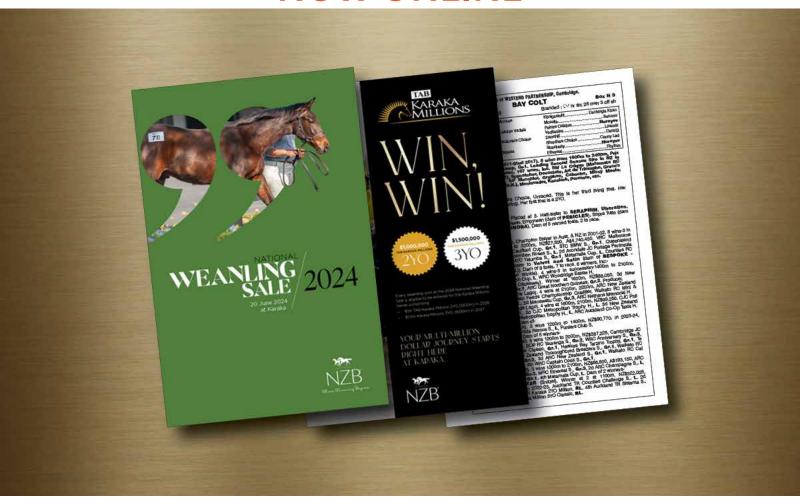


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NZB'S WEANLING SALE CATALOGUE **NOW ONLINE**



he countdown to next month's 2024 National Weanling Sale is underway, with a quality catalogue of 150 youngsters now available to view online.

Set to be held on Thursday 20 June at Karaka, the Sale offers an enticing opportunity for both pinhookers and end users to secure quality stock, with the session a proven source of racetrack and investment success.

Group One winners Pignan (NZ) (Staphanos), Callsign Mav (NZ) (Atlante) and Jennifer Eccles (NZ) (Rip Van Winkle) were all purchased as weanlings from Karaka for no more than \$15,000. While Karaka Millions hero Tokyo Tycoon (NZ) (Satono Aladdin) was also initially purchased from the Sale for \$50,000 before being reoffered at Karaka later that year and realising \$125,000.

Buyers will have access to secure the same potential performers with the progeny of established sires Proisir, Savabeel, Almanzor, Per Incanto, Sweynesse and Shocking on offer, along with the final foals of champion sire Darci Brahma.

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NZB'S WEANLING SALE CATALOGUE NOW ONLINE

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Emerging sires including Super Seth, Ace High, Ardrossan, Satono Aladdin, U S Navy Flag, Hello Youmzain, Circus Maximus, and King of Comedy are well represented in the catalogue. While first season sires are strongly featured – with sons or daughters of Sword of State, Noverre, Armory, The Chosen One, St Mark's Basilica and Wooded due to make their first appearance in the sales

There is plenty of quality on the

dams' side as well, featuring the progeny of 15 stakes-performing mares and 20 siblings to stakes-performers, with names such as Coeur Volante (NZ) (Proisir), Holymanz (NZ) (Almanzor), Honorable Spirit (Charm Spirit), Pudding (NZ) (Tavistock), Whimsical (NZ) (Savabeel) and more noted among the pedigrees.

Following the recent developments of the boosted Karaka Millions Series and raft of positivity in the domestic racing industry, NZB's Bloodstock Sales Manager Kane Jones is looking forward to the boutique sale.

"We are pleased with the catalogue assembled and expect keen interest and participation from pinhookers, traders and end-users alike, especially given the feeling of the industry right now."

"There is healthy demand for our New Zealand product, given the incredible racetrack success throughout Australasia and further afield in recent seasons.

"The quality and strength of our local proven stallions is as buoyant as ever and the market is eagerly anticipating the first opportunity to purchase progeny of exciting local freshman sires Armory, Noverre, Sword Of State and The Chosen One.

"There is certainly something for everybody and the Karaka Millions eligibility is a big bonus," he added.

All weanlings offered are eligible to be nominated for NZB's lucrative Karaka Millions Series. Graduates can compete for a share in the \$1m TAB Karaka Millions 2YO (1200m), followed by the \$1.5m TAB Karaka Millions 3YO (1600m) as well as the new \$1m Mega Maiden Series comprising of 40 non-Saturday maiden races located throughout New Zealand.

Selling is set to take place at the Karaka Sales Centre from 11am (NZT) on Thursday 20 June.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Bruce Sherwin Appointed Interim NZTR Senior Handicapper

Following a global search over the last 2 months, NZTR is yet to attract a suitable candidate to fill the role previously occupied by Neil Jennings as NZTR's Senior Handicapper. As an interim measure, NZTR has appointed Bruce Sherwin on a fixed term 3-month contract to fill this vacancy effective today 13th May.

Bruce's skill set is highly suited to this role, given his extensive experience in relevant handicapping areas. He has overseen NZTR's Handicapping Complaints process since 2013 and has been an integral member of the NZTR Handicapping Review Committee since 2014, assuming the chairmanship in 2022. In 2015, Bruce was appointed to the New Zealand Pattern Committee, and from 2022, he has served as New Zealand's representative to the Asian Pattern Committee.

The NZTR Board has granted Bruce a leave of absence from the Board to undertake the role of Handicapper. During the 3-month contract period, Bruce will not serve as a director on the NZTR Board. Any potential conflicts of interest have been identified and will be actively managed to uphold the highest standards of integrity.

Bruce Sherwin has undertaken that no horse he has an interest in will race during the 3-month contract period as Senior Handicapper, in accordance with Rule 525(3) of the Rules of Racing. Additionally, Bruce will not wager or provide tips related to racing during this time, as mandated by the role.

Finally, NZTR will continue to search globally for a suitable full-time candidate over the next 3 months.



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WHISKEY'N ROSES

LOOKING FOR A TASTE OF CHAMPAGNE

tilt at stakes level is in the offing for exciting juvenile **Whiskey'N Roses (NZ)** (Belardo) following his debut runner-up performance behind Magice over 1200m at Matamata last Wednesday.

The son of Belardo was green in the concluding stages of his debut outing and showed there is a heap of improvement to come, although that might not be seen until next season.

The Listed Staphanos At Novara
Park Champagne Stakes (1600m) at
Pukekohe later this month is the only
race on the radar for trainer Joanne
Surgenor, who is loath to ask too much
of her talented young gelding too early.

"He is just developing all the time," she said. "It (talent) is definitely there, it was just unfortunate that his first start had to be left-handed because there wasn't anything else available.

"There is that Listed mile but whether he gets a mile or not (I am not sure). There is no two-year-old 1400m going into the mile. It is a \$100,000 race and there is no lead up into it.

"He has pulled up really well and he ate up really well, so he might go to that mile, or we might put him in the paddock. I will work him a couple of days next week and see how he is and how we feel. If we aren't happy, we will just put him in the paddock.

"I think he is going to be a super three-year-old hence why I am in doubt as to whether we push the button too much at the moment or just pop him in the paddock."

Whiskey 'N Roses was bred by Ashford Lodges' Peter and Sherin Walker, who also had plenty of success with his close relation Showoroses (NZ) (Showcasing), who Surgenor trained to win five of her 20 career starts, including the Gr.2 Cal Isuzu Stakes (1600m), Gr.2 Rich Hill Mile and Gr.2 Auckland Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes (1600m), and also placed in the Gr.2 Eight Carat Classic (1600m), Gr.3 Bonecrusher Stakes (1400m), Cal Isuzu Stakes and Auckland Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes.

"It has been a great family for us, we have been very lucky with them," Surgenor said.

While Surgenor is weighing up the immediate racing future of Whiskey 'N Roses, she is looking forward to heading to Te Rapa this coming Saturday to resume the racing career of Dior Sauvage (NZ) (Almanzor).

"He had a tie back operation and he trialled up really well at Pukekohe (last month when winning his 1100m heat)," Surgenor said. "He then got a bit of a throat infection, so we had to back off. We are looking forward to getting him to Te Rapa next Saturday.

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Joanne Surgenor believes she has found another exciting prospect from the family of her former multiple Group Two winner Showoroses (pictured).

(Trish Dunell)





JOSHUA BROWN DELIVERS SENTIMENTAL WIN

t was a sentimental day at Arawa Park on Saturday for Cambridge trainer Lance Gussey after he recorded his first win as a trainer courtesy of **Joshua Brown (NZ)** (Dalghar), a horse bred by his late father Ronald Gussey.

The son of Dalghar was having just his second raceday outing, having finished fifth over 1230m at the Rotorua venue last month, before returning to post a head victory in the Peter Ludgate Memorial Race 1215 on Saturday.

"We always knew that he had the speed, all we needed was to get him clear in the straight and he would do the rest. We were pretty confident and I was rapt with the win," Gussey said.

Racing was a massive part of Gussey's father's life, with Ronald having trained for more than three decades up until his passing two years ago, however, Gussey didn't share his father's passion for the sport.

He still helped out at his father's stable later in life, and upon his passing, Gussey decided to continue his father's legacy by taking out his own trainer's license and take over running his Cambridge barn.

"I've never really been interested in horses or horse racing, but the reason I got involved was because my Dad knew what he was talking about and I want to finish what he started," Gussey said.

"I have always helped Dad out with the horses because he was the only one there and when he got old, and they (horses) got a bit stroppy, I had to try and lead them.

"I was in the process of getting my license to help him just in the birdcage and things prior to him dying, but we didn't end up getting there, so I thought I would finish it for him."

Joshua Brown is one of a handful of horses Gussey has continued to race and he said his father had a sentimental way of naming his horses.

"Every horse he has left us is a special horse, they have all got the grandkids names," Gussey said.

"Joshua Brown is named after my sister's boy over in Australia. We have also got Pepe Peperoni (NZ) (Dalghar),



Joshua Brown (outside) winning at Arawa Park last Saturday. (Kenton Wright (Race Images))

who is named after my daughter. We had Superior Sam (NZ) (Preferment), who was named after my other daughter, and she has been sold to Australia.

"We have got two with Alex Forbes over in Te Awamutu and we are doing two here. He has just broken-in another one for us, which we will be starting in the next couple of weeks. He has got some promising ones there including She'll Be Right (NZ) (Dalghar), who is Josh's sister."

Pepe Peperoni will attempt to keep the party going when she heads to Cambridge's synthetic meeting on Wednesday where she will contest the Saddlery Warehouse 1300.

"She has got a wide draw (16), but she is going to give it a crack, she is feeling pretty full of herself," Gussey said. "She is more suited to the summer tracks, but we thought we would give her another run before we turn her out."

Gussey is also continuing his father's breeding legacy, having welcomed a half-sister to Joshua Brown, Pepe Peperoni and She'll Be Right, by Rich Hill Stud stallion Satono Aladdin.

"We have got another foal that was born in September last year, who is by Satono Aladdin out of Midnight Mistress," he said. "She looks amazing." – **LOVERACING.NZ News Desk**



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WINNING RUN CONTINUES FOR DENNIS

obert Dennis' results since returning to Southland continue to far exceed his expectations.

The Ascot Park trainer celebrated his 12th winner this season when **Loftys Gift (NZ)** (Ghibellines) continued her purple patch of form with victory in Sunday's Wairio Cup (2200m).

Dennis originally began training out of Woodlands and subsequently had a spell with Andrew Forsman's Cambridge stable before returning with his family to Southland toward the end of last year.

"We had our first runner in January and initially I thought if we could get five wins then I would be happy," he said.

"We haven't gone to many meetings of late without coming home with a winner so long may that last.

"Everyone knows you need good horses and good staff to do well and at the moment we've got the recipe right, so things are going very well.

"To be in this position is really good and it's great to turn them around and get results with tried horses for connections."

Dennis has also worked hard to complement the older members of the stable with a base for ongoing success.

"We've got a lot of young horses coming through as well, there's about 10 yearlings and 10-odd two-year-olds on the books," he said.

His latest success story Loftys Gift finished fourth in her

southern debut before reeling off a hat-trick of victories.

"She is just full of confidence at the moment and we were really happy with her going into the race," he said.

"She had improved off her previous run and the only concern was the very heavy track. I know she had won on a Heavy 10 before, but it was really testing and she got through it well enough.

"She won on a Good 4 at Wingatui quite impressively and showed a good turn of foot to do so, she's very versatile and very tough and that opens up a few options going forward.

"At the moment, the next race we're looking at is an open 2200m at Wingatui on June 2 and we'll see how she goes there before deciding what we do after that."

Loftys Gift is raced by the Matijasevich family under their Markwood Lodge banner with the Knot Enough Syndicate.

Bred by the Anderton family, the Ghibellines mare won twice for Cambridge duo Shaune Ritchie and Colm Murray before relocating south.

"Jack Stewart at White Robe Lodge has a connection with Matijasevichs, and he suggested to them that Lofty would suit my stable," Dennis said.

"Jack has been a big help sourcing horses for the stable and I guess other owners up north have seen us produce results with tried horses, it generates a bit more interest.

"We had an owners' day at the races on Sunday and



probably had about 50-odd people through the room and about 300 owners altogether across all the horses, so it was really good.

"It's snowballing through a combination of results with good horses, good owners and good staff."

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Loftys Gift (outside) winning the Wairio Cup (2200m) on Sunday. (Monica Toretto)





DENNIS FAMILY DYNASTY CONTINUES

he Dennis family name is synonymous with Southland thoroughbred racing, and on Friday Christopher Dennis added to his family's racing legacy when notching his first official training win at Riverton.

While Dennis has had a lifelong involvement in racing, he didn't take out his training license until four years ago, and had just 15 prior starts before **The Kings Girl (NZ)** (The King) broke through for his first win in the Waiau Valley Shearing/Aparima Electrical Maiden (1400m).

Dennis was pleased to get the result with the mare he bred, who is by The King, a stallion he stands for the family at his Woodlands property.

"I was really rapt," Dennis said. "She is a Dennis family bred horse, both sire and dam, and the syndicate is predominantly family members, with a few friends of the family involved. It was a major accomplishment."

Originally in the care of Riccarton trainers Michael and Matthew Pitman, The Kings Girl returned to Dennis' care last year and he has taken a patient approach with the homebred.

"We sent her up to the Pitmans to get broken in as a three-year-old as she was still a bit immature as a two-yearold, the breed likes a bit of time," Dennis said.

"She had a couple of starts with them (Pitmans). She came home and we turned her out in the paddock and I thought I would give her a go. Last year I gave her a few starts but she caught a virus during winter and it took her a wee while to get over it. She showed promise and was unlucky a couple of times.

"This year she has turned the corner and we have got a couple of placings



The Kings Girl winning at Riverton last Friday. (Monica Toretto)

and it finally culminated with the win on Friday. We are absolutely thrilled."

The son of Martin Dennis, one of the Dennis Brothers quartet, Christopher Dennis has always had a keen interest in racing and has helped his father and uncles out over the years before deciding to take out his own license out at the start of the decade.

"You don't have much choice (about racing) when you have the Dennis surname," Dennis quipped.

"I have been following Dad and my uncles around since I was big enough to lift a dung bucket to clean out boxes.

"I am just very lucky that I have got four gentlemen with 60-odd years experience each to lean on.

"It is my first win under my own name and I was glad to do it at Riverton racecourse, it was the same course my uncles, Ray and Tony, won their first races as well. There is a fair bit of family history there." The Kings Girl became her sire's third winner, and Dennis was delighted to record his first training victory with a mare sired by the homebred son of O'Reilly.

"I stand The King for the family," he said. "He hasn't had any mares for the last two years, but Brian Anderton is a very staunch supporter and is going to be sending a mare out (this coming season)."

Dennis is pleased to have etched his name alongside many of his family members as a winning trainer, and said the Dennis family name looks to be in good hands for the future, with a number of the next generation keen to get involved in the sport.

"Some of my nephews and nieces are very keen, so the next generation is coming through as well, which was good to see," he said.

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TAIT FOLLOWING HER PASSION

eading southern apprentice jockey and registered nurse
Denby-Rose Tait fittingly celebrated International Nurses'
Day with a winning double at Ascot Park on Sunday.

Originally bailing from Hawke's Bay Tait yentured to

Originally hailing from Hawke's Bay, Tait ventured to the Garden City to become a nurse, and soon found herself balancing a three-year degree with a jockey apprenticeship.

"I am a fully registered nurse now, which is quite exciting, although I'm not practising at the moment," Tait said.

"When I graduated last year, I took a step back and decided I really wanted to give my all and commit to becoming the best jockey I can be."

She completed the early portion of her apprenticeship under Ross Beckett, and midway through the season she elected to change over to the stable of Terri Rae, based out of Riccarton Park.

The move had Tait on the sidelines for eight weeks through February and March, after accumulating 16 winners in the first half of the season and topping the South Island-based apprentice ranks. The 23-year-old made the most of the time with a trip home, before commencing her term under Rae's guidance.

"Before I started with Terri, I took 10 days off and went home which was my longest stint away from work and Christchurch in four years. It was amazing to be around my family," Tait said.

"I want to be riding at my best and even though being a jockey can be all-consuming, I think it is really important to maintain that balance and just be a happy human."

Despite enjoying her time away from the saddle, Tait was counting down the days to her return, and soon picked up where she left off saluting at the Riccarton Synthetic meeting aboard Rae's mare Morning Star (NZ) (Per Incanto).

The momentum continued on Sunday at the Wairio Cup meeting, where she guided Sally McKay's pair of Industrialist (NZ) (Sweet Orange) and La Opcion (Choisir) to victory in successive races in the two Rating 65 1400m contests.

Tait had ridden McKay's talented sprinter Henry Hubber to success earlier in the season and was thrilled to deliver a double for the local horsewoman.

"I have had a bit to do with Sally's team, she is a great person to deal with and it makes my job a lot easier when the horses are trained and prepared as well as Sally's are," Tait said. "It was a super effort by her and the horses. "I am so thankful to have so much support from owners and trainers after such a long stint on the sidelines as well."

Tait also paid significant credit to her new employer for the success.

"Coming to Terri's has reignited my passion not only for racing, but also being around the horses, so I'm loving it, and everything is going really well," she said.

"The way she runs her stable is immaculate and she's an incredible horsewoman and trainer.

"I'm really appreciative of the opportunities she has given me, as well as the feedback and constructive criticism on my race-day rides. It's second to none, and I want to keep improving as much as I can with her guidance.

"Hopefully moving into the later part of the season I can really emulate what she has taught me at the races."

Tait hopes to add to her tally at the Riccarton Park Synthetic meeting on Thursday, where she noted two of Russell McKay and Ashley Harrington's runners to be strong contenders.

"I have four rides for Riccarton at the moment, including little Maggie McMuffin who ran a really brave third at the last synthetic meeting in the 1400. She'll be back in the 1200 which I think will suit her style of running," she said.

"Royce Roca is another of my rides, she's a grand old campaigner who dug really deep and came back into form at my last start on her.

"I have full faith that the McKay team will be ready to go, and hopefully they'll both produce another brave run."



Denby-Rose Tait salutes after her win aboard Industrialist at Ascot Park on Sunday.(Monica Toretto)





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CASINO PRINCESS EARNS TAURANGA CLASSIC SHOT

black-type assignment is looming on the horizon for Casino Princess (NZ) (Casino Prince) after she capped a consistent formline with victory in Saturday's Macmillan Accountants (1560m) at Rotorua.

The five-year-old daughter of Casino Prince went into Saturday's race as the winner of three of her nine career starts. She had placed in another four, including all of her three previous appearances in her current preparation.

Casino Princess resumed with a third behind Freeze Frame (NZ) (Vadamos) at Matamata in late February, then was runner-up at Tauranga to the subsequent Gr.3 Easter Handicap (1600m) placegetter Chattahoochee (NZ) (Reliable Man). In her last start at Te Rapa on April 14, Casino Princess had a tough three-wide run and rider Tayla Mitchell dropped her whip, but she still finished a close second behind Zantabulous (NZ) (Almanzor).

Saturday's \$35,000 Rating 75 race marked a deserved breakthrough for Casino Princess. She jumped well from the inside gate and was given an economical run by jockey Michael McNab, settling in fourth behind Madame Le Fay (Smart Missile), Extortion (NZ) (Casino Prince) and Nigella Lane (NZ) (Niagara).

McNab moved across heels coming up to the home turn and brought Casino Princess cruising up on the outside of Extortion at the top of the straight. McNab released the brakes and Casino Princess quickly opened up a clear lead.

Resuming stayer Pacheco (NZ) (Makfi) stormed home in the last 150m to provide a late scare, but Casino Princess was far enough in front and held on by a long head.

"There was a good speed and I just sat behind that, then tracked up," McNab said. "She got out at the right time and won well.

"She's in solid form. I've been annoying the connections for a little while to get on her, and I finally got on her today. I was a little bit surprised by how big she is, but she's got a good winning attitude."

From 10 starts, Casino Princess has now recorded four wins, two seconds and two thirds. She has earned \$64,610 for her Tauranga owner-trainer Cliff Goss and co-owner Darryl Heaphy.

Goss has now set his sights on a home-track feature on June 22 – the Listed Tauranga Classic (1400m).

"I'm very pleased with that," the remarkable 92-year-old trainer said. "When she galloped at home the other day, I thought she went good enough that day to win a Railway (Gr.1, 1200m), and here we are at Rotorua in May.

"There's a fillies and mares' race at Tauranga coming up next month, and that's going to be her next target. She has to go up into open company now. You don't know how they'll cope with that until you try them, but I think she can take the step up into that level."

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Casino Princess winning at Arawa Park on Saturday. (Trish Dunell)





ORLOV ENHANCES RECORD WITH NEW PLYMOUTH VICTORY

rogressive galloper **Orlov (NZ)** (Sweynesse) made it consecutive victories and three wins in his last five starts when he dashed home near the fence to take out the feature flat race at New Plymouth on Saturday, the Landmark Homes (1800m).

The six-year-old son of Sweynesse is raced by a group including his trainer David Haworth, who co-bred him and had produced a career best performance at his last start when taking out a rating 90 2040m contest at Wanganui, in the process downing handy performers Prince Alby (NZ) (Sacred Falls) and Aljay (NZ) (Rock 'N' Pop) who featured prominently in the Listed Rotorua Cup (2200m) further north on Saturday when finishing sixth and second respectively in the black type event.

Settled towards the rear of the eight-horse field by rider Kate Hercock, Orlov looked to be battling slightly approaching the home bend as Poser (NZ) (Ocean Park), White Noise (NZ)

(El Roca) and pacemaker Our Jumala (NZ) (Zed) had settled down to a three-way struggle.

Our Jumala shook off the other pair at the 150m and looked set for victory but hadn't factored in the finishing burst of Orlov who had a full head of steam at that point as he charged along closest to the fence to dash through and win by a half-a-length at the line.

Haworth was delighted with the win as he explained the horse was coming into his own following a wind operation earlier in his career.

"He is racing really well of late and it was another good performance yesterday (Saturday)," Haworth said.

"We had considered going to Rotorua for the Cup after his last victory, but I felt this was a better option rather than travelling all the way up there and maybe striking an unsuitable track.

"He has always had ability but he had to have a wind operation and I think in this campaign he is finally learning how to manage it.

"He was coming up nicely and then he got a virus that took him a while to get over but now he is right, and you can see that in his form of late.

"That could be his last run in this campaign although we



Orlov winning at New Plymouth on Saturday. (Peter Rubery (Race Images Palmerston North))

might hold on and try to get him to Trentham if the tracks say alright but that could be a longshot at this time of the year.

"It was great to win as the race sponsors (Landmark Homes) sponsored one about eight years ago that his mother (Diamond Cut) won so it is quite the coincidence."

Haworth was also looking forward to Diamond Cut (NZ) (Guillotine) foaling down later this year as she is carrying a foal by Gr.1 New Zealand 2000 Guineas (1600m) winner Noverre who will stand for his third season at Waikato Stud for a fee of \$10,000+GST in 2024.

Orlov is the first foal of Diamond Cut, a daughter of Guillotine, who won four races in a truncated 13-start career that was curtailed by injury.

He comes from an extended family that includes multiple Australian Group One winner Stony Bay (NZ) (Dahar) while he also traces back to outstanding gallopers Romanee Conti (NZ) (Sir Tristram), Grand Echezeaux (NZ) (Zabeel) and champion New Zealand two and three-year-old Darci Brahma (NZ) (Danehill) who went on to a stellar career at stud following his outstanding racetrack performances.

Orlov has now won eight of his 32 starts and over \$153,000 in prizemoney.

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CONNELLO STRIKES WINNING FORM

AT NEW PLYMOUTH

wo-year-old filly **Connello** (**NZ**) (Time Test) produced a powerful home straight sprint in tricky conditions to capture her maiden victory when taking out the AB Electrical Ltd 2YO (!200m) at New Plymouth on Saturday.

The Lisa Latta-trained daughter of Time Test was fresh-up off a break following a similar effort at Trentham back in March where she also finished strongly for third behind the promising Sergeant Major (NZ) (Proisir).

Settled near the rear by rider Chris Dell during the early stages of the race, Connello was more than eight lengths from tearaway pacemaker Pleasing (NZ) (Russian Revolution) approaching the home bend with Dell hard at work as he urged her to move into contention.

Connello picked up the bit nicely early in the run home and quickly joined issue at the 150m before holding out a late challenge from Cambridge visitor Raziah (NZ) (Niagara) to win by a nose at the line.

Latta was pleased to see the way the filly stretched out in the run home as she eyes a black type target for her early in June.

"We gave her a freshen up after her Trentham run and the couple of weeks in the paddock has worked well for her," Latta said.

"She is a true little professional and she really found the line nicely and appeared to enjoy the wetter track conditions.

"I think she will be a better filly during her three-year-old season but while she is in form we are looking at the Castletown Stakes (Listed, 1200m) for her at Wanganui on the first weekend in June as a nice target."

Dell was all smiles after the victory as he spoke about the performance by his mount.

"Race experience always puts them in good stead as she was up against a number of first starters," he said.

"She has been around some good horses lately and has knocked on the door

"She is an honest little horse and she copped the track which is a huge thing going forward."

Bred by Helen Phinney, Tom
Johnston and Georgia Brown under
their HGT Bloodstock banner along
with part-owner David Woodhouse,
Connello is out of the Towkay mare
Baillieborough and is from a family that
traces back to outstanding juvenile
galloper Beaufort Lass who was a
multiple stakes winner and rated the
top filly on the 1981-82 NZ 2YO Free
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Connello (centre) winning at New Plymouth on Saturday. (Peter Rubery (Race Images Palmerston North))



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SACRED FALLS	\$5,746,281			
CHARM SPIRIT	\$5,466,682			
OCEAN PARK	\$5,444,404			

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

THE DEWAR STALLION TROPHY				
STALLIONS	EARNINGS			
SAVABEEL	\$17,273,036			
TAVISTOCK	\$9,572,969			
PROISIR	\$5,421,132			
BULLBARS	\$5,320,887			
PER INCANTO	\$5,280,514			
OCEAN PARK	\$4,292,226			
RELIABLE MAN	\$4,152,774			
ALMANZOR	\$4,040,206			
SACRED FALLS	\$3,750,987			
IFFRAAJ	\$3,724,442			

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

THE GROSVENOR AWARD				
STALLIONS	EARNINGS	BEST PERFORMERS	EARNINGS	
SAVABEEL	\$4,712,036	ORCHESTRAL	\$1,566,375	
PROISIR	\$2,526,805	LEGARTO	\$717,625	
TAVISTOCK	\$2,310,530	TOWN CRYER	\$277,850	
PER INCANTO	\$2,122,460	BELCLARE	\$561,875	
ALMANZOR	\$2,000,217	POSITIVITY	\$194,785	
EL ROCA	\$1,991,237	FARAGLIONI	\$257,855	
ZACINTO	\$1,904,656	CROCETTI	\$735,250	
IFFRAAJ	\$1,829,789	JAARFFI	\$222,650	
BURGUNDY	\$1,663,560	MERCURIAL	\$393,325	
CONTRIBUTER	\$1,592,700	CAMPIONESSA	\$606,375	



Criteria: Leading Sires by Earnings in New Zealand



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HONG KONG (08 MAY)

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
NEW POWER (NZ) 2020 by Swiss Ace (AUS) out of River Shannon (AUS) by Mossman (AUS)	G Harvey; Auckland;	HKJC Wyndham H.	2022 Ready to Run Sale V: Westbury Stud \$40000 P:
	NZ	1200m.	Magus Equine
PRECISION GOAL (NZ) 2018 by Tavistock out of	Nearco Stud Limited;	HKJC D'Aguilar H.	2019 NZ 10 Jun Online Auction V: Nearco Stud \$6610
Miraculous Miss (AUS) by Exceed and Excel (AUS)	Canterbury; NZ	1650m.	P: Junhui Wu

HONG KONG (11 MAY)

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
MASSIVE ACTION (HK) Tar and Cement (NZ) 2017 by Reliable Man (GB) out of Classical by Stravinsky (USA)	D G Burrow; Central; NZ	HKJC Tsim Sha Tsui H. 1650m.	
KA YING VICTORY (NZ) 2020 by Charm Spirit (IRE) out of Rockadubai (AUS) by Fastnet Rock (AUS)	Trelawney Thoroughbreds Ltd & Whakanui Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Mong Kok H. 1000m.	2022 National Yearling Sale - Book 1 V: Trelawney Stud Ltd \$100000 P: Enigma Farm
SUN OF MAKFI (NZ) 2016 by Makfi (GB) out of Palos de Lago by Encosta de Lago (AUS)	Mrs C J; K P & P H Brown; R M Fitzroy & I G Hickey; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Hung Hom H. 1650m.	
AWESOME TREASURE (NZ) 2017 by Charm Spirit (IRE) out of Bizz by Volksraad (GB)	A D; J D & Mrs L J E Scoular & Mrs S J Tothill; Central; NZ	HKJC Kowloon Cricket Club Centenary Cup 1200m.	2019 Ready To Run Sale V: Ohukia Lodge \$60000 P: Mr G Old

MALAYSIA (11 MAY)

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
SOON YOU THINK (NZ) 2014 by Showcasing (GB) out of Contemplate by Dream Well (FR)	Haunui Bloodstock Ltd; Auckland; NZ	Perak TC Class 5B H. 1600	2016 National Yearling Sale – Select Session V: Haunui Farm \$50000 P: Soliloquy Lodge
GAMESTONKS (MLY) Enjoy The Show (NZ) 2016 by Showcasing (GB) out of Danasia (AUS) by Danehill (USA)	Haunui Bloodstock Ltd; Auckland; NZ	Perak TC Enrich Stakes A. 1300	
GREATEST ALL TIME (NZ) 2018 by Shamexpress out of All Our Chips (AUS) by Redoute's Choice (AUS)	Monovale Holdings Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Perak TC Class 5B H. 1200	2021 Gavelhouse April Sale V: Maree Marshall \$6250 P: Siew Kim Ng
TRIPLE ONE STAR (MLY) Cut To The Chase (NZ) 2013 by Darci Brahma out of In Essence (AUS) by Fusaichi Pegasus (USA)	Mrs K J & M H Dalgleish; NZ	Perak TC Class 5B H. 1400	



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SINGAPORE (12 MAY)

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
FAST AND FEARLESS (NZ) 2016 by Iffraaj (GB) out of Just a Dream by Volksraad (GB)	Mrs J K Brown; Canterbury; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1100m.	2018 National Yearling Sale - Book 2 V: Haunui Farm \$50000 P: S Cole 2018 Ready to Run Sale V: Ohukia Lodge Ltd \$100000 P: Hardwicke Racing/Waterford B/stock
ATLAS (NZ) 2016 by Atlante (AUS) out of Update by O'Reilly	Simms Davison; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1600m.	2018 National Yearling Sale - Book 1 V: Mapperley Stud Ltd \$50000 P: Cliff Brown Racing
SABAH WIN (NZ) 2019 by Turn Me Loose out of Quintessentially by High Chaparral (IRE)	Pencarrow Thoroughbreds Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1200m.	2021 Ready to Run Sale V: Kilgravin Lodge \$40000 P: TW Kok
RODA ROBOT (NZ) 2019 by Mongolian Khan (AUS) out of Piper by O'Reilly	Inner Mongolia Rider Horse Industry (NZ) Ltd; Auckland; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1400m.	2021 NZ Rider Horse 24 Apr Online Auction V: Inner Mongolia Rider Horse Industry (NZ) Ltd \$3100 P: Jason Ong
GROOVY (NZ) 2019 by Swiss Ace (AUS) out of Kahala by Captain Rio (GB)	Lanford Investments Ltd; Auckland; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1200m.	2021 Ready to Run Sale V: Lilywhites Lodge \$40000 P:TW Kok

MALAYSIA (12 MAY)

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
TIPPING POINT (NZ) 2017 by Highly Recommended (AUS) out of Tiverton by Pins (AUS)	A W Jones & Mrs E W Morris; Canterbury; NZ	Selangor TC Class 4B H. 1020	





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AUSTRALIA

Al Maher : Tullaghan (NZ) (Tully Thunder by Thunder Gulch) 2017;

04 May 2024, 1st SAJC Grand Syndicates H. 2004m

Almanzor: Positivity (NZ) (Pussy O'Reilly by O'Reilly) 2020;

11 May 2024, 1st SAJC South Australia Fillies Classic Gr.3 2500m

Sold by Woburn Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$160000

Charm Spirit: Charmed Run (NZ) (Schooner Bay by Falkirk) 2019;

10 May 2024, 1st Cranbourne TC Happy Mother's Day H. 1000m

Charm Spirit: Noteworthy (NZ) (Neverland by Big Brown) 2019;

09 May 2024, 1st Albany RC Races WA H. 1100m

Charm Spirit: The General (NZ) (Roxon by Postponed) 2016;

11 May 2024, 1st Quilpie Diggers RC Quilpie Cup 1586m

Sold by Windsor Park Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$120000

Charm Spirit : Collay's Spirit (NZ) (Collay by Makfi) 2018;

11 May 2024, 1st Ipswich TC Allnex Resins Social Club H. 1350m

Sold by Blandford Lodge at National Yearling Sale for \$5000

Darci Brahma : Not a Brass Razoo (NZ) (So Lyrical by Pivotal) 2018;

08 May 2024, 1st Gawler & Barossa JC Sportsbet H. 1522m

El Roca: Lottaroc (NZ) (Lotta Luv by Dubawi) 2018:

11 May 2024, 1st Donald DRC Buloke Plumbing H. 1620m

Sold by Koru Thoroughbreds Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$100000

Eminent : Dulcet (NZ) (Tegwin by O'Reilly) 2020:

06 May 2024, 1st Ipswich TC Seven News H. 1666m

Sold by Wentwood Grange at National Yearling Sale for \$250000

Ghibellines : Ravera (NZ) (Sister Lucy by Pentire) 2019;

04 May 2024, 1st Jandowae APRC Memorial H. 1200m

Iffraaj: Western Empire (NZ) (Western Jewel by Jeune) 2017;

 $05\,\mathrm{May}\,2024$, 1st Northam RC Northam S. Gr.3 $1300\mathrm{m}$

Iffraaj : be Real (NZ) (Stardom by Ishiguru) 2020:

09 May 2024, 1st Newcastle JC Magic Millions Maiden H. 1600m

Niagara: Fancify (NZ) (Laced Up by Keeninsky) 2019;

11 May 2024, 1st MRC Rod Griffiths H. 1400m

Per Incanto: Oak Hill (NZ) (Isstoora by High Chaparral) 2020;

08 May 2024, 1st MRCTile Importer H. 1000m Sold by Little Avondale Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$180000

Per Incanto: Eamonn's Memory (NZ) (In Memory Of by Darci Brahma) 2018;

07 May 2024, 1st Benalla RC Bet365 H. 1206m

Per Incanto: Mrs Chrissie (NZ) (Turf Fire by O'Reilly) 2018:

04 May 2024, 1st MRC MRC Plus H. 1100m

Pins : London Point (NZ) (London Dream by Handsome Ransom) 2018;

04 May 2024, 1st GCTCTAB H. 1200m

Proisir: Whiskey Tango (NZ) (Frills by Bertolini) 2017;

06 May 2024, 1st Werribee RC Evergreen Turf Maiden P. 2720m

Sold by Rich Hill Stud at Karaka May Sale for \$2000

Proisir: Destiny's Delight (NZ) (It's My Destiny by Magic Ring) 2018;

08 May 2024, 1st ATC Petaluma H. 1600m

Raise the Flag: Fiano Now (NZ) (Holy Flame by I Am Invincible) 2020;

08 May 2024, 1st Gawler & Barossa JC Ruby Tuesday Foundation Maiden P. 2132m

Redwood: Antino (NZ) (Mahamaya by Bahhare) 2018;

04 May 2024, 1st BRC Victory S. Gr.2 1200m Sold by Cheltenham Stables at Ready to Run Sale for \$27000

Redwood: Walk in the Woods (NZ) (Lunar Walk by Galileo) 2019;

11 May 2024, 1st Donald DRC Bet365 H. 2200m

Reliable Man: The Cunning Fox (NZ) (Cross Rate by Green Tune) 2018;

05 May 2024, 1st Sale TC Vale Peter Eustace H. 1728m

Road to Rock: Bonny Ezra (NZ) (Ascolini by Bertolini) 2015;

11 May 2024, 1st SCTC Gold Coast Cup 2400m

Sacred Falls: Batoka Chief (NZ) (Miss Lioness by Johar) 2020;

09 May 2024, 1st Pakenham RC Anthony Wadwell Maiden P. 1600m

Sacred Falls: Miss Jennifer (NZ) (Miss Purrfection by One Cool Cat) 2018;

07 May 2024, 1st Goulburn DRC Electel Services H. 1000m

Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$160000

Sacred Falls: Fall for Cindy (NZ) (Cindy Cee by Savabeel) 2019;

04 May 2024, 1st Hawkesbury RC Lawn Shed H. 1400m

Savabeel: Hanafubuki (NZ) (English Rose by Makfi) 2020;

09 May 2024, 1st Kyneton & Hanging Rock RC Bet365 Maiden P. 1856m

Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$100000

Savabeel: Savoir Faire (NZ) (Etiquette by O'Reilly) 2019;

11 May 2024, 1st MRC Darren Gauci H. 2000m Sold by Ohukia Lodge Ltd at Ready to Run Sale for \$640000

Shamexpress: Maracana (NZ) (Rita Moreno by King's Chapel) 2018;

10 May 2024, 1st Cranbourne TC Reed Cranes & Haulage H. 1600m

Shocking: Shock'em Ova (NZ) (Domerova by Domesday) 2018;

11 May 2024, 1st MRC Selangor Turf Club H. 1400m

Sold by Rich Hill Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$26000

Sweynesse: Pontmeirion (NZ) (Beyond Comparison by Mossman) 2018;

11 May 2024, 1st Donald DRC Megelec Electrical Contractors H. 1350m

Sweynesse: Murrajong Road (NZ) (Eleesha by Encosta de Lago) 2018;

11 May 2024, 1st Mackay TC Happy 21st Savannah P. 1560m

Sold by Westend Partnership at Karaka May Sale for \$40000

Tarzino : Kerchak (NZ) (Yugoslavia by More Than Ready) 2018;

04 May 2024, 1st GCTC Beaudesert Raceday June H. 1650m





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Tivaci : Turn it Up Tommy (NZ) (Zelitist by Zabeel) 2018;

10 May 2024, 1st Geelong RC APCO Foundation Giving Day July H. 1525m

Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$5000

Tivaci: Verifier (NZ) (Checkout by Savabeel) 2019:

08 May 2024, 1st MRC Stow Storage Solutions H. 2400m

Turn Me Loose: Jukebox Lucy (NZ) (Hardassah by Exceed and Excel) 2019;

04 May 2024, 1st Barcaldine RC Rooney's Rural H. 1000m

Turn Me Loose: Mooloolaba (NZ) (Viticulture by Rip Van Winkle) 2019;

07 May 2024, 1st Townsville TC Become a Member Today H. 1609m

Sold by Cambria Park at National Yearling Sale for \$7000

Vadamos: Majestic Style (NZ) (Royal Era by Zabeel) 2019:

04 May 2024, 1st Newcastle JC Red Funnel Food Distributors H. 1870m

Sold by Rich Hill Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$170000

War Decree: Northern Decree (NZ) (Catbird Kitty by Catbird) 2019;

04 May 2024, 1st BRC XXXX H. 1600m Sold by Prima Park at Ready to Run Sale for \$160000

HONG KONG

Burgundy: Golden Fairy (NZ) (Steal by Red Ransom) 2018;

05 May 2024, 1st HKJC Special Cargo H. 2000m

Charm Spirit: Hong Kong Hall (NZ) (Lets Have Some Fun by Encosta de Lago) 2019; 05 May 2024, 1st HKJC Game Spirit H. 1200m Sold by Hallmark Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$80000

HONG KONG (CONT.)

Charm Spirit: Ka Ying Victory (NZ) (Rockadubai by Fastnet Rock) 2020;

11 May 2024, 1st HKJC Mong Kok H. 1000m Sold by Trelawney Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$100000

Charm Spirit : Awesome Treasure (NZ) (Bizz by Volksraad) 2017;

11 May 2024, 1st HKJC Kowloon Cricket Club Centenary Cup 1200m

Derryn: Aestheticism (NZ) (La Petite by Savabeel) 2019;

05 May 2024, 1st HKJC Norman Conqueror H. 1600m

Sold by Grangewilliam Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$80000

Makfi: Sun of Makfi (NZ) (Palos de Lago by Encosta de Lago) 2016;

11 May 2024, 1st HKJC Hung Hom H. 1650m

Reliable Man: Tar and Cement - Massive Action (H.K.) (NZ) (Classical by Stravinsky) 2017:

11 May 2024, 1st HKJCTsim Sha Tsui H. 1650m

Shamexpress: Ka Ying Rising (NZ) (Missy Moo by Per Incanto) 2020;

05 May 2024, 1st HKJC Brandy Snap H. 1200m

Swiss Ace: New Power (NZ) (River Shannon by Mossman) 2020;

08 May 2024, 1st HKJC Wyndham H. 1200m Sold by Westbury Stud at Ready to Run Sale for \$40000

Tavistock: Precision Goal (NZ) (Miraculous Miss by Exceed and Excel) 2018;

08 May 2024, 1st HKJC D'Aguilar H. 1650m

MALAYSIA

All Too Hard : Hardcore (NZ) (Lychee by More Than Ready) 2015;

05 May 2024, 1st Selangor TC Class 4 H. 1275m Sold by Westbury Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$60000

Dalghar: Flash Warrior- Chonky Potato (Mal.) (NZ) (Diamond Duchess by Tavistock) 2017:

05 May 2024, 1st Selangor TC Supreme A S. 1020m

Sold by Leanach Lodge Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$6000

He's Remarkable : My Money (NZ) (Seek a Fortune by Kaapstad) 2014;

05 May 2024, 1st Selangor TC Class 5 H. 1275m Sold by Mapperley Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$25000

Highly Recommended : Mainstream (NZ) (Pinaz by Pins) 2018;

05 May 2024, 1st Selangor TC Stayers C S. 1700m Sold by Three Valleys at South Island Sale for \$3600

Makfi: Jungle King (NZ) (Shamabelle by Shamardal) 2016;

05 May 2024, 1st Selangor TC Class 4 H. 1020m

Shamoline Warrior: Uptown Girl (NZ) (Murphy's Cash by Aucash) 2016;

05 May 2024, 1st Selangor TC Class 5 H. 1275m

Zacinto: Roger Roger (NZ) (Swiss Precision by Swiss Ace) 2019;

05 May 2024, 1st Selangor TC Open Maiden H. 1020m

SINGAPORE

Highly Recommended : Engine Start (NZ) (Melrose Gardens by Marju) 2018;

04 May 2024, 1st Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1600m

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

04 May 2024, 1st Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1000m

Rip Van Winkle : The Wild Prince (NZ) (Ali Spur by More Than Ready) 2017;

04 May 2024, 1st Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1200m Sold by Cambria Park at Ready to Run Sale for \$25000

Shamexpress: Murrami Express - Jin Sakamoto (Sing.) (NZ) (Miss Avalon by Fantastic Light) 2018;

04 May 2024, 1st Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1200m Sold by Valachi Downs at National Yearling Sale for \$50000

Star Witness : Very Surprise (NZ) (Costarosa by Encosta de Lago) 2018;

04 May 2024, 1st Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1600m Sold by Cambridge Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$120000

Swiss Ace : Golden Way (NZ) (Musically by Belong To Me) 2017;

04 May 2024, 1st Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1000m Sold by Westbury Stud at Ready to Run Sale for \$110000

Tavistock : Tutukaka - Cavalry (Sing.) (NZ) (Meleka Belle by Iffraaj) 2018;

04 May 2024, 1st Singapore TC Class 2 H. 1600m Sold by Haunui Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$250000

The Bold One: Max the Brave - Free and Happy (Sing.) (NZ) (Coimbra by Mossman) 2017;

04 May 2024, 1st Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1600m Sold by Grangewilliam Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$28000

