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## LIM'S KOSCIUSZKO WINS THIRD LION CITY CUP



Lim's Kosciuszko was a comfortable winner of the Lion City Cup. (Singapore Turf Club)

**L**feature wins do not come easy but Trelawney Stud bred **Lim's Kosciuszko** (Kermadec) made his win in Sunday's S\$300,000 Lion City Cup (1200m) look like a walk in the park.

That was also Lim's Kosciuszko's third consecutive win in the Lion City Cup since he dominated Singapore's premier sprint race in the past two years, which was an achievement given only Singapore's legendary sprinter,

Rocket Man had more Lion City Cup wins to his name with four wins from 2009 to 2012.

Yet, the win on Sunday was arguably the easiest watch of them all. The son of Kermadec and the Keeper mare Jacquette, Lim's Kosciuszko gave his opposition no look-in from the start after jockey Marc Lerner got busy early on the odds on favourite before settling him in second on Sky Eye's flank.

After the Frenchman gave Lim's

Kosciuszko some reins at the 350m, he quickly put two lengths on Ghalib and Ace Of Diamonds while some racegoers eagerly waited to see if Golden Monkey could make inroads late.

The Tim Fitzsimmons-trained gelding, who finished third and second in this race in 2022 and 2023 respectively, tried valiantly but the ground he had to make up in the final 250m was a bridge too far, hence an

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eased-down Lim's Kosciuszko won by just under two lengths.

"He's done everything he possibly could and he's just a little superstar," said winning trainer Daniel Meagher.

"He has his little issues and needed to be kissed and cuddled, but come race day, he just performs like no other.

"It's very special to have him and I don't know if I'll ever get another one.

"Marc held onto him as much as he could (in the straight) and we've got bigger races in mind, so we didn't need him to have a tough run.

"It's a good preparation for the three big races coming up."

Meagher was referring to the Raffles Cup (1600m) on 11 August, the Queen Elizabeth II Cup (1800m) on 7 September and the Grand Singapore Gold Cup (2000m) on 5 October.

Lerner concurred he did all he could to hold onto his mount for as long as possible, albeit the circumstances were against him.

"He (Lim's Kosciuszko) was a bit fresh today," said Lerner, who knocked in a double on the day.

"But we were expecting the Pacific horse (Pacific Vampire) to go forward, so you always have a plan B, C, D and as many as you want!"

"He was the best horse in the race, so I rode him accordingly."

"He got the job done because I believe he's not one or two, but many classes above the rest."

Bred by Brent and Cherry Taylor's Trelawney Stud, who on Saturday were named New Zealand Breeder of the Year, Lim's Kosciuszko was passed in twice at the New Zealand Bloodstock Sales and then sold privately after

winning his first and only trial in New Zealand when under the care of Clayton Chipperfield.

With 21 wins from 25 starts, Lim's Kosciuszko has amassed over S\$3.3 million in earnings for the Lim's Stable.

- *Singapore Turf Club*

Race	Singapore TC Lion City Cup L 1200m
Winner	Lims's Kosciuszko (AUS) 2017
Owners	Lim's Stable
Trainer	Daniel Meagher (Kranji)
Breeding	by Kermadec out of Jacquette by Keeper
Breeder	Trelawney Stud



Owner Mr Lim Siah Mong, jockey Marc Lerner and trainer Daniel Meagher celebrate Lim's Kosciuszko's win onstage (Singapore Turf Club)



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# TRELAWNEY STUD CROWNED BREEDERS OF THE YEAR

*Pride Of Jenni winning the All-Star Mile (Bruno Cannatelli)*

Famed Cambridge nursery Trelawney Stud were announced the Sir Patrick and Justine, Lady Hogan Breeders of the Year at Saturday's New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders' Association Property Brokers National Breeding Awards.

From a band of under 40 broodmares, the historic Trelawney Stud, run by Brent and Cherry Taylor, have produced outstanding results this season, headlined by star front-running mare *Pride Of Jenni* (*Pride Of Dubai*).

The daughter of *Pride Of Dubai* is out of the O'Reilly mare *Sancerre* and started nine times during the season, winning three Group One events.

This included a bumper Melbourne Cup week landing the Gr.1 Empire Rose Stakes (1600m) and Gr.1 Cantala Stakes (1600m) before starring in the autumn with stellar performances when winning both the All-Star Mile (1600m) and Gr.1 Queen Elizabeth Stakes (2000m).

Trelawney also bred Singaporean champion Lim's Kosciuszko (*Kermadec*), who in the period under review won seven races, including the Listed Singapore Gold Cup, Kranji Mile & Raffles Cup - all Local Group One events - and the EW Barker Trophy as well as finishing second in the Queen Elizabeth II Cup.

He was Horse of the Year in Singapore in 2023 and rated Champion Sprinter, Miler & Stayer as well and trounced his rivals in Sunday's Lion City Cup (1200m).

Trelawney also bred a further 18 individual winners in the 2023/24 season.

"We are truly honoured to receive the Breeder of the Year award," Brent Taylor said. "This reflects the hard work of our team and the exceptional talent of horses like *Pride Of Jenni*.

"We've had a breeding program for a long time where we send a number of maiden mares and young mares

to Australia breeding them, get them in-foal, foal them down and bring them home and *Pride Of Jenni* followed that program.

"Although she was foaled in Australia, she was here at about two months old and spent all of her time in New Zealand at the stud until we returned her back to Australia for sale in February the following year.

"She's been extraordinary. For a filly that looked unlucky all the way along, she is on her fourth trainer and the owner has given her every opportunity and she has gone from strength to strength this season.

"It is one of the first families that we bought when we bought Trelawney Stud. We bought a mare called *Real Success* (*Success Express*) who was bred at the farm by her previous owners and was trained by Frank Ritchie and she was a Group Two winner.

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# TRELAWNEY STUD CROWNED BREEDERS OF THE YEAR

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"She has gone on to breed Vouvray (NZ) (Zabeel) (Gr.1 Queensland Oaks winner) and it's the family of Group One winners Loire (NZ) (Redoute's Choice), A Touch Of Ruby (NZ) (Pins) and obviously Pride Of Jenni, among others."

Taylor is also proud of breeding Singapore's dominant horse in the Daniel Meagher-trained Lim's Kosciuszko.

"He is an absolute war horse. He has won 21 of 27 starts and he has three runs left to go for the season until Singapore racing finishes. It is a crying shame that we are losing Singapore as a racing jurisdiction but he is certainly one of the best we have seen there."

Taylor said it was a big thrill to win an award which carries the name of Sir Patrick and Justine, Lady Hogan.

"I worked for them for a long time and they were enormous supporters," he said.

"It is fantastic to see the industry in such good stead and with Entain coming on board, it is only going to get better."

"We have bred from between 35 and 40 mares over the past ten years and we have quite a big team of racing fillies coming through and some will make the cut and others won't let's hope we have got a good one in there."

In addition to the Breeder of the Year award, Faith Taylor, a valued member of the Trelawney team, was honoured with the Entain Personality of the Year title. Her dedication and positive influence within the industry were warmly recognised.

"We are also delighted that my mother, Faith Taylor, was recognised with the Personality of the Year award," Taylor said. "Her passion and commitment have been vital to our success."



Trelawney Stud's Gracie Hitchcock, Cherry, Brent and Faith Taylor, pictured with sponsor Dunstan Horsefeeds' Dave Smith. (Christine Cornege)

After operating a successful business, Taylor and her late husband Keith became the benefactor of the Arts, Ecological projects and many charities including the Malaghan Institute - a world leader in cancer research.

The couple's shared passion for the thoroughbred industry led them to establish Waimanu Stud in Horowhenua in the 1980s, where they raised yearlings for sale at Trentham until 1993, when the couple purchased the iconic Trelawney Stud.

The famed thoroughbred nursery has continued to thrive under the management of Taylor's son Brent and is a noted source of high-class racehorses.

Despite Keith's untimely passing in 1997, Faith Taylor has remained actively involved in breeding and racing at Trelawney. Her dedication and keen eye for talent are reflected in the horses she owns shares in, including Sancerre, the dam of Pride of Jenni.

The generous and unassuming Taylor provided seed funding for the Catwalk Trust and continues that support that today, along with supporting the likes of Riding for the Disabled and the Horse Ambulance Trust.

Taylor's passion for education and the thoroughbred breeding industry has seen her sponsor 21 young New Zealanders to attend the Irish National Stud Breeding course over the past 18 years as benefactor of the Keith and Faith Taylor Family Trust Irish National Stud Scholarship.

"I'm so undeserving," a humble Faith Taylor said. "Keith would be very proud. He was my absolute rock and a wonderful man."

"I came from a long line of small breeders and I am so proud of Trelawney Stud. There are so many good things that happen in New Zealand and I am happy to be part of some of them."

– NZ Racing Desk



# SAVABEEL TOP OF THE POPS AGAIN

Outstanding Waikato Stud stallion Savabeel again made the headlines at the 2024 New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders' Association Property Brokers National Breeding Awards, securing his ninth Grosvenor Award, Dewar Award, and Centaine Award respectively.

The Grosvenor Award is handed to the Champion New Zealand-based sire by total progeny earnings, while the Dewar Award is received by the stallion with the highest total progeny earnings within New Zealand and Australia. Furthermore, the Centaine Award is given to the Champion New Zealand-based sire by total progeny earnings

worldwide.

Savabeel's progeny have amassed over \$23 million in prizemoney this season, headlined by his four Group One winners in Atishu (NZ), I Wish I Win (NZ), Orchestral (NZ) and Skew Wiff (NZ). He has had 145 individual winners this season, producing 240 wins. 21 of those wins have been at Group or Listed level.

"We have said all of these wonderful things about Savabeel over the years, which is a hell of a privilege but the great thing is we can keep saying them," Waikato Stud's Mark Chittick said of the veteran stallion.

Both I Wish I Win and Skew Wiff

raced in Waikato Stud colours, which Chittick said was a thrill but he said he equally took great delight in seeing the breeders who supported the elite stallion also reaping the rewards.

"Getting any Group One winner is an absolute thrill and he certainly gives you the opportunity to be able to achieve that," Chittick said.

"While seeing those Group One winners in our own colours is massive, when you see people like the Greens who bred Orchestral and who have become involved in the breeding and racing game in a huge way, that is incredibly satisfying as well."

– NZ Racing Desk



Emily Bosson interviewing Waikato Stud stallion handler Ryan Figgins (middle) and Waikato Stud principal Mark Chittick. (Christine Cornege)

# MR BRIGHTSIDE SHINES AS NZTBA HORSE OF THE YEAR

The Seton Otway Horse of the Year went the way of star galloper **Mr Brightside (NZ)** (Bullbars) at Saturday's New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders' Association Property Brokers National Breeding Awards at Karapiro.

The popular son of Bullbars added a further four Group One victories this season to a record that features six elite level victories to date, 16 wins and A\$13,477,752 in prizemoney for the stable of Ben, Will & JD Hayes.

Mr Brightside was bred by Bay of Plenty real estate agent Ray Johnson in conjunction with his late wife Martha.

"I go back to the start and I have to thank Marcus Corban, Sir Patrick Hogan and Brent Gillovic. It's just outstanding," Johnson said.

"I'm quite fortunate that the stable keep in touch with me and I keep up to date with what is happening with him. They tell me he has come back bigger and stronger than ever."

Johnson said despite knocking back the option to retain a share in Mr Brightside, who was sold privately after a luckless fifth at Matamata, the horse continues to be a source of pleasure and pride and the inclusivity of his connections had made the experience all the more rewarding.

"We were looking to have a really good future racing the horse in New Zealand but the guy from Australia (Wayne Ormond, agent) really wanted him," Johnson said.

"Some people say you probably regret not keeping a percentage in him but hey, that's the game, you can't keep them all."



*Ray Johnson being interviewed by Emily Bosson at NZTBA's National Breeding Awards on Saturday.  
(Christine Cornege)*

"I was at the Cox Plate where we all thought he had won (when beaten a nose by Romantic Warrior). But the after-match function was outstanding just to be with those people and included," he said.

"He has just given me a really good time and so much joy."

Johnson also claimed Small Breeder of the Year, while the Eight Carat Broodmare of the Year award went to Mr Brightside's dam Lilahjay, a daughter of Tavistock, with current owner Ed Sheather accepting the award, having purchased the mare for just \$3,000 via Gavelhouse.com.

Lilahjay resides at Peter and Sue Westend's Norwegian Park and is due to foal to Satono Aladdin in September.

*- NZ Racing Desk*



# AWARDS 2023/24 SEASON

## STALLION AWARDS

### Centaine Award

Savabeel

### Dewar Award

Savabeel

### Grosvenor Award

Savabeel

## SPECIAL AWARDS

### Eight Carat Broodmare of the Year

Sponsor Arion Pedigrees

Lilahjay

### Mary Lynne Ryan Young Achiever

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Cameron Ring

### NZTBA Personality of the Year

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Faith Taylor

### New Zealand Small Breeder of the Year

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Ray Johnson

### Sir Patrick and Justine, Lady Hogan New Zealand Breeder of the Year

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Trelawney Stud

### Seton Otway Horse of the Year

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Mr Brightside

## 2023/24 Group 1 Winners

Horse	G1 Race(s) Won	Breeding	Breeders
Atishu	Champions Stakes (2000m)	Savabeel x Posy (No Excuse Needed)	Waikato Stud Ltd
Belclare	NZ Thoroughbred Breeders Stakes (1600m)	Per Incanto x Miss Rhythmic (O'Reilly)	D K Woodhouse
Bonny Lass	BCD Group Sprint (1400m)	Super Easy x Posh Bec (Le Bec Fin)	Sandy Moore
Campionessa	Zabeel Classic (2050m)	Contributer x Bella Carolina (O'Reilly)	Simms Davison
Climbing Star	Robert Sangster Stakes (1200m)	Zoustar x Bryony (Fastnet Rock)	Qatar Bloodstock
Crocetti	NZ 2000 Guineas (1600m)	Zacinto x Gracehill (O'Reilly)	D E & EY Nakhlé
Desert Lightning	TAB Classic (1600m)	Pride Of Dubai x Isstoora (High Chaparral)	Mahoenui Partnership
ElVencedor	Bonecrusher Stakes (2000m)	Shocking x Strictly Maternal (O'Reilly)	M W Freeman & D G Price
I Wish I Win	Kingford Smith Cup (1300m)	Savabeel x Make A Wish (Pins)	Waikato Stud Ltd
La Crique	Otaki-Maori WFA Classic (1600m)	Vadamos x Destiny Cove (Dubai Destination)	J & M Cassin Family Trust
Ladies Man	Livamol Classic (2040m)	Zed x Just Polite (Dehere)	Grangewilliam Stud Ltd
Legarto	Herbie Dyke (2000m)	Proisir x Geordie Girl (Towkey)	W E Jeffries
Lucky Sweynesse	Hong Kong Sprint (1200m)	Sweynesse x Madonna Mia (Red Clubs)	P L Dombroski, Explosive Breeding Ltd & S A Sharrock
Mercurial	Telegraph WFA (1200m)	Burgundy x Roxette (Tavistock)	M Darvill, A W Flexman, C T Jones, T Myers & R Wyeth
Militarize	Golden Rose (1400m)	Dundee x Amerindia (Dubawi)	GSA Bloodstock Pty Ltd
Molly Bloom	NZ 1000 Guineas (1600m)	Ace High x Dancilla (Iffraaj)	Seaton Park
Mr Brightside	"Futurity Stakes (1400m)	Bullbars x Lilahjay (Tavistock)	R I & Est late M A G Johnson
	C.F Orr Stakes (1400m)	Vanbrugh x Cream Of The Crop (New Approach)	Windsor Park Stud Ltd
	Memsie Stakes (1400m)	Savabeel x Symphonic (O'Reilly)	Barneswood Farm Ltd
	Makybe Diva Stakes (1600m)"	Wrote x Showus (Pentire)	TV Rider
Mustang Valley	Arrowfield Stud Plate (1600m)	Vespa x Mumzahoney (Magic Of Sydney)	Mrs C J & P J Lyskey
Orchestral	"Vinery Stud Stakes (2000m)	Shamus Award x Chaquinta (High Chaparral)	Peachester Lodge Pty Ltd
Pulchritudinous	NZ Derby (2400m)"	Savabeel x Starvoia (Starcraft)	Waikato Stud Ltd
Puntura	New Zealand Oaks (2400m)	Proisir x Repo Bay (Shocking)	C W Devine
Quintessa	Thorndon Mile (1600m)	War Decree x Princess Sapphire (Savabeel)	K J Hickman ONZM
Skew Wiff	Levin Classic (1600m)		
Waitak	Tarzino Trophy (1400m)		
Warmonger	Railway (1200m)		
	Queensland Derby (2400m)		

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# MEMORABLE WEEKEND FOR RING

It was a memorable weekend for Cambridge Stud Bloodstock Manager Cameron Ring.

The 29-year-old was the recipient of the Mary-Lynne Ryan Young Achiever Award at the National Breeding Awards on Saturday evening, and 24-hours later he was in the spotlight once more when he received the supreme Industry Excellence Award at the Entain Awards in Auckland.

He was voted the winner in the Leadership category before going on to be named the inaugural winner of the top Entain prize, which was decided from the nine individual category winners.

The awards were created by TAB operators Entain Australia and New Zealand to recognise the emerging leaders and rising



stars under the age of 40 in the ranks across all three racing codes.

"It was a huge weekend and I feel very honoured and privileged," Ring said.

"I started at Cambridge Stud in 2018 and came on when Brendan and Jo (Lindsay, Cambridge Stud principals) took over.

"I want to thank Henry Plumptre for giving me the opportunity and mentorship at Cambridge Stud."

Ring initially worked in Sales and Nominations before taking up the role of Bloodstock Manager earlier this year.

"He certainly had a weekend to remember, and it was a testament to his ability to step up and when he received his awards he handled himself so well on both nights," Plumptre said.

"They are big occasions for a young man, they are significant awards.

"Cameron has worked in some great environments, he did the Irish National Stud course and had stints at Waikato and Trelawney Studs and he's settled in with us really well."

— **LOVERACING.NZ News Desk**

*Cameron Ring took out the Supreme Award at the Entain Industry Excellence Awards on Sunday. (supplied)*





# ANNAREHAB REWARDED FOR DEDICATION TO THOROUGHBRED WELFARE

**A**nna Baigent was recognised for her dedication to the welfare of thoroughbreds when announced the joint winner of the Care and Welfare Award at the Entain Industry Excellence Awards on Sunday.

Baigent, alongside her parents Maria and Gary, operate 'Annarehab' out of Miranda, where initially an avenue for Anna to recover from her own traumatic brain injury transformed into a business to assist both equines and humans in need.

Their services include rehabilitation for retired racehorses, assistance in the 'letting down' transitional period post-racing and individually tailored holiday programmes where people from eight years of age are able to learn communication skills and personal development through interacting with thoroughbreds.

Baigent particularly recognised her mother as a key figure not only in her tough recovery journey, but the growth of Annarehab and ultimately its success.

"Winning this award felt a bit like imposter syndrome because it was really my mum's award," Baigent said.

"I bought the horses and had the head injury and mental struggles, but she built this around me as she saw a daughter that was sick and very nearly lost. I do all the vet work and day-to-day running, but she is the reason this is possible.

"She was a teacher for 30 years and she specialised in naughty kids, but they weren't really naughty, the school system just didn't suit them. There were some struggling with dyslexia as there weren't many resources there to help them and show them where they could learn.

"We started this in around 2017 or 2018, so then going through COVID a lot of these kids weren't learning to read body language during that crucial five, six and seven-year-old age.

"Meanwhile, I had collected all of these horses with the intention of rehabilitating them, but I didn't want to sell or rehome them, so we used the horses to help kids learn non-verbal communication and body language.

"We've had some clients here for a number of years, one girl came as a seven-year-old as her parents asked us very nicely if she could come early, and now she's 14 and my working student. We've watched these kids grow up and they keep coming back, it's great.

"We have been able to build it to the

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Anna Baigent (middle) with Entain's Andrew Hannan and Claire Downey, representative for fellow category winner Chanelle Dickie. (Supplied)



# ANNAREHAB REWARDED FOR DEDICATION TO THOROUGHBRED WELFARE

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stage where we can help other people's children, which is really is the crux of it."

Growing up on a dairy farm in the Hauraki Plains, Baigent said she had not initially identified the potential that thoroughbreds possess outside of the racetrack, and was not drawn to the sport until leaving university.

"Funnily enough we had only really had heavies and heavy-crosses growing up, we never really had thoroughbreds and I bought into a lot of the negative bias around the breed being that they were flighty and all the rest of it," she said.

"I often joke that if 10-year-old Anna could see me now, she would have a lot of questions because it was only really after university that I realised thoroughbreds have all these amazing opportunities involved with them.

"I'm an equine vet tech, so I was really fascinated by sports injuries and the whole rehabilitation process. I come from a dairy farming background, so compared to cow injuries, the resources available to horses really fascinated me with water treadmilling and those types of methods.

"It was more the medical aspect that drew me to racing."

Her career in racing commenced soon after doing a season with Hallmark Stud, but it wasn't until she entered Stephen Marsh's stable that she made a connection with several horses that remain in her care to this day.

"I initially went to work at a stud because I thought I wouldn't ever work in a stable, but one season later, I was working in a stable and now I have eight thoroughbreds of my own that I

love," she said.

"Doing one season as a general stud hand, I very quickly realised it's so much harder than I thought it was going to be. Mark (Baker, stud master) was great, he would teach you anything you showed an interest in and I learned a lot.

"I then went to Murray Baker's and then Stephen Marsh's in Cambridge as a strapper and everyone has their favourites, and fortunately for me, a couple of mine happened to be geldings so when they retired they were to be retrained.

"The one I loved the most wasn't a very good racehorse and had no eventing potential, he just wasn't going to perform in any sport. I was lucky enough to be given him alongside another one with genetically poor feet, and I thought I could really learn something rehabilitating these horses.

"I've tried this business with other breeds over the years, but we just haven't had anywhere near the success that we have with thoroughbreds."

That special horse was Sexabeel, initially purchased by a key Annarehab supporter, Go Racing, who entrusted him in her care, along with several others to follow.

"Sexabeel really got me through my head injury, he got me out of bed and to work every morning," she said.

"My parents are incredibly supportive and they knew he was the reason I was holding it together through some really difficult chemical imbalances in my brain during that time.

"It was quite a drawn-out recovery,

so my parents said they would've paid any amount of money for me to have him because they knew how vital he was to me during that period.

"Matt (Allnutt) and the team at Go Racing have continued to provide me with horses where possible including a pretty big name that has a paddock named after him at the stud he was foaled at, so that's pretty cool.

"I believe Sexabeel was quite an expensive buy for them as well, so they are so gracious in letting me have him and in my eyes, he's the perfect horse and could never put a foot wrong."

Alongside the popular syndicators, Baigent identified several other industry members that were vital to her success.

"We have a core group of people that have been there since the get-go that I frequently call on," she said.

"Matt from Go Racing and Tans (Clarkson) from Marsh Racing have supported us since we had about four horses and the fences weren't even completed yet. We've done a lot to the property since then, and they have helped us grow.

"Brent and Wendy Cooper from Social Racing have also been hugely supportive, they have been amazing people to have in your court. Justine Slater from NZTR has also been great, she's come out to see the horses and the Langford family as well.

"I'm amazed that this calibre of people have wanted to support us."

Baigent, alongside joint winner Chanelle Dickie were awarded a \$10,000 cash prize as category winners.

– LOVERACING.NZ News Desk

# JIM MARKS BEYOND COMPARE AS AN EQUINE VETERINARIAN

**A**s an equine veterinarian Jim Marks was peerless, however, there was so much more to the man who brought new standards to his profession and all the while lived life to the full.

Known to all and sundry by the nickname Marksy, his exploits both professionally and socially have been a topic of conversation well beyond his Matamata base in the days since he passed away last week.

Marks lived in the horse-mad eastern Waikato town for all but the earliest of his 86 years, having grown up and gaining his early education in Wanganui, where his parents were both teachers.

With no veterinary faculty in New Zealand back in the 1950s, he gained entry to Sydney University via a one-year qualifying course at Victoria University's medical school and went on to top his draft with an honours degree in veterinary science in 1959.

On his return to New Zealand, Marks was employed by a practice at Ngatea on the Hauraki Plains whose clients were mainly dairy farmers. Five years later he made the move that was to define his life, joining already established veterinarian Colin Thompson in the eponymous Matamata practice that became known as Thompson & Marks.

Back then dairying was the dominant farming practice on the Matamata Plains, but thoroughbreds based in the stables precinct and district stud farms were becoming an



Renowned equine veterinarian Jim Marks pictured taking a break between yearling inspections at the Karaka sales complex. (Supplied)

increasingly significant force.

As clearly defined and almost opposite individuals, Thompson and Marks complemented each other perfectly, the former specialising in breeding matters and his partner putting his skills to work in the performance arena.

An inquiring mind and innate understanding of equine physiology combined to make Marks a leader in the field of diagnostic and performance-related issues.

Two major advances he pioneered in New Zealand were tie-back wind operations for horses with respiratory problems and electrocardiograms (ECGs) in identifying cardiac issues.

Now retired Hall of Fame trainer

Jim Gibbs made good use of the Marks skillset, amongst various examples turning around the career of his talented but wind-afflicted gelding Jon to become a multiple stakes winner in the post-operative phase of his career.

"Marksy certainly knew his stuff, he really understood horses and what made them tick," Gibbs said.

"He worked wonders with Jon and another among many I have to give him credit for was a good little mare called Duanette's Girl. I had her set to go to Sydney, but she was very disappointing in her final lead-up race.

"I said to him you'd better put the (ECG) machine on her; I can still see him reading the data as it came out of the

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machine. 'Nothing wrong with her, put her on the plane.'

"You wouldn't believe it, from running down the track in her last run at home, she went over to Sydney and won the Chairman's Handicap and the St Leger."

The most celebrated of Marks's relationships was with legendary trainer Dave O'Sullivan, their respective career trajectories being contemporaneous through the second half of the late 1960s and into the 1970s.

"As a performance vet in his day there was no-one to compare, he

could really nail a problem and most times find a way through it," recalled O'Sullivan's son and highly successful training partner, Paul. "There were never any grey areas with Marks, he always made it clear how you could manage a situation, how far you could go with a horse and when not to."

"I travelled a lot with him around Australia and we had a lot of fun, but the ultimate trip we did together was with Horlicks to Japan. He was never afraid to back his own judgement and when the mare won the Japan Cup he collected big time."

"Marksy was a larger-than-life

character, you could say there were two of him. He could be mad as a March hare, he loved a good time, then in his professional approach there was none better."

Marks was also generous in mentoring others, both within the veterinary profession and more widely amongst the many he engaged with. The Moroney brothers, Mike and Paul, were members of the wider group to have a rewarding relationship with the man they and others described as 'New Zealand's oldest teenager'.

A Moroney-trained horse that defined the Marks persona was The Aged Rocker, while perhaps Ballymore Stables' best horse that he gave the green light to purchase as a yearling was dual New Zealand Horse of the Year Xcellent, who turned his \$45,000 Karaka sale-ring price into stakes of \$1.5 million.

He also had immense success as an owner and breeder, amongst his many winners the Moroney-trained It's My Sin, the O'Sullivan-trained Waikiki and steeplechaser Chief Ore, and Matamata Cup winner Call Minder, trained by long-time associates Wayne and Vanessa Hillis and later the dam of group One winner Juice.

A private funeral service has already been held, with plans for a wider celebration of his life at a date to be confirmed.

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# TE AKAU RACING CONTINUE PREMIERSHIP DOMINANCE



2023/24 New Zealand Trainers' Premiership winners Mark Walker (left) and Sam Bergerson. (Nicole Troost)

Te Akau Racing have had a stranglehold on the New Zealand Trainers' Premiership in recent years and the 2023/24 season was no exception.

With just one meeting to go in the season, Mark Walker has once again reigned supreme, teaming up with new training partner Sam Bergerson to record 169 victories, 69 wins ahead of their nearest rival, Stephen Marsh.

"It was a good season overall and we are certainly looking forward to this coming season," Walker said. "We have a lot of quality rising two-year-olds and a lot of rising three-year-olds that are unraced, and there are a lot of untapped horses that look quite exciting.

"We are just starting to build-up quite a lot of the horses

now towards trials in August. The weather has got to play its part, but there is quite a lot of depth to the team for next season we think."

It was a case of both quantity and quality of wins this season for Te Akau Racing, recording 21 stakes wins in New Zealand, including four at Group One level.

Those four elite-level victories came courtesy of Skew Wiff (NZ) (Savabeel) in the Gr.1 Tarzino Trophy (1400m), Championessa (NZ) (Contributer) in the Gr.1 Zabeel Classic (2050m), Quintessa (NZ) (Shamus Award) in the Gr.1 Levin Classic (1600m) and Move To Strike (I Am Invincible) in the Gr.1 Manawatu Sires' Produce Stakes (1400m).

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# TE AKAU RACING CONTINUE PREMIERSHIP DOMINANCE

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While they experienced plenty of success on the track, Walker said his biggest highlight was being able to enjoy it all with his new training partner.

"It was a dream start for Sam," Walker said. "I don't think you will find anyone in their first season train as many winners and earn as much prizemoney."

"That was probably the season highlight for me, seeing Sam join the (training) team. He has been a major part of the team for quite a few years, it was just his name was in the book this year. It is a third-generation training family now and he should be very proud of the season we have had."

One of the more exciting developments for Te Akau Racing this season has been the opening of their Cranbourne barn in Australia, which has been led by Ben Gleeson.

"Ben has been massive," Walker said. "I think he has really enjoyed being part of the process. We built it up from the ground and he has been a huge part of that."

The Cranbourne barn got off to a dream start, led by sprinting sensation Imperatriz (I Am Invincible), who won six of her eight starts this season, including the Gr.1 Moir Stakes (1000m), Gr.1 Manikato Stakes (1200m), Gr.1 Champions Sprint (1200m), Gr.1 Black Caviar Lightning (1000m), Gr.1 William Reid Stakes (1200m) and Gr.2 McEwen Stakes (1000m).

The Cranbourne stable also tasted stakes success with Skew Wiff in the Gr.3 The Hong Kong Jockey Club Stakes (1400m), Campionessa in the Gr.2 Peter Young Stakes (1800m), and Sans Doute (Not A Single Doubt) in the Listed Bob Hoysted Handicap (1000m).

"You couldn't have wished for a better start," Walker said. "There was obviously Imperatriz, but there was also Sans Doute, Campionessa and Skew Wiff."

"Imperatriz went from strength-to-strength, especially in the spring, it was quite freakish how everything fell into place and to win four out of four. To come back first-up in the Lightning Stakes and win the way she did, she is something very special and gave our whole team a great thrill, it was very satisfying."

"It was just a magical start with Cranbourne and hopefully

we can build off the back of that this season. Now that we have got more boxes, I will spend a lot more time in Melbourne as time goes on."

Walker said they couldn't continue to enjoy the success they have without the sourcing of quality young stock, with Te Akau Racing principal David Ellis selecting some of the finest young equine talent for the stable.

"Dave has one of the best eyes in the world at buying a yearling and all the hard work that Karyn (Fenton-Ellis) does syndicating them," Walker said.

"We are well aware that we are fortunate to be getting the quality that we are getting year in and year out, and it is just a matter of making the best decisions for each individual horse."

Walker is excited about the looming new season and will step out four of the stable's Group One winners at Tauranga on Wednesday as they get ready for what could be lucrative spring preparations.

"At Tauranga we have got Move To Strike, Skew Wiff, Campionessa, and Quintessa all going to gallop after race one. When that starts happening you know the season is not too far away," Walker said.

"Move To Strike will stay in New Zealand with a programme geared towards the 2000 Guineas (Gr.1, 1600m) at Riccarton. We have got a permanent base in the South Island now and Hunter Durrant runs that, and he does an exceptional job. It has been a huge part of the success we have had this season."

"Campionessa will go towards the Hawke's Bay triple crown, providing she comes up well. Skew Wiff will head towards the Foxbridge (Gr.2, 1200m) and the Tarzino (Gr.1, 1400m) again, while Quintessa will trial at Te Rapa on August 6 and we will make a decision about what her spring programme looks like after that."

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# VETERAN SHOWS OFF SKILLS FOR HAUNUI

**S**howmanship's (NZ) (Showcasing) return to winning ways at Caulfield provided breeder Haunui Farm with a result to savour.

The son of former stud resident Showcasing's comeback from injury was crowned on Saturday with his victory over 1600m for trainer John Leek and Melbourne Jockey's Premiership winner Damian Lane.

Showmanship was initially purchased out of Haunui's draft at New Zealand Bloodstock's National Yearling Sale for \$145,000 by bloodstock agent John Chalmers on behalf of high-profile Western Australian owner Bob Peters.

He was a seven-time winner for trainers Grant and Alana Williams before joining Danny O'Brien's operation and added the Gr.3 Show County Quality (1200m) to his record in 2022.

The rising nine-year-old, who has earned more than A\$520,000 from just 16 career appearances, joined Leek's Pakenham stable last year.

"It was a great result and he's one of those horses we've bred that his racetrack ability isn't quite reflected in his form," Haunui's Mark Chitty said.

"We know how good he was and was an early favourite for a race like the Toorak (Gr.1, 1600m) before he went amiss so it was good to see him back.

"He's an older horse now and thankfully I've got a half-sister sitting in the paddock due to foal down to Ribchester later in the breeding season."

They are out of the Don Eduardo mare Khales, a half-sister to the Gr.3 Hawkesbury Gold Cup (1600m) winner and multiple elite level placegetter



Showmanship winning at Caulfield on Saturday. (Bruno Cannatelli)

Beauty Watch (Belong To Me) and the family of the Gr.1 Schweppes Oaks (2400m) winner Princess Jenni (NZ) (High Chaparral).

"Unfortunately, Khales passed away and she was a great old mare and left two stakes winners," Chitty said.

Her first was the champion Singapore stayer Bahana, a son of Elusive City, who two black type victories included an edition of the Singapore Gold Cup (2200m).

"Khales was a cheapie out of the Inglis Broodmare Sale, we paid A\$7500 for her off the track," Chitty said.

"She was a good stye of mare and did a very good job for us."

Showmanship's sister La Mouline was also successful on six occasions and placed in the Gr.3 Taranaki 2YO Classic (1200m).

"She's got a Pierro four-year-old named Debonnaire who has won four in a row in Western Australia. I raced La Mouline before I sold her to Bob Peters," Chitty said.

Haunui, who has already welcomed a filly foal by El Roca, has enjoyed a good season on the track.

"The breeding season has come early and we've had a nice time on the track with a couple of Group One horses off the farm, Orchestral and Militarize," Chitty said.

Haunui also races homebred Sudbina, a daughter of Almanzor trained by Roger James and Robert Wellwood who won the Gr.3 Desert Gold Stakes (1600m) at Trentham.

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# ULAGHAN CASHES IN AHEAD OF NATIONAL QUEST

**T**op hurdler **Berry The Cash (NZ)** (Jakkalberry) showed up at Waverley on Sunday to have a final preparatory run ahead of Saturday's Avon City Ford Sydenham Hurdles (3100m), but that didn't stop him from powering to victory in the Rating 75 2200m event.

Fans of Berry The Cash had every faith in the gelding despite him reverting back to the flat after winning the Hawke's Bay Hurdles (3100m) at his most recent start, backing him into \$3.40 favouritism ahead of So Call Me (\$3.70).

Apprentice jockey Jessica Allen allowed her mount to settle comfortably midfield off the rail and tracked the widest turning for home, where his staying prowess shone through bounding down the outside to

score over Moonlight Hustler (NZ) (Rip Van Winkle).

"He's a good galloper and his strong point is he stays really well," trainer Mark Oulaghan said.

"He grinds away over that last 200 metres and seems to be able to get past a few horses."

The win was Berry The Cash's fifth on the bounce, while it also marked Allen's 40th winner in the saddle after picking up wins aboard Martell (NZ) (El Roca) and Electric Time (NZ) (Telperion) during the week, decreasing her claim to two kilograms.

Berry The Cash has set the bar high for his rivals since winning last year's Hospitality New Zealand Grand National Hurdles (4200m), and all going to plan, he will line-up as the horse to beat in the iconic feature the following Saturday.

"He'll run both Saturdays, they'll head down early this week and he's pretty fit and up to the mark," Oulaghan said.

"He'll do a bit of quiet work down there so it's just a matter of getting him to Riccarton."

The son of Jakkalberry will be joined by his equally impressive stablemate West Coast (NZ) (Mettre En Jeu), who travels to Christchurch in pursuit of a record-breaking third-straight Racecourse Hotel & Motor Lodge 149th Grand National Steeplechase (5600m).

Oulaghan indicated West Coast will start in the Racecourse Hotel & Motor Lodge Koral Steeplechase (4250m) on the opening Saturday, after he had a satisfactory final hit-out in the maiden staying contest at Waverley.

"The speed has probably gone out of him after a few steeplechase runs, it seems to take the edge off them as far as flat racing goes," Oulaghan said.

"He's pulled up well, he was running around his paddock this morning so he's obviously happy enough and we're pleased with his condition."

Winning last year's event, West Coast continued Oulaghan's phenomenal record in the Grand National Steeplechase joining fellow dual-winners from the stable in Deecee Seven (NZ) (Bandmaster II), Counter Punch (NZ) (Yamanin Vital) and Upper Cut (NZ) (Yamanin Vital).

"We've concentrated more so on the National than the Northern in the past, which has probably given us a bit of an advantage," Oulaghan said.

"It's a good course down there with nice jumps and we've gotten some reasonable sorts of results."

Oulaghan had initially planned to take both Semper Magico (NZ) (Per Incanto) and Jack Morrison (NZ) (Darci Brahma) to Riccarton as well, however, the latter curtailed his travel plans in fortunate circumstances after picking up back-to-back victories on the Awapuni Synthetic on Thursday.

"He stuck on well and showed a bit of fight at the finish which is always encouraging," Oulaghan said.

"We were going to take him down and run him on the middle day on the synthetic, but he got a few more points than I had expected and he'll be out of his grade, so he'll stay at home."

"We'll probably just take those two and Semper Magico now."

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Berry The Cash and Portia Matthews. (Trish Dunell)





# STERLING EXPRESS CONTINUES WINNING WINTER FOR BROSNAN

Matamata trainer Mark Brosnan's rich vein of winter form continued with an impressive performance by **Sterling Express (NZ)** (Shamexpress) in Saturday's Property Brokers & Katie Walker 3YO (1400m) at Te Rapa.

Brosnan has trained 12 winners this season, with five of those victories coming since the beginning of June. Grace 'N' Glory (NZ) (Shamespress) and Sterling Express kicked off that winter run with a double at Ruakaka on June 8, followed by successes by Diamond Jak (NZ) (Jakkalberry) at Te Rapa on July 6 and Fly My Wey (NZ) (Sweynesse) in the \$60,000 ITM/Gib Whangarei Gold Cup/Winter Championship Stayers' Final (2100m) at Ruakaka on July 13.

Sterling Express kept that sequence going with an outstanding come-from-behind performance in Saturday's \$50,000 three-year-old race, while Diamond Jak was runner-up in the \$50,000 Callinan Family Taumarunui RSA Gold Cup (2200m).

"We've been going alright through the winter, and it was another really good day today," Brosnan said.

Sterling Express settled at the back of Saturday's 11-horse field, then produced a withering finish in the Te Rapa straight. Unleashed down the outside of the track by jockey Warren Kennedy, Sterling Express bounded to the lead and drew away to score by two and three-quarter lengths from Did The Trick (NZ) (Iffraaj) and Dior Sauvage (NZ) (Almanzor).

Raced by his breeders Gail Macrae

and Joanne McKeagg, Sterling Express has had nine starts for three wins, a second and \$79,050 in stakes. The three-year-old Shamexpress gelding is a full-brother to his stablemate Grace 'N' Glory, who has also been a three-time winner.

"Sterling Express was impressive today," Brosnan said. "He's a horse that's always shown a fair bit of ability, but he's just had a few things go wrong along the way. He's starting to put things together now."

"I'm not too sure what we'll do with him next. He's a year older on Thursday. His rating will go up a little bit from today's win, but hopefully we'll still be able to find some nice races for him in that Rating 75 grade in the meantime."

Brosnan was left wondering what might have been with Diamond Jak, who was taken very wide around the first corner but produced a highly creditable performance to get to within a head of the Taumarunui Cup winner Hula Beat (NZ) (Redwood).

"That was a big effort without a lot of luck," Brosnan said. "Nine times out of 10, he might have been able to win that race. But that happens in racing, and you have to take the good with the bad."

"I'm not sure where we'll go next with him either. He's an open-class horse now and there's not very many options coming up for him. He does like Te Rapa and handles wet ground well. He also appreciates a bit of space between his runs, so we're happy to take our time in finding something."

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<b>Race</b>	Taumarunui RC Property Brokers S. 1400m
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Sterling Express (NZ) 2020</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>G R Macrae &amp; J R McKeagg</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Mark Brosnan (Matamata)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Shamexpress out of On Parole by Keeper (AUS)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Ms G R Macrae &amp; Mrs J R McKeagg; Bay Of Plenty</b>



*Sterling Express and Warren Kennedy winning Saturday's Property Brokers & Katie Walker 3YO (1400m) at Te Rapa.  
(Trish Dunell)*

# MATTHEWS COLLECTS FIRST JUMP JOCKEYS' PREMIERSHIP

Portia Matthews didn't believe a Jump Jockeys' Premiership title was even a possibility twelve months ago, but a phenomenal season in the saddle has put any self-doubt firmly to rest.

Based with master trainer Mark Oulaghan at Awapuni, the 26-year-old had her first full season riding last term and came away with five winners, a total she more than doubled to finish with 14 winners and a pair of prestige victories in her tally this season over the jumps.

"I went into this season with no particular goals, I didn't think winning the premiership would even be possible," Matthews said.

"My main goal was just to improve my riding and get better and more consistent, I was falling off a lot last year which was tough as I take a lot of pride in turning up and being professional.

"I've got lovely horses with Mark Oulaghan, I can't thank him enough for his support because I believe over half of my wins this year have come from him. He's been an outstanding person in my corner the way through.

"For me, the premiership is more about how far I've come. I'm not someone who has always had a lot of belief in myself and my ability to ride, my biggest fear with riding on race day was disappointing people.

"It feels like a tick in the box that I am good enough to be here and I can do this. Now that I've done it once I don't feel like I need to do it again, but we'll see what happens."



Jump Jockeys' Premiership winner Portia Matthews (Trish Dunell)

Oulaghan's star hurdler Berry The Cash (NZ) (Jakkalberry) has played an instrumental role in the success of Matthews this season, with their five wins as a combination including the highlight of her career to date, the Grand National Hurdles (4200m).

"The Grand National was everything for me. A lot of people probably don't know this, but in the three meetings leading up to it, I had four falls," Matthews said.

"I had zero confidence in myself,

I was doubting whether this was the career for me and I felt like it was the universe telling me so. My body was sore and I was struggling to have much faith, but Mark had every faith in the world in me.

"I thought I had ridden the Sydenham really poorly on Berry The Cash for third and I was called into the stipes room because they thought I had not ridden with enough vigour and in reserve.

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# MATTHEWS COLLECTS FIRST JUMP JOCKEYS' PREMIERSHIP

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"Going into the National, I told myself, if Mark thinks I can do this then I can, and that race changed the course of my career in such a massive way.

"I would not be the rider I am today without that win.

"After he won that, that horse owes me nothing. Every win that has come since has just been icing on the cake, I never expect anything from him and I'm so thankful for everything he has done for me."

Matthews and Berry The Cash will return to Riccarton Park over the next fortnight aiming for a defence of their National title, while she has also secured rides in the feature Grand National Steeplechase (5500m) and the undercard hurdle event.

"I'm on Berry The Cash in the hurdle, he'll carry the topweight of 73kg which just slightly more than at Hastings," Matthews said.

"I learnt a lot from that run, I didn't ride it exactly how I should've so I'm going into the National knowing that we'll both always do our best and if it pays in our favour, that's perfect.

"I'm on Lucy de Lautour's nice horse Donardo (NZ) (Don Eduardo) in the open steeplechases, she has been a quiet supporter of mine right from the start. I thank her a lot because she kept putting me back on when I wasn't riding very well.

"Semper Magico (NZ) (Per Incanto) is also in the 0-1 hurdle on the second day and he's an exciting wee horse. A couple of years ago I schooled this

horse when I first started at Mark's, and I told him that if he jump raced, I won't be riding him because the jumping was such a negotiation.

"He went into them full tear, he wouldn't concentrate and back then, I wasn't skilled enough to handle him. It's taken some time to get him at the stage to go to the races, but he's shown now he's a serious contender over the hurdles.

"He's turned into a lovely horse that I am lucky enough to pinch from the flat races when I can, as we still feel he has plenty to offer in that role as well."

Behind every success story is a solid support system and for Matthews, there have been several key figures along the way.

"My parents have been amazing, everyone knows my mum at the races as she travels far and wide to be there for me. She'll be coming down to Christchurch for the week, she's actually been down to every National so far," she said.

"She's been my number one since day one and she knows how to support me mentally when I get in my head about the races, I can't thank her enough.

"I got a lot of help from Buddy Lammas early in the season, he helped with my high weight riding and learning how to ride out a finish, which also helped me develop more of a style on the horse.

"I thought that was really important because I was never a natural-looking

rider growing up going through pony club and things. I take a lot of inspiration from Aaron Kuru, I'd love to be able to follow in his footsteps in that regard.

"Shelley Houston has also been another massive role model of mine, she's helped me get involved in the jumps racing community. Although this (the premiership) was never the goal, it came about without me focussing on it because I was trying to better myself and I was trying to emulate these riders as much as I could.

"Jess and Peter Brosnan helped me so much in the early days as well, I would have been out there every week schooling anything and everything they had to improve my jumping and eye. They've been consistent supporters of mine from day zero and are an asset to the jumps community.

"Also to the team at Oulaghan Racing, they are an awesome bunch of girls that work so hard and carry out every bizarre request I have of them. We wouldn't be able to produce the jumpers and results we do without the team at home, they've been a key role in my success and the success of the Oulaghan horses."

After a win aboard Lochwinnoch at Waverley on Sunday, Hamish McNeill finished in second position in the Premiership with ten wins, while Dean Parker's double took him into third place with eight.

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# MYERS MASTERCLASS AT WAVERLEY

**K**evin Myers was at his masterful best at Waverley on Sunday winning all five of the jumping events on the card, and if that wasn't enough, he produced three quinellas to boot.

The Wanganui horseman fittingly took out the first of the day, the Happy 21st Luke Myers (3000m), with his own **Mugshot (NZ)** (Echoes Of Heaven), who won going away from his rivals at the finish to break maiden status in the hurdling role.

A son of Echoes Of Heaven, Mugshot was ridden by Dean Parker, who also partnered eye-catching chestnut Run Jakko Run (NZ) (Jakkalberry) to win the Oulaghan Racing (3000m) in similar fashion drawing clear by three lengths to stablemate Khafeef (Champs Elysees).

Parker is based at Myers' stable alongside fellow jockey Joshua Parker, who also secured a double on the card commenced by a dominant display from Go Butch (NZ) (Mongolian Khan). The market for the Murdoch Contracting (3000m) was dominated by capable flat performer Kahu Rock (NZ) (Alamosa), but the \$1.70 favourite fell at the fence exiting the home straight dislodging Shaun Fannin, leaving second-fancy Go Butch with all to play for.

The Mongolian Khan six-year-old challenged for the lead along the back straight and looked to be travelling like the winner turning for home, with

a flying leap at the final fence securing his 4 ¾ length romp.

"He's a tremendous jumper, we've known that since day one when I rode him over hurdles and he ran third," Joshua Parker said.

"I told the owners to give me another chance because I thought he could win his next start, where he ran second. I had to ask for one more opportunity and luckily we got the job done today, they have been so patient with me so I really thank them for the support.

"He's an easy ride, not too keen and you know what you've got underneath you. Luke and Jason (Myers) told me to keep hold of him as long as I could to fill him with confidence and hopefully I would be in the right spot turning in, and luckily it worked out that way.

"He's got plenty of stamina, but he gains his lengths jumping and really attacks the fences. I think he has a bright future, potentially going over chase fences in time to come as he's very bold."

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*Kevin Myers was all smiles after winning five races at Waverley on Sunday. (Peter Rubery (Race Images Palmerston North))*

# MYERS MASTERCLASS AT WAVERLEY

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The two Parkers went head-to-head in the finish of the Bob Baker Steeplechase (4000m) aboard stablemate *Interlectus* (*Intello*) and *Call Me Jack* (NZ) (*Jakkalberry*), with just a head separating the consistent gallopers at the finish in favour of the latter.

"I adore this horse (*Call Me Jack*), he's so laidback and when we ride out in the mornings, he's that easy horse you can canter along on the buckle," Joshua Parker said.

"His owners have been very supportive of me putting me on at every start, he gave me a win at Te Aroha and I thought he was a really nice type.

"The key is to be positive on him, he doesn't like being passed by horses and backed up which is what happened when he ran fifth at Hastings. I was a bit disappointed because I knew there was a lot more for him to show than he did that day, so I was really pleased he put that on display."

The five-win haul also included a comfortable victory by *Lochwinnoch* (NZ) (*Rios*) in the Tracmac Sales Service Wanganui (4000m), the *Rios* gelding having his first start over the steeplechase fences after showing plenty of ability over hurdles. Ridden by Hamish McNeill, the seven-year-old justified his \$2.60 favouritism powering away by 2 ½ lengths, with stablemate *Sweet Taboo* (NZ) (*Turn Me Loose*) running into second.

The win completed a unique weekend double, with *Lochwinnoch*'s younger full-brother *Quid* (NZ) (*Rios*)

saluting in the Rating 65 2100m contest at Otaki on Saturday for Myers and his apprentice Lily Sutherland.

Dominating the jumping scene is nothing new for Myers having taken out four of the last five Jumping Trainers' Premierships, a title he secured comfortably this season with 23 wins, with a further 24 on the flat placing him in ninth overall.

"Kevin is a master at his work, he knows how to get his horses perfectly fit and jumping brilliantly which he has been proving for years with so many winners. We've got a fantastic team which helps, but Kevin's processes are just superb," Joshua Parker said.

"He cares a lot about his horses and he's extremely intelligent. Speaking to him, he loves to have a laugh and joke around, but he's usually just testing whether we know what we're talking about.

"He works very hard doing the cows then onto the horses then back to the farm work, you wonder how he keeps up with it all. But, it's just second nature to him and that's reflected in how successful his operation is.

"He can read a race unbelievably well, even before it's been run. I'm only riding one horse, but he knows what every other horse in the field is going to do.

"There is never a dull moment with Kevin Myers around."

Parker will be heading to Christchurch with Myers' team at short notice for the upcoming Grand National Week, commencing next Saturday with key lead-up races to the feature

contests a week later.

"I'm looking forward to riding in the Koral and Grand National, as a child in the UK all you dream of is riding in that race. Obviously it's a bit different to the English version, but it's still ticking off a box on the bucket list," he said.

"Kevin will have some lovely horses heading down there, and I've got a great ride in Auld Jock for Peter and Jess Brosnan who have been great supporters of me. He went fantastic at Wellington behind The Cossack, he just keeps improving at every run. I'm feeling very positive about him and cannot wait to get down there."

"I got told it's a bit cold, but it'll be like being back home."

"Stephan (Karnicnik) told me to go in the truck on the way down, he said I would be like a dog out of the window because the views are just amazing. Hopefully we have some nice weather so I get to see it all."

"I've gotten a lot of race experience that will be a big positive when I head back to the UK, and I can't wait to come back again next season and hopefully I can bring a few friends (jockeys) over too."

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# NZ STALLION AWARDS

## THE CENTAINE AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
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TAVISTOCK	\$14,283,899
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SWISS ACE	\$8,156,323
PROISIR	\$7,483,309
CHARM SPIRIT	\$7,288,347
SACRED FALLS	\$7,106,820
OCEAN PARK	\$6,474,746
IFFRAAJ	\$6,327,003

Criteria: Sire whose NZ-conceived progeny have accumulated the highest stakes earnings worldwide

## THE DEWAR STALLION TROPHY

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$19,722,159
TAVISTOCK	\$10,912,398
PER INCANTO	\$6,219,178
PROISIR	\$6,173,542
BULLBARS	\$5,325,702
ALMANZOR	\$5,016,561
OCEAN PARK	\$4,919,963
SACRED FALLS	\$4,843,232
RELIABLE MAN	\$4,743,129
IFFRAAJ	\$4,674,771

Criteria: Sire whose progeny have accumulated the highest combined stakes earnings in Australia & New Zealand

## THE GROSVENOR AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$4,859,791
PROISIR	\$2,851,190
TAVISTOCK	\$2,572,480
PER INCANTO	\$2,388,675
EL ROCA	\$2,258,997
ALMANZOR	\$2,170,717
BELARDO	\$2,143,754
IFFRAAJ	\$2,127,349
ZACINTO	\$2,097,561
BURGUNDY	\$1,858,425

Criteria: Leading Sires by Earnings in New Zealand

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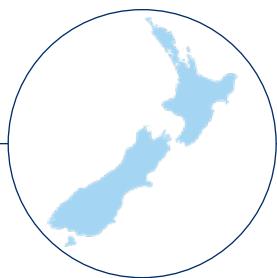


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### SINGAPORE (28 JULY)

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
<b>BEHIND PLAYER (NZ) 2019 by Derryn (AUS) out of Dutch Striker by Van Nistelrooy (USA)</b>	Blair Racing Trust; D W Butler & G R Cunningham; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Lim's Lightning Maiden H. 1200m.	2021 South Island Sale V: Curraghmore \$6050 P: KB B/stock 2021 Ready to Run Sale V: KB Bloodstock \$22000 P: KA Pertab
<b>OCEAN JUPITER (NZ) 2020 by Ocean Park out of The Iffraaj Dame by Iffraaj (GB)</b>	T J Taylor & Trelawney Thoroughbreds Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Aramco Maiden H. 1200m.	2022 Ready to Run Sale V: Trelawney Stud Ltd \$60000 P: Tiang Kim Choi

### MALAYSIA (28 JULY)

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
<b>CHARMING WIN (NZ) 2020 by Charm Spirit (IRE) out of Jenuwin by Iffraaj (GB)</b>	Jen Campin; Waikato; NZ	Penang TC Maiden WFA 1100	2022 Ready To Run Sale V: KB Bloodstock \$62500 P: Mr E Koh
<b>JOEY (NZ) 2017 by Power (GB) out of Lyla by Rip Van Winkle (IRE)</b>	R A Emery; Waikato; NZ	Penang TC Class 4A H. 1200	2019 National Yearling Sale – Book 3 V: Cambridge Blue Agistment \$11000 P: Regal Farm Partnership 2019 Ready To Run Sale V: Regal Farm \$25000 P: Ms SK Hamilton

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## AUSTRALIA

**Almanzor** : *Preferral (NZ) (Sweet Inspiration by Power)* 2019;
22 Jul 2024, 1st Barcoo ARC Schluter's Bakery H. 1400m  
Sold by Carlaw Park at National Yearling Sale for \$290000
**Belardo** : *Victory Roll (NZ) (Invisible Coin by Redoute's Choice)* 2020;
27 Jul 2024, 1st ATC TAB Highway P. 1800m  
Sold by Haunui Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$115000
**Charm Spirit** : *Charmed Run (NZ) (Schooner Bay by Falkirk)* 2019;

25 Jul 2024, 1st Bendigo JC Donna Philpot Memorial H. 1000m

**Contributer** : *Jamra (NZ) (Megan's Tough Love by Rahy)* 2017;
24 Jul 2024, 1st Murray Bridge RC Sportsbet H. 2000m  
Sold by Little Avondale Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$100000
**El Roca** : *Danxia (NZ) (Cashenti by Conatus)* 2021;
26 Jul 2024, 1st Geelong RC Furphy Maiden P. 1247m  
Sold by Westbury Stud at Ready to Run Sale for \$80000
**Ferlax** : *Haunui (NZ) (Little Tee by Volksraad)* 2017;

26 Jul 2024, 1st Bordertown RC Creaser Constructions Maiden P. 1200m

**Ghibellines** : *Tactfull (NZ) (Tackit by Pins)* 2017;

26 Jul 2024, 1st Echuca RC Caledonian Hotel H. 1400m

**Ghibellines** : *No Drama (NZ) (Sheeza Drama by Pure Theatre)* 2019;

24 Jul 2024, 1st ATC Toyota Forklifts H. 1250m

**Iffraaj** : *Zoltan (NZ) (Ebony Babe by Ebony Groves)* 2017;

24 Jul 2024, 1st MRC Quayclean H. 1500m

**Jakkalberry** : *Hit the Road Jack (NZ) (Ististar by Istidaad)* 2016;

20 Jul 2024, 1st VRC Flemington Cup 2800m

**Ocean Park** : *Fortified (NZ) (Dubonnet by O'Reilly)* 2017;
20 Jul 2024, 1st Townsville TC Winter Cup 2000m  
Sold by Irelawney Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$100000
**Ocean Park** : *Nature Boy (NZ) (Elusive Elle by Elusive Quality)* 2016;

21 Jul 2024, 1st Clarence River JC Maclean Hotel H. 3120m

**Per Incanto** : *Can Expect Greater (NZ) (Great Expectations by O'Reilly)* 2020;
27 Jul 2024, 1st Illawarra TC Racing Night of Champions Maiden P. 1400m  
Sold by Little Avondale Stud at National Weanling Sale for \$15000
**Reliable Man** : *Flood and Fire (NZ) (Curraghmore Girl by Duke Of Marmalade)* 2020;

25 Jul 2024, 1st Bendigo JC Bet365 Maiden P. 2400m

**Reliable Man** : *The Cunning Fox (NZ) (Cross Rate by Green Tuna)* 2018;

21 Jul 2024, 1st Pakenham RC PB Ronald Memorial Maiden Hurdle 3200m

**Reliable Man** : *Grinzinger Star (NZ) (Artistic by Darcy Brahma)* 2015;
21 Jul 2024, 1st Port Augusta RC City of Port Augusta Cup 2300m  
Sold by The Oaks Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$90000
**Rip Van Winkle** : *Le Zebra (NZ) (Angel del Dinero by My Halo)* 2020;
20 Jul 2024, 1st VRC Michael Murphy Trophy 1700m  
Sold by Windsor Park Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$60000
**Road to Rock** : *Moscow Mistress - Moscow Red (Aust.) (NZ) (Miss Faberge by Ustinov)* 2013;

22 Jul 2024, 1st Seymour RC United Insurance Raceday H. 1600m

**Roc de Cambes** : *Glen Massey (NZ) (Boogie Nights by Galileo)* 2018;
21 Jul 2024, 1st SCTR Shadcon H. 2200m  
Sold by Te Aute Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$6500
**Roc de Cambes** : *Nassak Diamond (NZ) (Kadesa by Zabeel)* 2018;

21 Jul 2024, 1st Pakenham RC Ecycle Solutions Maiden Hurdle 3500m

**Sacred Falls** : *Sacred Ted (NZ) (Baysa by Mastercraftsman)* 2020;

27 Jul 2024, 1st Murtoa RC Foodworks Maiden P. 1600m

**Sacred Falls** : *Rhapsody Chic (NZ) (Boho Chic by Pour Moi)* 2019;

27 Jul 2024, 1st MRC Sportsbet H. 1400m

**Savabeel** : *Captain Electric (NZ) (My Central by Central Park)* 2020;

27 Jul 2024, 1st MRC Tobin Brothers Celebrating Lives H. 2400m

**Savabeel** : *Savvy Sovereign (NZ) (Tiara by O'Reilly)* 2018;
26 Jul 2024, 1st Mackay TC M2E Services H. 1300m  
Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$150000
**Savabeel** : *Jedibeel (NZ) (Starry by O'Reilly)* 2019;
20 Jul 2024, 1st ATC Schweppes H. 1100m  
Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Weanling Sale for \$35000
**Savabeel** : *Radegast (NZ) (Marveen by Orientate)* 2016;
20 Jul 2024, 1st Gympie TC AJT Legal H. 1470m  
Sold by Bradbury Park at National Yearling Sale for \$130000
**Savabeel** : *Blandford Lad (NZ) (Staryn Glenn by Montjeu)* 2015;

21 Jul 2024, 1st Pakenham RC Ecycle Solutions Maiden S/chase 3500m

**Savabeel** : *Isaynonono (NZ) (Rehab by Fast'n Famous)* 2020;
22 Jul 2024, 1st Seymour RC Bet365 Maiden P. 1600m  
Sold by Ohukia Lodge Ltd at Ready to Run Sale for \$160000
**Savabeel** : *Right Now (NZ) (Max Facta by Golan)* 2018;
21 Jul 2024, 1st Pakenham RC Brendan Drechsler Hurdle 3500m  
Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$80000
**Savabeel** : *Privileged Son (NZ) (Port Providence by Red Ransom)* 2018;
23 Jul 2024, 1st Warrnambool RC Creece Glass & Glazing H. 2000m  
Sold by Mapperley Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$140000
**Shocking** : *Horrifying (NZ) (Zelt by Red Ransom)* 2017;
20 Jul 2024, 1st VRC Peter Drake P. 2000m  
Sold by Rich Hill Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$70000
**Showcasing** : *Showmanship (NZ) (Khales by Don Eduardo)* 2015;
27 Jul 2024, 1st MRC Sportsbet H. 1600m  
Sold by Haunui Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$145000
**Spirit of Boom** : *Shot of Whiskey (NZ) (Flower of Love by Redoute's Choice)* 2020;

21 Jul 2024, 1st SCTR Sports Hub H. 1000m

**Street Boss** : *Fiftysevenyears (NZ) (Belle Chantecler by Redoute's Choice)* 2019;

27 Jul 2024, 1st Murtoa RC CHS Construction H. 2050m

**Tavistock** : *Mathew (NZ) (Artistic by Darcy Brahma)* 2018;
24 Jul 2024, 1st MRC Sportsbet H. 1800m  
Sold by The Oaks Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$120000
**Tavistock** : *Jin Chi Phantom (NZ) (Keeper On by Keeper)* 2015;
20 Jul 2024, 1st Carinda DRC Lend Me Syndicate H. 1700m  
Sold by Curraghmore at National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale for \$100000
**The Bold One** : *Brave Star (NZ) (Kai Iwi Lass by Al Akbar)* 2017;

27 Jul 2024, 1st SAJC Sportsbet H. 1600m

**Time Test** : *Luton Hoo (NZ) (Royal Excess by Exceed and Excel)* 2020;

20 Jul 2024, 1st GCTR Jared Poole Design H. 1540m

**Time Test** : *Little Sandy (NZ) (Angel Van Haarlem by Manhattan Rain)* 2020;

23 Jul 2024, 1st Warrnambool RC Jericho Tickets on Sale Maiden P. 1100m

**Turn Me Loose** : *Liberami (NZ) (Loose Goose by Niccon)* 2020;

20 Jul 2024, 1st VRC Leigh Hughes Trophy 1400m

**Turn Me Loose** : *Bifrost (NZ) (Angel del Dinero by My Halo)* 2018;
26 Jul 2024, 1st Geelong RC McGrath Estate Agents H. 1247m  
Sold by Windsor Park Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$40000
**Written Tycoon** : *Public Attention (NZ) (Legramor by Commands)* 2021;
27 Jul 2024, 1st MRC Chairman's Club 2YO H. 1200m  
Sold by Carlaw Park at National Yearling Sale for \$160000
**Wrote** : *Right Now (NZ) (Max Facta by Golan)* 2018;
21 Jul 2024, 1st Pakenham RC Brendan Drechsler Hurdle 3500m  
Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$80000
**Zacinto** : *Brilliant Venture (NZ) (Ignite by Yamanin Vital)* 2016;
24 Jul 2024, 1st MRC Sportsbet H. 2400m  
Sold by White Robe Lodge at South Island Yearling & Mixed Sale for \$22000

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**Belardo** : *Bergheim (NZ) (Simfinnarley by Lion Heart)* 2018;
21 Jul 2024, 1st Selangor TC Class 4 H. 1400m  
Sold by Haunui Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$30000
**Dalghar** : *Gold Ten Sixty-One (NZ) (La Belle Femme by French Deputy)* 2018;

21 Jul 2024, 1st Selangor TC Class 3 H. 1200m

**Dalghar** : *Merry Bell (NZ) (Vesuvius by Thewayyouare)* 2017;
21 Jul 2024, 1st Penang TC Class 5 H. 1100m  
Sold by Woburn Farm at Ready to Run Sale for \$20000
**Fabulous** : *Seamlessly - One Abracadabra (Mal.) (NZ) (Whiritoa Bay by Pins)* 2019;
21 Jul 2024, 1st Selangor TC Class 4 H. 1100m  
Sold by Avoca Racing Stables at Ready to Run Sale for \$20000
**Per Incanto** : *Billy Elliot (NZ) (Dancing Mistress by Masterclass)* 2016;
21 Jul 2024, 1st Selangor TC Class 5 H. 1020m  
Sold by Ripple Creek at South Island Yearling & Mixed Sale for \$16000
**Power** : *Joey (NZ) (Lyla by Rip Van Winkle)* 2017;
21 Jul 2024, 1st Penang TC Class 4 H. 1300m  
Sold by Regal Farm at Ready to Run Sale for \$25000  
Sold by Cambridge Blue Agistment at National Yearling Sale for \$11000
**Reliable Man** : *Ksatria (NZ) (Auspicious by Darcy Brahma)* 2016;
21 Jul 2024, 1st Selangor TC Class 4 H. 1400m  
Sold by The Oaks Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$60000
**Tavistock** : *Tavi Will Do (NZ) (Shaheen by Zabeel)* 2017;

21 Jul 2024, 1st Selangor TC Class 5 H. 1275m

## SINGAPORE

**Sacred Falls** : *Sacred Buddy (NZ) (Otago Miss by Darcy Brahma)* 2019;

21 Jul 2024, 1st Singapore TCTop Knight S. 1200m

**Shameexpress** : *Lim's Saltoro (NZ) (Lamplighter by Fastnet Rock)* 2019;

21 Jul 2024, 1st Singapore TC Singapore Derby L 1800m

**Tavistock** : *Te Akau Ben (NZ) (Danalaga by Danehill)* 2017;
21 Jul 2024, 1st Singapore TC Well Done S. 1400m  
Sold by Curraghmore at National Yearling Sale for \$115000
**Turn Me Loose** : *Outfit (Sing.) (NZ) (Designat by One Cool Cat)* 2018;

21 Jul 2024, 1st Singapore TC Lim's Kosciuszko S. 1200m