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WILLIAMS HONoured WITH DAMEHOOD



Catriona Williams has been appointed a Dame Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit in Monday's King's Birthday honours. (Bruno Cannatelli)

Two thoroughbred industry stalwarts have been bestowed one of New Zealand's highest honours in the King's Birthday honour list, including Catriona Williams, who has been appointed a Dame Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit for her services to spinal cord injury research and equestrian sport.

Williams, the founder and driving force behind the CatWalk Spinal Cord

Injury Trust, has been a pillar of the worldwide effort into spinal cord injury research over the last two decades, and her efforts were recognised on Monday.

Williams was one of New Zealand's leading international equestrian riders but following a riding accident more than 20 years ago, which damaged her spinal cord, resulting in Williams becoming a C6/C7 tetraplegic, she is now confined to a wheelchair.

Williams' determined nature, which led to her becoming a top rider, was then harnessed to help researchers find a cure for spinal cord injuries, and as a result, the CatWalk Spinal Cord Injury Trust was formed in 2005.

It was very apt that Williams was honoured on the 20th anniversary of the Trust, but she said the accolade won't dampen her resolve to find a cure.

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"CatWalk was originally started by a group of friends who wanted to help me," said Williams, who operates Little Avondale Stud with her husband, Sam.

"When we had a big chat about it, we talked about the fact that ACC are here for the practical things like ramps into houses and making things like showers accessible.

"We decided that if we were going to make a difference, we needed to back research and no one was doing it at the time. That is how CatWalk came about, and it has just grown from an idea into a real movement in 20 years.

"What we are really proud of is that we are now a global entity. We work closely with our partnerships with Spinal Research UK, Christopher Reeve Foundation, Perry Cross in Australia,

and we are so close to some really significant breakthroughs, it is really exciting.

"We are 20 years in, which is great, but the ultimate goal would be for CatWalk to be obsolete and not required anymore. That's a goal, and the money can go elsewhere. I am really proud of our team who continue to work so hard and keep the flag flying."

Williams said the thoroughbred industry has been a pivotal supporter of the Trust.

"CatWalk could not have done it without the backing of the thoroughbred industry," Williams said. "They have been an enormous support.

"We are not stopping yet, there is still more to achieve. It is not about the accolades, it is about getting people

back on their feet, so there is more to come."

Williams has also been recognised for her services to equestrian sport, with Monday's honour complementing her induction into the Equestrian Sports New Zealand Hall of Fame two years ago.

She owes her love for the horse to her mother, Maureen, and said her formative years in the saddle were a key part in building her resilient nature and preparing her for the struggles of life in a wheelchair.

"I was lucky to have a mum that was horse mad and got me into horses," Williams said. "I always say horses take you places, so it doesn't matter whether it is polo, eventing, showjumping or racing, the

relationship with the horse is key for so many reasons.

"Life is hard, and it throws a lot of challenges at you, and especially in the horse world. The highs are jolly high, but by golly the lows can be low. I think having that education on a horse at an early age set me up for dealing with this spinal injury.

"It doesn't matter who you are, we all have our challenges, and it is about getting up, getting going and keep putting one foot in front of the other and doing the best you can."

Williams has been inundated with messages since the announcement of her Damehood, but said the first to reach out this morning was Cambridge Stud's Brendan Lindsay, who was also recognised in the King's Birthday honours, having been appointed a Knight Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to business and philanthropy.

"One of the first texts this morning was from Brendan," Williams said. "I feel very fortunate to be in great company and from someone I admire enormously for all the work that he has done from the business he built up and the work that he continues to do. To be beside him is a treat.

"I also had a beautiful text from one of our (CatWalk Trust) ambassadors this morning, Sophia Malthus, and her words were 'congratulations, but most of all, thank you', so that meant a lot.

"I got a lovely text from our ambassador, Lance O'Sullivan, and I received a really lovely video from Roddy and Gina Schick (Windsor Park Stud). It meant so much.

"We have great people in our industry, and I feel very fortunate to be here."

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Catriona Williams was all smiles after her win at the races in Flemington. (Bruno Cannatelli)





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KNIGHTS OF THE CAMBRIDGE STUD ROUNDTABLE



Brendan Lindsay, pictured with his wife Jo, has been appointed a Knight Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit in the King's Birthday Honours. (Race Images)

The Cambridge Stud legacy continues to grow, with current co-principal Brendan Lindsay appointed a Knight Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit in the King's Birthday Honours for his services to business and philanthropy.

Lindsay purchased the renowned operation off founder Sir Patrick Hogan, who received the same honour 25 years ago for services to the thoroughbred industry.

"Sir Tristram (former Cambridge Stud stallion), Sir Patrick and now Sir Brendan," Lindsay said. "It is a real honour, and you are joining a pretty exclusive club. It is a bit surreal, and we are over the moon obviously, it's great."

"We are going to have a bit of fun and enjoy it with the family today, so that's the main thing."

While Lindsay, and his wife Jo, are major players in the thoroughbred industry, it's Lindsay's deeds outside the sport that led to Monday's honour.

He founded plastics storage container business Sistema

Plastics in 1982 and built it into a global food storage brand. He was recognised for his achievements when he was made a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for his services to business in 2012, and eight years later he was inducted into the New Zealand Business Hall of Fame in recognition of his contributions to business.

Lindsay sold Sistema to an American firm in 2016, with the buyer committing to keep production in New Zealand for 20 years. He started Sistema in his garage, and he said he had no idea of the heights his business would take him.

"I was just trying to pay the mortgage, I never thought anything else but that at the time," he said. "There's never quite enough hours in the day when you first start your business."

Following the sale of Sistema, the Lindsays established the Lindsay Foundation to support New Zealand charities, focusing on family, education, disabilities and animal welfare.

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The many charitable organisations assisted include Pet Refuge, Starship National Air Ambulance Service, New Zealand Riding for the Disabled and Assistance Dogs New Zealand Trust.

Lindsay is a foundation partner of The Zealand Liberation Museum – Te Arawhata in Le Quesnoy, France, which commemorates the 122 New Zealand soldiers who died liberating that village from occupation at the end of the first World War, with no loss of life to the town residents.

"We are in a privileged position, and we need to enjoy it and help other people on the way that aren't quite as fortunate as us," Lindsay said.

"We try to make a bit of a difference wherever we can, and that (philanthropy) gives you a great deal of pleasure."

While the Lindsays get great satisfaction from their charity work, thoroughbred racing is their other passion, and one they have substantially invested in over the last few years, headlined

by their state-of-the-art training facility in Karaka, and world-renowned farm in Cambridge.

The Lindsays gain great enjoyment from racing and breeding, and it forms a part of their life motto.

"It is about enjoying life," Lindsay said. "We are not going to live forever, so we need to make the most of it and create a new memory every day, that's our motto."

While rapt to receive Monday's honour, Lindsay said he was just as pleased when he found out fellow thoroughbred racing identity Catriona Williams, founder of the CatWalk Spinal Cord Injury Trust, has been appointed a Dame Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit for her services to spinal cord injury research and equestrian sport.

"When I read the paper this morning, I saw Catriona's name first and thought 'that is so cool,'" Lindsay said. "She is such a wonderful person."

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SPRING STAKES ASSIGNMENTS FOR TWAIN

Spring stakes assignments are in the crosshairs for exciting gelding **Twain (NZ)** (Per Incanto) following his victory in the Waihou Tavern (1150m) at Te Aroha on Monday.

The four-year-old son of Per Incanto and Group One-winning mare Fleur de Lune (NZ) (Strvinsky) had won four and placed in two of his previous seven starts and was sent out a short-priced \$1.20 on Monday by punters.

From his outside barrier in the six-horse field, Twain drifted back early to sit second-to-last before jockey Triston Moodley elected to punch forward to sit outside leader Caitlyns Wish (NZ) (Belardo).

Twain headed his rival at the top of the straight and continued to build on his advantage, eventually running out a comfortable 1-1/4 length victor, much to the relief of trainer John Bell.

"We had Julius and Mosse, and I have never been as nervous my whole life, there was a little pressure on," Bell said.

"He didn't like that (Heavy9) ground either I don't think. We may give him another start and put him aside and wait for those black-type races later on in the spring and summer time.

"Ellerslie is nice, he enjoys that, and it's a good surface. We will find something in the next three weeks."

Moodley was just as pleased with the winning effort and is hopeful he can retain the ride on the progressive galloper.

"When I came out of the gates, he didn't come out too well, so I decided to take a sit and go behind them, but no one wanted to lead and Maria (Sanson, Jockey aboard Caitlyns Wish) was going forward, so I decided I would lock onto her and follow her through, and it paid dividends," Moodley said.

"Coming into the straight I had so much horse under me, so I let him stride forward and didn't fight him anymore. He pulled away in the straight and even had the audacity to wait for them at the end.

"Hopefully I can stick with the ride for the future."

Twain's dam won six races, including the Gr.1 Railway Stakes (1200m) and Gr.3 Foxbridge Plate (1200m), and Bell has his eyes on the latter with Twain

early next season, which now holds Group Two status.

"He is a true professional, he is a horse we are going to enjoy in the future," he said.

"It is nice to have some nice horses in the stable. For an old fella to get out of bed in the morning, I am starting to struggle, so a nice horse gets you out."

– **LOVERACING.NZ News Desk**

Race	Te Aroha JC Waihou Tavern H. 1150m
Winner	Twain (NZ) 2020
Owners	E Martin
Trainer	John Bell (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Per Incanto (USA) out of Fleur de Lune by Stravinsky (USA)
Breeder	E Martin



Twain winning at Te Aroha on Monday.
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KIWI BREDS DOMINATE AT FINAL PENANG MEETING



Trainer HY Cheng and connections celebrate Lucky Magic (NZ) the final winner at Penang Turf Club on Saturday. (supplied)

New Zealand bred horses won five of the seven races carded at the final meeting to be staged by the Penang Turf Club in Malaysia on Saturday.

Trainer Simon Dunderdale was full of praise for jockey Blaike McDougall after he piloted **Sacred Buddy (NZ)** (Sacred Falls) to victory in the RM150,000 Penang Turf Club Memorial Trophy (1100m).

Making his third appearance in the country after notching five wins from Open Maiden to Class 4 at Kranji, the Sacred Falls gelding overcame a check halfway through the Cosmo C set-weight race and took a split between runners in the final 200m to claim victory by a neck.

"He (McDougall) is a class jockey," said Dunderdale who also combined with McDougall to take out the opening event on Bull Fight.

"The horse (Sacred Buddy) has been improving since he came over from Singapore."

Sacred Buddy rewrote the 1110m track record with a time of 1 min 2.80 second, shaving 0.9 second off the previous best set in 2013.

"We got a check but he (Sacred Buddy) refused to be beaten and came home strongly," said McDougall who was riding at the track at the first and last time.

"It is a lovely track and it's sad racing has to end here."

Talkingtalkingguru (NZ) (Telperion) got his second win in succession in the Special Class 5 (1200m). The former Singapore runner has got all three career wins since arriving in Malaysia.

Graphjet Express (NZ) (Belardo) got a hard fought victory in the RM100,000 Jockey Club of Turkiye Trophy (1400m) he returned to racing earlier this

month after being on the sidelines for nine months.

Another former Singapore galloper, previously raced as Tenebrosi with Te Akau Racing, **Contarelli (NZ)** got his third win since arriving in Malaysia in the Special Class 4 (1400m).

Lucky Magic (NZ) (Mendelssohn), who won the Penang Gold Cup on this track last December, will go down in history as the very last winner in Penang, taking out the last race (Special Rapid Stakes A- 1300m).

The Mendelssohn gelding has now won seven of 12 starts since arriving in the country from New Zealand.

"I had some good winners here. I will miss the place," said trainer Cheng Han Yong as he and the connections of Lucky Magic unhurled a banner with the words "We will miss you forever Penang Turf Club" at the winner's enclosure.

— [Turfonline.com](https://www.turfonline.com)

CUNNING HURDLER'S **SIXTH STRAIGHT WIN**

Patrick and Michelle Payne's **The Cunning Fox (NZ)** (Reliable Man) made it six wins from six jumps starts with a gutsy Australian Hurdle victory at Sandown on Sunday.

Despite coming under riding from Tom Ryan a fair way from home, the striking grey, who cost Prime Thoroughbreds just \$30,000 as a yearling, surged in the straight and lifted late to score by just under two lengths as a \$3.10 chance.

Highland Blaze (Highland Reel) flew late to go into second, while Affluent (NZ) (Zed) tired late to run a brave third, but The Cunning Fox was far too good and further stamped himself as one of the stars of the hurdling caper.

Ryan, who picked up his fourth Australian Hurdle and his second consecutively, was full of praise for his mount.

"He probably should not have won today, but it was only the fact that the horse is so tough," he said.

"We didn't go overly quick, and then they quickened at the top of the hill, and I was totally left flat-footed. I said, 'I'm beaten here.'"

"But to be fair to him, he winged the second-last and I was hoping just to stay on their coattails.

"But once we got into the straight, I gave him one backhanders is all, and the way he went... you could nearly see him putting the ears back and fighting.

"He is a tough, tough horse."

The Cunning Fox was bred by Sven Hanson who bred and raced Reliable Man, who stands at Westbury Stud in New Zealand. – **racing.com**

Race	MRC Australian Hurdle 3900m
Winner	The Cunning Fox (NZ) 2018
Owners	Mr J V O'Neill, Mr L R Buller, Mrs D J Duddy, Mrs L Harris, Mr G Thiele, Mr R M Allport, Power Thoroughbreds, Mr N D Rance, Dr D S Karpin
Trainer	Patrick & Michelle Payne (Plumpton)
Breeding	by Reliable Man (GB) out of Cross Rate (IRE) by Green Tune (USA)
Breeder	J Hanson



The Cunning Fox remained unbeaten over hurdles in the Australian Hurdle at Sandown on Sunday. (Grant Courtney)



CLASS PREVAILS **WITH COOL AZA RENE**

Proven Te Akau Racing filly **Cool Aza Rene** (Cool Aza Beel) put her quality on display when prevailing in a competitive Nellies Restaurant and Bar 2YO (820m) at Wingatui on Sunday.

A winner at her first two starts through the spring, Cool Aza Rene had started favourite in the Gr.2 Wakefield Challenge Stakes (1100m) in December, but after an uncharacteristic performance to finish the last of five, the filly pulled up shin-sore.

Returning to Te Akau's Riccarton stable in the late autumn, Cool Aza Rene trialled impressively at Ashburton before journeying further south to the Dunedin venue, where she was the most-experienced in a field made up of a number of first-starters.

The daughter of Cool Aza Beel was a deserved favourite, but punters still identified Eternal Light (NZ) (Jon Snow) (\$5.30), stablemate Options Open (NZ) (Darci Brahma) (\$5.70), and Better Shared (NZ) (Overshare) (\$6.30) as potential dangers. Jumping from barrier seven, apprentice jockey Ace Lawson-Carroll was positive early, driving forward to settle off the fence in third.

The big-striding El Vaquero (NZ) (Ferrando) headed the juvenile field into the home turn and Cool Aza Rene picked up to draw level with him at the 200m, and despite getting a decent

bump from her rival, the filly was too tough and got up by a head.

Debutant Eternal Light wasn't far away in third, with another length margin back to an improving Better Shared.

"It was a good tough effort and obviously she got through the testing ground quite well," said Mark Walker, who trains her in partnership with Sam Bergerson. "She showed a lot of heart to get up and win, close to the line.

"She's building quite a nice record and we'll look to run her again on the 21st of June in the two-year-old race over 1000m at Riccarton.

"We really do like the progeny of Cool Aza Beel, especially as they look as though they'll keep developing into much better three-year-olds."

Cool Aza Rene is by a former Te Akau Racing galloper in Cool Aza Beel (NZ) (Savabeel), while her dam, Irene, is by another past star of the stable in Xtravagant. She was purchased for A\$55,000 out of Newhaven Park's draft at Magic Millions' Gold Coast Yearling Sale, and from four starts, has earned just shy of \$85,000.

– **LOVERACING.NZ News Desk**

Race	Otago RC Nellies Restaurant 2YO S. 820m
Winner	Cool Aza Rene (AUS) 2022
Owners	Te Akau One Cool Beel Racing Partnership (Mgr: Karyn Fenton-Ellis MNZM)
Trainer	Mark Walker & Sam Bergerson (Matamata)
Breeding	by Cool Aza Beel out of Irene (AUS) by Xtravagant
Breeder	Newhaven Park Stud



Cool Aza Rene won the Nellies Restaurant and Bar 2YO (820m) at Wingatui on Sunday. (Race Images South)

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RESILIENT NICHOLAS BACK IN THE WINNER'S CIRCLE

Cambridge apprentice Elen Nicholas has spent more time on the sidelines than in the saddle over the last couple of years, but she was back where she belongs at Te Rapa on Saturday – in the winner's circle.

Nicholas returned from her most recent injury earlier in May and the Phillip Devcich-trained **El Zoro (NZ)** (Burgundy) delivered a much-awaited first success for the young hoop, saluting in the Wright Civil 2200.

Settling in the one-one, El Zoro travelled in a good rhythm throughout

the staying contest and loomed up on the home turn, finding a good kick in the straight to score by a length from Justice.

"It was good to get one over the line, because I'd had a few rides before getting the monkey off the back," Nicholas said. "It was really good.

"He was actually my first ride back from injury, the first day that I'd ridden him I thought he was a bit of an older, lazy horse and I sent him a little bit too hard and woke him up too much.

"It worked out perfectly in the

race this time, I got a nice position on him and rode him a little bit more conservatively. It paid off in the end."

Originally hailing from Wales, Nicholas initially came to New Zealand in mid-2018 and commenced her apprenticeship in 2020, and while she has accumulated over 80 winners since, the road has been far from smooth.

Nicholas has sustained a number of injuries in race-riding falls, the worst of those coming at Hastings in January last year, when her mount was brought

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El Zoro and Elen Nicholas winning at Te Rapa on Saturday. (Trish Dunell)

RESILIENT NICHOLAS BACK IN THE WINNER'S CIRCLE

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down by another horse. The talented hoop broke her leg in three places, requiring a plate in her ankle and a long road to recovery.

While hugely disappointed to be back at square one, Nicholas, alongside her partner Shaun Phelan, made a conscious decision to give her body the time it needed to fully heal.

"I just wanted to give myself plenty of time because I've made a comeback too soon in the past," she said. "I spoke with my partner Shaun and we agreed at least a year off the scene would be beneficial.

"There were times where it looked like I wouldn't make a return to riding at all, but I gave myself a full 12 months and then decided to get the plate removed from my ankle, even though I didn't have to have that done.

"I got the plate removed in December and then I've just been slowly building back, I work with a personal trainer online in the UK called James from XCompete. He's helped a lot with my fitness and nutrition, and because I'm not a completely natural lightweight, there's been a little bit of a challenge with that.

"But, because I've had so much time to get myself in the right shape for it, it has been alright getting back."

At the age of 28, Nicholas has experienced more adversity than the average athlete would encounter in their entire career. Despite this, she's gained a fresh perspective, hoping to assist other riders through similar struggles in the future.

"I found the first time being injured, it was pretty scary," she said. "You're used to being so busy with trainers calling you, riding, and being around your racing family, so when that all gets



Elen Nicholas returns to the Te Rapa birdcage after winning aboard El Zoro.
(Kenton Wright (Race Images))

switched off, the silence for any young person is pretty daunting.

"Now that it's happened to me a couple of times, I've learned how to deal with it and it's opened up my eyes to a future after racing. I'd quite like to do something where I can support jockeys through injuries or wanting to make a comeback to racing, that would be something I'd look into.

"I've been lucky to have the support of friends and family, they've always backed me in this journey and I'm very grateful and appreciative to them. Ted McLachlan (agent) was a big influence to me coming back riding, he was very supportive and is a great mentor.

"It can be a hard place, but you can overcome it with the right tools."

While the physical and mental setbacks have been tough, Nicholas' love for the sport never faded, and with at least 18 months remaining in her apprenticeship, she has one goal in mind.

"I love riding horses and racing, so that never went away, but the biggest thing was that every time I thought

about retiring, it honestly made me pretty depressed," she said.

"I thought that if my body is right and I'm fit enough for it, I don't need to finish riding just yet. I ride the horses in trackwork at Shaun's and we've got a few nice horses in work, so working with them was a nice incentive to come back.

"We had a chat with NZTR last year, and I can't remember off the top of my head, but I have at least a year and a half left of my apprenticeship left, if not slightly more. Because I've had so much time with injury, it's great that they allow you to put it on hold.

"I'd like to ride 100 winners, that is a personal goal that I've set myself."

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Race	Waikato TR Wright Civil H. 2200m
Winner	El Zoro (NZ) 2016
Owners	P Devcich & W Riley
Trainer	Phillip Devich (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Burgundy out of Pepita by Colombia
Breeder	T Devcich



ROGAN REWARDED WITH FIRST WINNER AT WANGANUI

A lifelong ambition was fulfilled for Jordan Rogan at Wanganui on Saturday, when the young New Plymouth trainer prepared his first winner in **Snipsnap (NZ)** (Vadamos).

Having worked in both the harness and galloping codes, Rogan had been immersed in the racing industry for a number of years before being gifted Snipsnap, a son of Vadamos who had trialled once in the care of Hunterville horsewoman Lydia Pickford.

Pickford indicated that the horse would require plenty of time, and after underperforming in his first four starts, Rogan gave the gelding over 18 months away from the races.

Returning in a fresh state, Snipsnap was the rank outsider at \$78 in the Sound Electrical Maiden (1340m), but got away positively under Mereana Hudson and raced on-speed to the home turn. Snipsnap had the odds-on favourite Atkins (NZ) (Savabeel) hot on his heels on straightening, but after fending off Just A Nudge (NZ) (Bullbars) to his inside, the gelding kicked clear in the final bounds to score over a late-closing Waft (All Too Hard).

Rogan was rapt with the performance, a big reward after exercising plenty of patience with the five-year-old.

"It was a day I'll never forget," he said.

"It was especially good to do it with a horse like him, we've given him a year and a half off, so to get him back to the races and winning first-up is pretty cool.

"He was the first horse I started under my own name, I've worked in the harness code as well and had a winner as an owner, and then this horse was given to me by Lydia Pickford. She thought he just needed a bit of time and I gave him a few runs a couple of years ago, and as I said on TV, I think on average he was beaten 21 lengths.

"He just needed more time and luckily, I had the patience to do it."

Bred by Daniel and Elias Nakhle, Snipsnap is out of a Perfectly Ready mare Ready Steady (NZ), who won five races and placed at stakes level as a three-year-old. Four of Ready Steady's victories came on a good track, and Rogan suspects his charge may not be looking for much worse than Saturday's Heavy8 surface.

"He's been a bit deceiving, but yesterday wasn't too wet and I don't think he'll cop a really heavy track so we'll just have to see and play it by ear," he said.

"I think he could get a mile, Mereana was pretty happy with him and said he won without really letting down yesterday. I don't really know what I've got, hopefully something better than a maiden anyway."

Originally from the Manawatu, Rogan grew up watching the races with his father and still follows the harness, while plying his trade in the thoroughbred code.



Snipsnap winning the Sound Electrical Maiden (1340m) at Wanganui on Saturday for Jordan Rogan. (Peter Rubery (Race Images Palmerston North))

"I'm born and bred in Palmerston North, and my Dad was always very interested in racing and watching it on TV," he said. "If it wasn't for him, I wouldn't be in racing.

"I helped in a couple of stables in Palmy then for a couple of people up north, I've always loved both codes. I've strapped at the races for a couple of different trainers and always give anyone a hand, it's been good to do both and I still keep up with who is winning in the harness up north as well.

Rogan is now based out of John Wheeler's stable in the Taranaki region, where he and his partner, apprentice jockey Elle Sole, have a couple of young horses coming through.

"I wouldn't be able to do what I'm doing without John Wheeler, I train my horses out of his stable and work for him," he said. "I have the use of the track and walker, so that's a big help.

"I just have the one racehorse at the moment, but I'm breaking three in and have a broodmare in foal, so it's starting to get up there a bit. I'm enjoying doing the breakers with my partner and having a nice, select number at the moment.

"In the future, I'd like to be able to get to something a bit bigger, but I'm happy with where I'm at right now."

– **LOVERACING.NZ News Desk**

Race	Wanganui JC Sound Electrical Maiden S. 1340m
Winner	Snipsnap (NZ) 2019
Owners	N H J Munro, A Neil, Mrs D M & P D Pascoe, J C Rogan & I Tucker
Trainer	Jordan Rogan (New Plymouth)
Breeding	by Vadamos (FR) out of Ready Steady by Perfectly Ready (AUS)
Breeder	D E & E Y Nakhle
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SHAMEXPRESS	\$15,588,261
TAVISTOCK	\$13,466,442
SHOCKING	\$7,176,660
PROISIR	\$6,888,693
SUPER SETH	\$6,720,293
CHARM SPIRIT	\$6,440,926
ALMANZOR	\$6,398,659
IFFRAAJ	\$5,934,245

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THE DEWAR STALLION TROPHY

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
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PER INCANTO	\$12,355,583
TAVISTOCK	\$10,898,835
ALMANZOR	\$5,840,546
PROISIR	\$5,729,265
SUPER SETH	\$5,528,465
SHOCKING	\$5,351,058
OCEAN PARK	\$4,904,438
REDWOOD	\$4,528,271
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THE GROSVENOR AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$5,851,504
PROISIR	\$3,202,515
ALMANZOR	\$2,774,060
SHOCKING	\$2,632,755
PER INCANTO	\$2,173,190
TAVISTOCK	\$2,064,540
VADAMOS	\$2,026,035
DERRYIN	\$2,019,810
IFFRAAJ	\$2,016,220
BELARDO	\$1,915,395

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
LEICA LUCY	\$1,014,260
GRAIL SEEKER	\$553,750
MAFIA MAMMA	\$95,480

Criteria: Leading Sires by Earnings in New Zealand

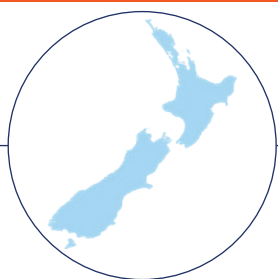


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NEW ZEALAND BRED WINNERS

HONG KONG (28 MAY)

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
WOOD ON FIRE (NZ) 2015 by Per Incanto (USA) out of Lutine Belle by O'Reilly	Mrs A G Irving; Central; NZ	HKJC Dordogne H. 1200m.	2017 National Yearling Sale - Select V: Little Avondale Stud \$75000 P: P Ho
PRESTIGE GOOD (HK) Shaded (NZ) 2020 by Sacred Falls out of Lamplighter (AUS) by Fastnet Rock (AUS)	S Camille; Auckland; NZ	HKJC Sauternes's Cup 1650m.	

HONG KONG (31 MAY)

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
LUCKY MAN (NZ) 2020 by Shamexpress out of Christmas Day (AUS) by Zabeel	F Niu; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Shing Mun River Channel H. 1400m.	2022 Gavelhouse October Sale V: Vision Farm \$10500 P: Joshua Barker
LUCKY MY WAY (NZ) 2021 by Proisir (AUS) out of Spirit of Sandford by Kilimanjaro (GB)	C T Grammer; D W Mayers; P D Stopforth & Mrs S J Taylor; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Sha Tin Hoi H. 1200m.	2023 National Yearling Sale - Book 1 V: Landsdowne Park Ltd \$330000 P: WK Choy / P Wong
DAZZLING FIT (NZ) 2021 by Ribchester (IRE) out of Sapphire Lass (AUS) by Charge Forward (AUS)	Ms R Bennett & D A Dollimore; Auckland; NZ	HKJC Tin Sam H. 1400m.	2023 National Yearling Sale - Book 2 V: Haunui Farm \$115000 P: Tartan Meadow B/stock
KA YING ATTACK (NZ) 2021 by Too Darn Hot (GB) out of Refreshing (AUS) by Stratum (AUS)	Jamieson Park Ltd; Auckland; NZ	HKJC Fo Tan H. 1400m.	2022 National Weanling Sale V: Jamieson Park \$30000 P: RR Philp

MALAYSIA (31 MAY)

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
TALKINGTALKINGGURU (NZ) 2020 by Telperion (AUS) out of Light Up A Screen by Conatus (AUS)	G Harvey; Auckland; NZ	Penang TC Class 5A H. 1200	2022 Ready To Run Sale V: Westbury Stud \$22000 P: Eternity Racing
GRAPHJET EXPRESS (NZ) 2020 by Belardo (IRE) out of Qiji Sunlight by Medaglia D'Oro (USA)	Haunui Bloodstock Ltd; Auckland; NZ	Penang TC Class 4A H. 1400	2022 Ready To Run Sale V: Lilywhites Lodge \$75000 P: R Cham
CONTARELLI (MLY) Tenebrosi (NZ) 2019 by Caravaggio (USA) out of Dark and Stormy by Zabeel	Pencarrow Thoroughbreds Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Penang TC Class 4A H. 1400	2021 National Yearling Sale - Book 1 V: Pencarrow Stud \$85000 P: DC Ellis
SACRED BUDDY (NZ) 2019 by Sacred Falls out of Otago Miss by Darci Brahma	Fairdale Stud (2007) Ltd; Central; NZ	Penang TC Cosmo C. 1100	2020 Gavelhouse NZ 25 May Online Auction V: Fairdale Stud \$800 P: Gabriel Hessian
LUCKY MAGIC (NZ) 2020 by Mendelssohn (USA) out of No Love Letters (GB) by Roderic O'Connor (IRE)	J Crowley; NZ	Penang TC Rapid Stakes A. 1300	2022 National Yearling Sale - Book 1 Sale V: Prima Park \$35000 P: Mr B Kwok 2022 Ready To Run Sale V: Prima Park \$75000 P: HY Cheng Racing Stable

MALAYSIA (01 JUNE)

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
TWO MILLION (NZ) 2019 by Zacinto (GB) out of Orquidea by Montjeu (IRE)	Pencarrow Thoroughbreds Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Selangor TC Class 5B H. 1400	2021 National Yearling Sale - Book 1 V: Landsdowne Park \$25000 P: Bruce Perry Bloodstock (BAFNZ) 2021 Ready To Run Sale V: Riversley Park \$45000 P: Jason Lim
SESON (NZ) 2017 by Dalghar (FR) out of Kalevala by Falkirk	Miss J K S Mahoney; NZ	Selangor TC Class 4B H. 1020	



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AUSTRALIA

Ace High : Drakaina (NZ) (Justa Secret by Sakhee's Secret) 2020;
28 May 2025, 1st WATC A-1 Engineering H. 1200m

Ace High : Stage 'n' Screen (NZ) (Inthespotlight by O'Reilly) 2021;
29 May 2025, 1st Southside Racing Sammy Takes on Justin H. 1200m
Sold by Kiltannon Stables Ltd at Ready to Run Sale for \$200000

Almanzor : Diamond Show (NZ) (Zenella by Zabeel) 2021;
27 May 2025, 1st Hawkesbury RC Brad Widdup Racing Maiden P. 1600m

Ardrossan : Taken (NZ) (Katherine Wright by Henrythenavigator) 2021;
24 May 2025, 1st MRC Sportsbet H. 1600m

Belardo : Belegato (NZ) (Humoresque by Iffraaj) 2021;
24 May 2025, 1st BRC Darby McCarthy 3YO P. 1110m
Sold by Haunui Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$60000

Belardo : Knobelias (NZ) (Knowable by Sacred Falls) 2021;
29 May 2025, 1st Southside Racing Sarah Takes on Lisa Maiden P. 1600m
Sold by Prima Park at National Yearling Sale for \$20000

Complacent : Casual Connection (NZ) (Casual Fling by O'Reilly) 2018;
24 May 2025, 1st ATC PF Civil H. 2400m

El Roca : La Cometa (NZ) (Itsy Bitsy by Ocean Park) 2021;
25 May 2025, 1st SCTC Coastline BMW H. 1800m

Gallant Guru : Crimson Miss (NZ) (Blush by O'Reilly) 2020;
31 May 2025, 1st Illawarra TC Paul Bridge Memorial Maiden P. 1300m

Ghibellines : Campaldino (NZ) (Zuzana by Shocking) 2020;
31 May 2025, 1st BRC Queen Elizabeth II Cup Gr.3 2400m

Harry Angel : War Machine (NZ) (Caserta by Hussonet) 2020;
24 May 2025, 1st BRC BRC Sprint Gr.3 1350m

Jimmy Choux : Dennis Choux (NZ) (Nimbletoes by Flying Spur) 2017;
24 May 2025, 1st WATC Reliable Asset Maintenance H. 1600m

Jimmy Choux : Dennis Choux (NZ) (Nimbletoes by Flying Spur) 2017;
31 May 2025, 1st WATC Hygain H. 2200m

Mahisara : Winston Smurphill (NZ) (Primera by Reset) 2018;
30 May 2025, 1st SCTC Beko H. 1300m

Ocean Park : The Mariner (NZ) (Sha Tin Sunday by Exceed and Excel) 2019;
29 May 2025, 1st Hamilton RC Carters Transport H. 1200m

Ocean Park : Hooligan Tommy (NZ) (Contrada by O'Reilly) 2020;
31 May 2025, 1st Illawarra TC JJJ Racing H. 1600m
Sold by Epona Park at National Yearling Sale for \$50000

Per Incanto : Prima Bella (NZ) (Brah Spring by Darci Brahma) 2020;
26 May 2025, 1st Newcastle JC Coastal Advice Group H. 900m

Proisir : Doctor Robert (NZ) (Sebring's Drama by Sebring) 2019;
31 May 2025, 1st Hawker RC Hawker Cup 1750m

Puccini : Any Luck (NZ) (Luckzat by Lucky Unicorn) 2019;
25 May 2025, 1st Millicent RC Millicent Cup 2050m

Rageese : Badgers Nuts (NZ) (Crystalline by Zabeel) 2018;
26 May 2025, 1st GCTC (Beaudesert) TAB H. 1650m
Sold by Pencarrow Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$130000

Redwood : Antino (NZ) (Mahamaya by Bahhare) 2018;
24 May 2025, 1st BRC Doomben Cup Gr.1 2000m
Sold by Cheltenham Stables at Ready to Run Sale for \$27000

Ribchester : Stonegate Lane (NZ) (Hy Fuji by Fuji Kiseki) 2020;
26 May 2025, 1st Bathurst TC Thank You Patrons Maiden P. 1400m
Sold by Wentwood Grange at National Yearling Sale for \$90000

Rip Van Winkle : Lady Pappygate (NZ) (Lady Guinness by Falkirk) 2020;
25 May 2025, 1st Ballarat TC Sportsbet H. 1500m

Roc de Cambes : The Storyteller (NZ) (Animate by Zabeel) 2020;
29 May 2025, 1st Southside Racing Luke W Takes on Suzanne H. 2500m

Sacred Falls : Sacred Rocks (NZ) (Rocks for Me by Fastnet Rock) 2020;
28 May 2025, 1st Sale TC Kwik Tip Bins H. 1200m

Sacred Falls : Hollywood Hero (NZ) (Movie by Savabeel) 2019;
24 May 2025, 1st ATC Charity Challenge H. 1600m
Sold by Ohukia Lodge Ltd at Ready to Run Sale for \$600000

Savabeel : Merry Old Soul (NZ) (Tuesday Joy by Carnegie) 2018;
24 May 2025, 1st Mareeba TC Heavy Diesel Mechanics H. 1800m

Savabeel : Around the Buoy (NZ) (Candelabra by Pins) 2019;
31 May 2025, 1st Ipswich TC Winter Provincial Stayers H. 2200m

Savabeel : Pick Up the Tab (NZ) (Cover Charge by Take Charge Indy) 2021;
31 May 2025, 1st Illawarra TC Tristan Triffitt H. 1400m
Sold by Cambridge Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$220000

So You Think : Victory Bay (NZ) (Clevedon Bay by Redoute's Choice) 2018;
24 May 2025, 1st Mount Isa RC Benchmark H. 1450m

Super Seth : Madiyya (NZ) (Ruqqaya by Van Nistelrooy) 2021;
31 May 2025, 1st MRC Rod Griffiths H. 1600m

Swiss Ace : Niance (NZ) (Cosmetic by Red Giant) 2019;
31 May 2025, 1st MRC Bel Esprit S. L. 1100m

Tarzino : Bearings (NZ) (Mapmaker by Volksraad) 2021;
26 May 2025, 1st Newcastle JC HMF Cup 2230m
Sold by Mapperley Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$140000

Tavistock : Villaden (NZ) (Romantic Time by Fastnet Rock) 2018;
24 May 2025, 1st Chinchilla DARC WDC H. 1200m
Sold by Cambridge Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$220000

Tavistock : Superstock (NZ) (Sistabeel by Savabeel) 2019;
25 May 2025, 1st Ballarat TC All in Accounting H. 2000m

Tivaci : Littlebitcheeky (NZ) (Cheex by Savabeel) 2021;
30 May 2025, 1st Bendigo JC Avis H. 2200m

Turn Me Loose : Bring Forth (NZ) (Deedee Panache by Darci Brahma) 2021;
30 May 2025, 1st Bendigo JC Apiam Animal Health Maiden P. 1500m
Sold by Windsor Park Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$150000

Vadamos : Varane (NZ) (Aplomb by One Cool Cat) 2020;
28 May 2025, 1st Sale TC Ranford's Family Butcher H. 1400m

Vadamos : Eroica (NZ) (Kill Bill by Danerich) 2019;
24 May 2025, 1st Murray Bridge RC Mosel Surveying H. 1100m

War Decree : Luvnwar (NZ) (Pretty Woman by Pins) 2020;
28 May 2025, 1st WATC Free Entry H. 1200m
Sold by Beaufort Downs Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$22500

Wrote : Pulchritudinous (NZ) (Showus by Pentire) 2020;
24 May 2025, 1st BRC Magic Millions Mile Gr.3 1600m
Sold by Milan Park at National Yearling Sale for \$32500

Wrote : Tabor (NZ) (Lone Survivor by Magic Albert) 2021;
28 May 2025, 1st Sale TC Gipps Wifi Maiden P. 1717m
Sold by Highview at National Yearling Sale for \$65000

Zed : Affluent (NZ) (Opulence by Danroad) 2018;
26 May 2025, 1st MRC (Mornington) Betavet H. 3000m
Sold by Grangewilliam Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$140000

Zoustar : Listentozou (NZ) (Lady de Bathe by High Chaparral) 2020;
29 May 2025, 1st Cairns JC B&K Dent H. 1500m



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Coats Choice : Our Flash Harry - Do Your Part (H.K.) (NZ) (Blue Blond by Stravinsky) 2020;

25 May 2025, 1st HKJC Russian Emperor H. 1400m

Darci Brahma : Voyage Boss (NZ) (Italic by Medicean) 2021;

25 May 2025, 1st HKJC Makarpura Star H. 1200m

Sold by The Oaks Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$100000

Per Incanto : Wood on Fire (NZ) (Lutine Belle by O'Reilly) 2015;

28 May 2025, 1st HKJC Dordogne H. 1200m

Sold by Little Avondale Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$75000

Proisir : Lucky My Way (NZ) (Spirit of Sandford by Kilimanjaro) 2021;

31 May 2025, 1st HKJC Sha Tin Hoi H. 1200m

Sold by Landsdowne Park Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$330000

Ribchester : Dazzling Fit (NZ) (Sapphire Lass by Charge Forward) 2021;

31 May 2025, 1st HKJC Tin Sam H. 1400m

Sold by Haunui Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$115000

Sacred Falls : Shaded - Prestige Good (H.K.) (NZ) (Lamplighter by Fastnet Rock) 2020;

28 May 2025, 1st HKJC Sauternes's Cup 1650m

Shamexpress : Lucky Man (NZ) (Christmas Day by Zabeel) 2020;

31 May 2025, 1st HKJC Shing Mun River Channel H. 1400m

Tivaci : Mister Dapper (NZ) (Posavina by Tiger Hill) 2019;

25 May 2025, 1st HKJC Helene Super Star H. 1600m

Sold by Pencarrow Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$30000

Too Darn Hot : Ka Ying Attack (NZ) (Refreshing by Stratum) 2021;

31 May 2025, 1st HKJC Fo Tan H. 1400m

Sold by Jamieson Park at National Weanling Sale for \$30000

MALAYSIA

Derryn : Behind Player (NZ) (Dutch Striker by Van Nistelrooy) 2019;

25 May 2025, 1st Selangor TC Class 5 H. 1600m

Sold by Curraghmore at South Island Sale for \$6050

Sold by KB Bloodstock at Ready to Run Sale for \$22000

Eminent : A Beautiful Mind (NZ) (Danasia by Danehill) 2020;

24 May 2025, 1st Perak TC Class 5 H. 1600m

Sold by Lilywhites Lodge at Ready to Run Sale for \$70000

Iffraaj : Paletas (NZ) (Always Happy by Aldebaran) 2016;

25 May 2025, 1st Selangor TC Class 4 H. 1150m

Jimmy Choux : King Ravana (NZ) (Melrose Gardens by Marju) 2016;

24 May 2025, 1st Perak TC Class 5 H. 1600m

Sold by Regal Farm at Ready to Run Sale for \$85000

Sold by Landsdowne Park Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$80000

Mongolian Khan : Beyons Skies - Top Confidence (Sing.) (NZ) (Baralo'kash by Kashani) 2019;

24 May 2025, 1st Perak TC Class 5 H. 1300m

Nicconi : Joyee Go (NZ) (Hoopla by Hinchinbrook) 2021;

25 May 2025, 1st Selangor TC Class 5 H. 1200m

Sold by Riversley Park Ltd at Ready to Run Sale for \$25000

Sold by Cambridge Stud at National Weanling Sale for \$20000

Preferment : Don't Forget Boss (NZ) (Swooning by Raven's Pass) 2020;

25 May 2025, 1st Selangor TC Supreme C.S. 2000m

Sold by Wentwood Grange at National Yearling Sale for \$30000

Sold by Riverrock Farm at Ready to Run Sale for \$75000

Prince of Brooklyn : Salaam Namastey (NZ) (Odalisque by Iffraaj) 2019;

24 May 2025, 1st Perak TC Cosmo C.S. 1200m

Sweynesse : Surrey Hills (NZ) (Sister City by Elusive City) 2018;

25 May 2025, 1st Selangor TC Class 4 H. 1200m

Sold by Wentwood Grange at National Yearling Sale for \$20000

Turn Me Loose : Pacific Soldier (NZ) (Soleil Dore by Medaglia d'Oro) 2020;

25 May 2025, 1st Selangor TC Class 5 H. 1150m

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