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ZAHRA TO REUNITE WITH ANTINO IN ALL AGED



Mark Zahra will ride Antino on Sydney's Group One finale day. (Grant Peters)

Whether it is considered an ambitious move or not to take on the Gr.1 All Aged Stakes (1400m) so soon, Tony Gollan has just as higher aims for **Antino (NZ)** (Redwood) closer to home as the topline Queensland galloper returns to the races this Saturday.

Antino trialed last week at Eagle

Farm finishing behind Rothfire (Rothesay) with a heavier staff rider aboard, and since then Gollan has been happy for his versatile six-year-old to line up in the All Aged over the 1400-metre trip at Randwick before a campaign over longer trips in Brisbane.

"He was getting a bit of kickback in that trial and the data from it is really

good," Gollan told RadioTab.

"He's not a horse that likes to get back on that Eagle Farm track when it is kicking back a lot of sand but he closed off well and his recovery was good."

Mark Zahra will take the ride on Antino this weekend after regular jockey Blake Shinn received a

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ten meeting suspension from a charge of careless riding aboard Nostringsattached (Extreme Choice) at Randwick last Saturday.

“Mark rode him in the Champions Mile and we are fortunate to be able to get a hold of him,” he said with reference to Antino’s second placing in the Group One 1600-metre feature at Flemington in November.

Described as a disaster by Gollan, Antino struck interference in the Gr.1 Hong Kong Mile (1600m) at Sha Tin in December and finished near last.

It was a result far from Shinn and the gelding’s heroics in the Gr.1 Toorak Handicap (1600m) two starts before at Caulfield which earned Antino a career Racing and Sports ratings peak of 124.

Putting the Sha Tin experience behind them, Gollan is ready for Antino to step up in distance further in the Stradbroke Season limelight.

“He’s the fresh legs in the All Aged and building towards the winter carnival,” Gollan added.

“Were his rating is, there aren’t a lot of options and I was keen to give him a good break after what was a really busy winter and spring. He needed to get over such a process.”

Following the All Aged, Antino is likely to head to the Gr.2 Hollindale Stakes (1800m) on May 10, followed by the Gr.1 Doomben Cup (2000m) before

a possible tilt at the rich Gr.2 The Q22 (2200m) at Eagle Farm in June.

“He is such a relaxed horse and if you look at him in the run, he goes to sleep so he gives himself every chance to get a trip,” Gollan said.

“I’d be disappointed if I never gave him to opportunity to get out to those distances.”

Antino heads to Sydney with a strong first-up record of four wins in six outings.

He is rated an \$11 chance in all-in markets with Group 1 T J Smith Stakes (1200m) winner Briasa (Smart Missile) the \$3.50 favourite.

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Australian jockey Mark Zahra. (Bruno Cannatelli)



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QUEENSLAND CALLING NEREUS AFTER CUP PERFORMANCE

Multiple Group-winner **Nereus (NZ)** (Savabeel) is being set for a Queensland campaign after powering into second in Saturday's Listed Hawke's Bay Cup (2200m) at Trentham.

The Waikato Stud-owned son of Savabeel has a strong affinity with the Upper Hutt course, having won the Gr.2 Awapuni Gold Cup (2400m) last year before finishing sixth in the Listed Mornington Cup (2400m) in Victoria.

His trainers Shaune Ritchie and Colm Murray opted to take a different path with the gelding this season, winning the Gr.3 Counties Cup (2100m) before testing his abilities over the two miles of the Gr.3 Wellington Cup (3200m), which wasn't to his liking.

Returning to 2200m, Nereus was right at home and after getting back, he recorded the fastest sectionals of the race to just come up short to Mehzebeen (NZ) (Almanzor), who found the shortest way home up the rail.

"It was a fantastic run, he's had a little break since the Wellington Cup and he went a brave third first up, which led into this race," Ritchie said.

"I've got no doubt that he just didn't run the two miles out there, it's the only blotch in his record book really. He ranged up on the corner, but he just didn't run the two miles out.

"He always tries extremely hard, he's got the kindest nature and he'll be a beautiful pony for a kid when he's finished racing. He never dances in the birdcage, he just does everything you ask him to do and he puts in on raceday.

"His mark area is a mile and a quarter to a mile and a half, so I think if we stick in those distance ranges, then he's going to do well."

Few opportunities remain for



Nereus is bound for Queensland after placing in Saturday's Listed Hawke's Bay Cup (2200m). (Kenton Wright (Race Images))

Nereus on home soil, so the stable are looking further afield with a likely kick-off point being the Gr.3 Chairman's Handicap (2000m) at Doomben on May 17.

"There's really a limited amount left for him in New Zealand now, so at the sales, Mark Chittick (owner) suggested that we take him to Queensland for the Brisbane Winter Carnival," Ritchie said. "There is a stream of races that will suit him over there.

"I've still got to confirm with Mark, but he'll probably fly over in early May and the first run for him would be the Chairman's Handicap then the Premier's Cup (Gr.3, 2400m), but there is a laundry list of cups races for him, like the Caloundra Cup (Listed, 2400m) and Ipswich Cup (Listed, 2150m) as well.

"He doesn't mind a bit of cut in the track and you can often get a bit of rain in Queensland through the winter carnival there, so I'm sure that won't be a bother to him at all."

Joining Nereus on the trans-Tasman journey will be newcomer Davideo (Galileo), Ritchie's latest purchase out of

the Tattersalls Horses In Training Sale in England.

On a previous visit to the sale, Ritchie secured Mahrajaan (Kitten's Joy), who went on to win the Gr.3 New Zealand Cup (3200m) and Gr.2 Auckland Cup (2400m), and was ruled out of running in the Gr.1 Melbourne Cup (3200m) last November in a vet inspection.

The Cambridge horseman, alongside De Burgh Equine, outlaid 130,000gns to purchase Davideo, a five-year-old by Galileo who made his first Kiwi appearance at the Eilerslie trials on April 3.

"He's being set for the Brisbane Cup (Gr.2, 3200m)," Ritchie said.

"He's a Galileo horse and is very much in the same mould as Mahrajaan. He's looking like a two-mile sort of horse, he's had one barrier trial so we'll give him a run over a mile somewhere before he goes and he'll be a good partner for Nereus for that campaign."

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DERBY TILT BECKONS CAMPBELL'S EMERGING THREE-YEAR-OLD

Quirky three-year-old **Croupier (NZ)** (Ace High) has one more box to tick to book his passage to Brisbane.

He might be a handful at times but has an abundance of ability and comeback trainer Andrew Campbell has plans in place for Ace High's son to showcase that talent at the Queensland winter carnival.

Croupier was a luckless fifth on debut behind stakes winner Super Photon (NZ) (Super Seth) last month at Trentham and returned there on Saturday to post a narrow victory over 1400m after racing greenly.

"It was a tough watch, but he was good in the last 50m. He's come through the race super, he hasn't left an oat," Campbell said.

"He's got plenty of tricks up his sleeve and you have to go with the flow with him, you wouldn't beat him even if you tried. His nickname's Bully and just does what he wants.

"He's a grouse horse though and when the penny really drops, he's going to be pretty good."

Croupier will be back in action at Ellerslie this weekend with a trip to Australia on the line.

"I'm going to back him up at Auckland in a Rating 65 mile on Saturday and Michael McNab is booked to ride him again, which is great," Campbell said.

"He'd have to win, or be really unlucky, to go over."

All going to plan, Croupier will have two lead-up races into the Gr.1 Queensland Derby (2400m) at Eagle Farm on May 31.

"There's the Queensland Guineas (Gr.2, 1600m), the Rough Habit Plate (Gr.3, 2000m) and then the Derby.

"I think he'll stay all day, he's by Ace High and he relaxes and drops the bit, we're all pretty excited."

Saturday's victory also marked Campbell's successful return to the training ranks after he changed tack three years ago for a career as a bloodstock agent, before returning to the fold after relocating from Cambridge to Otaki.

Croupier was purchased by Campbell and Tommy Heptinstall for \$160,000 out of Beaufort Downs' draft at New Zealand Bloodstock's National Yearling Sale.

His dam Lady Zafira (NZ) was a talented mare who won five races up to 1600 metres and the daughter of Iffraaj also ran third in the Listed Rotorua Stakes (1400m) and fourth in the Gr.1 Telegraph Handicap (1200m).

"I've got three in work, and we bought six at the sales that are being

broken in at the moment and a couple of nice horses in the paddock having a breather," Campbell said.

"I'm going to keep it at 10 horses, it's so enjoyable with a small team like that, it's great."

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Race	WRC Melbourne Cup Tour Maiden S. 1400m
Winner	Croupier (NZ) 2021
Owners	Tommy Heptinstall, David Platt, Bill Platt, Andrew Campbell, Nicki Cruickshank, Tom Pivac & Mark Cummings
Trainer	Andrew Campbell (Otaki)
Breeding	by Ace High (AUS) out of Lady Zafira by Iffraaj (GB)
Breeder	Nearco Stud Limited
Sales	2022 National Weanling Sale V: Curraghmore \$15000 P: Beaufort Downs 2023 National Yearling Sale - Book1 V: Beaufort Downs Ltd \$160000 P: Andrew Campbell B/stock (BAFNZ) / T Heptinstall



Croupier winning the Lisa Allpress Des Coppins Melbourne Cup Tour 1400 at Trentham on Saturday. (Peter Rubery (Race Images Palmerston North))





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CHILDHOOD DREAM TURNS INTO REALITY FOR HAWKINS

International racing journalist Andrew Hawkins' imagination was captured by two things as a child, thoroughbred racing and the Canberra Raiders, and on Saturday he was able to combine his two loves.

As a teenager, with the hope of one day racing his own horse, Hawkins designed a set of silks based on the colours of his three-time NRL Premiership-winning Canberra Raiders, and on Saturday he realised that dream when watching **Bona Sforza** (Written By) carry those silks to victory in the Listed Welcome Stakes (1000m) at Riccarton Park in Christchurch.

It was just the third time his silks had been seen on raceday, and Hawkins was pleasantly surprised that their first success was in a stakes race.

"I was born in Canberra and I have been a Canberra

Raiders fan my entire life," Hawkins said. "When I was 15 or 16 I designed these set of colours. It was one of those things where I was trying to manifest that one day I would hopefully have these colours.

"Fast-forward to three or four years ago and I was going to get a set made and I decided to use what I had designed as a teen and bring that to life.

"The colours have only been put on once before on a horse, who was a Karaka graduate we had called Tavirotti. She was a Tavistock filly and had two starts and was unplaced in both starts.

"They ended up on her (Bona Sforza) and the third time they have been at the races it's a stakes winner."

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Bona Sforza winning the Listed Welcome Stakes (1000m) at Riccarton Park on Saturday. (Race Images South)





CHILDHOOD DREAM TURNS INTO REALITY FOR HAWKINS

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While pleased to see his colours to the fore at Riccarton, Hawkins was just as enthused for trainer Samantha Finnegan, who marked her first win with Saturday's result.

Hawkins has become close with Finnegan and her Group One-winning trainer husband Francis over the last few years, with their friendship having initially been formed over social media, and Bona Sforza is their first foray into ownership together.

Purchased by Samantha Finnegan out of Highline Thoroughbreds' 2024 New Zealand Bloodstock Book 1 Yearling Sale draft for \$150,000, Hawkins was offered a share in the filly, and he is delighted he took the Finnegans up on their offer.

"I had followed Francis Finnegan for a while and it is one of

these social media things (how the association came about)," Hawkins said. "The amazing thing about social media is that you get to connect with all sorts of people, and I connected with him and Samantha a few years back and we would just talk racing.

"They obviously went to Ireland and came back, and he got in contact saying he had bought this lovely filly at Karaka. A couple of judges that I really respect in Byron Rogers and Tom Wilson had cast their eye over her and said they really liked her.

"He said he had a percentage that he couldn't move, and would I be interested and I can put my colours on. I was umming and ahing and in the end I thought, 'why not?' I wanted to support Samantha starting out again in New Zealand."

New Zealand has become a sentimental place for Hawkins, who has strong family ties with the island nation, and it is also the place he had his first taste of success as an owner.

"I am Australian born and bred, but my Dad is a Kiwi and I have got a big, extended family in New Zealand," Hawkins said.

"My first winner that was in my name was at Rotorua back in 2012, who raced in Lib Petagna's colours, but myself and a group of friends had 50 percent.

"Now I have had my first ever stakes winner in my colours over there as well, so maybe I need to keep to New Zealand."

Hawkins was unable to be trackside at Riccarton on Saturday to witness Bona Sforza's win as he was just returning from covering the Dubai World Cup meeting, but he said he may head across the Tasman to watch her compete at Riccarton over the New Zealand Cup carnival in November.

"She is going to have a bit of a break now and then I think the plan is to try and head towards the Gold Trail (Gr.3, 1200m) and long-term they want to get to the New Zealand 1000 Guineas (Gr.1, 1600m)," Hawkins said. "Whether she can get a mile is another thing, on pedigree you would probably say it's a bit questionable, but the way she extended the other day it was great to see.

"I have never been to Cup Week in Christchurch, so I might have to start making plans to head over."

To add the cherry on top of a stellar Saturday for Hawkins, his beloved Raiders dominated the Parramatta Eels in Darwin later in the day in their round six meeting, beating them 50-6.

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The team review Day Two of the Championships where the Kiwi's were again to the fore. Plus, they review the all domestic action from Riccarton and Trentham and have a few laughs along the way.



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DARREN DANIS, THE ULTIMATE ATHLETE

Sidelined jockey Darren Danis passed the first test in his journey to return to the saddle when he competed in the Ultimate Athlete Obstacle Race at Mount Maunganui Beach last Saturday.

Danis sustained a fractured C4 and C5 vertebrae following an incident at the Waipa trials in November last year, and last weekend's challenge was an important milestone in his recovery.

The 32-year-old hoop had wanted to compete in the obstacle race and he was given the green light by his doctor to return to light physical activity just over a month ago, with the intention of building up enough fitness and strength to compete.

"It is an obstacle course with some running as well," Danis said. "I wanted to do it with a few mates last year as you can do it individually or in a team.

"With the way things have been happening, the timing was quite good. The 12th of April (race date) was about six weeks since I got the green light to go to the gym and start working out.

"The physio said to give it a month before I try to run. I have been going a lot to the gym and I having been doing a lot of bike work. In the last two weeks I thought I would try running and see how my neck held up, and it held up quite well."

Danis said the running component was his biggest worry heading into the race, however, there were a couple of obstacles that he was wary of.

"I was quite confident with the obstacle course because jockeys are quite small, but we are strong for our size," he said. "There were a couple of things I thought I would struggle with,

like the 25-kilo sandbag carry and the 20-kilo jerry can carry. I am 55.5kg, so that's half of my body weight.

"But it was good, and I did it with my friend Isaac, he is one of my best friends. He was a good motivator as I got tired halfway through.

"It was always going to be a challenge because six weeks isn't a long time (to train), and it was just a question of how I felt after I pulled up after the run and I pulled up pretty good, the course itself didn't affect the neck."

Danis said he also gained plenty of motivation from his fellow competitors.

"Going to those sort of events you see all sorts of people – big, small, muscular – and everyone has gone through their own thing," he said.

"There was a guy running beside us who was an amputee and he was running with a prosthetic, and that gave me the motivation to keep going.

Everyone has got their own story and it was quite cool to see everyone giving their best."

Danis will now continue his rehabilitation, and while there is still a cloud over whether he will return to raceday riding, he holds onto hope and said he will try his best over the coming months.

"There is still a question mark on riding with my neck," he said. "The doctor said it's always going to be a dangerous job, but they know it is our livelihood, and you just have to let your body tell you.

"I will come back in June to ride trackwork, so I might try to ride someone's pony in May and see what happens.

"I don't really want to give up riding, but we have to listen to our body, so I will just do whatever I have to until I can ride." – **LOVERACING.NZ News Desk**



Darren Danis (far left) competing in the Ultimate Athlete Obstacle Race at Mount Maunganui Beach last Saturday. (Supplied)





FEROCE TO AIM FOR GOLDEN EAGLE

Trainer Dom Sutton is planning to keep Gr.1 Australian Guineas winner **Feroce (NZ)** (Super Seth) to races up to a mile during this year's Spring Carnivals, with the rich A\$10 million Golden Eagle (1500m) set to be his major target.

The three-year-old gelding is having a spell after finishing sixth in the Gr.1 Australian Cup (2000m) at Flemington on March 29 in his first try over 2000m, which came against seasoned older horses at weight-for-age.

A runner-up in the Gr.1 Caulfield Guineas (1600m) last spring, Feroce's autumn preparation was highlighted by his win in the Gr.1 Australian Guineas (1600m) at Flemington on March 1 - a first elite-level victory for both Sutton and Feroce.

"He went to the paddock last week," Sutton said.

"He's going to have a really nice break and try to get some good weather before it turns against us in Victoria.

"His grand target will be the Golden Eagle (in the spring). I'll keep him at a mile for his spring four-year-old campaign and there's a few nice races on the calendar for him."

The Australian Cup was won by the Ciaran Maher-trained Light Infantry Man (Fast Company), in a field which included placegetters Deny Knowledge (Pride Of Dubai) and Zardozi (Kingman), along with unplaced runners of the calibre of Atishu (NZ) (Savabeel), Pride Of Jenni (Pride Of Dubai) and Attrition (Churchill).

Sutton is confident Feroce will get

2000m in time, but with the carrot of a big prizemoney race like the Golden Eagle for four-year-olds at Rosehill and other feature mile races on the racing program in spring, he is happy to stick to those options for now.

"It was an itch I really wanted to scratch seeing him at 2000m," Sutton said, in regards to what he learned from the gelding's Australian Cup mission.

"I do think he will be a 2000-metre horse at some point.

"Obviously it was hard to judge with the tempo that they went, but he's just a bit brilliant at the moment, probably and he's also shown that he's a good miler.

"So we'll keep him at a mile (in the spring) and there's plenty of nice races."

- Racing.com



The Golden Eagle will be the main target of Feroce in the spring. (Bruno Cannatelli)





ROTORUA STAKES DEFENCE LOOMS FOR ENIGMATIC MARE

Karman Line (NZ) (Myboycharlie) has proven to be an enigma for Lance O’Sullivan and Andrew Scott throughout her career, but the Group Three winner was right back to her best when taking out the BCD Group 1400 at Te Rapa on Sunday.

The daughter of Myboycharlie has mixed her form from the outset and while she won the Lisa Chittick Plate (1400m) and Gr.3 Rotorua Stakes (1400m) last term, she missed the top five in her opening four appearances this season, albeit in strong company.

A fourth placing behind Chattahoochee (NZ) (Reliable Man) and stablemate Little Bit Of Love (NZ) (Time Test) last time out indicated she was on the up, but punters

were still wary of the mare and she closed at \$10.80 on Sunday, with Witz End (NZ) (Savabeel) on top at \$3.20.

In the hands of Masa Hashizume, Karman Line jumped positively and found her position off the rail in fourth, while Mr Mojo Risin’ (NZ) (Deep Field) sped up to lead the seven-horse affair. Witz End ranged up to the pacemaker on the home turn, but Karman Line was cruising under Hashizume and hit the lead at the 100m, fending off a strong challenge from Cannon Hill (NZ) (Ardrossan) to score by a head.

Mr Mojo Risin’ held on well to finish third narrowly ahead of Lingjun Xiongfeng (The Factor).

O’Sullivan was on course for the victory and commended the efforts of Hashizume, who has guided the mare to two previous successes.

“It was a very good ride by Masa, he gave her every possible (chance) and nursed her right up for as long as he could,” he said. “It was good to see her back winning again.

“She’s tricky, we don’t really know (why) and she mixes her form a little bit. We’ve tried different things with her around the stable and tried mixing it up with her, but she does seem to come right at this time of the year.

“We’ll be heading to Rotorua for the race she won last year, that’ll be her target once again. She certainly is hard to catch, but on her day, she has the ability.”



Karman Line stretches out to score in Sunday’s BCD Group 1400 at Te Rapa. (Kenton Wright (Race Images))

This year’s Gr.3 Rotorua ITM Stakes (1400m) will be held at Arawa Park on the 10th of May.

Karman Line was bred by Little Avondale Stud and presented at the 2020 National Yearling Sales by Cambria Park, where she purchased by Wexford Stables for \$67,500. She was the first foal out of a Pierro mare World Away, who went on to produce two-race winners Alexandra Quick (NZ) (Per Incanto) and Tristar (NZ) (Exceedance), the latter also in the care of O’Sullivan and Scott.

In 24 starts, she has won four races and collected \$246,750 in stakes earnings.

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Race	Waikato TR BCD Group H. 1400m
Winner	Karman Line (NZ) 2018
Owners	A Cuttance, Adam Marshall, Duncan Lye, Hamish Croad, Alistair Peach, Adele Croad, Noel Lister, Roger Slattery, Tim Parrott, Lee-Ann Jackson, Donna & Brian Verryt, Wally Campbell & V Donnison
Trainer	Lance O’Sullivan & Andrew Scott (Matamata)
Breeding	by Myboycharlie (IRE) out of World Away (AUS) by Pierro (AUS)
Breeder	Little Avondale Trust
Sales	2020 National Yearling Sale - Book 2 V: Cambria Park \$67500 P: Wexford Stables





MCNAB PRODUCES MASTERCLASS ABOARD PROMISING SPRINTER

Michael McNab earned a great deal of praise after **Force Of Nature (NZ)** (Savabeel) won Sunday's Inspire Racing Sprint (1200m), but the top jockey was quick to credit his mount who made a big impression when resuming in the Te Rapa contest.

A lightly-raced four-year-old, Force Of Nature was appearing for the first time since late November, where he finished third in a competitive Stella Artois Championship Qualifier behind Frostfair (NZ) (Written Tycoon). It was the lowest placing he had recorded all preparation, after winning two in a row through maiden and Rating 65 company.

Cambridge trainer Andrew Forsman then opted to bypass the firm summer tracks with his gelding and return in the autumn with no trial to prepare, making the performance all the more eye-catching.

Starting a well-backed prospect at \$6, Force Of Nature was one of the slower runners to find their stride from the barrier, settling in the back half of the field under McNab. Mirabella (NZ) (Sweynesse) and race-favourite Perfect Dividends (Overshare) had the field strung out through the mid-stages under a hot tempo, and on straightening, the field fanned across the track.

Race	Waikato TR Inspire Racing Sprint 1200m
Winner	Force of Nature (NZ) 2020
Owners	T V Rider
Trainer	Andrew Forsman (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Savabeel (AUS) out of Elusive Nature by O'Reilly
Breeder	T V Rider



One horse that covered no extra ground was Force Of Nature, with McNab hugging the rail and finding a tight gap between the two leaders to storm into contention. Perfect Dividends didn't give away the fight all the way to the post, but Force Of Nature showed a sharp turn-of-foot to his inside and won comfortably, albeit only by a short neck.

Force Of Nature was the second of a winning treble for McNab on the card, after collecting a double at Trentham on Saturday.

"He's a sharp horse, he's got a good record and I think he'll keep adding to that, because he's a horse with a lot of ability," McNab said.

"They ran along at a good speed, so back where I was, I couldn't really get to the outside or it was going to make it hard. I got the runs when I needed them, but he was good when he got the splits.

"He'd shown that good ability when I trialed him earlier on and he showed that last prep, so hopefully he can do a bit better again this prep."

Forsman's stable representative Joe Walker echoed McNab's sentiments, indicating the gelding is held in high regard by the team.

"He didn't get away that cleanly, but they went along nice and quick and it was a good ride from Michael," Walker said.

"He's certainly got the ability to (go through the grades), last time he strung a few (wins) together and even before he went out, he was racing well. He's had a decent break and I think there's more to come."

A son of Savabeel, Force Of Nature was bred and raced by

Milan Park Stud principal Tony Rider. He is out of an unraced O'Reilly mare Elusive Nature (NZ), who is a half-sister to Savvy Dreams (NZ) (Savabeel) and three-quarter sister to Pussy O'Reilly (NZ) (O'Reilly), both placegetters at Group One level.

In the broodmare paddock, Elusive Nature has produced Listed winner and Group Three performer Shezzacatch and four-race winner Astraeus, both also by Waikato Stud's champion sire.

In just seven starts, Force Of Nature has won three races and over \$72,000 in prizemoney.

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Force Of Nature winning Sunday's Inspire Racing Sprint (1200m) in the hands of Michael McNab. (Kenton Wright (Race Images))





MIDNIGHT EDITION CHASING STAKES REDEMPTION AFTER TE RAPA SUCCESS

Midnight Edition (NZ) (Wrote) narrowly missed out on a feature three-year-old crown in December and he'll have a shot at redemption in a fortnight after defeating a quality field at Te Rapa on Sunday.

Midnight Edition caused a major market upset when dead-heating the Gr.2 Auckland Guineas (1400m) on Boxing Day, but was relegated to second position after an enquiry by the connections of Yaldi (NZ) (Ardrossan). The son of Wrote has been tested at a range of difference distances this campaign, but has found his sweet spot at 1200m, the distance he faced in the Forsman Racing 3YO (1200m).

Yaldi, Celestial Wonder (Xtravagant) and She's Untouchable (Capitalist) were all well-back runners in the race, but the latter dipped heavily at the start before recovering to settle on the rail in third, while Celestial Wonder took the lead inside of Midnight Edition.

Yaldi over-raced fiercely in the second half of the field and ended up three-wide, giving the two leaders a big head-start as they turned for home. Both Celestial Wonder and Midnight Edition kicked strongly at the top of the straight and fought it out all the way to the post, with Midnight Edition just finding the edge late to score by a half-head in the hands of Warren Kennedy.

The big impresser in third was Whiskey 'N Roses (NZ) (Belardo), who bounced back into the form that he produced when finishing second behind Savaglee (NZ) (Savabeel) in the Gr.2 James and Annie Sarten Memorial (1400m) in October.

Bruce Wallbank, who trains the gelding at Pukekohe, was rapt with the performance heading towards the Gr.3 Windsor Park Stud Cambridge Breeders' Stakes (1200m) at the Hamilton venue on April 26.

"He's a very good horse, people don't realise how good he is," he said.

"We're setting him for the Group Three and that's what we want to win. He's had one gallop since his last race so that's not too bad is it?"

"We always give him a week or ten days off, but he's tightened up now and they'll know he's in the race next week.

"(After the Breeders), he'll be turned out for six weeks, then look out for him next year."

In his first season of racing, Midnight Edition has won three of 12 starts with three minor placings, accumulating just shy of \$125,000 in stakes earnings. He

was bred by Aston Racing and is raced by Wallbank, alongside his wife Raelyn and son Mark.

He is out of Wallbank's two-win mare Midnight Gossip (NZ) (Showcasing), who finished fourth in the Gr.1 New Zealand 1000 Guineas (1600m) and has also produced Australian stakes winner Midnight Mass (NZ) (Proisir).

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Race	Waikato TR Forsman Racing S. 1200m
Winner	Midnight Edition (NZ) 2021
Owners	The White Street Trust, Mrs R L Wallbank & Mr M Wallbank
Trainer	Bruce Wallbank (Pukekohe)
Breeding	by Wrote (IRE) out of Midnight Gossip by Showcasing (GB)
Breeder	Aston Racing Ltd



Midnight Edition (outside) fighting out the finish of the Forsman Racing 3YO (1200m) with Celestial Wonder on Sunday at Te Rapa (Kenton Wright (Race Images))



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NZ STALLION AWARDS

THE CENTAINE AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$16,130,187
PER INCANTO	\$16,014,117
SHAMEXPRESS	\$12,535,253
TAVISTOCK	\$11,994,500
SHOCKING	\$6,963,230
PROISIR	\$6,011,265
SUPER SETH	\$5,942,380
ALMANZOR	\$5,557,459
CHARM SPIRIT	\$5,512,656
IFFRAAJ	\$5,196,138

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

THE DEWAR STALLION TROPHY

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$12,788,996
PER INCANTO	\$10,771,022
TAVISTOCK	\$9,664,415
SHOCKING	\$5,146,386
ALMANZOR	\$5,102,119
PROISIR	\$5,097,720
SUPER SETH	\$4,805,675
BULLBARS	\$3,963,720
OCEAN PARK	\$3,942,078
TARZINO	\$3,880,310

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

THE GROSVENOR AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$5,684,535
PROISIR	\$2,908,315
ALMANZOR	\$2,580,830
SHOCKING	\$2,538,215
PER INCANTO	\$1,995,775
TAVISTOCK	\$1,931,045
VADAMOS	\$1,886,590
IFFRAAJ	\$1,874,915
DERRYIN	\$1,819,035
SUPER SETH	\$1,756,455

BEST PERFORMERS	EARNINGS
DAMASK ROSE	\$2,047,975
WAITAK	\$314,700
TRAV	\$386,550
EL VENCEDOR	\$1,468,000
EVAPORATE	\$575,000
SNAZZYTAVI	\$739,125
LA CRIQUE	\$620,125
GRAIL SEEKER	\$553,750
LEICA LUCY	\$1,014,260
LA DORADA	\$1,060,750

Criteria: Leading Sires by Earnings in New Zealand



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HONG KONG (09 APRIL)

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
CASA ROCHESTER (NZ) 2020 by Redwood (GB) out of Christmas Lily (AUS) by More Than Ready (USA)	G Harvey; Auckland; NZ	HKJC Oi Man H. 1650m.	
FLYING FORTRESS (HK) Deflation (NZ) 2020 by Shamexpress out of Starguru by Ishiguru (USA)	G & Mrs J E Thomas-Long; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Mong Kok H. 1650m.	

MALAYSIA (12 APRIL)

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
THE WILD PRINCE (NZ) 2017 by Rip Van Winkle (IRE) out of Ali Spur by More Than Ready (USA)	Miss J Chase & M K Mullane; NZ	Selangor TC Class 5B H. 1020	2019 Ready To Run Sale V: Cambria Park \$25000 P: Mr J Ong
RED DRAGON (NZ) 2018 by Redwood (GB) out of Wandane (AUS) by Danehill (USA)	G Harvey; Auckland; NZ	Selangor TC Class 4B H. 1500	2020 National Yearling Sale - Book 2 V: Westbury Stud \$20000 P: SC Ramsay
BOOMBA (NZ) 2017 by Showcasing (GB) out of Celeste by Pentire (GB)	RW E Moore; Auckland; NZ	Selangor TC Class 4A H. 1200	2019 National Yearling Sale - Book 1 V: Haunui Farm \$100000 P: Cliff Brown Racing

HONG KONG (13 APRIL)

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
THE ALL OUT (NZ) 2022 by Brutal out of Sistabeel (AUS) by Savabeel (AUS)	B J Lindsay MNZM & Mrs J E A Lindsay; Auckland; NZ	HKJC Racing for Charity Griffin P. 1000m.	2024 National Yearling Sale - Book 1 V: Cambridge Stud \$150000 P: Jamie Richards / Andrew Williams B/stock
WITH A SMILE (NZ) 2021 by Merchant Navy (AUS) out of Dreamtesta by Testa Rossa (AUS)	R L Orr; Canterbury; NZ	HKJC Thriving Youth H. 1400m.	2023 National Yearling Sale - Book 2 V: Landsdowne Park Ltd \$100000 P: PB Payne
DREAM WINNER (NZ) 2019 by Exosphere (AUS) out of Longbeach Lucy by Brilliance (USA)	S B Gudsell; Central; NZ	HKJC Nurturing Talent H. 1000m.	2021 National Yearling Sale - Book 2 V: Monovale Farm \$26000 P: SB & JM Gudsell
WINNING WING (HK) Samid (NZ) 2020 by Preferment out of Stand Firm by Perfectly Ready (AUS)	N King; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Advancing Culture & Sports H. 1800m.	2022 National Yearling Sale - Book 1 V: BRIGHTHILL FARM \$65000 P: Bevan Smith B/stock

MALAYSIA (13 APRIL)

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
SUCCESS STREET (MLY) Peaceful Falls (NZ) 2014 by Niagara (AUS) out of Peace by Ishiguru (USA)	Lime Country Thoroughbreds Ltd; NZ	Perak TC Class 5B H. 1600	2016 National Yearling Sale - Festival Session V: Lime Country Thoroughbreds Ltd \$36000 P: Mr S Cole
SALAAM NAMASTEY (NZ) 2019 by Prince Of Brooklyn (AUS) out of Odalisque by Iffraaj (GB)	Grassyards Farm Ltd; South; NZ	Perak TC Class 4A H. 1600	
SIRIUS (NZ) 2018 by Tivaci (AUS) out of May Rain (AUS) by Written Tycoon (AUS)	Z Man; NZ	Perak TC Class 5A H. 1200	
BROTHERLY LOVE (MLY) Twin Cam (NZ) 2018 by Echoes Of Heaven (AUS) out of Kathleen Angels by Pins (AUS)	Ms S Schlaepfer & Ms J A Young; NZ	Perak TC Class 5A H. 1400	





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Ace High : She's a Hustler (NZ) (Snow Petal by Bernardini) 2020;
09 Apr 2025, 1st MRC Tile Importer H. 2100m
Sold by Rich Hill Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$70000

Castelvecchio : Aeliana (NZ) (Temolie by Star Witness) 2021;
05 Apr 2025, 1st ATC Australian Derby Gr.1 2400m
Sold by Rich Hill Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$180000

Charm Spirit : Primal Spirit (NZ) (Primadonna Girl by Edenwold) 2020;
09 Apr 2025, 1st MRC Vale Weekend Hussler H. 1200m

Complacent : Calm Buckle (NZ) (Mia Rose by Savabeel) 2020;
12 Apr 2025, 1st Carrathool JC Class 2 H. 1400m
Sold by Lilywhites Lodge at Ready to Run Sale for \$70000

Echoes of Heaven : Heavenly Eagle (NZ) (Kings Daughter by Shinko King) 2018;
12 Apr 2025, 1st Bendigo JC Balgownie H. 1300m

El Roca : Joy McCoy (NZ) (Sister Act by Savabeel) 2018;
12 Apr 2025, 1st Mount Isa RC City Country Reality H. 1450m
Sold by Kiltannon Stables Ltd at Ready to Run Sale for \$40000

El Roca : Understudy (NZ) (Foxette by Entrepreneur) 2020;
06 Apr 2025, 1st MRC (Mornington) Big Screen Company Maiden P. 1500m
Sold by CH Bloodstock Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$34000

Ghibellines : Tactfull (NZ) (Tackit by Pins) 2017;
05 Apr 2025, 1st Kilmore TC Bet365 H. 2000m

Ghibellines : Ahab (NZ) (Nasheeta by Smart Missile) 2020;
12 Apr 2025, 1st Werribee RC IRT Maiden P. 1600m

Ghibellines : Campaldino (NZ) (Zuzana by Shocking) 2020;
11 Apr 2025, 1st Orange JC Orange Gold Cup 2100m

Impending : King of Enterprise (NZ) (High Vogue by High Chaparral) 2021;
10 Apr 2025, 1st Southside Racing Van Steensel Timbers H. 1400m
Sold by BMD Bloodstock Ltd at Ready to Run Sale for \$90000

Mongolian Khan : Monkhana (NZ) (Pedderstock by Tavistock) 2020;
05 Apr 2025, 1st Hawkesbury RC Clevertronics Trader H. 1600m

Ocean Park : Roller Coaster (NZ) (Curvy by Pins) 2018;
05 Apr 2025, 1st BRC Membership H. 2200m
Sold by Riversley Park Ltd at Ready to Run Sale for \$80000

Ocean Park : Stromness (NZ) (Claudine by Lonhro) 2020;
12 Apr 2025, 1st Grenfell PRC Maiden P. 1000m

Per Incanto : Philipsburg (NZ) (Saint Martins by Darci Brahma) 2017;
12 Apr 2025, 1st BRC Membership H. 2200m
Sold by Blandford Lodge at National Yearling Sale for \$110000

Per Incanto : Noble Decree (NZ) (Sharvasti by Montjeu) 2021;
09 Apr 2025, 1st Ipswich TC Gordon's Gin Maiden P. 1200m
Sold by Little Avondale Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$450000

Per Incanto : Eamonn's Memory (NZ) (In Memory Of by Darci Brahma) 2018;
12 Apr 2025, 1st Carrathool JC Carrathool Cup 1400m

Per Incanto : Evaporate (NZ) (Savanna by Animal Kingdom) 2021;
05 Apr 2025, 1st ATC Carbine Club S. Gr.3 1600m

Pour Moi : Force Me (NZ) (Better Together by Volksraad) 2017;
12 Apr 2025, 1st Kilcoy RC Best Mates Cup 1900m

Preferment : Deemee (NZ) (Breath by Encosta de Lago) 2020;
07 Apr 2025, 1st Dubbo TC Inland Petroleum P. 2200m

Proisir : Heff (NZ) (Passion Cut by Pins) 2021;
08 Apr 2025, 1st Sale TC Ladbrokes Maiden P. 1419m
Sold by Jamieson Park at National Yearling Sale for \$180000

Proisir : Captain Hilfiger (NZ) (Royal Era by Zabeel) 2021;
08 Apr 2025, 1st Sale TC Ladbrokes H. 1736m
Sold by Rich Hill Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$75000

Proisir : Sergeant Major (NZ) (Forty Love by Ekraar) 2021;
12 Apr 2025, 1st ATC South Pacific Classic L 1400m

Proisir : High Society Girl (NZ) (Lady Grace by Sir Percy) 2019;
11 Apr 2025, 1st Strathalbyn RC Racehorse Owners Association H. 2050m
Sold by Curraghmore at South Island Sale for \$1200

Proisir : Revolver (NZ) (Nedjma by Royal Academy) 2020;
11 Apr 2025, 1st Geelong RC Cottage by the Sea Cup 1700m

Puccini : Full of Sincerity (NZ) (Herman by Reset) 2019;
08 Apr 2025, 1st Ballina JC Koala Farms H. 1590m

Raise the Flag : Raise the Note (NZ) (Pernote by Personal Escort) 2019;
10 Apr 2025, 1st Kyneton & Hanging Rock RC Rebecca Sheehy Highweight 2809m

Reliable Man : Bilpa Morea (NZ) (Sonic Queen by Lope de Vega) 2020;
08 Apr 2025, 1st Dalby & Northern Downs JC Dalby Cabs H. 2000m
Sold by Westbury Stud at Ready to Run Sale for \$12500

Reliable Man : Grey Ice (NZ) (Haliburton by Encosta de Lago) 2020;
05 Apr 2025, 1st MRC Bill Collins H. 1600m
Sold by Westbury Stud at Ready to Run Sale for \$130000

Sacred Falls : Stadium of Light (NZ) (Touting by Savabeel) 2018;
10 Apr 2025, 1st Cairns JC PWN Plumbing H. 1400m
Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$150000

Savabeel : Addition (NZ) (Include by Gallant Guru) 2020;
09 Apr 2025, 1st Ipswich TC TAB P. 1100m
Sold by White Robe Lodge at National Yearling Sale for \$320000

Savabeel : Anything But (NZ) (But Beautiful by Pivotal) 2015;
12 Apr 2025, 1st Balnarring PRC Bookmakers Easter H. 1600m

Savabeel : Empress of Japan (NZ) (Tsukioka by Flying Spur) 2021;
08 Apr 2025, 1st Goulburn DRC Semco Equipment Sales H. 1400m

Super Seth : Maison Louis (NZ) (Cote d'Or by Makfi) 2021;
08 Apr 2025, 1st Goulburn DRC MJ Dale Racing P. 1600m
Sold by Pencarrow Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$250000

Super Seth : Rogan (NZ) (Tiara by O'Reilly) 2021;
05 Apr 2025, 1st Kilmore TC Northern Health Foundation Maiden P. 1600m
Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$50000

Super Seth : El Tercero (NZ) (Boulevard by Savabeel) 2021;
10 Apr 2025, 1st Southside Racing Alf Blamey Memorial H. 1200m

Tarzino : Torranzino (NZ) (Goldilicious by Helmet) 2019;
05 Apr 2025, 1st MRC Easter Cup Gr.3 2000m
Sold by Phoenix Park at National Yearling Sale for \$75000

Tarzino : Bitcoin (NZ) (Invisible Coin by Redoute's Choice) 2019;
06 Apr 2025, 1st Ballarat TC Henry Dwyer Racing Maiden Hurdle 3250m
Sold by Curraghmore at National Weanling Sale for \$4300

Tavistock : Montrock (NZ) (Vanity Queen by Fastnet Rock) 2020;
05 Apr 2025, 1st Hillston JC Merrowie Property Trust Maiden P. 1000m

Tavistock : Tavanasia (NZ) (Danasia by Danehill) 2019;
07 Apr 2025, 1st Dubbo TC Desspos Solutions H. 1400m
Sold by Haunui Farm at National Weanling Sale for \$40000

Tavistock : Through Irish Eyes (NZ) (Zapurple by Zabeel) 2017;
12 Apr 2025, 1st Bendigo JC Off the Track H. 2400m
Sold by Henley Park at National Yearling Sale for \$150000

The Bold One : The True Believer (NZ) (Bailar Riovida by No Excuse Needed) 2017;
06 Apr 2025, 1st Ballarat TC Hammonds Paint Highweight 2200m





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Tivaci : Hammoon Thunder (NZ) (Baby Shacks by O'Reilly) 2019;
05 Apr 2025, 1st Hillston JC Hillston Cup 1700m

Tivaci : Wolf Club (NZ) (Cosmic by Pins) 2019;
07 Apr 2025, 1st Dubbo TC Ezyquip Hire Maiden H. 1600m

Tivaci : Littlebitcheeky (NZ) (Cheex by Savabeel) 2021;
07 Apr 2025, 1st Donald DRC Steel Metaland Maiden P. 1620m

Tivaci : Turn it Up Tommy (NZ) (Zelitist by Zabeel) 2018;
12 Apr 2025, 1st Werrabee RC Benny Grinter Bucks Day H. 2200m
Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$50000

Vadamos : Caboche (NZ) (Floramour by More Than Ready) 2018;
05 Apr 2025, 1st BRC Gibson H. 1805m
Sold by Curraghmore at National Yearling Sale for \$180000

Vadamos : Rhinoceros (NZ) (Hot in Pink by Lonhro) 2018;
05 Apr 2025, 1st MRC Robert Taranto H. 1400m

Zoustar : Zouthur (NZ) (Thurlow by Sebring) 2019;
05 Apr 2025, 1st GCTC Happy Birthday David Delahunty H. 1200m

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Embellish : Chateau le Peche (NZ) (Lovetrista by Rock Of Gibraltar) 2020;
06 Apr 2025, 1st HKJC Graduate School Alumni H. 2000m
Sold by Kiltannon Stables Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$65000

Redwood : (Casa) Rochester (NZ) (Christmas Lily by More Than Ready) 2020;
09 Apr 2025, 1st HKJC Oi Man H. 1650m

Shamexpress : Deflation - Flying Fortress (H.K.) (NZ) (Starguru by Ishiguru) 2020;
09 Apr 2025, 1st HKJC Mong Kok H. 1650m

Ten Sovereigns : Top Throne (NZ) (Twice Smitten by Bernardini) 2021;
06 Apr 2025, 1st HKJC New Asia Alumni H. 1200m
Sold by Haunui Farm at National Online Yearling Sale for \$21000

MALAYSIA

Charm Spirit : Big Max (NZ) (Red Robyn by Iffraaj) 2020;
05 Apr 2025, 1st Selangor TC Class 5 H. 1200m
Sold by Windsor Park Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$34000
Sold by Pertab Racing at Ready to Run Sale for \$120000

Charm Spirit : Cash Cove (NZ) (So Nice by Mastercraftsman) 2019;
06 Apr 2025, 1st Selangor TC Class 4 H. 1200m
Sold by Kawa Park at Ready to Run Sale for \$11000
Sold by Seaton Park Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$32000

Derryn : Antipodean (NZ) (Pakapunch by Per Incanto) 2020;
05 Apr 2025, 1st Selangor TC Supreme A S. 1400m
Sold by Regal Farm at Ready to Run Sale for \$23000

Highly Recommended : Red Sun (NZ) (Folies Bergere by O'Reilly) 2019;
06 Apr 2025, 1st Selangor TC Class 5 H. 1200m

Preferment : Don't Forget Boss (NZ) (Swooning by Raven's Pass) 2020;
06 Apr 2025, 1st Selangor TC Class 4 H. 1700m
Sold by Wentwood Grange at National Yearling Sale for \$30000
Sold by Riverrock Farm at Ready to Run Sale for \$75000

Remind : Khao Manee (NZ) (Criquette by Forensic Evidence) 2017;
06 Apr 2025, 1st Selangor TC Class 5 H. 1500m
Sold by Long Acres Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$5000

Rip Van Winkle : The Wild Prince (NZ) (Ali Spur by More Than Ready) 2017;
06 Apr 2025, 1st Selangor TC Class 5 H. 1150m
Sold by Cambria Park at Ready to Run Sale for \$25000

Rubick : Red Dragonfly (NZ) (Unfazed by Zabeel) 2020;
05 Apr 2025, 1st Selangor TC Class 4 H. 1400m
Sold by Carlaw Park at National Yearling Sale for \$80000

Shamoline Warrior : Uptown Girl (NZ) (Murphy's Cash by Aucash) 2016;
05 Apr 2025, 1st Selangor TC Class 5 H. 1150m

Too Darn Hot : Duma (NZ) (Podravina by Bel Esprit) 2021;
06 Apr 2025, 1st Selangor TC Ready to Run Graduate Cup 1400m
Sold by Prima Park at Ready to Run Sale for \$45000

U S Navy Flag : Navy Seals (NZ) (Zambezi by Zabeel) 2020;
05 Apr 2025, 1st Selangor TC Class 5 H. 2000m
Sold by Woburn Farm at Ready to Run Sale for \$70000

