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RICHARDSON AND NORVALL LAND ZABEEL CLASSIC DOUBLE



Jubilant co-trainer Graham Richardson after the win by Defibrillate (Trish Dunell)

Graham Richardson savoured one of the highlights of his career as **Defibrillate (NZ)** (Shocking) brought a long-range plan to fruition in the Gr.1 Cambridge Stud Zabeel Classic (2050m) at Pukekohe on Boxing Day – a second consecutive triumph in the weight-for-age feature for Richardson and his training partner Rogan Norvall. The Matamata pair captured

last year's Zabeel Classic with the perennially under-rated \$15 outsider Tiptronic (NZ) (O'Reilly), who won eight races and more than \$800,000 in a 52-start career that ended with his retirement earlier this month.

But Richardson and Norvall had a more-than-able replacement in the form of Defibrillate, who returned to New Zealand this spring after a highly

successful stint in Melbourne that netted eight wins including three at Listed level.

The eight-year-old son of Shocking finished third in the Gr.1 Livamol Classic (2040m) in October in his first start back on home soil, then won the Gr.3 Balmerino Stakes (2050m) at Pukekohe on November 1.

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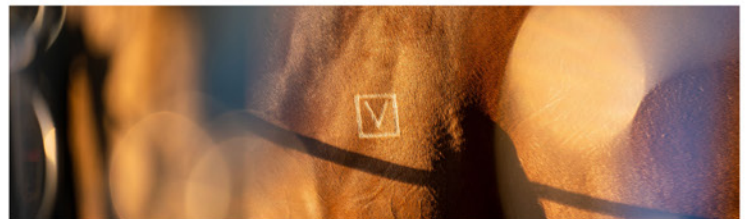
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495	B	Savabeel (AUS)	Scintillula (IRE)
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357	B	Blue Point (IRE)	Mojave Aster (NZ)
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481	Br	Almanzor (FR)	Santangelo (NZ)
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That prompted Richardson to start working towards the Zabeel Classic, run over the same course and distance some eight weeks later. When the big day finally rolled around on Monday, Defibrillate held up his end of the bargain, stepping out of the shadows of favourites Sinarahma (NZ) (Darci Brahma) and Prise De Fer (NZ) (Savabeel) and claiming his first win at the elite level.

Defibrillate was given a perfect midfield ride by South African jockey Warren Kennedy, settling into a smooth rhythm in fifth and one off the rail.

Sydney-based mare Polly Grey (NZ) (Azamour) set a solid tempo out in front throughout the race, and she threw down the gauntlet to her rivals with a kick at the top of the straight.

But Defibrillate and Prise De Fer emerged from the pack and soon wore down the front-running grey mare, surging past and clearing out to fight a two-horse battle to the finish.

Last-start Gr.1 Captain Cook Stakes (1600m) hero Prise De Fer gave it everything he had but Defibrillate found a little more in the final 100 metres and kicked away to win by a length and three-quarters.

For Richardson, who also co-bred and part-owns Defibrillate, it was a hard race to watch.

"I had my eyes closed for a fair bit of it, and the four of us who were up there in the stand did some yelling," he said.

"But what a result. This is a real thrill – one of the very best wins of my career. The owners are all close mates, we're a good team, and it's great to share this with them.

"It's been a real team effort by my outstanding staff, who have been with me for a very long time, and of course Rogan at home.

"It was always the plan for this horse to have a bit of a gap between runs coming into this race, and it'll be the same again with the Herbie Dyke Stakes (Gr.1, 2000m) his likely next start in February. Having a bit of space between his runs seems to suit him really well."

Richardson bred Defibrillate in partnership with the McInteer Family Syndicate, and they share ownership with half a dozen others, including fellow Matamata trainer Lance O'Sullivan. Another co-owner is former Black Caps captain and now England test cricket coach Brendon McCullum, who returned from a recent clean sweep in Pakistan to be on course for Monday's big win.

Monday's Zabeel Classic also provided a first taste of Group One glory in New Zealand for Kennedy, a multiple premiership winner in South Africa who has made an immediate impact in his first couple of months in our riding ranks.

The 42-year-old has already ridden 20 winners, three of them at

black-type level, and he also won Monday's \$100,000 Stella Artois 1500 Championship Final (1500m) aboard Habana (Zoustar).

"To come to a new country and have such a huge amount of support, and then to repay them with results like this is absolutely amazing," Kennedy said. "It feels just like my very first Group One.

"The horse was an absolute professional. I just let him relax, and he seemed to enjoy the good, genuine pace, which was a bit stronger than I'd feared it might be. He started to build into the race, found his gap and really unwound. Once he did that, I knew he was going to be hard to beat.

"He was trained to perfection, they had him incredibly well, and he's run accordingly."

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	Auckland TR Zabeel Classic Gr.1 2050m
Winner	Defibrillate (NZ) 2014
Owners	McInteer Family Syndicate, G Richardson, A Harris, D Lumsden, B McCullum, S Swap, L O'Sullivan & B Priest
Trainer	Graham Richardson & Rogan Norvall (Matamata)
Breeding	by Shocking (AUS) out of Our Chickaroonie by Groom Dancer (USA)
Breeder	McInteer Family Syndicate & G N Richardson


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LEGARTO REMAINS UNBEATEN AFTER EIGHT CARAT CLASSIC VICTORY

Class three-year-old filly **Legarto (NZ)** (Proisir) maintained her unbeaten record with a stunning performance to win the Gr.2 ATR Eight Carat Classic (1600m) at Pukekohe after most punters had written off her winning chances in the home straight.

Sent out at the cramped odds of \$1.10 in her first start since delivering an elite level victory in the Gr.1 New Zealand 1000 Guineas (1600m) at Riccarton last month, the Ken and Bev Kelso-trained runner settled near the back of the field as front-runner Wessex (NZ) (Turn Me Loose) set up a solid pace.

With most riders keeping a wary eye on Legarto, Wessex and rider Craig Zackey increased their margin to be more than ten lengths clear as they rounded the home bend.

Ryan Elliot aboard Legarto had begun to move forward at that stage but was still well in arrears as Wessex went for gold at the 300m.

Inch by inch Legarto clawed back the ground on both Wessex and the hard chasing Skew Whiff and within the shadows of the post the Proisir filly sailed past the pair to register her fifth win from just five starts.

Ken Kelso admitted he had all but given away the winning chances of his charge when he saw how much ground she had to make up in the home straight.

"There were a lot of anxious moments as I didn't think we could pick that horse up," Kelso said.

"I had pretty much given it away, but she is something special, very smart and just has that will to win."

While keen to add further black type to the filly's record, Kelso was also using the race as a chance for Legarto to familiarise herself with surroundings before tackling the NZ \$1million Karaka Million 3YO Classic (1600m) at the venue next month.

"She had a good look around and that was part of the exercise today," he said.

"I couldn't be happier with her although you wouldn't be human if you didn't get nervous before a race like this.

"I'm now just very relieved."

Elliot was left looking for superlatives after the race.

"We actually got the perfect run of the race, on the back of the second favourite and rolling into it nicely," he said.

"That one in front gave us something to run down and my filly just kept giving.

"Every time I asked her, she kept finding lengths and she



Legarto completes an amazing victory in the Gr.2 ATR Eight Carat Classic (1600m) (Kristin Ledington)

gave me an unbelievable feel.

"The scary thing is she is starting to get better and better in her trackwork and it is starting to show out on the track now."

A \$90,000 purchase for Phillip Brown of Ancroft Stud from Book 2 of the New Zealand Bloodstock National Yearling Sale at Karaka in 2021, Legarto is raced by many of the same connections as the multiple Group 1-winning mare Levante (NZ) (Levante), including former Waikato Racing Club chief executive Tony Enting.

Bred by Bay of Plenty farmer Warwick Jeffries, Legarto is out of Towkay mare Geordie Girl and has now won all five of her raceday starts for just over \$389,000 in prizemoney.

TAB Bookmakers have her at the head of the Karaka Million 3YO Classic Fixed Odds market at a \$1.60 quote.

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	Auckland TR Eight Carat Classic Gr.2 1600m
Winner	Legarto (NZ) 2019
Owners	Mrs C J & P H Brown, A C & Mrs M E Enting, W J Foster, Mrs B J & K S Kelso, A M & Mrs P J Kirton, G & M Maloy & E J Verheyen
Trainer	Ken & Bev Kelso (Matamata)
Breeding	by Proisir (AUS) out of Geordie Girl by Towkay (AUS)
Breeder	W E Jeffries
Sales	2021 National Yearling Sale - Book 2 V: Highline Thoroughbreds \$90000 P: Ancroft Stud



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WILD NIGHT DECLARES GAME ON FOR KARAKA 3YO CLASSIC

Barely thirty minutes after unbeaten three-year-old filly Legarto (NZ) (Proisir) put her hand up to start favourite in the Karaka Million 3YO Classic (1600m) next month with victory in the Gr.2 ATR Eight Carat Classic (1600m), her main rival issued an emphatic statement that he won't be going down without a titanic struggle.

The Mark Walker-trained **Wild Night (NZ)** (Vanbrugh) went into the Listed Shaw's Wire Ropes Uncle Remus Stakes (1400m) as the winner of his last four starts and extended that record to five with another eye-catching

performance.

The son of Windsor Park Stud resident stallion Vanbrugh disputed favouritism with his main rival Sacred Satono (NZ) (Satono Aladdin) and it was no surprise to see the pair square off in the final stages to determine the final outcome.

Rider Opie Bosson gave his charge a perfect run in behind the pace and after spotting Sacred Satono two lengths at the 200m, Wild Night wound up powerfully to charge to the front and win going away by just on a length at the post.

Bosson was licking his lips at what was on the horizon for his mount, who he compared to a former star of the Te Akau Racing team..

"He's a bloody good horse and there is still some improvement in him," Bosson said.

"I just can't wait for the Karaka 3YO Classic and the clash with Legarto.

"He has been screaming out for a mile as they had him a little off the bit for much of the race, but when he lets down underneath you, jeez it gives you an amazing feeling.

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A jubilant Opie Bosson punches the air in triumph after the win by Wild Night at Pukekohe (Trish Dunell)



WILD NIGHT DECLARES GAME ON FOR KARAKA 3YO CLASSIC

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"He reminds me of Te Akau Shark a bit, looks like him and has the same racing style.

"I'm very impressed by him, he has run sectionals like Legarto so it's going to be a good clash."

Walker was delighted with the performance as he looks ahead to Karaka Million night on January 28 and the clash with Legarto who is also prepared at Matamata.

"It was a really good effort as Opie didn't panic and he (Wild Night) took a lot longer to wind up today," he said.

"He is on target for a mile and even a bit further later on.

"I'm sure there is going to be a bit of banter at the track with Legarto going into the Karaka 3YO Classic, as it is shaping up as a tremendous race

and the mile is going to be right up our alley."

Raced by the Te Akau Love To Party Partnership, Wild Night was purchased by Te Akau Racing supremo David Ellis for \$50,000 from the Windsor Park Book 1 draft at Karaka in 2021.

He is the fourth foal of Falkirk mare Supreme (NZ) and the younger half-brother of Gr.2 Eclipse Stakes (1200m) winner Play That Song who also finished second in the 2020 Karaka Million 2YO (1200m) and fourth in the Gr.1 Sistema Stakes (1200m).

Wild Night now sits as a clear \$3 second favourite for the Karaka 3YO Classic with Legarto at \$1.60 and Sacred Satono the third Fixed Odds fancy at \$8.

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	Auckland TR Uncle Remus S. L 1400m
Winner	Wild Night (NZ) 2019
Owners	Te Akau Love To Party Racing Partnership (Mgr: Karyn Fenton-Ellis MNZM)
Trainer	Mark Walker (Matamata)
Breeding	by Vanbrugh (AUS) out of Supreme by Falkirk
Breeder	Windsor Park Stud Ltd
Sales	2021 National Yearling Sale - Book 1 V: Windsor Park Stud \$50000 P: DC Ellis



Opie Bosson gets the best out of Wild Night as he storms home to take out the Listed Shaw's Wire Ropes Uncle Remus Stakes (1400m) (Kristin Ledington)



SYNCHRONIZE RETURNS IN STYLE AT PUKEKOHE

Progressive mare **Synchronize (NZ)** (Savabeel) made her long-awaited return to the racetrack a winning one when she produced a sizzling home straight sprint to take out the Listed Hallmark Stud Handicap (1200m) at Pukekohe.

The Mark Walker-trained four-year-old was returning from an enforced absence after she bled when finishing well back at Taupo in August.

Two handy trial runs, including a second over 1000m behind stablemate Fashion Shoot (NZ) (Savabeel) at Avondale a fortnight earlier, had her ready for Saturday's black type assignment and she didn't disappoint in the hands of in-form South African pilot Craig Zackey.

Zackey settled the daughter of Savabeel near the rear on a hot speed and was still spotting the leaders several lengths rounding the home

bend. Held up for one run at them, Synchronize hit top gear in a couple of strides as she burst past former Hong Kong galloper Green Aeon (Snitzel) to take the win by an ever increasing two lengths at the finish line.

"I thought she'd go well fresh and it is just unfortunate that she bled in the spring," Walker said.

"We're on top of that problem now and the key to her is to keep her in a nice, fresh state.

"We knew she had the ability and it was a good ride by Craig as he held her up, held her up and she showed a great turn of foot.

"They were back a fair way, but it looked like they went a good enough clip (in front) and we know with that turn of foot, if we can keep on top of her problems she has a lot more in store."

Walker will monitor the mare's

recovery before deciding on her next target but has his eye on another stakes race at the venue.

"We'll just go home and sleep on it, but we might come here for the Concorde Handicap (Gr.3, 1200m) next month," he said.

Zackey, who was completing his fourth stakes victory since arriving from South Africa in November, was pleased with the win after running into trouble early in the home straight.

"I was in a good position until the bend came and then it got a little bit rough," he said.

"I got pushed out the back, but the more I was riding her patiently the more she just started to climb against the bit and when she got through a tight gap, she just exploded."

Owned by the Te Akau Flexibeel Racing Partnership, Synchronize was purchased by Te Akau Racing boss David Ellis for \$280,000 out of the Waikato Stud draft during the Book 1 sale at Karaka in 2020. – **NZ Racing Desk**



Craig Zackey eases Synchronize to the finish line to win the Listed Hallmark Stud Handicap (1200m) (Kristin Ledington)

Race	Auckland TR Hallmark Stud H. L 1200m
Winner	Synchronize (NZ) 2018
Owners	Te Akau Flexibeel Racing Partnership (Mgr: Karyn Fenton-Ellis MNZM)
Trainer	Mark Walker (Matamata)
Breeding	by Savabeel (AUS) out of Splits by O'Reilly
Breeder	Waikato Stud Ltd
Sales	2020 National Yearling Sale - Book 1 V: Waikato Stud Ltd \$280000 P: DC Ellis



AUSTRALIA ON HORIZON AFTER BUOYANT STRIKES AGAIN

Buoyant (NZ) (Dalghar) is set to be given an opportunity across the Tasman after Southland's new sprint star secured his second consecutive stakes win in the Listed Property Brokers Hazlett Stakes (1200m) at Wingatui on Boxing Day.

The Dalghar gelding had a rating of 73 at the start of the season but has made giant strides over the last four months, winning three of his five starts and stepping up on to the big stage in some of the South Island's showpiece sprints.

After a strong-finishing third in the Listed Pegasus Stakes (1000m) on the opening day of the Riccarton carnival in early November, the four-year-old backed up on the final day to claim his first black-type win in the Gr.3 Stewards' Stakes (1200m).

Wingatui on Boxing Day brought more of the same, with Buoyant tucked in along the rail in third before jockey Corey Campbell angled him into the clear at the top of the straight.

The \$2.50 favourite took a few moments to work through his gears, but he lengthened stride powerfully through the final 150 metres to score a comfortable win by three-quarters of a length. Lightning Jack (NZ) (Per Incanto) crossed the line in second place, a length in front of Golden Harvest (NZ) (Ghibellines).

"Today was a really lovely follow-up to what he did in the Stewards' Stakes at Riccarton last month," said Ascot Park trainer Sabin Kirkland, who also shares in the ownership of the talented chestnut.

"He's managed to come out and run 1:10.31 on a soft track and win pretty impressively, so he's done everything we could have asked for.

"He went a month between runs leading into today, but I had no trouble at all keeping him up to the mark during that time. He was absolutely fine."

Buoyant was passed in as a weanling at the Karaka May Sale in 2019 with a reserve of only \$3000, but he has now had 16 starts for six wins, four placings and \$190,540 in prizemoney.

Now there could be even bigger and better things in store, including a potential shot at the Gr.1 Newmarket Handicap (1200m) on March 11. The time-honoured Flemington feature



Buoyant stamps his class with victory in the Listed Property Brokers Hazlett Stakes (1200m) (Tayler Strong)

produced a Kiwi triumph earlier this year with star mare Roch 'n' Horse (NZ) (Per Incanto).

"I'm absolutely stoked with the progress the horse has made this season, and he's also caught the eye of some Australians who are coming into the ownership," Kirkland said. "They're really keen to get him over there and give him a chance in a race like the Newmarket Handicap, which is pretty exciting."

Buoyant is nominated for the Gr.1 Telegraph (1200m) at Trentham on January 14, for which the TAB now rates him a \$14 chance, but he is far from a certain runner in Wellington's biggest sprint.

"I'm a bit doubtful about the Telegraph because of the weight conditions," Kirkland said. "He may end up going straight over to Australia, where he'll be trained by Matthew Enright and I'll leave it all up to him." – **NZ Racing Desk**

Race	Otago RC Hazlett S. L 1200m
Winner	Buoyant (NZ) 2018
Owners	Mrs C B & S J Kirkland
Trainer	Sabin Kirkland (Ascot Park)
Breeding	by Dalghar (FR) out of Miss Minogue by Pentire (GB)
Breeder	S Cheung
Sales	2019 NZ 8 Jul Online Auction V: Brighthill Farm \$2300 P: Sally McKay



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ST LAWRENCE REMAINS UNBEATEN



St Lawrence keeps his winning streak intact with a victory at Sandown (Bruno Cannatelli)

The Ciaron Maher and David Eustace-trained **St Lawrence (NZ)** (Redwood) extended his unbeaten record to four when winning the Joe Brown Handicap (1800m) at Sandown Hillside on Boxing Day.

St Lawrence (\$1.50 favourite), ridden by John Allen in the benchmark 70 handicap, raced outside the leader Wetakemanhattan (Manhattan Rain) (\$41) and wore down his on-pace rival to prevail by a long neck.

"It was definitely more workmanlike than it was the last start but you can only keep winning," Allen said of the son of Redwood.

"The stronger tempo last time where he had the sit he was explosive whereas today we didn't go that quick and it turned into a sprint up the home straight.

"He was always doing enough to hold on and I always felt I was going to win even though it was not as impressive looking as the last start.

"There's still plenty to work with and he's a nice horse pushing forward. It's good to keep his winning sequence going."

Maher was trackside to witness the victory and indicated that St Lawrence would have his runs well spaced due to his light frame.

"He is ticking up through the grades, it was pretty soft in the end," Maher said. "He looks a stayer for the future."

"Will Bourne (Maher's bloodstock manager) is here. He struck up the deal between Gerry Harvey, Luke McDonald, Ozzie Kheir

and John (O'Neill) – It's a fantastic ownership group."

St Lawrence was bred by Harvey and was originally trained by Andrew Forsman when racing three wide without cover throughout yet prevailing by a long neck at Hastings over 1400 metres on April 16.

Bourne struck the deal to acquire St Lawrence following that debut win. He won two jumpouts at Cranbourne in August and September prior to winning a 0-64 Handicap (1325m) at Geelong by a length on September 15.

St Lawrence has then won his past two outings at Sandown Hillside with Allen in the saddle.

A half-brother to Group Three winner Marroni (NZ) (Makfi), St Lawrence is the grandson of multiple Group One winner Lotteria (Redoute's Choice).

Race	MRC Joe Brown H. 1800m
Winner	St Lawrence (NZ) 2018
Owners	Mr A Kheir, Mr J A O'Neill, Mr G Harvey, Mr D F Degenhardt, Mr L Caminiti, Mr P A Cook, Mr J M Simmons, Ms S M Fitzgerald, A K Racing, Mr G J P Van Ameyden, Mr A J Willoughby, Carty Racing, Mr V Kheir, Mr S A Lewin, Mr R E Wilson
Trainer	Ciaron Maher & David Eustace (Ballarat)
Breeding	by Redwood (GB) out of Bacio del Vinto (AUS) by Encosta de Lago (AUS)
Breeder	G Harvey

RAW DUNKEL A TOPLINER IN THE MAKING

Talented three-year-old **Dunkel (NZ)** (Dundeel) has plenty of improvement still to come but was able to score a relatively comfortable victory in the Frank O'Brien Handicap (1800m) at Sandown on Saturday despite giving favourite punters a few nervous moments.

The Patrick Payne-trained gelding was slow to begin and was awkwardly placed last on the fence when rounding the home bend, but jockey Harry Coffey was able to coax the best out of the son of Dundeel, who sprinted quickly after finding clear air.

Bred by Pencarrow Stud, Dunkel (\$1.60 favourite) scored by 1¾-lengths over Barefoot Tora (Magnus) (\$18) with stablemate Hard To Cross (All To Hard) (\$5.50) in third.

Winning on debut at Moonee Valley over 1600m in October, Dunkel was a luckless second in the Cranbourne Classic (2025m) last start and shapes as a stayer of good promise.

"He's not quite there yet," Coffey said.

"It was unusual in the early stages today. He wasn't brilliant out of the gates and I didn't want to rev him up because we had a long time to catch them but he was really unenthused and didn't really know what was going on.

"Once he got into the clear he let rip and did what he can do."

Out of the stakes-placed Cape Cross



Promising galloper Dunkel wins comfortably at Sandown (Bruno Cannatelli)

mare Kudamm, Dunkel was a \$40,000 Karaka yearling purchase by Steven Ramsay from the draft of Pencarrow Stud.

The youngster was then presented at the New Zealand Bloodstock Ready To Run Sale through Ohukia Lodge, where he was knocked down for \$100,000 to the bid of Patrick Payne, who sought the opinion of family friend Kevin Myers given he was unable to attend the COVID-restricted 2021 sale.

Race	MRC Frank O'Brien H. 1800m
Winner	Dunkel (NZ) 2019
Owners	Farmhouse Holdings Pty Ltd, Mr B Danaher, Mr T Danaher, Mr C Moore, Stogursey Farm Racing, Mr C J Collison, Mr C A Daffy, Mr P G Dwyer, Mr A De Morton, Mrs A M de Morton, Mr J Danaher
Trainer	Patrick Payne (Plumpton)
Breeding	by Dundeel out of Kudamm (AUS) by Cape Cross (IRE)
Breeder	Pencarrow Thoroughbreds Ltd
Sales	2021 National Yearling Sale - Book 1 V: Pencarrow Stud \$40000 P: SC Ramsay 2021 Ready to Run Sale V: Ohukia Lodge Ltd \$100000 P: KT Myers



INUNDATION SMASHES VALLEY TRACK RECORD

Lightly-raced speedster **Inundation** (Headwater) made a blistering return to the racetrack, establishing a new 1000-metre track record at The Valley on Saturday.

The Mick Price and Michael Kent Jnr-trained four-year-old clocked 56.84 seconds in winning the BM78 bettering the 56.92 seconds recorded by Written Beauty (Written Tycoon) more than two years ago and the new mark now ensures there will be no flying under the radar for the promising son of Headwater.

Jockey Jamie Kah didn't hesitate to describe the four-year-old as being "special" after his blitz while a delighted co-trainer Michael Kent Jnr preferred to keep a lid on the growing hype around the horse.

"He's definitely a stakes horse in the making but with a nice weight, we'll just go through the grades and capitalise on his low rating and winning some nice prizemoney for his owners," Kent Jnr said.

Inundation took his record to four wins from six starts with the performance, which was not unexpected but was certainly welcomed by Kent Jnr in what was the horse's first run for the season.

"I loved the way he bounced and put himself there and once he was outside the leader, he controlled the race," Kent Jnr said.

"He's a great horse the way he can travel so easily on a fast tempo. It was very, very nice to watch.

"He was dropping three-year-olds in the winter last time around and now he's got to go up in level."

After Inundation travelled kindly for the first part of the race, Kah released the brakes on the home turn and Inundation romped home as the \$2.30 favourite to win by two and three quarter lengths from the early leader Unflinching (I Am Invincible) (\$6) with Okay To Pay (Gingerbread Man) (\$21) a length and three quarters away in third place.

"He's special," Kah said on dismounting. "He probably knocked up then because there was so much pressure in that race and he was entitled to but the future is very bright for him.

"He's got a great attitude and a really relaxed temperament which I think they need these sprinters. If they overdo it, they are going to fall in a hole in the end.

"I think he's matured a lot this prep. In his trial he was just fantastic and he took fitness out of that and he'll take fitness out of this."

Inundation won two trials in New Zealand out of Jenna Mahoney's Byerley Park stable before being purchased in a deal brokered privately through bloodstock agent Phill Cataldo.

"He was just a beautifully balanced horse and when he won his second trial at Te Rapa he showed a great action," Cataldo said.

"He was always going to be about 16hh and he was nice and correct with a good brain and he was beautifully prepared by Jenna."

Cataldo, who is often associated with sourcing horses that excel from 1400m and beyond from New Zealand, said the speedier Inundation wasn't initially snapped up by clients.

"I was surprised, I had a real job selling that horse. I couldn't believe it, I thought for sure he'd be popular for Hong Kong, but maybe his sire Headwater was a question mark at the time.

"He looks a 1000m or 1200m horse for sure and that will be why the Australians were a bit reluctant to buy him at first as they have plenty of that type, but I am pleased that he looks like another nice horse for Mick and Michael who have done very well with horses sourced from New Zealand, whether it be through the sales or from our trials or races."

Race	MVRC Caroline Springs Handicap (1000m)
Winner	Inundation (AUS) 2018
Owners	Mr P A Donato, Having The Craic, Mr T D Tonkin, Mr T Romeo, Mr J C Slattery, Mr B K Hill, Mrs J L Hill, Mr P A Vawdrey, C S Racing, Mr B M Rea, Mr M Neale, Mr W P Butcher, Mr G W Fielding, Mr R Wilkins, Mr D S Smart, Mr M Portia, Mr T Paragalli, Mr D G Buckley
Trainer	Mick Price & Michael Kent (Jnr)
Breeding	by Headwater (AUS) out of Flippity Lass (AUS) by Dream Ahead (USA)
Breeder	Staghurst Pty Ltd (AUS)



Inundation smashes the track record at The Valley. (Reg Ryan/Racing Photos))

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NZ STALLION AWARDS

THE CENTAINE AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$12,649,154
TAVISTOCK	\$7,636,953
PER INCANTO	\$6,595,114
PROISIR	\$3,978,376
REDWOOD	\$3,936,833
SHOCKING	\$3,814,531
SACRED FALLS	\$3,440,774
OCEAN PARK	\$2,963,706
RELIABLE MAN	\$2,830,934
PINS	\$2,536,636

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

THE DEWAR STALLION TROPHY

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$10,549,838
TAVISTOCK	\$5,140,552
PER INCANTO	\$4,210,720
SHOCKING	\$3,277,297
PROISIR	\$3,168,295
REDWOOD	\$3,145,507
OCEAN PARK	\$2,605,996
SACRED FALLS	\$2,541,940
ALMANZOR	\$2,060,985
RELIABLE MAN	\$1,799,506

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

THE GROSVENOR AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
PROISIR	\$1,543,965
TAVISTOCK	\$939,670
SAVABEEL	\$879,705
DARCI BRAHMA	\$831,785
EL ROCA	\$791,567
SACRED FALLS	\$669,065
PER INCANTO	\$638,345
IFFRAAJ	\$570,765
ZED	\$554,475
VANBRUGH	\$551,395

BEST PERFORMERS	EARNINGS
PIER	\$419,390
VIKTOR VEGAS	\$117,920
PRISE DE FER	\$286,075
DARCI LA BELLA	\$233,125
OLD TOWN ROAD	\$68,700
AROMATIC	\$115,275
FAITHFUL FEAT	\$81,475
SEAJETZ	\$85,565
YOLO	\$75,380
MUSTANG VALLEY	\$328,425

Criteria: Leading Sires by Earnings in New Zealand



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NZ BRED WINNERS IN

HONG KONG 21 DECEMBER

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
NATURAL STORM (NZ) 2016 by Pins (AUS) out of Miracle Miss by O'Reilly	Waikato Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Venus H. 2200m.	2018 National Yearling Sale - Book 1 V: Waikato Stud Ltd \$420000 P: Ricky Yiu

HONG KONG 24 DECEMBER

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
BOYS PARTY (NZ) 2017 by Vancouver (AUS) out of Moonlight Bay (AUS) by Catbird (AUS)	Peters Investments Pty Ltd; Auckland; NZ	HKJC Cedar H. 1600m.	2019 National Yearling Sale - Book 1 V: Haunui Farm \$100000 P: Armourcroft Stables / Riversley Park 2019 Ready to Run Sale V: Riversley Park Ltd \$185000 P: Hiwi Lodge
MARADO (NZ) 2016 by Pins (AUS) out of Front Lady by Zabeel	A Wong; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Pine H. 1400m.	2018 National Yearling Sale - Book 3 V: Cambridge Blue Agistment \$32000 P: Tartan Meadow B/stock

MALAYSIA 24 DECEMBER

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
CLARTON TREASURE (NZ) 2014 by Guillotine out of Molly 'O by O'Reilly	G I Alton, Miss C J Cameron & Mrs B L Richards; NZ	Penang TC Class 4 H. 1200	
D'GREAT EMPRESS (NZ) 2013 by Coats Choice (AUS) out of Tiverton by Pins (AUS)	Mrs A M & J F Bruford; NZ	Penang TC Class 5 H. 1200	

MALAYSIA 25 DECEMBER

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
RAISE ME UP (NZ) 2015 by Ferlax out of Yamanna by Yamanin Vital	Haunui Bloodstock Ltd; Auckland; NZ	Penang TC Class 5 H. 1600	2017 Ready To Run Sale V: Phoenix Park \$60000 P: Patella/Busuttin Racing
LIM'S DASHING (NZ) 2012 by Darci Brahma out of Trouville (AUS) by Hurricane Sky (AUS)	Llanhenock Trust; Waikato; NZ	Penang TC Class 3 H. 1300	2014 National Yearling Sale - Select Session V: Wentwood Grange \$100000 P: Hiwi Lodge
NO FUN NO GAIN (NZ) 2015 by Pins (AUS) out of J'Lo by Unbridled's Song (USA)	B W & Mrs N K Blatch; NZ	Penang Island Cup 1200	2017 National Yearling Sale - Premier Session V: Rich Hill Stud \$130000 P: Mr S Gray
D'GREAT DUCHESS (NZ) 2016 by El Roca (AUS) out of Havana Miss (AUS) by Red Ransom (USA)	G Harvey; Auckland; NZ	Penang TC Class 5 H. 1200	

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AUSTRALIA

All Too Hard : Too Much Caviar (NZ) (More Caviar by More Than Ready) 2017;
21 Dec 2022, 1st ATC CHC's Revolutionary Miss H. 1600m

Charm Spirit : Montjeuify (NZ) (Driven Force by Road to Rock) 2019;
20 Dec 2022, 1st Terang RC Murfett & Whiting Electrical Maiden P. 1400m

Complacent : Commando Drift (NZ) (Sena by Helenus) 2018;
23 Dec 2022, 1st Yarra Valley RC Surenet Solutions H. 1950m

Contributer : Bad Influence (NZ) (Shades Of Silk by Thunder Gulch) 2017;
24 Dec 2022, 1st GCTC TAB P. 1650m

Darci Brahma : Not a Brass Razoo (NZ) (So Lyrical by Pivotal) 2018;
18 Dec 2022, 1st TRC AYC Netball Club P. 1600m

Glass Harmonium : Strong Lady (NZ) (Sapphira by Flying Spur) 2018;
17 Dec 2022, 1st Yea RC Maiden P. 1300m

Jimmy Choux : Moi Choux (NZ) (Moirai by Not A Single Doubt) 2016;
24 Dec 2022, 1st WATC Glenroy Chaff H. 1000m
Sold by Leanach Lodge Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$34000

Kermadec : Sabie Park (NZ) (Berg en Dal by Dehere) 2017;
24 Dec 2022, 1st Tamworth JC Ctry Music R'Day 19/1 H. 1600m
Sold by Wentwood Grange at National Yearling Sale for \$180000

Maurice : Takara (NZ) (Tip the Wink by Stravinsky) 2018;
17 Dec 2022, 1st Colac TC Christians Bus Lines Maiden P. 1600m
Sold by Bradbury Park at National Yearling Sale for \$130000

Mongolian Khan : Made by Khan (NZ) (Made to Order by Commands) 2017;
24 Dec 2022, 1st ATC Midway H. 2000m

Niagara : Elevenbee (NZ) (Sentebale by Darci Brahma) 2015;
17 Dec 2022, 1st Yea RC Restricted H. 1600m

Niagara : Chuck a Luck (NZ) (Boomchuckalucka by Catbird) 2016;
22 Dec 2022, 1st Bunbury TC Cool Ridge H. 2000m
Sold by Mapperley Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$25000

Ocean Park : Kovalica (NZ) (Vitesse by Makfi) 2019;
17 Dec 2022, 1st BRC Grand Prix S. Gr.3 2100m
Sold by Curraghmore at National Yearling Sale for \$110000

Ocean Park : Seafaring (NZ) (Miss Raggedy Ann by Faltaat) 2017;
24 Dec 2022, 1st Murray Bridge RC AM&ME Langford Maiden P. 1400m
Sold by Wentwood Grange at National Yearling Sale for \$40000

Per Incanto : Gypsy Tricks (NZ) (Lutine Belle by O'Reilly) 2018;
23 Dec 2022, 1st Yarra Valley RC United Petroleum Maiden P. 1000m

Per Incanto : Firstlur (NZ) (Second Obsession by O'Reilly) 2018;
21 Dec 2022, 1st BRC Ladbroke's Mates Mode Maiden P. H. 1400m
Sold by Little Avondale Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$160000

Proisir : Gryllus (NZ) (Arthena by Desert Sun) 2016;
17 Dec 2022, 1st Chinchilla DARC Maiden P. 1030m
Sold by Te Runga Stud Ltd at National Yearling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale for \$38000

Redwood : Sword of War (NZ) (Rock on Rye by Catcher in the Rye) 2017;
20 Dec 2022, 1st Terang RC Bonner Transport H. 1850m
Sold by Long Acres Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$65000

Redwood : Pale Face (NZ) (Diva In Red by High Yield) 2019;
23 Dec 2022, 1st Yarra Valley RC Pace 30 Year Race Maiden P. 1500m

Reliable Man : Lekvarte (NZ) (Plumm by Encosta de Lago) 2018;
17 Dec 2022, 1st ATC Yes Yes Yes First Yearlings H. 1400m
Sold by Westbury Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$210000

Sacred Falls : Arcarius (NZ) (Savodara by Savabeel) 2017;
21 Dec 2022, 1st BRC 35 Eureka Graduates in Syrs H. 1000m
Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$380000

Savabeel : Captain Morgan (NZ) (Chandelier by O'Reilly) 2015;
23 Dec 2022, 1st Devonport RC Mick Sims Memorial H. 1880m

Savabeel : Celestial Fury (NZ) (Sister Celeste by Galileo) 2018;
22 Dec 2022, 1st Gosford RC Sidcom Constructions P. 1900m
Sold by Riverrock Farm at Ready to Run Sale for \$120000

Savabeel : Rapinoe (NZ) (Pepiniere by Sadler's Wells) 2017;
20 Dec 2022, 1st Terang RC Bet365 Maiden P. 1400m

Shamexpress : Rapaport (NZ) (Diamantaire by Montjeu) 2016;
17 Dec 2022, 1st Mackay TC Blacks Real Estate P. 1560m

Tavistock : Heir of Tavistock (NZ) (Procure by Centaine) 2015;
17 Dec 2022, 1st Gawler & Barossa JC Irongate Australia H. 1500m
Sold by Trelawney Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$200000

Tavistock : Our Modena (NZ) (Zenella by Zabeel) 2016;
17 Dec 2022, 1st ATC Furphy H. 1400m
Sold by Cambridge Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$420000

Tavistock : Tavisteel (NZ) (Yulong April by Zabeel) 2018;
20 Dec 2022, 1st Terang RC Bet365 H. 1400m

Tavistock : Villaden (NZ) (Romantic Time by Fastnet Rock) 2018;
21 Dec 2022, 1st ATC Exceedance's First Yearlings H. 2200m
Sold by Cambridge Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$220000

Tavistock : Tavi l'Amour (NZ) (Love Diamonds by Danehill) 2018;
22 Dec 2022, 1st Ipswich TC Piper Joe's 70th H. 1700m

Tavistock : Pudding (NZ) (Christmas Day by Zabeel) 2018;
24 Dec 2022, 1st Murray Bridge RC Fred Vella Tyre & Crash H. 1600m
Sold by Hallmark Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$65000

Tivaci : Mascherata (NZ) (Fancy Dress by Savabeel) 2018;
23 Dec 2022, 1st Devonport RC GA Joe Mason Memorial H. 1350m
Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$150000

Tivaci : Aperitivo (NZ) (Dubonnet by O'Reilly) 2019;
17 Dec 2022, 1st Benalla RC J Symes Member for Nth Vic Maiden P. 1606m

Vadamos : With Your Blessing (NZ) (Super Trouper by Darci Brahma) 2018;
17 Dec 2022, 1st ATC Midway H. 1200m

Vanbrugh : Sugar Pop (NZ) (Sugar Hit by Big Brown) 2018;
22 Dec 2022, 1st Wangaratta TC Winsec Savings & Loans Maiden P. 1300m

Vespa : Pontedera (NZ) (Rebel Rocker by Fastnet Rock) 2018;
24 Dec 2022, 1st Murray Bridge RC Mulch n More H. 1200m
Sold by Prima Park at Ready to Run Sale for \$30000
Sold by Valachi Downs at National Yearling Sale for \$37500

Zacinto : Mach Schnell (NZ) (Anyia by Volksraad) 2016;
24 Dec 2022, 1st ATC Bisley Workwear H. 1800m
Sold by Beaufort Downs at National Yearling Sale for \$80000

Zacinto : Ucalledit (NZ) (Special Bay by Al Maher) 2017;
17 Dec 2022, 1st BRC Lough Neagh S. L 1400m
Sold by Grangewilliam Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$15000

Zed : She Zed So (NZ) (Kai Iwi Lass by Al Akbar) 2014;
17 Dec 2022, 1st Yea RC Open H. 3000m


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AUSTRALIA

Zed : Rangi Tane (NZ) (Just One Kiss by King of Kings) 2017;
17 Dec 2022, 1st Yea RC Restricted H. 2140m
Sold by Grangewilliam Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$1500

Zed : Righteous Feeling (NZ) (I Gotta Feeling by His Royal Highness) 2018;
20 Dec 2022, 1st Scone RC Coolmore H. 2200m
Sold by Grangewilliam Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$20000

HONG KONG

Pins : Natural Storm (NZ) (Miracle Miss by O'Reilly) 2016;
21 Dec 2022, 1st HKJC Venus H. 2200m
Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$420000

Pins : Marado (NZ) (Front Lady by Zabeel) 2016;
24 Dec 2022, 1st HKJC Pine H. 1400m
Sold by Cambridge Blue Agistment at National Yearling Sale for \$32000

Power : Holy Power (NZ) (Onmyown by High Chaparral) 2018;
18 Dec 2022, 1st HKJC Lukfook Wedding Collection H. 1200m
Sold by Kilgravin Lodge at National Yearling Sale for \$21000

Reliable Man : Tar and Cement - Massive Action (H.K.) (NZ) (Classical by Stravinsky) 2017;
18 Dec 2022, 1st HKJC Lukfook Beloved Collection H. 1600m

Vancouver : Boys Party (NZ) (Moonlight Bay by Catbird) 2017;
24 Dec 2022, 1st HKJC Cedar H. 1600m
Sold by Riversley Park Ltd at Ready to Run Sale for \$185000
Sold by Haunui Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$100000

MACAU

Dalghar : Peribaldo - Sheng Tong Viva (Mac.) (NZ) (Cassini by Reset) 2018;
17 Dec 2022, 1st Macau Po Toi Islands H. 1500m
Sold by Woburn Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$130000

Sweynesse : Famous Rainbow (NZ) (Florence Hilton by Lucky Unicorn) 2019;
17 Dec 2022, 1st Macau Soko Island (Div 2) H. 1500m
Sold by CH Bloodstock Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$29000

MALAYSIA

Darci Brahma : Sing Darci (NZ) (Miuccia Belle by Pins) 2014;
18 Dec 2022, 1st Penang TC Class 5-B H. 1400m
Sold by Cypress Point Stables at Ready to Run Sale for \$21000
Sold by Wentwood Grange at National Yearling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale for \$10000
Sold by Hyde Park at National Yearling Sale for \$10000

Darci Brahma : Cut to the Chase - Triple One Star (Mal.) (NZ) (In Essence by Fusaichi Pegasus) 2013;
18 Dec 2022, 1st Penang TC Class 5-A H. 1400m



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