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INGLEWOOD STUD CELEBRATE 2000 GUINEAS SUCCESS FOR STALLION



Promising filly Zigwig will attempt to give sire Zacinto the second leg of a three-year-old classic double this weekend

Inglewood Stud's Gus Wigley has a word of warning for punters. Dismiss Zacinto's daughter, **Zigwig (NZ)** in the Gr.1 gavelhouse.com 1000 Guineas at your peril.

Still elated after **Ugo Foscolo (NZ)** became Zacinto's first group one winner when he claimed the Sothys 2000 Guineas at Riccarton on Saturday, Wigley said the filly, trained by his father Nick was on target for next Saturday.

It wasn't the aftermath of celebrations speaking either as partying was put on hold while Wigley was in Guy Fawkes avoidance mode on Saturday night.

"We got a call to say there were going to be fireworks about 50 metres from a paddock where we had dry mares," he

explained. "We must've moved 80 mares."

The following day Gus had time to reflect on the success of the Inglewood Stud product and what it meant to the industry.

"It was a big day for South Island breeding, someone said that they thought the last South Island bred to win the 2000 Guineas would've been Random Chance," he said.

"We had a lot of our clients there and it was a big thrill, was neat to see the smiles."

Ugo Foscolo is from Zacinto's first crop and was the first live foal from three-time winning Stravinsky mare Bequests. A graduate of the 2015 NZ Bloodstock select sale he was

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purchased by Bruce Perry Bloodstock for \$50,000 out of the Inglewood Stud draft.

Bequests was among five mares Gus and his father Nick purchased at the Sydney Easter Broodmare sale.

"She was the first one we bought but she has had a bit of a chequered breeding career," Gus explained.

"She had slipped the year before we bought her and we bought her in foal to Starcraft but she lost that foal. Then she had Ugo, missed the next year and then, the full sister to Ugo had a heart attack and died in the paddock."

Things started to look up again though when Bequests foaled a "strapping Sacred Falls filly on the weekend Ugo Foscolo won the Sarten Memorial."

While his dam has had her ups and downs, obtaining Ugo Foscolo's sire was very much a labour of love for Gus Wigley.

"Most of the ones we had been shown had already been shown to other people first though," Gus said.

"So, I have a subscription to Arion pedigrees and decided to do my own research."

Over a period of three months, Gus delved into the pedigrees and racing performances of 600 horses around the world, coming up with a short-list of eight.

Topping that list was Zacinto (Dansili).

"He was a fantastic racehorse, a group two winner but group one class with a Timeform rating of 126," he said.

Thinking he had found his horse Gus contacted Juddmonte Farm at the end of the horse's four-year-old season, only to discover that they shared his opinion of the horse being up to elite class. They had plans for his five year

old season and they didn't include a stud career in New Zealand.

Not to be deterred Gus kept watching Zacinto's progress while at the same time continuing his search. Each stallion he examined though was measured against Zacinto. Fortunately for Inglewood Stud and the Wigleys, Zacinto's attitude on the racetrack proved his mind was on other things.

"I watched him race and he was swishing his tail and eyeing the fillies, so I rang the stud the day after the race," Gus explained.

Zacinto was on the market and they were welcome to make an offer. But of course, things weren't that simple.

"We made four offers," Gus said. "After the third offer the bank manager had had enough as we tried to stretch things so I went to Windsor Park and had a chat with Rod Schick."

Sharing the Wigleys' enthusiasm for the son of Dansili, Windsor Park agreed to buy a quarter of the horse if Inglewood could find someone to take another quarter. Gus approached Valachi Downs' Kevin Hickman who became the other shareholder.

Hickman's loyalties were tested on Saturday though. Not only does he share in the ownership of Ugo Foscolo and Zacinto, but Savile Row (NZ) (Makfi), wearing his gold colours, chased Ugo Foscolo home in the group one feature.

Come Saturday and the running of the Gr.1 gavelhouse. com 1000 Guineas and without a runner on his own account he will no doubt be in the Zigwig camp as Zacinto attempts to notch his second group one winner.

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RITCHIE KEEN ON STAKES TEST FOR LET HER RIP



Let Her Rip is all class as she eases home for another comprehensive victory

A dominant win at Te Rapa on Saturday has trainer Shaune Ritchie keen to give his promising mare **Let Her Rip (NZ)** (Rip Van Winkle) her chance at a higher level in the near future.

The four-year-old Rip Van Winkle mare once again showed her liking for the Te Rapa track as she registered her second win from just three starts there

with a blistering finish to claim the Distinction Hamilton sponsored 1200 metre contest.

Settled at the rear of the field as Rich Billie Marsh (NZ) (Viking Ruler) set a hot speed out in front, Let Her Rip was still spotting the leaders around eight lengths as the field straightened for the run home. Angled into the clear by apprentice Sam Weatherley at the

300 metre mark the mare quickly put the issue beyond doubt as she burst to the front before easing to the line for a comfortable length and a half victory.

Ritchie was expecting a good performance from his charge and got what he wanted as he sets about plotting a course to higher honours in this campaign.

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RITCHIE KEEN ON STAKES TEST FOR LET HER RIP

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“She has always showed us she has plenty of talent and that’s why we’ve taken her to Australia a couple of times as we believe she can measure up over there,” he said.

“Her only real issue is that she is a mare who goes best when on the fresh side which doesn’t help much across the ditch as you don’t really want to be sitting around too much as it gets pretty expensive in a hurry.

“She went a top race first up at Hastings last month and I thought she was ready to go a bold race on Saturday, particularly as she loves the Te Rapa surface.”

Ritchie will now sit down and look at the mare’s programme for the summer with a start in stakes company high on his priority list.

“She deserves her chance at black type so I’ve got my eye on a race back at Te Rapa next month,” he said.

“There’s a nice Listed 1400 metre race on Waikato Cup Day in December that could suit her. Although she has fashioned such a great record over 1200 metres I still believe she is just as good over a touch further.

“That will be five weeks between runs which will be perfect for her and if she can strike a similar track to Saturday then she could be very competitive.”

Ritchie is also delighted with how classy three-year-old filly **Bella Gioia (NZ)** (Swiss Ace) has settled into her temporary southern base ahead of this weekend’s Gr. 1 gavelhouse.com 1000 Guineas at Riccarton.

“She flew down on Saturday night and went straight out to Woodend beach where she will stay for the week,” he advised.

“She bounced through the travel well and having had her at the beach

before we know she will thrive there.

“We’ve put the blinkers on this Saturday as you need all the advantage you can get at the elite level. If we can snag a good barrier draw then hopefully she can perform to her best which will make it a very interesting race indeed.”

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Race	Waikato RC Distinction Hamilton H. 1200m.
Winner	Let Her Rip (NZ) 2012
Owners	Mrs A P Ritchie, L de Souza, D Painter, T Hartley & P Vawdrey
Trainer	Shaune Ritchie (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Rip Van Winkle (IRE) out of Keeper Special by Keeper (AUS)
Breeder	A Olive; Waikato; NZ
Sales	2014 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale V: Leanach Lodge Ltd \$41000 P: SF Ritchie



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SEWREEL SURPRISES AT TE RAPA

A somewhat average day for the powerful Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman stable took a turn for the better when they produced **Sewreel (NZ)** (Savabeel) to win fresh-up at Te Rapa.

The now four-year-old Savabeel mare had shown plenty of promise in her three-year-old campaign where she won three of her seven starts including a success at Listed level. The mare was having her first start since finishing well back at Hastings in March with co-trainer Forsman admitting he wasn't quite sure what to expect from his charge.

"She had spelled well and was working nicely but it was a very good field she was meeting so I can't say we were that confident with her," he noted.

"We did think she might be found wanting in the latter stages of the race but she was very strong at the finish which was pleasing.

"She's a powerfully built mare so I would think that race will do her the world of good. She could be in for a nice summer."

Forsman wasn't on hand to witness the triumph as he was at Riccarton with stablemates Jon Snow (NZ) (Iffraaj) and Maygrove (Authorized) who contested the Gr. 1 Sothys 2000 Guineas and Listed Gold Club Metropolitan Trophy respectively, two of the feature events on the first day of New Zealand Cup Week.

"It wasn't one of our best days as neither horse performed to their best," he said.

"Jon Snow got trapped off the course from his wide gate in the 2000 Guineas which put an end to his chances. Maygrove didn't really let down as well as he can so that was a bit of a head scratcher as well.

"He will stay down south for the week and we will make a decision on a New Zealand Cup start later in the week. The ground got pretty firm on Saturday which may not have



Classy mare Sewreel holds out race favourite Hiflyer in a driving finish at Te Rapa

helped him so if they get the rain that is predicted it would be an assist for him."

Forsman also confirmed that Turn Me Loose (NZ) (Iffraaj) would be heading home after finishing mid-field in Saturday's Gr. 1 Darley Classic at Flemington. The multiple Group One winner would have a brief spell before beginning preparations for a tilt at the riches available during the Sydney Autumn Carnival.

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Race	Waikato RC Munns Winners Style H. 1400m.
Winner	Sewreel (NZ) 2012
Owners	R S & Mrs S T Agnew, Mrs J P & M M Andersen, M J & Mrs S S Craig, D G & Mrs P J Glenn, A J & D J Herd, Ms C M Leonard, Ms J E Morison, Ms R M Sinclair & Mrs K Wright
Trainer	Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Savabeel (AUS) out of Haberdashery by Pins (AUS)
Breeder	Waikato Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ





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IRISH CALL REMAINS UNBEATEN AT RICCARTON

Exciting five-year-old **Irish Call (NZ)** (Civics) has continued his part-owner and trainer Tarissa Mitchell's outstanding record at Riccarton.

The son of Civics remained undefeated in three starts on the course when he triumphed in the Winning Edge Presentations Premier on Saturday.

The Cambridge-based Mitchell's only other runner at Riccarton has been Call Me Royal (NZ) (Civics), whose two starts there in the autumn reaped a win and a runner-up finish.

Following his opening day heroics, Irish Call will now have an opportunity to add to the stable's tally on the closing day of the New Zealand Cup carnival.

"He'll go up in grade next Saturday when we try him over 1800 metres," Mitchell said.

Irish Call is a strapping gelding and the 59kg he shouldered on Saturday

wasn't expected to harm his chances and so it proved.

"He can carry weight and I wasn't worried about that at all," Mitchell said. "That's the furthest he's got back, but Sam rode him well."

She was referring to Samantha Wynne, who settled Irish Call three back on the fence and bided her time until the field fanned out in the straight.

"I got further back on the fence than I wanted, but the gaps opened up at the right time," she said.

"It's a long straight and I tried not to panic and he won really well in the end. He's a beautiful animal!"

Irish Call, who has now won four of his 10 starts, took the gaps willingly close to home to account for the home track pair of Flying Ibis (Nadeem) and Boots 'N' All (NZ) (Perfectly Ready).

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	CJC Winning Edge Presentation H. 1400m.
Winner	Irish Call (NZ) 2011
Owners	R Macdonald & Mrs T Mitchell
Trainer	Tarissa Mitchell (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Civics (AUS) out of Irish Era by O'Reilly
Breeder	Mrs A M G Parnwell; Waikato; NZ



Irish Call drives home to make it three from three at Riccarton





CONFIDENCE THE KEY FOR PROMISING STAYER

A little bit of maturity and a healthy dollop of confidence that comes from victory has been the key to finding the best from promising stayer **Bloodstream (NZ)** (Duelled) who made in four wins in a row at Riccarton on Saturday.

Trainer Terri Rae had plenty of faith the five-year-old Duelled gelding could show his true potential once he could escape from some of the misfortune that had dogged his earlier runs.

“He needed a little bit of time but more than anything he just had to get some luck in his races,” she explained.

“It seemed like every start he had something go wrong

which I do think dented his confidence. Once he got that first win on the board it really got him going and he has just gone from strength to strength.

“He has really blossomed and you can see that in him now.”

Rae was delighted with what she saw on Saturday as the gelding settled beautifully in mid-field during the early stages of his rating 85 2000 metre contest. Set alight by rider Danielle Johnson at the top of the straight, the gelding displayed a rapid turn of foot to reel in the leaders and charge clear for an impressive victory.

“We know he can put in some very quick closing sectionals but Saturday was a little different as it was a pretty muddling pace for most of the race,” she said.

“It really suited the leaders but Danielle (Johnson) got him into a nice spot and he really sprinted hard when she asked him.

“His racing manners have improved as he travelled beautifully during the race so hopefully that is going to stand him in good stead when we step up in grade again.”

Race	Waikato RC Sprint H. L 1200m
Winner	Start Wondering (NZ) 2010
Owners	S B Gudsell and Mrs J M Gudsell
Trainer	Evan & JJ Rayner (Wanganui)
Breeding	by Eighth Wonder out of Roseanbar by Al Akbar (Aus)
Breeder	I G Hadfield



Rae will monitor her charge’s condition over the next few days but is eyeing up a start on the last day of the Riccarton carnival before a possible tilt at a northern staying feature.

“I just want to make sure he comes through Saturday well before making any further plans for him,” she said.

“As long as he pulls up well there is a 2500 metre race on the last day we will look at.

“After that I am toying with a start in a race like the Manawatu Cup before tipping him out for a spell.

“I don’t want to bust him or knock his confidence so we will play it by ear but he is an exciting prospect for the future.”

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Danielle Johnson and Bloodstream have things under control at Riccarton



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BACK-IN-FORM BEST TOTHELIGN TO DEFEND COLONIAL TITLE

Honest galloper **Best Tothelign (NZ)** (Align) turned around his last two ordinary runs by springing right back to the top with a smashing victory in the \$125,000 Kranji Stakes A race over 1600m on Sunday.

Race	Singapore TC Kranji S. 1600m.
Winner	Best Tothelign (NZ) 2010
Owners	Ma Racing Stable
Trainer	Shane Baertschiger (Kranji)
Breeding	by Align (AUS) out of Dancertina (AUS) by Danehill Dancer (IRE)
Breeder	Hong Kong Breeders Club Ltd; Waikato; NZ
Sales	2012 National Weanling; Broodmare & Mixed Sale V: Highview \$100 P: New Zealand BStk Ltd

Save for one first win at his inaugural 2016 run, last year's Group 3 Colonial Chief Stakes winner had not quite lived up to that top billing thereafter. The form noticeably tapered off, as evidenced by his last two unfinished placings, both at Group level, in the Group 2 Chairman's Trophy (1800m) and the Group 3 Saas Fee Stakes (1400m).

But trainer Shane Baertschiger never wrote off the son of Align, who after all won eight races for him and was arguably his best performer in 2015. He had excuses for both failures, and was confident he could atone if he gets the right breaks.

Ridden by John Powell, Best Tothelign settled three pairs back off a solid tempo set by Twickenham (Artie

Schiller) and Slew Of Lode (Lode). Heading down towards the home turn, Powell allowed his mount to improve around horses to be within striking distance at the top of the straight.

Just a few shakes of the reins along with a few cracks of the whip were needed for Best Tothelign to dart to the front with a sizeable break that kept widening with every stride as he raced to victory in 1 min 34.21secs for the mile on the Long Course.

"Two starts back, he didn't stay the 1800m and at his last run, he came back with bruised heels," said Baertschiger.

"We saw his run in the Colonial Chief Stakes last year, that when he hit the front, he couldn't quite quicken away, but today dropping him back to the mile suited him.

"He's shown us what he was capable of. He will be going for the Colonial Chief Stakes again."

The Group 3 Polytrack race over 1700m is the last feature race on the Singapore racing calendar and will be held on the last meeting of the season, on December 4.

Best Tothelign is proving to be a handy money-spinner for his connections, having now amassed more than \$550,000 in prizemoney.



Best Tothelign bounces back to winning form at Kranji





MR FATKID SCORES AT SKINNY ODDS

Newcomer **Mr Fatkid (NZ)** (Mettre en Jeu) lived up to his solid barrier trial form to get off the mark right at his first Kranji run on Sunday.

Already a trial winner in New Zealand, the Mettre En Jeu three-year-old kept up the same trend with another two wins from as many trials at Kranji with Michael Rodd up, eventually keeping that unblemished record on a roll where it matters more, at his debut race, the \$75,000 Restricted Maiden race over 1200m.

Taking an ideal trail in fourth, Mr Fatkid, who was punted down to \$7 favouritism, was travelling like a winner when he was brought out by jockey Corey Brown upon straightening to collar the Daniel Meagher pair of Believe It Or Not (Eavesdropper) and Xiong Fong (Sepoy) at the 300m.

Mr Fatkid looked all poised to collect an easy win as he strode to the front, but seemed to loaf a little, which was when Brown went for the shillelagh. He knuckled down to the task inside the last 50m to hold a three-quarter length advantage on the line.

Brown said Mr Fatkid won on raw ability and will improve further with more racing experience.

"He's a very nice horse, but still very

highly-strung, like we could see in the parade ring where he was on his toes," said the Australian jockey.

"But he was good in the gates, he didn't thrash around and jumped into a good spot. He travelled easy and Cliffy already told me to just let him settle where he was happy.

"He did stargaze when he hit the front, and I thought he would blow out, but he kept going, which was good.

"He's a horse who will become even better once he gets over further."

Brown the trainer was glad he was able to saddle a winner at his very first runner for owner Frankie Lim of Fatboy Stable.

"He trialled about a month ago,

and fitness-wise there was some concern he may blow out a bit," he said.

"But he was well ridden by Corey and he did a good job in the end. I didn't choose the horse, it's Mike Marais from New Zealand who bought him for the owner, Frankie.

"It's the first horse Frankie sends to me and it's great we got off to a great start."

Race	Singapore TC Restricted Maiden S. 1200m.
Winner	Mr Fatkid (NZ) 2013
Owners	Fatboy Stable
Trainer	Cliff Brown (Kranji)
Breeding	by Mettre en Jeu out of Celtic Legacy by O'Reilly
Breeder	Letham Stud Ltd; Central; NZ



Mr Fatkid opens his account in convincing style



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NZ STALLION AWARDS

THE CENTAINE AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
THORN PARK	\$2,559,903
SAVABEEL	\$2,495,281
DARCI BRAHMA	\$1,888,056
PINS	\$1,847,813
O'REILLY	\$1,407,238
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$1,307,842
KEEPER	\$1,168,397
TAVISTOCK	\$1,114,071
IFFRAAJ	\$970,978
PENTIRE	\$943,289

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

THE DEWAR STALLION TROPHY

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$1,806,460
PINS	\$1,229,724
TAVISTOCK	\$942,155
DARCI BRAHMA	\$843,359
PENTIRE	\$718,924
O'REILLY	\$685,533
SHOCKING	\$667,215
THORN PARK	\$649,226
ZABEEL	\$608,598
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$602,324

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

THE GROSVENOR AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$636,455
TAVISTOCK	\$400,270
IFFRAAJ	\$370,260
DARCI BRAHMA	\$361,009
ZACINTO	\$338,750
KEEPER	\$319,482
PER INCANTO	\$279,055
FASTNET ROCK	\$264,715
EL HERMANO	\$261,400
ALAMOSA	\$260,022

BEST PERFORMERS	EARNINGS
KAWI	\$250,000
NYMPH MONTE	\$91,500
THE SOULTAKER	\$52,000
PERSUASIVE	\$33,000
UGO FOSCOLO	\$312,500
BEL SORRISO	\$40,625
SARACINO	\$62,500
MONGOLIAN FALCON	\$101,000
UNDERTHEMOONLIGHT	\$84,800
ASPEN LASS	\$33,510

Criteria: Leading Sires by Earnings in New Zealand



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NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG

NOVEMBER 2

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
HEARTS KEEPER (NZ) 2009 by Keeper (AUS) out of Mrs Zoff (AUS) by Zoffany (USA)	Jennew Bloodstock Ltd.	HKJC Shek Uk Shan H. 1200m.	

NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG

NOVEMBER 6

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
BABA MAMA (NZ) by Per Incanto (USA) out of Irish Magic by O'Reilly	Mrs M A Wallace	HKJC Cyber Colors H. 1400m.	2014 Ready To Run Sale; V: Ardsley Stud, P: Mr PL Ho; \$130,000

NEWS IN BRIEF

Kawi fourth at Australian debut

Multiple Group One winner **Kawi (NZ)** (Savabeel) has opened his Australian campaign with a lacklustre fourth in Saturday's Gr. 2 Lee Steere Stakes (1400m) at Ascot.

Local galloper Perfect Reflection (More Than Ready), ridden by champion jockey William Pike, charged from seventh position near the home turn and scored by a half-length from stablemate Disposition (Reset) with Tradesman (Trade Fair) finishing a close third.

The Allan Sharrock-trained Kawi, making his Australian debut, faded to finish fourth after racing in second spot.

"He raced in a flat manner over the final stages," jockey Michael Walker said. "It was his first start in seven weeks, and he was racing only three days after arriving here. I think he was feeling the effects of his trip from New Zealand."

Small team for Waller at Sandown

For premier Sydney trainer Chris Waller the Melbourne spring carnival is winding down as he starts planning for the autumn.

But Waller will still have a small team at Sandown on Saturday headlined by **Who Shot Thebarman (NZ)** (Yamanin Vital) who is aiming for back-to-back wins in the Zipping Classic.

Who Shot Thebarman won last year's 2400m weight-for-age contest after finishing 11th behind Prince Of Penzance (NZ) (Pentire) in the Melbourne Cup.

Outside of the placegetters in this year's Melbourne Cup, Who Shot Thebarman was the run of the race, finishing fifth behind Almandin (Monsun) who will also be nominated for the Zipping Classic.

"From his barrier in the Cup and from where he was on the turn he was super," Waller said.

Importantly Who Shot Thebarman pulled up in excellent order and Waller had no hesitation declaring him a runner at Sandown.

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NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE NOVEMBER 4

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
NOVA SWISS (NZ) 2013 by Swiss Ace (AUS) out of Asciano Miss (AUS) by Jet Spur (AUS)	G J Perry; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 3 H. 1000m.	2015 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale; V: Westbury Stud, P: NZB as agent; \$10,000

NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE NOVEMBER 6

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
MR FATKID (NZ) 2013 by Mettre en Jeu out of Celtic Legacy by O'Reilly	Letham Stud Ltd; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Restricted Maiden S. 1200m.	
Ranfurly – ALFONSO (Sing.) (NZ) 2009 by Danroad (AUS) out of Maeve by Honor Grades (USA)	Ms S R Archer & M J Martin; Auckland; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1800m.	
BEST TOTHELIGN (NZ) 2010 by Align (AUS) out of Dancertina (AUS) by Danehill Dancer (IRE)	Hong Kong Breeders Club Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Kranji S. 1600m.	2012 National Weanling; Broodmare & Mixed Sale; V: Highview, P: New Zealand BStk Ltd; \$100
STORM TROOPER (NZ) 2011 by Tavistock out of Shock by Keeper (AUS)	Go Bloodstock New Zealand Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1400m.	2012 National Weanling; Broodmare & Mixed Sale; V: Blandford Lodge, P: New Zealand BStk Ltd; \$21,000 2013 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Phoenix Park, P: DC Ellis; \$70,000

