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WERTHER'S UNTOUCHABLE IN **G1 STANDARD CHARTERED CHAMPIONS & CHATER CUP**



Werther takes his second Group One win of the season with victory in the Standard Chartered Champions & Chater Cup

erther (NZ) (Tavistock) delivered a timely reminder of his significant abilities with a clear-cut victory in Sunday's HK\$10 million Standard Chartered Champions & Chater Cup, Hong Kong's final Group One this

"He's back to his best! That was a fair test and he's put them away quite easily in the end," said trainer John Moore after Hong Kong's reigning Horse of the Year had stormed three lengths clear of six rivals for a first score at the distance.

Stablemate Basic Trilogy (NZ) (Mastercraftsman) ensured a sound tempo in the mile and a half feature, cutting out the running from two-time winner Blazing Speed (Dylan Thomas). Werther parked a stalking third, his usual blinkers abandoned and cruise control engaged under Hugh Bowman.

"That was all class," Moore declared. "The race was run to suit everybody and Hugh was able to get the horse into a nice rhythm. The key factor, too, was taking the blinkers off.

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When Hugh spoke to me a few weeks back he said, 'Would you consider taking the blinkers off?' and I said, 'Done'. I didn't even think about it, the blinkers just came off."

His vision unfettered, the Tavistock gelding ranged widest upsides Basic Trilogy and Blazing Speed on the final turn. Neil Callan, aware of the threat to his left flank, began punching for home on last year's winner (Blazing Speed); Bowman remained unruffled. Werther's momentum had already edged the lead by the time the Australian decided to muster and drive. Runner-up Blazing Speed hung on to his tail until the 200m point but that final furlong belonged to Werther, the bay extending clear to clock 2m 29.26s (a storming 22.33s for the final 400m).

"Although my gut feeling was that 2400 (metres) was probably beyond his premium distance, I think he proved today that he's got no drama with it, as long as he can relax within himself, and he was able to do it this afternoon with the blinkers off," said Bowman, who was registering a 15th win at the highest level since partnering Werther to glory in the April, 2016 Audemars Piguet QEII Cup (2000m).

The five-year-old, second pick in the market at 3.0, sign-posted today's performance when running a half-length third to Neorealism in last month's edition of the QEII Cup, an admirable effort given that the New Zealand-bred finished that race with blood in his trachea.

"He was aided today by a horse that went a nice, even gallop in front – something that he didn't receive last start in the QEII, it was a very slowly run race that day and he was inclined to over-race with me," Bowman said.

Moore was fairly confident, heading into today's test, that the 2016 BMW Hong Kong Derby (2000m) hero would hand him a sixth victory in the race and a first since 2011.

"He worked with an inferior horse the other day and he did it just so kindly. The riding boy got off and said, 'Boss, he's ready to win," the handler said. "The blinkers will stay off now; I won't be tempted to put them back on."

This afternoon's win was Werther's second of a light, five-race campaign that began at the end of January. With February's G1 Hong Kong Gold Cup (2000m) also in the bag, Moore's stable star ends his campaign with wins in the last two legs of the Hong Kong Triple Crown series, and is one of only two horses, alongside stablemate Helene Paragon (Polan) – first leg winner in the Stewards' Cup – to land two G1 victories at Sha Tin this term.

"That's opened up options," Moore said. "We'll look at giving him an entry in the Hong Kong Cup (2000m) and the Hong Kong Vase (2400m) at the international meeting in December. We'll see what the fields are like, the competition, and how the horse is, fitness-wise, leading into those races."

Race	HKJC Standard Chartered Champions & Chater Cup Gr.1 2400m.
Winner	Werther (NZ) 2011
Owners	Johnson Chen
Trainer	John Moore (Sha Tin)
Breeding	by Tavistock out of Bagalollies (AUS) by Zabeel
Breeder	C D Allison; C V & J A Barnao; A R Campbell; T G Heptinstall; T M Pivac & D R Platt; Central; NZ



ALIBI BOSSES HIS RIVALS AROUND IN STEWARDS' CUP



Alibi and Glen Boss celebrate a gritty win in the Stewards' Cup at Kranji

ough-as-nails galloper **Alibi** (**NZ**) (Darci Brahma) finally earned a richly-deserved big race success when it came in the \$300,000 Stewards' Cup (1400m) on Sunday.

Twice the bridesmaid in feature races, last year's Saas Fee (1400m) and last month's Lion City Cup (1200m) when a luckless second to Lim's Cruiser (Casino Prince), the Darci Brahma

entire had all his ducks in a row this time around.

Taking a sit outside the moderate tempo set by noted frontrunner Oxbow Sun (Encosta de Lago) from the get-go, the Michael Clements-trained galloper went on to put up a sterling display of courage as he swept to the lead upon straightening up.

All the big guns, namely favourite Lim's Cruiser, Debt Collector (NZ)

(Thorn Park) and Infantry (NZ) (Tavistock), made their runs at the same time as they spread across the straight, but well rated by Glen Boss, Alibi had them safely held all the way to the line for a most commendable victory in the first Leg of the Singapore Four-Year-Old Challenge.

Clements, who captured his highest accolade with Countofmontecristo's

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ALIBI BOSSES HIS RIVALS AROUND IN STEWARDS' CUP

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(NZ) (Echoes Of Heaven) win in the Singapore Three-Year-Old Classic on April 14, was overwhelmed with emotion as the reality of further silverware falling his way six weeks later, dawned on him.

The longest-serving expat trainer at Kranji has had mixed fortunes in his 19 years of training in Singapore since relocating from his native Zimbabwe, but 2017 has been by far his best season, and it looks like more is yet to come.

"His prep has just gone great for him. He has come back stronger and more mature as a four-year-old," said Clements, who is now a naturalised Singaporean.

"He looked great in the paddock. He jumped good from his barrier and credit to Glen Boss as this is exactly how he said he would ride him. It worked like clockwork.

"Like I always said, he will go for all three Legs. The mile (of the second Leg, the Patron's Bowl on June 18) will not be a problem for him.

"Obviously, there is always a question mark whether he can get the 2000m (of the Emirates Singapore Derby on July 9), but I think he will be right."

Basking in the glory of yet another feature win courtesy of a masterstroke of a ride. Boss said he had headed into the race brimming with confidence, a little puzzled at the way the market was skewed against his bloke.

"He is such a lovely horse. He is probably the smallest horse in the race, but he has such a big heart," said the Australian Hall of Fame jockey, who is also Countofmontecristo's regular partner.

"I thought there was a discrepancy in the market today. To me, he should

have been the favourite, especially over seven furlongs.

"He dug deep and refused to be passed. He was very strong to the line."

Bred by Terry and Vicki Pascoe, Alibi is the third foal of their Galileo mare Bound To Impress (NZ) (Galileo) who is a daughter of the well performed racemare Honor Bound (NZ) (Honor Grades). Honor Bound numbered the Gr. 1 Easter Handicap and Gr. 2 Highview Stud Trophy amongst her six career victories on the track.

Race	Singapore TC Stewards' Cup Sgp-2 1400m.
Winner	Alibi (NZ) 2012
Owners	Johnson Chen
Trainer	John Moore (Sha Tin)
Breeding	by Darci Brahma out of Bound to Impress by Galileo (IRE)
Breeder	T R & Mrs V M Pascoe; Waikato; NZ
Sales	2014 Ready to Run Sale V: Esker Lodge \$90000 P: Michael J Clements

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HIGHVIEW SIGNS GROUP ONE WINNER TO ROSTER

rent Gillovic's persistence has been rewarded with a deal to bring a unique son of High Chaparral to stand at Highview Stud in 2017.

He has long been an admirer of the Gr.1 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf winner Wrote and he recently completed a deal to stand him alongside current resident Bullbars (Elusive Quality).

"He's the only Group One – winning two-year-old son of High Chaparral in the world," Gillovic said.

"I was first alerted to the horse by an American agent and when I went to the US Masters Golf at Augusta in 2015 I went down to Florida to see him."

"I liked what I saw, he's very much in the image of his sire - a powerful, correct horse and I had hoped to purchase him, but he is owned by a group who had bought him as part of a package of horses to race and they aren't interested in selling him.

"I couldn't get the horse out of my mind and last year I made more enquiries. Now, I've managed to acquire him as a shuttle stallion and I couldn't be more excited."

The Irish-bred won three of his nine starts for Aidan O'Brien and apart from his Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf win he was also placed at Group Two level in the Newmarket Royal Lodge Stakes, UAE Derby at Meydan and in the Derrinstown Stud Derby Trial at Leopardstown in Ireland.

"He was subsequently retired a sound horse and went to stud," Gillovic said.

"He's got two-year-olds getting ready in Florida now. I saw his first five foals in 2015 and they were very nice individuals that were held in high regard.

High Chaparral is well known to New Zealand breeders, having crossed famously well with Kiwi mares, to produce horses the ilk of So You Think, It's a Dundeel, Shoot Out, Descarado and Monaco Consul.

> Wrote's dam Desert Classic (Green Desert) hails from one of the best stallion families in the world. Her third dam is Special the dam of Nureyev and granddam of Sadler's Wells and Fairy King. This is also the family of Stravinksy who had good success in New Zealand.

> Wrote is currently in quarantine in Kentucky and following a further period of quarantine when he arrives in New Zealand in mid-June he will take up residence at Highview in July.

"We're going to stand Wrote at \$5000 + GST and he represents a marvellous opportunity at that fee," said Gillovic.

- NZ Racing Desk



Highview Stud will add outstanding juvenile Wrote to their stallion roster for the 2017 breeding season









COLEMAN WITHIN TOUCHING DISTANCE OF MAJOR CAREER MILESTONE

winning double at Ellerslie on Saturday has taken Matamata rider Michael Coleman to within just one victory of a significant milestone, one that he hopes to accomplish on his home track this Wednesday.

Coleman sits on 1999 career wins and is just one victory away from becoming the seventh member of the elite group of kiwi's who have ridden 2000 winners or more. While he is feeling relaxed about achieving the elusive mark, Coleman is keen to put the chase to bed on the track where it all began for him.



Michael Coleman is all smiles as he discusses a victory at Ellerslie on Saturday

"If you asked me five years ago whether I would get to 2000 wins I probably would have said you were crazy," he laughed.

"It wasn't something I had really thought about as I've always said that the day I didn't have the hunger or passion for riding it would be the day I gave it away.

"It's really only in the last couple of years that I decided to try and give it a shot as I've found I'm still keen about my riding and to get to the milestone that only a handful have achieved would be something special.

"To be able to do it on my home course would make it even more special as I've had such good support from the trainers and owners here I couldn't think of a better place to crack it."

Although his final book of rides is yet to be confirmed, Coleman believes he has two live chances already to get the elusive victory under his belt.

"I'm booked for August Edition in race 2 and Miss Horotiu in race 6 at this stage and I think they are both nice chances," he said.

"I'm not sure how many other rides I will have but hopefully one of those two can do the job for me."

When pressed about some of his more memorable career achievements Coleman nominates his win aboard

Xcellent (NZ) (Pentire) in the 2004 New Zealand Derby as one that stands above the rest.

"There was just something special about the win and the horse himself," he replied.

"He was only having his third raceday start and was still very green but you could just feel the power about him that day.

"Funnily enough I didn't even ride him in his first start but we knew he was special so to get up and win the Derby like that was pretty memorable."

Coleman hasn't thought much beyond this season when it comes to his riding future, preferring to continue his philosophy of taking things a day at a time.

"While I'm still enjoying it I will keep riding," he said.

"The day I'm not I will walk away and have no regrets. I guess when things aren't going well you do start to have those retirement thoughts but I've had a pretty good year after a slow start so I think there's still a way to go for me in the riding ranks at this stage."

In achieving his 2000th career win Coleman will join David Walsh, Lance O'Sullivan, David Peake, Bill Skelton, Noel Harris and Chris Johnson as members of the notable club.

– NZ Racing Desk





TRENTHAM VICTORY JUST A STROLL IN THE PARK FOR PROMISING MARE

ust a week after dominating with a powerful display at Awapuni, promising winter galloper **Strolling Vagabond** (NZ) (Darci Brahma) dished it up again on the weekend as she made it back-to-back victories in fine style at Trentham.

The four-year-old Darci Brahma mare took a rise in grade to rating 75 company in her stride as she sprinted clear in the run home to score a comprehensive four length win in the NZB Insurance Pearl Series sponsored 1400 metre contest.

Apprentice Madan Singh made good use of his three kilogram claim as he positioned his charge outside the early pace before easing to the front near the home turn, forcing his higher weighted rivals to chase hard in the testing conditions. Relishing the tricky surface Strolling Vagabond skipped clear to put the result beyond doubt as she recorded her 4th win from 24 starts.

Trainer Gerald Innes was suitably impressed with the performance despite admitting to some misgivings about the

tactics employed by Singh during the event.

"She certainly handled that pretty well didn't she," he remarked after the race.

"When he went to the front turning for home I thought he'd gone a mile to soon but I suppose she was giving him a good feel and travelling well."

Innes also admitted he may have to lift his sights with the mare with one of the traditional winter features now a potential target.

"If she can keep this form up we might have to have a look at the Winter Cup or a race like that." he said.

"We actually turned her out for a month and then brought her back as I thought she

might get some tracks that suited her during autumn.

"She had an unlucky run at Hastings on a good track and now she has struck two heavy tracks for two wins."

The Gr. 3 Estaronline Winter Cup is the feature event on the first day of Riccarton's annual three-day winter carnival that starts on August 5.

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Race	WRC NZB Insurance Pearl Series H. 1400m.
Winner	Strolling Vagabond (NZ) 2012
Owners	R Fibbes, D F Greenlees, G D Innes, T D Martin, P McKenna, P J Ryan, R D & S Southey, R White & A J Wilkinson
Trainer	Gerald Innes (Opaki)
Breeding	by Darci Brahma out of Bella Rosalia (GB) by Singspiel (IRE)
Breeder	JML Bloodstock Ltd; Central; NZ



Strolling Vagabond is well clear as she skips to victory on the weekend



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COMPARISON AT THE SAME STAGE IN THEIR CAREERS 15/5/17

	RUNNERS	WINNERS	STAKES WINNERS	STAKES PLACED	G1 WINNERS
SNITZEL AUSTRALIA'S CHAMPION & LEADING SIRE	183	127	8	12	-
SAVABEEL NZ'S CHAMPION & LEADING SIRE	147	83	8	10	-
PER INCANTO NZ'S LEADING SIRE OF INDIVIDUAL 2YO WINNERS 2014/15 NZ'S LEADING SIRE OF INDIVIDUAL 3YO WINNER 2015/16 CURRENTLY 2ND ON NZ'S 3YO SIRES FOR INDIVIDUAL WINNERS 2016/17	148	76	5	7	1

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BREAK MY STRIDE HEADS WINNING TREBLE FOR BAKER FORSMAN TEAM

nother day at the office and another winning treble was the result for the powerful training team of Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman at Ellerslie on Saturday.

The duo kicked off with a stylish win from highly promising three-year-old **Break My Stride** (Zoffany) before adding to their Trainer's Premiership leading tally with hardy mare Tomelilla (NZ) (Tavistock) and three-year-old filly

Chambon (NZ) (Jimmy Choux) later in the day.

Despite some concerns about his ability to handle the very heavy going, Break My Stride registered a performance that augers well for his upcoming assignments. Settled near the rear by rider Matt Cameron in the early stages of the rating 85 1400 metre contest, the Zoffany gelding travelled easily before being asked to

make a sharp improvement to contest the lead at the 600 metre mark.

Break My Stride strode to the front early in the run home and steadily increased his margin as he hit the line well clear of his rivals who were headed by Embraceable You (NZ) (Roc De Cambes) and Iffitel (NZ) (Iffraaj).

"We weren't too sure about the track as it was very heavy and testing," admitted co-trainer Murray Baker.

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An impressive performance by Break My Stride headlined a winning treble for his trainers Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman at Ellerslie





BREAK MY STRIDE HEADS WINNING TREBLE FOR BAKER FORSMAN TEAM

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"He's got a touch of class about him though and in the end, he did it quite comfortably.

"We don't have any big plans for him as he's still a touch immature so he will probably have one or maybe two more runs and then we'll put him away for the spring."

Baker was also full of praise for the efforts of both Tomelilla and Chambon who produced gritty performances although the win of Tomelilla was in doubt for a time before a protest by runner-up Dainty Rose (NZ) (Shinko King) was eventually dismissed by the Judicial committee.

"I thought they both showed a lot

of heart as they had a tough fight on that track," he said.

"Tomelilla was headed more than once in the run home but didn't chuck it away while it was good to see Chambon return to the sort of form we know she is capable of.

"We couldn't find any excuse for her last run where she finished near last so we decided to press on and it proved the right decision."

The winning treble took Baker and Forsman to 94 wins for the season and puts them 21 clear of their nearest rivals, the Te Akau Racing combination of Stephen Autridge & Jamie Richards. With Cameron helming

all three runners it helped lift him to a clear third on the National Jockey's Premiership ladder with 78 wins for the season, just 11 behind the current leader Danielle Johnson.

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Race	ARC Hynds Pipe Systems H. 1400m.
Winner	Break My Stride (AUS) 2013
Owners	L de Souza, T Hartley & Willie Leung
Trainer	Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Zoffany (IRE) out of Curio Jade (AUS) by Varick (USA)
Breeder	Riverslea Farm

NEWS IN BRIEF

Shenandoah chasing Group One dream in Oaks

The connections of **Shenandoah (NZ)** (Darci Brahma) will continue their quest for black-type with the filly in the mix for the Queensland Oaks at Eagle Farm.

Trent Busuttin, who trains in partnership with Natalie Young, says Shenandoah deserves a shot at the Group One classic on Saturday following her last start.

After racing wide throughout, Shenandoah finished fourth to Kenedna in The Roses (2000m) at Doomben on May 20.

"She raced out of her skin being three-deep without cover the whole way," Busuttin said.

"She was just nutted on the line for third and was beaten just less than two lengths from a couple of handy fillies after a tough run.

"She came through the run fantastic so we'll press on to the Oaks."

Although Shenandoah is stepping up to 2400m for the first time on Saturday, Busuttin doesn't think the trip will pose a problem after her latest performance.

And the prospects of a wet track also won't be a concern for the filly.

"I'm not going to say she'll win the race but she deserves her chance to be in there," Busuttin said.

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DO YA ENDS LENGTHY DROUGHT **FOR LAWRENCE**

rainer Kirsty Lawrence's pre-race nerves about the prospects of her maiden galloper Do Ya (NZ) (Howbaddouwantit) handling the heavy conditions at Trentham on Saturday came to nothing as the nuggety mare put her first win on the board in fine style.

Carrying the colours of Lawrence's outstanding winter galloper Intransigent, Do Ya overcame a chequered path in the home straight to charge home and claim victory after a dour struggle with runner-up Take The Trick (NZ) (Per Incanto) in the final stages.

The victory ended a long run of outs for Lawrence who had last tasted success with Intransigent (NZ) (Refuse To Bend) when he claimed his third Kiwifruit Cup at Tauranga back in June 2015.

"We thought she was pretty honest although it's been a long time between drinks as my last winner was Intransigent in the Kiwifruit Cup," she admitted.

"We've worked long and hard on this horse and I have Kane Smith to thank as he said to put her away and wait for her a year ago and we have."

Lawrence was also pleased with the display of apprentice Holly Andrews who handled the mare in line with her pre-race instructions.

"I said to Holly to just keep kicking and kicking as she will keep giving," she said.

Lawrence also relayed that stable favourite Intransigent was enjoying a lively retirement back at her Waipukurau property in partnership

with former Victoria Derby and Auckland Cup winner Sangster (NZ) (Savabeel).

"He's in the paddock at home with Sangster as his paddock mate," she chuckled.

"They're two old buggers at home creating havoc but I went to give him a pat yesterday and couldn't get near him so he's Intransigent by name and by nature."

Intransigent finished an accomplished career with 11 wins and just under \$330,000 in stakes earnings to his name. Aside from his three Kiwifruit Cup wins he was also successful in the Gr. 3 Hawkes Bay Gold Cup and twice at Listed level in the Taumarunui Cup and Rotorua Plate respectively.

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Race	WRC Vernon & Vazey Parts S. 1400m.
Winner	Do Ya (NZ) 2011
Owners	Steve & Kirsty Lawrence, Dinah & Christina Newman, Susan Best & Chris Lawrence
Trainer	Kirsty Lawrence (Waipukurau)
Breeding	by Howbaddouwantit (USA) out of Miss Aquarius by Deputy Governor (USA)
Breeder	L J Adin; Central; NZ



Do Ya ends a long run of outs for trainer Kirsty Lawrence at Trentham









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TANNHAUSER SCRAPES HOME FOR TOUGHER THAN EXPECTED WIN

onnections and punters alike had their hearts in their mouths when odds-on favourite **Tannhauser (NZ)** (Tavistock) blew the start, but his class still saw him prevail on Sunday.

An impressive winner at his last two outings, both by shooting straight to the lead and breaking his rivals' hearts thereafter, the Tavistock three-year-old certainly put a big dent in his chances of a third victory on the trot in the \$80,000 Australian Turf Club Trophy, a Class 3 race over 1200m with that tardy beginning, but he quickly recovered to settle in midfield, albeit three wide.

As he swung for home, still out there on a limb, Tannhauser pounced on race-leader Nova Warrior (NZ) (Bachelor Duke) with his customary burst that did suggest the early efforts to make up ground would after all be just a minor blip.

Although on shaky ground rider Vlad Duric kept at him, and digging deep into his reserve tank, he fought back doggedly to get the nod by a neck. The winning time was 1min 11.5 secs for the 1200m on the Polytrack.

Heaving a huge sigh of relief, trainer Michael Clements admitted it was not the prettiest of wins, but most importantly, he won.

Clements and the Jubilant Racing

Tannhauser adds another win, albeit narrowly, to his impressive Singapore record Stable had been tempted to run him in the Singapore Guineas a couple of weeks ago, but decided to go for an easier path.

"It wasn't pretty. He had to give ground and that's not easy over 1200," was the Zimbabwean-born conditioner's first reaction.

"Under the circumstances, Vlad gave him a great ride. He was super impressive at his last two runs, and yes, there was a temptation to run him in the Guineas, but we felt he was still too inexperienced.

"Today's win is part of his learning curve. I'm happy with the decision we made.

"It was a very stressful run, and though he is only lightly-raced, he is due for a let-up. He is a big gangly three-year-old, and we should not hammer him too much.

"I'll probably bring him back for the feature races later in the year."

With that third win, Tannhauser sees his stakes earnings bulge past the \$120,000 mark for the Jubilant Racing No 4 Stable.

Race	Singapore TC Australian Turf Club Trophy 1200m.
Winner	Tannhauser (NZ) 2013
Owners	Jubilant Racing No. 4 Stable
Trainer	Michael Clements (Kranji)
Breeding	by Tavistock out of Foxette by Entrepreneur (GB)
Breeder	Sir Patrick & Lady Hogan; Waikato; NZ
Sales	2015 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale V: Cambridge Stud \$115000 P: Michael J Clements



NZ STALLION AWARDS

THE CENTAINE AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS		
SAVABEEL	\$10,426,450		
DARCI BRAHMA	\$6,811,311		
PINS	\$6,701,326		
TAVISTOCK	\$6,669,733		
IFFRAAJ	\$6,400,313		
O'REILLY	\$5,518,188		
THORN PARK	\$4,973,494		
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$4,915,740		
PENTIRE	\$3,463,341		
KEEPER	\$3,407,493		
Criteria: Sire whose NZ-conceived progeny have accumulated the highest stakes earnings worldwide			

THE DEWAR STALLION TROPHY

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$6,907,747
IFFRAAJ	\$4,145,920
PINS	\$3,225,012
TAVISTOCK	\$2,993,054
DARCI BRAHMA	\$2,624,387
O'REILLY	\$2,542,601
MAKFI	\$2,534,141
PENTIRE	\$2,530,254
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$2,081,152
ZABEEL	\$2,016,408

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

THE GROSVENOR AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$2,973,345
IFFRAAJ	\$1,808,798
TAVISTOCK	\$1,540,327
DARCI BRAHMA	\$1,488,245
PINS	\$1,262,049
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$1,079,565
PER INCANTO	\$959,555
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KAWI	\$378,750
GINGERNUTS	\$665,450
VOLKSTOK'N'BARRELL	\$288,000
DEVISE	\$114,625
REILLY LINCOLN	\$119,062
THEE AULD FLOOZIE	\$305,375
SARACINO	\$144,375
BEEFEATER	\$61,350
BONNEVAL	\$289,000
TOMMY TUCKER	\$155,925

Criteria: Leading Sires by Earnings in New Zealand



NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG MAY 24

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
PLANET GIANT (NZ) 2011 by Red Giant (USA) out of Luz (AUS) by King Cugat (USA)	G Harvey: Auckland: NZ	HKJC Ho Chung River H. 1650m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale; V: Westbury Stud, P:John Bell Bloodstock; \$60,000
MASTER VIKING (NZ) 2011 by Mastercraftsman (IRE) out of Code Black by O'Reilly	DT O'Brien & Windsor Park Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Kam Tin River H. 1200m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale; V: Windsor Park Stud, P: New Zealand BStk-ag; \$80,000
POLYMER LUCK (NZ) 2012 by Pins (AUS) out of Savamour by Savabeel (AUS)	Little Avondale Trust; Central; NZ	HKJC Ng Tung River H. 1650m.	2014 National Yearling Sale – Premier Sale; V: Little Avondale Stud, P: The Hong Kong Jockey Club; \$260,000
HAPPY COOPERATION (NZ) 2011 by Elusive City (USA) out of Dolly Disaster (AUS) by Twenty Four Karat (USA)	Mrs J M F Gould & Est late J A Glazebrook; Canterbury; NZ	HKJC Tai Shing Stream H. 1000m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Festival Sale; V: Lime Country Thoroughbreds Ltd, P: J & I BStk; \$15,000

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HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
DUKEDOM (NZ) 2012 by Bachelor Duke (USA) out of Bianca Bay (AUS) by Bianconi (USA)	Mrs K J & M H Dalgleish; Central; NZ	HKJC Packing Winner H. 1400m.	2014 Ready to Run Sale; V: The Oaks Stud, P: S Cole; \$65,000
WERTHER (NZ) 2011 by Tavistock out of Bagalollies (AUS) by Zabeel	C D Allison; C V & J A Barnao; A R Campbell; T G Heptinstall; T M Pivac & D R Platt; Central; NZ	HKJC Standard Chartered Champions & Chater Cup Gr.1 2400m.	

NEWS IN BRIEF

White Horse in the money in Tokyo

One of the more unique offerings at the 2016 New Zealand Bloodstock National Yearling Sale has made a promising debut in Tokyo.

The now two-year-old filly by High Chaparral out of The Opera House was a major attraction during the Premier session of the Karaka Sale due to her completely white colouring. Offered through her breeder Windsor Park Stud's draft she was knocked down to the \$450,000 bid of the Japanese breeding and racing operation Dearest Club.

Named **Casta Diva (NZ)** the filly performed with distinction over 1800 metres on Sunday where she finished third against her older northern hemisphere bred three-year-old rivals. Casta Diva races in the stable of trainer Yasuhito Tamura and was ridden by Keita Tosaki.

Casta Diva is the third foal of the pure white Zabeel mare The Opera House. A three-quarter sister to the champion Might And Power (NZ) (Zabeel), The Opera House had had two white foals since Casta Diva.

A colt by Shamexpress was knocked down to China Horse Club / Ciaron Maher Bloodstock for \$510,000 at this year's NZ Bloodstock Premier Yearling sale. Making it a white trifecta is a weanling filly by Charm Spirit (IRE).

The Opera House was covered by Mongolian Khan (Holy Roman Emperor) last spring.



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HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
MIGHTY CONQUEROR (NZ) 2012 by Patapan (USA) out of Sarah San by San Luis (AUS)	Mrs J E C & Est late P M Dean; Bay Of Plenty; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1200m.	
LONGHU (NZ) 2012 by Per Incanto (USA) out of Sacred Steps by Elusive City (USA)	P R Whyte; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1200m.	

NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE MAY 28

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
HUN YEANG VILLAGE (NZ) 2011 by Mr. Nancho (ARG) out of Shezabella by Van Nistelrooy (USA)	Explosive Breeding Ltd; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Titanium S. 1200m.	2013 Ready to Run Sale; V: Esker Lodge, P: KE Tan; \$36,000
ALAN (NZ) 2010 by Darci Brahma out of Wake Up Suzie by Hereward the Wake (USA)	R R Fauvel; Little Avondale Trust & R A Williams; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Speedy Cat S. 1200m.	2012 National Yearling Sale - Premier Session; V: Little Avondale Stud, P: LK Laxon; \$65,000
TANNHAUSER (NZ) 2013 by Tavistock out of Foxette by Entrepreneur (GB)	Sir Patrick & Lady Hogan; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Australian Turf Club Trophy 1200m.	2015 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale; V: Cambridge Stud, P: Michael J Clements; \$115,000
ALIBI (NZ) 2012 by Darci Brahma out of Bound to Impress by Galileo (IRE)	T R & Mrs V M Pascoe; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Stewards' Cup 1400m.	2014 Ready to Run Sale; V: Esker Lodge, P: Michael J Clements; \$90,000

NEWS IN BRIEF

Bosson suspended, not riding in QEII Cup

Opie Bosson will not be riding at next Sunday's Queen Elizabeth II Cup meeting at Kranji after he was slapped with an 11-day suspension on Saturday.

The New Zealand jockey was already granted a one-day licence to ride at the meeting, including the mount on the Stephen Gray-trained Newlands (Mugharreb) in the QEII Cup (1800m) itself, but a careless riding ban incurred at Eagle Farm on Saturday will see him miss the Singapore assignment.

Bosson, who is currently busy at the Brisbane Winter Carnival, will miss the Queensland Oaks meeting on Saturday as well. The 36-year-old actually began the Eagle Farm meeting on a high note after landing the Group 2 BRC Sires' Produce Stakes (1400m) aboard Melody Belle (NZ) (Commands), but incurred the wrath of the Stewards for his ride aboard Egyptian Symbol (Stratum) in the Gr. 3 Glenlogan Park Stakes (1300m).

