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MEGABLAST TO TACKLE BRISBANE CUP



Megablast winning the Gr.2 Easter Handicap before embarking on his Queensland campaign

A gritty run for third in Saturday's Gr.2 PJ O'Shea Stakes (2200m) behind talented mare Egg Tart (Sebring) has convinced trainer Nigel Tiley that stable staying star **Megablast (NZ)** (Shinko King) is on target to contest the Gr.2 Brisbane Cup (2200m) this weekend.

The free-going grey battled on strongly in the run home after setting a solid pace throughout although Tiley believes he could have finished closer if circumstances had played slightly more in his favour.

"There wasn't any real speed in the race so we went forward to try and dictate to them," he said.

"They came up and had a look at him at the 1000m

mark which probably was his undoing a little as I think if he could have got a cheap sectional there then he would have definitely run second.

"The winner was far too strong in a race that was really hers to lose however my bloke battled on really strongly and I was delighted with the run."

Tiley was also pleased with how the Shinko King six-year-old came through the race as he looks forward to the major assignment of his Brisbane campaign.

"He ate everything we put in front of him overnight and drank plenty of water so I'm very pleased with how he has come through the run," he said.

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"We'll monitor him over the next day or so, but at this stage he will line up in the Cup.

"The weather forecast looks as though they might see some rain during the week which will also help him although they wouldn't want too much given how that Doomben track has played of late."

While Tiley will remain in Brisbane for the week he will have a keen eye on his stable representatives at Avondale today who are headed up by last start winners Call Me Bob (NZ) (Gold Mine) and Switch In Time (NZ) (Remind).

"Call Me Bob was very good first up on his home track and has really come on since that run," he said.

"It looks like he will strike a pretty loose wet track with the amount of rain Auckland has had which will suit him.

"His work has been very good, so I expect him to be fairly prominent.

"Switch In Time had a small setback with a pulled muscle after he won first up at Avondale, but he is over that now.

"He has also been working well so hopefully he can replicate that on the day."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Information regarding abandonment of Te Rapa Sunday 3 June

Changes/Additions to Trentham and Te Rapa Saturday 9 June

Due to Sunday's abandonment of the Auckland RC meeting at Te Rapa after Race 2 the following changes have been made to programmes going forward:

Waikato RC at Te Rapa on Saturday 9 June:

The Listed SsangYong Auckland Futurity Stakes (2YO 1400m) will be transferred to this meeting. Nominations close on Tuesday 5 June at 12 noon. The field limits for this meeting will be limited to 12 runners due to a required running rail move.

Wellington RC at Trentham on Saturday 9 June:

The two Prestige Jump Races, K S Browne Hurdle and McGregor Grant Steeplechase, due to be run at Te Rapa on Sunday 3 June have been transferred to this meeting. Nominations for these races close on Tuesday 5 June at 12 noon. The original advertised jump races for this meeting will now be a Maiden Hurdle and Steeplechase over 2500m and 4000m respectively.

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INNES MAKING THE MOST OF AUSTRALIAN OPPORTUNITY

Senior New Zealand rider Leith Innes made the most of a gilt-edged opportunity at the Sunshine Coast on Saturday when he guided the Chris Waller trained Egg Tart (Sebring) to a convincing victory in the Gr.2 PJ O’Shea Stakes (2200m).

Innes, who is on a self-described working holiday, has ridden on a number of occasions for Waller of late and jumped at the chance to ride the multiple Group One winner on the weekend.

“I’ve known Chris for a while now and got the chance to ride a few for him here in Brisbane this winter through a good mate of mine, Guy Mulcaster, who works closely with Chris,” he said.

“Chris has got a good team for the carnival and this mare is a very classy individual. The punters thought she was a good thing for Saturday’s race and, although you never want to get ahead of yourself, I did think she was going to be very hard to beat.

“The race panned out perfectly and she travelled kindly throughout. My main worry was not getting to the front too early but in the end she just ran away from them.”

Although tempted to base himself in Queensland for the winter, Innes flew back to Auckland on Sunday to prepare for the ride on the Brendan and Jo Lindsay owned two-year-old Reevederci (Reliable Man) at Avondale today.

“I thought about basing myself in Brisbane for the winter, but I do have commitments to ride for Brendan, so it is just as easy to hop on a plane to fly backwards and forwards,” he said.

“I have picked up a couple of rides at Doomben this weekend so I will ride at Avondale and then head back across later in the week.

“It can be pretty tough in New Zealand for the next few months with

the heavy tracks and the like so having the chance to spend some time in Queensland with the better weather and warmer temperatures makes for a good break and one I’m going to enjoy.”

One of the extra perks that Innes is enjoying during his time in Queensland is the opportunity to work on his golf game.

“With the weather being so good I’ve managed to fit in a couple of games of golf,” he said.

“There are any number of great courses to play and the other day I managed to beat James McDonald on the 17th so that could be one of my best wins while I’m over here.”

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Senior jockey Leith Innes is enjoying a winter sojourn in Brisbane





VISIBILITY ISSUES CURTAIL RACING AT TE RAPA



Belle Testa wins the 1st race on a shortened programme at Te Rapa

Concerns for the safety of riders has led to the abandonment of racing at Te Rapa on Sunday.

Riders met with raceday officials following the completion of the second race on the programme after many reported they had difficulties with visibility during the event due to significant kick back on the recently re-sanded surface. The problem had been exacerbated by constant rain throughout the day which saw the track downgraded from a Slow7 to a Slow8 after the running of the first race.

Following a meeting between a delegation of riders and raceday officials the decision to abandon the meeting was taken.

Earlier in the day the Stephen Marsh trained **Belle Testa (NZ)** (Testa Rossa) scored an overdue victory courtesy of a first-class effort from the country's leading amateur jockey, Scott Wenn.

Wenn saved ground against the rail on the Testa Rossa four-year-old throughout the 2200m contest before angling across heels to issue a challenge early in the run home. Belle Testa responded gamely when asked for an effort as she strode clear to win by a comfortable four length margin and record her third victory from just 14 starts.

Marsh was full of praise for the effort of Wenn after ensuring stable foreman Rhys Mildon secured his booking for the ride before heading off an overseas holiday.

"Rhys has gone away to Europe for a month, so I said to him his one last job was to get Scotty Wenn for the race," he said.

"He gave it a peach of a ride.

"When you get him on it gives you a few lengths and she deserved that one."

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VISIBILITY ISSUES CURTAIL RACING AT TE RAPA

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Marsh admitted he was happy with the mare in the lead-up to the race after a good performance for third at her most recent start.

“Her last start was good at Ruakaka, it just topped her off nicely,” he said.

“Her work had been good and this looked a perfect race for her.”

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Race	ARC Celebrating Volpe Veloce H. 2200m.
Winner	Belle Testa (NZ) 2013
Owners	Go Racing Maranello Syndicate (Albert Bosma)
Trainer	Stephen Marsh (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Testa Rossa (AUS) out of Victoria Belle by Zabeel
Breeder	Sir Patrick & Lady Hogan; Waikato; NZ
Sales	2015 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale V: Cambridge Stud \$55000 P: Go Racing



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OVERDUE VICTORY FOR LOCAL GALLOPER

A decisive front-running effort saw Wanganui local **Perfect Harmonee (NZ)** (Nadeem) score an overdue victory on his home patch on Saturday.

The talented five-year-old led from go to whoa in the hands of Rosie Myers as he defeated Hawera visitor Brother One (NZ) (Cecconi) by a length and half in the rating 75 1200m contest. Remarkably it was the same combination that filled the first two placings at the venue back in September when Perfect Harmonee had last found his way to the winner's enclosure.

Trainer's Evan and JJ Rayner have endured their share of

Race	Wanganui JC Dave Hoskin Carriers H. 1200m.
Winner	Perfect Harmonee (NZ) 2012
Owners	Mrs B S & P S Belsham, Mrs J M & S B Gudsell
Trainer	Evan & JJ Rayner (Wanganui)
Breeding	by Nadeem (AUS) out of Harmony by Zabeel
Breeder	Sir Patrick & Lady Hogan; Waikato; NZ
Sales	2014 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale V: Cambridge Stud \$18000 P: PS Belsham

frustrations with the Nadeem gelding who was stakes placed in the Listed Wanganui Guineas as a three-year-old. A tidy effort for second at his last start at Trentham hinted a victory was on the horizon.

"He came through his last race well and we thought he'd go a good race today," said JJ Rayner after the win.

"We're happy he has done that after our first few runners today were disastrous."

Rayner was also pleased with the ride by jockey Rosie Myers who rated the horse to perfection.

"He jumped well as occasionally he doesn't," she said.

"She popped him out and got him in the best ground she could, and I think that was the winning of the race."

Myers was quick to praise her mount as she registered her 73rd win for the season which sees her sitting in sixth place on the Jockey's Premiership ladder.

"He is the sort of horse you can get a break on them with as he keeps going at the same speed," she said.

"He sprung the gates, led up and showed a good kick."

The victory took Perfect Harmonee's record to five wins from 27 starts and a tick under \$79,000 in career earnings.

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Perfect Harmonee and Rosie Myers in winning action at Wanganui





TRIPLE TRIO GETS THE MONEY AFTER EARLY SCARE

Short-priced debutant **Triple Trio (NZ)** (Sebring) overcame a bungled start to still come up trumps in the \$85,000 Restricted Maiden race over 1100m on Sunday.

The impressive barrier trial winner indeed got off to a less than ideal start when he missed the kick and had to be scrubbed up early by jockey Glen Boss to recover the lost ground.

Luckily for him, he did not encounter any traffic problems in the first 300m, eventually settling into fifth spot on the fence while Gamely (Golden Archer), Conatus G (Husson) and Mr O'Reilly (NZ) (O'Reilly) dictated a genuine pace to the race at the head of affairs.

Turning for home, Triple Trio was peeled out for his run, but doubts still lingered whether that gut-busting effort to catch up on the leading bunch would take its toll on him.

Conatus G did prove hard to shake off, but once Triple Trio poked his head in front, his superior qualities saw him edge clear for a three-quarter-length win. Gamely stuck on well for third place another 3 ¾ lengths away. The winning time was 1min 6.6secs for the 1100m on the Polytrack.

Boss said the sluggish start took him by surprise but his will to win in spite of that early expense of energy was even more surprising.

"He caught me by surprise at the start as he's such a quiet and lackadaisical horse," said the Australian

jockey who rode the Sebring three-year-old to a four-length barrier trial win on May 22.

"The plan was to be one-out one-back, but I think he shied away from the barrier attendant in the gates, and missed the start. He was quickly on the back of the leaders, but he had to do a lot of work to get there.

"He was in a good position to win, but it was a big effort to still win in the end. Not many horses would run like that; everything went wrong but he still won."

Clements said that the cosy prep the Sharon Stable-owned gelding had been put through might not have been the ideal pre-debut introduction to the realities of raceday pressure, but he acquitted himself very well in the end.

"He had a pretty easy prep, with his two trials," said the Zimbabwean-born handler.

"He's not been asked any question, but today, he faced a real race situation.

"He never missed the start in his trials. Not sure what happened, but Glen made up good ground and the horse ran very well.

"I'll probably keep him to sprints for the time being."

Race	Singapore TC Restricted Maiden S. 1100m.
Winner	Triple Trio (NZ) 2014
Owners	Sharon Stable
Trainer	Michael Clements (Kranji)
Breeding	by Sebring (AUS) out of Darcybee by Fasliyev (USA)
Breeder	Pencarrow Thoroughbreds Ltd; Waikato; NZ
Sales	2016 National Yearling Sale - Premier Session V: Pencarrow Stud \$75000 P: Lyndhurst Farm



Triple Trio makes a winning debut at Kranji



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NZ STALLION AWARDS

THE CENTAINE AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$12,533,948
DARCI BRAHMA	\$10,134,422
ROAD TO ROCK	\$7,382,152
O'REILLY	\$6,569,392
TAVISTOCK	\$6,453,972
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$6,218,248
PER INCANTO	\$4,946,426
SHOWCASING	\$4,149,848
PINS	\$3,850,524
SWISS ACE	\$3,539,870

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

THE DEWAR STALLION TROPHY

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$7,760,135
DARCI BRAHMA	\$3,112,456
O'REILLY	\$2,896,950
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$2,594,488
PINS	\$2,572,464
TAVISTOCK	\$2,568,019
IFFRAAJ	\$2,394,961
MAKFI	\$2,142,865
PER INCANTO	\$2,135,099
RIP VAN WINKLE	\$2,100,594

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

THE GROSVENOR AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS	BEST PERFORMERS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$3,319,880	EMBELLISH	\$466,310
DARCI BRAHMA	\$1,705,379	DEVISE	\$157,750
IFFRAAJ	\$1,633,049	GINGERNUTS	\$180,000
TAVISTOCK	\$1,495,993	GOBSTOPPER	\$188,375
FASTNET ROCK	\$1,414,150	AVANTAGE	\$742,370
PER INCANTO	\$1,315,824	SHADOWS CAST	\$154,812
ALAMOSA	\$1,216,633	STOLEN DANCE	\$131,450
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$1,183,510	SAINT EMILION	\$218,300
PINS	\$1,099,765	PACKING PINS	\$122,750
ROC DE CAMBES	\$1,040,690	VIN DE DANCE	\$623,500

Criteria: Leading Sires by Earnings in New Zealand



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NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG • MAY 30

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
SHIMMER AND SHINE (NZ) 2014 by Showcasing (GB) out of Princess Amidala by Don Eduardo	H Mackley No 1 Trust; Auckland; NZ	HKJC Hap Mun Bay H. 1200m.	2016 National Yearling Sale - Festival Session; V: Haunui Farm, P: Glen Harvey B/stock; \$50,000
DR PROACTIVE (NZ) 2013 by Denman (AUS) out of Batroun (AUS) by Danzero (AUS)	A K K Wong; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Hap Mun Bay H. 1200m.	
HOUSE OF LUCK (NZ) 2010 by Canny Lad (AUS) out of Tropicana (AUS) by Fusaichi Pegasus (USA)	NZ Thoroughbred Holdings Ltd; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Kiu Tsui H. 1650m.	2011 National Weanling; Broodmare & Mixed Sale; V: Westbury Stud, P: New Zealand BStk Ltd; \$10,000 2012 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Phoenix Park, P: New Zealand BStk Ltd; \$60,000

NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE • JUNE 1

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
ROCKET FIGHTER (NZ) 2013 by Zacinto (GB) out of Muffin Coup by Elusive City (USA)	Inglewood Stud (N.Z.) Ltd; Canterbury; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1200m.	2015 South Island Yearling & Mixed Sale; V: Inglewood Stud, P: HN Auret; \$15,000
KING'S SPEECH (NZ) 2014 by Darci Brahma out of Serenity Princess (AUS) by Encosta de Lago (AUS)	The Oaks Stud; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Restricted Maiden S. 1200m.	2016 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: The Oaks Stud, P: S Gray; \$80,000
Rip 'N' Run - ABSOLVIDO (NZ) 2013 by Rip Van Winkle (IRE) out of Diamond Rock (AUS) by Rock of Gibraltar (IRE)	River Park Farm Ltd; Auckland; NZ	Singapore TC Open Maiden S. 1400m.	
ROBIN HOOD (NZ) 2011 by Nom du Jeu out of Bail Us Out by Justice Prevails (AUS)	Goodwood Stud Ltd; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Class 3 H. 1400m.	
ARC TRIUMPH (NZ) 2014 by Showcasing (GB) out of Wind of Savannah by Savabeel (AUS)	Haunui Bloodstock Ltd & B J O'Brien; Auckland; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1100m	2016 Ready to Run Sale; V: Mana Park, P: Hardwicke Racing/Waterford B/stock; \$57,500

NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE • JUNE 3

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
TRIPLE TRIO (NZ) 2014 by Sebring (AUS) out of Darcybee by Fasliyev (USA)	Pencarrow Thoroughbreds Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Restricted Maiden S. 1100m.	2016 National Yearling Sale - Premier Session' V: Pencarrow Stud, P: Lyndhurst Farm; \$75,000
LITTLE BIG MAN (NZ) 2012 by Showcasing (GB) out of Caffeine by Zabeel	L Beck; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1400m.	2013 National Weanling; Broodmare & Mixed Sale; V: Golden Oaks Stud, P: Phil Cataldo BStk; \$9,000



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*

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