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DERBY HOPE HIGHLAD TO RUN IN UCI STAKES



Highlad winning the Listed Wanganui Guineas at his last run

Murray Baker will unveil his latest Derby prospect when the unbeaten **Highlad** (High Chaparral) makes his Australian debut in the UCI Stakes at Flemington.

Baker is no stranger to Derby success in Australia with Lion Tamer (NZ) (Storming Home) winning the Victoria Derby in 2010 while Nom Du Jeu (NZ) (Montjeu), It's A Dundee (NZ) (High Chaparral) and Mongolian Khan (Holy

Roman Emperor) have all won the Australian Derby in the past decade.

The New Zealand trainer is now in partnership with Andrew Forsman and the two have already made an impact in Melbourne this spring with Saracino (NZ) (Per Incanto) winning the Group Two Danehill Stakes and Eleonora (NZ) (Makfi) taking out a maiden at Geelong.

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VRC Oaks prospect Eleonora, a granddaughter of 2001 Caulfield and Melbourne Cups winner Ethereal (NZ) (Rhythm), will step up to Sunday's Group Two Edward Manifold Stakes (1600m) at Flemington while Highlad runs in the Listed UCI Stakes (1800m).

Damien Oliver will ride both horses.

Highlad won a maiden over 1200m in New Zealand in August before winning the Listed Wanganui Guineas (1340m) at his second start on September 3.

"We like him," Baker said.

"He's unbeaten from his two starts. He's a nice horse.

"He's settled in well. He had a jump-out the other day (at Flemington), but he hasn't raced for a month."

Eleonora took a while to warm up in the straight in her race at Geelong on the synthetic track before powering to the

line at the end of the 1300m to win comfortably.

Baker says she needs a mile and further and the VRC Oaks is a target.

"She'll run in the Edward Manifold and then the fillies' 2000 metre race on Caulfield Cup day," he said.

That 2000m race is the Ethereal Stakes.

Eleonora is at \$13 in the Oaks market while Highlad is at \$17 for the Victoria Derby.

Baker was at Caulfield on Saturday to watch Caulfield Guineas-bound Saracino finish a luckless fifth in the Caulfield Guineas Prelude (1400m) while stablemate La Luna Rossa (NZ) (Written Tycoon) made an eye-catching Melbourne debut with a fast-finishing second in the Thousand Guineas Prelude.

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WALLACE AND PEARD ENJOY ELLERSLIE DOUBLE

The newly formed training partnership of Bruce Wallace and Alan Peard continued their strong start to the current season with a winning double at Ellerslie on the weekend.

Victories by last season's Dunstan Feeds Championship winner **Cheeky Boy (NZ)** (Lucky Unicorn) and promising four-year-old **Ronchi (NZ)** (Stravinsky) lifted the new combination's winning tally to three with Peard confident the team has

plenty more in store as the tracks start to firm up.

"We've been really pleased with how things have started off as, even though we've only had twelve starters to date, they have all performed with credit," noted Peard.

"We were confident with both of our runners on Saturday as Cheeky Boy had gone a beauty first up at Ruakaka while Ronchi had trialed nicely at Waipa where he won under a hard hold."

Peard, who has stepped up to his co-trainer role with Wallace after many seasons as stable foreman, did admit the heavy track conditions had created some doubt in his mind about the chances of Ronchi prior to his race.

"He was a handy type during his three-year-old campaign where he twice finished fourth in stakes company but he is a different horse now having really muscled up during his break," he said.

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Ronchi (centre) shows plenty of grit to get his new campaign off to a winning start



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“He does go well fresh but I had my doubts with all the rain falling as he hasn’t really handled that type of heavy going in the past.

“While he is going to be suited best up to a mile the 1200 metres on Saturday was perfect for him and he showed his strength to get the win even though he wasn’t really handling the conditions that well.”

Peard is also hopeful that maturity will see the horse improve his barrier manners which nearly cost him a start on Saturday after holding up proceedings with his antics.

“He’s a funny bugger in that some days he will go in perfectly and on others he just wants to be a real nuisance,” he admitted.

“There’s nothing malicious about

him and it might be he is just having a game with the attendants. Whatever it is I will be relieved to see him get rid of the habit sooner rather than later.”

Peard was also delighted with the win of Cheeky Boy who he believes can be a summer cups contender this season.

“He is a very nice stayer and showed that with his win in the Dunstan,” he said.

“At this stage he will probably go to Rotorua on the 15th and then come back to Ellerslie on Melbourne Cup Day for the 2000 metre weight-for-age event.

“His main target will be the Counties Cup later in November so we’re looking forward to getting him ready for that.”

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	ARC Ray White City Realty H. 1200m.
Winner	Ronchi (NZ) 2012
Owners	Lady Justine & Sir Patrick Hogan, I Wanna Race Syndicate, D Lukas & B J Wallace
Trainer	Bruce Wallace & Alan Peard (Byerley Park)
Breeding	by Stravinsky (USA) out of Rose of Tralee (AUS) by Sadler’s Wells (USA)
Breeder	Sir Patrick & Lady Hogan; Waikato; NZ

Race	ARC Frucor H. 1600m.
Winner	Cheeky Boy (NZ) 2010
Owners	I Wanna Race Syndicate, M Riley & B J Wallace
Trainer	Bruce Wallace & Alan Peard (Byerley Park)
Breeding	by Lucky Unicorn (AUS) out of Tristine by Van Nistelrooy (USA)
Breeder	B J Wallace; Auckland; NZ





MACGREGOR HOPING FORECASTERS HAVE IT RIGHT FOR THE WEEKEND

Opaiki trainer Alby MacGregor is hoping the weather forecasters are on the money with their predictions for this weekend as he contemplates a two-pronged attack on the last day of the Hastings Spring Carnival.

MacGregor has last year's Listed Feilding Gold Cup winner **Blathwayt (NZ)** (Colombia) ready to make his season debut in the Gr. 3 Spring Sprint (1400m) while progressive intermediate galloper **Finn (NZ)** (Le Bec Fin) is set to contest the rating 65 1600 metre contest on the day.

"I've been watching the forecasts over the last little while and they have been saying there could be rain around which would suit me just fine," he admitted.

"Blathwayt handles most tracks while Finn will definitely be suited if the track is slow or worse. I certainly won't be complaining if they do get it right with their predictions."

MacGregor has high hopes for stable star Blathwayt who

scored first up at the same meeting last year and comes into this Saturday with a win at the Foxton trials last Friday under his belt.

"He has come back in good shape after his winter break and has pleased me with his progress," he said.

"We gave him a jump-out a couple of weeks ago which he won and then he stepped up and won his trial over 1200 metres nicely as well.

"He did win fresh-up over a mile last year at this meeting but that was in rating 85 company whereas this time it will be against the real good ones. It will be a big ask but he is nicely forward for it so I'm hoping he can go well."

MacGregor will follow a similar path to last season with the seven-year-old gelding with the defence of his Feilding Gold Cup title one of the aims for this campaign.

"Provided he does come up well I'm keen to take him back

to Riccarton in November for the New Zealand Cup," advised.

"He didn't go as well as he could in it last year so it would be nice to go back and make amends. He won the Feilding Cup on the way to Riccarton so that will be part of the plan again this time."

- NZ Racing Desk



Blathwayt in winning action in the 2015 Feilding Gold Cup





BROSNAN'S ENJOY **WINNING WEEKEND**

A maiden victory for promising hurdler **Our Countess (NZ)** (Zed) at Te Aroha on Sunday put the icing on the cake for trainers Peter and Jessica Brosnan as they celebrated success at Ellerslie just 24 hours earlier

The Matamata based husband and wife team produced their handy mare **Embraceable You (NZ)** (Roc De Cambes) to score in convincing fashion over 1400 metres in the last race of the day, a victory that could pave the way for bigger and better things for the mare next winter.

The five-year-old mare has been a revelation in recent weeks, winning three of her last five starts, which has Peter Brosnan thinking about what could be in her next campaign.

"She has come into her own of late and I think she can only get better as she matures further," he said.

"We thought we had a pretty handy horse on our hands after she won her maiden last year but she didn't really kick on after that.

"We gave her a spell and it took a few runs to get her fitness up to scratch this time but since she won at Avondale last month she has just blossomed."

Brosnan was keen on the mare's chances as he made his way to the races on Saturday although the constant rain he struck on the trip north from his Matamata base had him worried about the longevity of the Ellerslie programme.

"We were in the last race and I did start to worry they might call them off if the visibility got too bad or something like that," he admitted.

"I knew my mare would handle the conditions as she loves it with the track like it was so I was just praying they would keep the meeting going.

"She was backing up after a tough run at Pukekohe last weekend but her fitness really told as she was in front most of the way down the straight and just kept giving all the way to the post."

Brosnan is keen to keep the mare going while the tracks remain rain affected with a run over 2000 metres or more part of a longer term plan.

"She is out of a Zabeel mare so I do think she can go beyond a mile in her next campaign," he said.

"While the tracks are wet she can have another start or two with one of those likely to be over a middle distance.

"If she shows she can handle that then it will bode well for next winter where we would like to try and win one of the nice winter staying races."

- NZ Racing Desk

Race	ARC Hynds Group H. 1400m.
Winner	Embraceable You (NZ) 2011
Owners	GH Duncan
Trainer	Peter & Jessica Brosnan (Matamata)
Breeding	by Roc de Cambes out of Ballyreel by Zabeel
Breeder	G H Duncan; Waikato; NZ



Embraceable You and Viktoria Gatu return to scale after winning at Ellerslie





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DEBUTANT CREATES BIG IMPRESSION AT ELLERSLIE

Promising three-year-old filly **Veearma (NZ)** (Darci Brahma) lived up to her unbeaten trial form with a winning debut at Ellerslie on Saturday, with the performance stamping her as a filly going places in a hurry.

Confidently expected to be prominent in her first race day start after winning her only two trials as a two-year old, the Darci Brahma filly gave her army of supporters little cause for concern as she powered to a comprehensive one and a quarter length victory over the 1100 metre journey.

Race	ARC Happy Birthday Heather Samu Maiden S. 1100m.
Winner	Veearma (NZ) 2013
Owners	Sir Patrick & Justine, Lady Hogan & Breaking Out Syndicate
Trainer	Peter & Dawn Williams & Paul Richards (Byerley Park)
Breeding	by Darci Brahma out of La Quinta Gold (AUS) by Encosta de Lago (AUS)
Breeder	Sir Patrick & Lady Hogan; Waikato; NZ

Carrying the colours of her breeder and part owners Sir Patrick and Lady Hogan, the filly is prepared at Byerley Park by the lethal Peter and Dawn Williams and Paul Richards combination, with Williams pleased to see her live up to the private reputation they hold for her.

“We gave her a couple of trials last season and then said to her owners we’d put her aside and wait until she was three,” he said.

“She has always been a wee bit light but has shown plenty of ability.

“We’ll play it by ear from here. She does have a nomination for the 1000 Guineas but that’s a wee way away so we’ll just see what happens.”

Rider Mark Du Plessis was full of praise for the effort on a track that the filly had struggled to cope with.

“She is a good filly which we knew from her trials where she gave me a good feel,” he said.

“She wasn’t entirely comfortable on the track so lucky it

was race one and she got the best of it for the day.

“She will be better for the experience but I think she has the class and the more she learns the better she will get.”

TAB Bookmakers reacted to the win by slashing the filly’s Fixed Odds price to \$26 for the gavelhouse.com New Zealand 1000 Guineas (1600m) that will be run at Riccarton on the 12th of November.

- NZ Racing Desk



Rider Mark Du Plessis was quick to sing the praises of impressive maiden winner Veearma





MAGNUM SHOOTS STRAIGHT BACK TO FIRST PLACE

Former top three-year-old **Magnum (NZ)** (Per Incanto) has not failed in his bid to score at his first run back from a break, launching at the right time to land the \$80,000 Class 3 race over 1200m on Sunday.

The game son of Per Incanto attacked the line with his usual aplomb when regular partner Corey Brown brought him down the centre of the home straight for his run. On the rails, Justice Day (Acclamation) tried to muster a response but Magnum outsprinted him inside the last 200m, and though he looked like he was stopping, he hit the line well enough to secure victory.

Trainer James Peters had every

reason to be satisfied with the performance, especially after a slight scare three weeks ago, when his comeback run had to be postponed due to a blood irregularity.

“When we looked through the card, we knew there would be a good speed to the race,” said the Briton.

“We didn’t want to get in a speed battle, though we were probably further back than ideal.

“But he was travelling smoothly enough and he won a nice race in the end, even if he was looking around a little.

“There will obviously be some improvement to come out of today. The EW Barker Trophy is a race we’re

looking at long-term for him but he may also run in the Saas Fee Stakes all going well.”

The Group 3 Saas Fee Stakes (1400m) will be run on October 16 while the Group 2 EW Barker Trophy (1400m) is a handicap race that will be run one month later on November 18.

Never beaten out of the placings, Magnum has now taken his record to four wins, three seconds and two thirds from nine runs for stakes earnings in excess of \$320,000 for the Waterford Stable.

Race	Singapore TC Class 3 H. 1200m.
Winner	Magnum (NZ) 2012
Owners	Waterford Stable
Trainer	J Peters (Kranji)
Breeding	by Per Incanto (USA) out of Sound Lover by Sound Reason (CAN)
Breeder	Little Avondale Trust; Central; NZ
Sales	2014 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale; V: Little Avondale Stud, P: Michael Freedman; \$100,000



Magnum gets the better of Justice Day to win fresh-up at Kranji





EARLY DOUBLE HELPS WALKER IN ASCENT BACK TO THE TOP

The signs are unmistakable. Two early wins from **Q Nine Magic (NZ)** (Guillotine) and Moment Of Justice (Daliapour) on Sunday cemented further the gradual return to form of Singapore champion trainer Mark Walker.

After a strong start where he stayed on top for many months, the pace dropped right off for the Kiwi horseman in June. Walker, who heads one of the biggest teams at Kranji with more than 70 horses under his care, put the paucity of results down to one factor – the temporary relocation to a makeshift stable while their block was being refurbished.

Walker said the horses did not like the new place and it showed in their general health and performances, with a few isolated exceptions.

He picked up only two winners in June. Another six winners went on to pad up the score, but it was still a meagre harvest by his standards, so much so he had slid down to third place by the end of August, spotting the new leader Alwin Tan by as many as 14 winners.

He could not have welcomed the return to his block soon enough when he finally moved back in two weeks ago, and true to his prediction, nothing like being back in familiar surroundings to bring back the feelgood factor – and the wins.

“The horses are clearly running better. Q Nine Magic had no luck at his last few runs and he got a good ride from Shafiq (Rizuan),” said Walker.

“Shafiq himself has had no luck lately and nor have we, but the luck is turning for both of us.”

Well supported at \$33, Q Nine Magic defeated French Vintage (NZ) (Roc De Cambes) by three parts of a length with King Of Thieves (NZ) (Coats Choice) third another 3 ½ lengths away. The winning time was 1 min 24.24secs for the 1400m on the Long Course.



Trainer Mark Walker

Race	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1400m.
Winner	Q Nine Magic (NZ) 2010
Owners	Fairdeal Stable
Trainer	Mark Walker (Kranji)
Breeding	by Guillotine out of Skag Way by Gleam Machine (USA)
Breeder	Mrs C A & C C Chamberlain; Waikato; NZ





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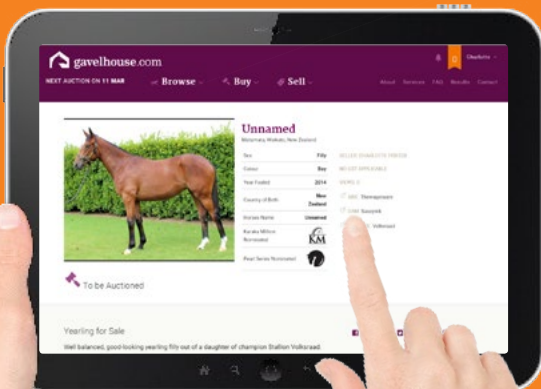
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THE CENTAINE AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
DARCI BRAHMA	\$1,018,127
SAVABEEL	\$1,014,156
PINS	\$976,642
THORN PARK	\$740,899
PER INCANTO	\$574,833
O'REILLY	\$545,949
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$545,540
SANDTRAP	\$507,962
ZABEEL	\$505,301
IFFRAAJ	\$503,435

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

THE DEWAR STALLION TROPHY

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$821,150
PINS	\$720,853
DARCI BRAHMA	\$441,252
ZABEEL	\$415,465
O'REILLY	\$388,316
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$368,900
PER INCANTO	\$335,840
SHOCKING	\$334,240
TAVISTOCK	\$318,195
PENTIRE	\$271,578

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

THE GROSVENOR AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$373,170
DARCI BRAHMA	\$187,062
IFFRAAJ	\$178,600
SHINKO KING	\$175,005
TAVISTOCK	\$164,170
PER INCANTO	\$164,165
EL HERMANO	\$146,950
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$140,365
PINS	\$131,060
KEEPER	\$128,260

BEST PERFORMERS	EARNINGS
KAWI	\$250,000
PERSUASIVE	\$33,000
THE SOULTAKER	\$52,000
MEGABLAST	\$51,425
PACORUS	\$51,025
SARACINO	\$62,500
EL PESCADO	\$45,000
MIME	\$40,000
HONEY RIDER	\$43,750
LORD BEAVER	\$18,475

Criteria: Leading Sires by Earnings in New Zealand



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NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG

SEPTEMBER 21

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 Tiu Keng Leng H. 1800m.	
Magic Moment - INVENTOR (H.K.) (NZ) 2011 by Don Eduardo out of Magic Tryst by Magic Ring (IRE)	G J F Castle; Miss R Clubb; S A Ironside; J G & Mrs J L McLintock; Auckland; NZ	HKJC Kwun Tong H. 1650m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Festival Sale; V: Haunui Farm, P: SF Ritchie; \$15,000

NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG

SEPTEMBER 25

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
XINJIANG YARN (NZ) 2011 by Mastercraftsman (IRE) out of Leigh Valley by Bianconi (USA)	D, L & S Hawkins & Llanhennock Trust; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Caroline Hill H. 1600m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale; V: Wentwood Grange, P: RJ Yiu; \$165,000



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NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE SEPTEMBER 23

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
ASTRO MAN (NZ) 2011 by Roc de Cambes out of True Power by Exploding Prospect (USA)	Explosive Breeding Ltd; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Australia S. 1200m.	
DICAPRIO (NZ) 2013 by Pins (AUS) out of Clermont Princess by Towkay (AUS)	Whakanui Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Southern Star S. 1200m.	2015 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale; V: Trelawney Stud Ltd, P: Whakanui Stud Ltd; \$8,000
SATELLITE MAN (NZ) 2012 by Per Incanto (USA) out of Double Okay by Towkay (AUS)	Little Avondale Trust; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Phar Lap S. 1200m.	2013 National Weanling; Broodmare & Mixed Sale; V: Little Avondale Stud, P: PG & MS Sheely; \$16,000 2014 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale; V: Lakeview Farm, P: Cypress Point Farms; \$40,000 2014 Ready to Run Sale; V: Cypress Point Stables, P: Satellite Stables; \$95,000
The Deep South – OVER EASY (Sing.) (NZ) 2008 by Darci Brahma out of Southern Cry by Kaapstad	J W Gordon; Little Avondale Trust & Opuatia Farms Ltd; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Aurora Cup 1800m.	
HELLO MICHELLE (NZ) 2013 by Minstrel Court (AUS) out of Paixanito by Zabeel	D C Ellis & K W Fenton-Ellis; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Faithful Gould Cup 1100m.	
KEEP SPINNING (NZ) 2011 by Keeper (AUS) out of Seishona (AUS) by Fusaichi Pegasus (USA)	D J Myers; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Ais Cup 1400m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Henley Park, P: NZB as agent; \$36,000 2013 Ready to Run Sale; V: Curraghmore Stud, P: David M Hill Racing Stables; \$80,000
NOVA SWISS (NZ) 2013 by Swiss Ace (AUS) out of Asciano Miss (AUS) by Jet Spur (AUS)	G J Perry; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Down Under S. 1100m.	2015 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale; V: Westbury Stud, P: NZB as agent; \$10,000

NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE SEPTEMBER 25

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
The French Way – Q NINE MAGIC (Sing.) (NZ) 2010 by Guillotine out of Skag Way by Gleam Machine (USA)	Mrs C A & C C Chamberlain; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1400m.	
MAGNUM (NZ) 2012 by Per Incanto (USA) out of Sound Lover by Sound Reason (CAN)	Little Avondale Trust; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Class 3 H. 1200m.	2014 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale; V: Little Avondale Stud, P: Michael Freedman; \$100,000
WAR AFFAIR (NZ) 2010 by O'Reilly out of Kristique (USA) by Kris S (USA)	Trelawney Thoroughbred Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Kranji S. 1400m.	2012 National Yearling Sale - Premier Session; V: Trelawney Stud Ltd, P: DC Ellis; \$70,000

