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## ZED EM OUTSTAYS RIVALS TO WIN GRAND ANNUAL



*Class jumper Zed Em is a picture of power and grace as he flies a fence at Warrnambool*

**Z**ed Em (NZ) (Zed) has led home a New Zealand bred trifecta as he gave trainer Patrick Payne a fourth victory in Australia's toughest race, the Grand Annual Steeplechase (5500m) at Warrnambool.

The win turned around his narrow defeat 12 months earlier when Zed Em was beaten by Gold Medals (NZ) (Elvstroem) who fought bravely on Thursday to finish second, three lengths astern of the Steven Pateman-ridden gelding who lumped 70kg over the 5500m.

Third home was the Yamanin Vital gelding, Spying On You (NZ).

Payne first won the Grand Annual in 2012 with Awakening Dream (Aristotle) before scoring in 2014 with Chaparro (NZ) (High Chaparral) and again in 2016 with No Song No Supper (Song Of Tara).

"I thought Gold Medals might get us at the top of the straight," Payne said.

"Someone said to me you're home, but I wasn't as confident.

"I thought that was the kiss of death."

A former champion jockey, Payne says he gets more

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satisfaction from training, especially jumpers that require time and patience.

“You’re so much more involved,” Payne said.

“You get pretty close to these horses and it’s heart wrenching stuff watching them go around.

“One of the new staff members asked one day what’s the matter with Paddy and a senior staff member said the Annual’s coming up, you’re better off keeping out of his way.”

Zed Em did his early preparation work in New Zealand with Kevin Myers, arriving in Australia in March to win the Von Doussa Steeplechase (3250m) and Great Eastern Steeplechase (4950m) double at Oakbank.

Thursday’s victory was Zed Em’s 13th over jumps from 20 starts but Payne is reluctant to say he is the best jumper he has trained.

“I think Sea King is better, but this horse is just so sweet at a fence,” Payne said.

Despite having Zed Em on the speed and leading over the final fence, Pateman was not confident of success until he crossed the line.

“Last year we got swamped in the last 100 metres and I was done,” Pateman said.

Symon Wilde, trainer of the runner-up Gold Medals, could not have been prouder of last year’s winner with his second placing.

“He’s run out of his skin,” Wilde said.

“At the last when he put in the big jump, I thought we were a chance, but in the last 100 metres I could see he’d had enough.”

The victory by Zed Em adds another chapter to the fairytale story experienced by his five Wairarapa-based owners, Mike and Roz Southey, Bill Shannon and Craig and Jenny Booth.

Zed Em has now won sixteen of his 43 starts for them and has amassed over \$983,000 in stakes earnings.

-AAP

<b>Race</b>	<b>Warrnambool RC Grand Annual S/chase 5500m.</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Zed Em (NZ) 2010</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Mr M J Southey, Mrs R D Southey, Mrs J J Booth, Mr C R Booth, Mr D W Shannon</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Patrick Payne (Plumpton)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Zed out of Don’t Kick My Float by Paris Opera (AUS)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>C &amp; Mrs J J Booth; D W Shannon; M J &amp; R Southey; Central; NZ</b>

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# CONSENSUS PRIMED FOR HOLLINDALE

Auckland trainer Stephen McKee has given rise to **Consensus' (NZ)** (Postponed) chances in Saturday's Gr.2 A D Hollindale Stakes (1800m) at the Gold Coast, describing her condition as much superior to how she fronted for last year's race.

The Postponed mare finished seventh in last year's Hollindale under rider Alysha Collett, beaten 4-1/2 lengths behind Oregon's Day (Domesday), and while the seven-year-old comes into the race after finishing last in the Gr.1 Legacy Stakes (1600m) at Randwick last month, McKee has flagged an improved performance.

"We came up for this race last year and she was just about over the top, but she's arrived here in much better order this time so hopefully she'll go well," McKee said.

"She had a lighter summer this season and she's in a lot better shape. She's stayed down in Sydney since her last start and just got here this (Thursday) morning about 4 o'clock. She is going really well."

McKee has removed the blinkers from Consensus' gear in a bid to prevent the over-racing that led to her undoing in the Legacy Stakes.

"That wasn't ideal the way she raced last time. She just basically bolted. She just took her hook and was off," McKee said.

Consensus' prior form was outstanding, easily winning the Gr.3 Trentham Stakes (2100m) before adding the Gr.3 Taranaki Cup (1800m) at New Plymouth, finishing third in the Gr.1 Haunui Farm WFA Classic (1600m) at Otaki on an unsuitable slow track then winning the Gr.2 Sunline Stakes (1600m) at Moonee Valley.

It's only the prospect of a rain-affected track that has McKee wary for this weekend, though the track was rated a Good4 on Thursday.

"There's been a few showers today and the track's looking like it could be a little damp which won't be ideal for her. We'd want the track to be pretty reasonable, but this is the race we've come up for. She's well and we think she should go a

good race."

McKee, who indicated instructions would be for rider Mark Du Plessis to ride positively from barrier one, said it was unlikely Consensus would stay for the Gr.1 Doomben Cup (2000m) on May 18 despite the Group One winner holding a nomination.

"She'll more than likely head home after this run," McKee said.

However, McKee could yet have another runner at the carnival, with Savabeel colt Hasabro (NZ) on trial for a trip to the Gr.1 Queensland Derby (2400m) at Eagle Farm on June 8 when he tackles Saturday's BCD Group 2200, a Rating 82 event, at Te Rapa.

Hasabro campaigned in Victoria in the spring and while he didn't contest the Derby there, he has shown his staying potential with two good 1600m runs before a stout-finishing last-start fourth placing in the Gr.2 Championship Stakes (2000m) at Ellerslie last month.

"We just want to test him this weekend and if he can run well in that sort of company, we could look at bringing him over for the Derby," McKee said.

"We're really pleased with him. We'd just like to see him be competitive in that race against those tough, older stayers."

- NZ Racing Desk



*Consensus will tackle Saturday's Gr.2 A D Hollindale Stakes at the Gold Coast*





# GOLD COAST A FINELY CUT MISSION FOR PIKE

Cambridge trainer Tony Pike is keen to run stakes performers **Intrigue (NZ)** (Showcasing) and **Indecision (NZ)** (Per Incanto) at the Gold Coast on Saturday, but there is little room for error in terms of the travel arrangements.

Pike has seven horses set to fly to Brisbane from Auckland on Friday and can ill afford any delays with the duo set to compete 24 hours later.

"The trip over is probably no different to going to Wellington for

a meeting down there. It is probably easier," Pike said.

"They will run on Saturday as long as the plane schedule goes to plan. I think they are due to arrive about 10:50am Queensland time. As long as all that goes to plan and they travel well and I am happy with them over night, then they will run on Saturday.

"We are staying at Eagle Farm which is quite handy as it is only 10 minutes from the airport."

Pike has made no secret of the

high-regard in which he holds three-year-old filly **Intrigue**, the winner of two of her five starts and a gallant runner-up last start in the Gr.2 Championship Stakes (2100m) at Ellerslie.

The daughter of Showcasing will contest Saturday's Listed Gold Coast Bracelet (1800m) where banking some more prize money to ensure she gains a start in Queensland's Classic races is the name of the game.

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*Promising filly Intrigue is set to start her Queensland campaign at the Gold Coast on Saturday*





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"It is probably not ideal coming back in trip from the 2100m, but it is the path over there and we need to get some prize money," Pike said.

"As it is, she was lucky to get into the race as she was the last one on the list before the ballots.

"The way she travels in her races I'm not too worried (about coming back in trip). She almost got there too soon the other day at Ellerslie. She is going to start from seven of 14 which is probably ideal around the Coast.

"She is not a dour stayer. She will probably find a spot midfield, one off and it would just be nice if she could run in the top three to get enough prize money to guarantee an Oaks (Gr.1, 2200m) start."

Pike said depending on how Intrigue performs on Saturday, consideration would be given as to whether she contests the Gr.3 The Roses (2000m) a fortnight later, while a tilt at the Gr.1 Queensland Derby (2400m) at Eagle Farm on June 8 was not out of the question, particularly given the Oaks is to be run at the tighter Doomben circuit over the non-traditional distance of 2200m.

"She probably will head to The Roses," Pike said.

"It would give her an opportunity to look around Doomben and give her the option, with Mark (co-owner Mark Wyborn) being a big Derby fan, if she goes bang, bang and looks super to

either bypass the Oaks or if she wins well on Saturday risk The Roses and run in the Oaks and then the Derby a week later."

Like Intrigue, three-time Listed winner Indecision will be ridden by Leith Innes on Saturday and Pike believes the daughter of Per Incanto is well-placed to perform at her best fresh-up.

"She trialled very well at Waipa and then had an exhibition gallop at Te Rapa last Saturday," Pike said.

"She always goes well in a fresh state and we probably couldn't have her going any better to be fair.

"It is a step up to Australian sprinting company, but she is against her own sex and has drawn a good gate in barrier three. If she could gain some Australian black-type before heading to stud then it would be a huge benefit for Brent and Cherry (Taylor of Trelawney Stud who own the mare).

"The fillies and mares are probably the best horses to take over there, there is pretty much a race for her every week for the next two months.

"There are plenty of options but it is the start of the carnival and the interstate horses are coming up so we will see where she fits in the scheme of things."

While Pike has seven horses earmarked to travel to Brisbane on Friday, he also has another couple in

mind to join their stablemates a week later.

"It is just the way it has worked out," Pike said.

"Some of the open class horses are above average and there is nothing in New Zealand for them after the Easter Handicap. We thought we would roll the dice and head over there as there are some nice options at the top-end and if you don't quite match up there, then there are tier down options as well.

"They can winter in Queensland and have a bit of a break and then get ready for racing back here during the Christmas period."

One of the horses in consideration to join the Queensland touring party is talented juvenile Whiskey Neat (Denman), the winner of two of three starts, who runs in Saturday's Listed Waikato Equine Veterinary Centre 2YO Stakes (1100m) at Te Rapa.

"He trialled well and there is probably a little bit of improvement in him fitness-wise," Pike said. "He is not fully wound-up but it is only 1100m and he is very well off at set-weights in that race.

"We could think about the Sires Produce (Gr.2, 1400m) or something like that, we will just wait and see what the two-year-olds look like up in Queensland after the weekend."

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# ARDROSSAN TO STAND AT WAIKATO STUD



*Ardrossan, the son of champion sire Redoute's Choice, has been retired and will stand at Waikato Stud for the 2019 breeding season*

Lightly-ried stakes winning sprinter **Ardrossan** (Redoute's Choice) will offer New Zealand breeders a unique opportunity to tap into a high-class source of speed and class when he begins the second phase of his career later this year at Waikato Stud where he will stand at \$8,000+GST.

The precocious son of champion stallion and sire of sires Redoute's Choice has been retired following a career-ending injury in Sydney where he had finished third in the Gr.3 Star Kingdom Stakes (1200m) on an unsuitably heavy track.

His effort behind the multiple Group winner Siren's

Fury (Myboycharlie) and the Group One winner Manuel (Commands), beating home the Gr.1 Golden Slipper Stakes (1200m) winner Estijaab (Snitzel) in the process, was full of merit as he had only ever won or placed on good to dead ground.

"We never got to see the best of him and he reminds me in some ways of O'Reilly at the start of his stud career," Waikato Stud principal Mark Chittick said.

"He had a very limited racing career, but we also got to see his brilliance before he was retired."

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# ARDROSSAN TO STAND AT WAIKATO STUD

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Ardrossan began his career with Stephen Marsh at Cambridge and made an immediate impact with an unbeaten two-year-old campaign. He was an easy debut winner followed by a runaway victory in the Listed Waikato Equine Veterinary Centre Stakes (1100m).

He subsequently joined Mick Price's stable in Melbourne where he was below par in three outings after he acquired an issue which caused a strain on his heart.

Ardrossan returned home for a good break and was back to winning ways first-up from a spell for Marsh before racing away with the Gr.3 Concorde Handicap (1200m), accounting for a strong field of stakes winners and Group One performers.

He then finished a gallant third in the Gr.1 BCD Group Sprint (1400m) behind the multiple Group One winner Melody Belle (NZ) (Commands) and the Australian Group Three winner Bostonian (NZ) (Jimmy Choux).

That performance earned Ardrossan a trip to Sydney where his career sadly ended after his Star Kingdom placing.

"He is a beautiful horse. His racing career was certainly interrupted by a couple of setbacks, but he showed his speed and what an unbelievable turn of foot he had when he was as close to 100 percent as we could get him," Chittick said.

"That was certainly as a two-year-old and for a Redoute's Choice colt to win so impressively first-up over 800m is the exception rather than the rule.

"When we got the opportunity to see that speed he had a beautiful, flowing action and it was pretty to watch."

Ardrossan retires as the winner of four of his nine starts and showed blistering pace to triumph from 800 to 1200m.

"He was picked by a top judge as a yearling and now three years later he's come to stand at the farm," Chittick said.

Ardrossan was secured as a potential stallion by respected Masterton bloodstock agent Bruce Perry for \$150,000 as a yearling. He was purchased on behalf of Waikato Stud, JML Bloodstock, Jamieson Park, Jomara Bloodstock, Dame Lowell

Goddard, Brown Thoroughbreds and David and Nicki Wilson.

"They have all stayed in and there will also be a limited number of shares made available," Perry said.

"He will get really good support at stud and with this ownership group we will be making sure in the future that a fair few of his progeny end up in Australia.

"It's a shame his career ended early and we didn't see the best of him. It would have been nice to see him in Brisbane and I've got no doubt he would have measured up in the big races."

Ardrossan's late sire Redoute's Choice has been a major influence on Australian racing and is recognised as an outstanding sire of sires, his Group One-producing sons Snitzel, Not A Single Doubt and Stratum attest to that.

Ardrossan is a half-brother to the stakes winners Cheyenne Warrior (Not A Single Doubt) and Bergerac (Drumbeats), and three other multiple winners. Their dam Miss Argyle, a daughter of Iglesia, was also a speedy juvenile and finished runner-up in the Listed Gimcrack Stakes.

She is a sister to Diamondsondinside (Iglesia), who won 15 races including two at Listed level and was a Group Three placegetter.

It is also the family of the Gr.1 Queensland Oaks (2400m) winner Mother Of Pearl (Sadler's Wells) and the Gr.2 Queensland Guineas (1600m) winner Express Air (Piccolo).

"We've got a fantastic group of owners and there was never any pressure, it was all about doing the right thing by the horse," Chittick said.

"They are all avid breeders and he'll get great support. He certainly suits a lot of mares in our broodmare band as well!"

## NEWS IN BRIEF



Darci Brahma

### Status quo for The Oaks Stud

Cambridge stud farm The Oaks Stud have left their stallion service fees unchanged heading into the 2019 breeding season.

The farm's stallion roster is headed by five-time Group One winner Darci Brahma, who will stand for a fee of \$15,000+gst.

The son of Danehill, who is Singapore's six-time Champion sire, has left 38 individual stakes winners, including nine individual Group One winners.

He will once again be joined by Roc de Cambes and Niagara who will both stand for an unchanged fee of \$5,000+gst.



Vadamos

### Rich Hill Stud Announce Fees

Rich Hill stands four exciting young stallions for 2019, each bringing the best of international bloodlines and top-class race performance.

With the stud's focus on offering breeders value, the stallion service fees are predominantly unchanged.

Young sires Vadamos stand again at \$15,000+gst and Satono Aladdin at \$12,500+gst, while Proisir who is currently one of New Zealand's leading first season sires will stand for an unchanged fee of \$7,000+gst. Proven Group One sire Shocking will stand for a fee of \$8500+gst.

"All our stallions are at very exciting phases in their respective careers," Rich Hill Stud managing director John Thompson said.

"Vadamos, our Group One-winning son of Monsun, has been extremely well supported in his first two years at stud covering 159 mares in 2017 and 117 mares last season.

"His first crop foals have made a great impression with breeders and we look forward to marketing them at the yearling sales next year."

Satono Aladdin, the Japanese Group One winning son of breed shaping sire Deep Impact, returns to New Zealand for his second breeding season. For a horse with his pedigree, race record and physique, his fee represents outstanding international value.

"Satono Aladdin is the complete package and we are looking forward to the arrival of his first crop foals next spring with great anticipation," Thompson said.

As announced last month, former resident stallion Jimmy Choux has been sold and will stand next season at Rosalee Park Stud in Serpentine, West Australia.



House Of Cartier (Alamosa)

### Sargent aiming for another Oaks success

Trainer John Sargent will have representatives in three states this weekend, headed by New Zealand import **House Of Cartier** (Alamosa), a recent addition to the stable that will contest the Gr.1 Australasian Oaks (2000m) at Morphettville on Saturday.

House Of Cartier has been good in three starts for Sargent since transferring across the Tasman from Nigel Tiley's barn, finishing sixth in the Gr.3 Kembla Grange Classic (1600m) before winning over 2000m at Hawkesbury and finishing a luckless fifth behind The Chosen One (NZ) (Savabeel) in the Gr.3 Frank Packer Plate (2000m).

"She got galloped on in her first start for

me, so I had to back off her," Sargent said. "Then when I gave her a final gallop before the Australian Oaks (Gr.1, 2400m) her blood wasn't right so I decided not to go there and head for the easier option in the Frank Packer (Gr.3, 2000m). She was unlucky and didn't get out until late. [Full story here](#)

### Racing taking precedence for Mahoney

Trainer Jenna Mahoney has been successfully juggling sporthorses and racehorses for more than a decade, but she admits the racing side of her business, Cypress Point Stables, is taking priority now.

"I used to do a lot of eventing and then I got into racing but the racehorses have taken over the eventing a bit now," Mahoney said.

"They're very similar but I do think that there's a lot of things that come through eventing that help with the racing side of things, it gives you a few more ideas." [Full story here](#)



Elfie (NZ) (Iffraaj)

### Pitmans hold strong hand at Riccarton

Leading South Island trainer Matthew Pitman, who trains in partnership with his father Michael, will line-up six runners in the two stakes races at Riccarton on Saturday and he believes the stable has a solid chance of taking out the two features.

The Riccarton training partnership will line-up Group-performed mare **Elfie (NZ)** (Iffraaj) in the Listed Daphne Memorial Great Easter Stakes (1400m), where she will be joined by in-form stablemates **Dynamic (NZ)** (Perfectly Ready) and **Carson River (NZ)** (Swiss Ace).

Both geldings head into Saturday off the back of two successive wins and Pitman is expecting a strong showing from his runners. [Full story here](#)

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Shillelagh (NZ) (Savabeel)



Music Magnate (NZ) (Written Tycoon)

### Waller launches assault on Queensland carnival

Expat New Zealand trainer Chris Waller has turned his attention towards Queensland in the coming months and will have a six-strong contingent in the Gr.2 Hollindale Stakes (1800m) at Gold Coast on Saturday.

They include New Zealand-bred and owned Group One winners **Shillelagh (NZ)** (Savabeel) and **Savvy Coup (NZ)** (Savabeel).

Waller has had tremendous success in Queensland, having trained 43 Group winners in the Sunshine State.

He has experienced a lot of success out of his Gold Coast satellite barn with 97 winners and \$9.6 million in prize money in the 22 months since it opened.

Waller's Queensland manager Paul Shailer said Waller took great interest in the Gold Coast stable and constantly switched horses between it and Sydney.

"Chris has worked out a system of moving the horses between the states. For instance, Youngstar and few others have done their final work in Sydney and are due to leave on Wednesday night," Shailer said.

"But we have built up our numbers here in recent weeks. We have had only 25 horses here for most of the season, so things have been going well.

"A lot of it is Chris picking the right horses and right races for them."

Shillelagh and Savvy Coup will be joined in the Hollindale Stakes by fellow New Zealand-breds Luvaluva (NZ) (Mastercraftsman), Consensus (NZ) (Postponed) and Order Again (NZ) (Iffraaj).

### Music Magnate to run at the Gold Coast

Veteran sprinter **Music Magnate (NZ)** (Written Tycoon) is set to begin his third Queensland winter carnival campaign at the Gold Coast.

Sydney trainer Bjorn Baker elected to avoid the Victory Stakes (1200m) at Eagle Farm last Saturday and is looking to run Music Magnate seven days later in the Listed Australian Turf Club Trophy (1400m) (formerly Prime Minister's Cup).

Music Magnate gave Baker his first Group One win in the 2016 Doomben 10,000 (1350m).

He missed last year's carnival after he went to Dubai for the Al Quoz Sprint (1200m) in March.

The now seven-year-old has not won in 16 months but showed he still had some legs when an unlucky runner in the Hall Mark Stakes (1200m) at Randwick last Saturday week.

"He was ninth, beaten 2-1/2 lengths but as someone said it was the best ninth you would see. He never got a crack at them," Baker said.

"I am thinking he can start his winter in the 1400m race at the Gold Coast and we can go from there."



Surprise Baby (NZ) (Shocking)

### Adelaide Cup winner to start at Flemington

Paul Preusker is often left scratching his head after watching **Surprise Baby (NZ)** (Shocking) gallop at trackwork.

Despite his predilection for a staying trip, the Gr.2 Adelaide Cup (3200m) winner regularly holds his own against several of the stable's better speedsters, including Wangoom winner I Am Someone (Onemorenomore) and Indian Thunder (Manhattan Rain) in recent weeks.

It's why, despite admitting it's a tune-up for the coveted Andrew Ramsden Stakes (2800m) later this month, Preusker believes the four-year-old can continue his meteoric rise in Saturday's Brew Handicap (2600m) at Flemington, in what is his first appearance since his famous Group Two win at Morphettville in March.

"It's a stepping stone to the Andrew Ramsden Stakes so he'll improve but in saying that, he's nice and forward so I'm expecting a good run," Preusker said.

"He's probably only five or six kilograms off his fighting weight.

"He's an unusual horse but he's a very gifted horse and I shake my head sometimes, I've never had a stayer like him with his turn of foot.

"A fortnight ago he was the sparring partner for I Am Someone and went with him and this week he did it again with Indian Thunder."

Surprise Baby (\$6.50) will lump the 60kg for Dean Holland and will meet an in-form and hard-fit Steel Prince (Nathaniel), who is unbeaten in three starts this campaign, including a dominant four-length victory in similar class last start.

Stephen Marsh's Kiwi raider **Felaar (NZ)** (Ekraar) adds another dimension to the race and crosses the Tasman after victory in the Listed Hawkes Bay Cup over 2200m.

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### Nothing lasts Forever, but Kuah still has Power to dream

Trainer Kuah Cheng Tee is under no illusions **Per Inpower (NZ)** (Per Incanto) faces an uphill task in the S\$400,000 Singapore Three-Year-Old Classic (1400m) on Friday, but as horses turn three only once and he had a ticket in hand, he thought why not.

Per Inpower's record stands at five starts and only one win second-up in a Restricted Maiden race over 1200m on Polytrack in September.

Nonetheless, Kuah has seen a modicum of ability in Per Inpower even if he has not rubbed shoulders with the elite ranks yet.

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Per Inpower (NZ) (Per Incanto)

"I always thought he had ability, but probably more over 1400m and 1600m. That's why I skipped the first Leg (Singapore Three-Year-Old Sprint (1200m))," Kuah said.

"He put in two good runs in Class 4 company this year, second over 1400m and third over a mile."

In that last start when Per Inpower ran third to Super Dynasty in a Class 4 race over 1600m on April 21, his rider Joseph Azzopardi was suspended for one month for a charge of foul riding. The Perth jockey has appealed and is riding on a stay.

Kuah has booked Tengku Rehaizat for the ride on Friday.

"He's pulled up in good order. You turn three only once and the owner and I discussed and thought it was worth a shot," Kuah said.

"Hopefully, he puts in a good run and we can then target the Guineas." -STC

### Chequered Flag strolls home in Bool hurdle

Trainers Ciaran Maher and David Eustace have continued their domination of the jumps races at the Warrnambool carnival, taking out the Champion Novice Hurdle with **Chequered Flag (NZ)** (Raise The Flag).

Maher is in charge of one of Australia's biggest stables and having grown up around Warrnambool, he has always loved jumpers.

"I love it," Maher said.

"The first year I trained I didn't have a runner in the Grand Annual and I declared that I would try not to let that happen again.

Chequered Flag was having his first run over jumps for more than 18 months in Thursday's race after winning a maiden hurdle for Darren Weir in 2017 and running second in the Houlahan Hurdle at Ballarat in August that year.

Maher took over Chequered Flag's

preparation this campaign and believes the horse could win any race he is set for.

"He's a quality horse," Maher said.

"Everything he's done would suggest that.

"He had a hurdle trial here and he bowled around jumping beautifully and he really enjoyed himself.

"He relaxes well. He jumps good and he's a very good stayer."

Maher expects Chequered Flag to remain over hurdles although he could switch to the bigger jumps for the Grand National Steeplechase towards the end of the season.

### Social Element successful at the 'bool

**Social Element (NZ)** (Savabeel) has made a perfect start to his new career.

The Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott-trained Social Element won the second division of the maiden hurdle at Warrnambool on Tuesday.

Waterhouse said Social Element did his early jumps education with Eric Musgrove after beginning his career on the flat career.

"We put them over the little jumps and see which horse likes it," Waterhouse said.

"Sometimes they hit a flat spot in their racing and no longer want to train on but jumping gives them plenty of years ahead.

"Today's a perfect example of having another life."



Lot 57, the Per Incanto filly

### White Robe lead the way at southern sale

Mosgiel stud farm White Robe Lodge had another memorable result at New Zealand Bloodstock's South Island Sale on Monday.

The South Island operation extended their leading vendor by aggregate streak to three consecutive years, while resident stallion Ghibellines secured the title of leading sire by aggregate.

The farm also sold the top-priced lot of the day, lot 57, the Per Incanto yearling filly out of stakes-winning mare Cherry Creek (Monashee Mountain), a half-sister to Group

Three winner Coulee (NZ) (Gallant Guru).

[Full story here](#)



Lord Arthur (Camelot)

### Queensland Derby focus for Baker-Forsman duo

Cambridge trainers Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman are likely to have a small, but select team of two target the Queensland carnival, with progressive three-year-olds **Lord Arthur (Camelot)** and **Bobby Dee (NZ)** (Zed) on a path towards the Gr.1 Queensland Derby (2400m) at Eagle Farm on June 8.

The pair were last seen in the Gr.2 Championship Stakes (2100m) at Ellerslie a fortnight ago, where Lord Arthur stormed home from the rear of the field to land the spoils, while Bobby Dee finished a game third.

A son of Camelot, Lord Arthur is the fifth stakes winner out of the Zabeel mare Imposingly and is a half-brother to triple Group One winner Bonneval (NZ) (Makfi), in addition to Group winners Imposing Lass (NZ) (Makfi), Lady Cumquat (Duke of Marmalade) and Full of Spirit (Flying Spur).

[Full story here](#)

### Melt returns to Tiley barn

Multiple stakes-winning filly **Melt (NZ)** (Iffraaj) has returned to the Pukekohe stable of Nigel Tiley after a disappointing stint with leading Sydney trainer Chris Waller.

The daughter of Iffraaj was unplaced in all three of her Australian starts and has returned to New Zealand in preparation for some spring targets. However, the talented three-year-old will need to undergo some rehabilitation to resolve a foot issue.

"She arrived back last Wednesday," Tiley said. "It's definitely great to have a quality filly like her return to the stable."

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Melt (NZ) (Iffraaj)

"She has arrived home with an issue with her foot, which we are going to rectify and then we will give her a spell and then bring her back for the spring."



Rock On Wood (NZ) (Redwood)

### Rudkin ready to Rock On

After nearly a year off the racing scene **Rock On Wood (NZ)** (Redwood) is shaping into a very progressive racehorse.

His recent win in the Listed ANZAC Mile (1600m) at Awapuni extended his unbeaten record this campaign to three and marked his fifth career win from just nine starts.

Rock On Wood is trained in Levin by Leanne Elliot and she races the four-year-old with her mother Jill Ker, and her son Ryan, the country's leading apprentice jockey, has ridden the gelding in all five of his victories.

[Full story here](#)

### Increased interest in Speedy Meady

Morrinsville owner Russell Mead has a big decision to make following the upset deadheat victory of his under-rated three-year-old **Speedy Meady (NZ)** (Swiss Ace) at Te Rapa on Saturday.

Speedy Meady backed up from a win as a \$1.90 favourite on a heavy 10 track at Rotorua last Monday to sneak off the ballot into the Gr.3 Cambridge Breeders' Stakes



Speedy Meady (NZ) (Swiss Ace)

(1200m) within the last 10 minutes of scratching time on race morning and rocked punters when being unable to be separated from Vigor Winner (Declaration of War) at the head of the field at the winning post.

Meanwhile, Mead was enjoying his overseas holiday, unaware of the result until receiving a response to a text to trainer Stephen Ralph. [Full story here](#)



Brutal (NZ) (O'Reilly)

### Stud deal for Brutal

Group One winner **Brutal (NZ)** (O'Reilly) has secured his stud career in Australia after Newgate Farm recently purchased 50 percent of the New Zealand-bred three-year-old.

The O'Reilly colt will still be seen on the race track next season, with his current owners wanting to press on with their horse into the spring after his spring ambitions were cut short last year through injury.

"We have sold 50 percent, on the agreement that Brutal will race on next season," part-owner Rupert Legh said.

The three-year-old confirmed his potential in winning the A\$3 million Gr.1 Doncaster Mile (1600m) at Randwick last month.

Brutal is trained by the Hawkes Racing team and the two-state stable is looking forward to the entire racing on next season.

"Brutal is just one of those extra special horses that showed rare talent from day one and to win a Doncaster at just his seventh start is something that only the really exceptional ones can do," senior trainer John Hawkes said.

"We are thrilled he is staying in training because the world is his oyster."

Legh said all spring racing options for Brutal would be considered.

"Our intention is that he will compete in all the major races with the Golden Eagle his target in the spring. However no race is out of the question," he said.

The Golden Eagle is a new race added to this year's Sydney spring carnival.

It will be run over 1500m at Rosehill on November 2 and will offer A\$7.5 million in prize money.

Brutal was bred by Anne Storey and her mother Ruth Kerr-Taylor and was sold through Mapperley Stud's 2017 New Zealand Bloodstock Premier Yearling Sale draft to Hawkes Racing for \$220,000.

### Jockey Damian Browne retires

Expat New Zealand jockey Damian Browne has announced his retirement after spending months on the sidelines.

The 15-time Group One winner has been off the scene since falling ill in January, as a result of long-term wasting, and the veteran rider said his body is telling him to hang up his boots.

"It was a couple of days before the Magic Millions when I had a perforated bowel and my kidneys shut down and my body just went into shock from the years of wasting and taking anti-inflammatories for my legs, which I have had pain with for probably ten years now," Browne said. [Full story here](#)



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# GLOBAL NZ BRED WINNERS

## 25/04/2019 - 02/05/2019

### AUSTRALIA

**Azamour : Azarose (NZ) (Lady Peony by Belong to Me) 2014;**  
29/04/2019, 1st Clarence River JC GJR Sheetmetal H. 2380m  
Sold by Brighthill Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$300000

**Bullbars : Nudge Bar (Aus.) (NZ) (Ishiarose by Ishiguru) 2015;**  
28/04/2019, 1st Geelong RC Grovedale Hotel Maiden P. 1312m  
Sold by Highview at National Yearling Sale for \$70000

**Cape Blanco : Fencourt (NZ) (Klarissa by Anabaa) 2013;**  
25/04/2019, 1st Beaudesert RC TAB Rewards H. 2450m  
Sold by Trelawney Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$110000

**Castledale : Moss 'n' Bolt (NZ) (Hot 'n' Moss by Strategic Image) 2013;**  
25/04/2019, 1st Moe RC Cool Group H. 2050m

**Darci Brahma : Parsifal (NZ) (Della Lobra by Stravinsky) 2014;**  
01/05/2019, 1st Warrnambool RC Choices Flooring H. 1000m  
Sold by Little Avondale Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$140000

**Istidaad : Slowpoke Rodriguez (NZ) (Inspire by Shinko King) 2010;**  
26/04/2019, 1st Cranbourne TC Sky Heights H. 2580m  
Sold by Seaton Park Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$9000

**Makfi : Makarios (NZ) (Silken Power by Woodman) 2012;**  
27/04/2019, 1st Innisfail TC Cairns Hardware H. 1400m

**Makfi : Eira (NZ) (Irlanda by O'Reilly) 2014;**  
25/04/2019, 1st Beaudesert RC Spill the Beans-Aquis Park H. 1650m  
Sold by Mapperley Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$90000

**Makfi : Delos (NZ) (Asterie by Sadler's Wells) 2014;**  
26/04/2019, 1st Werrabee RC Bookit Bookkeeping H. 2000m  
Sold by Cambridge Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$200000

**Makfi : Makfly (NZ) (Penumbra by Pentire) 2015;**  
26/04/2019, 1st Werrabee RC Point Cook Village Maiden P. 1400m  
Sold by Westbury Stud at Ready to Run Sale for \$34000

**O'Reilly : Tigeen (NZ) (Knocknacree by Green Desert) 2014;**  
28/04/2019, 1st Geelong RC Barling Finance H. 1715m  
Sold by Little Avondale Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$220000

**O'Reilly : West Fifty Fourth (NZ) (Striptease by Danasinga) 2013;**  
01/05/2019, 1st Perth Racing Schweppes H. 1200m  
Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$85000

**Ocean Park : Ocean Deep (NZ) (Haberdashery by Pins) 2014;**  
27/04/2019, 1st MRC Keno Fun Money H. 1400m  
Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$65000

**Pentire : Pentomatic (NZ) (Wild Violet by Archregent) 2009;**  
01/05/2019, 1st Warrnambool RC Decron Dunroe S/chase 3450m

**Pins : Baaed (NZ) (Baas by Anabaa) 2015;**  
25/04/2019, 1st Bathurst TC Pearce Furniture & Bedding P. 1800m

**Raise the Flag : Chequered Flag (NZ) (Star of Mulwala by Seasoned Star) 2011;**  
02/05/2019, 1st Warrnambool RC Champion Novice Hurdle 3200m  
Sold by White Robe Lodge at National Yearling Sale for \$21000

**Redwood : Cedar Grande (NZ) (Merci Grand by Choisir) 2013;**  
26/04/2019, 1st Cranbourne TC Sky Heights H. 2060m  
Sold by Blackbridge at National Yearling Sale for \$22500

**Redwood : Tamarack (NZ) (Our Squeezer by Redoute's Choice) 2013;**  
27/04/2019, 1st Hawkesbury RC Ascend Sales Trophies H. 1500m  
Sold by Westbury Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$90000

**Road to Rock : Great Alpine Road (NZ) (Boynnton by Bahamian Bounty) 2012;**  
27/04/2019, 1st Kyneton & Hanging Rock RC Bobby Beare Memorial H. 1850m

**Roc de Cambes : Romakash (NZ) (Five Sails by Yachtie) 2014;**  
26/04/2019, 1st Rockhampton JC North Tullamore Pastoral H. 1600m  
Sold by The Oaks Stud at Ready to Run Sale for \$46000

**Roc de Cambes : Roc de Khaper (NZ) (Khapers by King's Best) 2015;**  
29/04/2019, 1st Sale TC Lochy Coffee Maiden P. 1600m

**Savabeel : Social Element (NZ) (Pare by Prized) 2013;**  
30/04/2019, 1st Warrnambool RC SI Distributors Maiden Hurdle 3200m  
Sold by Mana Park at Ready to Run Sale for \$200000  
Sold by Lime Country Thoroughbreds Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$55000

**Savabeel : Tower Road (NZ) (Thy by O'Reilly) 2015;**  
01/05/2019, 1st Warrnambool RC Volkswagen H. 1400m  
Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$150000

**Savabeel : Marcellina (NZ) (Danex by Danasinga) 2014;**  
26/04/2019, 1st Port Macquarie RC Barrier Signs P. 2012m  
Sold by Milan Park at National Yearling Sale for \$150000

**Savabeel : Indrabeel (NZ) (Lightning Spur by Flying Spur) 2014;**  
25/04/2019, 1st Gawler & Barossa JC Anzac Appeal-Holdfast Insurance H. 1506m  
Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$140000

**Savabeel : Racing Paradise (NZ) (Striptease by Danasinga) 2015;**  
27/04/2019, 1st Kyneton & Hanging Rock RC Bill & Julie Hickey Maiden P. 1850m  
Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$180000

### HONG KONG

**Power : Prance Dragon (NZ) (Wanaka by Green Perfume) 2014;**  
01/05/2019, 1st HKJC Cheung Sha Wan H. 1200m

**Road to Rock : Montaigne - Beauty Generation (H.K.) (NZ) (Stylish Bel by Bel Esprit) 2012;**  
28/04/2019, 1st HKJC Champions Mile Gr.1 1600m  
Sold by Highden Park at National Yearling Sale for \$60000

**Tavistock : Gentry (NZ) (Sogno by Zabeel) 2011;**  
01/05/2019, 1st HKJC To Kwa Wan H. 1650m



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## MALAYSIA

**Alamosa : Nicator (NZ) (All in Grace by Prized) 2014;**  
27/04/2019, 1st Penang TC Banded X-Y H. 1700m

**Darci Brahma : Just Name It (NZ) (Exilio by O'Reilly) 2010;**  
27/04/2019, 1st Penang TC Class 4 H. 1400m  
Sold by Hallmark Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$100000

**Falkirk : Nova Falcon (NZ) (Holly by Golan) 2014;**  
28/04/2019, 1st Penang TC Banded X-Y S. 1400m

**Gallant Guru : Pulau Pinang (NZ) (Lurk by Seasoned Star) 2014;**  
28/04/2019, 1st Penang TC Novice P. 1200m  
Sold by White Robe Lodge at South Island Yearling & Mixed Sale for \$40000

**Guillotine : Larson (NZ) (Jodie by King's Chapel) 2014;**  
28/04/2019, 1st Penang TC Class 5 H. 1100m

**Indy King : Ultimate Hero (NZ) (Seven Bells by Quiet American) 2012;**  
27/04/2019, 1st Penang TC Class 5 H. 1300m  
Sold by Hedwood Thoroughbreds Ltd at South Island Yearling & Mixed Sale for \$10000

**My Halo : Frankly My Dear (NZ) (Hurricane Strike by Hurricane Sky) 2010;**  
28/04/2019, 1st Penang TC Class 4 H. 1200m  
Sold by Three Valleys at South Island 2YO & Mixed Sale for \$2000

**Nom du Jeu : Mirotic (NZ) (Broadway Miss by O'Reilly) 2013;**  
27/04/2019, 1st Penang TC Class 5 H. 1100m  
Sold by Fairdale Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$8000

**Sakhee's Secret : Tongariro (NZ) (Feel by Zabeel) 2010;**  
28/04/2019, 1st Penang TC Class 5 H. 1600m

**Showcasing : Winterfell (NZ) (Fly to Me by Danzig Connection) 2013;**  
28/04/2019, 1st Penang TC Class 5 H. 1300m  
Sold by Kilgravin Lodge at Ready to Run Sale for \$90000  
Sold by Cambria Park at National Yearling Sale for \$15000

## SINGAPORE

**Burgundy : Burkaan (NZ) (Meranti by Woodman) 2015;**  
26/04/2019, 1st Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1200m

**Echoes of Heaven : Elena of Avalor (NZ) (Zahtui by Hawkeye) 2013;**  
26/04/2019, 1st Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1200m

**O'Reilly : Lim's Ripple (NZ) (Ethics by Zabeel) 2013;**  
26/04/2019, 1st Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1700m  
Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$50000

**Showcasing : Howl (NZ) (Trouville by Hurricane Sky) 2013;**  
26/04/2019, 1st Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1200m  
Sold by Wentwood Grange at National Yearling Sale for \$45000

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