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VANBRUGH STEPS UP AT CAULFIELD FOR WINDSOR PARK



Vanbrugh, in the Windsor Park colours, returns to winning form in style at Caulfield

dashing return to form by exciting stallion prospect Vanbrugh (Encosta De Lago) at Caulfield on the weekend has Windsor Park Stud manager and coowner Rodney Schick looking forward with anticipation to next year's breeding season.

The Encosta De Lago entire added further lustre to his future career in the breeding barn with his Gr. 3 Coongy Cup victory, a career that is planned to commence in the 2017 season at Windsor Park after the stud bought into the horse

following his Gr. 1 Spring Championship Stakes victory last season.

"I was having dinner one night with Michael Wallace and Mick Flanagan and we were discussing horses as you do," explained Schick.

"Mick, who was managing Vanbrugh for Merriebelle Stable, advised that there might be an option for us with him so it all started from there.

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"He is such a magnificent type and has all the attributes you look for in a stallion so we were delighted to be able to get involved."

Schick admitted the camp had been confident of a win on Saturday as the Chris Waller trained entire stepped up to his pet 2000 metre distance.

"Chris actually had him set for the Epsom Handicap but he didn't get all the luck that day and finished ninth but only a couple of lengths off them," he said.

"Chris said he was looking for 2000 metres and a good track so when he got that on the weekend we were thinking he would go close to a win.

"It was a real thrill to see him return to his best and he will now have a crack at the Emirates Stakes on the last day of the Flemington Carnival.

"You never know what type of field you will strike but if he can get similar conditions to Saturday then they will know he has been in the race."

A possible autumn campaign will be the last for Vanbrugh

as a racing prospect with Schick advising the entire would commence his stallion career in 2017.

"He might go on to Sydney in the autumn but this is definitely his last racing season," he said.

"We are looking to have both he and Rageese, who we also bought into, back at home next year so they can start their new careers for us at the same time.

"Having a son of Encosta De Lago and a son of Street Cry kicking off at the same time is incredibly exciting so we can't wait for next year."

- NZ Racing Desk

Race	MRC Coongy H. Gr.3 2000m.
Winner	Vanbrugh (Aus) 2012
Owners	Windsor Park Stud Ltd, Merriebelle Stable
Trainer	Chris Waller (Flemington)
Breeding	by Encosta De Lago (Aus) from Soho Secret (Aus) by Lucky Owners
Breeder	KF Leung; New South Wales

NEWS IN BRIEF

Who Shot Thebarman for Moonee Valley Cup

Chris Waller isn't afraid to pit his horses against each other in feature races.

Waller could have had up to four runners in last Saturday's Caulfield Cup but decided to separate the string in the lead up to the Melbourne Cup.

He was represented by Preferment (NZ) (Zabeel) and Sacred Master (NZ) (Mastercraftsman) at Caulfield while two of his other stayers will run in Melbourne Cup lead-up races this week.

He has Grand Marshal (Dansili) heading to the Geelong Cup on Wednesday and **Who Shot Thebarman (NZ)** (Yamanin Vital) in the Moonee Valley Cup on Saturday.

"I just thought they weren't sharp enough for the Caulfield Cup," Waller said.

"They both could have run but I want to get them into a bit of form."

Waller said taking Who Shot Thebarman to Moonee Valley was a change in tactics from previous seasons.

"I like the Moonee Valley track as it's quite forgiving," Waller said.

"Who Shot Thebarman has a high rating but gets in under the set-weights and penalties conditions of the race well."

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SPRING RICHES CONTINUE FOR CAMBRIDGE STABLE

ambridge trainer Andrew Forsman was a happy man as he waited to board his flight home from Melbourne on Sunday morning following a successful day out at Caulfield 24 hours earlier.

He and senior training partner Murray Baker had plenty to smile about after classy three-year-old filly **Eleonora (NZ)** (Makfi) showed she was right on target for her major spring mission, the Gr. 1 VRC Crown Oaks, with a comprehensive triumph in the Gr. 3 New Zealand Bloodstock Ethereal Stakes.

"She definitely got the rub of the green this time after being unlucky at her last start and put them away pretty comprehensively," he said.

"It was a top ride by Damien (Oliver) as he got cover when he needed it and produced her at just the right time as they swung for home.

"She showed an impressive turn of foot at that stage and I thought she had them well covered at the finish."

Forsman is now looking forward to the Oaks on the 3rd of November which the filly will tackle without another start before then.

"That was her final lead-up to the Oaks and provided she has come through it well we will be heading straight there," he advised.

"She has improved after every race in this campaign so it's now just a matter of keeping her ticking over until raceday."

Forsman was also philosophical about the performance of Victoria Derby candidate **Highlad** (High Chaparral) who finished well back in the Gr. 3 Ladbrokes Classic on Saturday.

"We had a plan to ride him with cover and have one shot at them but that all turned a bit pear-shaped when he jumped so well from his wide gate," he explained.

"He just wouldn't settle and over-raced badly so it was a bit of a forgive and forget run in the end.



The powerful Baker/Forsman stable added to their spring tally through the win of Eleonora at Caulfield on Saturday

"Damien came back in and said don't give up on him as he had no luck so we are still looking towards the Derby with him."

In the meantime the stable will attempt to add another victory to their impressive spring campaign when **(La) Luna Rossa (NZ)** (Written Tycoon) lines up in a Group Two threevear-old fillies race at Moonee Valley this weekend.

"She's come through her One Thousand Guineas run well so we will line-her up at Moonee Valley on Saturday," he said.

"We tried her with blinkers on in the Guineas but she didn't settle so they will most likely come off this weekend."

Forsman also reported that **Turn Me Loose (NZ)** (Iffraaj) was progressing well and would most likely have a jump-out at Flemington later in the week while **Saracino (NZ)** (Per Incanto) has been freshened after his brave Caulfield Guineas run and would tackle the Gr. 1 Coolmore Stud Stakes over 1200 metres on the first day of the Melbourne Cup Carnival at Flemington.

- NZ Racing Desk





SPIETH OVERCOMES SLOW START IN LIGHTNING

rainer Bryce Heys has refused to be drawn on Spieth's (NZ) (Thorn Park) next assignment, preferring to let him get over his first stakes win at Randwick.

The lightly raced four-yearold missed the start of the Listed Tattersalls Lightning, but was well in front at the end of the 1100m, beating Kaepernick (Fastnet Rock) by threequarters of a length.

Jay Ford kept his cool on the \$3 favourite, much to the relief of Heys.

"Jay kept his cool," Heys said. "I thought he would go up the fence but he was patient and waited for the gap.

"I'm excited about where this horse goes next but I'll let him get over this first.

"We have a plan in place if he could win and we will decide by the middle of the week but he will go to Melbourne."

Spieth is entered for the Group One Darley Classic on the 1200m straight course at Flemington on November

5 but there is also the option of the Group Two Linlithgow a week earlier over the same distance.

Ford said Spieth had played up in the starting stalls.

"He was sitting down and I was trying to get a barrier attendant to grab his tail and I was turning around asking him and next minute the gates were open," Ford said.

"He came out very awkwardly but he was able to recover.

"He is a serious horse on the way up and he is in for a good campaign."

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Race	City Tatt's RC Lightning H. L 1100m.
Winner	Spieth (NZ) 2012
Owners	Mr M W O'keeffe, Ms V J King, Emmaroo Bloodstock, Mr G K Lawler, Mr J R Braham, Mr P J C Murphy, Mr S J Conroy, Mr P J Townsend, Mr C R Hamilton, Mr W Roberts
Trainer	Bryce Heys (Warwick Farm)
Breeding	by Thorn Park (AUS) out of Stella Livia (GB) by Titus Livius (FR)
Breeder	Trelawney Thoroughbred Ltd; Waikato; NZ
Sales	2014 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale V: Trelawney Stud Ltd \$200000 P: Ellerslie Lodge

Exciting prospect Spieth overcame a tardy start to storm to his first stakes victory on the weekend









FIRST SEAL WINS THE GR 2 TRISTARC STAKES



Karaka sale graduate First Seal captures the Gr. 2 Tristarc Stakes at Caulfield.

roup One winner First Seal (Fastnet Rock) has shown her class in her Melbourne debut, delivering a special win for her connections in the Gr. 2 Tristarc Stakes at Caulfield.

The John Thompson-trained mare stripped a fitter horse in Saturday's 1400m race than when she loomed up in the straight before finishing fifth in the Golden Pendant first-up in Sydney three weeks ago.

After settling midfield with cover, Blake Shinn had First Seal out in the clear in the straight and she let down powerfully to reel in the in-form favourite Tycoon Tara (Written Tycoon) to win by a short neck.

First Seal, who has won six of her 17 starts with another six seconds, had the wood on Winx (Street Cry) early in their three-year-old season, including when winning the Group One Flight Stakes in 2014.

"She's a lovely mare. She was the best horse in the race today, she iust needed to handle Caulfield. She wobbled a little bit around the corner but class prevailed," Thompson said.

"Look, the days of beating Winx

are a long time ago. She's had a lot of injuries, nothing major but just little niggles and it's good to see her come back and win. I'm sure she's got more wins in her.

"She's a special horse to me and the stable."

First Seal, who was a \$700,000 purchase for legendary trainer Bart Cummings from Curraghmore Stud's 2013 New Zealand Bloodstock Premier Yearling Sale draft, will now head to the Gr. 1 Myer Classic (1600m) in two weeks at Flemington.

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FIRST SERVE SMASHES THEM AGAIN AT ASHBURTON

alented mare **First Serve (NZ)** (Swiss Ace) continued on her winning way when she simply smashed her rivals in Saturday's Half The Asset sponsored open 1200 metre contest at Ashburton.

Sent out a warm favourite by the punters, the Michael and Matthew Pitman trained mare gave her rivals a galloping lesson as she extended powerfully in the home straight to cruise home by three quarters of a length and record her fifth career victory. Such was the contempt that she showed for her rivals, rider Samantha Wynne had the luxury of riding the mare hands and heels over the last 300 metres of the contest.

"I was very confident she would win as she had improved since her first-up run and had the conditions well in her favour," noted Michael Pitman.

"It was only her sixth lifetime start so I'm also confident there is plenty of improvement left in her. She really only does what she has to which is why Sam gave her one flick with the whip when she went up to challenge just to keep her mind

on the job."

Pitman was also happy enough with the unplaced runs of the stable's other two representatives in the event with neither Kinagat (Street Cry) nor El Chico (NZ) (Stravinsky) appreciating the give in the Ashburton surface that saw the track rated a Dead 5 for the day.

"Kinagat needs a good track to show his best so I'm prepared to forgive him for that one," he said.

"It was a typical second-up sort of performance but we know on a firm track he is far

> First Serve cruises to another comfortable victory at Ashburton

better than what he showed on Saturday.

"El Chico also did what we expected as he needed the race and will strip fitter next time."

First Serve and Kinagat will clash again twice next month when they contest the Yesberg Insurance Services Pegasus Stakes (1000m) on the first day of the New Zealand Cup Carnival at Riccarton on 5 November, followed by the Gr. 3 Lindauer Stewards Stakes (1200m) four days later.

- NZ Racing Desk

Race	Ashburton RC Half the Asset H. 1200m.
Winner	First Serve (NZ) 2012
Owners	Pearl Fillies Syndicate
Trainer	Michael & Matthew Pitman (Riccarton Park)
Breeding	by Swiss Ace (AUS) out of Fuar by Kaapstad
Breeder	Rich Hill Thoroughbreds Ltd & L Williams; Waikato; NZ
Sales	2014 National Yearling Sale - Festival Sale V: Rich Hill Stud \$6000 P: M Pitman







IRISH MIST OFF THE MARK AT ROTORUA

ukekohe galloper Irish Mist (NZ) (Guillotine) made the step up from promising maiden to race winner with aplomb at Rotorua on Saturday as he accounted for a small but talented field in the day's opening event.

The Guillotine gelding had put in an eye catching performance behind the promising **Veearma (NZ)** (Darci Brahma) at Ellerslie last month and franked that form as he held out all challenges in the run home on Saturday to score narrowly but well in the Townley Trenching & Electrical sponsored three-year-old 1200 metre contest.

Co-trainer Michael Rogers had expected a good performance

after his charge had taken plenty of improvement out of his Ellerslie run.

"He has really come on since Ellerslie where he was pretty fresh so we had expected him to go well," he admitted.

"I thought when the filly (Volpe Veloce) was scratched he had a fair show of beating them. He just needed to handle the ground.

"I think he will learn plenty from this effort and go on from here."

Rider Sam Spratt was of a similar opinion when questioned after the race.

"It was a really good effort as he had been knocking on the door," she said.

"He's shown heaps of promise at

home so it was just a matter of getting through the track.

"There's plenty of moisture in the surface. We travelled well but when I asked him he started to make heavy weather of it but so were the others."

- NZ Racing Desk

Race	Rotorua RC Townley Trenching H. 1215m.
Winner	Irish Mist (NZ) 2013
Owners	Ms C G Rogers
Trainer	M, M F & M L Rogers (Pukekohe)
Breeding	by Guillotine out of Ice Cap by Kaapstad
Breeder	Windsor Park Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ
Sales	2015 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale V: Windsor Park Stud \$6000 P: M Rogers



Irish Mist (inner) fights doggedly to record his first career win at Rotorua





NOVA SWISS LOOKS TO BE A GEM FOR TAN

eading trainer Alwin Tan may well have unearthed something out of the box in **Nova Swiss**(NZ) (Swiss Ace) after the former New Zealander simply decimated his rivals in the \$60,000 Open Benchmark 67 race over 1000m on Sunday.

Already an impressive winner on debut three weeks back, a two-time winner back home was never in doubt from the moment his jockey Manoel Nunes parked him in an ideal spot outside leader Eatons Gold (Jet Spur).

Coming to the 400m mark, Nova Swiss had not raised a sweat, with Nunes clearly toying with the opposition. The Brazilian jockey was still not budging while his rivals were all under pressure. The moment he gave a squeeze, Nova Swiss exploded away and the race was as good as over from the 200m mark. The Swiss Ace three-year-old went on to score by four lengths from Host The Nation (Host) with Elise (NZ) (Faltaat) third another half-length away.

The winning time was 58.92secs for the 1000m on the Polytrack.

"I've had a bit of luck with those new sprinters and it looks like Nova Swiss is another one of them," said Tan.

"Manoel wanted to ride him handy and things worked out the way he planned. He just sat back and when he went for him, the horse was way too good.

"He seems to be above average,

but for now I'll stick to Polytrack. He won on turf in New Zealand, and I will definitely run him on turf one day, but probably next year.

"I haven't set any target for him, but I guess a race like the Merlion Trophy could be a realistic long-term race for him."

The Group 2 Merlion Trophy is a 1200m race on Polytrack and kicks off the Singapore Sprint Series which culminates with the Group 1 Lion City Cup (1200m) in April.

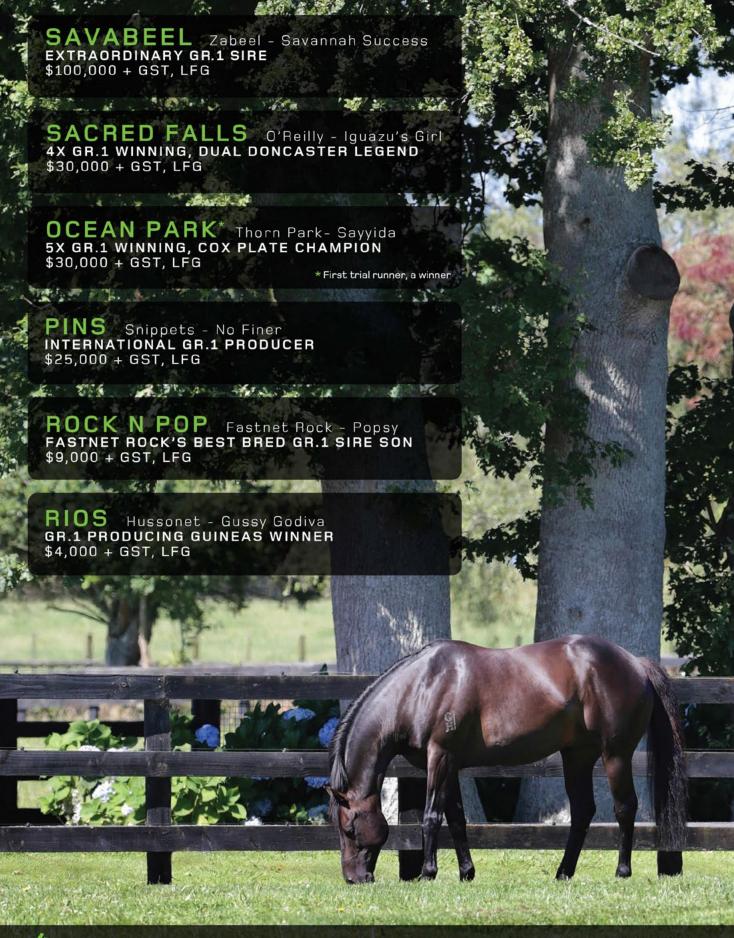
In two starts, Nova Swiss has now won both for stakes money in excess of \$65,000 for the Nova Racing Stable.

Race	Singapore TC Benchmark 67 H. 1000m			
Winner	Nova Swiss (NZ) 2013			
Owners	Nova Racing Stable			
Trainer	Alwin Tan (Kranji)			
Breeding	by Swiss Ace (AUS) out of Asciano Miss (AUS) by Jet Spur (AUS)			
Breeder	G J Perry; Waikato; NZ			
Sales	2015 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale; V: Westbury Stud, P: NZB as agent; \$10,000			



Nova Swiss bounds clear to register an impressive victory







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NZ STALLION AWARDS

THE CENTAINE AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS	
Thorn Park	\$1,680,699	
Savabeel	\$1,638,844	
Pins	\$1,491,385	
Darci Brahma	\$1,456,976	
O'Reilly	\$1,069,195	
Mastercraftsman	\$852,276	
Iffraaj	\$764,334	
Per Incanto	\$723,857	
Zabeel	\$671,788	
Roc de Cambes	\$651,673	
Criteria: Sire whose NZ-conceived progeny have accumulated the highest stakes earnings worldwide		

THE DEWAR STALLION TROPHY

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$1,136,662
PINS	\$1,046,254
DARCI BRAHMA	\$629,184
SHOCKING	\$595,480
ROC DE CAMBES	\$576,725
ZABEEL	\$563,118
O'REILLY	\$508,780
TAVISTOCK	\$484,935
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$478,113
THORN PARK	\$418,316

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

THE GROSVENOR AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$451,445
IFFRAAJ	\$290,835
DARCI BRAHMA	\$264,034
EL HERMANO	\$252,775
TAVISTOCK	\$237,170
PER INCANTO	\$220,265
KEEPER	\$207,632
SHINKO KING	\$185,480
FASTNET ROCK	\$180,915
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$175,815

BEST PERFORMERS	EARNINGS
KAWI	\$250,000
THE SOULTAKER	\$52,000
PERSUASIVE	\$33,000
UNDERTHEMOONLIGHT	\$84,800
PACORUS	\$73,025
SARACINO	\$62,500
LORD BEAVER	\$18,475
MEGABLAST	\$51,425
MONGOLIAN FALCON	\$ 77,000
MIME	\$40,000

Criteria: Leading Sires by Earnings in New Zealand



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NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG OCTOBER 12

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
WINASWEWISH (NZ) 2011 by Thorn Park (AUS) out of Deceit by Casual Lies (USA)	Windsor Park Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Birch H. 1650m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Windsor Park Stud, P: Michael Stedman B/ stock; \$30,000

NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG

OCTOBER 16

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
CHEER WIN (NZ) 2013 by Showcasing (GB) out of Spamalot by Stravinsky (USA)	D N Pye & Dame Wendy Pye; Auckland; NZ	HKJC Cuckoo H. 1000m.	2015 National Yearling Sale - Festival Session; V: Haunui Farm, P: Regal Farm; \$60,000 2015 Ready To Run Sale; V: Regal Farm, P: Mr R Yiu; \$150,000

NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE OCTOBER 14

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
HELLO MICHELLE (NZ) 2013 by Minstrel Court (AUS) out of Paixanito by Zabeel	D C Ellis & K W Fenton-Ellis; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1100m.	
MASURAO (NZ) 2011 by Mastercraftsman (IRE) out of Black Bijou by Black Minnaloushe (USA)	Mrs W M Morton; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1400m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Haunui Farm, P: M Otani; \$50,000
OLYMPIC ANTHEM (NZ) 2010 by Starcraft out of Fire Song by Senor Pete (USA)	P Webb; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Kranji S. 1100m.	2012 National Yearling Sale - Premier Session; V: Trelawney Stud Ltd P: DGR TBred Services; \$150,000

NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE OCTOBER 16

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
NORTHERN KNIGHT (NZ) 2011 by Sir Percy (GB) out of Pesky by Paris Opera (AUS)	Rich Hill Thoroughbreds Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Kranji S. 1600m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Rich Hill Stud, P: Mulcaster B/stock; \$50,000
BIG MAN (NZ) 2012 by Alamosa out of Dr Klaire (AUS) by Flying Spur (AUS)	Wellfield Holdings Ltd; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1200m.	2013 National Weanling; Broodmare & Mixed Sale; V: Wellfield Lodge, P: Ascot Farm; \$32,000
NOVA SWISS (NZ) 2013 by Swiss Ace (AUS) out of Asciano Miss (AUS) by Jet Spur (AUS)	G J Perry; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Benchmark 67 H. 1000m.	2015 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale; V: Westbury Stud, P: NZB as agent; \$10,000
GLORIOUS PROSPECT (NZ) 2011 by Alamosa out of Akris by Zabeel	Nearco Stud Limited & W J Bloodstock Ltd; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Kranji S. 1600m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale; V: Wellfield Lodge, P: New Zealand BStk-ag; \$210,000

