomorrow and they'll be there on Monday for the start of the new season, so I'm proud for them."

Waller operates stables at Rosehill and Flemington, playing his part in Craig Williams' win in the Melbourne jockeys' premiership when Hursley (NZ) (Makfi) won at Caulfield.

That win meant Dwayne Dunn could not catch Williams and Waller said he was pleased to be a part of the premiership winner's success.

– racenet.com.au

Race	ATC Winter Challenge L 1500m
Winner	Marenostro (NZ) 2010
Owners	A M & L F Muollo
Trainer	Chris Waller (Rosehill)
Breeding	by Duelled (Aus) out of Maybe Yes (Aus) by Last Tycoon (Ire)
Breeder	Miss D Howell
Sales	2011 National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale; V: Dormello Stud; P: Phill Cataldo Bloodstock Ltd; \$20,000



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MANHATTAN STREET'S RYDER STAKES WIN KEEPS COLT'S UNBEATEN RECORD INTACT

Well-related colt **Manhattan Street** (Manhattan Rain) had no trouble collecting the opening leg of a black type double with a powerful performance in trying conditions at yesterday's Otaki meeting.

Distancing his rivals in the Listed Courtesy Ford Ryder Stakes, he kept his unbeaten record intact and will now chase an age group feature early in the new season.

"He had a really quiet early two-year-old preparation so we'll continue to press forward and he will head to the Wanganui Guineas," trainer Lisa Latta said.

A debut winner on the course in June before he won again at Awapuni last month, Manhattan Street was taken straight to the front by Jonathan Riddell and with a minimum of persuasion he romped clear in the straight, having six and a half lengths on Cortado (NZ) (Sepoy) at the post with Impulsive Habit (NZ) (Echoes of Heaven) taking third ahead of Mongolian Wolf (Pluck).

"We took bad luck out of the equation and he won really well," Latta said. "He's a colt who is getting better and better and he's bred to stay."

Raced by Lincoln Farms, Neville



Manhattan Street completes a hat-trick of wins with a clear-cut victory in yesterday's Ryder Stakes at Otaki.

McAlister and Wellfield Lodge, Manhattan Street is by the Group One winner Manhattan Rain (Encosta de Lago) out of the Redoute's Choice mare Charming Estelle, who is a sister to the former Australian Horse of the Year Lankan Rupee.

"He's a lovely horse and a pleasure to ride," Riddell said.

Manhattan Street's performance was the final act of the day at Otaki with visibility issues forcing an early end.

"Up to race five the races were run without incident but between then and the Ryder Stakes we had a massive

downpour on an already Heavy 11 track and it became impossible for riders to see out there so we had to abandon the meeting," stipendiary steward Neil Goodwin said.

Race	Levin RC Ryder S. L 1200m
Winner	Manhattan Street (Aus) 2013
Owners	Lincoln Farms Ltd, N J McAlister and Wellfield Holdings Ltd
Trainer	Lisa Latta (Awapuni)
Breeding	by Manhattan Rain (Aus) out of Charming Estelle (Aus) by Redoute's Choice (Aus)
Breeder	Teeley Assets Ltd





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JOCHEN'S WIN ICES SAM'S DREAM SEASON

Sam Collett yesterday ended her most successful season in style with a black type victory aboard **Jochen Rindt (NZ)** (Ishiguru) at Rotorua.

The Waikato rider ended the 2015/16 term with 56 winners to realise a goal she had set herself twelve months previously.

"I wanted to have my best season and got there," Collett said. "It can be difficult when you're not attached to a big stable but I've worked really hard and I hope it continues to next season now."

Collett singled out success for her father Jim at Ellerslie on Boxing Day as her most memorable moment.

"Winning the Newmarket on Red Striker was a highlight," she said.

"Riding a stakes winner for Dad was special.

"Even though we won it on protest I still think I would have won if the gap hadn't shut on me. Riding that nice filly for Donna and Chris was great as well."

She was referring to the Logan and Gibbs-trained Astara (NZ) (Dalghar), on whom she won two races, including

the Listed Champagne Stakes in the autumn.

In yesterday's Listed Woods Contracting Taumarunui Gold Cup, Collett rode the Terry Wenn-prepared Jochen Rindt for the first time and the pair were untroubled to stroll to an eleven-length victory.

"He did it really easily so it was a good result for everyone," she said.

Race	Taumarunui RC Taumarunui Cup L 2200m
Winner	Jochen Rindt (NZ) 2009
Owners	D C Grayling, Ms M M Walters and T C Wenn
Trainer	Terry Wenn (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Ishiguru (USA) out of Kessem's Dream by Kessem
Breeder	Ms M M Walters



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ESTEBAN CONTINUES HIS TEAR THROUGH THE GRADES AS JOHN LOOKS TO AUTUMN

One of the most exciting winter finds may not be seen in the spring with trainer John Sargent taking a cautious approach with **Esteban (NZ)** (Encosta de Lago).

In his last race as a three-year-old yesterday, Esteban was untroubled to win over 2000 metres at Rosehill, the \$2.25 favourite putting 4¾ lengths on Magical Stance (Al Maher).

And although Esteban had won his previous three starts by a combined 21 lengths to stamp his quality, Sargent is

not getting too carried away just yet.

"It's very pleasing and this was his biggest test so far," the expat-Kiwi said.

"He's going through his grades and this was still a Benchmark 82 race.

"The win will put his rating up into the eighties now and we might give him one more this time in or just give him a break.

"He won't be racing through the spring. He will be an autumn horse."

Esteban's winning streak began at

Newcastle on June 23, the first time he had been tested at 2000 metres.

Sargent said he had always believed Esteban would be best over this distance and beyond.

The gelding's mother Nadege (NZ) (Giant's Causeway) is a daughter of 1998 Melbourne Cup runner-up Champagne (NZ) (Zabeel).

"He has such a high cruising speed, which is nice to see," Sargent said. "He's not just a one-paced grinding stayer and he is exciting going ahead."

- AAP TURF



Race	ATC Schweppes H. 2000m
Winner	Esteban (NZ) 2012
Owners	R A Emery, D A Morrell, Mrs C McRae-Williamson, G R Williamson, Mrs E M Morrell, Segenhoe Thoroughbreds Australia (Mgr: K W Maloney) and J'ville Tab Syndicate (Mgr: S J Moffatt)
Trainer	John Sargent (Randwick)
Breeding	by Encosta de Lago (Aus) out of Nadege by Giant's Causeway (USA)
Breeder	R A Emery
Sales	2014 Ready to Run Sale; V: Regal Farm, P: Segenhoe Thoroughbreds; \$180,000

Another wide-margin win, this one by 4¾ lengths, gives Esteban four wins from his last four starts.





GOLDEN ORGANIC LOOMS AS SPRING HOPE

A tough performance by **Golden Organic (NZ)** (Dalghar) to hold off a spirited challenge from Chris Waller's High Mist (High Chaparral) in Sydney's final two-year-old race of the season has trainer Anthony Cummings optimistic about the gelding being extended to 2000 metres and competitive in Sydney's spring three-year-old features.

"He's still got some learning and some developing to do but he certainly does have the quality," Cummings said.

Jockey Tye England said the horse showed good speed from the barrier, allowing him to take up a position outside the leader Lord Macau (Casino Prince).

"He's not a big horse but he showed a lot of courage to win that race," England said.

"I thought High Mist was going to pick us up a hundred metres out but he fought very deep and hard."

Sired by Dalghar, a shuttle stallion at Brighthill Farm

in New Zealand, Golden Organic is the first foal out of Extra Celestial, a Danehill Dancer mare trained by Cummings.

"I've got a lot of time for Dalghar's progeny," Cummings said.

"We were a bit worried about coming into this race given the barrier that he drew but the horse has been going really well and the alternatives weren't really

comparable.

"I think he's a really nice horse in the making. He did a few things wrong first-up and second-up with the way the track was it didn't help him.

"I think he'll get 2000 metres and if he can get to that trip I think he will be effective at the top end," he added.

"Whether he's going to be a Golden Rose horse I'm not sure but we'll give him three maybe even four weeks off now."

- AAP TURF & racenet.com.au

Race	ATC Hyland Race Colours 2YO H. 1500m
Winner	Golden Organic (NZ) 2013
Owners	Mr T M Dumbrell, Mr A S Dumbrell and Mr K K Chou
Trainer	Anthony Cummings (Randwick)
Breeding	by Dalghar (Fr) out of Extra Celestial (Aus) by Danehill Dancer (Ire)
Breeder	Botsky Pty Ltd



Golden Organic appreciates the 1500 metre journey as he fights on too well for his fellow juveniles at Rosehill.





HARLEM LADY'S WIN NO REASON TO REST



Consistency is rewarded as Harlem Lady caps a run of placings with her third win.

There will be little rest for **Harlem Lady (NZ)** (Zabeel), who will back up at Randwick after ending a sequence of minor placings with victory at Rosehill yesterday when Brenton Avdulla timed his run to perfection and brought her down the outside to beat Frill Seeking (Sebring) by a length.

The Chris Waller-trained mare races in the same colours as Winx (Street Cry) but unlike her champion stablemate found winning difficult and had been placed at her previous four starts leading into yesterday's 1500 metre Benchmark 85.

"The plan was to back her up over 1800 metres at Randwick next Saturday and we will stick to that," Waller said.

"It's a good time to try her over the distance. She is a Zabeel mare and that will help.

"Her rating will go up and she will have to carry 61 kilos. She is not an apprentice's horse so she will have to carry the full weight but there's nothing else for her so we'll give it a go."

Sydney's premier trainer said although Harlem Lady's run of placings might look frustrating, it was anything but.

"She is consistent," he said. "I thought she was going to run another placing but she is always running well.

"It's good to see her win but it's also good when she runs places."

– AAP TURF

Race	ATC Casino Prince at Vinery H. 1500m
Winner	Harlem Lady (NZ) 2011
Owners	Mrs L Mrs L Mrs L F Huddy, I Bruce, G L Huddy, R Smith, B L Mathieson, K H Warriner, J T C Lake, F W Cook & Mrs C M Cook, G G Ltd (Mgr: G G Peterson), Magic Bloodstock Racing (Mgr: P G Tighe), Woppitt Bloodstock (Mgr: Mrs D N Kepitis)
Trainer	Chris Waller (Rosehill)
Breeding	by Zabeel out of Jazzella by Black Minnaloushe (USA)
Breeder	Sir Patrick & Lady Hogan, Peter Woods Family Trust, Tee Pee Racing Ltd and W M Woods
Sales	2013 National Yearling Sale, Premier Session; V: Cambridge Stud, P: Chris Waller Racing; \$140,000





INTERSTELLAR HAS **FLYING START IN SYDNEY**

A filly owned by a Cathay Pacific pilot has made a flying start to her Australian racing career by winning on debut.

Hong Kong-based Gary Lui was on the phone to co-trainer Michael Hawkes when **Interstellar (NZ)** (Shamoline Warrior) won a 1200 metre Benchmark 72 race at Rosehill yesterday. Despite the owner not being able to see the race, Hawkes said he could sense Lui's enthusiasm.

"I had the owner on the phone from Hong Kong," Hawkes said. "He was listening to it; he was pretty excited."

Interstellar jumped well for jockey Tommy Berry to sit outside the leader and once into the straight nothing could get past her as she held on to win by a neck from Tremor (Commands), with Rock On Zariz (Zariz) 1¼ lengths away third.

Hawkes says the stable will adopt a patient approach with Interstellar, who now has three wins from six starts, the first two coming at Taupo and Wanganui when trained by the Atridge/Richards team at Matamata.

"I don't think we'll overtax her this time around," Hawkes said.

"We'll look after her and hopefully get the best out of her in the autumn."

Out of the O'Reilly mare Amatheia (NZ), Interstellar is a half-sister to 2015 New Zealand Oaks winner Savaria (NZ) (Savabeel), indicating she could be stepped up in distance later in her career.

"I think the further she gets the better she will be," Hawkes said.

– AAP TURF

Race	ATC TAB Rewards H. 1200m
Winner	Interstellar (NZ) 2012
Owners	G Lui
Trainer	M, W and J Hawkes (Rosehill)
Breeding	by Shamoline Warrior (Aus) out of Amatheia by O'Reilly
Breeder	Mrs J M & T M Henderson
Sales	2014 National Yearling Sale, Festival Session; V: Bluegables Farm, P: Shailer Thoroughbred; \$32,000
	2014 Ready to Run Sale; V: Bradbury Park, P: D C Ellis/J W Richards/G Lui; \$125,000



Two months after finding the heavy ground at Wanganui too testing, Interstellar appreciates the better going at Rosehill to score a fighting win in BM 72 three-year-old filly company.



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GYPSY FAIR ENJOYING WINTER WEATHER

Genuine mare **Gypsy Fair (NZ)** (Falkirk) looks set to take further advantage of her favourite track conditions in the coming weeks.

The Allan Sharrock-trained five-year-old struck for the first time on her current campaign when she was a tenacious winner of yesterday's Ekraar, Echoes Of Heaven & Giant's Steps @ Linwood Park Stud Handicap at Otaki.

"She relishes the heavy tracks whether they are loose or puggy," stable representative Shannon Doyle said.

Gypsy Fair's opening two runs of her current preparation

Race	Levin RC Linwood Park Stud H. 1200m
Winner	Gypsy Fair (NZ) 2010
Owners	G Albon, P I Foreman and S A Sharrock
Trainer	Allan Sharrock (New Plymouth)
Breeding	by Falkirk out of Gypsy Moth by Zabeel
Breeder	Clifton Bloodstock Ltd

had been solid with a first-up fourth behind the subsequent Listed Opunake Cup winner Longchamp (NZ) (Tavistock) and she was then narrowly beaten by Justlikeyasister (NZ) (Gold Centre), an in-form contender for next Saturday's Group Three Winter Cup at Riccarton.

"We were a little bit bullish about her second-up but she's a year older and just needed that one more run to come up," Doyle said.

Gypsy Fair was in second spot early for rider Darryl Bradley before they took control soon after straightening.

Sir Kingwood (Excites) emerged as the only danger, but the mare wasn't about to roll over and she rallied strongly to claim a nose decision, with Bannockburn (NZ) (Falkirk) a distant third.

Meanwhile, Doyle offered a valuable insight into the progress of the stable star Kawi (NZ) (Savabeel) after he



rode the gelding in a 1000 metre trial win at Foxton.

"He felt great and he's coming up super," he said. "We couldn't be happier with him."

Kawi is due to resume on August 13 in the Group Two Lisa Chittick Foxbridge Plate at Te Rapa ahead of a defence a fortnight later of his Group One Makfi Challenge Stakes title at Hastings.

Darryl Bradley on Gypsy Fair (rails) and Nivesh Teeluck on Sir Kingwood fight out the day's best finish at Otaki.





TIME ON TREADMILL **THE PATH TO WIN**

El Duque (NZ) (Bachelor Duke) has been a major beneficiary of a recent investment made by Cambridge trainer Stephen Marsh, the rising five-year-old stamping himself as one of the country's more progressive winter gallopers with his clear-cut defeat of the highly-regarded Mr Luigi (NZ) (Darci Brahma) in yesterday's Il Cavallo @ Chequers Stud Handicap at Otaki.

"I put in a treadmill and he lives on it," Marsh said. "He hasn't got good knees or fetlocks so it's been a massive help to him. He swims as well and just has the odd gallop."

El Duque has fashioned the smart record of four wins from his nine starts and his success atoned for a previous out of character performance.

"He's never raced any good at Te Rapa," Marsh said. "He's had a couple of starts there

now and done the same thing both times."

At Otaki, El Duque was taken straight to the front by Lisa Allpress and they forged clear in the closing 200 metres to triumph by a length and three-quarters.

"I think the second horse is a very good one and I said to my owners that if we beat Mr Luigi we'll win," Marsh said.

A half-brother the Group One BMW Stakes and Group One Turnbull Stakes winner Littorio (Bellotto), El Duque's latest success is likely to see him return to the central districts next month.

"The Interprovincial Challenge at

New Plymouth looks like the race to go for now," Marsh said.

Race	Levin RC Il Cavallo at Chequers Stud H. 1600m
Winner	El Duque (NZ) 2011
Owners	A R Cookson, G N Glogoski, M J & P Prendergast and L A Skinner
Trainer	Stephen Marsh (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Bachelor Duke (USA) out of Our Centasea (Aus) by Centaine (Aus)
Breeder	A R Cookson, G N Glogoski, M J & P Prendergast and L A Skinner



El Duque has the opposition at Otaki well covered.





MOON CHARM ADDS ANOTHER CHAPTER TO THE ONCEUPONATIME STORY BOOK

The good genes of former Singapore juvenile champion Onceuponatime (NZ) (Van Nistelrooy) seem to have been passed down to his progeny at Kranji. One month after three-year-old filly Moonraker (NZ) became his first offspring to salute, in a 1200 metre Initiation, it was the turn of another three-year-old filly, **Moon Charm (NZ)**, to do her dad proud.

Both are trained by Onceuponatime's handler David Hill and raced by the Full Moon Stable, but their racing styles are clearly different and so are their temperaments, according to Hill.

While Moonraker, who scored from start to finish, seems to be a sprinter at this stage, Moon Charm, who scored in a 1600 metre Initiation, is a little more a chip off the old block.

"This one wants a trip compared to Moonraker. She is also more relaxed, more professional, while Moonraker is more nervous," said the English mentor, who still considers Onceuponatime – Singapore's champion two-year-old colt in 2007 and champion three-year-old miler and stayer in 2008 – one of the two best horses he has trained in Singapore.

"She is out of a mare by Marju, so she wants a bit more distance and will be better next year. I will give her a break as she's had five starts and won tonight."

Jockey Corey Brown jumped off Moon Charm with a glowing report.

"She really surprised me with her turn of foot," said the Australian. "She was so relaxed in the running but when Pusong Pinoy left the fence she dropped off and came back for me."



Moon Charm well clear at Kranji.

"Then, once she dove through the gap, she really lengthened up when I put her under pressure.

"I'd watched her past videos before I first rode her and decided to ride her out from the start but she didn't go a yard. In hindsight, I pushed her too much and tonight I had her more relaxed and it worked out.

"I think it's a great idea to give her a break now. She will thicken up and come back even better."

– Singapore Turf Club

Race	Singapore TC Initiation P. 1600m
Winner	Moon Charm (NZ) 2012
Owners	Full Moon Stable
Trainer	David Hill (Kranji)
Breeding	by Onceuponatime out of Melaka (Ire) by Marju (Ire)
Breeder	D M Hill and G E Teo





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VALE PAUL SMITHIES

The New Zealand thoroughbred industry is mourning the recent sudden death of the popular Waikato identity Paul Smithies.

"It's been a big shock to everyone," family friend and fellow breeder-owner Andrew Bryant said. "He had so much going for him."

With his wife Cushla, Smithies bred a number of Group



Paul Smithies . . . "horses were his great passion".

One performers at Monovale Farm and also raced their top flight home-bred Puccini (NZ) (Encosta de Lago), who was prepared by Peter and Jacob McKay to win the Group One New Zealand Derby and the Group One Thorndon Mile before posting multiple Group placings from Darren Weir's Victorian stable.

Smithies also bred and sold Puccini's outstanding half-brother Sir Slick (NZ) (Volksraad), who won two editions of the Thorndon Mile as well as having Group One successes in the Zabeel Classic, New Zealand Stakes, Waikato International Stakes and the Otaki-Maori WFA.

Another Monovale graduate was the Group One New Zealand One Thousand Guineas winner Platinum Witness (California Dane), who also triumphed in the Group Three Desert Gold Stakes and Group Three Lowland Stakes to claim the NZB Filly of the Year title.

"Horses were his great passion but he was also very gracious in defeat," Bryant said. "He was a quiet achiever and saw no need to make a fuss about anything."

The Smithies honours board further includes Group Two Light Fingers Stakes winner Adrift (NZ) (Zabeel), Group Two Hollindale Stakes winner Fulmonti (NZ) (Montjeu), Group Three Taranaki Classic winner Magic Dancer (NZ) (Rip Van Winkle), Group Three Desert Gold Stakes winner Pride Of The Class (NZ) (Volksraad), Listed winners Majestical (NZ) (Montjeu) and No Tricks (NZ) (Savabeel) and the black type performers Pipi Beel (NZ) (Savabeel), Ezra (NZ) (Iffraaj) and Flying Orca (NZ) (Perfectly Ready).

"They were neighbours of ours and we foaled a number of their mares," said Des Hawkins, of Wentwood Grange. "Paul was a lovely fellow and we always had a lot of fun together."

Smithies was also active in administration and served as a New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders' Association councillor and as a board member of New Zealand Thoroughbred Marketing.

Smithies is survived by his wife Cushla and their children Claire, Katherine, Max and Joe.

