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QUEENSLAND WINTER CARNIVAL THE BENEFICIARY FROM DERBY WASH-UP



Crown Prosecutor (inner) and In A Twinkling, the first two home in Saturday's Gr.1 Vodafone New Zealand Derby, could clash again in Brisbane this winter (Trish Dunell)

The Queensland Winter Carnival and specifically the Gr.1 Queensland Derby (2400m) look set to profit in the aftermath of Saturday's Gr.1 Vodafone New Zealand Derby (2400m).

Twenty-four hours after the Stephen Marsh-trained **Crown Prosecutor** (Medaglia D'Oro) sprang a massive upset at odds of \$105 in the Ellerslie blue riband event, three of the first five

home in the race could turn out in the Brisbane three-year-old feature to be held at Eagle Farm in early June.

The connections of Crown Prosecutor, runner-up **In A Twinkling** (Fastnet Rock) and fifth-placed **Surely Sacred (NZ)** (Rock 'n' Pop) have all indicated they are seriously considering the Queensland Derby as the logical option once they have

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recovered from their New Zealand Derby exertions.

Marsh, who also saddled the unplaced Vernanme (NZ) (O'Reilly) in the race, outlined his thoughts for both horses when questioned about their prospects on Sunday morning.

"I think we are definitely looking at Brisbane (with Crown Prosecutor)," he said.

"He has been up a fair while, but he is one of those horses that you can't let up on as he gets above himself.

"We had him peaking for yesterday, but I will talk with the owners and I'm picking we will be on a Brisbane path at this stage.

"Vernanme will have a light couple of days and if he is good in the next few days, I would like to go to the Rosehill Guineas and the Australian Derby with him.

"I think you will see a different horse again and just forget about the run yesterday. He's a high-class colt and we're pushing on to the (Australian) Derby."

Trainer Jamie Richards was left rueing a smidgeon of luck in running as he saw his charge In A Twinkling finish runner-up for the second time in two weeks after filling that position in the Gr.2 Avondale Guineas (2100m) behind Surely Sacred.

"He went a super race and probably just needed a little more cover during the run," he said.

"He's very tough and kept up a good gallop in the run home. I thought he was going to get him (Crown Prosecutor) all the way down the straight but he was just a little too tough for us on the day.

"We're going to see how he comes through the next couple of days, but if he pulls up well then I definitely think Brisbane is the best option for him.

"He seemed well enough overnight so once he's had a couple of easy days in the paddock, we can then decide on a path for him then.

"I think what he did show is that he is a genuine stayer who could be a real Cups contender next season."

Cambridge mentor Tony Pike was also disappointed with the muddling tempo of the race after favourite Surely Sacred was left with a herculean task to try and pick up the front-runners from near last at the 600m mark.

"He just didn't get any luck and when we wanted to be going forward, he got stuck in a real pickle," Pike said.

"He has had to come twenty-wide on the corner, got bumped out again and had too much ground to make up on those front-runners.

"I think he ran the second fastest last 600m in the race and he did that from out in the car-park, so it was a massive effort to get as close as he did.

"We had originally intended to push on to Sydney with him, but he has had a real gut-buster so he will need some time off now which will mean that the Queensland Derby looks likely to be his target rather than the Australian Derby."

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DRAW CRUCIAL FOR NIGHT'S WATCH'S CUP BID

Terry Henderson believes the barrier draw will be crucial if **Night's Watch (NZ)** (Redwood) is to turn the tables on short-priced favourite Avilius (Pivotal) in the Australian Cup at Flemington.

Night's Watch will run in Henderson's OTI Racing colours in Saturday's Group One weight-age contest over 2000m, his third run back from a spell.

Now in the care of Ciaron Maher and David Eustace after being prepared by now-disqualified trainer Darren Weir when he arrived from New Zealand, Night's Watch is the \$8

second favourite for the Australian Cup.

Godolphin's Avilius

has a stranglehold on favouritism at \$2.10 following two impressive Caulfield wins at his only starts since finishing well back in the Gr.1 Melbourne Cup (3200m) last spring.

Night's Watch has trailed Avilius home on each occasion, finishing third in the Gr.3 Carlyon Cup (1600m) on February 9 before running fourth in the Gr.2 Peter Young Stakes (1800m) on February 23.

Damian Lane, who has ridden the gelding in his two runs this campaign, takes the ride on Saturday.

"Frosty (Lane) was the first to say we should have gone up on to the

back of Avilius last time instead of staying back," Henderson said.

"But Avilius certainly looks the superior horse for sure, so the draw will play a big part for us.

"We fundamentally need to be in the first six and if we're not we'll be up against it as Avilius is a more brilliant horse."

With Maher and Eustace having stables at Caulfield and Ballarat, Henderson said Night's Watch may gallop at Ballarat on Tuesday.

"He could have a gallop on the course proper on Tuesday and then we're ready to go," he said.



Night's Watch will look to turn the tables on Avilius in the Gr.1 Australian Cup





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DANZDANZDANCE READY FOR SYDNEY ASSIGNMENT



Danzandance completes an impressive workout at Ellerslie on Saturday (Trish Dunell)

A sparkling exhibition gallop by **Danzandance** (Mastercraftsman) at Ellerslie on Saturday has confirmed trainer Chris Gibbs' thoughts that he has his stable star right where he wants her as she prepares to tackle the cream of Australian racing later this month.

Gibbs, who prepares the Mastercraftsman four-year-old with co-trainer Michelle Bradley, had originally planned to send the mare around at the Avondale trials during

the week but changed tack to the Ellerslie gallop after he feared the Avondale surface might be too firm for her liking.

"She had progressed nicely since her last run at Te Rapa and we were keen to test her a little more before she gets on the plane to Sydney," Gibbs said.

"I thought that would be over 1200m at the Avondale trials but with the dry weather we've had we were worried the track might be a little firm,

so we changed to having the gallop at Ellerslie.

"As it turned out they cancelled the 1200m trial she would have gone in, so it was a good move to go to Ellerslie and we were delighted with what we saw."

Ridden by regular pilot Opie Bosson, Danzandance was kept to three-quarter pace from the 1400m before being asked to quicken over the final 1000m of her work. The

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dual Group One winner relished the opportunity as she powered through the line and well into the back straight before being pulled up.

"I thought her work was quite sensational actually," Gibbs said.

"We wanted her to build steadily into the last 600m and when Opie gave her a little squeeze at the 1000m she really got going.

"I think they said she covered the 1000m in a tick over 58 seconds with the last 600m in 34.5 which was probably as good as some of the races

on the day.

"She had a nice little puff pulling up, but got over that quickly, so I couldn't be happier with her."

Danzdanzdance will commence her Australian campaign in the Gr.1 Ranvet Stakes (2000m) at Rosehill on March 23 with Gibbs confident she will be at peak for the task.

"I think with the gallop and the flight over to Sydney she will be spot on for the Ranvet," he said.

"We had to be mindful of the effect of the travel as when she went there as

a three-year-old it took her a few days to come right, although this time she is going there on the way up whereas last time it was more towards the end of her campaign.

"We're looking forward to the task we have set her, so all we need now is for a few things to go our way.

"A little bit of rain would be nice as we know how well she goes when there is some cut in the track, but if we don't get it, she will still be ready to go a top race."

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GUNDOWN PRESENTS AUCKLAND CUP CREDENTIALS WITH ELLERSLIE VICTORY

The Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman trained **Gundown** (High Chaparral) emerged as a genuine lightweight prospect for next Saturday's Gr.1 Barfoot & Thompson Auckland Cup (3200m) after winning handsomely at Ellerslie on the weekend.

The lightly-raced four-year-old produced a powerful home straight surge to defeat stablemate Zacada in the traditional Cup lead-up, the Headquarters Viaduct Nathans Memorial (2200m), and thrust his name into contention for the Ellerslie two-miler.

Despite wanting to drift around in the home straight, Gundown gave rider Matt Cameron the feeling that he is ready to tackle the feature staying event at Ellerslie on March 9.

"The big goal is next week but it was good to see him show that turn of foot," Cameron said.

"He can be quite a lazy horse and hard to get going, but he had plenty in the tank today, which is great.

"He's been knocking at the door, just chipping away at them and his form is just starting to turn at the right time."

Co-trainer Andrew Forsman was pleased to see the horse

finish at the head of the field as he completed his Auckland Cup preparations.

"It was a brilliant run as he has been a touch of a bridesmaid over the last few months," he said.

"He's been racing in good form, just a bit frustrating, but really hit the line hard today.

"While the conditions of the race (Auckland Cup) won't suit a horse like him that is coming through the grades, that's just the way it is these days.

"In saying that, it looks like it will be a pretty even bunch and not that much harder than what he has come up against today."

Forsman was confident that the two-mile journey of the Auckland Cup would be to the liking of his charge.

"3200m has always looked to be his go," he said.

"He is a son of High Chaparral and bred to do the job, so I think it will suit him down to the ground."

Forsman also confirmed that runner-up Zacada (NZ) (Zabeel) would now head to Sydney for the next stage of his campaign with the A\$2million Sydney Cup (3200m) his main

target, a race he finished runner-up in last year.

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Race	ARC Headquarters Viaduct H. 2200m.
Winner	Gundown AUS (2014)
Owners	G P Clarke, D G Devonport, JML Bloodstock Ltd (Mgr: L Petagna) & P W O'Rourke
Trainer	Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman (Cambridge)
Breeding	by High Chaparral (IRE) out of Lady Of The House by Housebuster (USA)
Breeder	Raffles Dancers (NZ) Pty Ltd
Sales	2016 National Yearling Sale - Premier V: Trelawney Stud \$70000 P: Bruce Perry Bloodstock

Gundown galloped into Auckland Cup contention with a comfortable victory on the weekend (Trish Dunell)





STAR JUVENILE TO TRIAL AT ROTORUA ON TUESDAY

Karaka Million 2YO winner **Probabeel (NZ)** (Savabeel) will further her progress towards an upcoming Australian campaign when she steps out at the Rotorua trials on Tuesday.

The Savabeel filly has been on the easy list after her stunning victory at Ellerslie in late January with trainer Jamie Richards ready to step up her workload as she prepares to head to Sydney to tackle the Gr.3 Magic Night Stakes (1200m) at Rosehill on March 16.

“She’s coming along nicely after a bit of a break, so it will be nice to see where she is at with the trial,” Richards said.

“She looks a picture and the pressure from the trial run should just clean her up nicely before she gets on the plane for Sydney.

“She will run in the Magic Night Stakes at Rosehill on the 16th and then we will reassess from there.”

Probabeel’s major Sydney target is the Gr.1 Sires’ Produce Stakes (1400m) at Royal Randwick on April 6.

Richards also confirmed three of his juvenile team will tackle the Gr.1 Sistema Stakes (1200m) at Ellerslie next Saturday.

“At this stage it looks like we will have three in the Sistema Stakes,” he said.

“Yourdeel, Equinox and Aotea Lad are all set to line up although Equinox will only run if there is a firm track.

“He was a little disappointing at Matamata last time, but we have put that down to the slow track that day as he dipped and dived all over the place and wasn’t comfortable at all.”

The three stable runners clashed at Matamata on February 23 in the Listed Waikato Stud Slipper (1200m) with Yourdeel (NZ) (Dundeel) defeating Aotea Lad (NZ) (Savabeel) while Equinox (NZ) (Exceed And Excel) finished back in fifth.

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Karaka Million 2YO winner, Probabeel will trial at Rotorua on Tuesday (Trish Dunell)



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NZ STALLION AWARDS

THE CENTAINE AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$10,395,845
ROAD TO ROCK	\$6,483,073
DARCI BRAHMA	\$5,578,802
O'REILLY	\$4,805,050
PINS	\$4,381,217
PER INCANTO	\$3,506,763
TAVISTOCK	\$3,361,465
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$3,110,249
SWISS ACE	\$2,878,507
OCEAN PARK	\$2,690,389

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

THE DEWAR STALLION TROPHY

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$6,264,234
O'REILLY	\$2,763,187
PINS	\$2,705,702
TAVISTOCK	\$1,828,750
DARCI BRAHMA	\$1,679,452
RIP VAN WINKLE	\$1,670,845
PER INCANTO	\$1,635,914
OCEAN PARK	\$1,626,170
RELIABLE MAN	\$1,325,550
REDWOOD	\$1,300,560

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

THE GROSVENOR AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$3,182,768
PINS	\$1,581,782
PER INCANTO	\$1,409,774
DARCI BRAHMA	\$1,098,140
RIP VAN WINKLE	\$949,780
IFFRAAJ	\$935,488
SHOWCASING	\$921,587
FASTNET ROCK	\$910,185
ALAMOSIA	\$864,915
O'REILLY	\$820,086

BEST PERFORMERS	EARNINGS
PROBABEEL	\$581,000
MADISON COUNTY	\$576,625
SANTA MONICA	\$192,750
DEE AND GEE	\$95,625
TE AKAU SHARK	\$196,875
WYNDSPELLE	\$141,625
XPRESSION	\$94,500
LONG LEAF	\$530,500
ON THE ROCKS	\$305,325
TIPTRONIC	\$107,200

Criteria: Leading Sires by Earnings in New Zealand



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NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG FEBRUARY 27

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
GENTRY (NZ) 2011 by Tavistock out of Sogno by Zabeel	Sir Patrick & Lady Hogan	HKJC Yue Man H. 1650m.	
WAH MAY PRINCESS (NZ) 2015 by Swiss Ace (AUS) out of Upgrading (AUS) by Encosta de Lago (AUS)	G Harvey; Auckland; NZ	HKJC Shing Yip H. 1200m.	2017 National Yearling Sale - Select V: Westbury Stud \$90000 P: Waikato B/stock / Kangyu International Racing

NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG MARCH 02

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
CORRE RAPIDO (NZ) 2012 by Iffraaj (GB) out of Charangas (AUS) by Flying Spur (AUS)	J W Campin; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Singapore River H. 1200m.	2014 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale V: The Estate of J. W. Campin \$34000 P: Phill Cataldo B/stock
PERFECT PAIR (NZ) 2014 by Darci Brahma out of Minori Express (AUS) by Green Line Express (USA)	Llanhennock Trust; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Bukit Timah H. 1400m.	2016 National Yearling Sale - Select Session V: Wentwood Grange \$75000 P: John Foote B/stock
E STAR (NZ) 2015 by Ferlax out of Duck for Cover by Savabeel (AUS)	A S Murdoch; Central; NZ	HKJC Journalist Challenge Cup H. 1200m.	2017 National Yearling Sale - Select V: Highden Park \$42500 P: Brookby Stables
PHANTOM FALCON (NZ) 2013 by Swiss Ace (AUS) out of River Nymph by Captain Rio (GB)	D W Looker; D R & Mrs K M Smith & Westbury Thoroughbreds Ltd; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Kranji H. 1200m.	2014 National Weanling; Broodmare & Mixed Sale V: Westbury Stud \$10000 P: PM Ma
RIGHT CHOICE (NZ) 2014 by Mastercraftsman (IRE) out of Grand Belt by O'Reilly	K & Mrs K A Gray; Central; NZ	HKJC Merlion H. 1400m.	2016 National Yearling Sale - Select Session V: Bradbury Park \$90000 P: John Foote B/stock

NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE MARCH 01

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
ICHIGOICHE (NZ) 2013 by Stravinsky (USA) out of Femmena (AUS) by Zabeel	Sir Patrick & Lady Hogan; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1200m.	2015 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale V: Cambridge Stud \$27000 P: W Brown
RED RIDING WOOD (NZ) 2013 by Redwood (GB) out of Dreamcatcher by Stravinsky (USA)	Mrs B & M Griffin; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1600m.	Gavelhouse 2016 April V: Mr M Griffin \$25000 P: Mr DR Wiles



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NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE MARCH 03

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
HALLELUJAH (NZ) 2014 by Burgundy out of Paraiba by Faltaat (USA)	D C Ellis & C Huan; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1000m.	
STAR KNIGHT (SING) Le Brassus (NZ) 2014 by Bullbars (AUS) out of Blancpain by Generous (IRE)	J M Clydesdale; Bay Of Plenty; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1100m.	
SUPER TYCOON (NZ) 2013 by O'Reilly out of Toss Up by Zabeel	Waikato Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Kranji S. 1400m.	2015 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale V: Waikato Stud Ltd \$70000 P: NZB as agent 2015 Ready to Run Sale V: Mana Park \$180000 P: Michael Freedman/Waterford B/stock
KEEP WINNING (NZ) 2014 by Alamosa out of Anne Carina by Danske	Llanhennock Trust; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1800m.	2016 National Yearling Sale - Select Session V: Wentwood Grange \$25000 P: NZB as Agent

NZ BRED WINNERS IN MALAYSIA MARCH 02

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
SONNY BILL (NZ) 2014 by Darci Brahma out of Rihanna by Show A Heart (AUS)	Bijoux Bloodstock Ltd	Perak TC Open Maiden 1400	
AMI ELEVEN (NZ) 2011 by Darci Brahma out of Nicole's Niner (USA) by Forty Niner	Mrs H A & J F Goodin & G R O'Dea	Perak TC Class 5 H. 1400	2013 Ready To Run Sale V: Venture Thoroughbreds Ltd \$65000 P: NZB As Agent
JUST NAME IT (NZ) 2010 by Darci Brahma out of Exilio by O'Reilly	R W Potter	Perak TC Class 4 H. 1400	2012 National Yearling Sale - Premier Session V: Hallmark Stud \$100000 P: Mr CI Brown
BALBOA (MLY) Budapest (NZ) 2012 by Buffalo Man (CAN) out of Kings Princess by King Of Kings (IRE)	Totara Park Stud	Perak TC Class 5 H. 1600	2014 National Yearling Sale - Festival Session V: Totara Park Stud \$9000 P: Mr RR Manning
MR DREYFUSS (NZ) 2011 by Sufficient out of Go Norn by Clay Hero (AUS)	Gillovic Bloodstock Ltd	Perak TC Class 5 H. 1200	
ALRINA (NZ) 2013 by Alamosa out of Zorina (USA) by Nureyev (USA)	D C Ellis & K W Fenton-Ellis	Perak TC Class 5 H. 1200	



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NZ BRED WINNERS IN MALAYSIA MARCH 03

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
KING POWER (NZ) 2014 by Zed out of Manaia by Bertolini (USA)	G P Boland	Perak TC Class 5 H. 1200	Gavelhouse 2017 March (2) V: Mr GP Boland \$700 P: Mr M Gandhi
SUPER GENIUS (NZ) 2013 by Alamosa out of Ensorcelez by Black Minnaloushe (USA)	D C Ellis & K W Fenton-Ellis	Perak TC Class 4 H. 1200	
TOM KING (MLY) Gallant Eclipse (NZ) 2014 by Ocean Park out of Gio by Centaine (AUS)	Waikato Stud Ltd	Perak TC Class 4 H. 1200	2015 National Weanling; Bloodstock & Mixed Sale V: Waikato Stud Ltd \$26000 P: Berkley Stud 2016 South Island Sale V: Berkley Stud \$32500 P: Mr E Sullivan
MR NEVERMIND (NZ) 2012 by Iffraaj (GB) out of Speedalot by Prized (USA)	D N & Mrs W E Pye	Perak TC Enrich Stakes 1600	2014 National Yearling Sale – Festival Session V: Haunui Farm \$13000 P: Mr DR Wiles
NOVA DASHING (NZ) 2013 by Darci Brahma out of Shinko Princess by Shinko King (IRE)	Bromley Bloodstock Ltd	Perak TC Class 5 H. 1400	2015 National Yearling Sale – Select Sale V: Seaton Park Ltd \$36000 P: Mr KM Onn
TIC TAC TOE (NZ) 2014 by Echoes Of Heaven (AUS) out of Zahtui by Hawkeye (IRE)	Mrs E L Clotworthy & Miss J L Hilton	Perak TC Class 5 H. 1400	

NZ BRED WINNERS IN MACAU MARCH 03

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
SACRED CAPITAL (MAC) Rellson (NZ) 2014 by O'Reilly out of Honolulu by Savabeel (AUS)	Waikato Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Macau MJC 30th Anniversary Cup H. 1500m.	2016 Ready to Run Sale V: Waikato Stud Ltd \$580000 P: Ciaran Maher B/stock/Bruce Perry B/stock/Waterford B/stock

