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## PATRICK ERIN DOES FORMER MENTOR PROUD WITH GROUP ONE SUCCESS



Part owner Jan Smith returns to the winners enclosure at Royal Randwick with her pride and joy, Patrick Erin (Bradley Photographers)

Outstanding Kiwi galloper **Patrick Erin (NZ)** (Gallant Guru) sat atop the Sydney staying ranks on Saturday afternoon after he produced a devastating sprint to capture the Gr.1 The Metropolitan (2400m) at Royal Randwick.

It was the type of performance that his former mentor, legendary trainer Brian Anderton, knew he was capable of from the day he galloped him for the first time at his Wingatui base.

Bred and raised at Anderton's White Robe Lodge, the seven-year-old son of resident stallion Gallant Guru caught Anderton's eye early in the piece.

"He was a lovely young horse and I thought from day one that he had the makings of a really top stayer," Anderton said.

"He was an immature type, so time was going to be his friend but the raw talent was there."

Given plenty of time to strengthen and develop by breeder and co-owner Patrick Smith, whom the horse is named after, Patrick Erin commenced his career in April 2016 and tasted success for the first time when successful over 1200m on his home track in June that year.

He quickly raced through the grades, winning ten of his 21

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starts before Anderton took the hard decision to recommend to his connections that the horse would be better placed racing in Australia.

"It was a tough thing to do, but in the best interests of the horse he had to go to Australia," Anderton said.

"You don't like to lose a horse like him from your stable but he was going to get crucified here by the handicapping system.

"I thought he could win a really good race in Australia, so we sat down with Patrick, his wife Jan and the other owners and recommended that they look at getting him into a good stable over there."

Tragedy struck when Patrick Smith passed away four months ago without seeing his charge win at the highest level, a fact that made Saturday's victory an emotion filled moment for Anderton.

"I'm just delighted for Jan and the family that he did what he did on Saturday," he said.

"It's been a tough time for them with Patrick's passing so to get that win was very special. Jan was there to see it all unfold, so I'm sure when she gets back we will have a good celebration to look forward to."

Anderton is also philosophical about what effect Patrick Erin's victory will have for his stallion Gallant Guru, who has been neglected by breeders in recent years.

"The phone might go this week but it's been a bit lean for him of late," he said.

"When you think of horses like Patrick Erin, his older brother Gallant Boy, Jackfrost, Coulee and Tommy Tucker he produces good, tough individuals that race on and have a fair bit of class about them.

"At this stage though he only has one outside booking along with the mares we will send to him.

"He just doesn't appeal to most breeders as his stock need plenty of time to get to their peak and they are mainly looking for a much quicker return than that."

In the meantime, Anderton is eagerly awaiting the emergence of the next chapter in the story with Patrick Erin's older full sister, Gallant Babe (NZ), set to produce a foal any day now by White Robe Lodge's Group Two winning son of Shamardal, Ghibellines.

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# CHANGE OF PLAN **FOR LOVE AFFAIR**



*Smart mare Love Affair will resume at Hastings this weekend (Trish Dunell)*

**F**ans of exciting mare **Love Affair (NZ)** (Savabeel) will have to wait another seven days to see her commence her spring campaign.

The Savabeel five-year-old set was set to start in Saturday's open sprint at Avondale but a change of plans will see now her run in the Gr.3 Red Badge Sprint (1400m) at Hastings this weekend.

Co-trainer Andrew Forsman believes the conditions of the Hastings contest are more in favour of his charge despite the prospect of facing some tougher opposition.

"She's ready to go and we could have run her at Avondale but once we had a think about it, the Hastings option was a little more attractive," he said.

"She was set to carry a pretty big weight at Avondale, whereas she should get in somewhere near the minimum at Hastings.

"While the 1400m isn't ideal we think she is forward enough to cope with it.

"We know she will be up against some pretty handy types that are being talked about for the race, but on what she has done so far she is up to the challenge."

Given a decent break after downing class sprinter Volpe Veloce (Foxwedge) over 1200m at Te Rapa in late April, Love Affair has had a pair of trials to fit her for her opening assignment.

"She comes to hand pretty quickly and we were pleased with the way she

performed in the trials she has had, which were both on fairly wet tracks," Forsman said.

"The main goal for her is to get some more black type so we will map out a campaign based on the options available.

"We don't have any set plans, rather we will take it on a race-by-race basis."

Forsman also confirmed that stablemate Lizzie L'Amour (NZ) (Zabeel) would have the late entry fee paid for Saturday's Livamol Classic (2040m) and will take her place in the final field for the Group One feature.

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# STAKES BOUND CALLING REPAYING PRICE TAG

**Éclair Calling (NZ)**, a son of Tartan Bearer that created a buzz when selling as a yearling for a record \$525,000 at the New Zealand Bloodstock Select Sale, has won his fourth race when successful over 1400m at Caulfield on Sunday.

Raced by Thomas Li, the Phillip Stokes-trained gelding is set to step up to stakes grade when he contests the Listed Weekend Hussler Stakes (1400m) over the same course and

<b>Race</b>	<b>MRC Catanach's Jewellers H. 1400m.</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Éclair Calling (NZ) 2013</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Mr C K Li</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Phillip Stokes (Caulfield)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Tartan Bearer (IRE) out of Pink Pier (AUS) by Galileo (IRE)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Power Bloodstock Ltd; Waikato; NZ</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>National Yearling Sale - Select Sale V: Hallmark Stud \$525000 P: Phillip Stokes Racing</b>

distance in a fortnight.

"He got around Caulfield a lot better than previous starts," Stokes said.

"We were lucky enough to get on the course proper when he worked well here on Tuesday and we see the result now.

"He is doing really well and I will probably look at running him in the Weekend Hussler in two weeks' time.

"I think he can progress to be a Group Three horse."

Winning rider Chris Caserta made good use of his 2kg claim and came with a perfectly timed run to comfortably hold Ocean Park four-year-old Tezlah (NZ).

"He drew a good gate and had a beautiful run," Caserta said.

"When I asked him to go, he doesn't have a short, sharp sprint, but he just keeps building and grinding and full credit to Phillip Stokes and his team." – NZ Racing Desk



Éclair Calling winning at Caulfield (Darryl Sherer)



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# MELBOURNE BECKONS FOR STRATOCASTER



*Stratocaster overcomes his fellow grey rivals at New Plymouth (Peter Rubery)*

**E**nigmatic galloper **Stratocaster (NZ)** (Mastercraftsman) booked his ticket for a crack at the riches of the Melbourne spring carnival when he cruised to victory at New Plymouth on the weekend.

The lightly raced seven-year-old had hinted at a return to his best form when a fast finishing third at Hastings last weekend and so it proved when he took out the special event for grey horses only over 1400m on Saturday.

Settled near last by rider Darryl Bradley the Mastercraftsman gelding swooped into contention on the point of the home turn before dashing clear to win untouched by three quarters of a length. Cambridge visitor Monrecour (NZ) (Zacinto) closed hard late but had to settle for second with last year's runner-up Our King Sway (NZ) (Shinko King) in third.

Plagued by injury throughout a

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<b>Race</b>	Taranaki RC Powerworx Greys H. 1400m.
<b>Winner</b>	Stratocaster (NZ) 2011
<b>Owners</b>	Very Musical Syndicate
<b>Trainer</b>	Emma-Lee & David Browne (Cambridge)
<b>Breeding</b>	by Mastercraftsman (IRE) out of Very Musical (Ire) by Green Tune (USA)
<b>Breeder</b>	N E & R A Schick & S J Till; Waikato; NZ
<b>Sales</b>	2013 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale V: Windsor Park Stud \$100000 P: McVean Rcg





# MELBOURNE BECKONS FOR STRATOCASTER

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career that saw him beat multiple Group One winner Turn Me Loose (NZ) (Iffraaj) as a three-year-old, Stratocaster will now cross the Tasman to tackle another special conditions event for grey horses only.

“He’s a really good horse as not many beat Turn Me Loose,” co-trainer David Browne said.

“He’s done that well so we’re very happy with that.

“He’ll probably go to the Subzero at Flemington. It’s only a rating 90 and he will get in well at the weights so we’re going to go and have a crack.”

The Flemington race is named after Australian thoroughbred cult hero Subzero (Kala Dancer) who won the 1992 Melbourne Cup. Nominated for Australian of the Year, “Subbie” as he is affectionately known, turned 30 on August 1 and enjoys a massive

public presence through his work with handler Graham Salisbury as racing’s flag bearer at schools, hospitals and many other locations in their role as proud ambassadors of the sport

The Subzero Handicap (1400m) will be raced at Flemington on VRC Oaks Day on November 8.

– NZ Racing Desk

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### The Arabian Duke delivers in Waikato Hunt Cup

Promising chaser **The Arabian Duke (NZ)** (Bachelor Duke) showed he could be a force to be reckoned with in next season’s major jumping events with a devastating victory in Sunday’s Bayleys Waikato Hunt Cup Steeplechase (4250m) at Te Aroha.

Patently handled by one of the stars of the jumps season in Aaron Kuru, The Arabian Duke sat back off a torrid early pace set up by race favourite Yipson (NZ) (Gold Centre). Kuru set his mount out after the leaders with 1000m left to run before swooping to the front with two fences left to clear. The Arabian Duke negotiated both safely as he forged clear to win by two and half lengths from Yipson who battled on gamely to shade southern visitor Delacroix (NZ) (Zabeel) in a photo-finish for the minor placings.

The win was just the fourth in a 52-start career for The Arabian Duke however he has now won twice from just three attempts over the bigger fences.

Earlier in the day outsider Hesalljazz (NZ) (Coats Choice) dented a few reputations when he took out the day’s feature hurdle event, the Faulkner Drainage Maramarua Hunt Hurdle (3100m).

The Stephen Ralph trained runner led for the final 700m to land his biggest career victory in the hands of rider Lemmy Douglas.

The victory capped a good weekend for Ralph who produced underrated mare Santa Monica (NZ) (Per Incanto) to win the open sprint at New Plymouth on Saturday.

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*The Arabian Duke (NZ) (Bachelor Duke)*





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# NZ STALLION AWARDS

## THE CENTAINE AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
<b>SAVABEEL</b>	<b>\$1,681,545</b>
O'REILLY	\$1,636,989
TAVISTOCK	\$829,500
DARCI BRAHMA	\$816,326
THORN PARK	\$727,712
GALLANT GURU	\$691,696
RIP VAN WINKLE	\$600,206
PINS	\$571,131
IFFRAAJ	\$562,906
PER INCANTO	\$562,745

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

## THE DEWAR STALLION TROPHY

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
<b>O'REILLY</b>	<b>\$1,050,510</b>
SAVABEEL	\$814,866
GALLANT GURU	\$647,090
TAVISTOCK	\$532,715
RIP VAN WINKLE	\$481,290
REDWOOD	\$448,200
IFFRAAJ	\$403,424
ZED	\$377,373
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$323,017
DARCI BRAHMA	\$316,908

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

## THE GROSVENOR AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
<b>ZED</b>	<b>\$371,423</b>
COMMANDS	\$313,000
TAVISTOCK	\$216,250
IFFRAAJ	\$209,039
GALLANT GURU	\$199,365
PER INCANTO	\$191,435
ALAMOSA	\$156,650
SAVABEEL	\$151,110
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$149,602
SWISS ACE	\$146,672

BEST PERFORMERS	EARNINGS
<b>PERRY MASON</b>	<b>\$66,875</b>
MELODY BELLE	\$312,500
HIFLYER	\$40,000
MELT	\$59,376
JACKFROST	\$132,625
MAUNA KEA	\$38,275
SHE'S POPPY	\$65,875
SAVVY COUP	\$45,000
WOODSMAN	\$30,000
JULIUS	\$41,875

*Criteria: Leading Sires by Earnings in New Zealand*



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## NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG **SEPTEMBER 26**

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
<b>SPARKLING DRAGON (NZ) 2014 by O'Reilly out of Shining Light by Star Way (GB)</b>	Mapperley Stud Ltd & Waikato Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Wong Chuk Hang H. 1200m.	2016 National Yearling Sale - Select Session V: Prima Park \$85000 P: NZB as agent

## NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE **SEPTEMBER 24**

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
<b>SACRED MAGIC (NZ) 2014 by Battle Paint (USA) out of Chato Margaux by Montjeu (IRE)</b>	I H Mackay; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Kranji S. 1200m.	2016 National Yearling Sale - Select Session V: Leanach Lodge Ltd \$60000 P: L Khoo Peng
<b>O'REILLY STAR (NZ) 2013 by O'Reilly out of Starbelly by Stravinsky (USA)</b>	D J Myers; Central; NZ	Singapore TC PGI Jockeys Challenge Asia (1st Leg) S. 1800m.	2015 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale V: Lyndhurst Farm \$120000 P: Te Akau Racing
<b>SAFEER (NZ) 2014 by Savabeel (AUS) out of Ahna by O'Reilly</b>	Waikato Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC PGI Jockeys Challenge South Africa (3rd Leg) S. 1200m.	2016 National Yearling Sale - Premier Session V: Waikato Stud Ltd \$185000 P: Waterford B/stock

## NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE **SEPTEMBER 28**

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
<b>CASH IS KING (NZ) 2014 by Tavistock out of Half Irish by Half Iced (USA)</b>	G R O'Dea; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Perak Turf Club Trophy 1600m.	2016 Ready to Run Sale V: Kilmore Farm \$47500 P: Cliff Brown Racing
<b>Ameridon - TARO SAN (Sing.) (NZ) 2014 by All American (Aus) out of Celadon by Danehill</b>	GSA Bloodstock Pty Ltd; NZ	Singapore TC Penang Turf Club Trophy 1000m.	2016 National Yearling Sale - Select Session V: Haunui Farm \$140000 P: LB Racing
<b>OUR PINNACLE (NZ) 2014 by Pins (AUS) out of Red Delicious by No Excuse Needed (GB)</b>	G J Chittick; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1400m	2015 National Weanling; Broodmare & Mixed Sale V: Waikato Stud Ltd \$16000 P: Upstage B/stock



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