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## SAVABEEL CONTINUING TO RAISE THE BAR



*Waikato Stud resident stallion Savabeel has set records once again this season*

**S**avabeel (Zabeel) has broken his own domestic stakes earnings record, narrowly missing becoming the first stallion to hit \$4 million in New Zealand in a season, as he stretched his Grosvenor Award winning streak to five years running.

The Waikato Stud stallion has enjoyed yet another banner season, becoming leading two-year-old sire for the first time, as well as sweeping the main New Zealand stallion awards for the fourth straight year.

Savabeel's progeny earned \$3,951,419 in New Zealand for the 2018-19 season, easily eclipsing his previous record mark of \$3,396,125 set 12 months earlier.

It is the third season in a row Savabeel has set a new benchmark, having narrowly eclipsed Thorn Park's 2010-11 then record of \$3,003,062 when his progeny banked \$3,078,170 in the 2016-17 season.

Another Waikato Stud sire Pins, who died last year, finished

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second on the Grosvenor Award standings with \$2,131,256, while Per Incanto was third with \$2,117,843.

Waikato Stud boss Mark Chittick said the most pleasing aspect of Savabeel's record was that he continued to maintain high standards.

"The thing we're most proud of is his versatility. He's just as capable of leaving two-year-old stakes winners as he is of leaving stakes winners at all ages over all distances and both sexes," Chittick said.

"His best season was 19 stakes winners and the season just gone he's had 18, so he's continuing to set the bar high."

Savabeel's winning margins were even greater in the other main stallion award categories.

He earned \$9,891,820 in Australasian earnings to win the Dewar Stallion Trophy for the fifth year running, heading a Waikato Stud domination of the standings with O'Reilly (\$5,910,578), Pins (\$4,449,698) and Ocean Park (\$4,049,972) finishing second, third and fourth.

World-wide, Savabeel's progeny earned \$17,456,908 to earn him a fourth straight Centaine Award title, heading off O'Reilly (\$9,699,533) and Road To Rock (\$9,481,894).

"They are huge numbers," Chittick said.

"He's so important to us and so important to New Zealand. He just keeps on doing a great job."

Perhaps what makes Savabeel's domestic record read even better is that most of his best progeny are sold offshore, international buyers securing a large number of the 47 Savabeel yearlings sold at Karaka this year which netted \$13.96 million at an average of \$297,021.

"The results he created at Karaka this year were outstanding," Chittick said, noting that Savabeel was responsible for six of the top 10 yearlings sold at Karaka in January.

"And that was all off the back of Probabeel winning the Karaka Million. Not taking anything away from his own great sire Zabeel, but he's achieving things even he didn't do. He's on 89 stakes winners now and we'll have a big party when he gets to 100."

Karaka Million 2YO (1200m) winner Probabeel (NZ) was a big contributor to Savabeel's domestic success and a crucial part in the stallion becoming leading two-year-old sire for the first time.

However, Savabeel's record of 14 stakes-winning two-year-olds shows that juvenile success has become common-place for the sire.

And Chittick said Savabeel was showing few signs of slowing down.

"He's fantastic. It's been well documented the treadmill is in place to get him fit and that's been a fantastic tool to get him up and going for the breeding season," Chittick said.

"He's turning 18 and he's still fit and healthy but we will be restricting his numbers again this year because it's the sensible thing to do.

"All our best mares will be going to him this season and the shareholders have been great. They know what they've got and they support him with the best of the best mares too."

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# WINTER CUP TEST FOR PRENDERGAST DUO

**W**est Melton trainers Tony and Lyn Prendergast have two runners in Saturday's Gr.3 Winning Edge Presentations 122nd Winter Cup (1600m) at Riccarton.

The husband and wife duo will be represented by the top weight of the field, **Who Dares Wins (NZ)** (Iffraaj), and **Trudeau (NZ)** (Pins).

Who Dares Wins strung together three wins in a row earlier this preparation, including the Listed Easter Cup (1600m) and Gr.3 Canterbury Gold Cup (2000m), however, the seven-year-old gelding put in an uncustomary poor performance at Riccarton last month.

"He was just a wee bit over the top at his last start," Tony Prendergast said. "He wasn't quite 100 percent but he's picked up a lot since then. He's had a break and he's come back really well, so we're happy with him."

While they are happy with the son of Iffraaj they do hold concerns regarding the track conditions, with the track rated a Heavy11 on Wednesday afternoon with further rain forecast.

"I'm just a wee bit cautious," Prendergast said. "He's got to carry 60kgs in the really heavy going and that can take its toll but you know we can do no more than what we've done and we can't order the track conditions so we've just got to give it our best crack."

Who Dares Wins' stablemate and last start Oamaru Cup (1600m) winner Trudeau will carry seven kilograms less.

"He's come through the win really well and we're pleased with him. He's a lightweight chance," Prendergast said.

"In fairness to the owners I wouldn't really lean one way or the other but in saying that if Who Dares Wins was a wee bit closer to the other horse in the weights he'd be more superior I think."

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*Who Dares Wins will carry topweight in Saturday's Gr.3 Winning Edge Presentations 122nd Winter Cup at Riccarton*





# WINTER CUP TEST FOR PRENDERGAST DUO

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Safely through Saturday, Who Dares Wins will continue on his path toward the Gr.1 Livamol Classic (2000m) at Hastings on October 5.

"It's definitely on the cards," Prendergast said. "He's really a 2000m horse, he goes a nice mile fresh and he won the Easter Cup fresh over a mile and then won over a mile and a quarter the second day, but he does prefer 2000m."

The stable has two other runners on the first day of the Grand National Festival of Racing at Riccarton on Saturday.

Eight-year-old gelding **Lord Beaver (NZ)** (Keeper) was a last start winner at Ashburton and he will contest the Brian Wilson 51 Years a Farrier at Riccarton Premier (1400m).

"He likes it wet and he's won in a bog at Riccarton in the past and he's done well since he won so he should be a good chance," Prendergast said.

Four-year-old gelding **Bernini** (Bernardini) lines up in the Gold Club Premier (1200m).

"At this stage he looks like a speed horse but he has handled the wet ground not too bad in his track gallops so we're hopeful rather than confident with him."

The 2018/19 season has been the best season yet for the Prendergasts with 16 winners.

"We're very happy with that, we only train a small team so we don't have the big numbers," he said.

"We're based out in West Melton so we're surrounded by standardbreds, but we have 30 acres and our own track, so we do most of our work at home and the horses are out in the paddock in the day time, so it's great."

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# GRAND EXPECTATIONS **FOR GOBSTOPPER**



Former New Zealand Cup winner Gobstopper will tackle Sunday's Grand National Hurdle at Sandown

Emily Farr could be in for one of her biggest days in racing on Sunday when she partners in-form jumper **Gobstopper (NZ)** (Tavistock) in the Grand National Hurdle (4200m) at Sandown.

It has been a rapid rise for the 2017 Gr.3 New Zealand Cup (3200m) winner, who is undefeated in his two starts over hurdles, including a last-start victory in the Brendan Dreschler Hurdle (3500m) at Pakenham.

It took plenty of perseverance on Farr's part to convince trainer Andrew Campbell to follow a jumps path this winter with the Tavistock gelding, but

she eventually did, and that could pay big dividends on Saturday in the A\$250,000 feature.

"Andrew was against being a jumps trainer, so I have worn him down a bit," Farr said.

"Tommy (Heptinstall) the owner had been a bit disheartened about how he was going on the flat and they ended up saying do what you want.

"I taught him to jump, which was great. I have had him from jumping the logs at the Cambridge track to jumping the hurdles, I gave him his first hurdle trial and start, it's pretty hard to get me off now."

Gobstopper thrived with his jumping education and it showed on the track, with the seven-year-old running into form for the first time in 18 months on the flat when finishing runner-up to Zacada (NZ) (Zabeel) in the Gr.3 Rotorua Cup (2200m) in May.

His talents over hurdles were seen for this first time at Te Aroha in June where he won his maiden hurdle by 13 lengths and impressed his connections enough to warrant an Australian campaign.

While Farr had every belief in Gobstopper, she admitted to being

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slightly nervous heading into his first-up run in Australia last start.

"I was a little bit anxious going into it because I thought we had taken a big risk bringing him over and him only having one start (over hurdles) and one jumping trial, so he hasn't done a lot of jumping," she said.

However, Farr needn't have worried, with Gobstopper running away to a 2-1/2 length victory and showing he is adapting well to his new discipline.

"It was good that I managed to get a sit behind Euroman around the big corner," Farr said.

"I let him stroll along the back, which is how he likes to run his races, and he made one mistake, but he learnt from it very quickly and flew the next one and put himself back in the race.

"It was quite easy in the end, he won going away from them. He was quite impressive."

Farr has also been pleased with Gobstopper's attitude towards jumping and said his quirky personality has a lot to do with it.

"He has impressed me from the start," Farr said. "He has a bit of a bold and arrogant personality on him. Everything he does, he does with purpose, even if it's track work.

"His ears, even in his first run, they tell you quite a bit. He has always got pricked ears, he's always so switched on in a jumps race now."

Farr is pleased with Gobstopper heading into Sunday and believes he is in peak condition heading into his biggest jumping test to date.

"I gave him a gallop on Wednesday at Cranbourne with Cochise and they went a really decent 1200m. He probably hasn't galloped as good as that in a long time," she said.

"He's so happy and pulled up really well. He is as fit as we could ever get him.

"It's kind of the same field (as last start) and a couple have been added in. I couldn't pull him up after the Drechsler and I just can't fault him at the moment."

Farr has been ticking up the frequent flyer points in recent months, flying between New Zealand and Australia to take care of Gobstopper and fulfill riding obligations back home.

The in-demand rider will do the same this weekend. She will fly back from Melbourne on Friday to ride **Laekeeper (NZ)** (Keeper) and **Macklemore (NZ)** (Edenworld) at Riccarton on Saturday, before flying back that same day to partner with Gobstopper.

It is a hectic schedule for Farr, but she believes her two rides in New Zealand are worth her efforts.

Laekeeper will attempt to make it back-to-back wins in the Racecourse Hotel & Motor Lodge Sydenham

Hurdles (3100m) after taking out last year's running of the race.

"Laekeeper is very well," she said. "I know he has only had two starts this year over fences, but he has done a lot of work at the beach.

"I know 70 kilos is a bit of a lump, but he won it with 68kg last year beating Jackfrost and there is no Jackfrost in that field.

"On ability he probably deserves to have the 70 kilos and I think he will still be very hard to beat."

Macklemore will line-up in the Maneline (NZ) Safety Trackx Raceplates Maiden Steeplechase (3200m) and Farr expects a good showing given the feedback she has received from trainer John Wheeler.

"John reckons Macklemore will go very well," she said. "I think he has done a lot of work since he has been back from Australia, so he should be very competitive."

Farr won't be alone on her trip back to Melbourne on Saturday evening. She will be joined by fellow New Zealand jumps jockeys Matthew Gillies, Aaron Kuru, Buddy Lammas and her partner Shaun Phelan, who all have engagements at Sandown on Sunday.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF



Roaring Lion

### More surgery for Roaring Lion

UK Horse of the Year, **Roaring Lion** underwent a second colic surgery at the Cambridge Equine Veterinary Hospital this (Thursday) morning.

Roaring Lion had been making positive progress since his initial surgery last Saturday but began to show symptoms of discomfort overnight.

The symptoms were evaluated by the Cambridge Equine Hospital team with some international consultation and the decision was made to return to the operating table.

There were two adhesions from the first operation compromising a length of small intestine and they were removed.

Roaring Lion is currently in recovery and the next 48 hours will be critical.

Developments to Roaring Lion's condition will continue to be updated by Cambridge Stud.



Comeback (NZ) (Makfi)

### Comeback, Malambo spearhead 20-strong Rogerson entry

Hamilton trainer Graeme Rogerson's hand in this month's Gr.2 US Navy Flag Foxbridge Plate (1200m) at Te Rapa will become clearer after Saturday when he will line-up race hopefuls **Comeback (NZ)** (Makfi) and **Malambo (NZ)** (Duelled).

Rogerson and his training partners

Debbie and Bailey Rogerson will produce four runners in the US Navy Flag Foxbridge Plate 17 Aug 1200 - Comeback, Malambo, Ottavio (NZ) (Makfi) and Nuclear Fusion (NZ) (Power).

Rogerson said Comeback and Malambo were on trial for the Foxbridge Plate and he was hoping both would convince him they were on track for the feature sprint. [Full story here](#)



No Change (NZ) (Shinko King)

### Heavy track a concern for Hastings trio

Hastings trainers Paul Nelson and Corrina McDougal will take a trio of runners to Riccarton on Saturday, but they are slightly concerned with the heavy track conditions heading into the weekend.

"We are just not too sure about the track. It appears that it is getting worse, it has gone to a Heavy11," Nelson said.

"I think the rain has gone through, but it will be what damage it has done really."

**No Change (NZ)** (Shinko King) will be their first runner of the day in the Racecourse Hotel & Motor Lodge Sydenham Hurdles (3100m) and he heads into Saturday in winning form after taking out the Hawke's Bay Hurdle (3100m) at Hastings last month.

[Full story here](#)

### Far Site faces her biggest test

A testing Riccarton track is trainer Neill Ridley's biggest concern ahead of an early season assignment for promising Makfi filly **Far Site (NZ)**.

A winner of two trials leading into her debut win at Ashburton last month, Far Site will tackle the El Doute At Stud Cashmere Plate (1200m) at Riccarton on Saturday.

Ridley is pleased with his filly as she prepares to step out as a three-year-old for the first time but it's the prospect of a taxing run on a Heavy11 track that he believes might be her biggest obstacle towards remaining unbeaten. [Full story here](#)



Tavis Court (NZ) (Tavistock)

### Tavis Court scores at Hawera

The Anna Clement-trained **Tavis Court (NZ)** (Tavistock) kept his impressive form line intact on Thursday when winning the Sandford Brothers 1400 at Hawera.

The son of Tavistock extended his record to two wins and three runner-up performances from five starts but had to work hard to secure his second victory on the Heavy11 track.

Jockey Lisa Allpress elected to press forward for the lead from their wide barrier (13) and the pair were able to take control of the race, going clear of their rivals at the turn of the straight.

However, Tavis Court began to tire in the concluding stages of the race but managed to hang on for a 1-1/2 length victory over Beckidboo (NZ) (Ekraar), with Manolo (NZ) (Jimmy Choux) a further 1-1/4 lengths back in third.

Allpress was pleased with the win, but believes the gelding is suited to better tracks.

"He didn't jump away and travel as well as what I thought he would," she said.

"Once we were halfway down the back, I was always going to be wide, I just let him roll along a bit more and then he crossed them really easily.

"It was a good result in the end because he did work hard, but he really did tie up that last bit. I don't think he is a genuine heavy tracker.

"His maiden win was on a slow track at Waverley. I think on a better track he will be a nice horse."

### Tauranga quinella for Tiley

Pukekohe trainer Nigel Tiley picked up an early quinella at Tauranga on Wednesday courtesy of **Van Blanc (NZ)** (Rip Van Winkle) and **Hunua Hank (NZ)** (Pentire) in the

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Van Blanc (NZ) (Rip Van Winkle)

Gartshore 1600.

Raced in torrential rain, Van Blanc looked a beaten runner at the 800m as he drifted back to the rear of the field, however, under the urgings of jockey Vinnie Colgan, the four-year-old made a resurgence and came storming home late out wide to run down his stablemate to record a short-margin victory.

"He was very wide and then he drifted right out of it, I actually took my eyes off him and was watching the other horse (Hunua Hank)," stable foreman Karen Zimmerman said.

"He came home really well. They both really deserved to win today. It was a good effort by both of them."

Jockey Vinnie Colgan thought he was on a beaten horse midway through the race but was pleased with the way his charge fought back down the home straight.

"It was hard work," he said. "There was a decent downpour as we raced and there was a lot of mud coming back. It was hard to see and the track is very deep.

"My horse was going backwards at the half-mile, it wasn't until I got him wide and into a bit of clear space that he got going again. It was a really good effort by the horse.

### Thurlow aiming for Melbourne glory

Group One-winning stayer **Glory Days (NZ)** (Red Giant) made a pleasing return to the track at the Foxton trials on Tuesday in preparation for a Gr.1 Melbourne Cup (3200m) campaign this spring.

The pride of Waverley finished unplaced in her 1000m heat, but pleased trainer Bill Thurlow with her efforts.

"I was happy with her, she went well," he said. "We didn't ask much of her, but she did everything she was asked of. [Full story here](#)

### Sentimental goal for Spratt in new season

Sam Spratt is not one for setting goals, but she is making an exception in the new season and also has a realistic opportunity to achieve a very notable milestone within another few seasons.

The vibrant Pukekohe jockey is pleased with her results for the 2018-19 season. Going into the last racemeeting of the term at Tauranga on Wednesday, she has won 59 races (including three black type events) to be back in the top 10 on the New Zealand Jockeys' Premiership and once again she has comfortably broken the \$1 million barrier in prizemoney.

She has topped \$1 million in all but two seasons for the last 12 years and in 2008-09 she beat Lance O'Sullivan's 1989-90 New Zealand record of \$3.26 million when her prizemoney haul was \$3.4 million, while in 2013-14 when she reached \$939,000 she spent five months in England and in 2016-17 she won just under \$900,000. [Full story here](#)



Mark Walker

### Walker on target for record season

Te Akau's Singapore trainer Mark Walker notched his 50th win for the season when **Sacred Sea (NZ)** (Sea The Stars) was victorious over 1700m in Class 4 company at Kranji racecourse on Friday night.

In a season running the calendar year in Singapore, Walker has a 13-win buffer over Michael Clements and could be on target to set a new record.

"We had 87 wins when winning the premiership in 2017 but may struggle to reach that with quite a few of our winners now up in grade," Walker said. "Last season we won S\$4.7m in prizemoney for the owners and we will probably top that. [Full story here](#)



Te Akau Shark (NZ) (Rip Van Winkle)

### Shark impresses at Te Rapa

It was a busy day for Jamie Richards and his Matamata-based team at Te Rapa on Monday, with the Te Akau Racing trainer lining up 48 trialists at the Hamilton track.

"We had quite a few horses at Te Rapa getting ready to kick-off in the new season," Richards said.

"Some have trialled once before and there were quite a few having their first quiet day back out."

One of those horses having their second hit-out was exciting galloper **Te Akau Shark (NZ)** (Rip Van Winkle), who took out his 900m heat effortlessly by half a length. [Full story here](#)



Revolution (Unencumbered)

### Tan plots Revolution as favourite race nears

Singapore trainer Alwin Tan may be going through a bad patch but if there was to be a silver lining, at least one horse is giving him something to look forward to – **Revolution (Unencumbered)**.

The smart Unencumbered colt, who was sold out of Kilgravin Lodge's 2017 New Zealand Bloodstock Ready To Run draft, was the former Singapore champion trainer's only winner for the month of July.

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## *Sweynesse is a chip off the old block*

**Darren Beadman**

*Sweynesse, is a son of former champion racehorse and super sire Lonhro. Beadman rode Lonhro in most of his 26 wins and he gets to work with many of that horse's sons and daughters at Godolphin.*

- A multiple Group One performer (2nd G1 Randwick Guineas, 3rd G1 Spring Champion) beating some of the best 3YO Group One winners in Australia including Kermedec, Preferment, Hampton Court, Shooting To Win, First Seal.
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- Out of the multiple winning mare Swansea by Champion Sire Singspiel (5xG1 Winner and sire of 98SW).
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Tan actually did enjoy a healthy first 2019 quarter with a haul of 13 winners to sit in fifth place, a spot his yard has been accustomed to over the last five or six years, but the frequency of walks down to the Champagne Room has halved since. [Full story here](#)



Seaway (NZ) (Ocean Park)

### Co-breeder savours Seaway's success

**Seaway's (NZ)** (Ocean Park) victory in the Listed Winter Challenge (1500m) at Rosehill on Saturday was a big result for Trevor Luke.

The Christchurch businessman bred Seaway in partnership with Waikato Stud, and he was delighted to see the Ocean Park gelding defy all challengers on Saturday to record his first black-type victory.

Luke has enjoyed major success as an owner, notably with the multiple Group One winner Alamosa, but the horses he has co-bred from Seaway's dam Miss Purrfection (NZ) (One Cool Cat) are allowing him to win black-type spoils from another angle.

"That result on Saturday was a great thrill, it was really good to see," he said. [Full story here](#)



Endless Drama (Lope De Vega)

### Early season assignments for Endless Drama

Group One performer **Endless Drama** (Lope de Vega) is being set to tackle some

early black-type targets in the new season after impressing with his effortless 900m trial win at Te Rapa on Monday.

The rising seven-year-old entire resumed after a pleasing last start third-placing in the Gr.1 Stradbroke Handicap (1400m) at Eagle Farm last month and trainer Tony Pike is looking forward to the season ahead with his charge.

"He galloped really impressively today," he said. "He ran good time and did it really easily, so I am pretty happy with him going into the Foxbridge and Tarzino." [Full story here](#)



Verry Flash (NZ) (Zed)

### Scott's biggest win helps savings

Rebecca Scott's husband may not be a keen racing follower, but he knows what his wife's win on **Verry Flash (NZ)** (Zed) in Saturday's Taumarunui Gold Cup (2200m) at Rotorua means to them both.

Scott, an Auckland apprentice jockey, registered the biggest win of her riding career aboard the Nick Bishara-trained Verry Flash (a brother to dual Group One winner Verry Elleegant (NZ)) and for the 25-year-old and husband, Jason Barry, her winning share of the stake money will be well spent.

"We got married on March 21 this year and we're saving to buy our first home," Scott said. "The win has come at a good time for us and hopefully I can roll on a bit from it." [Full story here](#)

### Rich Hill Stud stallion parade

New Zealand breeders will get their first opportunity to inspect Rich Hill Stud's new season stallion **Ace High** for the first time at their Walton property (570 Landsdowne Road) on Sunday at 1pm.

The dual Group One-winning son of High Chaparral will be one of four stallions on show.

Rich Hill will also showcase Group One



Ace High

winner **Vadamos**, Group One performer Proisir, and Melbourne Cup hero **Shocking**.

Rich Hill's shuttle stallion Satono Aladdin is currently in quarantine.

### Deep Impact dies

Leading Japanese stallion **Deep Impact** has passed away after suffering a cervical fracture.

The sire of 39 individual Group One winners stood at Shadai Stallion Station in Japan.

Deep Impact was crowned Horse of the Year in Japan in 2005 and 2006 and recorded two Group One victories on the track, including the Japan Cup (2400m) and Takarazuka Kinen (2200m).

Deep Impact is the sire of Rich Hill Stud stallion Satono Aladdin, who served 91 mares in his debut season at stud in New Zealand.

He is also the sire of Novara Park Stud's new stallion Staphanos, who will be available to breeders in the upcoming season for a fee of \$7,000+GST.

### Further finalists for 2019 HOTY

Five horses are in contention for the Champion Jumper title at the 2019 New Zealand Thoroughbred Horse of the Year Awards.

New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing has announced another batch of finalists for the 2018-19 season.

Jackfrost (NZ) (Gallant Guru), winner of both the Grand National Hurdles (4200m) and Great Northern Hurdles (4200m), joins the major steeplechase winners Chocolate Fish (NZ) (Colombia) (Great Northern Steeplechase, 6300m), Gagarin (NZ) (Pentire) (Wellington Steeplechase, 5500m), Perry Mason (NZ) (Zed) (Hawke's Bay & Pakuranga Hunt Cup) and Shamal (NZ) (Zabeel) (Grand



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National and Waikato) as finalists in the jumping category.

Finalists have also been confirmed in the trainer, jockey, jumps jockey and owner categories.

The winners will be announced at a gala dinner in Auckland, at the Ellerslie Racecourse, on Sunday, September 8.

Champion jumper: Chocolate Fish, Gagarin, Jackfrost, Perry Mason, Shamal.

Trainer of the Year: Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman, Jamie Richards.

Jockey of the Year: Lisa Allpress, Opie Bosson, Matthew Cameron, Johnathan Parkes.

Jumps Jockey of the Year: Aaron Kuru, Buddy Lammas, Shaun Phelan.

Owner of the Year: Archer Equine Investments, China Horse Club Racing, JML Bloodstock, Kevin Hickman, Kamada Racing and Bloodstock, Brendan and Jo Lindsay Partnership, NZ Thoroughbred Holdings, Raffles Dancers (NZ), Kelvin Tyler, Sir Peter Vela.



Noel Riordan aboard Il Tempo

### Riordan leaves memories of great affinity

Noel Riordan, best remembered as the only jockey able to get the best out of champion stayer Il Tempo, died on Tuesday morning, aged 84.

Riordan, a quietly spoken, humble man, maintained his interest in horse racing throughout his adult life and passed away at Country Lodge, Matamata.

Riordan's father died when he was four

and he was one of 10 children brought up by their mother. At the age of 13 he and his brothers, Des (then 15) and John (11) left their New Plymouth home in 1948 to sign on as apprentice jockeys with Te Awamutu trainer, Jack McDonald, who later prepared the NZ Racing Hall of Fame inductee Mainbrace. [Full story here](#)





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# RACING WELCOMES THE RETURN OF LEGENDARY HORSEMAN

The thoroughbred industry has inherited the talents of Sir Mark Todd for the second time this century, with the legendary horseman returning to the training ranks in a full-time capacity after officially retiring from eventing on Monday.

The dual Olympic gold medalist and FEI Rider of the 20th Century turned to racing after his initial retirement after the Sydney 2000 Olympics and he is hoping for a successful return after a fitting farewell from eventing.

Todd bowed out of the sport on a high note on Monday after he won the Nations Cup as part of the New Zealand team at the Camphire International Horse Trials in Ireland.

"I had planned to stop - win, lose or draw," Todd said. "I think it was very fitting that it was with the New Zealand team and we won a Nations Cup."

"It's not the biggest competition in the world, but a win is a win. It was great to have teammates, and long-term friends, Tim and Jonelle Price on the team with me."

Todd returned to racehorse training earlier this year, in a temporary capacity, when he campaigned the Sir Peter Vela and Hubie de Burgh-owned Eminent (Frankel) in Australia.

While he didn't secure the Group One victory they were after, the son of Frankel finished runner-up in the Gr.1 Ranvet Stakes (2000m) after a seven-month layoff and was the catalyst for Todd's full-time return to the sport.

"We had a brilliant time (campaigning Eminent in Australia)," Todd said.

"I really enjoyed the racing scene over there. We had a high quality horse and he was a bit unlucky in his first run that we struck a wet track."



*Sir Mark Todd has announced his retirement from eventing to return to training thoroughbreds*





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"Then we had a few things not go quite to plan after that. He didn't show his true worth, but it was a great experience. Hopefully we can have another one good enough to come back some other time."

After his Australian trip, Todd returned to eventing, but the wheels had already been set in motion for his retirement from the sport he has become synonymous with.

"Since the beginning of the year, when I started with Eminent (I have been thinking about retiring from eventing)," Todd said.

"A couple of months ago we bought five two-year-olds from the breeze-up sales, so suddenly I had a few more horses.

"I was just finding combining the two was getting a bit difficult. My focus was centering more towards the racing, so I decided to pull the pin on the eventing sooner than I had originally planned."

With the 2020 Tokyo Olympics just a year away, the call was strong for Todd to compete in his eighth Olympic games, but the veteran athlete decided an earlier exit was more pragmatic.

"At the beginning of the year that (Olympics) was a focus and then I decided that I didn't really want to go on to another Olympics," he said.

"I was going to finish at the end of the year, but things change and I decided it was better to finish it sooner.

"It wasn't an easy decision, but now that I have got these racehorses my focus has changed a bit.

"I am looking forward to this next stage."

Todd experienced a successful stint as a trainer in New Zealand after his initial retirement from eventing, which included victories in the 2003 Gr.1 New Zealand Oaks (2400m) with Bramble Rose and 2007 Gr.1 Wellington Cup (3200m) with Willy Smith.

He is hoping to replicate that level of success in Europe and has already received support from well-known backers, including New Zealand Bloodstock's Sir Peter Vela.

"I trained for Sir Peter and his brother Philip when I was in New Zealand and they were huge supporters of mine when I got back into eventing," Todd said.

"Sir Peter has backed me again, taking shares in these two-year-olds. We have had a long and successful relationship, so hopefully it will continue.

"Terry Henderson of OTI Racing, he has got a share in a couple.

"I have got 10 horses and I have got one arriving today from Henrietta Tavistock, The (Dowager) Duchess of Bedford.

"I trained for her in New Zealand as well, it's good to have another horse for her."

It has been a long held ambition for Todd to try his hand at training in Europe and he is looking forward to competing across the continent from his Wiltshire property in England.

"I have always wanted to have a crack at racing in Europe and I have got the opportunity now," Todd said.

"It would be nice to have horses good enough to compete in Group One races and go to Royal Ascot or have a horse to run in the Arc (Gr.1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, 2400m).

"We'll set our standards high at the start and see how we get on."

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### AUSTRALIA

**Align : McIntyre (NZ) (Montdeux by Montjeu) 2014;**

27 Jul 2019, 1st Darwin TC Great Northern Brewing Co H. 1200m

**Charm Spirit : Heirborn (NZ) (Zaloot by Zabeel) 2016;**

28 Jul 2019, 1st Bendigo JC Girls Day Out at the Races Maiden P. 1300m

**Civics : Given Time (NZ) (Storm Blinka by Storm Creek) 2014;**

25 Jul 2019, 1st Townsville TC Stockland Townsville H. 1400m

**Ekraar : Romelo (NZ) (Post Romance by Postponed) 2011;**

30 Jul 2019, 1st Albury RC Riverina Horiz. Boring H. 2000m  
Sold by Richfield Thoroughbred Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$5000  
Sold by Beatson Stables Ltd at Ready to Run Sale for \$13000

**Fully Fledged : Sheet Lightning (NZ) (Dee Flawless by Fastnet Rock) 2015;**

30 Jul 2019, 1st Ballarat TC Haymarket Maiden P. 1200m  
Sold by Cambridge Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$80000

**High Chaparral : Schapnose (NZ) (Suppose by Danehill) 2014;**

28 Jul 2019, 1st Tamworth JC Kohnke's Own Redi Flex H. 1200m  
Sold by Westbury Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$75000

**Makfi : Omineca (NZ) (Skeena by Commands) 2014;**

27 Jul 2019, 1st Townsville TC Mater Health Services P. 1400m  
Sold by Phoenix Park at National Yearling Sale for \$90000

**Niagara : Jaguary (NZ) (Guipure by Spartacus) 2015;**

28 Jul 2019, 1st Gawler & Barossa JC Holdfast Insurance P. 2100m

**Nom du Jeu : Scrabble (NZ) (Tibouchina by Exceed And Excel) 2012;**

25 Jul 2019, 1st Townsville TC Hunting House H. 1400m

**O'Reilly : O'Princess (NZ) (Pinot Gris by Pentire) 2013;**

26 Jul 2019, 1st Canberra RC Expos Solutions H. 1750m  
Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$90000

**Ocean Park : Seaway (NZ) (Miss Purrfection by One Cool Cat) 2014;**

27 Jul 2019, 1st ATC Winter Challenge H. L. 1500m  
Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$210000

**Pins : Jay Jay d'Ar (NZ) (Somethymesoon by Postponed) 2015;**

27 Jul 2019, 1st Mildura RC Melbourne Cup Day at Mildura H. 1200m  
Sold by Kilgravin Lodge at National Yearling Sale for \$40000

**Pins : Oh Why (NZ) (Just be Cos by No Excuse Needed) 2014;**

27 Jul 2019, 1st Roma TC TAB Race to Roma Final H. 1640m

**Pins : El Shaday (NZ) (Celebrate by Savabeel) 2013;**

30 Jul 2019, 1st Mackay TC TAB H. 1050m  
Sold by Wellfield Lodge at Ready to Run Sale for \$130000  
Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$75000

**Redwood : Tigre Royale (NZ) (Crown Tigress by Hold That Tiger) 2015;**

28 Jul 2019, 1st Bendigo JC Bendigo Locksmiths Maiden 2YO P. 2400m  
Sold by Clearview Park at South Island Yearling & Mixed Sale for \$8000

**Reliable Man : Miss Understanding (NZ) (Ready and Able by More Than Ready) 2015;**

28 Jul 2019, 1st SCTC Butler McDermott Lawyers Maiden H. 1400m

**Reliable Man : Kajaani (NZ) (Kiri by Prized) 2015;**

26 Jul 2019, 1st Mildura RC Sunraysia Daily H. 2000m

**Reliable Man : Mr Trump (NZ) (Chivvy by Flying Spur) 2014;**

28 Jul 2019, 1st Sapphire Coast TC Fishermen's Club Eden Cup H. 1608m  
Sold by Westbury Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$160000

**Savabeel : Acting (NZ) (Hollywood by Pins) 2016;**

25 Jul 2019, 1st Echuca RC Two Tarts Catering Maiden P. 1200m

**Savabeel : Travancore (NZ) (Stella Livia by Titus Livius) 2013;**

31 Jul 2019, 1st ATC TAB H. 1600m  
Sold by Trelawney Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$190000

**Shamexpress : Eokalio (NZ) (Diamantaire by Montjeu) 2015;**

26 Jul 2019, 1st Canberra RC Aus Temporary Structures H. 1080m  
Sold by Windsor Park Stud at Ready to Run Sale for \$130000

**Stravinsky : Ballet Master (NZ) (Perpetuate by Lord Ballina) 2013;**

27 Jul 2019, 1st MRC Ladbroke's Odds Boost H. 1600m  
Sold by Ardsley Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$100000

**Tavistock : Tavirun (NZ) (Alleyrun by Volksraad) 2015;**

27 Jul 2019, 1st MRC Mypunter.com H. 2400m  
Sold by Ohukia Lodge Ltd at Ready to Run Sale for \$300000

**Tavistock : The Holy One (NZ) (Entirely Sainly by Pentire) 2016;**

25 Jul 2019, 1st Echuca RC EMPD Maiden P. 1400m  
Sold by Bradbury Park at National Yearling Sale for \$65000  
Sold by Kilmore Farm Ltd at Ready to Run Sale for \$160000

**Tavistock : Chasing Returns (NZ) (Miss Danni by Keeper) 2015;**

31 Jul 2019, 1st Sale TC Carlton Draught Maiden P. 1411m

**Tavistock : Winsome Voyage (NZ) (La Bella by Ekraar) 2016;**

30 Jul 2019, 1st Ballarat TC Hewitt & Whitty Maiden 2YO P. 1400m

**Thorn Park : Park Bench (NZ) (Casual Chick by Casual Lies) 2012;**

27 Jul 2019, 1st Mildura RC Sunraysia Daily H. 1400m  
Sold by Windsor Park Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$110000



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### MACAU

**O'Reilly : Rellson - Sacred Capital (Mac.) (NZ) (Honolulu by Savabeel) 2014;**  
27 Jul 2019, 1st Macau Macau Derby L 1800m  
Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at Ready to Run Sale for \$580000

**Savabeel : Natural Achiever - Silver Baby (Mac.) (NZ) (Shaya Moya by Woodbury Lad) 2012;**  
28 Jul 2019, 1st Macau Templo de Kun Yam H. 1350m  
Sold by Lime Country Thoroughbreds Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$30000

**Tiger Prawn : My Golden Boy (NZ) (Western Treasure by Handsome Ransom) 2012;**  
27 Jul 2019, 1st Macau Monte da Guia H. 1500m

### MALAYSIA

**Alamosa : Mr Crowe (NZ) (Halfyaluck by Montjeu) 2012;**  
28 Jul 2019, 1st Penang TC Dr Lim Ah Soo Memorial Trophy L 1400m  
Sold by Wellfield Lodge at National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale for \$10000

**Buffalo Man : Sgfifty (NZ) (Lyrical Look by Royal Academy) 2012;**  
27 Jul 2019, 1st Penang TC Class 5 H. 1200m  
Sold by Northgate Lodge at Ready to Run Sale for \$5000

**Cape Blanco : Cape Lincoln (NZ) (Miss Annaliese by Don Eduardo) 2013;**  
27 Jul 2019, 1st Penang TC Class 5 H. 1200m

**Echoes of Heaven : King Win (NZ) (Princess Guru by Ishiguru) 2014;**  
28 Jul 2019, 1st Penang TC Royal Bangkok Sports Club Trophy 1700m

**Gallant Guru : Pulau Pinang (NZ) (Lurk by Seasoned Star) 2014;**  
28 Jul 2019, 1st Penang TC Mitavite Cup 1400m  
Sold by White Robe Lodge at South Island Yearling & Mixed Sale for \$40000

**Mettre En Jeu : Asian Tiger (NZ) (Pompous Spi by Deputy Governor) 2014;**  
27 Jul 2019, 1st Penang TC Class 5 H. 1200m

**Pour Moi : Sacred Tonic (NZ) (Fairy Tipsy by Casual Lies) 2014;**  
28 Jul 2019, 1st Penang TC Gold Coast Turf Club Trophy 1200m  
Sold by Windsor Park Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$150000

**Sakhee's Secret : Tongariro (NZ) (Feel by Zabeel) 2010;**  
27 Jul 2019, 1st Penang TC Salisbury Racecourse Trophy 1600m

**Sakhee's Secret : Bristol Diamond (NZ) (Sparkling Promise by Wolfhound) 2012;**  
28 Jul 2019, 1st Penang TC Northam Race Club Trophy 1400m  
Sold by Wentwood Grange at National Yearling Sale for \$22500

### SINGAPORE

**Alamosa : Alamak (NZ) (Castellina by Zabeel) 2014;**  
28 Jul 2019, 1st Singapore TC Better Than Ever S. 1600m  
Sold by Anzac Lodge at Ready to Run Sale for \$55000  
Sold by Wellfield Lodge at National Yearling Sale for \$36000

**Faltaat : Elise (NZ) (Tongariro by Nadeem) 2012;**  
28 Jul 2019, 1st Singapore TC Captain Obvious S. 1200m  
Sold by Wentwood Grange at National Yearling Sale for \$32500

**Jimmy Choux : Strap Marks (NZ) (Dominatrix by Marauding) 2013;**  
28 Jul 2019, 1st Singapore TC Debt Collector S. 1200m

**Pins : Gros Piton (NZ) (Fizz by Cape Cross) 2014;**  
26 Jul 2019, 1st Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1200m

**Pins : Soldado (NZ) (Regal Ash by Green Desert) 2012;**  
26 Jul 2019, 1st Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1100m  
Sold by Venture Thoroughbreds Ltd at Ready to Run Sale for \$35000

**Red Giant : Stealth Giant - Star Emperor (Sing.) (NZ) (Lotta Luv by Dubawi) 2013;**  
28 Jul 2019, 1st Singapore TC Jumbo Jet Trophy L 1400m

**Savabeel : Safeer (NZ) (Ahna by O'Reilly) 2014;**  
26 Jul 2019, 1st Singapore TC Class 3 H. 1200m  
Sold by Prima Park Bloodstock at Ready to Run Sale for \$280000  
Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$185000

**Sea the Stars : Sacred Sea (NZ) (Gipsy Countess by Sadler's Wells) 2013;**  
26 Jul 2019, 1st Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1700m

**Shamexpress : Yulong Express (NZ) (Waltz in the Park by Thorn Park) 2015;**  
28 Jul 2019, 1st Singapore TC Spalato S. 1200m  
Sold by Windsor Park Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$60000  
Sold by Ohukia Lodge Ltd at Ready to Run Sale for \$210000

**Showcasing : The Dark Knight - Uncle Lucky (Sing.) (NZ) (Starry Angel by Shinko Forest) 2012;**  
28 Jul 2019, 1st Singapore TC Flax S. 1000m  
Sold by Hallmark Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$16000

**Sweet Orange : Field Marshal (NZ) (Scarlet Runner by Kingdom Bay) 2016;**  
28 Jul 2019, 1st Singapore TC Countofmontecristo S. 1200m  
Sold by Regal Farm at Ready to Run Sale for \$60000

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