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NOVARA SECURE STAPHANOS

Group One performer **Staphanos** (Deep Impact) will join the stallion ranks of Novara Park Stud, just outside of Cambridge, in the new season.

A winner as a juvenile, the son of Deep Impact went on to record a trio of victories as a three-year old, defeating subsequent Japanese Horse of the Year and stallion Maurice at Kyoto before rounding off his campaign with victory in the Gr.3 Tokyo Fuji Stakes (1600m).

As a four-year-old he was runner-up in the Gr.1 Queen Elizabeth II Cup (2000m) at Sha Tin before returning to Japan to finish runner-up in the Gr.1 Tenno Sho (2000m) at Tokyo.

His five- and six-year-old seasons yielded a further three placings at Group One level, including the Gr.1 Hong Kong Cup (2000m).

The acquisition of Staphanos follows on from the loss of promising young sire Jakkalberry, who was the foundation stallion for Luigi Muollo's Novara Park Stud in Waikato.

"We were on the lookout for a highly-ranked Group One racehorse to replace Jakkalberry who died last year," Novara park manager Ray Knight said.

"We looked at a large number of stallion prospects for 2018, but none ticked all the boxes, so we decided to wait for the right one.

"Staphanos fits all the criteria we set when selecting a stallion - performance, pedigree, physique and commercial appeal.

"His ranking in Japan as one of the best three, four, five and six-year-olds is unmatched. He was a multiple Group One performer in Japan and represented his country as a multiple Group One performer in Hong Kong.

"Staphanos is an outstanding and correct physical type and full of quality."

Staphanos is a son of Deep Impact, one of the world's great stallions, having sired 39 individual Group One winners and 10.4 percent stakes winners to runners.

The entire's three-time winning dam Kokoshnik is by



Staphanos will join the stallion roster at Novara Park for the 2019 breeding season

successful Japanese stallion Kurofune, who hails from the immediate family of New Zealand-raced mare and Gr.1 Great Northern Oaks (2400m) winner Catania.

Staphanos is a sibling to four winners, including the stakes-placed Finift, while his multiple Listed-winning granddam Gold Tiara is a half-sister to the late Darley shuttle stallion Poet's Voice, whose progeny include Gr.1 Mackinnon Stakes (2000m) hero Trap For Fools.

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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.
- Winner of first four starts including dual Group 3 wins in the Spring Stakes and Gloaming Stakes.
- A winner at only start as a 2YO.
- A top 3YO Timeform rating of 122 makes Sweynesse one of the top Australian 3YO colts of his year.
- By Lonhro -The Champion 3YO, the Champion miler, the Horse of the Year, and now a Champion sire. Lonhro set a new Australian record of 160 individual winners in a season. His son Pierro, unbeaten juvenile Triple Crown winner, was rated the best juvenile colt in Australia since 1977.
- Out of the multiple winning mare Swansea by Champion Sire Singspiel (5xG1 Winner and sire of 98SW).
- Sweynesse is a magnificent individual. He stands 16.2 hh. He has a powerful hind quarter, a strong shoulder and a great athletic walk. He is very correct.
- Sweynesse is syndicated amongst many of New Zealand's top breeders who are strongly supporting him at stud.



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“He is by the world’s hottest sire Deep Impact who has an advertised service fee of NZ\$540,000 and is greatly sought after by all our main international markets,” Knight said. “This is a fantastic opportunity for the New Zealand breeding industry to access a top-class racehorse with a global pedigree.”

Staphanos will stand for a service fee of NZ\$7,000+GST and joins the roster of the emerging breeding operation which also stands young Lonhro sire Sweynesse.

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TAKE TWO FOR **MADISON COUNTY**

It will be take two for multiple Group One-winning three-year-old **Madison County (NZ)** (Pins) at Rosehill on Saturday when he lines-up in the Gr.2 Tulloch Stakes (2000m).

The Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman-trained gelding was withdrawn from last week's Gr.1 Rosehill Guineas (2000m) after a float incident.

"He basically just rubbed himself in the float and had a bit of an abrasion around his hip area," Forsman said.

"It just took the skin off, it was a

little bit raw. He was vetted when he got on course and he wasn't lame, but it was probably more so not a good look to send the horse out to race.

"He was second favourite, so there was a bit of money invested, they couldn't take the risk to let him start, but he hasn't missed any work and seems fine, so we are all good to go and hopefully he travels sensibly on Saturday."

Last Saturday's withdrawal has continued Madison County's bad spate of luck in recent times.

"Nothing has gone right," Forsman said. "The pending sale fell over and because of that he missed a run in the Herbie Dyke (Gr.1, 2000m) and missed the run leading into the Randwick (Guineas, 1600m) and now he's missed the run in the Rosehill Guineas. It certainly hasn't been plain sailing, but all that being said, he is very well."

Madison County is likely to be met by similar wet track conditions to last weekend at Rosehill on Saturday, but Forsman is hoping

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Madison County will line-up in the Gr.2 Tulloch Stakes this Saturday after missing a start at Group One level last weekend





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the track will improve a bit before they jump.

"It was very testing that track last Saturday and hopefully it improves a little bit throughout the week and isn't such a holding sort of track," he said.

"I'm a little bit unsure as to how he will handle it, but he has worked up well on wet tracks before."

The son of Pins has drawn the visitor's barrier in the ten-horse

field, but that doesn't overly concern Forsman who is expecting a strong showing from his talented galloper.

"It is a bit awkward (the barrier)," Forsman said. "His pattern of racing is to get back and just to find his feet a little bit, but I guess it is only a ten-horse field and it will be interesting to see how the track plays after that racing on Saturday.

"I am picking they will come to the

middle of the track pretty quickly anyway. So it shouldn't be too much of a disadvantage.

"The Kiwis are probably the ones to beat and outside of that it drops away. We would be pretty disappointed if he wasn't running top three. It will just be interesting to see how he runs out the 2000m."

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NO WORRIES **WITH YOURDEEL**

Matamata trainer Jamie Richards said he has no reason not to give even-money favourite **Yourdeel (NZ)** (Dundeel) his chance to complete his set of domestic Group One two-year-old wins in Saturday's Courtesy Ford Manawatu Sires' Produce Stakes (1400m) at Awapuni.

Concerns were raised after it was reported Tuesday that stablemate Equinox (NZ) (Exceed and Excel) had the better of the last-start Sistema Stakes winner in training.

However, Richards was satisfied with Yourdeel's trackwork on Thursday and the Dundeel gelding will take his place in Saturday's field.

"Yourdeel worked well on Thursday morning," Richards said. "The horse is well. He's had a long season and he'll have a break after Saturday. We've spoken to the owners and it's all go for Saturday. He wouldn't be there if I thought he wasn't going to be competitive.

"It's a concern when they don't gallop as well as they usually do but that's just it - one gallop that wasn't as good as what it normally is. We're not worried."

TAB bookmakers have held firm on Yourdeel's \$2 opening quote for their Sires' final field market, even drifting Equinox from \$7 to \$7.50 in the wake of strong support for the Murray

rain for him. He's got a good barrier and hopefully he can settle just in behind the speed and be a good chance," Richards said.

"Yourdeel has drawn well and he'll be ridden in behind the speed. We'd like to get cover for him the first time at 1400m. He drew the outside at Ellerslie and we had to ride him forward in the Sistema all things taken into account."

Meanwhile, Richards is resigned to promising Savabeel stayer Golden Age (NZ) missing a start in Saturday's Gr.3 Higgins Concrete Manawatu Classic (2000m) as the third emergency.

"He probably should have won his maiden by now, he's had a bit of bad luck on the way through," Richards said.

"If he had, he'd be in the field and had to be a good chance. We'll probably take him to Pukekohe on Sunday week now for a three-year-old 2100m race."

At Ellerslie, Richards will produce Griffin (NZ) (Iffraaj) and Kingsguard (NZ) (Rip Van Winkle), a Gr.3 Hawksbury Cup (1600m) winner in Australia that returns to New Zealand racing in the Electrolux Sprint (1200m).

"He's trialed okay and the (co-owner) Windsor Park boys are pretty confident he's better right-handed on his Sydney leg," Richards said.

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Baker and Andrew Forsman-trained Holy Mongolempor (NZ) (More Than Ready) (\$12 into \$9.50) and Gr.1 Sistema Stakes (1200m) runner-up Aalaalune (NZ) (Reliable Man) (\$6 into \$5.50).

Exceed And Excel colt Equinox has drawn barrier one and Yourdeel barrier five, with Richards hoping to get cover for both youngsters stepping up to 1400m for the first time.

"Equinox did work very well on Tuesday. We just don't want to see any



Yourdeel will start favourite in Saturday's Gr.1 Courtesy Ford Manawatu Sires' Produce Stakes at Awapuni





RONDINELLA AT PEAK **FOR TANCRED**

Rondinella is in “faultless condition” ahead of Saturday’s Gr.1 Tancred Stakes (2400m) at Rosehill according to Roger James, who trains in partnership with Robert Wellwood.

The Cambridge trainer has accompanied Rondinella to Sydney and is rapt with the way she has travelled to Australia and settled in at her Randwick stabling.

A last-start third in the Gr.1 New Zealand Stakes (2000m) at Ellerslie behind Melody Belle (NZ) (Commands) and Danzdanzdance (NZ) (Mastercraftsman), Rondinella (NZ) (Ocean Park) gained a start in the Tancred Stakes from the ballot after Auvray (Le Havre) was withdrawn on Wednesday.

James had accepted with the Ocean Park four-year-old for the Gr.3 Neville Sellwood Stakes (2000m) but it was always his intention to tackle the Group One feature if she made the field.

“It’s all go now, unless the track gets any worse, but we want to run her,” James said.

“It’s a heavy 8 at the moment and I’d like the track to improve because she’s best on a good track but it’s not going to be that.

“I’m comfortable she’ll get the mile and a half. It’s a big step up but I’ve always held her in high regard and she’s had a lovely preparation. She’s in faultless condition.”

TAB bookmakers have Rondinella as a \$13 fourth favourite behind last Saturday’s Gr.1 Ranvet Stakes (2000m) winner Avilius at \$1.65.

In the Ranvet, Avilius beat home third-placed Danzdanzdance, who finished second ahead of Rondinella in the New Zealand Stakes after the James and Robert Wellwood-trained mare lost crucial ground in a home-turn skirmish.

“It’s fair to say we didn’t get the rub of the green last start. She featured twice in the stipes report and by the time she got clear in the straight, the other two were already off and



Promising mare Rondinella steps up to the big time in Saturday’s Gr.1 Tancred Stakes at Rosehill

gone. But to her credit, she’s stuck to her task well and ran the quickest last 200m of the race.”

James said rider Sam Clipperton would have few options but to tuck back from barrier 10 in Saturday’s Tancred Stakes but regarded the track conditions as the biggest obstacle to success for Rondinella.

“If there was one thing I could change, it would be the weather,” James said.

Meanwhile, a gear change has James optimistic of an improved showing from Gehrig (NZ) (Cape Blanco) in Saturday’s Gr.3 Higgins Concrete Manawatu Classic (2000m) at Awapuni.

“Unfortunately he’s drawn wide too but we’ve changed his bit. He’s working a lot more tractably in it and if he can race more tractably in it, he’ll get his chance to show he’s up to this company,” James said.

Gehrig is at \$18 in the TAB’s final field market, which is headed by Spring Delight (NZ) (Tavistock) at \$3.20.

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Yogi (NZ) (Raise The Flag)

Yogi chasing 'bonus' win in Tancred Stakes

A weight-for-age win would be a bonus but it isn't out of reach for proven two-miler **Yogi (NZ)** (Raise The Flag) who will make his Sydney debut in the Gr.1 Tancred Stakes (2400m) at Rosehill.

The Victorian-based six-year-old will arrive in Sydney on Thursday ahead of Saturday's assignment.

The feature race on the program, the Tancred has attracted a full field plus emergencies and includes Godolphin's Avilius (Pivotal), who will back-up from his Ranvet Stakes victory, along with wet-track specialist Red Cardinal (Montjeu) and the Chris Waller-trained pair of Brimham Rocks (Fastnet Rock) and Patrick Erin (NZ) (Gallant Guru).

The A\$1.5 million race will be Yogi's first start in the clockwise direction but David Eustace, who trains in partnership with Ciaron Maher, doesn't expect the horse to have any problem adapting to racing in the reverse direction.

"He's not a horse that strikes us that going the other way will be a major issue," Eustace said.

"He's an older gelding and he seems to take everything in his stride."

The winner of the Sandown Cup in the spring, Yogi produced a barnstorming finish to win first-up over 1800 metres at Caulfield last month and made late ground when midfield in the Australian Cup (2000m), his first test at weight-for-age.

Eustace and Maher have been on a learning curve with their new recruit this campaign but are satisfied Yogi is poised to execute a Sydney Cup plan formulated last year by managing owner Darren Dance and former trainer Darren Weir.

"It was Darren Dance's plan and 'Weiry's' plan so we've just tried to carry that out as

best we can and he seems to be on the right track at the moment," Eustace said.

"He won first-up when we'd just got him then we just ticked him over at the beach and we thought he ran a really nice race in the Australian Cup.

"It was a strong and eye-catching run from a genuine two-miler."



Verry Elleegant (NZ) (Zed)

Verry Elleegant heads Waller's Vinery charge

Trainer Chris Waller has made a couple of gear changes to his classy filly **Verry Elleegant (NZ)** (Zed) in the hope of coaxing the best out of her in the Gr. 1 Vinery Stud Stakes (2000m) at Rosehill on Saturday.

The Kiwi import will sport ear muffs pre-race and the shadow roll will be removed.

An impressive last-start winner of the Gr.2 Phar Lap Stakes (1500m), Verry Elleegant has pleased Waller since.

"She was unlucky not to win at her first start for the stable and that was behind a good horse (Amphitrite)," Waller told Racing NSW.

"She certainly gets her Group One chance on Saturday.

"She is a horse that doesn't need a lot of hard work, it's just more maintenance now."

Gear change for Seabrook in Vinery

Mick Price isn't sure if **Seabrook (NZ)** (Hinchinbrook) can turn the tables on last-start conqueror Verry Elleegant (NZ) (Zed) and deliver him consecutive wins in the Gr.1 Vinery Stud Stakes (2000m), but he has taken measures to give her a fighting chance.

The Caulfield trainer, who won the corresponding race 12 months ago with Hiyaam (NZ) (High Chaparral), has taken blinkers off Seabrook, a ploy he hopes will help her relax and run out the 2000 metres.

Seabrook raced in a handy position when



Seabrook (NZ) (Hinchinbrook)

she was overpowered by Verry Elleegant on a heavy track in the Gr.2 Phar Lap Stakes (1500m) and Price again regards the Chris Waller-trained filly as the horse to beat.

"Verry Elleegant beat her fair and square the other day and Verry Elleegant is probably going to win again," Price said.

"But it doesn't matter, we're there to compete and you never know."

A Group One winner of the Champagne Stakes at two, Seabrook has not been extended beyond 1600m.

Her sire Hinchinbrook is best known for producing sprinter-milers but Price points to stoutness on her dam's side as an indication Seabrook might have the stamina for a middle-distance.

"Not many Hinchinbrooks get tried over 2000m but she is out of a Don Eduardo mare and she is a pretty clean-winded horse," Price said.

Brett Prebble was aboard Seabrook for her first-up midfield effort in the Surround Stakes and reunites with the three-year-old in Saturday's Group One event.

She has an awkward gate in 11 but Price is hoping Prebble can slot Seabrook in behind the speed and give her every chance to finish the race off.

"I think there's a good opportunity for there to be a bit of speed on, enough speed from that gate so that we can poke in somewhere," Price said.

"I'm happy with the filly. Prebble rode her on Tuesday morning and said she worked super."

Ground key to Bavella's Group One prospects

Trainer Lance Noble is pleased with smart two-year-old **Bavella** (Snitzel) heading into Saturday's Gr.1 Courtesy Ford Manawatu

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Bavella (Snitzel)



Aalaalune (NZ) (Reliable Man)

Sires' Produce Stakes (1400m) at Awapuni and is looking forward to racing on a firmer track.

The daughter of Snitzel, raced by Cambridge Stud proprietors Brendan and Jo Lindsay, was an impressive winner of her first two starts, including success in the Listed Spline Construction 2YO (1100m), before being thwarted by rain-affected going in her past two starts.

"She has done really well and we are happy with her," Noble said.

"Those two wet tracks with the Matamata Breeders' and Sistema just weren't to our liking so we are hoping for better track conditions down at Awapuni.

"I think she would handle a little bit of rain but I think on a better track you will see her really quicken. That might bring those three that have finished in front of her back to her a little bit. She wasn't far away at Eilerslie but I think to see her best we do need good ground.

"I think if she can get a cosy trip just in behind them or up on the speed I think we could really see her accelerate from there."

McKay's Lotto winner could strike again

Lotto winner Lou Te Keeti could be poised to strike it lucky again this weekend with a first Group One prize on the racing stage.

A Tauranga local, Te Keeti scooped \$10.3m in the Powerball jackpot in July 2017 and has invested part of his winnings in thoroughbreds with young Matamata trainer Jacob McKay entrusted with three of his horses and all are competing at Saturday's Awapuni meeting.

Chasing the ultimate result will be **Aalaalune (NZ)** (Reliable Man) in the Gr.1 Courtesy Ford Manawatu Sires' Produce Stakes (1400m), while **Mr Universe (NZ)** (Smart Missile) and **Vittachi (NZ)** (Tavistock) will contest a three-year-old 1200m and a

rating 72 2200m respectively.

Aalaalune went down a short head to Yourdeel (NZ) (Dundeel) in the Gr. 1 Sistema Stakes (1200m) at Eilerslie last start and on that performance, as well as her big finishes for sixth and third in the Karaka Million 2YO (1200m) and Gr.2 Matamata Breeders' Stakes (1200m) respectively, she should appreciate the step up to 1400m on Saturday.

"She has been racing so well and deserves to win a good one," McKay said.

"She went so close in the Sistema. She tried so hard and the 1400m will be much better for her at Awapuni. Reese Jones will ride her again."

Aalaalune was given a brief let-up after the Sistema Stakes and McKay is pleased with her condition going into Saturday's Group One assignment.

"It won't take much to have her spot on for the Sires'. She's already race fit."

A win for Aalaalune would continue the good run of form by progeny of Westbury Stud stallion Reliable Man.



In A Twinkling (Fastnet Rock)

Twinkling set to shine

Fresh from saddling a stakes winner in Sydney last Saturday with Avantage (Fastnet Rock) winning the Gr.3 Birthday Card Stakes (1200m), trainer Jamie Richards is hoping to

pick-up some more Australian dollars this weekend.

Runner-up in the Gr.1 New Zealand Derby (2400m), **In A Twinkling** (Fastnet Rock) will represent the Te Akau team in the Gr.2 Tulloch Stakes (2000m) at Randwick with a view to justifying a place in the A\$2 million Gr.1 Australian Derby (2400m) on April 6.

"In A Twinkling worked well on the grass on Tuesday morning at Randwick, with James McDonald in the saddle," Richards said.

"We purposely gave him a week off after he finished second in the Derby and kept him fresh for the Tulloch. It's a strong field, but we're happy with his condition going into the race and we'd love to see him run very well.

"Avantage has come through her first-up win very well and Probabeel is building into racing next Saturday (Gr.1 Sires' Produce, 1400m) and I'm heading over to watch them work on Tuesday."

Avantage will contest the A\$1 million Gr.2 Arrowfield 3YO Sprint (1200m) on April 13 at Randwick.



Odeon (NZ) (Zacinto)

Odeon building on a possible Brisbane trip

Training partners Mathew Ellerton and Simon Zahra are eyeing off a trip to Brisbane with **Odeon (NZ)** (Zacinto) who progresses his campaign in the Listed Golden Mile (1600m) at Bendigo.

Odeon will be second-up in the Listed race over 1600m on Saturday as he builds his fitness towards a hometown target before a trip north.

Zahra said the stable had its sights set on the Gr.3 Easter Cup (2000m) at Caulfield on April 20, a race the five-year-old was beaten a length in last year by Shoreham.

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Odeon pleased Ellerton and Zahra with his first-up fifth in Listed grade at Flemington on March 16, finishing just over 1-1/4 lengths from the winner Widgee Turf (Turffontein).

"He's going well," Zahra said.

"It was a good first-up run and this looks a nice race second-up.

"He's probably going to need a fraction of luck from the gate (10) but he's a horse that's going as well as he's ever gone.

"He's sound, he's well and getting towards peak fitness."

With only three weeks until the Easter Cup, Zahra said the stable was keen to squeeze another run into the gelding before he lines up in that 2000m-race.

"We'll have to back him up at some stage," Zahra said.

"We want to run him in the Easter Cup and then maybe take him to Queensland if he's going good enough.

"We're looking at the Hollindale Cup (Gold Coast) and the Doomben Cup.

"They're the two that we'll probably go for if he was to win the Easter Cup."



Hunta Pence (NZ) (No Excuse Needed)

Campbell duo set for black-type assignments

Hastings trainer Patrick Campbell will contest two black-type races at Awapuni on Saturday and he is hoping both **Hunta Pence (NZ)** (No Excuse Needed) and **Scandalo (NZ)** (Shocking) can put in a good showing.

Hunta Pence will head into the Gr.2 City of Palmerston North Awapuni Gold Cup (2000m) in good form having won his last two starts in the Wairoa Cup Trial (1900m) and Metroclad Handicap (1600m) at Trentham.

"I was quite convinced going into Wairoa, the horse desperately needed a win after having gone very good races without

winning," Campbell said.

"I think it was a confidence booster for him at Wairoa. That followed through to Wellington, albeit a four-horse field. The horse seemed to be a little more confident.

"He was allowed a fairly soft lead, which helped when the pressure came on at the 200m, but he was coming back from 1900m to a mile.

"It might have only been four runners, but they were pretty capable gallopers, so it was certainly a step in the right direction."

Campbell is pleased with Hunta Pence heading into the race and said his charge is on a path towards the Listed Hawke's Bay Cup (2200m) on his home track next month.

Marsh having another shot at Sydney

Stephen Marsh's focus on the rich Sydney Autumn Carnival will now switch to a feature sprint after having no joy last weekend with his staying three-year-olds.

The Cambridge trainer is hoping to have better luck with Ardrossan (Redoute's Choice) in the Gr.3 Star Kingdom Stakes (1200m) at Rosehill on Saturday after Crown Prosecutor (Medaglia d'Oro) and Vernanme (NZ) (O'Reilly) both failed to threaten in the Gr.1 Rosehill Guineas (2000m).

The son of Redoute's Choice showed he was back on track when second in an open 801m trial at Warwick Farm last Friday.

"He got crook on the way over and he missed a bit of work after that," Marsh said.

"He's a good-doing bugger and he needed a hit-out so we ran him in the trial last Friday. James McDonald rode him and he was happy with the way he felt and ran.

"This race on Saturday will tighten him up again and there's the Queensland carnival just around the corner, so we could look at that. But we'll get through Saturday first before making any plans.

"He wants a good track to show his best and that's a bit of a worry the way the weather has been in Sydney lately."

Ardrossan, who sports the colours of Waikato Stud, left New Zealand as a winner of the Gr.3 Concorde Handicap (1200m) at Ellerslie and a last-start third behind Melody Belle (NZ) (Commands) in the Gr.1 BCD Group Sprint (1400m) at Te Rapa.

Our Abbadean pleases in final hit-out

Our Abbadean (NZ) (Lookin At Lucky) pleased her connections with her exhibition gallop at Matamata racecourse on Wednesday, her last hit-out before



Our Abbadean (NZ) (Lookin At Lucky)

next weekend's Gr.1 Fibre Fresh NZ Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes (1600m).

Our Abbadean worked with race rival Supera (NZ) (Savabeel) under jockey Craig Grylls.

"It was beautiful work," Grylls said. "She was nice and relaxed down the back, quickened up, was doing it easy and she feels really good in her action.

"Her breathing was good and she's bright and well. I can't fault her and she's heading in the right direction."

In training for the Hawkins family at Wentwood Grange, Our Abbadean came of age last autumn, winning the Gr.2 Awapuni Gold Cup (2000m), Gr.2 Travis Stakes (2000m) and finished runner-up in the Listed Hawkes Bay Cup (2200m).

She continued that form into the spring where she resumed with a third behind stablemate Melody Belle (NZ) (Commands) in the Gr.1 Tarzino Trophy (1400m) at Hastings and finished third in the Gr.1 Captain Cook Stakes (1600m) at Trentham in December.

Trainer Jamie Richards said he is pleased with the six-year-old heading into her Group One assignment.

"I thought she might have been a little lazier in the (exhibition) gallop, because normally she sits off and chases, but she was happy and travelling," he said.

"She's in a good space, can be electric fresh and we're looking forward to it. With the right trip, she could give them a good shake."

Stunning development as Purton snares ride on leading sprinter

The colourful career of **Mr Stunning** (Exceed and Excel) has taken another dramatic twist with the news that champion jockey Zac Purton will replace Karis Teetan

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Mr Stunning (Exceed And Excel)

when Hong Kong's highest rated sprinter contests the Gr.2 Sprint Cup (1200m) at Sha Tin on 7 April.

The six-year-old, who was sold through Lyndhurst Farm's 2014 New Zealand Bloodstock draft eased home in front under Purton in a 1050m dirt trial on Tuesday morning suggested the change in rider was prompted by a desire to keep the gelding in peak form for as long as possible.

"Mr Stunning was strong but different today," trainer Frankie Lor said. "You can see Zac has got soft hands and so he gets the horse more relaxed."

"The owner talked to me about Mr Stunning being six already and next year he will have turned seven. He still thinks about if the horse can keep top form or not. Zac maybe gives the horse a chance to still have two big races for him, so that's why he changed the jockey."

"Mr Stunning felt pretty good," Purton said. "He wasn't under any pressure but he floated through the trial and is a very laid back customer."

Cranbourne pair have sights on Bendigo Guineas

Cranbourne trainers Trent Busuttin and Natalie Young will launch a two-pronged attack on Saturday's Listed Bendigo Guineas (1400m)

The pair have entered Shamexpress filly **Shamwow (NZ)** and Snitzel colt **Blinder** in the Listed feature with Young confident of a forward showing from them both.

"We've always had quite big raps on this filly (Shamwow)," Young said.

"She had a little bit of a muscular problem last prep so we tipped her out and gave her all the time that we needed."

Time has aided Shamwow, who easily won her maiden at odds-on over 1205m at Sale on January 20 and then made ground from

last when safely held into seventh in the Gr.3 Vanity Stakes (1400m) at Flemington on February 16.

Shamwow returned to the provincials where she again saluted as odds-on favourite, this time over 1600m at Ballarat on March 11.

"She won nicely last start but it was over the mile but she just knocked up the last bit. I think she's a bit sharp (for 1600m) so we've brought her back to 1400 metres for Saturday," Young said.

"She's got a bit of an awkward gate (barrier eight) but we know there's a nice, long straight at Bendigo and she'll be hitting the line."

Busuttin and Young also saddle up Blinder who was purchased from the 2017 New Zealand Ready to Run Sale and has two wins and two seconds from five starts.

"We were going to run him (at Flemington on March 16) but we decided against it because he had a temperature spike and he's a horse that needs to be kept a little bit fresh too," Young said.

"We just swum him for a few days after that, got him back to being fresh and bouncing around."

"He worked with Tavirun (Tuesday morning) and galloped super, I was really happy with how he pulled up. He towed me up into it and he didn't want to pull up (after the line) too, which is a good sign for him."

Blinder is an \$8 third favourite for the Bendigo Guineas while stablemate Shamwow is considered an \$11 fifth favourite.

Cooksley in training partnership

Internationally successful jockey Grant Cooksley is the latest addition to the New Zealand training ranks.

Cooksley has been granted a trainers' licence and begins a training partnership at Byerley Park with Bruce Wallace, but he will retain his jockey's licence.

"I've thought about training for a while now," Cooksley said.

"Now this opportunity has come up to train in partnership with Bruce and it's too good to turn down. If I started on my own, I'd have to do it from scratch, but I've been given the opportunity to start with an established stable."

"Besides, I've had a long association with Bruce and his family. I used to ride a bit for Bruce's father, Ray, and I first rode for Bruce when I was living in Sydney and he brought

over Kingston Bay and Lord Revenir. We've had a good run together."

Zimmerman joins Tiley barn

Multiple Group One-winning trainer Karren Zimmerman will take a change in direction in coming weeks when she takes up the position of stable foreman for Pukekohe trainer Nigel Tiley.

Zimmerman won four Group One races in her training career, which included victories in the Captain Cook Stakes (1600m) with Rodin (NZ) (Masterpiece) (2004) and Cinder Bella (NZ) (Victory Dance) (2000), with the latter also taking out the Kelt Capital Stakes (2040m) in 2001, while Barinka (NZ) (Shinko King) recorded Zimmerman's last Group One in the NZ Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes (1600m) at Te Aroha in 2011.

Tiley said he is delighted to have someone of Zimmerman's experience join the stable.

"She is going to join us in about three weeks," he said.

"When she sent me through her record this morning I texted her back and said 'I should actually be working for you'."

"I'll be able to travel a few more horses and be very comfortable that I have got somebody at home that's more than capable of doing the job for us."

Easter Handicap for Tiptronic

While Matamata trainers Graham Richardson and Gavin Parker were delighted with Volpe Veloce's (Foxwedge) win in the Gr.2 Japan NZ International Trophy (1600m), they were less thrilled with the performance of stablemate **Tiptronic (NZ)** (O'Reilly).

The Group One performer finished towards the tail of the field and his connections were concerned about their runner after the race.

"Nothing went right for him. He was three-wide and sometimes he was four-wide and just over-raced a little bit," Richardson said.

"He had a very hard run. I was a bit worried about the horse, I went running down to see if he was okay. His action up the straight didn't look that good, but he's as good as gold."

The son of O'Reilly will now head towards the Gr.2 Manco Easter Handicap (1600m) at Ellerslie next month.

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AUSTRALIA

Burgundy : Anchorman (NZ) (Paraiba by Faltaat) 2015;

21/03/2019, 1st Pakenham RC Once Bitten Twice Smitten Maiden P. 1400m
Sold by Phoenix Park at National Yearling Sale for \$57500

Cape Blanco : Rue de Rennes (NZ) (Ekstrema by Ekraar) 2014;

26/03/2019, 1st Geelong RC Congrats Tara & Dan H. 2233m
Sold by Cambridge Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$80000

Darci Brahma : Trumbull (NZ) (Pride and Passion by Encosta de Lago) 2015;

21/03/2019, 1st Newcastle JC Nationwide Super H. 1200m

Falkirk : Search Squad (NZ) (Comb the Seas by Prince Salieri) 2010;

27/03/2019, 1st MRC Clanbrooke Racing H. 1300m
Sold by Little Avondale Stud at National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale for \$42500
Sold by Bradbury Park at Ready to Run Sale for \$85000

Guillotine : Ultimate Eagle (NZ) (Missraad by Volksraad) 2013;

23/03/2019, 1st Casino RC Club Evans RSL Club Cup 1900m
Sold by Mapperley Stud Ltd at National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale for \$20000
Sold by Kilgravin Lodge at Ready to Run Sale for \$45000

High Chaparral : Princess Jenni (NZ) (Glitzabeel by Zabeel) 2015;

22/03/2019, 1st MVRC Alexandra S. Gr.3 1600m
Sold by Phoenix Park at National Yearling Sale for \$120000

Iffraaj : Order Again (NZ) (Glass Half Full by Van Nistelrooy) 2013;

23/03/2019, 1st BRC TAB H. 1500m

O'Reilly : Judge O'Reilly (NZ) (Keltic by Kaapstad) 2013;

27/03/2019, 1st MRC Mypunter.com Maiden P. 1400m
Sold by Curraghmore Stud at National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale for \$70000
Sold by Wellfield Lodge at National Yearling Sale for \$110000

Ocean Park : Fabric (NZ) (Haberdashery by Pins) 2015;

26/03/2019, 1st Geelong RC Viatek Maiden P. 1321m

Ocean Park : Accordingly (NZ) (L'Accord by Golan) 2015;

21/03/2019, 1st Donald DRC Weir's IGA Maiden P. 1620m

Ocean Park : Miss Damita (NZ) (Miss Jaydeejay by Golan) 2014;

21/03/2019, 1st Donald DRC Gilchrist & Co H. 2000m
Sold by Lime Country Thoroughbreds Ltd at National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale for \$58000

Pendragon : Killarney Kid (NZ) (On Arrival by Zabeel) 2009;

22/03/2019, 1st Terang RC L Kenna OAM Memorial Hurdle 3200m
Sold by Shelby Park at National Yearling Sale for \$36000

Postponed : Consensus (NZ) (Kate Cross by Cape Cross) 2011;

22/03/2019, 1st MVRC Sunline S. Gr.2 1600m

Roc de Cambes : Mercy Street (NZ) (Thenaia by St. Petersburg) 2013;

24/03/2019, 1st Ballarat TC Haymarket Ballarat H. 1100m
Sold by Greene Thoroughbreds Ltd at Ready to Run Sale for \$37500

Roc de Cambes : Proud Roc (NZ) (Abashed by Last Tycoon) 2015;

27/03/2019, 1st Toowoomba TC Create With Cottee Maiden H. 1300m
Sold by Phoenix Park at Ready to Run Sale for \$65000
Sold by Olive Grove at National Yearling Sale for \$28000

Savabeel : Gold Mag (NZ) (Chapinta by High Chaparral) 2014;

27/03/2019, 1st ATC TAB Rewards H. 1600m

Savabeel : Gayson (NZ) (In the Mood by Hawk Wing) 2015;

25/03/2019, 1st Goulburn DRC Sun Solutions Maiden P. 2100m
Sold by Valachi Downs at National Yearling Sale for \$250000

Savabeel : On the White Turf (NZ) (Pins on Ice by Pins) 2015;

23/03/2019, 1st Illawarra TC Collegians RLFC Maiden P. 1400m

Savabeel : Subban (NZ) (Vogue by O'Reilly) 2014;

23/03/2019, 1st Canberra RC Capital Air H. 1600m

Savabeel : Sparkling Facet (NZ) (Quest for Quality by Elusive Quality) 2014;

23/03/2019, 1st GCTC Durack Tavern Maiden P. 1100m

Sebring : Semari (NZ) (Kumari by Zabeel) 2014;

23/03/2019, 1st ATC Epona S. Gr.3 1900m

Shamexpress : Grand Bernini (NZ) (The Opera House by Zabeel) 2015;

24/03/2019, 1st Bairnsdale RC O'Donnells Transport Lakes Entrance Cup 1200m
Sold by Windsor Park Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$510000

Shocking : Analytica (NZ) (Shamardal Luck by Shamardal) 2015;

21/03/2019, 1st Donald DRC Buloke Times Maiden P. 1350m
Sold by Phoenix Park at National Yearling Sale for \$32000

Tavistock : Zaide (NZ) (Light Mozart by Mozart) 2014;

21/03/2019, 1st Albury RC Carlton & United Breweries H. 2000m
Sold by BRIGHTHILL FARM at National Yearling Sale for \$40000

Tavistock : Milseain (NZ) (Bagalollies by Zabeel) 2014;

24/03/2019, 1st Muswellbrook RC BJ's Workwear P. 1750m
Sold by Highden Park at National Yearling Sale for \$300000

Tavistock : Danger in Devon (NZ) (Danger Point by Danehill) 2013;

23/03/2019, 1st Alexandra PRC Alexandra Cup 1540m
Sold by Cambridge Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$80000

Tavistock : Greycliffe (NZ) (Tristraad by Volksraad) 2014;

24/03/2019, 1st Ballarat TC Hygain Winner's Choice H. 1600m
Sold by Lyndhurst Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$250000



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HONG KONG

Mastercraftsman : Right Choice (NZ) (Grand Belt by O'Reilly) 2014;
24/03/2019, 1st HKJC Kowloon Centenary Cup 1600m
Sold by Bradbury Park at National Yearling Sale for \$90000

Per Incanto : Honest Way (NZ) (Our Foil by Danzero) 2014;
24/03/2019, 1st HKJC Gascoigne H. 1200m
Sold by Kilgravin Lodge at Ready to Run Sale for \$100000

Sakhee's Secret : Band of Brothers (NZ) (Jan Valachi by Kingdom Bay) 2014;
24/03/2019, 1st HKJC Jordan H. 1400m

Towkay : Boss - Joyful Union (H.K.) (NZ) (Eutrophy by Testa Rossa) 2014;
27/03/2019, 1st HKJC Nam Long Shan H. 1200m

MACAU

Patapan : Wealthy East (NZ) (Georgie's Way by Al Akbar) 2012;
22/03/2019, 1st Macau San Francisco H. 1200m
Sold by Leafland Stud at South Island Yearling & Mixed Sale for \$3000

Remind : Battle Tank - Royal Garden (Mac.) (NZ) (Kaytee by Senor Pete) 2013;
22/03/2019, 1st Macau New York H. 1500m
Sold by Kiltannon Stables Ltd at Ready to Run Sale for \$13000
Sold by Long Acres Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$4000

Zed : Pearl Win Win (NZ) (Antonia Bella by Thorn Park) 2014;
22/03/2019, 1st Macau Detroit H. 1500m
Sold by Grangewilliam Stud at National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale for \$2600
Sold by Fencourt Lodge at Ready to Run Sale for \$30000



MALAYSIA

Darci Brahma : Cut to the Chase - Triple One Star (Mal.) (NZ) (In Essence by Fusaichi Pegasus) 2013;
24/03/2019, 1st Penang TC Benchmark 61 H. 1600m

Forty Mirage : D'Great Opulent (NZ) (Salus by Flying Pegasus) 2013;
24/03/2019, 1st Penang TC Class 5 H. 1700m

Raise the Flag : Super Hard (NZ) (Deliteful Halo by My Halo) 2014;
24/03/2019, 1st Penang TC Class 5 H. 1300m

Street Boss : Unchained Melody (NZ) (Cellist by Stark South) 2015;
24/03/2019, 1st Penang TC Class 5 H. 1300m

SINGAPORE

Burgundy : Burkaan (NZ) (Meranti by Woodman) 2015;
24/03/2019, 1st Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1200m

Edenwold : Million Round (NZ) (Sparks Will Fly by Almutawakel) 2011;
22/03/2019, 1st Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1200m
Sold by Berkley Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$4000

Jimmy Choux : Golden Years (NZ) (Starguru by Ishiguru) 2015;
24/03/2019, 1st Singapore TC Restricted Maiden P. 1200m
Sold by Regal Farm at Ready to Run Sale for \$150000
Sold by Bradbury Park at National Yearling Sale for \$37500

Mastercraftsman : Pacific Mystical (NZ) (Hot Stash by Secret Savings) 2013;
24/03/2019, 1st Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1700m
Sold by Prima Park at Ready to Run Sale for \$150000
Sold by Windsor Park Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$67500

O'Reilly : Stardice (NZ) (Joy by Pins) 2014;
22/03/2019, 1st Singapore TC Maiden P. 1200m
Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$50000

Per Incanto : Freddy Lad - Biraz (Sing.) (NZ) (Tap 'n' Gap by Spectatorial) 2012;
24/03/2019, 1st Singapore TC Kranji S. 1200m

Reliable Man : Miss Dusty (NZ) (Asciano Miss by Jet Spur) 2014;
24/03/2019, 1st Singapore TC Kranji S. 1200m

Road to Rock : Humdinger (NZ) (Her Hidden Talent by Groom Dancer) 2011;
22/03/2019, 1st Singapore TC Perak Turf Club Trophy 1400m
Sold by Maara Grange at Ready to Run Sale for \$32500

Savabeel : Sacred Guru (NZ) (Biriyani by Danehill) 2013;
22/03/2019, 1st Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1400m

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