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## GROUP ONE TREBLE ON THE CARDS FOR THE BOSTONIAN



*The Bostonian will strive for his third Group One victory in succession at Eagle Farm on Saturday (Grant Peters)*

The Tony Pike-trained **The Bostonian (NZ)** (Jimmy Choux) will be attempting to keep his unbeaten Queensland streak alive when he contests the Gr.1 Stradbroke Handicap (1400m) at Eagle Farm on Saturday.

The four-year-old son of Jimmy Choux has won all five of his starts in the Sunshine State, including two successive

Group Ones this campaign and Pike is hopeful for a third this weekend.

The Bostonian surprised many pundits when taking out the Gr.1 Doomben 10,000 (1200m) as a \$41-shot when fresh-up last month, before showing his class when backing-up a

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# Staphanos

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# GROUP ONE TREBLE ON THE CARDS FOR THE BOSTONIAN

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fortnight later to win the Gr.1 Kingsford-Smith Cup (1300m) at Eagle Farm.

He will return to that track on Saturday where he will aim to be the first horse to win all three features in the one season.

"He just loves the Queensland environment," Pike said. "It would be fantastic if we could pull off the treble.

"He's got no pressure on him, he has already won two Group One races this preparation, so there is definitely no pressure heading into Saturday.

"It's more hoping he can just get the job done. It will be fantastic for the horse if he could."

The Bostonian has drawn barrier 10 but is likely to jump from gate six on Saturday alongside stablemate **Endless Drama** (Lope De Vega), who has drawn barrier eight.

"It has ended up working out perfectly," Pike said. "There are four on the ballot that won't probably get a start, so it looks like they will be drawn alongside each other in five and six, so it couldn't be any better.

"There looks to be plenty of speed in the race. If you had drawn one he (The Bostonian) could possibly have been shuffled back a little bit further than you wanted.

"He will be positive as per usual and it will be completely up to Michael (Cahill, jockey), depending on the tempo of the race.

"You would think he is going to land somewhere in the first six or eight runners in the run."

Pike is heading into Saturday with confidence after The Bostonian's track work on Tuesday.

"I can't fault him, he's pretty much exactly the same as he was before the Kingston-Smith," Pike said.

"His work on Tuesday was very solid. He is bright and well and hasn't left any feed through the week and he's a really happy racehorse at the moment."

Meanwhile, Pike is excited about the prospects of stablemate Endless Drama in the race and expects an improved performance from the seven-year-old after his last start sixth-placing in the Kingsford-Smith.

"He had no option from the gate but to go all the way back and ride for luck," Pike said. "He just got held up a touch and really flew late, which was encouraging.

"He galloped sensationally here on Tuesday. He has had a few cracks at these races, but he has never been far away.

"We can't have him going any better and he will have every chance from gate five."

The Gr.2 Easter Handicap (1600m) winner will be ridden by Leith Innes and Pike said they will likely take a conservative approach with the entire.

"I think he is a much better horse ridden a touch quieter. He lobbed midfield in the Easter Handicap and if they go quick enough he'll do the same, be midfield or a touch back.

"He's not going to have to be all the way back like he was last start. I'm sure Leith will give him every possibility."

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# THIRD TIME'S A CHARM **FOR SAVVY OAK**

Export New Zealand trainers Trent Busuttin and Natalie Young will be hoping third time's a charm for their talented three-year-old **Savvy Oak** when he lines up in the Gr.1 Queensland Derby (2400m) at Eagle Farm on Saturday.

The son of Savabeel has contested two previous Derbys this season, finishing seventh in the Gr.1 Victoria Derby (2500m) in November, and runner-up in the Gr.1 South Australian Derby (2500m) last month.

They were happy with his run in the South Australian Derby and believe he has developed into a better three-year-old in the autumn.

"He got a beautiful run and I thought he was the winner on the turn (in the South Australian Derby)," Busuttin said.

"I was looking for the ones behind him and then the filly (Qafila) was off and gone, but he's honest and tried hard.

"He was always going to improve in the autumn, as most of them do.

"He's finally settling down. He has got a few traits and is a bit quirky, but he's starting to settle down and is learning

what it's all about now."

Busuttin is pleased with how Savvy Oak has settled into his new surroundings in Queensland and expects a bold showing from his charge after being impressed by his track work on Tuesday.

"He's up here enjoying the Queensland sun and he is going very well," he said.

"He worked up on Tuesday morning with Bjorn Baker's horse, Fun Fact, at Eagle Farm and he hasn't put a foot wrong. I think he will be thereabouts."

Savvy Oak will jump from barrier two with Michael Walker aboard and is marked as an \$18 winning chance by TAB bookmakers behind favourite Nobu (NZ) (Reliable Man) at \$4.50, while the Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman-trained Bobby Dee (NZ) (Zed) and Lord Arthur (Camelot) are both \$19 chances.

Bred by Windsor Park Stud, Savvy Oak was purchased through their 2017 New Zealand Bloodstock Premier Yearling Sale draft for \$90,000.

– NZ Racing Desk



Savvy Oak will tackle his third Derby this season when he tackles the Gr.1 Queensland Derby on Saturday (Darryl Sherer)





# U.S. NAVY FLAG TO VALACHI DOWNS

**M**atamata Stud Farm Valachi Downs will welcome three-time Group One-winning sprinter **U.S. Navy Flag** (War Front) to their stallion roster for the forthcoming breeding season.

“There has never been a sprinter of this elite-level stand at stud in New Zealand, let alone with the incredible pedigree U.S. Navy Flag possesses,” Valachi Downs General Manager Jonathan Scully said.

“We are beyond delighted to offer this precocious speed sire to breeders.”

A son of top international sire War Front, U.S. Navy Flag is out of a four-time Group One-winning daughter of Galileo, Misty for Me, a Champion two-year-old and three-year-old in

Ireland. He is also a brother to three-time Group One winner Roly Poly.

Debuting as an early two-year-old, U.S. Navy Flag was victorious in the Gr.3 Round Tower Stakes (1200m) at the Curragh before going on to win the Gr.1 Middle Park Stakes (1200m) and Gr.1 Dewhurst Stakes (1400m) at Newmarket.

In doing so, U.S. Navy Flag became the first horse in 35 years to land the Middle Park-Dewhurst double and he was subsequently crowned Champion Two-Year-Old in Europe, Great Britain and Ireland in 2017.

He returned at three to run second in the Gr.1 Irish 2,000 Guineas (1600m) before taking out his third Group One victory in the July Cup (1200m). He

went on to be crowned Champion Three-Year-Old Sprinter in Europe, Great Britain and Ireland.

Upon retirement to Coolmore Ireland, trainer Aidan O’Brien described U.S. Navy Flag as a brilliant racehorse with a tremendous will to win.

“Speed is his biggest attribute, but his heart is his next biggest,” he said. “He never lies down and is an amazing horse.”

The arrival of U.S. Navy Flag to Valachi Downs highlights the commitment of the farm to accessing the best bloodlines in the world.

“I recently traveled to Coolmore to physically inspect U.S. Navy Flag and can describe him as the epitome of a Danzig-line sprinter. He is strong, neat and correct, the same dark-bay colour as his sire War Front and grandsire Danzig,” Scully said.

“He will add an enormous injection of high quality speed to our broodmare population.”

After covering a full book in his maiden season at Coolmore Ireland, U.S. Navy Flag will shuttle to New Zealand to commence the 2019 season at a fee of NZ\$20,000+GST.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF



Nobu (NZ) (Reliable Man)

### Berry to partner Nobu in QLD Derby

In-form jockey Tommy Berry is poised to keep his winning momentum rolling when he heads to Eagle Farm for a strong book of rides on Stradbroke Handicap day.

Berry booted home a double at the track two weeks ago then returned to Sydney last Saturday and made it an afternoon to remember with a four-winner haul, each of them for different stables.

The Chris Waller-trained Gr.1 Queensland Derby (2400m) favourite **Nobu (NZ)** (Reliable Man) is arguably the best of his rides. [Full story here](#)



Sacred Croix (NZ) (Savabeel)

### Walker not Bowled over by trip and weights

Leading trainer Mark Walker saddles a quarter of the bumper 16-horse field in Sunday's Silver Bowl (1400m) but sees the first Leg of the Singapore Four-Year-Old Challenge more as a launchpad to better things for most of them.

Still, such warm-up runs can every now and then hatch a surprise in racing.

Of the Kiwi mentor's team, **Sacred Croix (NZ)** (Savabeel) is probably the most versatile customer, being equally at home over 1200m as the metric mile. Typical of a late-maturing Savabeel, Sacred Croix pulled

off his recent four-in-a-row by steadily progressing from 1200m to 1600m. [Full story here.](#)



Comeback (NZ) (Makfi)

### Group targets on the horizon for Comeback

The Team Rogerson-trained **Comeback (NZ)** (Makfi) will attempt to extend his winning streak to six on Saturday when he lines-up in the Platinum Homes Taranaki 1200 at Trentham.

Graeme Rogerson, who trains the gelding in partnership with wife Debbie and granddaughter Bailey, said they have been able to get on top of soundness issues that have plagued Comeback his entire career.

"He's getting better all the time," he said. "He's not the soundest horse in the world, but he's been placed right and he does a lot of work on the treadmill and in the aqua walker." [Full story here](#)



Kaharau (Ad Valorem)

### Family pet fit to resume at Te Rapa

Kenny Rae describes **Kaharau** (Ad Valorem), the seven-year-old gelding he co-owns with Mike Harris and Guy Matches, as his family pet.

"He's named after a Maori warrior but he's not a warrior, he's a big softy and I've probably turned him that way," Rae, who trains in partnership with his daughter

Krystal Williams-Tuhoro, said.

"I've had him since he was a two-year-old colt and we've been to Aussie together and we all but got to the Derby with him." [Full story here](#)



Tarabeebee (NZ) (Bullbars)

### Tarabeebee too good at New Plymouth

The Ian Adams-trained **Tarabeebee (NZ)** (Bullbars) was sent out a \$2.40 favourite in the NZB Insurance Pearl Series Race (1200m) at New Plymouth on Thursday and proved too strong for her opposition.

Ridden by local apprentice Hazel Schofer, Tarabeebee was eased back to sit off the pace after jumping from barrier six, before she was sent forward at the 700m mark.

Turning for home Schofer elected to navigate Tarabeebee towards the rail from her wide position, which proved to be the winning of the race for the three-year-old filly who was able to gather in Beckidboo (NZ) (Ekraar) to win by a length, with a further 8-3/4 lengths back to Rare Breed (NZ) (Nadeem) in third.

Adams was pleased with Schofer's ride and he believes Tarabeebee will develop into a nice four-year-old next season.

"She rode her quite well," he said. "I thought she was going to go out, but then realised she wasn't going to get a run out wide, so she eased back to the inside, it was a good ride.

"She is going to be alright. As a four-year-old mare next year she is going to be quite handy, she is still maturing. It's good to get a win with them early on anyway."

With her victory, Tarabeebee collected the Pearl Series Level B bonus of \$11,500 for her connections.

Adams and Schofer teamed up again two races later to win the Stable Books Pike Racing Maiden 1600m with Aratoka (NZ) (Road To Rock).

The three-year-old daughter of Road to Rock distanced her rivals to score her maiden victory by nine lengths.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF



*Shoshone (NZ) (Sacred Falls)*

### First winner on the board for Sacred Falls

Exciting prospect **Shoshone (NZ)** (Sacred Falls) delivered the first win for her sire, the Waikato Stud-based Sacred Falls, in fine fashion when she led all the way over 1200m at Ellerslie on Monday.

The Ken and Bev Kelso-trained two-year-old had been earmarked as one to watch after several impressive trial efforts including a runner-up finish to subsequent Listed Auckland Futurity Stakes (1400m) winner Rhaegar (Pluck).

Sent out a warm favourite in the NZB Insurance Pearl Series sponsored contest, Shoshone jumped smartly to set the terms in front for rider Cameron Lammas. [Full story here](#)



*Max (NZ) (Gallant Guru)*

### Familiar figures combine to win McGregor Grant Steeplechase

The familiar combination of trainer Raymond Connors and jockey Isaac Lupton combined once again to take out a feature jumping event at Ellerslie when **Max (NZ)** (Gallant Guru) stormed to victory in the McGregor Grant Steeplechase (4150m).

The Connors-Lupton partnership has proved nigh on unbeatable at Ellerslie over the years, combining to secure three Great Northern Steeplechases (6400m) and two Pakuranga Hunt Cups (4900m) with

fabulous jumper Hypnotize (NZ) (Yamanin Vital) along with another Great Northern Steeplechase courtesy of Wise Men Say (NZ) (Yamanin Vital) in 2017.

Monday's contest saw the Connors-trained Max sent out favourite for the feature chase despite failing to feature in the Waikato Steeplechase (3900m) at his most recent start, with punters believing the Heavy10 track conditions would play in his favour.

[Full story here](#)



*Tommyra (NZ) (Raise The Flag)*

### Tommyra takes out KS Browne Hurdle

The Toby Atridge-trained **Tommyra (NZ)** (Raise The Flag) produced an impeccable display of hurdling to take out the first of the day's prestige jumping features at Ellerslie on Monday, the KS Browne Hurdle (3350m).

The Raise The Flag seven-year-old had looked the big improver for Monday's contest after his gritty run for third in the Waikato Hurdles (3200m) last month. Regular rider Shaun Phelan stuck with the ship and produced an inch perfect effort to guide his charge home after he jumped fluently throughout.

Settled back in the pack by Phelan in the early stages, Tommyra began to improve his position with 1000m to run. Tommyra and race favourite Duffers Creek (NZ) (Gold Centre) loomed to the front out wide on the point of the home bend and looked set to fight out the finish. [Full story here](#)

### Another stakes contender for Hennessy

Trainer Gary Hennessy has his sights set on another stakes winner in his Matamata team.

With the retirement of triple Group Two winner Ocean Emperor (NZ) (Zabeel), Hennessy's focus is now on promising young horses, though it is one of the older stagers, **Temple Tiger (NZ)** (Tiger Prawn),



*Temple Tiger (NZ) (Tiger Prawn)*

whom he hopes will give him his next black-type success.

The seven-year-old Temple Tiger is being set for the Listed Opunake Cup (1400m) at New Plymouth next month after recovering from a setback since his fourth at Rotorua last month.

"He's had a bad hoof abscess, but he's come right," Hennessy said. "He'll run at Tauranga (on June 22) then go for the Opunake Cup. He's very genuine and handles most going."

Temple Tiger is a son of Tiger Prawn and has won six times and been placed on a further 19 occasions from 41 starts.

Youngsters in Hennessy's ownership include an Ocean Park half-brother to Brutal (NZ) (O'Reilly), winner of the Gr.1 Doncaster Mile (1600m) at Randwick in April.

"He'll be two next season and I'm excited about him," Hennessy said. "I've also got a brother to Ocean Ruler, who I sent over to Paul Jenkins on the Sunshine Coast and he won first-up at Ipswich."



*(Our) Intrigue (NZ) (Showcasing)*

### Our Intrigue heads for a spell

Group Two performer **Our Intrigue (NZ)** (Showcasing) will head to the spelling paddock after her unplaced run in the Gr.1

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

Queensland Oaks (2200m) at Doomben last Saturday.

The Tony Pike-trained three-year-old was heading into the race off the back of a winning performance over 2200m at the Sunshine Coast last month, but Pike said the Oaks test may have been a race too far for his filly.

"She probably just came to the end of her preparation," he said. "She's going to head to the spelling paddock, she has been up a long time and did a good job to get into the Oaks."

"I think a couple of runs on heavy tracks just took its toll and she raced like a bit of a flat racehorse on Saturday in the Oaks unfortunately."

The daughter of Showcasing, who was purchased for \$70,000 by bloodstock agent Paul Moroney out of Haunui Farm's 2017 New Zealand Bloodstock Select Yearling Sale draft, won three of her eight starts this season, and was runner-up in the Gr.2 Championship Stakes (2100m) at Ellerslie in April.

Pike was pleased with her three-year-old season and is looking forward to seeing what she can do as a four-year-old.

"She's a nice filly on her first preparation and I am sure she will keep for next season," he said.

(Commands), Ata Rangi (NZ) (Haradasun) and Yorkshire Dales (Vale of York) providing three on end over the Te Rapa meeting last Wednesday and Ellerslie last Saturday and the exciting **Helena Baby (NZ)** (Guillotine) careering away to complete a hat trick of wins at Ellerslie later on last Saturday's programme. [Full story here](#)



*Flaunting (NZ) (Showcasing)*

### Greene Flaunting a fourth stakes winner

Promising juvenile filly **Flaunting (NZ)** (Showcasing) became Hamilton trainer David Greene's fourth stakes winner when she took out the Listed Castletown Stakes (1200m) at Wanganui on Saturday.

The daughter of Showcasing has amassed a strong record in her short career, which includes two wins and a placing from just four starts, with her only unplaced result coming in the Karaka Million 2YO (1200m) at Ellerslie in January.

"Drawing one (in the Karaka Million) probably turned out to be the worst thing for her in a race where there was heaps of speed and we had to kick up and use our gate," Greene said. [Full story here](#)

### Collett licensed for another Singapore stint

Talented jockey Alysha Collett has been presented with a major incentive to resume her riding career after eight months on the sideline.

The 25-year-old has been relicensed in Singapore from July 1 and is keen to take up the six-month contract once she has regained some of her race-riding fitness and focus in New Zealand.

"I see my surgeon next Monday and hopefully I will get my clearance to start race riding again," she said. [Full story here](#)

### Waikato Stud unreserved weanling offering on gavelhouse.com

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consignment with six-time New Zealand Breeder of the Year winners Waikato Stud offering a draft of 27 unreserved weanlings for sale.

The Matamata-based nursery comprise a big chunk of the 83-Lot catalogue, with x-rays for each of their entries available for viewing in the New Zealand Bloodstock online repository.

Waikato Stud's famous hospitality and progressive approach to selling their stock sees the team set to host three on-farm parade days from 10am to 2pm on June 6, 9 and 10. Each day will start with a full parade of all 27 Lots followed by a barbecue lunch and drinks. [Full story here](#)



*John Bell (right)*

### Bell excited with stable's prospects

John Bell was missing from the New Zealand training ranks for 13 years, but he's certainly making up for it.

The Cambridge horseman experienced a personal record as a trainer last season with 13 wins, including two Group Three victories by Julius (NZ) (Swiss Ace), and already this term he has bettered that win tally with 16 victories and the promise of more to come before the end of the season on July 31.

His stable has been consistently churning out the winners with Noble Star (NZ)



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**AUDIO:** Tony Pike talks about his introduction to racing, his influences, his views on racing in New Zealand and his successful team in Queensland.



# CYBER ATTACK TO FOLLOW WINNING RECIPE

**T**ony Pike believes he has found the recipe for three-year-old success in Queensland and he will begin to follow that formula at Eagle Farm on Saturday when **Cyber Attack (NZ)** (Shamexpress) contests the Listed Daybreak Lover Stakes (1200m).

Pike's dual Group One winner The Bostonian (NZ) (Jimmy Choux) won the race last year before going on to win over 1350m at Doomben and then the Gr.3 Sunshine Coast Guineas (1600m), and Cyber Attack is being set to follow the exact same path.

The stakes-winning son of Shamexpress booked his ticket across the Tasman with a first-up win at Te Rapa last month and his connections are hoping he can replicate his stablemate's Queensland form over the next month.

"We gave him a run at home and the owners said if he runs well they were keen to come over and have a crack," Pike said.

"I was really impressed with his first-up run, but he's a hard horse to get a line on.

"He was on and off the bridle, he never looked to be travelling at any stage of the race, but he was quite dominant in the end.

"He's probably going to be the same tomorrow. They are going to go pretty

quick in this race and you probably won't want to be on him halfway through the race, but he is a pretty genuine racehorse and I'm sure he will be hitting the line nicely late."

While Pike believes dual stakes winner and \$2 favourite Plague Stone (Lonhro) will be tough to beat, he is expecting a strong showing from Cyber Attack when he jumps from barrier five with Blake Shinn aboard.

"He has drawn well, he will get back," Pike said. "They will probably outpace him a little bit, but as long as he is hitting the line strong late, it will set him up nicely for the rest of the carnival.

"Plague Stone is going to start a really short-priced favourite on Saturday and he probably should win.

"Going through the rest of the field, there are probably no superstars in it, so you hope the form holds up reasonably well."

– NZ Racing Desk



*Cyber Attack will follow the same path as stablemate The Bostonian when he lines up in the Listed Daybreak Lover Stakes at Eagle Farm (Trish Dunell)*





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# IGRAINE SEEKS FURTHER CUPS SUCCESS

**Igraine** (Galileo) has proven to be an astute purchase for Brent and Cherry Taylor of Trelawney Stud.

The Taylor's purchased the Galileo mare as a broodmare proposition for 65,000 Guineas in England through bloodstock agent Paul Moroney and she has quickly added to her value under the care of Robert Priscott.

Igraine has won four of her 11 starts for the Te Awamutu trainer, including the Gr.3 Counties Cup (2100m) in November and she has also finished runner-up in the Gr.3 Waikato Cup (2400m) and Listed Hawke's Bay Cup (2200m).

The six-year-old mare finished third in the Gr.3 Premier's Cup (2200m) at Eagle Farm last start and Priscott believes she is primed to add another stakes victory to her record when she lines-up in the Gr.2 Brisbane Cup (2400m) at Eagle Farm on Saturday.

"She has done really well over here. She's one of the better ones I have taken away," he said.

"She has done everything right here. A little bit of experience in England, coming through quarantine, has paid off. She has been very good.

"She was a little bit fresh the other day (in the Premier's Cup) and just



*Igraine looks a leading chance in Saturday's Gr.2 Brisbane Cup (Trish Dunell)*

wanted to overdo it in front a little bit, so hopefully that run into her will have taken the edge off her for the mile and a half."

While originally aiming towards a Sydney campaign with his mare, Priscott said those plans were shelved after Igraine tailed the field home in a 1400m race at Hastings in February.

"We originally thought we were going to go to Sydney, but she didn't fire in the sprint at Hastings, so we backed off her and targeted her towards here," he said.

Priscott is hoping for some rainfall before Saturday's race where Igraine will jump from barrier 12 with jockey

Ron Stewart aboard.

"A little bit of rain would help a lot," he said. "She has been on firm tracks, which doesn't seem to make much difference to her, but she has shown a preference for rain-affected tracks.

"Hopefully she can get a bit of cover, but her draw doesn't lend that way. She will have to go forward and maybe end up in front again, but ideally a bit of cover would be great."

TAB bookmakers have marked Igraine as a \$13 winning chance in the Brisbane Cup behind \$3.80 race favourite Sixties Groove (Sixties Icon).

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# VIGOR WINNER VYING FOR CLASSIC GLORY AT EAGLE FARM

Exciting three-year-old **Vigor Winner** (Declaration Of War) will attempt to add a second stakes win to his tally when he lines-up in the Gr.2 Queensland Guineas (1600m) at Eagle Farm on Saturday.

The Declaration of War gelding finished unplaced in his first-up Australian run in the Gr.3 Fred Best Classic (1400m) last month and while trainer Lauren Brennan said his run was disappointing on face value, it proved to be a lot more pleasing upon review.

"Initially we were disappointed with the run, but then looking back on the replay he did a lot of work to get to the front, he was three-wide without cover for the whole race and was beaten by four and a half lengths," she said.

"When you look at it like that, he actually stuck on quite well and didn't run a bad race, he was just a victim of circumstance."

Prior to his Australian campaign, Vigor Winner won three of his four starts in New Zealand, including the Gr.3 Cambridge Breeders' Stakes (1200m) in April, and finished runner-up in the Gr.2 Wellington Guineas (1400m).

Brennan said he has settled in well in Queensland and is hoping he can reproduce some of his New Zealand form on Saturday.

"He is really enjoying his time over here and we are happy with his progress since the Fred Best a couple of weeks ago," she said.

"We have just cantered him into the race this week. We have previously designed his racing with five to six weeks between races, so this is his first back-up.

"It's two weeks since his last run, so we have just been ticking him over and keeping him happy.

"I am hoping he will go a really good race. It's his first time going a mile and I think the mile will suit him a lot more than the sprint distances that he has been running in."

Vigor Winner will jump from barrier three and Brennan is hoping jockey Corey Brown can find some early cover from that gate.

"We will leave it up to Corey, he will know what to do," she said. "The other week the rail was the place to be, I think they have pulled it out two metres this week, so I'm sure he will use

the barrier draw and get a nice position without doing too much work."

Saturday is likely to be Vigor Winner's grand final this season and Brennan said he will head for a spell in preparation for spring racing.

"This will probably be his last assignment. He's due for a holiday, so he will have a break after this and hopefully get ready for the spring at home."

- NZ Racing Desk



Vigor Winner will look to snatch his second stakes victory when he lines-up in the Gr.2 Queensland Guineas (Race Images)



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## GLOBAL NZ BRED WINNERS 30/05/2019 - 06/06/2019

### AUSTRALIA

**Bachelor Duke : Duke Dictador (NZ) (Bobby Lee by Zabeel) 2014;**  
04/06/2019, 1st Casterton RC Fresh Flower Market H. 2000m  
Sold by The Oaks Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$80000

**Brilliance : He's a Genius (NZ) (Russiantobed by St. Petersburg) 2011;**  
04/06/2019, 1st Casterton RC Lifetime Trophies S/chase 3450m  
Sold by Landsdowne Park Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$3500

**Camelot : Camelle (NZ) (Viana by Volksraad) 2015;**  
31/05/2019, 1st Pakenham RC Austrim Civil H. 1600m  
Sold by Landsdowne Park Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$180000

**Elusive City : (Our) Beatnik (NZ) (Fair Fly by Kenfair) 2011;**  
01/06/2019, 1st Tambo DRC Tambo Cup 1400m

**Ferlax : Rare Episode (NZ) (Sister Phenomenon by Rock of Gibraltar) 2015;**  
01/06/2019, 1st Illawarra TC Mark Cheadle 60th Birthday H. 1000m  
Sold by Haunui Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$100000

**Gallant Guru : Ruby Guru (NZ) (On the Make by O'Reilly) 2013;**  
31/05/2019, 1st SCTC Integrale Homes H. 2400m

**Mastercraftsman : Diva Peron (NZ) (Top Spot by High Chaparral) 2014;**  
02/06/2019, 1st Goulburn DRC Coast & Country Equine Therapy Maiden H. 1600m  
Sold by Wentwood Grange at National Yearling Sale for \$75000

**Niagara : Falls (NZ) (Windsorclass by Masterclass) 2015;**  
05/06/2019, 1st MRC Ladbrokes Odds Boost Maiden P. 1400m

**Pentire : Counterfire (NZ) (Jetusin by Jetball) 2012;**  
03/06/2019, 1st Moe RC Harvey Norman H. 2050m

**Pins : Gympins (NZ) (Gymnast by Keeper) 2015;**  
02/06/2019, 1st Devonport RC Great Northern Maiden P. 1150m  
Sold by Ardsley Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$25000

**Redwood : Cedar Grande (NZ) (Merci Grand by Choisir) 2013;**  
05/06/2019, 1st MRC Ladbrokes Back Yourself H. 2100m  
Sold by Blackbridge at National Yearling Sale for \$22500

**Reliable Man : Inspirational Girl (NZ) (Be Inspired by Zabeel) 2015;**  
02/06/2019, 1st Pinjarra RC Gforce Printing H. 1400m  
Sold by Jamieson Park at National Yearling Sale for \$190000

**Reliable Man : Leading Girl (NZ) (Chuckle by Danehill) 2015;**  
01/06/2019, 1st Perth Racing Des Russell 50th Birthday H. 1600m  
Sold by Bradbury Park at National Yearling Sale for \$100000

**Reliable Man : Di's Grey (NZ) (Titbit by Cadeaux Genereux) 2015;**  
03/06/2019, 1st Moe RC Moe Cup '1927' Live H. 1600m  
Sold by Bradbury Park at National Yearling Sale for \$85000

**Savabeel : Tantalus (NZ) (Ambrosia by Pins) 2015;**  
02/06/2019, 1st Toowoomba TC A&R Refrigeration Maiden P. 2150m  
Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$300000

**Savabeel : Grand Bouquet (NZ) (Daffodil by No Excuse Needed) 2015;**  
01/06/2019, 1st GCTC Pluspak H. 1800m  
Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$600000

**Shamoline Warrior : Equilibrium (NZ) (Murphy's Cash by Aucash) 2013;**  
03/06/2019, 1st Wine Country RC East Cessnock Bowling Club H. 1570m  
Sold by Bluegables Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$18000

**Showcasing : Show'em (NZ) (Silkwood by Grosvenor) 2013;**  
01/06/2019, 1st Goondiwindi RC Agricultural Suppliers H. 1400m  
Sold by Lyndhurst Farm at Ready to Run Sale for \$52500

**Spartacus : Speedy Jax (NZ) (Aromay by Green Perfume) 2010;**  
04/06/2019, 1st Casterton RC Pontings Home Timber S/chase 3450m

**Tavistock : Travistee (NZ) (Je Suis by Stravinsky) 2013;**  
01/06/2019, 1st Lockyer RC Gatton Cup 2000m

**Tavistock : She's Alight (NZ) (Keep Alight by Keeper) 2015;**  
30/05/2019, 1st Northam RC XXXX Gold H. 1300m  
Sold by Cambridge Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$65000

**Tavistock : Greycliffe (NZ) (Tristraad by Volksraad) 2014;**  
02/06/2019, 1st Ballarat TC Porter Plant H. 2100m  
Sold by Lyndhurst Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$250000

**Thewayyouare : Ambush Alley (NZ) (Hurricane Ally by Hurricane Sky) 2014;**  
01/06/2019, 1st Bendigo JC Jenharwill H. 2400m  
Sold by Glen Hall Farms at National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale for \$8000



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## 30/05/2019 - 06/06/2019

### HONG KONG

**Alamosa : Little Wise Man (NZ) (Young American by Charnwood Forest) 2015;**

02/06/2019, 1st HKJC Faculties of Architecture & Engineering H. 1400m  
Sold by Kaipira Lodge at Ready to Run Sale for \$150000  
Sold by Lime Country Thoroughbreds Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$47500

**Darci Brahma : Darci de Luca - Happy Fun (H.K.) (NZ) (Mystery Creek by Kaapstad) 2013;**

02/06/2019, 1st HKJC HKU Space H. 1400m  
Sold by The Oaks Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$120000

**Mastercraftsman : As You Will - Racing Fighter (H.K.) (NZ) (Comme Tu Veux by Howbaddouwantit) 2014;**

02/06/2019, 1st HKJC HKU Jockey Club Tower H. 1200m  
Sold by Mapperley Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$75000

**Nadeem : Snap Fit (NZ) (Gold Circle by Kilimanjaro) 2014;**

05/06/2019, 1st HKJC Mount Gough H. 1000m  
Sold by Little Avondale Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$120000

**Per Incanto : Classic Unicorn (NZ) (Grace and Eva by Stravinsky) 2015;**

02/06/2019, 1st HKJC Faculties of Arts & Science H. 1000m  
Sold by Little Avondale Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$40000

**Reliable Man : Reliable Team (NZ) (Stella Doro by Faltaat) 2015;**

05/06/2019, 1st HKJC Mount Nicholson H. 1200m  
Sold by Phoenix Park at Ready to Run Sale for \$430000

**Sakhee's Secret : Band of Brothers (NZ) (Jan Valachi by Kingdom Bay) 2014;**

02/06/2019, 1st HKJC Hong Kong University Challenge Cup 1600m

**Savabeel : Godspeed (NZ) (I Que by O'Reilly) 2013;**

05/06/2019, 1st HKJC Mount Cameron H. 1650m  
Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$80000

### MACAU

**Darci Brahma : Renminbi - Grand Warrior (Mac.) (NZ) (Spring Fever by Traditionally) 2013;**

31/05/2019, 1st Macau Zhengzhou H. 1200m  
Sold by The Oaks Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$28000

**Gallant Guru : One More Again (NZ) (Megagem by Personal Escort) 2013;**

31/05/2019, 1st Macau Qiqihar H. 1500m  
Sold by White Robe Lodge at South Island Yearling & Mixed Sale for \$12000

**Savabeel : Natural Achiever - Silver Baby (Mac.) (NZ) (Shaya Moya by Woodbury Lad) 2012;**

31/05/2019, 1st Macau Shaoxing H. 1350m  
Sold by Lime Country Thoroughbreds Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$30000

**The way you are : Still So Cute (NZ) (Invermoray by Volksraad) 2015;**

31/05/2019, 1st Macau Taiyuan H. 1050m  
Sold by Regal Farm at Ready to Run Sale for \$85000  
Sold by Curraghmore at National Yearling Sale for \$52500

### MALAYSIA

**Any Suggestion : King Force (NZ) (Stella di Fuoco by Ishiguru) 2014;**

01/06/2019, 1st Perak TC Schalke H. 1000m

**Gallant Guru : D'Great Swift (NZ) (Abita Fame by Classic Fame) 2012;**

01/06/2019, 1st Perak TC Valur H. 1800m

**Guillotine : D'Great Speed (NZ) (Bliss by Thorn Park) 2015;**

01/06/2019, 1st Perak TC Kukes S. 1200m

**Iffraaj : Empire Bay (NZ) (Lekker Ding by Honour and Glory) 2009;**

02/06/2019, 1st Perak TC Inter Milan H. 1400m  
Sold by Haunui Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$65000

**No Excuse Needed : D'Great Vulture (NZ) (High Tune by High Chaparral) 2013;**

02/06/2019, 1st Perak TC Celtic S. 1400m

### SINGAPORE

**Bachelor Duke : Dragon Duke (NZ) (Justawins by Stark South) 2013;**

31/05/2019, 1st Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1100m  
Sold by Haunui Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$34000

**Battle Paint : Beautiful Day (NZ) (Poacher's Prize by Prized) 2014;**

01/06/2019, 1st Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1200m  
Sold by Chequers Stud at Ready to Run Sale for \$38000

**Darci Brahma : Big Regards (NZ) (Molly Coco by Savabeel) 2013;**

01/06/2019, 1st Singapore TC Class 5 H. 2000m  
Sold by Phoenix Park at National Yearling Sale for \$55000

**Ekraar : Majestic Empress (NZ) (Race Empress by St. Petersburg) 2012;**

01/06/2019, 1st Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1700m

**Guillotine : Country Boss (NZ) (No Porsche Needed by No Excuse Needed) 2013;**

01/06/2019, 1st Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1200m

**Guillotine : Time Lord (NZ) (Mary Agnes by Zabeel) 2014;**

01/06/2019, 1st Singapore TC Class 3 H. 1400m

**Jimmy Choux : Strap Marks (NZ) (Dominatrix by Marauding) 2013;**

31/05/2019, 1st Singapore TC Open Maiden S. 1200m

**O'Reilly : Lai Mak Mak (NZ) (Pretty by Pins) 2011;**

01/06/2019, 1st Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1400m

**Showcasing : Boy Next Door (NZ) (Lemonade by Bertolini) 2015;**

01/06/2019, 1st Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1400m  
Sold by Hallmark Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$20000

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