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A BONNY NIGHT FOR DUAL OAKS WINNER



Bonneval (pictured winning at Moonee Valley on Saturday) has dominated the 2017 New Zealand Thoroughbred Horse of the Year Awards

It was the Bonneval show in Auckland on Sunday night.

The Cambridge galloper dominated the 2017 New Zealand Thoroughbred Horse of the Year Awards.

Bonneval's connections spent much of the night on stage as the dual Oaks winner was voted Horse of the Year, Three-Year-Old of the Year and Stayer of the Year. Her owners were also presented with the New Zealand Bloodstock Filly of the Year trophy.

In addition, Bonneval's trainers, Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman, gained all but one of the 57 votes cast for Trainer of

the Year and Bonneval's dam, Imposingly, was named Broodmare of the Year.

The prestigious NZTR Contribution to Racing Award went to syndicator and Te Akau Racing principal David Ellis.

Bonneval is the first three-year-old filly to be named Horse of the Year since Sunline, in 1999.

She is also the fourth successive Horse of the Year winner to be trained by Baker and Forsman, following Dundeel (2014) and Mongolian Khan (2015 & 2016).

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Bonneval is in Melbourne on a quest to emulate the 2015 Gr.1 Caulfield Cup success of Mongolian Khan and she opened her campaign in outstanding style on Saturday with her first-up victory in the Gr.2 Dato Tan Chin Nam Stakes at Moonee Valley.

As expected, voting for Horse of the Year turned into a three-way battle, though Bonneval won by a comfortable margin, with 27 votes, 12 more than fellow three-year-old Gingernuts. Kawi, the Middle Distance Horse of the Year, gained 10 votes with three for another three-year-old in Jon Snow.

Bonneval had a smaller margin when beating Gingernuts by six votes in the three-year-old category, but dominated the stayers' section with 37 votes, 29 more than Chenille.

A daughter of Makfi, Bonneval was a \$150,000 yearling buy for owners Terry Jarvis, Alister Lawrence and John Rattray and is unbeaten from four starts past 1600m.

She had just seven starts as a three-year-old and got better as the season progressed. She was a luckless third in the Gr.3 Desert Gold Stakes in January before reeling off four successive group wins.

She won the Gr.2 Sir Tristram Classic and Gr.3 Lowland Stakes before becoming the first filly since 1990 to win both the Gr.1 New Zealand and Gr.1 Australian Oaks. She produced one of the standout performances of the season when winning the Australian Oaks by more than four lengths.

She is now being set for the Gr.1 Caulfield and Gr.1 Melbourne Cups and began her four-year-old campaign in the Gr.2 Dato Tan Chin Nam Stakes.

New Zealand Derby winner Gingernuts had the hard luck story of the night, being runner-up in voting for Horse of the Year, but unable to win an individual category.

Kawi, who won three Group One weight-for-age races during the season, was an almost unanimous choice for the middle distance award and Start Wondering dominated the

Sprinter of the Year voting.

Melody Belle was voted Two-Year-Old of the Year by a comfortable margin and Kick Back, who was retired after winning the 2016 Great Northern Steeplechase, was Jumper of the Year.

Chris Johnson, whose premierships win aged 53 provided the feel-good story of the season, was Jockey of the Year and Aaron Kuru followed a premierships win by being named Jumps Jockey of the Year.

Wellington owner Lib Petagna, who races under the JML Bloodstock banner, won the owners' premierships and was voted Owner of the Year for the second successive season.

Petagna had another wonderful year with the likes of Ugo Foscolo, Saracino, Eleonora, Nicoletta, Sofia Rosa and Francaletta. The Australian-trained Group One winner Tivaci also raced in Petagna's colours.

Manawatu's Goodwood Stud, which bred Gingernuts, Nicoletta and Order Again, was named Breeder of the Year. Goodwood is the first central districts-based winner of the breeders' award for more than 20 years.

David Ellis was honoured for a lifetime of achievement in racing when receiving the outstanding contribution award.

Ellis has made a mark as a thoroughbred buyer, owner, syndicator, breeder, administrator and sponsor.

He has been the driving force behind the name Te Akau becoming a global thoroughbred brand and has established premierships winning stables at both Matamata and Singapore.

He has been the leading buyer at the New Zealand national sale for the past 12 years and over that period alone has bought 369 yearlings, at a cost of \$64.5 million.

Otaki's Joanne Roylands was the inaugural winner of the NZTR Strapper of the Year Award, which was sponsored by champion Sydney trainer Chris Waller. Roylands had a long association with Otaki trainer Huia Bishop, who died in July.



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2017 New Zealand Thoroughbred Horse of the Year Awards

2017 Horse of the Year: **Bonneval (27 votes)**

Also: Gingernuts (15), Kawi (10), Jon Snow (3).

NZTR Award for Outstanding Contribution to New Zealand Racing:

David Ellis

Champion Two-Year-Old: **Melody Belle (46)**

Other finalists: Summer Passage (11), Gold Fever

Champion Three-Year-Old: **Bonneval (30)**

Other finalists: Gingernuts (24), Jon Snow (3), La Diosa, Ugo Foscolo

Champion Sprinter: **Start Wondering (50)**

Other finalists: Kawi (3), Saracino (3), Signify

Champion Middle Distance Horse:

Kawi (55)

Other finalists: Volkstok'n'barrell (1), Thee Auld Floozie, Willie Cazals.

Champion Stayer: **Bonneval (37)**

Other finalists: Chenille (8), Gingernuts (6), Jon Snow (3), Chocante (1), Jacksstar, Lizzie L'Amour.

Champion Jumper:

Kick Back (36)

Other finalists: Sea King (14), Amanood Lad (4), Ngario (2), Upper Cut (1), D'LLaro, Raisafuasho

Dunstan Trainer of the Year:

Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman (56)

Other finalist: Stephen Autridge & Jamie Richards (1)

Jockey of the Year:

Chris Johnson (31)

Other finalists: Opie Bosson (23), Matt Cameron (1), Alysha Collett, Danielle Johnson

Jumps Jockey of the Year:

Aaron Kuru (31)

Other finalists: Shaun Fannin (26), Will Gordon

Owner of the Year:

JML Bloodstock (45)

Other finalists: Hermitage Thoroughbreds (6), Lincoln Farms Bloodstock (1), China Horse Club, Kevin Hickman, NZ Thoroughbred Holdings, Sir Peter Vela, Raffles Dancers (NZ)

Media Award:

Trish Dunell, Trish Dunell Photography (32)

Other finalists: Paul Vettise (12), Mat Kermeen (6)

Breeder of the Year:

Goodwood Stud (Breeder of Gingernuts, Nicoletta & Order Again)

Other finalists: City Bloodstock, John & Christine Goodon, Richard Moore

Broodmare of the Year:

Imposingly (dam of Bonneval & Imposing Lass)

Other finalists: Double Elle, Star Band

Strapper of the Year - sponsored by Chris Waller:

Joanne Roylands

Other finalists: Anthony Burton, Masaji Haruki

Trainers' Premiership:

Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman

Jockeys' Premiership:

Chris Johnson

Apprentices' Premiership:

Sam Weatherley

Owners' Premiership:

JML Bloodstock

Grosvenor Award: (stallion earnings in NZ):

Savabeel

Dewar Trophy: (stallion earnings in New Zealand and Australia):

Savabeel

Centaine Award: (Stallion earnings worldwide):

Savabeel

NZ Bloodstock Filly of the Year:

Bonneval





BAKER TAKES THE GOOD WITH THE BAD FROM MOONEE VALLEY PIPE-OPENER



Bonneval streaks home at Moonee Valley

Cambridge trainer Murray Baker cut a satisfied figure as he boarded a plane to head home from Melbourne on Sunday morning.

Baker was returning to New Zealand after watching his stable pair of **Bonneval (NZ)** (Makfi) and **Lizzie L'Amour (NZ)** (Zabeel) complete their spring campaign openers with contrasting fortunes in Saturday's Gr. 2 Dato Tan Chin Nam Stakes at Moonee Valley.

While the stunning victory of

Australian Oaks winner Bonneval put a wide smile on his face as she raced to a convincing victory it was tempered with concern as he watched Lizzie L'Amour struggle home near the rear of the field with something obviously amiss.

"I knew straight away she must have had a problem as, on her work leading into the race, I thought she was the better chance of the two," Baker said when questioned about the performance of Lizzie L'Amour.

"The vets ran the rule over her and she appears to have had an atrial fibrillation. Thankfully it is completely treatable and while it puts a hitch into our plans for her it just delays things a little rather than putting a stop to her campaign."

Baker, who prepares his team in partnership with Andrew Forsman, was quick to praise the performance of Bonneval who he admitted had caught him a little by surprise.

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BAKER TAKES THE GOOD WITH THE BAD FROM MOONEE VALLEY PIPE-OPENER

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“She’s a class mare but she can be hard to get a line on at times,” he admitted.

“I wasn’t sure if she was ready to win like that as we had come out of such a wet winter and she had only had the one trial.

“She does have an electric sprint and when she got into such a good position approaching the home corner I thought she would be hard to beat then.

“Damian (Lane) came in and said there was still plenty of petrol in the tank at the finish so that was pleasing to hear.

“She appears to have come through the race well so we will now

finalise our plan to see her through to the Caulfield Cup which is her main assignment.”

Baker is looking at the Gr. 1 Underwood Stakes at Caulfield on October 1, a race he has already won on three occasions, as the next possible mission for the mare as she heads to the Gr. 1 Caulfield Cup on 21 October.

The Gr. 2 Makybe Diva Stakes this weekend will be the next target for last season’s Australian Derby winner Jon Snow (NZ) (Iffraaj) who opened his campaign with a meritorious run for sixth in the Gr. 1 New Zealand Bloodstock Memsie Stakes a week ago.

“Jon Snow has come through his

Memsie run well and we just need to get the miles into his legs now,” said Baker.

“He showed plenty of dash and fought nicely all the way to the line in tight quarters which was pleasing.

“He will go to the Makybe Diva at Flemington on Saturday where we would like to see a similar performance from him.”

Baker also reported promising three-year-old Weather With You (Teofilo) was thriving after his sound effort to finish second at Sandown on Wednesday as he progresses towards a start in the Gr. 1 Victoria Derby at Flemington on November 4.

– NZ Racing Desk

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COUNTOFMONTECRISTO BAGS THE JUMBO JET TROPHY

Countofmontecristo (NZ) (Echoes Of Heaven) was a bit of a wildcard in the \$200,000 Jumbo Jet Trophy (1400m) on Sunday, but the former top three-year-old rose to the occasion by upstaging his older and bigger-named rivals, complete with a touch of contempt.

The son of Echoes Of Heaven dominated his peers head and shoulders as a three-year-old, save for the Singapore Guineas (1600m), his only defeat in seven starts, when third in a tactically-run race.

After a victorious comeback from his three-year-old

campaign in a Benchmark 97 it was a little surprising when trainer Michael Clements, who already had the classy Alibi (NZ) (Darci Brahma) in the mix, threw Countofmontecristo in at the deep end in such a weight-for-age event.

And against Kranji's cream of the crop for good measure – War Affair (NZ) (O'Reilly), Debt Collector (NZ) (Thorn Park), Lim's Cruiser (Casino Prince), Majestic Moments (NZ) (Darci Brahma), Elite Excalibur (Fastnet Rock) and obviously his own stablemate Alibi.

But the Joe Giovanni-owned galloper marched up to turn

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Countofmontecristo fights off his rivals to score handsomely at Kranji





COUNT OF MONTECRISTO BAGS THE JUMBO JET TROPHY

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in a belter of a race, arguably his finest to-date. Showing blistering gate speed under new partner Alan Munro, replacing Glen Boss who was back in Australia to attend his best friend's wedding, Countofmontecristo landed in a prominent spot although trapped three deep before easing in to sit outside the leader.

Showing his trademark will to always take the race by the scruff of the neck, Countofmontecristo went for broke as the field swung for home.

Alibi tried hard, but probably short of one run, he could not quite go through his gears once he drew on level terms with his younger stable companion. Elite Excalibur had every chance when the runs came up along the fence, but put in a trifle late.

The same could be said for a back-in-form Debt Collector who suddenly found his sizzling turn of foot as he came steaming home from the ruck on the outside, but he had to settle for second place, half-a-length astern from Countofmontecristo, who was clearly the superior horse on the day, thanks to an uninterrupted run at the head of affairs as opposed to some of his unlucky opponents.

But all honours to Clements' amazing warrior, who took a chance at elite level and came off racing away from all these

heavyweights halfway up the straight to doggedly hold his ground to the wire.

"He's an absolute superstar," said assistant-trainer Michael White filling in for Clements at the post-race interview.

"It was his first time running at weight-for-age level. It was as good a race you would ever get, and he was also racing against his natural pattern because of his wide barrier.

"He didn't win the Singapore Guineas which was not run to suit him, but that's the past now.

"We will now set him for the Kranji Mile and the Raffles Cup. The Gold Cup is not quite on the radar for him as it would be a big ask at the handicap, but the Derby is definitely for him next year.

"I believe Mike is in South America now, probably Peru. I'm sure he will watch the replay and will be rapt with that run."

Race	Singapore TC Jumbo Jet Trophy 1400m.
Winner	Countofmontecristo (NZ) 2013
Owners	Joe Giovanni Sarjeet Singh
Trainer	Michael Clements (Kranji)
Breeding	by Echoes of Heaven (AUS) out of Replicate by Towkay (AUS)
Breeder	B F; Mrs H J & P J Crofskey; Central; NZ
Sales	2015 Ready to Run Sale V: Kiltannon Stables Ltd \$57500 P: Vermair Racing

NEWS IN BRIEF

Hargreaves off to Dubai

Kaiwaka-based owner breeder John Hargreaves was the lucky recipient of the Al Basti Equiworld VIP Experience at last night's New Zealand Thoroughbred Horse of the Year Awards ceremony, held at the Langham Hotel in Auckland.

Hargreaves only found out he would be attending the event on Saturday and said he would be taking his wife Jan on the trip to Dubai.

"Jan is at home looking after the grandchildren and I'm sure she will be very excited when I tell her she's off to Dubai.

"I've never been to Dubai before but I've watched the Dubai World Cup on TV and I can't wait to get there."

Hargreave's prize includes two return Emirates Business Class flights departing from Auckland direct to Dubai, Airport pick up and transfer to the 5-Star Meydan Hotel for six nights, tickets to the Dubai World Cup barrier draw, tickets to Breakfast with the Stars, tickets to the Gala Reception and hospitality in the Al Basti Equiworld private box overlooking Meydan Racecourse on Dubai World Cup Night.

"The atmosphere at Meydan on Dubai World Cup Night is unparalleled anywhere in the world," said Al Basti Equiworld's owner and founder Mr Malih Al Basti. "We are looking forward to welcoming our special guests from New Zealand for what I am sure will be an unforgettable experience."

Created through the vision of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the Dubai World Cup race meeting is the world's richest with total prizemoney of US\$30 million. The meeting features six Group One races and three Group Two races, with the US\$10 million Gr.1 Dubai World Cup the pinnacle event.





PROMISING FILLY TAKES SUCCESSFUL FIRST STEP AT RICCARTON

Exciting South Island filly **Greenpark Gem (NZ)** (Highly Recommended) took the first step on a steep learning curve with aplomb on Saturday when she scored on debut at Riccarton.

The Highly Recommended three-year-old had been earmarked as one to watch after scoring at the Rangiora trials in late August although she had displayed some wayward tendencies during that outing. That greenness threatened to spoil the party on Saturday when the protest siren blew immediately after the Matt and Mandy Brown trained filly had downed Matamata visitor Age Of Fire (Fastnet Rock) in a driving finish to the three-year-old 1000 metre contest.

Race	CJC Shearings S. 1000m.
Winner	Greenpark Gem (NZ) 2014
Owners	R C & J B Strawford
Trainer	Matt & Mandy Brown (Ngapuke)
Breeding	by Highly Recommended (AUS) out of Ruby Stravinsky by Stravinsky (USA)
Breeder	C A Rowe & M C Stokes; Canterbury; NZ
Sales	2016 South Island Yearling & Mixed Sale V: Three Valleys \$9000 P: RC Strawford

A bumping duel between the pair in the closing stages was finally settled in Greenpark Gem's favour, much to the relief of Mandy Brown who admitted she was a bundle of nerves throughout the inquiry proceedings.

"It was pretty nerve-wracking as we went through the protest with the Judicial Committee," she said.

"I think in the end they conceded both horses contributed to the incident and we managed to keep the race.

"I was just so thrilled for her owners, Robbie and Lindy Strawford, as it is the first horse they have raced with us, so to start with a win is just wonderful."

Brown believes there is plenty more in store for the filly who holds a nomination for the Gr. 1 gavelhouse.com 1000 Guineas in November, a race the Browns won with La Diosa (NZ) (So You Think) in 2016.

"She has shown us plenty in her work to date so we threw a nomination in for the 1000 Guineas," she said.

"She is on a pretty steep learning curve to get to a race like that and it may not pan out for her but the raw material is definitely there. She just needs racing to get her manners in shape as she is still very green.

"She came home and ate up well last night which is a good sign and at this stage she will be heading back to Riccarton for the Canterbury Belle Stakes in a fortnight."

Brown is also excited about the prospect of La Diosa making her first appearance for the season at the Ashburton trials on Tuesday.

"La Diosa has had a slow build-up as we are very wary about overtaxing her early on after she had such a big three-year-old season," she noted.

"She has been working along nicely and will step out at the trials on Tuesday which will give us a good lead on where she is at present.

"Provided she trials well she will also go to Riccarton on the 23rd for the open 1200 metre race as the first start for this campaign."

- NZ Racing Desk

Greenpark Gem (red hood) gets in the deciding stride at Riccarton



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PINT-SIZED PHILIPA TOO TOUGH FOR ELLERSLIE RIVALS

The connections of the pint-sized mare **Philipa Charlotte (NZ)** (Bachelor Duke) were happy to adopt a simple philosophy leading in to Saturday's Mackenzie High Country Bread 1600 at Ellerslie.

Asked by a number of people before the race just how their seven-year-old would handle the extremely testing track conditions, part-owner Sheena MacGregor was brutally honest in the assessment of their chances.

"I just told people that none of the horses would handle a track like that but our mare was super tough and we hoped that when they all started walking in the final stages she was at the front of the pack," she laughed.

"It was as heavy as I've ever seen it anywhere and you could see in the earlier races that even the winners were down to a walk at the end.

"We knew our mare would just keep trying as she never gives up and if she could be in front in the closing stages then they would find it hard to run her down.

"As you can see there is practically nothing of her so the small claim she got with Sam Weatherley on board certainly helped and she managed to get the job done."

After showing immense promise in her first season of racing with a brace of wins and a third placing in Listed three-year-old company, the Bachelor Duke mare dramatically lost form in her subsequent campaigns. Returning

this winter as a rising seven-year-old she has now strung together three wins on the trot as she nears the end of her racing career.

"After she started so well we really thought she could go through the grades but then she just seemed to lose form and we couldn't figure out why," explained MacGregor.

"She was backwards and forwards to Massey University for testing but they couldn't pinpoint anything so we would get her going and then have to tip her out again when she didn't come up as we wanted.

"We tried to get her in foal last year but she missed so we decided to give her another go this winter and she is just a completely different horse.

"She really seems to have come to it as a seven-year-old which is a little hard to explain but we certainly aren't complaining.

"She doesn't handle the better

tracks so once they start to firm up that will be all for her and we will try and get her in foal again.

"While she's going well we will press on and if she can sneak into the field we might take a shot at the Merrial Mile this Saturday to see if we can add some more black type to her record."

MacGregor and partner Russell Caddy, who co-owns and trains the mare, have yet to confirm a potential mating however are looking towards Cambridge Stud's Burgundy as a leading option. - NZ Racing Desk

Race	ARC Mackenzie High Ctry Bread H. 1600m.
Winner	Philipa Charlotte (NZ) 2010
Owners	Sheena MacGregor & Russell Caddy
Trainer	Russell Caddy (Opaki)
Breeding	by Bachelor Duke (USA) out of Lucy Mary by Victory Dance (IRE)
Breeder	F M Monopoli; Canterbury; NZ



Gritty mare Philipa Charlotte proves toughest in the trying conditions at Ellerslie on the weekend





ANOTHER SOUTH ISLAND SPRINT CONTENDER REVEALED AT RICCARTON

The Les and Richard Didham trained **Fairlight (NZ)** (Rip Van Winkle) thrust her name into calculations for some of the upcoming South Island feature sprint events with a comfortable victory in her open class debut on Saturday.

Race	CJC Barneswood Farm Sprint H. 1000m.
Winner	Fairlight (NZ) 2012
Owners	J Murfitt, B Appley, C Beecroft, G B Bryson, M C Stokes, B Butt, R Mills, S Boyle, R Payne & C McLeish
Trainer	Les & Richard Didham (Riccarton Park)
Breeding	by Rip Van Winkle (IRE) out of Miss Debonair by Danehill (USA)
Breeder	D'Arcy Thoroughbreds Pty Ltd & Whakanui Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ

The Riccarton mare resumed in the Barneswood Farm Open Sprint over 1000 metres on her home turf and put to bed any doubt she would struggle with the jump up from rating 75 grade. Settled outside the pacemaker by rider Chris Johnson the five-year-old coasted along under her own steam before Johnson asked her to quicken shortly after turning for home.

Under a hands and heels ride the mare glided clear of the opposition to score by a neat half-length in a creditable 58.06 seconds on the Dead6 rated surface.

"We thought she was up to the mark to resume after she won at the Rangiora trials last month," noted co-trainer Richard Didham.

"We weren't that confident though

as it was her first time in the open grade. We had planned on running her in something easier but that race got canned so we had to step up to the big guns.

"It was nice to get the win but it has cost her dearly in the ratings as she has copped a ten-point penalty for it. That's going to make it harder to place her but hopefully there are a few options over the next month or two."

Didham is keen to see the mare take her chances in the New Zealand Cup Week sprint features despite her earlier form suggesting she could stretch out to 1600 metres if desired.

"She ran 4th in the South Island Thoroughbred Breeders Stakes over a mile in her last campaign so we initially thought that's the type of race we would target for her this time," he explained.

"However, with her trial and her run on Saturday we are confident she can be very competitive over the shorter trips when she is on the fresh side so that's what we intend to keep her to.

"Races like the Pegasus and Stewards Stakes during Cup Week look ideal and there is great money available so that is the aim now.

"There is a nice race at Ashburton in six weeks which will be an ideal lead-in to Cup Week so I think that is where she will be heading next."

- NZ Racing Desk



Chris Johnson eases Fairlight to the line as she posts her first win in open company





IMPROVED TRACK DOES THE TRICK FOR CARNIVAL

A classy first-up performance on the improved track conditions at Riccarton on Saturday has set progressive mare **Carnival (NZ)** (Showcasing) on a path to the major sprint features at the venue during New Zealand Cup Week.

Co-trainer Kevin Hughes believes the Showcasing four-year-old is capable of footing it at a higher level and will attempt to pick a path to the Gr. 3 Lindauer Stewards Stakes in November with her.

“She has always appealed as a handy type but she has come back so much stronger this time in,” he said.

“When she was walking out of the birdcage on Saturday I had a good look at her and she was just a ball of muscle whereas last season she seemed a little bit soft and pudgy.

“We thought enough of her to take her to Awapuni for a nice three-year-old race in her last campaign but she struck a very wet track which she just hates.

“That just confirmed we had to keep her to the better tracks so I was pleased to see it come up a Dead6 on Saturday which suited her perfectly.”

Hughes was also pleased to see the mare’s improved racing manners pay dividends after apprentice Tanya Jonker settled her in the trail throughout the 1000 metre contest.

“Last year she wanted to take off and race pretty fiercely so it was good to see her settle when she took a trail this time,” he said.

“If she is going to get through the grades that will be an important part of her development so I’m pleased to see that first-up.



A heady ride from Tanya Jonker lands Carnival a convincing winner at Riccarton

“There are plenty of options coming up for her so we can pick and choose a path to Cup Week but if she can continue to get better then she could sneak into a race like the Stewards on a very handy weight.”

The win was also a milestone for Hughes and wife Pam as it was the 100th victory for their partnership.

- NZ Racing Desk

Race	CJC Mayfair Pools Canterbury H. 1000m.
Winner	Carnival (NZ) 2013
Owners	D N Pye & Dame Wendy Pye; Auckland; NZ
Trainer	Kevin & Pam Hughes (Riccarton Park)
Breeding	by Showcasing (GB) out of Sinalot by St. Petersburg (AUS)
Breeder	D N Pye & Dame Wendy Pye; Auckland; NZ





LEE FREEDMAN OFF THE MARK AT KRANJI WITH MR CLINT

Australian Hall of Fame trainer Lee Freedman has not taken too long to visit the winner's enclosure at his new base in Singapore.

Newly-licensed at Kranji on September 1, the five-time Melbourne Cup-winning trainer saddled his first runners on Friday night, but unfortunately did not get off to a dream start with his team of four runners.

Fans did not have to wait too long as his very next runner, debutant **Mr Clint (NZ)** (Power) was the one to etch the Freedman name back on the winner's list in the \$75,000 Spalato 2015 Stakes, a Restricted Maiden race over 1200m.

It was also apt that Freedman's first (technically second as he did win the now-defunct Singapore Airlines International Cup with Mummify in 2005) winner is raced by his predecessor Laurie Laxon's most loyal

owner, Phua Chian Kin of Oscar Racing Stable.

"It's nice to get away to a memorable start here and for a horse owned by CK, who has been a great supporter of Laurie's for many years," said Freedman whose younger Michael trained with success in Singapore from 2008 to 2016, saddling 456 winners all up including 36 at Group level.

"I've actually known CK for a long time during my past visits here. He is a real gentleman and it's nice to reward him with a winner.

"I thought the horse (Mr Clint) showed a fair bit in his work. The further the better for him as he is by a Zabeel mare (Victoria Belle).

"He's got a good action to him and he will come on good from that first run."

Having worked with the New Zealand-bred Power three-year-old a bit longer, Laxon's former assistant-trainer Shane Ellis, who is now acting

in the same capacity for Freedman, expected a good performance first-up, especially after his handy track and trial form.

"He's a lovely horse that stood out from the day he stepped into the stables," said the Perth horseman.

"We always had a high opinion of him. We gave him three trials just to educate him as he is still very raw and green."

Grylls concurred with Ellis on Mr Clint's rawness.

"It's good to ride the first winner for Lee Freedman. The horse found himself three deep at one stage but once we turned into the straight, he balanced up and was too good," said the Kiwi jockey.

"He's still raw but he has a lot of ability."

When Freedman was asked how it felt to continue the Freedman legacy in Singapore, he quipped:

"I'm a bit behind Michael, but I'll catch up."



Mr Clint scores at Kranji to provide Lee Freedman with his first training success in Singapore

Race	Singapore TC Spalato S. 1200m.
Winner	Mr Clint (NZ) 2014
Owners	Oscar Racing Stable
Trainer	Lee Freedman (Kranji)
Breeding	by Power (GB) out of Victoria Belle by Zabeel
Breeder	Sir Patrick & Lady Hogan; Waikato; NZ
Sales	2016 National Yearling Sale - Select Session V: Cambridge Stud \$52500 P: Stuart Hale & Co 2016 Ready to Run Sale V: Riversley Park Ltd \$95000 P: LK Laxon



Roster 2017



NEW IN 2017

TIVACI High Chaparral - Breccia
BRILLIANT G1 SPRINTER/MILER
\$20,000 +GST LFG

SAVABEEL Zabeel - Savannah Success
AWARD SWEEPING G1 SIRE
\$100,000 +GST LFG

SACRED FALLS O'Reilly - Iguazu's Girl
4X G1 WINNING, DUAL DONCASTER CHAMP
\$30,000 +GST LFG

OCEAN PARK Thorn Park - Sayyida
5X G1 WINNING, COX PLATE HERO
\$30,000 +GST LFG

PINS Snippets - No Finer
INTERNATIONAL G1 SIRE
\$25,000 +GST LFG

ROCK N POP Fastnet Rock - Popsy
FASTNET ROCK'S BEST BRED G1 SIRE SON
\$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	\$899,089
THORN PARK	\$491,550
DARCI BRAHMA	\$467,020
IFFRAAJ	\$409,392
PINS	\$364,719
SHOWCASING	\$355,564
MAKFI	\$352,297
O'REILLY	\$347,335
SUFFICIENT	\$339,156
RIP VAN WINKLE	\$335,987

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

THE DEWAR STALLION TROPHY

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$538,203
PINS	\$314,365
MAKFI	\$313,205
DARCI BRAHMA	\$290,975
IFFRAAJ	\$287,891
RIP VAN WINKLE	\$286,167
SHINKO KING	\$254,455
YAMANIN VITAL	\$216,024
ZED	\$215,223
SHOCKING	\$189,979

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

THE GROSVENOR AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SHINKO KING	\$223,990
ZED	\$212,223
YAMANIN VITAL	\$211,350
IFFRAAJ	\$188,847
DARCI BRAHMA	\$152,835
EL HERMANO	\$136,560
NO EXCUSE NEEDED	\$131,675
ISTIDAAD	\$99,225
BACHELOR DUKE	\$92,875
NOM DU JEU	\$90,350

BEST PERFORMERS	EARNINGS
CLOSE UP	\$148,500
ZEDEEDUDADEEKO	\$76,000
WISE MEN SAY	\$84,750
LAAFFAIRE	\$36,000
NASHVILLE	\$82,500
UNDERTHEMOONLIGHT	\$82,500
IRISH EXCUSE	\$28,475
STORMIN NORMAN	\$36,875
PHILIPA CHARLOTTE	\$47,560
LUKE	\$31,650

Criteria: Leading Sires by Earnings in New Zealand



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NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG SEPTEMBER 6

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
BO DUKE (NZ) 2010 by Bachelor Duke (USA) out of Miss is Brash by Deputy Governor (USA)	Mrs HT & M G Lawrence; Central; NZ	HKJC Hing Man H. 1650m.	

NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG SEPTEMBER 10

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
SEVEN LUCK (NZ) 2012 by Thorn Park (AUS) out of High Tune by High Chaparral (IRE)	Miss S V & Ms T S Bryant & D H Mackintosh; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Zhaoqing H. 1000m.	2014 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale; V: Brighthill Farm, P: NZB as agent; \$75,000
MORETHANLUCKY (NZ) 2013 by Per Incanto (USA) out of Viking Angel by Viking Ruler (AUS)	A O, D, J & R Burton, J, Mrs L A & Miss M J Hunt	HKJC Shenzhen H. 1400m.	2015 Ready to Run Sale; V: Mana Park, P: Magus Equine; \$210,000
Masterhorseman – PINGWU SPARK (H.K.) (NZ) 2012 by Mastercraftsman (IRE) out of Sharp Point (USA) by Point Given (USA)	Mrs H G & W G Bax & Windsor Park Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Chaozhou H. 1200m.	2014 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale; V: Blandford Lodge, P: Peter KS So; \$125,000



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NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE SEPTEMBER 8

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
STEEL CUTTER (NZ) 2013 by Road to Rock (AUS) out of Stylish Bel (AUS) by Bel Esprit (AUS)	J D S Brown & P L Woods; Auckland; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1400m.	2015 National Yearling Sale - Festival Session; V: Northern Farm, P: SA Shar; \$15,000 2015 Ready to Run Sale; V: Race4U Stables, P: Dr SR Saveloo; \$2,500
GRAND PARIS (NZ) 2010 by Guillotine out of Quadriga by Zabeel	Curraghmore Stud Ltd & P J & P M Vela Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1800m.	2012 Ready to Run Sale; V: Curraghmore Stud, P: Mr B McDonald; \$20,000
GREY FALCON (NZ) 2013 by Align (AUS) out of Volta by Senor Pete (USA)	W D Jolly; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1100m.	
BEST JADE (NZ) 2012 by Showcasing (GB) out of Halloween (AUS) by Encosta de Lago (AUS)	Hallmark Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1200m.	2014 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale; V: Hallmark Stud, P: SR Autridge; \$15,000
SIAM SAPPHIRE (NZ) 2013 by Showcasing (GB) out of Queens Move (AUS) by King of Kings (Ire)	Frantic Bloodstock Ltd & Haunui Bloodstock Ltd; Auckland; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1200m.	2015 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale; V: Haunui Farm, P: Michael Freedman/Michael Wallace; \$125,000

NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE SEPTEMBER 10

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
MR CLINT (NZ) 2014 by Power (GB) out of Victoria Belle by Zabeel	Sir Patrick & Lady Hogan; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Spalato S. 1200m.	2016 National Yearling Sale - Select Session V: Cambridge Stud \$52500 P: Stuart Hale & Co 2016 Ready to Run Sale V: Riversley Park Ltd \$95000 P: LK Laxon
COUNTOFMONTECRISTO (NZ) 2013 by Echoes of Heaven (AUS) out of Replicate by Towkay (AUS)	B F; Mrs H J & P J Crofskey; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Jumbo Jet Trophy 1400m.	2015 Ready to Run Sale; V: Kiltannon Stables Ltd, P: Vermair Racing; \$57,500
HEE'S A MAVERICK (NZ) 2011 by Sir Percy (GB) out of Lionstar by Pentire (GB)	Rich Hill Thoroughbreds Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Super Easy S. 1600m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Rich Hill Stud, P: LK Laxon; \$30,000
SUPERNOVA (NZ) 2008 by Elusive City (USA) out of Our Girl Nelson (AUS) by Carnegie (IRE)	Fulton Bloodstock Ltd; Auckland; NZ	Singapore TC Captain Obvious S. 1600m.	2010 National Yearling Sale - Festival Session; V: Haunui Farm, P: DJ Lowe; \$20,000

