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KIWI AGENT KEY COG IN KENTUCKY DERBY TRIUMPH

Kiwi Bloodstock Agent Michael Wallace was celebrating in his role as the China Horse Club's racing and bloodstock manager on Sunday morning (NZ time) after horses he played a significant role in selecting finished first and third in the Gr.1 Kentucky Derby (2000m).

The unbeaten Justify (Scat Daddy) smashed a 136-year hoodoo as he splashed through the mud to win the Kentucky Derby and become the first horse to win the Run to the Roses without racing as a two-year-old.

Trained by Bob Baffert and ridden by Mike Smith, Justify beat last season's two-year-old

champion and Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner Good Magic (Curlin) with Audible (Into Mischief) third.

Owned by WinStar Farm, China Horse Club, Starlight Racing and Head of Plains Partners, Justify secured the US\$1,432,000 first prize at just his fourth start and gave his trainer a fifth victory in the race.

"The win today is equivalent to a gold medal in the Olympics," said Teo Ah Khing, the Harvard-educated architect who runs the China Horse Club.

Audible, who races in the same ownership partnership as Justify was gallant in defeat as he and Good Magic came up short in their attempt to chase down Justify on a rain soaked Churchill Downs track.

Bred in Kentucky by John D. Gunther, Justify was consigned by Glennwood Farm to the 2016 Keeneland September Yearling Sale where he was knocked down to China Horse Club & Maverick Racing for \$500,000.



Teo Ah King, Michael Wallace and Mick Flanagan

"He was such a beautiful, upstanding horse who was light on his feet," said Wallace who shares in the buying duties for the Club with Mick Flanagan and Tom Ryan of SF Bloodstock.

"If we were going to push on a horse in the first few days of that sale, he was the one we were going to push hard for. He stood out head and shoulders above everybody else in that sale.

"We were lucky we got in early on Scat Daddy. A yearling like that walks into the Keeneland sale now, and he brings three times that amount."

The China Horse Club are also involved in the ownership of Grade Two winner Quip, runner-up in the Gr.1 Arkansas Derby (1800m), who skipped the Kentucky Derby to focus on the Gr.1 Preakness Stakes (1900m).

"To win the Derby means everything. Everyone knows how difficult it is to win a race like this. It is far reaching."





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SON OF ZAC BACK IN WINNING GROOVE AT RIC CARTON

Promising South Island stayer **Son Of Zac (NZ)** (Zacinto) gave his rivals a start and a comprehensive beating when taking out the NZI Great Autumn Handicap (2500m) at Riccarton on the weekend.

A gutsy last start run for fourth carrying 59kgs under the weight-for-age conditions of the Gr.3 Canterbury Gold Cup (2000m) had punters install the four-year-old Zacinto gelding as one of the main fancies as he dropped down to a luxurious 54.5kgs for Saturday's contest.

Handled superbly by rider Courtney Barnes, Son Of Zac followed his normal racing pattern as he ambled out of the starting gates to settle a conspicuous last during the early running. Barnes perked her charge up approaching the 800m mark and Son Of Zac tacked on to the back of the field before starting a searching run out wide approaching the home bend.

Barnes had a lapful of horse at that stage and as the pacemakers began to fade, Son Of Zac surged to the lead before charging clear to win by a conservative ten lengths at the finish line.

Co-trainer Kevin Hughes had a grin from ear-to-ear as he waited for his stable favourite to make his way back to the winner's enclosure.

"He was pretty good today," he said.

"I'm thrilled for him as that weight-for-age run was a big effort. Taking the 4kgs off his back made a huge difference."

Hughes admitted he had his doubts about Son Of Zac's ability to stretch out to the 2500m distance, but the performance may make him reconsider that fact.

"I'm scratching my head now as he's got me a bit confused," he said.

"There's not much of him although in the last month he's started to come up in the wither, put on some weight and grow a little bit.

"I think next year he will be a lovely horse."

The win was Son Of Zac's fifth from 21 career starts and took his earnings to just shy of the \$115,000 mark.

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	CJC NZI Great Autumn H. 2500m.
Winner	Son of Zac (NZ) 2013
Owners	Mrs H J Ferguson, K H & Mrs P J Hughes
Trainer	Kevin & Pam Hughes (Riccarton Park)
Breeding	by Zacinto (GB) out of Oxford Aunt by Tuscany Flyer (AUS)
Breeder	Mrs H & Est late J G Shaw; Canterbury; NZ



Son Of Zac clears out from his rivals at Riccarton



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The 2018 edition of New Zealand Bloodstock's Karaka May Sale will be held at Karaka on Monday 7th & Tuesday 8th May 2018. Renowned for delivering exceptional quality and value – the newly named Karaka May Sale will present yearlings, weanlings, broodmares, two-year-olds and racing stock – giving buyers an abundance of breeding, investment and pin hooking opportunities. And as an additional benefit, Yearlings offered at the Sale are now eligible to be entered in the Karaka Million Series featuring two \$1m races.

Bidding will commence on both days at 10:00am.

KARAKA MAY SALE



Coolmore's Michael Kirwan with NZB representative Harry King



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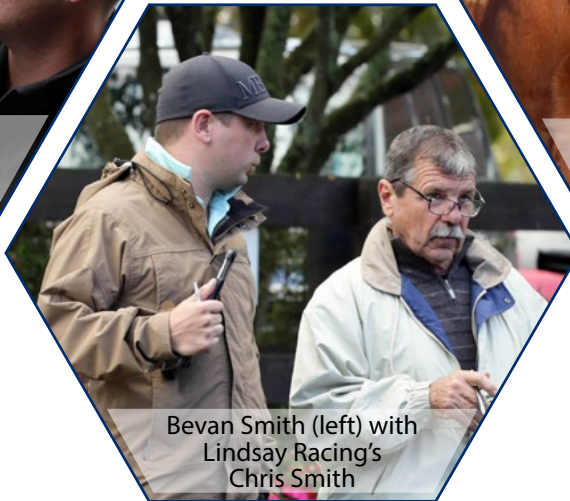
The busy scene outside the Curraghmore barn



Lot 255 – the Power weanling colt from Wentwood Grange, with handler Brad Molander



Lot 332 – The Zacinto weanling colt from the draft of Dan Myers with handler Jo Lyons



Bevan Smith (left) with Lindsay Racing's Chris Smith





BIG FUTURE **PREDICTED FOR MIKE**

Exciting prospect **Big Mike (NZ)** (Don Eduardo) has provided trainer Craig Phelan with a pleasant dilemma after adding to his burgeoning record with a convincing victory in the last race of the day at Te Rapa on the weekend.

The lightly raced Don Eduardo five-year-old made it win number four from just 15 starts when he landed a betting plunge with a bold front running performance over 1600m. The win justified the confidence Phelan has in his charge who has tested his patience despite compiling such a handy record in a short space of time.

“He’s taken his time to come to it, but I think the penny has finally dropped now,” said Phelan.

“We’ve always had an opinion of him, but he’s been a little hard to place as he doesn’t like the ground too firm or too deep. He actually ticked a box for us on Saturday as that is the first time he has won on a track as good as that.”

Phelan has been prepared to wait for his charge to mature into his lanky frame, especially after receiving advice from experienced rider Trudy Thornton after she rode him at Ellerslie in December last year.

“Trudy got off him that day and told us to keep him away from the really firm tracks but to keep the faith as she believed he had the ability to win a really good race when he struck the right surface,” he said.

“That was what we needed to hear as it backed up our thinking, so we put him aside with the aim of getting him



Big Mike adds another win to his impressive career record

ready for something better during this campaign.

“We had thought about the Rotorua Cup but that’s come up a little too soon. I’m not too fussed about missing it as we can afford to pick and choose where we go and there is plenty more to come during the winter and into the spring.

“We might even take a look at what’s coming up in Brisbane as there are a number of options during their carnival that has just kicked off.”

Phelan was also quick to praise the efforts of rider Jonathan Riddell who produced a positive ride to overcome a wide barrier draw on Saturday.

“Leading into the race I was very confident he could win but when he drew the outside I started to worry about whether he could overcome it in

what was a tidy field,” he said.

“Jonathan told me he was going to be very positive out of the gates and when he got him across to the fence I knew he would be hard to catch.

“What we need now is to get some back-type with him. His dam is in foal to Jakkalberry so if he can do the business it will just keep on adding value to the family.”

- NZ Racing Desk

Race	Waikato RC NZI H. 1600m.
Winner	Big Mike (NZ) 2012
Owners	G S & S A Fausett, C K, K B & B L Phelan
Trainer	Craig Phelan (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Don Eduardo out of Landvetter by Felix the Cat (USA)
Breeder	G S & Mrs S A Fausett; Bay Of Plenty; NZ





DOUBLE FOR POWERFUL PITMAN STABLE

The powerful father and son training partnership of Michael and Matthew Pitman added another winning double to their impressive home track record at Riccarton on Saturday, albeit they had to share the spoils in one of those victories.

The ultra-impressive **Elfee (NZ)** (Iffraaj) kicked off the day in good style with a win over 1600m in rating 85 company before underrated mare Saronic Miss (Smart Missile) grabbed a share of the major prize-money when she dead-heated with recent

southern convert Secret Stash (Sakhee's Secret) in a rating 65 1200m event just one race later.

Elfee, who also started her career in the north before heading to the Pitman operation in early 2017, made it career win number seven when she out finished pacemaker Laaffaire (NZ) (Iffraaj) and race favourite Euphoria (NZ) (Rip Van Winkle) to take out the third race on the programme.

The win was well deserved after the six-year-old had been narrowly beaten two starts ago in the Gr.3 South Island Breeders' Stakes (1600m).

"She was really unlucky that day and not just in that run either," said Matthew Pitman.

"The form's been all around her and she got her turn today."

Pitman was pleased with the ride of northern apprentice Sam Weatherley who positioned the Iffraaj mare in a striking position throughout before driving her to the front in the closing stages of the contest.

"It was a very patient and very good ride from Sam," he said.

Race	CJC Karaka May Sale H. 1600m.
Winner	Elfee (NZ) 2011
Owners	Mrs F Torrance
Trainer	Michael & Matthew Pitman (Riccarton Park)
Breeding	by Iffraaj (GB) out of Elf Queene (IRE) by Fairy King (USA)
Breeder	T R & Mrs V M Pascoe; Waikato; NZ
Sales	2013 National Yearling Sale - Select Session V: Esker Lodge \$30000 P: NZB as agent



"That's why we got him down here.

"She was very unlucky not to get a Group Three win, but she got her consolation today."

Weatherley was also taken with the mare's effort.

"She's a tough mare," he said.

"You like these types of horses that always put in one hundred percent. I didn't want to be unlucky on her so I popped off the fence just before the corner.

"I waited as long as I could as I knew I had the second horse covered and she put them to bed quite nicely."

– NZ Racing Desk

Elfee chalks up the first leg of a raceday double for the Michael & Matthew Pitman training partnership





POWER DREAM CAPS OFF TOP DAY FOR CAMBRIDGE TRAINER

Cambridge trainer Stephen Marsh capped off a superb day's work at Te Rapa on Saturday when exciting three-year-old filly **Power Dream (NZ)** (Power) joined stablemate Santa Catarina (NZ) (Savabeel) on the winner's list for the day.

Marsh produced Santa Catarina to win the day's feature, the Listed Waikato Equine Veterinary Centre 2YO Stakes (1100m) and then added a second win with Power Dream who led from go to whoa in the hands of Danielle Johnson.

Johnson had the Power filly travelling economically in front throughout the rating 65 1200m event before kicking her mount clear as they rounded the home turn. The well backed Short Fuse (NZ) (Per Incanto) chased hard all the way down the Te Rapa straight but had to settle for second as Power Dream held out all challenges to win by a neck at the line.

Marsh, who had been frustrated by a string of minor placings by his stable runners in recent weeks, was in a joking mood as he praised the grit shown by his filly to hold out her pursuers.

"I'm feeling a bit more back in the game with these winners," he said.

"To be fair, at her last start it was trainer's error as she probably wasn't quite ready for that first up effort and she blew out in a very good field.

"We were trying to get her to the Cambridge Breeders Stakes and it may have been a good thing she didn't get in to that race."

Marsh was confident heading into Saturday's event and was hoping the win would lift her connections spirits after the disappointment of her last run.

"She had trained brilliantly and she is a lovely filly," he said.

"The owners were a little bit down in the mouth so hopefully they are happier now.

"Every race she has been in there have been some good ones around her. We took her to Ruakaka first-up and she ran into Embellish and Ever Loyal."

Marsh indicated the \$90,000 purchase from the Cambridge Stud

draft at the 2016 Select Yearling Sale at Karaka would look to add to her Te Rapa record when she returns for a three-year-old 1200m contest in a fortnight.

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	Waikato RC True Colours H. 1200m.
Winner	Power Dream (NZ) 2014
Owners	Mrs L M & R L Bonnington, P M Jeffares & M W Scott
Trainer	Stephen Marsh (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Power (GB) out of Lady Fashion by Stravinsky (USA)
Breeder	Standard 2080 Ltd; Waikato; NZ
Sales	2016 National Yearling Sale - Select Session V: Cambridge Stud \$90000 P: SB Marsh/R Bonnington



Power Dream (inner) stretches her neck out to secure a gritty win at Te Rapa



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Darren Beadman

Sweynesse, is a son of former champion racehorse and super sire Lonhro. Beadman rode Lonhro in most of his 26 wins and he gets to work with many of that horse's sons and daughters at Godolphin.

- A multiple Group One performer (2nd G1 Randwick Guineas, 3rd G1 Spring Champion) beating some of the best 3YO Group One winners in Australia including Kermedec, Preferment, Hampton Court, Shooting To Win, First Seal.
- Winner of first four starts including dual Group 3 wins in the Spring Stakes and Gloaming Stakes.
- A winner at only start as a 2YO.
- A top 3YO Timeform rating of 122 makes Sweynesse one of the top Australian 3YO colts of his year.
- By Lonhro -The Champion 3YO, the Champion miler, the Horse of the Year, and now a Champion sire. Lonhro set a new Australian record of 160 individual winners in a season. His son Pierro, unbeaten juvenile Triple Crown winner, was rated the best juvenile colt in Australia since 1977.
- Out of the multiple winning mare Swansea by Champion Sire Singspiel (5xG1 Winner and sire of 98SW).
- Sweynesse is a magnificent individual. He stands 16.2 hh. He has a powerful hind quarter, a strong shoulder and a great athletic walk. He is very correct.
- Sweynesse is syndicated amongst many of New Zealand's top breeders who are strongly supporting him at stud.



Ray Knight

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NZ STALLION AWARDS

THE CENTAINE AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$11,413,222
DARCI BRAHMA	\$9,503,153
ROAD TO ROCK	\$7,269,584
TAVISTOCK	\$5,943,347
O'REILLY	\$5,840,098
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$5,812,919
PER INCANTO	\$4,508,664
SHOWCASING	\$3,653,661
PINS	\$3,635,494
NOM DU JEU	\$3,438,119

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

THE DEWAR STALLION TROPHY

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$7,407,596
DARCI BRAHMA	\$2,807,446
O'REILLY	\$2,756,391
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$2,508,249
PINS	\$2,439,909
IFFRAAJ	\$2,284,406
TAVISTOCK	\$2,254,427
PER INCANTO	\$2,018,674
MAKFI	\$1,991,530
YAMANIN VITAL	\$1,950,874

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

THE GROSVENOR AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$3,292,855
DARCI BRAHMA	\$1,629,339
IFFRAAJ	\$1,567,294
FASTNET ROCK	\$1,401,650
TAVISTOCK	\$1,352,905
PER INCANTO	\$1,247,624
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$1,149,635
ALAMOSA	\$1,142,483
PINS	\$1,077,890
ROC DE CAMBES	\$969,270

BEST PERFORMERS	EARNINGS
EMBELLISH	\$466,310
DEVISE	\$157,750
GINGERNUTS	\$180,000
AVANTAGE	\$742,370
GOBSTOPPER	\$188,375
SHADOWS CAST	\$154,812
SAINT EMILION	\$218,300
STOLEN DANCE	\$131,450
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 MAY 2

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
HAPPY SOUND (NZ) 2012 by Thewayyouare (USA) out of Striking Sneek by Straight Strike (USA)	Mrs K A & N J Auret; Central; NZ	HKJC Chung Hom Kok H. 1200m.	
Artic Wolf - FURIOUS PEGASUS (H.K.) (NZ) 2011 by Keeper (AUS) out of Pyrate Princess by Pyrus (USA)	K W & Mrs L M Oddy; Auckland; NZ	HKJC Deep Water Bay H. 1800m.	
GOLDIE FLANKER (NZ) 2012 by Rip Van Winkle (IRE) out of Showusyourpins by Pins (AUS)	B N & Mrs M A Gray	HKJC Repulse Bay H. 1200m.	2014 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Haunui Farm, P: Tartan Meadow Bloodstock; \$100,000
HEARTS KEEPER (NZ) 2009 by Keeper (AUS) out of Mrs Zoff (AUS) by Zoffany (USA)	Jennew Bloodstock Ltd.	HKJC Repulse Bay H. 1200m.	

NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG MAY 6

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
PEARL WARM WARM (NZ) 2011 by Keeper (AUS) out of She's Got Spunk by O'Reilly	B N & T M Brown; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Purves Quach H. 1400m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Esker Lodge, P: PW Lock; \$50,000
HEZTHEWONFORUS (NZ) 2014 by Sufficient out of Party Queen by Gold Brose (AUS)	Able International Ltd; Auckland; NZ	HKJC Stevenson Cup 1400m.	



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NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE

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HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
SUPER DAN (NZ) 2013 by Darci Brahma out of Opuatia by Black Minnaloushe (USA)	MDJ Bloodstock Ltd & Michael Wallace Bloodstock Ltd; Auckland; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1200m.	
AUSPICIOUS DAY (NZ) 2014 by Showcasing (GB) out of Sweet Charity by Zabeel	Mrs K A & W P Myers; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Restricted Maiden P. 1400m.	2016 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Seaton Park Ltd, P: SC Chew; \$30,000
CASEY (NZ) 2014 by Guillotine out of Cape Treasure (AUS) by Cape Cross (IRE)	Miss J L Dunlop; L K Laxon & R G Walls; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Maiden S. 1600m.	
DRAGON DUKE (NZ) 2013 by Bachelor Duke (USA) out of Justawins by Stark South (USA)	D N Pye & Dame Wendy Pye; Auckland; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1000m.	2015 National Yearling Sale - Festival Session; V: Haunui Farm, P: GJ & MA Old; \$34,000
VIVIANO (NZ) 2011 by Keeper (AUS) out of Flying Florence by Centaine (AUS)	Mrs S Hole; Canterbury; NZ	Singapore TC Kranji S. L 1400m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Seaton Park Ltd, P: Mulcaster B/stock; \$85,000
HAYTHAM (NZ) 2013 by Saperavi out of A la Votre by Volksraad (GB)	A & L Browne Bloodstock Ltd; R G Belsham; K W Fenton-Ellis; Mrs J Harding; A Jones; D Radford & S K Turner; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1000m.	

NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE

MAY 6

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
METTLESOME (NZ) 2011 by Gallant Guru (AUS) out of Irish Jig by O'Reilly	E J & Mrs M Strauss; South; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1700m	2013 National Yearling Sale - Festival Sale; V: Bradbury Park, P: Anna Scott Rcg; \$7,000



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