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WAR AFFAIR AND STORM TROOPS **DEAD-HEAT IN SAAS FEE**



War Affair (middle) and Storm Troops (outer) hit the line locked together.

ith its bumper field of 15 runners, Sunday's Saas Fee Stakes was billed as a nice prelude to the Singapore Guineas, but what a thriller it turned out to be with champion War Affair (NZ) (O'Reilly) sharing the spoils with Storm Troops (Orpen) in a pulsating three-way go.

The Bruce Marsh-trained War Affair, who was resuming since his third place in the Group 1 Raffles Cup (1800m) in October, came from an untenable position to dead-heat with the Ricardo Le Grange-trained Storm Troops with rankoutsider and surprise pop Hip Hip Hooray (NZ) (Tavistock) third another short head away.

But for most who were on hand at the track, War Affair, the 2014 Singapore Horse of the Year whose career had been

plagued by injuries in the last couple of years, had his work cut out after he settled at the tailend while Storm Troops enjoyed a nice trail just off the speed before looping around to have a clear shot at the winning post in the home straight.

At the 300m, War Affair had been angled out to the middle but had a wall of horses in front. It was, however, clear that Beasley had a lapful as the O'Reilly six-year-old nudged his way between horses to attack the line with great purpose.

Hip Hip Hooray was not to be shaken off so easily though as he kept finding while Storm Troops on the outside was plodding on but still very much in the mix.

In the end, the trio lunged at the post with War Affair and

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WAR AFFAIR AND STORM TROOPS DEAD-HEAT IN SAAS FEE

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Storm Troops judged to take home the thicker end of the \$200,000 prizemoney of the 1400m contest.

The stand absolutely erupted when dead-heat was semaphored. The crowd favourite had hung on for dear life for the fairytale comeback purists just love while Storm Troops, who has always been regarded by Le Grange and his previous trainer Patrick Shaw - who happened to be at the track for the big occasion, looking in the pink of health - as Group material, was equally brave in the way he kept digging deep inside the last furlong.

Marsh, who was actually only saddling War Affair to his second win, with trainers Mark Walker and Alwin Tan having been the first ones who prepared him to his previous 14 wins, including five at Group 1 level under Tan, was speechless at the winner's circle.

"It was a sensational win," said the veteran Kiwi handler.

"I don't know what happened when he was so far back. The way the track rode today, he had to be really good to win first-up.

"But he's a horse with such a great heart. What is even more amazing is this horse has been through so much behind the scenes and to see him win like that, it's just sensational."

The two winning jockeys were also both over the moon

with their wins, never mind if they had to take turns to pose for the camera at the winner's stall and give their victory speech to the TV.

The one that was a little more emotional had to be Beasley's considering how he was a big part of War Affair's Group 1 juggernaut during his three-year-old and early fouryear-old seasons.

"I am so proud of him. It doesn't matter if it was a deadheat, to do what he did after what he's been through, it's pretty amazing," said the Australian hoop.

"Nothing happened at the start; he just wanted to be at the back today, on his own.

"He got a head, a neck in front, and then he just picked himself off the canvas, and just threw himself at the line. It's a very special win."

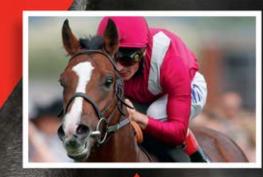
Race	Singapore TC Saas Fee S, 1400m
Winner	War Affair (NZ) 2010
Owners	Warplan Racing Stable
Trainer	Bruce Marsh (Kranji)
Breeding	by O'Reilly out of Kristique (USA) by Kris S (USA)
Breeder	Trelawney Thoroughbred Ltd; Waikato; NZ
Sales	2012 National Yearling Sale - Premier Session; V: Trelawney Stud Ltd, P: DC Ellis; \$70,000

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TE AKAU TEAM PASS FIRST BRISBANE TEST

rainer Jamie Richards was a happy man as he waited to board a plane home from Brisbane yesterday morning.

The Matamata conditioner, who prepares the Te Akau Racing team in partnership with Stephen Autridge, had plenty to smile about as he reflected on the team's performance at Doomben a day earlier.

Promising three-year-old stayer

Shocking Luck (NZ) (Shocking) thrust his name into Queensland Derby contention with a comprehensive winning performance in the Gr. 3

Rough Habit Plate (2000m) while stayer Zambezi Warrior (NZ) (Pentire) stamped himself as a Brisbane Cup contender with a stout late finish for fourth in the Gr. 3 Chairman's Handicap (2000m).

Only Group One winning threeyear-old **Hall Of Fame (NZ)** (Savabeel) gave Richards cause for pause with an indifferent performance in finishing fifth in a Listed 1350 metre contest, a race that Richards felt was well within the colt's capabilities.

"I don't think you can use the wet track as an excuse for Hall Of Fame as he has won in that type of ground before," he noted.

"There is something not quite right there as he travels up beautifully but just isn't finishing things off like we know he can.

"The vet will run the rule over him on Monday and hopefully that will give us a clue to what the issue is." Richards was bullish about the prospects of the now Hong Kong owned Shocking Luck as he builds into the next feature event for the three-year-olds during the Brisbane carnival, the Gr. 3 Grand Prix Stakes on 27 May.

"Shocking Luck ate up nicely last night and trotted up beautifully this morning so he's come through the race superbly," he said.

"It was a top performance as he was a little wide early on but really put them away in the straight and was very dominant at the finish.

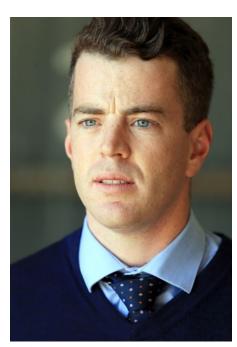
"His main aim is the Queensland Derby and he will have his final lead-up in the Grand Prix Stakes in a fortnight.

"David (Ellis) put a deal together for his new Hong Kong owner Phillip Mak after the horse ran second in the Waikato Guineas so to get the win for him is very satisfying. We're hopeful he can get down to see him go around in the Derby before the horse heads up to Hong Kong for his future racing."

Richards was also delighted with the run of Zambezi Warrior who had his race turned upside down when checked at the start.

"The plan was to ride him handy as there seemed to be a bias towards the front runners but that went out the window when he copped a check at the start," he explained.

"He got another bump approaching the home turn so he put in a super effort to run home strongly for fourth." Richards will now turn his attention



Te Akau Racing's Jamie Richards

to some of the other members of the Te Akau team who are on hand in Brisbane with exciting sprinter Splurge (NZ) (Savabeel) set to gallop at the Gold Coast on Tuesday as he prepares for his first assignment in the Gr. 3 BRC Sprint this coming weekend.

"Splurge has settled in well and we will gallop him on the grass at the Gold Coast on Tuesday," he advised.

"He will run in the BRC Sprint and then hopefully the Stradbroke after that.

"Melody Belle has pulled up well after her trial the other day although she has taken the longest to settle in here. Her aim is the Sires Produce Stakes at Eagle Farm on the 27th and then the Group One JJ Atkins on the 10th of June."

- NZ Racing Desk





NO LUCK FOR BUSUTTIN IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA DERBY



Anaheim finished an unlucky fifth in Saturday's Gr. 1 South Australian Derby

ormer kiwi trainer Trent Busuttin was left to reflect the vagaries of racing after **Anaheim** (Fastnet Rock) finished an unlucky fifth in Saturday's Gr. 1 South Australian Derby.

Busuttin, who prepares the Fastnet Rock colt with partner Natalie Young from their Cranbourne base, was confident he had the promising three-year-old at fever pitch for the A\$600,000 feature but saw his plans turn to custard when the colt was slow away from a mid-field barrier draw.

"They say barriers win races and I guess you saw that on Saturday," he confided.

"The horse was a little tardy away and found himself in the last few on the fence for most of the race. He never really saw daylight at any stage and made up a huge amount of ground to finish where he did.

"Our initial plan had been to ride him handy but that went out the window and in the final wash-up you can say he was more than a little unlucky.

"He will go to the paddock now and have a good break. We think he has the makings of a top stayer so hopefully he will come out as a four-year-old and show us what he is capable of."

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NO LUCK FOR BUSUTTIN IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA DERBY

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Busuttin was also philosophical about the performances of two recent New Zealand additions to the stable in Tessastock (NZ) (Tavistock) and (Our) Peaky Blinders (NZ) (Sir Percy) who finished well back in their Australian debuts.

"Tessastock was a little bit of a mystery as Leith (Innes) said she travelled beautifully during the race but had nothing in the run home," he noted.

"He did say she was making a noise when he pulled her up and thinks she may have choked down on something. We'll take a look at her to make sure she's okay as she is a lovely mare and had travelled over here in super condition.

"Peaky Blinders was a head scratcher although I'm not sure it was the best ride you will ever see.

"He pretty much flopped out of the gates and then was wide so I guess you can forgive him. We'll get him up to 1600 metres for his next run and I would expect to see plenty of improvement."

Busuttin also had time to reflect on a hectic nine months since he and Young made the move from Cambridge to Cranbourne with their young family.

"The time has flown by and we've settled in well here," he said.

"The kids are very happy which makes a massive difference and we are finding our groove now. "I think we've trained over 30 winners including a couple of stakes winners so we are pleased with that.

"It's pretty much a stable filled with a lot of young horses so there is a lot to look forward to. We have a great mix of local and New Zealand owners who have been very supportive so that has also helped immensely."

When pressed on his future stable stars Busuttin nominated Gr.

1 Australian Derby winner Tavago (NZ) (Tavistock) to remain the team's flag bearer during his next campaign while he holds high hopes for two-year-old filly Garrard (Sepoy) when she commences a three-year-old campaign in the spring.

NZ Racing Desk

NEWS IN BRIEF

Walker hits 400 in Singapore

Premiership leading trainer Mark Walker made a great start to the Singapore Guineas meeting on Sunday at Kranji, when Awatere (Charge Forward) scorched along in front to win the \$38,000 Kranji D 1200 metres and became his 400th winner since arriving in Singapore.

With Shafiq Rusof in the saddle, Awatere made light work of crossing to the rail from barrier ten and found a good kick when challenged in the straight to win comfortably by 1 ½ lengths.

Leading the trainers premiership this season with 32 wins, Walker won the 2015 premiership with 86 wins and has always been one of the best in the business since arriving in 2011. With over a dozen classic successes to his name in Singapore, Walker was a record-breaking winner of five premierships for Te Akau before leaving New Zealand, becoming the youngest at just 31 years old to win the title, and his training skills are now recognized as being truly international.

Of the win, trainer Mark Walker said: "He just dropped down a class and we rode him handy and he found his winning form again. We decided to be more positive on him and got the result. He's got a good record now, had eleven starts for three wins and he'd have about \$120,000 in the bank so he's been good for the owners".

Awatere was purchased as a yearling by David Ellis for \$50,000 at the 2015 New Zealand Bloodstock Premier Yearling Sale, from the draft of Lyndhurst Farm, with a weanling half-brother by Iffraaj (Zafonic) selling at the NZB National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Bloodstock Sale last week for \$85,000.





ORDER AGAIN TO BE BETTER AT EAGLE FARM

ockey Larry Cassidy believes three-year-old **Order Again** (**NZ**) (Iffraaj) has one big advantage in the Group One Queensland Derby - it will be run at Eagle Farm.

Order Again came from back in the field to run an eyecatching second to Shocking Luck (NZ) (Shocking) in the Group Three Rough Habit Plate at Doomben on Saturday.

At his previous start he won a restricted race at Eagle Farm by 7-1/2 lengths on a wet track.

The Derby (2400m) is on June 10 and Cassidy is growing in confidence he can win the race for a third time.



The most recent of Cassidy's 45 Group One wins was on Court Ruler (NZ) (Viking Ruler) in the 2009 Queensland Derby and he also won the race on Freemason (Grand Lodge) in 2000

"I know the margin was pretty big in Shocking Luck's favour but the barrier (13) was no help to Order Again," Cassidy said.

"We had to get a long way back and make up ground. If I could have settled three lengths closer it could have been a different story."

"But one thing I am keen about is that the Derby will be run at Eagle Farm. Order Again has shown he loves the surface and a lot of horses don't handle it."

"That is a big advantage, especially if it is a bit wet."

Order Again's trainer Brian Smith was pleased with his

Rough Habit run as the gelding has had a few minor issues in recent times.

"But he has only \$62,000 in the bank and I hope he has enough prize money to make the Derby field,' Smith said.

AAP

Race	BRC Rough Habit P. Gr.3 2000m.
Winner	Order Again (NZ) 2013
Owners	Mr C E J Stewart, Mr C J W Stewart
Trainer	Brian Smith (Eagle Farm)
Breeding	by Iffraaj (GB) out of Glass Half Full by Van Nistelrooy (USA)
Breeder	C E J & C J W Stewart; Central; NZ

Haunui Farm stallion Iffraaj (pictured) has another smart threeyear-old in Order Again who will contest the Gr. 1 Queensland Derby









LOCK HAS PROMISING THREE-YEAR-OLD **READY FOR WAIPA TEST**

comfortable trial performance at Te Awamutu last month could provide punters with the best guide to a winner at at today's rescheduled Waipa Racing Club meeting.

Heavy rain and surface flooding caused the postponement of the meeting which was set to run last Friday. Conditions have improved markedly however a heavy surface will still be in evidence, one that Te Aroha trainer Peter Lock has been keen to see for his progressive three-year-old **Dougie (NZ)** (Keeper) who steps out in the last race on the programme.

Successful in one of his 3 starts to date, the Keeper gelding has been kept on ice by Lock as he waited for the tracks to soften.

"He showed us plenty when he won on his home track back in September last year," he noted.

"We had big plans for him including a possible Derby campaign but he really felt the ground when he ran down the track at Ellerslie in December.

"That put a halt to those summer plans so we put him aside to wait until we got more suitable ground for him."

Dougle made his first appearance since his Ellerslie failure at the Waipa trials on 18 April and finished second to Straight Sets in an open heat over 850 metres.

"He ran home nicely under his own steam so we were delighted to see that," said Lock.

"He has come on nicely although whatever he does will only benefit him. We think he is a horse that can go through the grades so I'm looking forward to getting this first one under his belt."

Lock also advised that promising sprinter/

week after recovering from a nasty incident following his trial win at Ellerslie in early May. "We had a problem with him after his trial due to the

miler Mr Luigi (NZ) (Darci Brahma) will return to full work this

heavy traffic on the way home," he said.

"It was stop start all the way and he managed to pull a shoe and then stand on it in the float. He did a bit of damage so we have poulticed the hoof for a week and he is ready to come back into work.

"It has put us behind the eight ball a little but I'm still happy with him.

"We want to get another win with him then look at some of the better open grade races where he should get in on the minimum weight. Hopefully a race like the Opunake Cup in July will be on his agenda as I think he is good enough to win something like that."

- NZ Racing Desk



Mr Luiai is over a small setback and ready to commence a new winter campaign





THREE GOLD STARS FOR WYNNE

eading South Island rider Samantha Wynne combined with one of her favourite horses when she guided Miss Three Stars (NZ) (Perfectly Ready) to a comfortable victory in the Preston Russell Law sponsored Wairio Cup on Sunday.

Sent out favourite for the day's feature event Miss Three Stars never

Race	Wairio JC Wairio Cup 2130m.		
Winner	Miss Three Stars (NZ) 2009		
Owners	Three Star Syndicate		
Trainer	Tommy Beckett (Ascot Park)		
Breeding	by Perfectly Ready (AUS) out of Missy by Stark South (USA)		
Breeder	Ms J M & M J Crooks & Mrs B R Nettleton; South; NZ		

looked in any danger as Wynne had her relaxed throughout the contest. Asked for an effort as the small field bunched in the approach to the home turn the talented seven-yearold boomed over the top of her rivals in the final 200 metres to score a convincing victory.

The win was the 10th of her 52-start career with all bar one being in the hands of Wynne. It was also her first victory since the 2016 Gr. 3 Winter Cup at Riccarton, a race which trainer Tommy Beckett is keen to win again.

"We knew she was pretty right today and with the wetter track and Sam back on she looked a big chance," he said.

"She just hasn't quite had the

tracks to suit of late but the rain we got played right into our hands for this

Beckett also acknowledged the influence that Wynne has had on the

"That's her 9th win with Sam on which is quite something," he admitted.

"She is a very quirky mare but Sam gets on with her so well. We've tried quite a few other riders but it just seems like she will only run for Sam.

"She's off for a two week break now then we will bring her back and get her ready for a 1600 metre race at Riccarton. After that she can go to Ashburton and then Oamaru which should have her cherry ripe for

> the Winter Cup at Riccarton in August.

"If she is in this sort of form and gets the right track we might just be able to make it back to back wins in the race which would be very special."

- NZ Racing Desk



Miss Three Stars and Sam Wynne bolt home in the Wairio Cup









RACING VICTORIA ANNOUNCE BIG PRIZEMONEY INCREASES

he Group 1 Caulfield Guineas, long considered Australia's championship three-year-old mile race, will be worth \$2 million for the first time in 2017 after Racing Victoria released a raft of prizemoney increases on Saturday.

An increase of \$15.5 million will be offered in the 2017/18 racing season as the Victorian industry claws back the lead from New South Wales in the prizemoney race.

A total of \$214 million in prizemoney and bonuses will be on offer throughout Victoria, spread across all levels of the sport from picnic race meetings to Group 1 contests, which has seen increases totalling \$40 million offered since May 2015.

The Classic generation have been strategically targeted by Racing Victoria in an effort to enhance the states positioning of the

important age bracket in racing, pushing Victoria as the place to race three-year-olds.

Minimum prizemoney for Saturday metropolitan threeyear-old races will now be worth \$120,000, an increase of \$40,000. These races also carry a Super VOBIS bonus.

Feature three-year-old contests have had prizemoney increases befitting their status as Classic races, including:

- \$2 million Caulfield Guineas (1600m, Caulfield, 14 October) – up \$1 million
- \$1 million Coolmore Stakes (1200m, Flemington, 4 November) – up \$500,000
- \$1 million Australian Guineas (1600m, Flemington, 3 March) – up \$250,000.

The Spring Racing Carnival's early weight-for-age races across Caulfield and Flemington received substantial prizemoney increases, including:

- \$1 million Group 1 Memsie Stakes (1400m, Caulfield, September 2) – an increase of \$500,000
- \$750,000 Group 1 Makybe Diva Stakes (1600m, Flemington, September 16) – an increase of \$250,000



Racing Victoria has announced major prizemoney increases for the 2017 season which are sure to attract New Zealand runners across the Tasman to grab their share of the riches

- \$750,000 Group 1 Underwood Stakes (1800m, Caulfield, October 1) – an increase of \$250,000
- \$1 million Group 1 Caulfield Stakes (2000m, Caulfield, October 14) – an increase of \$400,000.

Victoria also remains 'the home of the stayer' as minimum prizemoney of \$120,000 is offered for all Saturday metropolitan races over 2000m or longer, an increase of 50 percent for some classes in that category.

All standard Saturday metropolitan races will be worth \$100,000, aside from the lower grade pathway races which will remain at \$60,000 which are run at BM78 level or lower.

Over \$6 million has been added to prizemoney across country racing, including a 50 percent increase for races run at picnic venues.

Maiden races have also been given significant increases, with standard country maiden races rising by 10 percent to \$22,000, premium country maidens to \$25,000 and maidens at country night meetings moving to \$27,000.



SWEYNESSE

- A winner at his only start at two and winner of his first four starts including Dual Group 3 wins in the Spring Stakes and Gloaming Stakes.
- 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.
- One of the top Australian 3YO colts of his year with a top Timeform rating of 122.
- By Lonhro -The Champion 3YO, the Champion miler, the Horse of the Year, the Champion sire. Lonhro set
 a new Australian record of 160 individual winners in a season. His son the unbeaten juvenile Pierro was rated the
 best Colt in Australia since 1977.
- Out of the multiple winning mare Swansea by Champion Sire Singspiel (Sire of 98SW).
- Sweynesse is the highest rated stallion from the Zabeel sire line to begin stud duties in New Zealand since Savabeel.



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SHAKY GROUND GETS THE JOB DONE

wobbly-legged **Ground Control (NZ)** (Red Giant)
was not quite living up to his
name in the concluding stages of
the \$35,000 Stepitup 2013 Stakes, a
Maiden race over 1600m, as he kept
drifting in and out under pressure,
but luckily for his connections, he was
still able to power home to nail down
his first career win at the last hop on
Sunday.

The Red Giant four-year-old

Race	Singapore TC Stepitup S. 1600m.	
Winner	Ground Control (NZ) 2012	
Owners	Giovanni Racing No. 3 Stable	
Trainer	Michael Clements (Kranji)	
Breeding	by Red Giant (USA) out of Melroy (AUS) by Commands (AUS)	
Breeder	G Harvey; Auckland; NZ	

showed significant improvement at his last two runs when a closing third, but when favourite Athena (NZ) (Nom Du Jeu) shot clear at the 400m mark, another placing seemed to be the best result he could settle for.

Athena, however, shortened strides close to home, which suddenly turned the race complexion into a winnable one for Ground Control. Riding with renewed vigour, Boss kept driving Ground Control hard to the line as they went chipping away at the margin until they finished locked together with the verdict going to Ground Control by a nose.

Trainer Michael Clements was a little bemused by a wayward run in the last 400m, saying there is still work to be done.

"He's never done this before. I'm not quite sure what it was, whether he

resented the whip, I will have to speak to Glen," said the Zimbabwean-born trainer.

"He was hanging in the whole way and had to come back out a few times. If he got beat, he would have been unlucky.

"He drew a good barrier (three) today and we decided to use it. Glen had him in a good spot throughout, and that went a long way towards his first win here."

Boss, who rode him for the first time at his last start when a closing third two months ago, said the awkward running action did concern him, but he was glad he was able to still extract the best out of him.

"His last three runs were full of merit. Today the plan was to follow Athena wherever she went," said the Australian jockey.

"I was probably one more pair back further, but we were in the slipstream and had full control of the race.

"But then he clipped heels when I popped him out, and I think he felt sore around the joint. He still won well and will win more races here."



Ground Control (outer) snatches a narrow victory at Kranji



NZ STALLION AWARDS

THE CENTAINE AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS	
SAVABEEL	\$9,961,648	
PINS	\$6,550,173	
DARCI BRAHMA	\$6,415,002	
IFFRAAJ	\$6,227,239	
TAVISTOCK	\$5,447,544	
O'REILLY	\$5,217,792	
THORN PARK	\$4,837,837	
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$4,576,938	
KEEPER	\$3,337,009	
PENTIRE	\$3,210,144	
Criteria: Sire whose NZ-conceived progeny have accumulated the highest stakes earnings worldwide		

THE DEWAR STALLION TROPHY

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$6,602,912
IFFRAAJ	\$4,009,720
PINS	\$3,166,287
TAVISTOCK	\$2,833,141
MAKFI	\$2,489,801
DARCI BRAHMA	\$2,433,147
O'REILLY	\$2,428,088
PENTIRE	\$2,344,303
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$2,014,852
ZABEEL	\$1,942,258

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

THE GROSVENOR AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$2,955,845
IFFRAAJ	\$1,773,348
DARCI BRAHMA	\$1,435,495
TAVISTOCK	\$1,426,802
PINS	\$1,247,299
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$1,060,690
ALAMOSA	\$925,245
PER INCANTO	\$904,495
MAKFI	\$892,210
GALLANT GURU	\$811,708

BEST PERFORMERS	EARNINGS
KAWI	\$378,750
GINGERNUTS	\$665,450
DEVISE	\$114,625
VOLKSTOK'N'BARRELL	\$288,000
REILLY LINCOLN	\$119,062
THEE AULD FLOOZIE	\$305,375
BEEFEATER	\$61,350
SARACINO	\$144,375
BONNEVAL	\$289,000
TOMMY TUCKER	\$155,925

Criteria: Leading Sires by Earnings in New Zealand



NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG MAY 10

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
FOREVER FUN (NZ) 2010 by Elusive City (USA) out of Dangerous Seas (AUS) by Dangerous (AUS)	P Setchell; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Suffolk H. 1000m.	2011 National Weanling; Broodmare & Mixed Sale; V: Millfield Stud, P: Michael Wallace BStk Ltd; \$12,000
			2012 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Ardsley Stud Ltd, P: Phill Cataldo BStk; \$46,000
			2012 Ready to Run Sale; V: Phoenix Park, P: Magus Equine Ltd; \$34,000
PACKING DRAGON (NZ) 2011 by Mastercraftsman (IRE) out of Golden Gamble by Oregon (USA)	E P Lowry; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Cornwall H. 1800m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale; V: Belvedere Farm, P: Lee Wan Keung; \$190,000

NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG MAY 13

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
Burnt Orange – HAPPY JOURNEY (H.K.) (NZ) 2010 by Mossman (AUS) out of Oh So Royal (AUS) by Danzero (AUS)	G Harvey; Auckland; NZ	HKJC Chan Trophy H. 1400m.	

NEWS IN BRIEF

Jimmy Choux enjoys Japanese success

Former New Zealand Horse of the Year Jimmy Choux (NZ) (Thorn Park) tasted success in the powerful Japanese market on the weekend when his three-year-old son **Cosmo Peridot (NZ)** scored his maiden victory in Tokyo.

Having just his fourth raceday start Cosmo Peridot made it win number one with a neck victory over 1400 metres.

Bred by Chouxmaani Investments from their Testa Rossa mare Diva Von Tessa, Cosmo Peridot was a \$210,000 purchase by well-known Japanese racing and breeding operation Big Red Farm from the Lime Country Thoroughbreds draft at the 2016 Select Sale at Karaka.



NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE MAY 12

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
SOONBABY (NZ) 2013 by Redwood (GB) out of Wahaha by Stravinsky (USA)	Ms E Shattock; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Initiation P. 1000m.	2015 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale; V: Anistay Lodge, P: Cypress Point Farms; \$20,000 2015 Ready to Run Sale; V: Cypress Point Stables, P: Dato Mohd Ariff Bin Mohd; \$20,000
MR SCORSESE (NZ) 2012 by Pentire (GB) out of Marie Claire by O'Reilly	P J & P M Vela Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 3 H. 1600m.	2014 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale; V: Pencarrow Stud, P: LK Laxon; \$80,000

NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE MAY 14

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
HANGMAN (NZ) 2013 by No Excuse Needed (GB) out of Suzy Harris by Centaine (AUS)	Mrs B A & S Gray; NZ	Singapore TC Affleck S. 1400m.	
MR CROWE (NZ) 2012 by Alamosa out of Halfyaluck by Montjeu (IRE)	Pee Gee & W J Bloodstock Ltd; Central; NZ	Singapore TC War Affair S. 1400m.	2013 National Weanling; Broodmare & Mixed Sale; V: Wellfield Lodge, P: Bruce Perry BStk; \$10,000
GROUND CONTROL (NZ) 2012 by Red Giant (USA) out of Melroy (AUS) by Commands (AUS)	G Harvey; Auckland; NZ	Singapore TC Stepitup S. 1600m.	
UNSURPASSED (NZ) 2012 by Exceed and Excel (Aus) out of Alamantra (AUS) by Elusive Quality (USA)	R A Emery	Singapore TC Given Vision S. 1100m.	
WAR AFFAIR (NZ) 2010 by O'Reilly out of Kristique (USA) by Kris S (USA)	Trelawney Thoroughbred Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Saas Fee S, 1400m.	2012 National Yearling Sale - Premier Session; V: Trelawney Stud Ltd, P: DC Ellis; \$70,000
MR FATKID (NZ) 2013 by Mettre en Jeu out of Celtic Legacy by O'Reilly	Letham Stud Ltd; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Given Vision S. 1800m.	
SHOW FAR SHOW GOOD (NZ) 2012 by Showcasing (GB) out of Ever a Lady (AUS) by At Talaq (USA)	L de Souza; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC The Hornet S. 1400m.	2014 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale; V: Wentwood Grange, P: T/bred Union; \$5,000