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MELBOURNE SUCCESS A PINNACLE ACHIEVEMENT FOR LOCAL BREEDER



Shillelagh scores in the Gr. 1 Kennedy Mile at Flemington

Despite enjoying some truly remarkable achievements over many years, local thoroughbred identity Christopher Grace has no hesitation in labelling the results from Flemington on Saturday as the pinnacle of his racing and breeding career to date.

Grace and wife Susanna bred and own the Chris Waller trained **Shillelagh (NZ)** (Savabeel) who took out the Gr.1 Kennedy Mile while they also bred the John Sargent trained

Luvaluva (NZ) (Mastercraftsman) who had earlier won the Gr. 2 Wakeful Stakes. Although they weren't at Flemington to witness their success in person, Grace advised the pair were glued to their television throughout the day and celebrated with gusto with a small group of friends on Saturday evening.

"We had thought about going over, but I was busy at work on Thursday and Friday, so we couldn't make it," Grace explained.

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“While it would have been nice to have been there the television coverage is marvellous and we probably saw as much or more than we would have being on course.

“Chris is also remarkable in the amount of information he provides so we had up to the minute snippets on how Shillelagh was and the general thrust was that he was confident of a top performance.

“We just kept our fingers crossed she could run well but when she won it was such a marvellous feeling and one that I think rates as the best we have ever had in racing.”

Shillelagh is the daughter of Flying Spur mare Trocair who has proven to be a wonderful producer for the Grace’s after a

relatively modest career on the track.

“Roger James brought Trocair for me from the Sydney Easter sale, but she never really reached her potential on the track, winning just once from a handful of starts,” said Grace.

“She is a lovely big mare and has done us proud in the breeding barn with five individual winners. That includes Tullamore who we sold to Gai Waterhouse before he went on to win the Brisbane Cup while Grazia won a stakes race last week for Te Akau Racing.

“She just returned a positive test to Savabeel after missing to him last year, so we were delighted with that news. She is getting on a bit now so we’re not sure how much longer we will breed from her, but we have retained two of her Savabeel mares along with Shillelagh, so we have plenty of ammunition from the family for future generations.

“One of those mares is Irish Dream who had her two-year-old O’Reilly filly named Dublin Rose run second at Te Aroha recently, so we’re looking forward to what lies ahead for her.”

Grace was equally excited to witness the victory of Luvaluva who was sold to John Sargent at the 2016 NZB Ready To Run Sale for \$55,000.

“She was a lovely filly who looked like a nice staying type, so we’re delighted for John and his connections on how she has developed,” he said.

“She looks like she will run the Oaks trip right out so hopefully she will be in the thick of the action again on Thursday.

“Saturday’s result couldn’t have come at a better time as we have her half-brother by Per Incanto entered for the Ready To Run Sale later this month. Another top performance might just convince a few more to take a look at him.”

The Per Incanto colt will go through the auction ring from the Surrey Farm draft on Day Two of the NZB Ready To Run Sale that commences on 22 November at Karaka.

– NZ Racing Desk.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Barman out of Cup

Kiwi bred Melbourne Cup contender **Who Shot Thebarman (NZ)** (Yamanin Vital) has been ruled out of his fourth attempt at the great race due to an elevated temperature.

Trainer Chris Waller informed chief steward Terry Bailey of the decision on Sunday afternoon.

“This afternoon when returning to the stables Who Shot Thebarman presented with an elevated temperature and due to the level of elevation I have no option but to withdraw the horse from the 2017 Emirates Melbourne Cup,” he said.

“It is obviously of great disappointment to the owners, my staff and I, however the welfare of the horse comes first and for that reason he must be scratched from Tuesdays’ race.”

Waller had been pleased with the horse following his win in the Gr. 2 Moonee Valley Cup with the withdrawal scuppering the

chance for the horse to repeat his placing from the 2014 edition of the Cup.

– NZ Racing Desk



2014 placegetter Who Shot Thebarman is out of Tuesday’s Emirates Melbourne Cup





DOUBLE FOR HENNESSY AND HILLS AT AWAPUNI

The Gary Hennessy and Mark Hills combination made their mark at Awapuni on Saturday when the trainer and jockey combination tore off a winning double.

Injury prone galloper **Ocean Emperor (NZ)** (Zabeel) set the ball rolling with an eye-catching victory in the rating 85 Feilding Hotel Handicap (1550m) before **Temple Tiger (NZ)** (Tiger Prawn) saluted in a rating 75 contest over 1400 metres just two races later.

It was the first win by Zabeel entire Ocean Emperor at his fourth run back in a new campaign and one that has his trainer hoping it will provide a spring board to greater honours during the summer months.

“That’s the first time he has got track conditions to suit this time in and he showed just how good he can be when he gets decent footing,” noted Hennessy.

“His first up run on a wet track at New Plymouth was very good and so were his next two that were also on tracks that didn’t suit. He worked really well on Thursday and I was confident he could win once he struck a firm track.

“Mark had him in a good spot and with the speed on it suited him and he let down with the type of sprint we know he has.”

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Ocean Emperor and Mark Hills score comfortably at Awapuni





DOUBLE FOR HENNESSY AND HILLS AT AWAPUNI

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Hennessy is relieved just to have the lightly raced six-year-old back on the track after a foot abscess meant he had to spend 18 months in the paddock at the end of his four-year-old season.

“He got a bad abscess in his foot which meant he had to have most of his hoof removed up to the coronet band,” he explained.

“It took a long time to get him right, but we have been patient with him as we think he has the ability to win a good race,” said Hennessy.

“If he can strike the right tracks over summer then we’ll set him for a stakes race as if he could win a big one then there is still the possibility of a stallion career for him when he’s finished racing.”

The win of Ocean Emperor also instilled further confidence in Hennessy about the chances of Temple Tiger who took out his sixth career victory with his win on Saturday.

“Temple Tiger had worked with Ocean Emperor on Thursday and had gone every bit as well,” he said.

“When the other horse won I was confident he could also do the job. I had told the owners to expect a good run, so I think they were pretty happy with the result as they took a fair bit off the punt.

“He’s won on a premier day before so I know he can match it at that level and I thought Mark rode him very well.

“Mark is a very underrated senior rider who doesn’t get the opportunities he deserves so it was great to see him get some well-deserved success.”

– NZ Racing Desk.

Race	Feilding JC Feilding Hotel H. 1550m.
Winner	Ocean Emperor (NZ) 2011
Owners	G T Hennessy, A K K Wong & S Y S Yan
Trainer	Gary Hennessy (Matamata)
Breeding	by Zabeel out of Tootsie by Pins (AUS)
Breeder	G J Chittick; Waikato; NZ
Sales	2013 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale V: Waikato Stud Ltd \$450000 P: G Hennessy

Race	Feilding JC Power Farming H. 1400m.
Winner	Temple Tiger (NZ) 2011
Owners	D A Bentley, E L Biddle, G T Hennessy, M K Hill & K B Tarrant
Trainer	Gary Hennessy (Matamata)
Breeding	by Tiger Prawn (Saf) out of Suzie Temple by Mellifont (USA)
Breeder	G T & Mrs J A Hennessy; Waikato; NZ



STALLIONS 2017

CHARM SPIRIT <i>Invincible Spirit - L'Enjoleuse by Montjeu</i>	\$18,000*
TURN ME LOOSE NEW <i>Iffraaj - Indomitable by Danehill</i>	\$15,000*
SHAMEXPRESS <i>O'Reilly - Volkrose by Volksraad</i>	\$12,500*
MONGOLIAN KHAN <i>Holy Roman Emperor - Centaht by Centaine</i>	\$10,000*

RIP VAN WINKLE <i>Galileo - Looking Back by Stravinsky</i>	\$10,000*
RAGEESE NEW <i>Street Cry - Rabsha by Dehere</i>	\$8,000*
VANBRUGH NEW <i>Encosta de Lago - Soho Secret by Lucky Owners</i>	\$6,000*
FALKIRK <i>Tale Of The Cat - Madam Valeta (Palace Music)</i>	\$4,000*

*All service fees exclude GST and include a Live Foal Guarantee





RICHARDSON MAKES RIGHT CALL WITH TIPTRONIC

Matamata trainer Graham Richardson spent most of Saturday agonising over whether to let his promising galloper **Tiptronic (NZ)** (O'Reilly) take his place in the last race of the day at Tauranga.

Steady drizzle throughout the day had softened the Tauranga track with Richardson concerned his long striding charge wouldn't cope well with the underfoot conditions. He finally decided on keeping the four-year-old in the race which proved the correct decision as he strode to an impressive half-length victory in the rating 75 1600 metre contest.

"I thought about pulling him out several times during the day, but they seemed to be getting through the ground alright and running good times, so I decided to let him start," explained Richardson who prepares the gelding with training partner Gavin Parker.

"He's such a long striding type that I thought he might be all over the place in the going but the track held up remarkably and he did the business for us."

Richardson holds the O'Reilly gelding in high esteem although he believes the best won't be seen from him for another six months.

"He is an exciting galloper but he still has plenty to learn," he admitted.

"He was quite green in the run to the post on Saturday and I thought the siren might even go. Once he fully

matures and sorts his manners out he could be a real top-liner.

"At this stage we will keep him racing in his grade, but I do have several nice races in mind for him around Christmas if he keeps making the improvement we think he is capable of."

Richardson also reported that quality mare Volpe Veloce (Foxwedge) has completed ten days of pre-training and is back in the stable as she prepares to tackle some elite level targets in the next few months.

"She looks a picture and really thrived during her time off after Hastings," he said.

"We are going to aim her at the Railway Stakes at Ellerslie and hopefully the Telegraph at Trentham after that. The decision is going to be whether she has a run before the Railway, but we will see how she progresses and make that

call closer to the time.

The Gr. 1 Sistema Railway will be run at Ellerslie on 1 January.

– NZ Racing Desk.

Race	BOP RC Interislander Festival H. 1600m.
Winner	Tiptronic (NZ) 2013
Owners	J Hawkins, M O'Brien, C Leishman, K & L Robinson, D Mann, G & M Kelly, T Hanlin, L Irwin, K Tarrant, Frantic Bloodstock Ltd, S Donovan, G & J Harris, R Gormley & T Sherry
Trainer	Graham Richardson & Gavin Parker (Matamata)
Breeding	by O'Reilly out of Tiptoos by Pins (AUS))
Breeder	Waikato Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ
Sales	2015 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale V: Waikato Stud Ltd \$100000 P: Richardsonracing.co.nz



Tiptronic rewards his trainer's faith with a smart victory at Tauranga





BLINKERS FOR CHANCE TO DANCE AT ELLERSLIE



Blinkers will go on Chance To Dance (centre) for the first time in tomorrow's Gr. 3 OMF Stakes at Ellerslie

The Akau Racing are hoping the application of blinkers for the first time will work the oracle with former European stayer **Chance To Dance** (Teofilo) who takes his place in the Gr. 3 OMF Stakes at Ellerslie on Tuesday.

The seven-year-old disappointed when well-favoured in the Gr. 1 Livamol Classic at Hastings last month but co-trainer Jamie Richards believes luck was against him that day.

"He never really fired in the Livamol but in saying that he didn't really get a lot of luck in running," explained Richards.

"He's been going well back at home after that and worked nicely on Saturday.

"We just think the addition of the blinkers will sharpen him up a little and he will be able to take a forward position from his handy barrier draw.

"It looks as though there will be some nice speed in the race so if he can take a position and get a little luck then we expect to him feature prominently in the finish.

"He certainly has the class to be right amongst it and if he

can run up to expectations we can press on to races like the Zabeel Classic later in the summer."

Richard's training partner Stephen Autridge is in Melbourne with stable star Gingernuts (NZ) and reported on Sunday morning the Iffraaj four-year-old has settled in well to his new surroundings as he prepares for the Gr. 1 Emirates Stakes this Saturday.

"We went to the beach this morning which he enjoyed and he seems to have relaxed nicely into his new routine," he said.

"He took a little time to settle when he first got here but he is good now and we're pleased with him.

"Obviously he has a tough task ahead of him, but we expect a bold effort."

With the withdrawal of Winx (Street Cry) from the race, Te Akau have secured the services of leading rider Hugh Bowman for the ride on Gingernuts.

– NZ Racing Desk.



Roster 2017



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\$30,000 +GST LFG

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5X G1 WINNING, COX PLATE HERO
\$30,000 +GST LFG

PINS Snippets - No Finer
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\$9,000 +GST LFG

RIOS Hussonet - Gussy Godiva
REGALLY BRED G1 PRODUCER
\$4,000 +GST LFG

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NZ STALLION AWARDS

THE CENTAINE AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$3,108,742
DARCI BRAHMA	\$1,814,271
IFFRAAJ	\$1,517,375
O'REILLY	\$1,426,781
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$1,410,990
TAVISTOCK	\$1,372,847
PINS	\$1,312,933
MAKFI	\$1,255,751
ROAD TO ROCK	\$1,186,426
THORN PARK	\$1,112,209

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

THE DEWAR STALLION TROPHY

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$2,309,261
IFFRAAJ	\$1,192,213
MAKFI	\$1,020,800
PINS	\$918,634
TAVISTOCK	\$686,795
SHOCKING	\$661,992
DARCI BRAHMA	\$629,159
RIP VAN WINKLE	\$618,887
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$587,718
RELIABLE MAN	\$583,060

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

THE GROSVENOR AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
IFFRAAJ	\$622,294
SAVABEEL	\$421,195
TAVISTOCK	\$356,096
SHINKO KING	\$349,240
DARCI BRAHMA	\$336,345
ZED	\$283,248
NO EXCUSE NEEDED	\$235,300
POSTPONED	\$233,850
PER INCANTO	\$223,930
RIP VAN WINKLE	\$221,542

BEST PERFORMERS	EARNINGS
GINGERNUTS	\$180,000
YEARN	\$57,500
HIFLYER	\$69,500
CLOSE UP	\$188,500
NASHVILLE	\$82,500
ZEDEEDUDADEEKO	\$77,500
YIN DRAGON	\$39,825
WAIT A SEC	\$210,250
DOLCETTO	\$62,500
SLEEPING BEAUTY	\$40,625

Criteria: Leading Sires by Earnings in New Zealand



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NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG NOVEMBER 1

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
PICK NUMBER ONE (NZ) 2014 by Darci Brahma out of Extra Explosive by Ekraar (USA)	Explosive Breeding Ltd; Central; NZ	HKJC Tin Ha Shan H. 1200m.	

NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG NOVEMBER 5

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
AMAZING STAR (NZ) 2014 by Darci Brahma out of Bright Abyss (USA) by Royal Academy (USA)	Mrs H G & W G Bax; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Kate H. 1200m.	2016 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Blandford Lodge, P: SG Lennox; \$30,000
WINNER ST PAUL'S (NZ) 2010 by Gold Centre (AUS) out of Pines Princess (AUS) by Bluebird (USA)	J R O'Brien; Central; NZ	HKJC Maria Galland H. 1200m.	
WIN BEAUTY WIN (NZ) 2014 by Makfi (GB) out of Mandeville (AUS) by Hussonet (USA)	G Harvey; Auckland; NZ	HKJC Kose Cosmeport H. 1400m.	2016 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Westbury Stud, P: Wexford Stables; \$75,000
TIME TO CELEBRATE (NZ) 2013 by Per Incanto (USA) out of Silver Cent by Centaine (AUS)	M McSweeney; NZ	HKJC Canmake Tokyo H. 1400m.	2015 South Island Yearling & Mixed Sale; V: Berkley Stud, P: Shailer T/breds; \$82,500

NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE NOVEMBER 3

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
SCORPIO (NZ) 2013 by Pins (AUS) out of Miss Katella by The Commander	Hallmark Stud Ltd & Trevor Hurley Trust; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1200m.	2015 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale; V: Hallmark Stud, P: Te Akau Racing; \$42,500
FIRST PASSTHEPOST (NZ) 2013 by Don Eduardo out of Raudkivi Lass by Pins (AUS)	Emm Four Ltd; Auckland; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1800m.	
DREAM COMES TRUE (NZ) 2013 by Alamosa out of Paint Me a Dream (USA) by Deputy Minister (CAN)	Mrs J M & T M Henderson; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Benchmark 67 H. 1100m.	2015 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale; V: Bluegables Farm, P: NZB as agent; \$5,000
TERMS OF REFERENCE (NZ) 2012 by Per Incanto (USA) out of Myladys by Kingfisher Mill (USA)	Little Avondale Trust; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Better Than Ever S. 1200m.	

