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SMART 'N' SEXY BREAKS MAIDEN IN DALRELLO



Promising filly Smart 'N' Sexy shed her maiden status in the Listed Dalrello Stakes. (Grant Peters)

Co-trainer Trent Edmonds admitted relief when promising filly **Smart 'N' Sexy (NZ)** (Smart Missile) shed her maiden status in the Listed Dalrello Stakes (1200m).

The Dalrello Stakes has proved a good guide to the future with four recent winners going on to win more black-type races.

Smart 'N' Sexy (\$4) showed she could easily join them when she came from well back to grab One Shy Ruby (Rubick) on the line.

Bred by Gerry Harvey at Westbury Stud in New Zealand, Smart 'N' Sexy was stakes-placed at her first start in the Calaway Gal Stakes.

Trent Edmonds, who trains in partnership with his father Toby, said they had got Smart 'N' Sexy ready for the Millions 2YO Classic but she had no luck in the race before being well beaten.

"Today's win was a relief. She has been getting terrible barriers and having no luck," he said.

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"Smart 'N' Sexy was overdue for a win. You like to see smart horses rewarded with wins.

"She is a black-type winner now so we might turn her out and bring her back for the Magic Millions Guineas in the summer."

The filly should have no trouble with 1400m of the

Guineas later in her career as her grand dam is the Group Two winner at 2000m Eureka Jewel (Semipalatinsk).

Robbie Fradd, who won the Stradbroke Handicap for the Edmonds partnership last week on Tyzone Written Tycoon), said Smart 'N' Sexy had a big future.

"She might go on to win a really good race," he said.

Out of the Mossman mare Sexy Thing, Westbury Stud have a Reliable Man half sister to Smart 'N' Sexy that is destined for the 2021 yearling sales, while the mare is currently in foal to New Zealand's champion sire Savabeel.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Word For Word hits right Key at Rosehill

Former New Zealand Prime Minister Sir John Key has celebrated his second win in the space of a week with Word For Word (So You Think) diving in the final bound to land an overdue Rosehill victory.

Just days earlier, Key and his wife Lady Bronagh reportedly secured more than \$6 million for the sale of their luxury Sydney harbour apartment.

Key, who stepped down as Prime Minister in 2016, is a part-owner of Word For Word along with former cricketer Terry Jarvis who played 13 Tests for New Zealand.

Word For Word showed staying promise as a three-year-old but has struggled to find the winner's circle since breaking her maiden in April last year.

Adding additional Kiwi flavour to the victory, Word For Word is trained by expat Kiwi and leading Sydney trainer Chris Waller and was ridden by compatriot James McDonald.

Waller was happy to see her get the job done in Saturday's Yes Yes Yes New To Coolmore Handicap (1500m) at Rosehill, the mare powering late to nail favourite Bound To Win by a short half-head.

"She was running in all the lead-ups to the Queensland Oaks (Gr.1, 2400m) a year ago. She hasn't gone missing, but she has been a bit disappointing," Waller said.

"She hasn't gone to that next level.

"But she is back on track and she has been picking up some good prize money when she's not winning."

McDonald, who was later slapped with a \$1500 fine by stewards for breaching the number of times he was allowed to strike the mare with the whip before the 100m mark.

– AAP/NZ Racing Desk



Smart 'N' Sexy pictured as a yearling at Westbury Stud (Lesley Warwick)

Race	BRC Dalrello S. L 1200m
Winner	Smart 'n' Sexy (NZ) 2017
Owners	Mr MA McLean, Mr DF Bourke, Mr MN Tucker, Mr RJ O'Halloran, Mr BL Wilson, Mr JR Magill, Ms DP Reilly, Mr CJ Shannon, Mr I Mclean, Mrs S Daniels, Mr LWJ Daniels, Mr SC Story, Mr RE Thornthwaite, Mr SP Thornthwaite, Mr A Stephenson, Mrs AM Sweeney, Wessel Thoroughbreds
Trainer	Toby & Trent Edmonds (Gold Coast)
Breeding	by Smart Missile (Aus) out of Sexy Thing (AUS) by Mossman (AUS)
Breeder	G Harvey

CROSSHAVEN SCORES STRONG VALLEY VICTORY

Crosshaven (Smart Missile) looks to have earned himself a short break after maintaining his unbeaten record with a fighting win at The Valley.

The Lindsay Park-trained two-year-old followed an easy debut Geelong victory with success in the Sheamus Mills Bloodstock Handicap (1200m) on Saturday and sports the colours of Auckland property developer Daniel Nakhle, who bred the promising youngster.

Lindsay Park co-trainer Ben Hayes said he would discuss with fellow co-trainer Tom Dabernig whether to press on to the winter series of races at Flemington or give Crosshaven a break and bring him back for some early spring options in August.

Ridden by Kiwi expat Daniel Stackhouse, Crosshaven, a son of Smart Missile, started the \$2.45 favourite in accounting for Island Joy (NZ)

(Hinchinbrook) with Not A Zac (NZ) (El Roca) a half-head away third, with the trifecta all graduates of the New Zealand Bloodstock National Yearling Sales.

Hayes said Crosshaven did not appear comfortable on the tighter confines of The Valley and would appreciate a bigger track.

"I have to talk to Tom, but I have a feeling that he'll be running sometime around mid-August," Hayes said.

"He was a bit green and lost around this tight turning track but his class got him through."

Stackhouse knows his time aboard Crosshaven is short-lived having replaced the suspended Luke Nolen who won on the gelding at Geelong.

"I wouldn't mind staying on him, but Luke has been doing all the work and I was lucky to get the ride today and get the job done," Stackhouse said.

"He raced really green and really new today. I had to guide him into a spot early and he didn't travel as well as I thought



Crosshaven winning at Moonee Valley in the colours of Daniel Nakhle (Reg Ryan/Racing Photos)

he would through the race.

"I thought I'd bring him out early and work him into it with momentum."

An \$80,000 yearling graduate of Haunui Farm's 2019 Karaka Book 1 draft, Crosshaven was initially passed in before selling to Lindsay Park with Daniel Nakhle retaining a share.

Nakhle had enjoyed previous success with the Lindsay Park team after selling a half share in Spanish Whisper, who won the Gr.2 Let's Elope Stakes (1400m) for the combination.

"That began the association and we have become friends. They liked Crosshaven as a yearling and when he passed in, I had a chat with David Hayes and Mark Pilkington and they were keen to buy him so long as I stayed in for a share.

"I was more than happy to do that, knowing that he would be going to a good stable."

Crosshaven is the fifth winner from Daniel and Elias Nakhle's Group Two winning mare Irish Colleen, who is also

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CROSSHAVEN SCORES STRONG VALLEY VICTORY

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the dam of Group Three winner Killarney and seven-race winner Neeson.

"Irish Colleen was actually the first horse I ever bought by myself," Daniel Nakhle said.

"I bought her from the Fayette Park dispersal sale and she has proven to be a really lovely mare. I am sure it was more luck than skill.

"She just leaves a hell of a lot of heart in her foals, just one after the other. She is five from five now, which is no mean feat and Killarney picked up a Group Three for the mare this season and this boy seems to show a bit of potential as well."

Irish Colleen is currently in foal to Vadamos, a stallion in whom Nakhle is a shareholder.

Nakhle paid credit to Westbury Stud General Manager Russell Warwick for the recommendation to mate the mare with Smart Missile.

"Russell said it would be a good mating for the mare and I have an immense respect for his judgement. He really knows his pedigrees like no one else and I burden myself on Russell every season and annoy him from about March onwards with various theories of mine."

Nakhle said it was very satisfying to see his colours go around in Melbourne and salute.

"He will probably have a freshen up and be back in mid-August for the early spring three-year-old races and who knows, by then I might be able to get over there and watch him.

"Actually, Tom was quite keen on bringing him back over this way for the Karaka Million 3YO Classic (1600m)," said Nakhle, who is also a board member at Ellerslie where the three-year-old feature is run.

Nakhle said Carol Walker was the backbone of his breeding and racing team and much credit goes to her and the team at Byerley Park.

The astute businessman also revealed he was likely to be breeding as many as 20 mares this season and was ramping up his involvement in the industry.

"I appreciate there is probably not a huge amount of confidence at the moment in the New Zealand industry, but to my mind, it is the perfect time to invest," Nakhle said.

"I have actually bought a couple of mares in the last month.

"It is the same with the share market, property or horses.

"I can see a scenario where if we don't have enough mares bred this season it will come back to bite us in terms of foal crop numbers in three or four years' time when hopefully the work that is going on through the legislative process, the property works at a place like Ellerslie and the consolidation of industry assets, could see us in a far better state and we will be looking around for horses at that point."

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	MVRC Sheamus Mills Bloodstock 2YO H. 1200m
Winner	Crosshaven (AUS) 2017
Owners	Mr DA Hayes, Mr DE Nakhle, The RBO, Mr SR Anthony, Mr NB Donnelly, Mr NM Gray, Mrs KD Greer, Mrs SK Guest, Mr MW Heinz, Mr RM Jarvis, Mr ACI Mastapha, Peak To Creek Racing, Mr TJ Pender, Mr MR Powell, Mr S Sharp
Trainer	David & B Hayes & T Dabernig (Flemington)
Breeding	by Smart Missile (AUS) out of Irish Colleen (NZ) by Shinko King (IRE)
Breeder	D Nakhle & E Nakhle
Sales	2019 National Yearling Sale - Book 1 V: Haunui Farm \$80,000 P: Lindsey Park Racing



Crosshaven's breeder and part-owner Daniel Nakhle. (Trish Dunell)



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MYERS REVITALISED AHEAD OF RACING'S RETURN

The constant barrage of riding can take its toll on the enjoyment factor for many jockeys, however, the COVID-19 enforced hiatus from their grueling schedule has revitalised many riders passion for the sport.

Leading Central Districts jockey Rosie Myers was one such rider and she said she was able to enjoy her break from the rigors of raceday riding.

The lightweight hoop is in her 14th season in the saddle and over the last few months she has been able to spend some downtime riding around her and husband William Fell's Manawatu farm, Goodwood Stud.

"Over lockdown I was mucking around with a couple of horses out on the farm, which was nice," she said.

"It made you enjoy horses again and spending a bit more time with them. I really enjoyed doing that."

Reflecting on the current season, Myers said she is relatively happy with the way it has gone, amassing 49 wins and five stakes victories.

She highlighted a winning treble at Hawera as a memorable moment this term.

"You always want more, but it has been going alright," Myers said.

"The highlight was winning the Egmont Cup (2100m) on Red Sierra (NZ) (Redwood) and Secret Allure (NZ) (Zacinto) in the fillies race (Gr.3 Taranaki Breeders' Stakes, 1400m) on the same day."

She was also victorious aboard Duke of Plumpton (NZ) (Bachelor Duke) on the same card, who is now showing promising signs in Victoria for trainer Patrick Payne.

While Myers has enjoyed the break, she said she was pleased to be back at the jump outs at Levin on Wednesday.

"It was a little bit hard getting into it (riding), but we had jump outs on Wednesday and I really enjoyed it. There is a good crew around the CD, so it makes it pretty fun," she said.

"I am looking forward to getting back to the races, but it is happening at the worst time with the tracks, but I am just

looking forward to getting back out there."

Myers has also been busy helping out husband William Fell on Goodwood Stud and they are looking forward to seeing how two Darci Brahma colts (lots 32 and 79) they are offering through New Zealand Bloodstock's Weanling Sale on plus.gavelhouse.com are received by prospective purchasers.

– NZ Racing Desk



Central Districts jockey Rosie Myers.
(Trish Dunell)



MORGENROOD **BANNED FOR LIFE**

Jockey Brandon Morgenrood has been banned for life following charges relating to a conspiracy to harm another jockey during a race at Riccarton.

Originally from South Africa, Morgenrood pleaded guilty to three charges for his plan to cause a fall to jockey Tina Comignaghi during a race.

Comignaghi and Morgenrood were in a relationship until December 2019, at which point Morgenrood started sending inappropriate messages to his former partner.

He was charged for threatening to cause Comignaghi to fall, causing undue suffering to the horse Comignaghi would be riding and counselling another jockey to ride in a manner which would cause Comignaghi to fall.

All three charges were connected to a race at Riccarton where Comignaghi would be riding the horse Vivace Lady.

On February 9, Morgenrood texted Comignaghi "I'm gonna f**k u over big time!"

She subsequently blocked his number and in response he sent her a one cent bank deposit with the description "F** u",

It was learnt that Morgenrood had been riding Vivace Lady at trackwork for a week, pulling unnecessarily on the horse's mouth knowing Comignaghi had been booked to ride it on February 21.

Stewards were told that on February 18 he approached fellow jockey,

Brett Murray, asking him to cut in front of Comignaghi at the race. This would leave her unable to cross and vulnerable to Morgenrood.

On the day of the race, Morgenrood confronted Comignaghi in the female jockey's room where he was told to "drop it, drop it." He replied: "the only thing that's going to drop is you in the race".

This was witnessed by another jockey, who reported it to stewards and he was stood down from riding.

As a result of an investigation undertaken and rider safety concerns, Morgenrood had his Class A Jockey licence suspended by New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing.

The 42-year-old rider had an extensive offence history in South Africa between 1993 and 2015 and two minor breaches of the Rules in New Zealand since his licence was granted in 2017.

At the in person Hearing on 4 June, Morgenrood was not present, due to his obligations surrounding recent employment he had secured in Southland

He was Disqualified for Life under the provision of Rule 801(2) (a). The period of Disqualification has immediate effect.

The penalty submission of the Judicial Committee of the Judicial Control Authority included:

In our considered view, no penalty short of a Lifetime period of Disqualification would be appropriate. Therefore, in relation to Informations A6428, A6429 and A6430 that will be the outcome. In making this determination, we are cognisant that this is the most serious sanction available, and believe as such it is warranted in the circumstances of the offending.



Brandon Morgenrood rides his first New Zealand winner, Aongatete Express at Te Aroha in October 2017 (Kenton Wright (Race Images))

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