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IRISH COLLEEN A SUCCESSFUL KARAKA PURCHASE



Prominent breeder and owner Daniel Nakhle. (Trish Dunell)

Irish Colleen (NZ) set the ball rolling for prominent breeder and owner Daniel Nakhle and the daughter of Shinko King keeps on giving.

She was a gifted performer with two stakes wins to her credit and has subsequently proved to be a gem of a broodmare for the Byerley Park co-founder.

All five of Irish Colleen's foals to race have been successful and includes the Gr.3 White Robe Lodge Stakes winner

Killarney (NZ) (O'Reilly) and three-time Group Three winner and Gr.1 Orr Stakes placegetter (1400m) Crosshaven (Smart Missile).

She is also the granddam of Nakhle's star three-year-old and Gr.1 New Zealand 2000 Guineas (1600m) winner Crocetti (NZ) (Zacinto).

Crosshaven is part-owned by Nakhle and the Ben, Will and JD Hayes-trained son of Smart Missile posted his seventh career victory, and first since the spring

of 2022, when successful over 1100m at Flemington on Saturday.

"He's a favourite and he's been trying very hard with things going against him time after time and it was so nice for the horse to be back in the winner's circle," Nakhle said.

"We've always had confidence in him, as has the stable, so it was great to see."

Nakhle purchased Crosshaven's

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dam out of Fayette Park's New Zealand Bloodstock Weanling Sale draft for \$8,500 and went on to win seven races, including the Gr.2 Concorde Handicap (1200m) and the Listed Rotorua Stakes (1400m).

"Irish Colleen was the first horse I purchased in my own right, I thought I would try and work it out on my own and whether it's her, her foals or grand foals, she just hasn't let me down," he said.

"Trevor and Stephen McKee trained her and she showed plenty from an early stage and won those two stakes

races."

Irish Colleen has crossed the Tasman twice in her breeding career to visit Smart Missile with the first resulting in six-time winner Way Above.

Crosshaven was offered at Karaka by Haunui Farm and purchased for \$80,000 by Lindsay Park Racing with Nakhle remaining in the ownership group.

"Irish Colleen has been home for the last few seasons and gets very, very well looked after and her passport has been cancelled," he said.

"I've got a Vadamos three-year-old out of her and he's a slow maturing

type and a gorgeous horse. He's with Danny Walker and Aaron Tata and shows good ability.

"Danny and Aaron have also got the Brazen Beau yearling and he's just been broken in and will probably come into work toward July 1 or thereabouts.

"She had a Proisir colt last year and he's a belter, she puts a lot of power into her horses and he will hopefully head to the NZB Sale in January."

Irish Colleen is currently empty and will be returning to Proisir later this year.

"She missed to him last year, we tried to get the trifecta with Irish Colleen and her daughter Gracehill (Crocetti's dam) and Gracehill's daughter Rionach all going to Proisir last season," Nakhle said.

"Irish Colleen missed but the other two did get in foal so two out of three isn't bad."

Meanwhile, Crocetti is back in work at Byerley Park ahead of a spring campaign with the Hawke's Bay carnival the intended starting point for the classy son of Zacinto.

"He's going really well and Danny and Aaron certainly did the right thing by giving him two and a-half months off after his last run," Nakhle said.

"He came back on May 14 and is a very happy horse and has strengthened up a bit.

"He looks the part and the aim at this stage will be the Tarzino Trophy (Gr.1, 1400m) first-up as long as the track's okay, if not then we'll have a regroup and work out what Plan B is."

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CATHERINENZ BRINGS PATTERSON ONE STEP CLOSER TO SEASON GOAL

Robbie Patterson has one final box to tick in a phenomenal season for his Taranaki stable, and the win of **Catherinenz (NZ)** (Shamexpress) at Riccarton Park on Saturday brought him within touching distance.

Patterson surpassed a prior personal best of 20 wins by some margin last term, picking up 50 wins and just shy of \$950,000 in stakes earnings. His goal last August was to reach the million-dollar mark while replicating the half-century, and with \$2.1 million recorded and 48 winners with a month of the season left, he has more than reached expectations.

"My goal was to get 50 winners for the season and break the million-dollar mark, and we've doubled that number and are a couple away from 50," Patterson said.

"I've got a few nice chances before the season's end to reach that goal, so hopefully we can tick that box and it'll be very pleasing."

The 48th success came in the form of exciting Shamexpress mare Catherinenz, who travelled south to Riccarton's turf meeting last weekend to contest the Optimise Fertilizers & Equi-lise Rating 75 (1400m).

Prior to the race, her recent record had been near-perfect with two wins in her last three appearances, and she started a \$5.60 second-favourite as the main danger to Zacat (NZ) (Zacinto) (\$5).

Jockey Courtney Barnes was assertive early from barrier seven aboard Catherinenz, pushing forward to sit outside On Song (NZ) (The Bold One), who dictated terms from the front. Moving into the straight, Catherinenz simply jogged up to take the lead and soon put an extending margin on Deep Beauty (Deep Field) who fought valiantly for second, but Patterson's mare was too strong and bolted in by 3-1/4 lengths.

Patterson explained it hadn't been all smooth sailing for Catherinenz since she entered his stable last year, but he was thrilled to see her performing at her peak in the testing conditions.

"Getting her toe into the ground I think has helped her a little bit," he said.

"She won over a mile at Otaki in January, then she had to get an epiglottis entrapment operation done because she was having trouble breathing. That seems to have done the trick,

and she has gone from winning a maiden to winning a 75 in three starts which isn't a bad effort.

"She's only a four-year-old, so I'll probably go to another 75 somewhere as she'll still get in reasonably well at the weights. She'll be an open handicapper after that, so we'll probably try to get her to open grade then give her a break as she's been up for a while.

"She's a very easy horse, not very big and doesn't take much work."

Out of a Guillotine mare Grey Sapphire, Catherinenz was bred and is owned by Roger Blunt, and Patterson has a full-brother in the stable in Shameless Boy who has won two of his four starts.

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Catherinenz winning at Riccarton Park on Saturday. (Race Images South)





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CATHERINENZ BRINGS PATTERSON ONE STEP CLOSER TO SEASON GOAL

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Juvenile stablemate Read About It (NZ) (Wrote) also made his debut in the two-year-old 1000m event at Riccarton and was backed into \$2.70 favouritism after three trial victories in the Central Districts.

The Wrote gelding was one of the slower away from the gates and travelled among the backmarkers as the 12-strong field descended down the chute. Barnes had to navigate a fair amount of traffic on straightening in an inexperienced line-up, and Read About It was one of the few runners to make ground in the race closing strongly into second behind an impressive Imptee (Impending).

"I was very happy with him, it was all about learning for him and there was no races up here in the North Island so I gave him this one to get him ready for the Ryder Stakes," Patterson said.

"He got back, had a few traffic problems and nothing was

making ground from there all day so it was a really good effort.

"He's on the ferry now, he'll be home later this afternoon and he will go have a week in the paddock before targeting that race."

The Listed Ryder Stakes (1200m) will be run at Otaki on July 27, and Patterson will be aiming for a seventh black-type success after picking up a quartet of Group Three's, a Group Two and a Group One this season.

"It'll be a hard season to match again, that's for sure," Patterson said.

"Obviously winning the Wellington Cup (Gr.3, 3200m) and the Thorndon Mile (Gr.1, 1600m) a few hours apart was very special, but I got a big thrill and a bit of a surprise out of winning the Coupland's Mile (Gr.2, 1600m) being my old stomping ground down south."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Brightside to bypass Lawrence

In a tweak to **Mr Brightside's (NZ)** (Bullbars) usual spring program, the star galloper won't chase a third straight win in the P.B. Lawrence Stakes (1400m) at Caulfield.

Co-trainer Ben Hayes said the rising seven-year-old gelding had returned to work after putting on 41 kilograms while he was spelled, and would step up to even time in his work next week.

"We'll miss the Lawrence Stakes this year. We just wanted to give him some more time," Hayes said.

"He's carrying some nice condition, but that's a good position to be in at this time. He'll be starting evens next week. We are really happy with him; he's put on some good weight, can't fault him. He's a happy horse and he's working in great fashion."

Hayes said the winner of over \$13 million would return to racing in the Gr.1 Memsie Stakes (1400m) at Caulfield on September 7 an event he won second-up last year.

Hayes said that other than the Memsie Stakes run and the Cox Plate, nothing else had been slotted in for the Lindsay Park stable star.

Mr Brightside completed his autumn campaign with a third placing in the Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Randwick behind the tearaway mare Pride Of Jenni (Pride Of Dubai).

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Warmonger aimed at Caulfield Cup

Mick Price has mapped out a three-run spring campaign for his runaway Queensland Derby winner **Warmonger (NZ)** (War Decree), with the Caulfield Cup his main aim.

Price said Warmonger, who won the Queensland Derby by 10 lengths at his last start, would be entered for the Melbourne Cup but he queried whether he would be ready to handle the rigours of the 3200m event in this early stage of his career.

"I'm not sure he's mature enough for the Melbourne Cup as it's a gruelling race," the co-trainer said.

Price said he had had a conversation with Warmonger's managing owner OTI's Terry Henderson regarding the longevity of the horse's career and that the Melbourne Cup may not suit him at this stage.

Price said Warmonger, who is \$18 for the Melbourne Cup with Sportsbet, will be entered for the Melbourne Cup.

He pointed out that in 2019 Vow And Declare raced successfully in Queensland as a three-year-old before returning for the Melbourne spring where he finished fourth in the Turnbull Stakes, second in the Caulfield Cup and first in the Melbourne Cup.

"Vow And Declare had good Queensland form and he did it in the spring."

Price said Warmonger would return to racing in the Makybe Diva Stakes at Flemington on September 14.

"Then he can have three weeks into the Turnbull Stakes and two weeks into the Caulfield Cup," Price said.

Warmonger is \$15 with Sportsbet to win the Caulfield Cup.

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HONG KONG CALLING IMPTEE



Imptee winning at Riccarton last Saturday. (Race Images South)

Trainer Danny Crozier has lofty ambitions with **Imptee** (Impending) next season following his debut win in the Bain McCall Memorial Two-Year-Old (1000m) at Riccarton on Saturday, however, overseas interest may curtail those plans.

The son of Impending jumped well and was prominent throughout, showing his class in the concluding stages when running out a three-length victor over the Robbie Patterson-trained Read About (NZ) (Wrote), with a further 1-1/2 lengths back to Ten Shillings (NZ) (Ten Sovereigns) in third.

Crozier was rapt to get the win, particularly for his predominantly harness racing focussed owners, including top trainer Chrissie Dalgety.

"We have a special affinity with him, we broke him in and he is a lovely

horse. He probably should have won his first start (when third), but he won well the other day," Crozier said.

"My partner, Rachel Deegan, works at Addington (Raceway) and she got together with Chrissie Dalgety, Angela Boyd and a few others. They are a great bunch of people and this is the first galloper they have ever had. They got a huge kick out of the win the other day."

Crozier said the exciting thing is that he believes the best is yet to come for the gelding who came on his radar as a younger horse in Australia.

"The penny hasn't even dropped with him yet," he said. "What he is doing at the moment is on pure ability. He has got a brain and is a lovely horse. I think he has got the makings of a lovely three-year-old and hopefully he can be a Guineas horse later on."

While Crozier holds ambitions

of targeting the Gr.1 New Zealand 2000 Guineas (1600m) at Riccarton in November with Imptee, his future may lie offshore if a deal can be brokered with interested parties from Hong Kong.

"I will give him two or three weeks in the paddock, he has been in work for a little while," he said.

"There have been a few nibbles for him from Hong Kong. There is a bit of water to go under the bridge, but the Guineas will be plan b if he doesn't go (to Hong Kong)."

Saturday's victory was Crozier's eighth of the season and his highest tally in eight seasons.

"We only work 10 horses, it is a more hands-on stable," he said. "We do our best."

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LEADERBOARD FINDS NEW AVENUE OF SUCCESS

Leaderboard (Street Cry) has found a new avenue for success in a jumping role out of Te Akau Racing's Cranbourne stable, and his latest victory on Sunday has set him up for a shot at three of Australia's feature jumps races.

A former victor in the Listed New Zealand St Leger (2600m) and Gr.3 Wellington Cup (3200m), Leaderboard had been out of the winner's circle since his win in the latter last January, but that all changed when he headed across the Tasman to further his career as a jumper.

The son of Street Cry produced an exciting first for trainer Mark Walker when winning a maiden hurdle during the prestigious Warrnambool May Carnival, and lost no admirers when finishing second in the Australian Hurdle (3900m) to Port Guillaume (Le Havre) earlier this month.

Returning to Warrnambool to

tackle his first steeplechase event on Sunday, Leaderboard was rated an overwhelming favourite at \$1.90 and expat-Kiwi jockey Aaron Kuru controlled the race from the outset with a faultless showing in the 3450m contest, pulling away at the post for a 3-1/2 length victory.

"It was a brilliant display of jumping and a lovely ride of Aaron's," Walker said.

"He's really taken to the jumping caper and absolutely loves it. He can jump off a short stride, a long stride, he's very nimble, and really has huge potential.

"It's great for Fortuna Racing, John and Jessica Galvin and their owners, they have a great understanding of racing and it's lovely to train Leaderboard in Australia, and for him to have now won his first steeplechase assignment."

The nine-year-old will have his opportunity to test that promise in

the Thackeray Steeplechase (3450m) on July 7, before contesting both the Australian Grand National Hurdle (4200m) at Sandown and Australian Grand National Steeplechase (4500m) at Ballarat in August.

"They are three really big assignments ahead of him, but we do think he is a top-class jumper," Walker said.

Leaderboard was purchased as a maiden winner in Europe out of the Tattersalls Horses in Training Sale, and he has earned majority of his \$422,000 in prizemoney for the Fortuna Leaderboard Syndicate, managed by John Galvin.

"I've been watching jumping races for most of my life and seen some pretty good jumpers in that time, but this boy is really showing to have the goods," Galvin said.

"We've had Leaderboard for six years and he's probably only been a bit in and out with his form because he hasn't been able to run in races that are long enough for him.

"He showed us when winning the Wellington Cup and St Leger, and third in the New Zealand Cup, what he could do over ground, and now he's excelling in the jumping game.

"I'll be there for his next start in the Thackeray. It's a bit of a mission, three and a half hours on the train to Warrnambool, but it's a great venue and I heard the commentator say that the meeting in July is always a sell-out, as well."

Te Akau Racing stablemate Prismatic (NZ) (Savabeel) also put in a strong performance for second behind runaway leader Fabalot (Camelot) in the open hurdle over 3200m at Warrnambool, in the hands of Kuru.

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Leaderboard winning during the Warrnambool May Carnival. (Bruno Cannatelli)





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PASIR PINJI BACK AT HIS BEST IN CHARITY CUP



Pasir Pinji winning the RM50,000 TNI Charity Cup (1300m) at Selangor on Sunday. (Supplied)

With jockey Bernado Pinheiro back in the saddle, **Pasir Pinji (NZ)** (Nadeem) bounced back to his best form to win the RM50,000 TNI Charity Cup (1300m) at Selangor on Sunday for trainer Simon Dunderdale.

The pair triumphed in the Selangor Gold Cup (1600m) last September when Pasir Pinji went on a run of five consecutive wins, culminating with his victory in the Cup.

Since then, the New Zealand bred son of Nadeem has notched one more win and some minor placings, and Pinheiro rode him one more time to finish third in a Metro A race two months ago.

Racing at a distance short of his best, it mattered little as Pasir Pinji went on to score by half a length for his 12th win in 38 starts.

"He is a small horse with a big heart and he never gives up," said Pinheiro who won in four consecutive races.

"We were worried about the (short) distance but Simon (Dunderdale) managed to keep him fresh.

"From the wide barrier (8) I managed to get into a good position. He travelled so well. I gave him all the chances and he ran on so well."

Pinheiro has now won four times on Pasir Pinji who came over from Singapore with just one win at Kranji and began his Malaysian campaign in Class 5.

"Pasir Pinji is a little beauty, all heart and fighting spirit," Dunderdale said. "Plus it was a great ride from Pinheiro."

Originally bought for just \$6000 from Book 3 of Karaka 2018 from the draft of the Westend Partnership, Pasir Pinji returned for the Ready to Run Sale later that year and was bought by Singapore-based Kiwi trainer Donna Logan for \$34,000 from the draft of Woburn Farm.

ANTIPODEAN EXTENDS UNBEATEN RECORD IN MALAYSIA

Antipodean (NZ) (Derryn) stretched his unbeaten run to six with a powerful display in the 3YO Pacific Cup (1200m) at Selangor on Sunday.

The New Zealand-bred gelding, purchased by trainer Simon Dunderdale for NZ\$23,000 from Regal Farm at the NZB Ready To Run Sale, has taken local racing by storm since making his debut four months ago.

After easy wins in Open Maiden company, then in Class 4 and Class 3, Antipodean tackled top company for the first time and came out with flying colours in a Metro A set-weight race two weeks ago.

Racing against three-year-old

company on Sunday, Antipodean started at prohibitive odds proved far too good under jockey Bernardo Pinheiro.

"He is an amazing horse, a young horse with a very bright future," Pinheiro said.

"I am so glad to be on board him. This is my third win on him and our first Cup. He showed improvement with each race. He managed to sit well and travelled so good.

"At the top of the straight when I asked (him for an effort), he ran home so well. Simon (Dunderdale) did an amazing job with him."

Ex-pat Kiwi Simon Dunderdale, who heads the trainers' premiership

at Selangor didn't hold back in his assessment of the son of Derryn.

"Antipodean is a superstar," he said.

"He has another gear when it looked like he was under pressure. Thanks to Pinheiro for another good ride."

By Grangewilliam Stud stallion Derryn, Antipodean is out of the Per Incanto mare Pakapunch, a three-times winner and half sister to Group Three performer Yatima.

The Selangor Turf Club have been significant supporters of the New Zealand Ready To Run Sale in recent years, with trainer Simon Dunderdale purchasing three juveniles from the sale last November.

– Selangor Turf Club



Antipodean stretched his unbeaten run to six after winning in the 3YO Pacific Cup (1200m) at Selangor on Sunday. (Supplied)



FEE INCREASE ANNOUNCED FOR THE BOLD ONE

Grangewilliam Stud's proven sire **The Bold One (NZ)** (Fastnet Rock), sire of this year's Gr.3 Wellington Cup (3200m) winner Mary Louise, will stand at a slightly increased fee of \$6000+GST this year.

Studmaster Mark Corcoran said The Bold One, son of recently retired champion sire Fastnet Rock, represented great value at the new fee on the back of a very strong season by his progeny.

"Last year he stood at \$4000+GST and covered 48 mares but his results this season fully justify the fee increase," Corcoran said.

The Robbie Patterson-trained Mary Louise has won seven races from 17

starts for prize money of more than \$320,000 with her major highlight this season undoubtedly being her win in the Wellington Cup at Trentham in January.

She also finished third in the Gr. 3 Queen Elizabeth II Cup (2400m) at Pukekohe on New Year's Day.

"Besides Mary Louise he has been represented this season by the multiple Group performer One Bold Cat and the likes of The Fearless One and The Underbelly," Corcoran said.

One Bold Cat has won seven races to date with his major win this season coming in the Gr. 3 Counties Cup (2100m) at Pukekohe. He was also third in the Gr.1 Herbie Dyke Stakes (2000m)

and has won more than \$350,000 in prize-money to date.

The Underbelly won the NZ St Leger Trial (2300m) and was runner-up in the St Leger (2600m), while The Fearless One continued his winning ways this season.

The Bold One has also been represented in recent seasons by the ultra-consistent Chris Waller-trained Bold Mac who has won eight races including last year's Listed Rowley Mile (1600m) at Hawkesbury. Bold Mac has amassed more than A\$660,000 in prize-money during his racing career.

"The Bold One has had a steady flow of winners all season and has shown the ability to leave versatile progeny that win at all distances," Corcoran said.

"They are consistent performers and trainers know they can be relied upon for honest performances week in, week out."

Not surprisingly leading Taranaki trainer Robbie Patterson is a big fan of The Bold One's stock given the level of success he has enjoyed with Mary Louise, One Bold Cat, The Underbelly and The Fearless One.

"The Bold One's progeny have a great temperament and are extremely easy to train. They have a great set of lungs and their recovery rate after a race is exceptional - they would not blow a match out," Patterson said.

- NZ Racing Desk



The Bold One at Grangewilliam Stud (supplied)





TE AKAU RACING CONTINUE TO SET STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE

A hard-fought front running victory by **Malborough Bay** (NZ) (Darci Brahma) at Tauranga on Saturday provided another feather in the cap of Te Akau Racing.

With just over five weeks of the racing season to go, Te Akau Racing has hit the 161-win mark for the year, second only to their 203 wins in 2022/2023 and second on the all-time list for wins by a training operation in New Zealand.

With big race success in Australia added through their Cranbourne stable, the combined trans-Tasman operation has garnered 30 stakes victories including nine at Group One level which will send Te Akau Racing boss David Ellis to his annual mid-winter overseas holiday a very happy man.

"We normally holiday in Hawaii, however this year we are going to Fiji for 21 days in mid-July," Ellis said.

"I can't speak highly enough of how well the team at Te Akau Racing has gone this year and that has given Mark (Walker) and I a tremendous thrill.

"With our win at Tauranga we now have the two highest winning stable tallies in New Zealand Racing history and to do so off the back of such a magnificent year last season is very exciting."

While Ellis is proud of the job done by each and every Te Akau team member, he does single out Walker's New Zealand training partner Sam Bergerson for particular attention.

"I think one of my biggest thrills has come from young Sam Bergerson and the success he has achieved for us in his first season in partnership with Mark," he said.

"It is very exciting for a young guy to finish up with the number of wins our stable has achieved.

"Sam has a degree in Economics but his thoroughbred heritage (he is the son of successful trainer Royden Bergerson) saw him choose racing as his career and he hasn't looked back.

"He received a fantastic grounding from working for Aiden O'Brien in England which combines beautifully with his tireless work ethic and his innate ability as a judge of a horse.

"While I have mentioned Sam in particular, I'm proud of every single Te Akau staff member for the jobs they do as without them we couldn't achieve what we have this year."

Ellis is never one to rest on his laurels and has recently completed his annual buying process for the stable with several purchases of yearlings in Australia.

"We've just completed buying our yearlings for the year and have spent just over \$22 million to secure 60 youngsters across Australasia," he said,

"Of those we only have \$1 million in shares left to sell as our existing owners have been incredibly supportive plus we have a large number of first-time investors in the stable.



Te Akau Racing mare Campionessa winning the Gr.1 Zabeel Classic (2050m) in December. (Kenton Wright (Race Images))

"I'm always quick to remind people that mares such as Advantage and Imperatriz were the very last of the yearlings to sell in the year I bought them, so as we have a few shares left people shouldn't think that they have missed out and I encourage them to make contact with us."

While Ellis will be relaxing in sunny Fiji his mind will be tuned to what lies ahead for the stable in the coming twelve months.

"Two years ago, I said to myself and the people around me that I wanted to take us to a new level," he said.

"We have certainly achieved that but there is more in store which is very exciting including in Australia where we are nearly ready to open our second stable which will have 40 boxes available for horses.

"People have noticed us over there and as a good example John Camilleri, the breeder of Winx, has just given us a superb Frankel filly to train for him which we are very thankful for.

"On the local scene I expect our South Island team to go to new heights as this year we have been the leading South Island stable with sixty wins under the direction of Hunter Durrant and his team and there is room for even greater success.

"With the health of New Zealand racing improving every day through the investment of Entain and the direction of New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing I can't wait for the season to commence." - **LOVERACING.NZ News Desk**





SPRATT CONTENTED WITH HER SEASON'S WORK

A winning four-race haul at Tauranga on Saturday added further lustre to an outstanding 2023/2024 racing season for jockey Sam Spratt.

The success took her to 64 wins for the year including eight at stakes level although the bubbly 39-year-old is quick to point out statistics and goals have never been the priority in her career.

"Some people are driven by achieving goals and the like but that really has never been my thing," Spratt said.

"I ride for the sheer love of horses which is pretty evident in my whole life as when I'm not riding on race day one of my biggest passions is going riding at hunt meetings on the weekends and when I have time off.

"I actually took the day off to go hunting today (Sunday) but the weather put the kibosh on that as it was just torrential rain in Auckland early this morning.

"I guess that has given me some time to get out in the garden and do a few things around the house which is also a nice way to unwind after the pressure of race day."

While Spratt is philosophical about her success this year, she is thankful for the opportunities to ride some very nice horses over the last twelve months.

"It's been a really good season, and I definitely can't complain as it is probably one of the best of my career," she said.

"It helps when you have the right horsepower underneath you and I've picked up some lovely rides along the way.

"Remarkably I'm pretty much injury free after breaking my ankle a few years ago as you don't tend to bounce as much when you are older if you do take a tumble and thankfully that hasn't happened this year.

"I do have some long-term niggles that I have learnt to manage but touch wood, they are under control, and I can stay healthy for the foreseeable future."

While she may not pay much attention to career goals Spratt does have a number in the back of her mind she would like to achieve.

"When I got to 1000 wins for my career (currently 1059) someone said to me I didn't have far to go to get to 100 stakes wins," she said.

"It kind of registered and although I don't actively chase it, that is something that would be nice to have on my record when I do finally hang up the boots.

"I think I'm around the 97-mark in that respect and with some of the promising horses I have ridden this year I think I might be able to get there in the new season with some luck.

"It's normally at this time of the year that people start looking towards the spring and what will be happening, and I know many of the potential spring stars are just in the early stages of their preparation.

"I will keep tabs on them and see how things play out but for the time being I'm looking forward to a bit of a break in July to go hunting (riding more horses) and just taking each day as it comes."

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Jockey Sam Spratt got four wins at Tauranga on Saturday. (Trish Dunell)



FAWCETT CLOSE TO PERSONAL GOAL AS RACING SEASON WINDS DOWN

While there may only be five weeks left in the current 2023/24 racing year, jockey Jasmine Fawcett wants to take every opportunity she can as she closes in on her goal of riding seventy winners for the season.

Fawcett currently sits ninth on the National Jockey's Premiership with 63 wins, seven more than she achieved last season which was her best since kicking off her career back in 2016.

Her current tally was boosted by just the one win yesterday (Saturday) but it was an important one as she guided local heroine Casino Princess (NZ) (Casino Prince) home in the Listed Tauranga Classic (1400m) for 92-year-old trainer and part owner Cliff Goss.

"I was very grateful to Mr Goss for giving me the ride as I had been left without one when the horse I was scheduled to partner didn't make it to the race," Fawcett said.

"With Michael McNab being injured, my agent contacted Mr Goss and I got the ride.

"I actually rode her when she had her first trial, so it was nice to get back on board as she was always going to be a huge chance in the race.

"Before the race Mr Goss was very calm and collected and didn't really give me too many instructions. She travelled beautifully all the way and just relished the conditions as she won very comfortably.

"I didn't get to celebrate at all as I had rides booked for Te Aroha today (Sunday) so I was home in bed by 8:30pm.

"With the Te Aroha meeting being called off I'm not really complaining but if I want to get to seventy wins for the season I need to get as many opportunities as possible."



Jasmine Fawcett after riding Casino Princess to win the Listed Tauranga Classic. (Trish Dunell)

Fawcett had three rides at the Te Aroha meeting which was abandoned due to surface flooding after heavy rain struck the area overnight, but is hopeful she will get the opportunity to ride there now the day has been shifted to next Thursday.

"When I heard the rain this morning it was just thundering down so I pretty much expected the meeting to be in doubt," she said.

"I had three good rides and there is talk about the day being transferred to Thursday next week, which is good however, it will clash with Riccarton so I will have to make a decision as to where I go.

"I am leaning towards staying up here, but we will just have to see how it pans out."

Fawcett has made many close relationships in the South Island and has been a regular visitor there to ride in the past few years, racking up the frequent flyer miles as she continues to hone her craft.

"I've ridden a fair bit down south and again I am very grateful for the opportunities I get," she said.

"I knew if I wanted to achieve my goals this year, I had to stay fit and keep out of trouble, so I didn't have to miss meetings through suspensions and so far, so good.

"My base fitness is very good although I would like to be a little stronger. I am thinking about going to a personal trainer but that will be a decision for the new year as this is a job where you have to take every chance to improve yourself and that's what I am going to do.

"Also, with many of the jockeys taking holidays around now it also creates chances to pick up rides so staying fit is a real priority.

"I'm sure my partner would like me to take a holiday or a break but I'm pretty driven and love what I do so that might have to wait a wee while yet."

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NZ STALLION AWARDS

THE CENTAINE AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$23,079,333
PER INCANTO	\$14,217,195
TAVISTOCK	\$13,665,412
SWEYNESSE	\$8,453,058
SWISS ACE	\$7,416,609
PROISIR	\$6,917,786
CHARM SPIRIT	\$6,742,248
SACRED FALLS	\$6,453,461
OCEAN PARK	\$5,979,168
BULLBARS	\$5,885,434

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

THE DEWAR STALLION TROPHY

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$19,043,589
TAVISTOCK	\$10,499,517
PROISIR	\$5,849,267
PER INCANTO	\$5,839,603
BULLBARS	\$5,323,862
ALMANZOR	\$4,774,851
OCEAN PARK	\$4,628,089
RELIABLE MAN	\$4,437,579
SACRED FALLS	\$4,341,707
IFFRAAJ	\$4,313,239

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

THE GROSVENOR AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$4,803,726
PROISIR	\$2,701,570
TAVISTOCK	\$2,467,270
PER INCANTO	\$2,244,145
EL ROCA	\$2,130,037
ALMANZOR	\$2,103,667
IFFRAAJ	\$1,992,629
ZACINTO	\$1,983,416
BELARDO	\$1,873,739
BURGUNDY	\$1,762,105

BEST PERFORMERS	EARNINGS
ORCHESTRAL	\$1,566,375
LEGARTO	\$717,625
TOWN CRYER	\$277,850
BELCLARE	\$561,875
FARAGLIONI	\$257,855
POSITIVITY	\$194,785
JAARFFI	\$222,650
CROCETTI	\$735,250
BELARDO BOY	\$191,225
MERCURIAL	\$393,325

Criteria: Leading Sires by Earnings in New Zealand

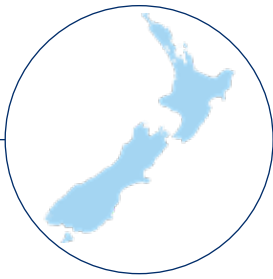


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NEW ZEALAND BRED WINNERS

SINGAPORE (22 JUNE)

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
COMBUSTION (Sing) I'm On Fire (NZ) 2019 by El Roca (AUS) out of Bead of Courage by Captain Rio (GB)	Lanford Investments Ltd; Auckland; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1600m.	
TE AKAU BEN (NZ) 2017 by Tavistock out of Danalaga (AUS) by Danehill (USA)	Raffles Dancers (NZ) Pty Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1400m.	2019 National Yearling Sale - Book 1 V: Curraghmore \$115000 P: DC Ellis
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

HONG KONG (23 JUNE)

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
GREENWICH (NZ) 2019 by War Decree (USA) out of Miss Foxy Gal (AUS) by Foxwedge (AUS)	Inglewood Stud (N.Z.) Ltd; Canterbury; NZ	HKJC Diamond H. 1400m.	2021 Ready to Run Sale V: Riversley Park Ltd \$225000 P: Upper B/stock
TOP PEAK (NZ) 2019 by Swiss Ace (AUS) out of Tessica (AUS) by Johannesburg (USA)	C K Phua; Central; NZ	HKJC Diamond H. 1400m.	2020 Gavelhouse NZ 25 May Online Auction V: Chian Phua \$6600 P: Hamish Auret

MALAYSIA (23 JUNE)

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
MAESTRO (NZ) 2015 by He's Remarkable out of Bella Carolina by O'Reilly	S H R Davison; Waikato; NZ	Selangor TC Class 5A H. 1600	2017 National Yearling Sale - Select Session V: Mapperley Stud \$80000 P: Paul Moroney Bloodstock
PASIR PINJI (NZ) 2016 by Nadeem (AUS) out of Mistaar by Iffraaj (GB)	G C Luoni; NZ	Selangor TC Charity Cup. 1300	2018 National Yearling Sale - Book 3 V: Westend Partnership \$6000 P: Mr PW Lock 2018 Ready To Run Sale V: Woburn Farm \$34000 P: D M Logan Bloodstock
ANTIPODEAN (NZ) 2020 by Derryn (AUS) out of Pakapunch by Per Incanto (USA)	Grangewilliam Stud Ltd; Central; NZ	Selangor TC Pacific Cup. 1200	2022 Ready To Run Sale V: Regal Farm \$23000 P: Mr S Dunderdale

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AUSTRALIA

All Too Hard : Hard to Cross (NZ) (Egyptian Cross by Commands) 2019;
15 Jun 2024, 1st MRC Quayclean H. 1600m

Almanzor : Preferral (NZ) (Sweet Inspiration by Power) 2019;
15 Jun 2024, 1st Richmond TC NRM H. 1400m
Sold by Carlaw Park at National Yearling Sale for \$290000

Almanzor : Guarded Optimist (NZ) (Shower Of Roses by Hurricane Run) 2020;
20 Jun 2024, 1st Wangaratta TC Extons Maiden P. 1300m
Sold by Carlaw Park at National Yearling Sale for \$150000
Sold by KB Bloodstock at Ready to Run Sale for \$150000

Belardo : Senor Uno (NZ) (Midnight Senorita by Pins) 2018;
19 Jun 2024, 1st MRC Tobin Brothers H. 2400m
Sold by Prima Park at Ready to Run Sale for \$18000
Sold by Haunui Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$30000

Belardo : Victory Roll (NZ) (Invisible Coin by Redoute's Choice) 2020;
21 Jun 2024, 1st Goulburn DRC Complete Plumbing Solutions P. 2145m
Sold by Haunui Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$115000

Charm Spirit : Montjeuify (NZ) (Driven Force by Road to Rock) 2019;
17 Jun 2024, 1st Pakenham RC Pro Lift Garage Doors H. 1400m

El Roca : Elson Boy (NZ) (Caramia by Pour Moi) 2019;
15 Jun 2024, 1st ATC Bowling Club H. 1300m
Sold by Kiltannon Stables Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$20000

El Roca : My Roca Fella (NZ) (Given With Love by Encosta de Lago) 2020;
15 Jun 2024, 1st Bendigo JC Nutrien AG Maiden P. 1600m

El Roca : Western Eagle (NZ) (Witchery by Savabeel) 2020;
15 Jun 2024, 1st Walgett JC Sporting Club Maiden P. 900m

Flying Artie : Riverplate (NZ) (Dynastic Lady by Fastnet Rock) 2018;
15 Jun 2024, 1st Murray Bridge RC Spry Civil Construction H. 1400m
Sold by Leanach Lodge Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$30000
Sold by Curraghmore at Karaka May Sale for \$55000

Ocean Park : Let's Sea (NZ) (Leti by Flying Spur) 2017;
15 Jun 2024, 1st Broome TC Carpet Paint Centre H. 1435m
Sold by BRIGHTHILL Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$20000

Per Incanto : Mrs Chrissie (NZ) (Turf Fire by O'Reilly) 2018;
15 Jun 2024, 1st MRC Lockettled H. 1000m

Per Incanto : Enzo (NZ) (La Pinnacle by Pins) 2019;
21 Jun 2024, 1st Geelong RC Connecttel H. 1412m

Power : All Business (NZ) (Peach Bellini by Stravinsky) 2018;
22 Jun 2024, 1st Clermont RC Capricorn Haulage H. 1200m
Sold by Highview at National Yearling Sale for \$35000

Preferment : Preferential (NZ) (Sila Jasak by Cullen) 2019;
21 Jun 2024, 1st Geelong RC Check Your Mates H. 2418m

Preferment : Californication (NZ) (Secret Lily by Sakhee's Secret) 2019;
22 Jun 2024, 1st WATC Spirit of Racing Awards H. 1400m
Sold by Landsdowne Park Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$280000

Preferment : Strathray (NZ) (Miss Remington by Savoie Vivre) 2019;
15 Jun 2024, 1st ATC James Squire H. 2000m

Proisir : En Primeur (NZ) (Cellaring by Keeper) 2019;
16 Jun 2024, 1st Seymour RC Seymour Club Maiden P. 1200m

Rageese : Lightning Rage (NZ) (DJ Lightning by Doneraile Court) 2019;
15 Jun 2024, 1st Toowoomba TC Pryde's Easifeed Maiden P. 1050m

Raise the Flag : Joffrey (NZ) (Zigalong by Danzighill) 2019;
15 Jun 2024, 1st Bendigo JC Ford H. 3600m

Redwood : Ryewood (NZ) (Rock on Rye by Catcher in the Rye) 2019;
16 Jun 2024, 1st Kalgoorlie Boulder RC Racing Museum H. 1612m
Sold by Cambria Park at National Yearling Sale for \$125000

Sacred Falls : Rhapsody Chic (NZ) (Boho Chic by Pour Moi) 2019;
19 Jun 2024, 1st MRC Sportsbet H. 1300m

Savabeel : Incessant (NZ) (Relentless Desire by O'Reilly) 2020;
16 Jun 2024, 1st SCTC Scott McMahon Electrical Maiden P. 1200m
Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$850000

Savabeel : Gottabesavvy (NZ) (Girls on Top by O'Reilly) 2019;
19 Jun 2024, 1st MRC Senet Gambling Law Experts H. 1800m

Tarzino : Kerchak (NZ) (Yugoslavia by More Than Ready) 2018;
15 Jun 2024, 1st GCTC Amorini H. 1540m

Tavistock : Name Dropper (NZ) (Mandy O'Reilly by O'Reilly) 2019;
15 Jun 2024, 1st MRC Vale Brendan Dillon H. 1400m

Tavistock : Episodic (NZ) (Pikea by Anabaa) 2019;
22 Jun 2024, 1st SAJC Grand Syndicates H. 1200m
Sold by Inglewood Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$140000

Tavistock : Villaden (NZ) (Romantic Time by Fastnet Rock) 2018;
22 Jun 2024, 1st Roma TC Rugby Slipper H. 1200m
Sold by Cambridge Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$220000

Unusual Suspect : She's Unusual (NZ) (La Fille en Jeu by Mettre En Jeu) 2019;
15 Jun 2024, 1st Newcastle JC Schneider Max H. 1400m

Vadamos : New Jersey (NZ) (Surooh by Pivotal) 2018;
15 Jun 2024, 1st Narrandera RC Bakery H. 1400m
Sold by Valachi Downs at National Yearling Sale for \$330000

Vadamos : Klable (NZ) (Ardere by Hidden Dragon) 2019;
15 Jun 2024, 1st Murray Bridge RC Gold Cup in October H. 1000m
Sold by Rich Hill Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$120000

Vadamos : Varane (NZ) (Aplomb by One Cool Cat) 2020;
20 Jun 2024, 1st Wangaratta TC Financial Momentum H. 1300m

War Decree : Order to Charge (NZ) (Colonel's Daughter by Hinchinbrook) 2019;
15 Jun 2024, 1st Newcastle JC Klein Tools Maiden P. 1500m
Sold by Valachi Downs at National Yearling Sale for \$80000

War Decree : Luvnwar (NZ) (Pretty Woman by Pins) 2020;
22 Jun 2024, 1st WATC Belmont Guineas L 1600m
Sold by Beaufort Downs Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$22500

Wrote : Write Your Own (NZ) (Told You So by Stravinsky) 2020;
22 Jun 2024, 1st Donald DRC Steel Metaland Maiden P. 1350m
Sold by Highview at National Yearling Sale for \$40000



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AUSTRALIA

Wrote : (The) Creator (NZ) (Go Teena by Guillotine) 2019;

19 Jun 2024, 1st ATC Headwater H. 1550m
Sold by Highview at Ready to Run Sale for \$40000

Zacinto : Joey Jaws (NZ) (Shaylee Wilde by Thorn Park) 2017;

22 Jun 2024, 1st Roma TC Southport School H. 1000m
Sold by Kilgravin Lodge at Ready to Run Sale for \$90000

HONG KONG

Charm Spirit : Tactical Command (NZ) (Nomisma by Thorn Park) 2019;

15 Jun 2024, 1st HKJC Port Shelter H. 1200m
Sold by JC Thoroughbreds Ltd at Ready to Run Sale for \$160000
Sold by Mapperley Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$40000

Tavistock : Casa Legend (NZ) (Sea Venture by Sepoy) 2018;

15 Jun 2024, 1st HKJC Tiu Chung Chau H. 1600m
Sold by Kiltannon Stables Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$16000

MALAYSIA

Alamosa : White Rabbit (NZ) (Lady Cha Cha by Savabeel) 2018;

16 Jun 2024, 1st Perak TC BYD H. 1200m

Redwood : Discretely Red (NZ) (Scarlet Queen by Fasliyev) 2013;

16 Jun 2024, 1st Perak TC Lexus H. 1600m
Sold by Valachi Downs at National Yearling Sale for \$30000

Showcasing : Kong Fu Panda (NZ) (Hermitage by Generous) 2018;

16 Jun 2024, 1st Perak TC Perak Gold Vase L 1100m
Sold by Martindale Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$20000
Sold by Kilmore Farm Ltd at Ready to Run Sale for \$38000

Turn Me Loose : Golden Cup (NZ) (Anniestar by Zed) 2018;

16 Jun 2024, 1st Perak TC GBC H. 1200m
Sold by Little Avondale Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$6000

Zacinto : Thundergod (NZ) (Marcelle by No Excuse Needed) 2017;

15 Jun 2024, 1st Selangor TC Class 5 H. 1400m
Sold by Valachi Downs at Ready to Run Sale for \$20000

SINGAPORE

Atlante : Atlas (NZ) (Update by O'Reilly) 2016;

22 Jun 2024, 1st Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1600m
Sold by Mapperley Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$50000

El Roca : I'm on Fire - Combustion (Sing.) (NZ) (Bead of Courage by Captain Rio) 2019;

22 Jun 2024, 1st Singapore TC Class 4 H. 2000m

Sacred Falls : Sacred Buddy (NZ) (Otago Miss by Darci Brahma) 2019;

16 Jun 2024, 1st Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1100m

Tavistock : Te Akau Ben (NZ) (Danalaga by Danehill) 2017;

22 Jun 2024, 1st Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1400m
Sold by Curraghmore at National Yearling Sale for \$115000

U S Navy Flag : Navy Seals (NZ) (Zambezi by Zabeel) 2020;

16 Jun 2024, 1st Singapore TC Class 5 H. 2000m
Sold by Woburn Farm at Ready to Run Sale for \$70000

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