

Monday 12 March 2018

## DREAM DAY AT ELLERSLIE FOR PROMINENT OWNER/BREEDER

Well known owner/breeder John Bromley had what he could only describe as a dream day on Saturday.

While he couldn't celebrate a victory at Ellerslie, Bromley still enjoyed a massive thrill with his two runners in **Darscape Princess (NZ)** (Darci Brahma) and **Alinko Prince (NZ)** (Alamosa) who were both competing at Group One level.

Lightly raced Darci Brahma mare Darscape Princess put up a superb performance in her elite level debut as she stormed home to finish a gallant second in the Gr. 1 Bonecrusher New Zealand Stakes (2000m). Barely forty minutes later Bromley was on the edge of his seat again as rugged six-year-old Alinko Prince closed gamely in the concluding stages to finish close-up in fourth in the day's signature event, the Gr.1 Barfoot & Thompson Auckland Cup (3200m).

"I can't really call it anything else but a dream day," said Bromley.

"We might not have got a win with either runner but they both ran out of their skins and to do it in Group One events is simply remarkable.

"To have not one but two runners in the best races on offer is a huge thrill and to see them run so well gave me immense pleasure."

Just seven days ago Bromley had been thinking he was heading to Ellerslie to support just his Auckland Cup runner but a phone call

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*Darscape Princess and visiting rider Damian Browne in the Ellerslie birdcage*



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# DREAM DAY AT ELLERSLIE FOR PROMINENT OWNER/BREEDER

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from trainer Fraser Auret quickly doubled his pleasure.

"The phone rang on Monday and it was Fraser, so I guessed he was ringing to talk about Alinko Prince," he said.

"I answered and the first thing he said was he had an important question to ask me. He said he would like to run Darscape Princess in the Bonecrusher Stakes and was I okay with it.

"I trust Fraser implicitly, so I just said did he think she was up to it and his answer was an emphatic yes. That sealed it but then we had to go about finding a rider.

"Johnathan Parkes is her regular rider but he was committed to Start Wondering so we cast around until someone mentioned Damian Browne was coming over to ride a horse for Tony Pike.

"I asked a few people, including Noel Harris, and the feedback I got was very positive, so we made the booking.

"Damian was fantastic and rode her a treat so it worked out just beautifully."

Bromley admitted his hopes had been dashed a little when the mare drew the outside barrier for the race but they were quickly rekindled once the contest got underway.

"Before the race I wasn't too confident but when they jumped and Damian got her into such a good position I started to lift my sights a little," he said.

"Then when she started to run on so strongly I got very excited. I can only describe the last three hundred metres in fishing terms as she was just slowly reeling in the leader but in the end she couldn't quite get him to the boat."

The significance of the result isn't lost on Bromley as he looks to the future broodmare career for Darscape Princess.

"Her win in the stakes race at Tauherenikau really set things up for her when she does go to the broodmare paddock but this has just lifted that to a much higher level," he said.

"Her dam, Cape Princess, is a rising seventeen-year-old and like many of my broodmare band only has a few years left in her breeding career.

"To revitalise things I need good young mares like Darscape Princess coming through with that valuable black-type against their names so when the time comes their broodmare value is significantly enhanced.

"What we need now is a win at Group One level which would just put the icing on the cake."

Darscape Princess will have her next chance to achieve Bromley's wishes when she steps out in the Gr.1 Fiber Fresh NZ Breeders Stakes (1600m) at Te Aroha on 7 April.

"All going well we will see Darscape Princess at Te Aroha for the Group One there next month," said Bromley.

"We had hoped her older sister, Sensible Princess, might be ready for the race as well but that is starting to look unlikely. She had been spelling since winning at Pukekohe in November but has come back into work a little behind the eight ball after a small hiccup.

"I think it would have been quite an achievement to have sisters running in a Group One event together."

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# ALMOST COURT ALL-THE-WAY IN CANBERRA CUP

Former kiwi galloper **Almost Court (NZ)** (Alamosa) scored his biggest career victory when he led all the way to win Sunday's Listed Canberra Cup (2000m), in the process giving trainers Barbara Joseph and Paul Jones success at their home venue.

Christian Reith took Almost Court to the front and didn't look back as he dug deep to hold out the challenges of Admiral Jello (Fastnet Rock) by a long head with Get On The Grange (Home On The Grange) a long neck away third.

It was the five-year-old gelding's sixth win since crossing the Tasman to join Joseph and Jones's Canberra stable.

"He probably went a little bit keen

down the back straight but (Reith) got him back under him at the 1000 till the 400 metres and he was able to kick at the top of the straight," Jones said.

Part-owner Brian Court wanted to avoid New Zealand's wet tracks when he sent the gelding to Australia.

After Court agreed to share the ownership with Joseph and Jones, the trainers syndicated Almost Court to a group of long-term clients and first-time owners.

"There's a crew of 10 blokes who have their first horse and they think the game's that easy," Jones said.

The country Cups circuit beckons for Almost Court, with Albury and Wagga

Wagga in his trainers' sights.

"He's really come on in leaps and bounds," Jones said.

"But we'll see what the handicapper does to us."

Almost Court did his early racing from Court's Broadfield stable in Canterbury where he won on debut at Wingatui before notching a further two placings in five subsequent starts. He is the sixth foal of top-class racemare Cinder Bella who numbered the 2001 Gr.1 Kelt Capital Stakes (2040m) among her twelve career victories.



<b>Race</b>	<b>Canberra RC Canberra Cup L 2000m.</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Almost Court (NZ) 2012</b>
<b>Owners</b>	Mr PA Jones, Mr P H Joseph, Mrs B M Joseph, Mr B D Court, Mrs L S Court, Mr MG Jones, Mrs M T Guthrie-Curran, Mr J Black, Mrs E M Black, Mr M K Walcott, Mr A M Mills, Mr D L Gaul, Mr M D Gaul, Mr M Gray, Mr A Smith, Mr G Kearney, Mr J Kearney, Mr B Arcidiacono, Mr L M Bason, J J R Partnership
<b>Trainer</b>	Barbara Joseph & Paul Jones (Canberra)
<b>Breeding</b>	by Alamosa out of Cinder Bella by Victory Dance (IRE)
<b>Breeder</b>	Cambridge Hunt Ltd; B M Hancock & C J G McFarlane; Central; NZ
<b>Sales</b>	2014 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale V: Curraghmore Stud \$36000 P: Courtco Racing

Almost Court leads all the way to score his biggest career win at Canberra







# ELLERSLIE SPECIALIST AT IT AGAIN ON SATURDAY

A love affair with the Ellerslie track played out again on the weekend for Cambridge galloper **Ruud Not Too (NZ)** (Bernardini) when she took out her fourth victory at New Zealand's premier venue.

The Stephen Marsh trained five-year-old has only finished out of the money once in nine starts at Ellerslie and numbers the Gr.2 Rich Hill Mile (1600m) amongst her victories. Her latest win came in fine fashion as she dashed away from some quality opposition in the \$50,000 Royal Descent Stakes (1600m) on Saturday.

The Bernardini mare was backing up from a gritty placing over 1400m behind Yearn (NZ) (Savabeel) seven days earlier at the venue, with rider Danielle Johnson confident the step up to the mare's favourite distance would work in her favour.

"We knew she backs up well and looking at the field, she had beaten these type of horses before, so I was pretty confident," she said.

"I guess there was a question mark with the weight (58kgs) she had to carry but this is her pet distance."

Go Racing syndications principal Albert Bosma, who purchased the mare for \$220,000 from the Cambridge Stud draft at the 2014 Karaka Premier Sale, cut a satisfied figure after the race.

"I think a mile is her best distance," he said.

*Ruud Not Too streaks clear to score at Ellerslie*

"She just got nailed over 1400m last week, so we knew she was in good form and she just loves Ellerslie.

"We thought she was on target and she does back up well."

Ruud Not Too is raced by the Go Racing Ruud Not Too Breeding Partnership, which is one of the many syndications put together by Bosma and business partner, Patrick Vinaccia.

"We have a really good ownership group," he said.

"It's not the biggest group with eight or ten people including some long-term owners and some first timers.

"They've got themselves a nice filly and a valuable one as a Group Two winner."

Bosma advised the next target for the mare would be the Gr.1 Fiber Fresh

NZ Thoroughbred Breeders Stakes (1600m) at Te Aroha on 7 April with the possibility of a step up in distance in the Gr.2 Travis Stakes (2000m) at Te Rapa later that month.

– NZ Racing Desk

<b>Race</b>	<b>ARC Royal Descent S. 1600m.</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Ruud Not Too (NZ) 2012</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Go Racing Ruud Not Too Breeding Partnership (Mgr: Albert Bosma)</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Stephen Marsh (Cambridge)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Bernardini (USA) out of Too Many Diamonds by O'Reilly</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Sir Patrick &amp; Lady Hogan; Waikato; NZ</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2014 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale V: Cambridge Stud \$220000 P: Go Racing Ltd</b>





# SERGEANT BLAST DOUBLES UP AT TRENTHAM

**W**averley trained galloper **Sergeant Blast (NZ)** (Darci Brahma) made it two from two in his new summer campaign with a comprehensive win over 1600m at Trentham on Saturday.

The promising five-year-old had disappointed in the spring after showing any amount of ability in an earlier campaign that had concluded with a victory over subsequent Group Two winners All Roads (NZ) (Road To Rock) and Shadows Cast (NZ) (Per Incanto) in January last year.

Put aside after finishing near last in early December, Sergeant Blast resumed with a stirring win over 1600m at New Plymouth. That performance earned him the favourite's tag for Saturday's open handicap event and he didn't disappoint courtesy of an outstanding ride by visiting South Island jockey, Samantha Wynne.

Wynne quickly had the Darci Brahma gelding in a lovely position behind the pace after jumping smartly from a handy barrier. Content to bide her time in the trail, Wynne shadowed the speed throughout before angling into the clear approaching the 300m mark. Sergeant Blast quickly claimed pacemaker Handfull (NZ) (Fully Fledged) before easing clear to win by half a length at the line.

Trainer Sam Lennox was quick to comment on the manner of the win.

"I said to Wayne (Crowley), who's one of the owners, I don't think he's



*Samantha Wynne is all concentration as she guides Sergeant Blast to victory*

ever had a run like that," he said.

"We were laughing at the 600m as it was a just matter of if he was on, he was going to be hard to beat."

Lennox now believes it is the right time to test his charge over a middle distance as the next step in his current campaign.

"I think he is probably looking for more ground now and it is the plan to get him up over 2000m," he said.

"He ran a bit more like a stayer today, just a real solid grinding win.

"I'm more of a one race at a time type of guy so we will go home tonight and make a plan, but it will most likely be that he runs over ground next time."

The victory was one of four on the day for rider Samantha Wynne

who had earlier been successful on promising two-year-old filly Miss Valencia (NZ) (Ocean Park) along with northern raider Our Abbadean (NZ) (Lookin At Lucky). She closed out her day by taking out the last event on race favourite, Flamingo (NZ) (Pins).

– NZ Racing Desk

<b>Race</b>	<b>WRC Rural Trading Post H. 1600m.</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Sergeant Blast (NZ) 2012</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Chas Stewart, Cam Stewart, Wayne Crowley, Guy Lennox &amp; Sam Lennox</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Sam Lennox (Waverley)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Darci Brahma out of Glittering Girl by Marscay (AUS)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Bronte Bloodstock Pty Ltd; Auckland; NZ</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2014 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale V: Haunui Farm \$20000 P: SG Lennox</b>







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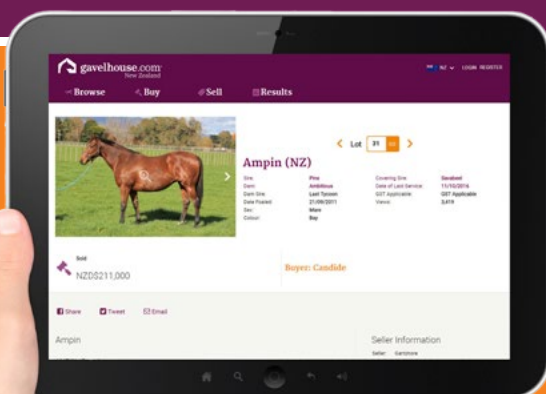


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# OUR ABBADEAN BACK IN THE WINNING GROOVE

Co-trainer Stephen Autridge believes capable mare **Our Abbadean (NZ)** (Lookin At Lucky) is back to her best and is ready for a black-type assignment.

Autridge and training partner Jamie Richards sent the Lookin At Lucky five-year-old south from their Matamata base on Saturday to contest the open 2100m event at Trentham and she didn't disappoint with a gritty victory.

Handled confidently by Samantha Wynne, Our Abbadean dominated her four rivals with a front running display that saw her shake off all challenges to record her fifth win from just 21 starts. It was the mare's second victory from just the two starts over a middle distance which is where Autridge

believes her future lies.

"I said in a radio interview on Friday that I thought she was just about back to her best and so it proved," said Autridge.

"She usually takes one or two runs to hit her peak and her work had been good leading into Saturday, so we were confident she could run well.

"It was a good win as they took her on in the middle stages, but Sam didn't panic and in the end she was too tough for them.

"Sam has had a handful of rides for us in the South but I think this is her first winner so that was a good result as well."

Autridge will now look for a stakes assignment for the mare with the Gr.2 Travis Stakes (2000m) an option in late April.

"We'll sit down and take a look at where we can get some black-type for her as that is our main goal," he said.

"The Travis Stakes appeals as an option but there may be something else before then as that is still a few weeks away."

Autridge also reported the stable's two-year-old stars

<b>Race</b>	<b>WRC NZ Campus of Innovation H. 2100m.</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Our Abbadean (NZ) 2012</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Llanhennock Trust</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Stephen Autridge &amp; Jamie Richards (Matamata)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Lookin at Lucky (USA) out of Highland Lights (AUS) by Fantastic Light (USA)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Llanhennock Trust; Waikato; NZ</b>



Sword Of Osman (NZ) (Savabeel) and Avantage (Fastnet Rock), who quinellaed the Gr.1 Sistema Stakes (1200m) at Ellerslie on Saturday, had pulled up well after their weekend exertions.

"They both seem in good shape although we will know more after we trot them up on Monday," he said.

"It was a great result for the stable and now we have the task of working out where we go next with both of them.

"There have been some preliminary discussions about both our local and Australian options, but we will meet on Tuesday and see how they have come through the race before anything more is decided."

– NZ Racing Desk

*Our Abbadean leads all the way at Trentham*







# HEADQUARTERS A HAPPY HUNTING GROUND FOR COLE



*Project and Chris Dell take the major spoils at Ellerslie*

The Kauwhata trainer Tony Cole claimed the family bragging rights back from son Cody when his progressive galloper **Project (NZ)** (Lucky Unicorn) stormed home to win over 1400m at Ellerslie on Saturday.

The senior Cole had watched his son take out a stakes race with speedy filly Astor (NZ) (Iffraaj) on the first day of the Auckland Cup Carnival last week and thought he had better pull his socks up and show there was some fight left in the old dog yet.

Project, who was bred by Cole, had been impressive when winning a special conditions maiden race over a similar distance at Ellerslie on New Year's Day and loomed as one of the main chances in an even contest on the weekend.

Rider Chris Dell had ridden a copybook race on Project on New Year's Day and he produced a similar performance on Saturday to take the spoils. Settled comfortably in midfield during the early running Dell didn't panic when tearaway leader Sound Works (Not A Single Doubt) tried to steal the race

on the home corner as he established a six-length break on his chasers.

Angled across heels for a clear run, Project sprinted quickly to close down the pacemaker in the closing stages before easing clear to win by half a length from Sound Works and the fast finishing Buy Me A Rock (Fastnet Rock).

"He's unbeaten over 1400m, which is his pet distance, and he likes to win on premier days," said an excited Dell after the race.

"I ended up further back than I intended but I sat quietly on him and came out around the corner. It seems to be the best place out a little wider.

"He relaxes and good horses can take you places.

"He is a nice horse."

Cole was full of praise for Dell's effort as he has stuck by the rider after supporting him throughout his apprenticeship.

"I stuck to him when he was starting out and we used his

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claim all throughout his apprenticeship," he said.

"Chris is dedicated and if I say be at the track at five o'clock he's there at five o'clock and that is something that every trainer needs."

Cole also explained how he came to breed the Lucky Unicorn four-year-old after training the gelding's mother, Penumbra (NZ) (Pentire).

"I got the mother as a bad debt and he is her first foal," he said.

"I'm very proud of the little fella as he is so tough. At the 300m mark he was going nowhere yet in the last 100m he grew another leg.

"I'm not sure what to do with him next, but it would be good to find another \$50,000 race."

The victory took Project's career record to three wins and four placings from just the 10 starts with just over \$72,000 in stakes earnings.

– NZ Racing Desk

<b>Race</b>	<b>ARC CMC Markets H. 1400m.</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Project (NZ) 2013</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>T W Cole, R W McDuff, D S &amp; M L Shuker</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Tony Cole (Te Kauwhata)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Lucky Unicorn (AUS) out of Penumbra by Pentire (GB)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>T W Cole; Waikato; NZ</b>

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Gilt Complex meets sad end in Dubai

It was a sad night for the Singapore team at the Super Saturday meeting in Dubai after **Gilt Complex (NZ)** (Gold Centre) had to be euthanized following the running of the US\$250,000 Gr.2 Dubai City Of Gold (2410m).

The Cliff Brown-trained 2017 Dester Singapore Gold Cup (2200m) winner was pulled up by jockey Adrie de Vries as the field was about to enter the back straight of the Meydan racecourse, a sign something had obviously gone amiss.

It was later reported that Gilt Complex had broken down and unfortunately could not be saved by the Dubai Racing Club vets.

Gilt Complex was at his third Dubai start. He finished unplaced at his first two outings.

Overall, the Graham Mackie-owned son of Gold Centre won eight races, including the Singapore Gold Cup and the Raffles Cup (1800m), and was placed eight times from 30 starts at Kranji, amassing more than \$1.5 million in stakes money. He was first prepared by trainer John O'Hara for whom he won three races from eight starts.

Brown was understandably shattered by the tragic loss.

"It's just a very sad day for everyone involved with the horse," said the Australian handler.

"It's a business with incredible highs and also the polar opposite lows that are just heart-breaking and today is one of those days for all of us."

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# EL TORDILLO DRIFTS OUT BUT STILL DOUBLES DOSE

**T**rainer Daniel Meagher was delighted all the patience shown with **El Tordillo (NZ)** (Dalghar) has paid off after the grey brought up back-to-back victories on Sunday.

The second win in the \$45,000 Class 4 Non-Premier race over 1200m might not have been as clear-cut as his 4 1/2-length win in a maiden race over 1200m three weeks ago, but the Australian handler said the Dalghar four-year-old was still heading in the right direction.

"He's a nice horse who is still learning about racing. He had his issues like joint surgery before I got him," said Meagher.

"Credit to my staff for keeping him sound as he's also not been an easy horse to train.

"It's good for us as those winners sure help pay the bills, and it's also good for Benny Woodworth. As I've said before, we've struck up a pretty good association."

The Malaysian jockey has been in a rich vein of form this year, booting home 10 winners, six of whom have come from Meagher.

His last win came from El Tordillo, hence his surprise at the way he drifted out under pressure on Sunday.

"I don't know why he did that today. He was hanging out for most of the way, not just in the home straight," he said.

"But even though he did that, he still gave a nice kick. The others could not catch him.

"He should have won more easily if not for this problem."

Woodworth said he went into the race with a reasonable level of confidence, as long as he stuck to the same winning formula.

"On his last win, I thought he had good ability and I gave him a decent chance even if he was up in class," said Woodworth.

"We wanted him to be up there in a handy spot like at his last win and that's why I got him up there early. He was travelling well, and even though he hung out, he was too good in the end.

"We will just have to work on that hanging issue."

With that second win, El Tordillo has now taken his stakes earnings around the \$40,000 mark for the Water Tower Stable.

<b>Race</b>	<b>Singapore TC Wong Chin Chuen S. 1000m.</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>El Tordillo (NZ) 2013</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Water Tower Stable</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Daniel Meagher (Kranji)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Dalghar (FR) out of Figeac by Zabeel</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Pencarrow Thoroughbreds Ltd; Waikato; NZ</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2015 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale; V: Pencarrow Stud, P: WC Lim; \$10,000</b>



*El Tordillo scores at Kranji*





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## THE CENTAINE AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
<b>SAVABEEL</b>	<b>\$9,043,405</b>
DARCI BRAHMA	\$7,594,737
ROAD TO ROCK	\$5,213,343
TAVISTOCK	\$5,197,817
O'REILLY	\$4,761,140
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$4,520,390
PER INCANTO	\$3,750,086
THORN PARK	\$3,023,644
PINS	\$2,879,318
SWISS ACE	\$2,778,411

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

## THE DEWAR STALLION TROPHY

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
<b>SAVABEEL</b>	<b>\$6,139,111</b>
DARCI BRAHMA	\$2,374,969
O'REILLY	\$2,192,828
PINS	\$1,988,574
IFFRAAJ	\$1,941,517
TAVISTOCK	\$1,832,148
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$1,768,656
ALAMOSA	\$1,603,503
MAKFI	\$1,579,290
PER INCANTO	\$1,517,004

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

## THE GROSVENOR AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
<b>SAVABEEL</b>	<b>\$2,769,865</b>
DARCI BRAHMA	\$1,381,167
IFFRAAJ	\$1,269,454
FASTNET ROCK	\$1,219,135
TAVISTOCK	\$1,170,830
ALAMOSA	\$1,045,333
PER INCANTO	\$956,774
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$903,950
PINS	\$887,240
ROC DE CAMBES	\$864,130

BEST PERFORMERS	EARNINGS
<b>EMBELLISH</b>	<b>\$466,310</b>
DEVISE	\$157,750
GINGERNUTS	\$180,000
AVANTAGE	\$631,120
GOBSTOPPER	\$188,375
STOLEN DANCE	\$131,450
SHADOWS CAST	\$141,312
SAINT EMILION	\$159,500
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 HONG KONG

### MARCH 12

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
<b>FLYING NOBLE (NZ) 2013 by Ekraar (USA) out of Keeperinthemyst by Keeper (AUS)</b>	BW & KW Hawtin; J S & K J McAllister; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Kreta Ayer H. 1400m.	
<b>Cousin Colin – AMAZING KIDS (H.K.) (NZ) 2011 by Falkirk out of Cadence by Rhythm (USA)</b>	Colyton Road Holdings Ltd; Central; NZ	HKJC Singapore Turf Club Trophy H. 1200m.	
<b>Invention World – SUN TOUCH (H.K.) (NZ) 2012 by Rip Van Winkle (IRE) out of Teardrop Island by Fastnet Rock (AUS)</b>	G R Cunningham; M Kirwan & D O'Byrne; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Merlion H. 1400m.	2014 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale; V: Curraghmore Stud, P: S To; \$170,000
<b>EVEREST (NZ) 2012 by Thorn Park (AUS) out of Miss Distinction by Bletchcore (AUS)</b>	Hallmark Stud Ltd & Trevor Hurley Trust; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Kranji H. 1600m.	2014 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale; V: Hallmark Stud, P: PWK Lee; \$310,000

#### NEWS IN BRIEF

##### Zahra on Humidor in Blamey

One of the hottest jockeys in the country Mark Zahra has been called up for the ride on **Humidor (NZ)** (Teofilo) for this Saturday's intriguing Gr.2 Blamey Stakes (1600m) at Flemington.

Trainer Darren Weir confirmed on Sunday that Zahra had been chosen for the horse that got so close to Winx (Street Cry) in last spring's Cox Plate but he said the Blamey Stakes ride on stable mate Tosen Stardom (Deep Impact) remained open.

The Blamey Stakes could be one of the big-name races of the autumn as Lloyd Williams is considering running one or either of his Melbourne Cup quinella horses Johannes Vermeer (Galileo) and Rekindling (High Chaparral) first-up in the 1600-metre race.

Zahra has ridden Humidor just once when eighth in last spring's Memsie Stakes at Caulfield, but no rider is having a better run through Melbourne's autumn carnival.

On Saturday, Zahra won the Gr.2 VRC Sires' Produce Stakes at Flemington on Not A Single Cent (Not A Single Doubt) and over the past three weeks has scored a Gr.1 Oakleigh Plate win aboard Russian Revolution (Snitzel) as well as five other stakes wins.

Both Humidor and Tosen Stardom progress from the Blamey to the Doncaster Handicap on the opening day of The Championships on April 7 before tackling Winx in the Queen Elizabeth Stakes.

##### Michael Walker to ride Danzdanzdance

Michael Walker will ride kiwi filly **Danzdanzdance (NZ)** (Mastercraftsman) in her upcoming Australian campaign.

The Donna Logan & Chris Gibbs trained three-year-old finished third in the Gr. 1 Vodafone New Zealand Derby (2400m) and will head across the Tasman for the Gr.1 Vinery Stud Stakes (2000m) at Rosehill on 31 March and the Gr.1 ATC Australian Oaks (2400m) at Randwick on 14 April

"She ran third in the New Zealand Derby last week and I'm riding her in the Vinery and the Oaks," Walker said.

"She's already the early favourite for the Oaks, so fingers crossed, she looks a great chance."

Danzdanzdance shares the top line of betting with Luvaluva (NZ) (Mastercraftsman) at \$8 for the ATC Australian Oaks at Randwick on April 14.





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## NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE

### MARCH 9

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
<b>SUCCESS COME TRUE (NZ) 2013 by Alamosa out of Falaniella by Faltaat (USA)</b>	DC Ellis & KW Fenton-Ellis; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1200m.	
<b>TERRIFIC (NZ) 2014 by Thewayouare (USA) out of Baby Gangster (AUS) by Encosta de Lago (AUS)</b>	Windsor Park Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Restricted Maiden S. 1200m.	2016 Ready to Run Sale; V: Ohukia Lodge Ltd, P: NZB as agent; \$32000
<b>MR EXCHEQUER (NZ) 2013 by Savabeel (AUS) out of Apollo Treasure (USA) by Apollo (USA)</b>	G M Fraser & Laurel Oak Bloodstock Pty Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 3 H. 1800m.	2015 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale; V: Haunui Farm, P: Cypress Point Farms; \$30,000 2015 Ready to Run Sale; V: Cypress Point Stables, P: SD Baertschiger; \$130,000
<b>SUPER TYCOON (NZ) 2013 by O'Reilly out of Toss Up by Zabeel</b>	Waikato Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1400m.	2015 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale; V: Waikato Stud Ltd, P: NZB as agent; \$70,000
<b>LITTLE BIG MAN (NZ) 2012 by Showcasing (GB) out of Caffeine by Zabeel</b>	L Beck; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1600m.	2013 National Weanling; Broodmare & Mixed Sale; V: Golden Oaks Stud, P: Phil Cataldo BStk; \$9,000

## NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE

### MARCH 11

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
<b>AEOLUS (NZ) 2013 by Alamosa out of Blondini by Big Spender</b>	Cambridge Hunt Ltd & C A Rutten; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Celebrations S. 1400m.	2015 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale; V: Highden Park, P: Chris Rutten B/stock; \$20,000
<b>EL TORDILLO (NZ) 2013 by Dalghar (FR) out of Figeac by Zabeel</b>	Pencarrow Thoroughbreds Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Wong Chin Chuen S. 1000m.	2015 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale; V: Pencarrow Stud, P: WC Lim; \$10,000

