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## PURPLE PATCH FOR ARDEN LODGE

Brad Reid

If you were keeping an eye on Trakside or the harness results over the last few weeks, you might have noticed that Arden Lodge is going through quite the vein of form at present.

Given the recent rebrand of the Arden Lodge colours, it would be remiss to call it anything other than a purple patch.

South Coast Arden saluted last Friday night at Alexandra Park to kick the long weekend off in style bringing up his fourth win in his last five starts.

Arden's Ace and Laver, the first two foals from champion mare Venus Serena went honest races at Addington also.

Arden Velocity, a half-brother to Arden's Reality was a winner at the Franklin workouts on Saturday, while Arden's Reality was a winner at Ashburton on Monday at his second start for Grant Payne

While it was a great weekend of results, the recent run of success is tinged with sadness when talking to Arden Lodge principal, John Stiven.

It has been an incredibly difficult year for the Stiven family who have endured the hardship of having lost their son Lee four days after his 25th birthday in April this year.

His sudden passing only weeks into his OE adventure in Scotland was further complicated by the pandemic unfolding around the globe.

"It's been an extremely hard year and the first person who used to text us after a win was Lee. It didn't happen the last few weeks and it didn't happen over the weekend, and that's been really hard," said Stiven.

Life doesn't tend to get any easier or more forgiving, only we get stronger and more resilient from its hardships.

For John, Judy and the family the horses are no doubt a welcome respite from the turbulence of recent times and the Arden breed have been doing what they are bred to do.

Pace fast and win races. No doubt with some encouragement from Lee up above!

"We've been rolling a few out on the production line of late and it's been really exciting.

"You always try to do the best you can but it just seems to have been that some things have lined up lately and the cards are starting to fall the right way," said Stiven.



*Arden's Reality (Somebeachsomewhere x Real Wings) wins the last race on Labour Day at Ashburton Raceway for Tim Williams*

Arden's Reality was a gallant winner of the last race at Ashburton on Monday for The Slice of Heaven Syndicate.

"The syndicate that owns him raced Celestial Arden which Grant Payne trained for us also and Reality was the horse they purchased after he was sold.

"We've got a share in the syndicate with the ten shares covering Gore, Tapanui, Timaru, Cromwell, Mosgiel and Christchurch. Six of the syndicate were there on Monday which was great."

The four-year-old son of Somebeachsomewhere is bred to be good with his dam Real Wings being a half-sister to Ideal Scott and her own dam Tuapeka Wings being a Falcon Seelster daughter of Maureen's Dream.

You know the family, and the progeny hailing from this maternal branch of the Tuapeka breed could fill ten pages.

How Stiven acquired the mare is how I imagine most deals in Southland are done, a wink and/or a nod with a firm handshake to confirm.

"Father Dan used to pick me up to go to our Southern Bred Southern Reared meetings and we would take turns at driving each other," said Stiven.

"We were chatting away one night and he told me he was going to downsize because he had too many mares to which I said I wouldn't mind seeing the list.

"We bought three of them; Real Wings, Raindowne and Tuapeka Art.

"I said to Dan that we needed to send a Badlands Hanover mare to Somebeachsomewhere. We didn't have one at the time so he made the booking to Somebeach which we took over when we completed the sale," he said.

"Then we sent her to Bettor's Delight and got Arden Velocity who won at the workouts and is going to the qualifying trials shortly.

He was a \$75,000 yearling sales purchase to clients of Barry Purdon and the word is they like him which is exciting," said Stiven.

"We've put her back to Beach because the cross over Badlands mares was going so well in North America. He was named Arden's Believer because we felt we were the last ones left in the country who had any belief in the sire," laughed Stiven.

"He was bought by a client of Dean Taylor's for \$32,000. and I was just talking to him last week and they are very happy with him also.

We have a lovely looking Art Major filly here who is coming along nicely for the sales next year, and Real Wings is safely in foal and expecting shortly to Lazarus," said Stiven.

"We've booked her to Always B Miki to get some of that modern speed into her and it's a cross (Western Hanover 3 x 3 or 4) we haven't been able to do much here in the Southern Hemisphere," he said.

Last Friday night the Brent Mangos trained South Coast Arden produced a withering burst coming from three the fence to down Star Galleria off equal marks.

Having raced at the highest level at three where he ran fourth in the PGG Yearling Sales final on New Year's Eve, the son of Somebeachsomewhere has put his big boy pants on having resumed this season in the Open Class ranks of the North.

He's made the transition from being a nice age group pacer to being a rising star having downed some of the biggest names in the North Island pacing ranks in winning three of his last four starts. His only blemish being a second to equal New Zealand Cup favourite, Copy That in the Kerry Hoggard Memorial.

"His mother Southwind Arden is a mare that has some pretty rich broodmare value being a full sister to Bettor's Strike and out of Winter Rose. It's taken a while as it does in breeding, you have to have a lot of patience. But along the line and with a bit of time, the success is starting to come.



"He's making up for the bad luck we had with the first few we had out of her," said Stiven.

"South Beach Arden was shaping up to be very nice. He beat Mach Shard as a two-year-old and was doing very well but unfortunately got an injury which ended up taking his life.

"The second one was a lovely Rocknroll Hanover who had a few issues which stopped him getting to the sales and ultimately his racing career. He's a lovely riding horse now.

The \$70,000 yearling sales purchase for clients of Brent Mangos was by all accounts a lovely yearling.

So too his half-brother by boom sire Captaintreacherous who captured the attention of Emilio Rosati who went to \$82,000 to secure Platinum Stride.

He was good enough to run third behind Krug and It's All About Faith in the Cardigan Bay Stakes earlier in the year and has since headed across the ditch where he has continued to do a good job.

"We've got a two-year-old Panspacificflight filly out of the mare making her a three-quarter sister to Auckland Cup placegetter, Arden's Choice.

"I'm jogging her at the moment and she's going up to Grant Payne's in the near future to continue with her education.

"We've got an Art Major filly on the ground that is heading to the sales and she would be one of the most sought after fillies in the sales book we would hope.

"There's a Captaintreacherous foal on the way and she is booked to head to the Captain again this season," said Stiven.

"She's a Bettor's Delight out of an Artsplace mare that we are racing with Mikayla Lewis. She's done all the hard yards with her and she qualified the other day and is just having a wee break before starting back jogging again.

"Arden's Voyager was racking up the wins through the winter for Kate and Andy Gath. He's a Somebeach out of Arden's Darlin and of course Arden Messi was exciting winning three races in a short space before being sold to Australia last month.

"Arden's Delight was destined for the sales but ended up getting a bone chip and we couldn't put her in the sale because her leg blew up a bit.

"We got her operated on after the sale that year and got her broken in and have taken her quietly. Her two-year-old career was a write off while she got over all of that but she is really looking like a lovely horse for the future.

Her first up win was that of a good horse, looping the field from barrier eight to go up and sit parked where she wore the leader down over the concluding stages.

"I jogged her up myself and she has only been at Grant's place for a couple of months so the future is looking

bright. We are racing her with Jeff Rankin who has been involved in a number of Ardenbreds"

The Bettor's Delight daughter of Rocknroll Arden, will no doubt be set for the fillies classics later in the season and hopefully follow a similar path to that of her dam.

Rocknroll Arden was the winner of \$170,000 and spent much of her career chasing Venus Serena. She did however pick up the Group Three Caduceus Classic for two-year-old fillies to go with her five Group One placings.

The first foal from Rocknroll Arden and half-brother Arden Roanoke was a \$155,000 yearling sales purchase by Cran Dalgety back in 2017, the second highest price of the sale that year.

The four-win Art Major gelding was sold at the end of last year and went off the grid for a while. He has since risen from a slumber, winning first up at Charlton last month but has once again gone to ground.

"We sold the fourth foal, a filly by Art Major, to Spud Crosse as a weanling. He was at our place visiting and liked the look of her so we did the business on that one.

"The next one we have got is a Sweet Lou colt who is headed for the sales next year and he looks like he has the athleticism of a few of the Lou's so we will wait and see how we get on in the ring," he said.

"She's in foal to Captaintreacherous and going back to Bettor's Delight this season.

The stock of champion mare Venus Serena have also been putting their hands up of late as pacers to keep an eye on.

The multiple Group One winner Venus Serena was a notable addition to the broodmare band at Arden Lodge after her purchase by the Tapanui (West Otago) stud operators back in 2017.

"We met the Sandfords when we raced Rocknroll Arden and had a soft spot for Venus Serena," said Stiven.

Venus Serena numbered seven Group One races among her 16 wins when raced by the Sandfords and Geoff Dunn. She won the Caduceus Club Classic, New Zealand Sires' Stakes Final and Harness Jewels at two.

The daughter of Mach Three – Inspiring Dash added the Northern Oaks, Nevele R series Final and Harness Jewels at three and a NZ Breeders Stakes at four. She was retired as an early 5-year-old with stake earnings of \$796,397.

"Her first foal Laver has been doing ok and Arden's Ace is doing the same and they both look like they will get better with time," said Stiven.

Laver was retained by the Sandford's after weaning him from the mare while Arden's Ace was a \$90,000 yearling sales purchase by the Kennards.



*Arden's Delight (Bettor's Delight x Rocknroll Arden) winning at Addington on the 8th of October for the Payne x Williams combo!*

Both are gelded sons of Art Major and while Laver looks like being nothing more than an honest pacer, his full younger brother is showing a bit more ability having raced the top three year olds this term with some distinction.

Unfortunately for Arden Lodge they lost a Bettor's Delight colt from the mare prior to the yearling sales last year without rhyme or reason.

"He broke his leg high up on his hip which was just a terrible terrible thing. We have no idea to this day how it happened. It's just one of those things as horse breeders you just have to learn to cope with and we just have to move on.

"We have a lovely Art Major yearling filly called Melody Arden from Venus that we have retained and Bob and Jen Sanford have taken a half share in her as a race horse until she joins the broodmare band one day.

"She's in foal to Bettor's and will go back to him," he said.

The 2021 Yearling Sales will mark the 50th occasion in which Arden Lodge has been vendors, a remarkable achievement.

"We've got five colts and seven fillies heading along this year.

"We are excited to offer Arden's Choice first foal who is a black Bettor's Delight filly of good size and out of a Group One mare.

"We've got a couple of Vincent fillies and one of them has an absolute superstar look about her. She is out of a Rocknroll Hanover daughter of Arden's Darlin," John said.

"We've also got a trotting yearling for the first time and she's a What The Hill filly out of Surfin Sensation who is closely related to Allegro Agitato and Skyvalley," he said.

On top of the yearling sales preparation Stiven is continuing to work a team of his own at the Arden Lodge track.

Having taken a training license for the first time in 18 years, he produced Countess of Arden for three wins last season. She was awarded the Otago 4 Year Old Pacing Mare of the Year Award recently.

"I'm jogging four at the moment which includes a couple of two and three-year-olds who we are taking along quietly at the moment.

"We have a really nice Somebeach filly out of Arden's Darlin that nobody wanted at the sales. I can't get my head around the New Zealand market and the disliking for his stock but I guess we were lucky because she is a very nice filly and we are excited about her chances," he said.

In the short-term John and Judy are excited about the prospect of heading to the South Bay track at Kaikoura for the first time where Arden's Delight will be running.

While it hasn't been smooth sailing, it is encouraging to see the Arden Lodge team getting the results they work so hard for all year round.



*Countess of Arden: Otago 4YO Pacing Mare of the Year*





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*Bolt For Brilliance and Cracker Hill match strides after another epic tussle in the Group 2 Sires Stakes Final at Alexandra Park*

## HOW A HORSE GOT HIS NAME

### Brad Reid

A couple of weeks as I walked to my car having finished at the office for the day, I opened my phone to a myriad of notifications and messages about Bolt For Brilliance.

Unlike Friday night when they were plentiful about the trotter, this time it was to do with an event that took place nearly a decade ago.

Suzanne Herlihy and the Strike One Racing team had gotten wind of how their stable star had got his name, and subsequently shared the evidence on social media.

"Hi Brad I'm feeling bad as we posted your video on Strike Won page as it was so bloody funny, but is it ok with you as I can take it down if it's not?"

"I just said to Tony I'm not going to sleep tonight if I don't hear from Brad, he said he's probably contacting his lawyer ya might hear from them," she said.

The video in reference is THE Bolt for Brilliance.

It involves an audacious act so brazen and brash that for obvious reasons I have been reluctant to divulge.

Last week I caught up with Greg O'Connor to film a segment for The Box Seat and share the incredulous story of how he got his name.

Now that the cat is out the bag so to speak, I feel obliged to give some insight behind what happened and share the story of Bolt For Brilliance, a gift that keeps on giving you could say.

In 2010 I had moved to Wellington to start my second year of University at Massey.

We lived a stone's throw from the Basin Reserve, the holy grail of Test Cricket in New Zealand.



'The Basin' is open to the public with a thoroughfare during the day. It is a beautiful spot to sit down and see how fast you could eat a McDonalds Happy Meal, something my flatmates and I did on more than one occasion.

During one of these character-building sessions, it was floated that this was possibly the only sporting ground in New Zealand in which you could get away with streaking.

The big wide-open spaces of turf were guarded by a fairly timid picket fence, with a six foot fence guarding the perimeter from what was then the biggest roundabout in the Southern Hemisphere.

A plan was hatched.

Studying communications and being early days of Facebook, my flatmates set the challenge.

If they could get 500 fans on a Facebook page, I would have to do it.

I set the bar at 5000 fans, much to their disdain.

"It will never get 5000 fans," they said.

I agreed with them. This was well before the days where society yearned for the currency of 'liking' one another's posts. Social media influencers were yet a thing, these were much simpler times as I remember them.

The page titled 'Bolt For Brilliance' was born.

I came home late one night from my job as a kitchen-hand to find my flatmates sitting all smug with a beer waiting for me.

"Open the computer," they grinned.

While I was being berated by chefs with burning hot pans for the minimum wage, they had been spamming everyone and anyone in an effort to push their page above the threshold of 5000 fans.

They were successful.

Under the guise of peer pressure, I felt I had little choice but to uphold my end of the bargain, regardless of the consequences.

March 20th 2010 marked Day One of the Test Match Series between the Black Caps and Australia, the perfect stage for a perilous prance.

With the Test starting on a Friday, the same day my University assignment was due, I decided that given I was likely to be arrested, and hardly likely to sleep the night before anyway, I would use that time to do my assignment.

That way, if I was to spend my Friday in the cells at least my assignment was done and dusted.

The morning arrived and with Red Bull coursing through my veins, I drove out to the airport to pick up a couple of friends who had travelled from Christchurch for the occasion.

As much as the place resembles Gotham during the winter months, the cliché reigns true in that you can't beat Wellington on a good day!

The sun was shining, and the stage was set, and I will never forget the glum feeling of spending my last \$40 to enter the gate for what seemed like my inevitable demise.

As much as I love Test Cricket, particularly live, it's not much fun when you're sitting there in the knowledge that you have to do something that is likely to lead you to eventual harm.

You can say I had a choice, but to back out on a deal and 5000 fans in your adolescence would have been social suicide.

Wanting to catch security on the jump and feeling more nauseous as the morning drifted on, I decided to get it out of the way nice and early.

Standing naked in a public toilet cubical before midday on a Friday is easily the most lonely and disconsolate I have ever felt.

With complete and utter respect to the professionals plying their trade, I was reliant on a friend who had since taken my clothes, to stand ajar of the cubicle entrance and inform me as to the best time to make an entrance.

This was faith in the extreme.

Daniel Vettori bowling. Simon Katich and Ricky Ponting at bat.

"Go now," he said.

And with those two humble words, I had no choice but to go.

Having hurdled the white picket outer fence and into the



arena of yellow jackets and cricket whites, it was now in the lap of the gods.

The grass under my toes sounds like some corny cliché but I can tell you it's something I'll never forget.

The rest is history as evident by clicking: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jvkDKJmzKwU>

I managed to make it home naked and on foot with the chorus of sirens wailing in the Wellington breeze.

I will not bore you with too much further detail as the video paints what unfolded quite clearly (and from a family friendly view!).

What does need explaining is how this was merely the first chapter in a story that has resulted in a handy trotter being called Bolt For Brilliance.

I had no idea what I wanted to do upon leaving University.

Around a week after dashing across the Basin, I received a phone call from a guy running a Social Media start-up company.

Before long I was employed doing the social media accounts for the Wellington Rugby Union and the Mayor of Wellington. Cant have been great at the latter as she lost her seat that year if I remember rightly!

It set me down a career path that ultimately led me to where I am now.

When I think of the three words "Bolt For Brilliance", a streak with over half a million YouTube views or a Group One winning horse are not what come to mind.

Rather a 10 year journey.

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# IMAGINE THIS FROM IMAGINE THAT!

**Brad Reid**

Every now and then I find myself immersed in the gold mine that is Infohorse on the HRNZ website.

I love cruising through and digging deeper into historic New Zealand families and looking at the various maternal branches.

Who they were bred too, where they found a fork in the road or in some cases kicked on.

Perhaps its tragic, yet I find it truly fascinating and the rabbit holes you go down and pop back up are all part of the fun.

I was recently going through one of Jim Dalgety's breeds starting back with Bellajily (1960 Van Dieman – Malabella) before I stumbled across one of the many great females from this line, being Imagine That.

You would be hard pressed to find a more honest mare than the daughter of Man Around Town out of the champion Alberton mare, Happy Hazel.

Imagine That raced in town hall company from almost the day she was born and never relented in her racing patterns.

She was as tough as they come and gave everything on the track, running in the money 39 times from 57 starts for \$415,000 in stakes.

Imagine That was the winner of the Group One Sires Stakes Final for fillies at two.

It would be her lone Group One win in her career, but it was hardly reflective of just how gallant she was in several big races.

G1 Placings: 3rd GN Oaks (Dudinka's Star), 3rd NZ Oaks (Copper Beach), 2nd Nevle R Fillies Final (Turkana), 3rd 2005 NZ Standardbred Breeders Stakes (Lady Toddy), 2nd 2006 NZ Standardbred Breeders Stakes (Mainland Banner), 3rd Easter Cup (Bailey's Dream), 2nd 2006 NZ Standardbred Breeders Stakes (It's Ella).

She also won the Queen of Hearts in 2004 (G2), a Kaikoura Cup in 2005 (G2) and the Rangiora Classic in the same season she was crowned 4YO Pacing Mare of the Year.

The thing that struck me most was that fact that she hailed from as good of a maternal family as any in New Zealand at the time with Happy Hazel, Jovial Jeanie, Bellajily right there in black and white as her dam, grand dam and great grand dam.

Yet for whatever reason she was been a failure at stud.



*Hick Up: Andover Hall x Imagine That colt*

This was a line that wasn't littered with champions, although some of the other tail lines would argue otherwise.

Bellajily left Krina Bella which is the tail line for the family of Asabella, Dancing Diamonds and Princess Tiffany.

On the other side of the branch was Van Glory, a full sister to Bellajily by Van Dieman who had started the tail lines which produced Vain Franco and the champion Under Cover Lover.

Imagine That's half sister Minnie Me had managed to throw I'm Full of Excuses, the Southern Supremacy winner.

The first five pacing bred foals were by Falcon Seelster, Christian Cullen, Bettor's Delight, Mister Big and Art Major.

Only the Cullen filly and Mr Big colt qualified and neither won a race.

While pondering where it had gone wrong and trying to find a plausible weakness in her pedigree, I realised that she had recently been bred to trotting stallions by Keith Shadbolt.

Given the previous owner of the mare was Jim Dalgety who has a well-known love for 'hybrid vigour' in a pedigree, I thought I would investigate.

This had Jim's handprints all over it from the very start and I was determined to hear the story.

It did not disappoint!

So how did Keith wind up with dear old Imagine That at the ripe old age of 16?

After a paddock accident involving her shoulder, Imagine That was destined for a date with heaven until by chance she found an even better outcome. Keith was told that Jim had finished with the mare and she was in a nearby paddock.

We will let him tell the story!

"I went home and thought about it and went back over and my neighbour to leave her in the paddock at home.

"We left her there for three or four weeks and she had had some sort of injury on her shoulder which I didn't know much about, but she wasn't too keen on being caught.

"We quickly learnt that she didn't like a bloke catching her, but she was fine with woman. We did her feet and got her teeth done and threw a cover on her and left her there all winter.

"I fed her some potions that I had made up to try and repair the damage to the shoulder which was obviously a bone injury and it seemed to do the trick.

"I called Jim Dalgety to tell him he should come and pick the mare up but he was convinced she had already gone to a better place. After explaining to him how I had hijacked her and put her in the paddock, he arrived a couple of days with the papers for her and exclaimed she was now mine!

"Another broodmare was just what I needed," he laughed.

"I went over and seen him some time before the breeding season and he got the chairs out and put them in the middle of the smoko room.

"It's just a privilege to be in his company as you may well know and after about two hours of talking breeding, pedigrees and everything in between we got back to the subject of why I was there, Imagine That.

"I was telling him how the mare must have freed up a bit. At first he didn't believe me when I told him we had done her feet cause he said you couldn't lift her legs up.

"She must have had a unique set of teeth or been hard work because the dentist recognised the mare as soon as he got her mouth open!

"Anyway I said to Jim I don't suppose that old mare could trot because I saw her trotting across the paddock the other day.

"As Jim does he said to me: Its funny you should say that me old mate, I can tell you a story about that.

"Mark Purdon had phoned Jim when Imagine That was a filly to tell him he would like to try her trotting because she had trotted some very quick sectionals at his place without ever working her.

"Jim said I know she can trot but I want you to pace her for me.

"Knowing she could trot I told Jim that I wanted to breed her to Father Patrick to which he said he would love to do the same thing but couldn't without his family thinking he had gone completely mad! But you can do it," he laughed.



*Bodacious: Father Patrick x Imagine That yearling*

After missing twice to Father Patrick the stud phoned to say that it was time to change tact as they didn't want to waste any more semen on a mare that was struggling to get in foal.

After going through the options, a decision was made to try the mare with Andover Hall.

Imagine That was in foal to the champion son of the revered Hall breed and which produced a colt which is well named in the form of Hick Up.

"He's now a three-year-old and Murray Alfeld had done a few preps with him and he did one recently at Dean Taylors and he can trot not too bad, but he was just a wee bit weak with it.

"Unlike his mum who is quite fined-boned, he's a big coarse bugger.

Keith persisted with his Father Patrick dream and succeeded the following year.

"He's gunna be a big strong horse. We've got him in the paddock with his Father Patrick half-sister who he gets on with like a house on fire and they're easily distinguished because he's about five times bigger than her!"

The Father Patrick filly is now a yearling by the name of Bodacious and she too has done a recent prep with Murray Alfeld and shows a bit of ability.

"She's a big tall leggy thing and has done a couple of preps and is due to go back for another one soon," he said.

While there are a number of pacing bred mares who have left outstanding trotters by dual gaited sires such as Safely Kept, the only recent example of a pacing mare bred intentionally to a trotting stallion that breeding guru Frank Marrion can recall is a son of Ready Cash.

Pat Driscoll bred an eight win Live or Die mare called Sounds Alive to the champion French stallion and it seems to have worked a treat.

Soundsofcash as he is named has won two from five races with his last coming in a 1:55.1 mile rate for the now four year old.





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The two trotters from Imagine That will be well worth keeping an eye on for the future and good on Shadbolt for having a crack and backing the old mare with another shot at being a broodmare.

Shadbolt is winding back his breeding and racing portfolio, insisting now is the time for him to enjoy some of the other passions and pursuits in his life such as casting a fishing rod and a new property.

"We sold most of the dairy farm and just built a palace for the Mrs so she stays longer," he laughed.

"It's taken us a couple of years but we are really happy with it and have kept 30 acres at the back of the dairy farm which we have sold.

"None of the horses are here, we have a 20 acre plot on Davis Road and most of the mares are there and we have a bunch of horses in Pukekohe with Lindsay and Pam Turner," he said.

His association with the Turners goes back nearly 20 years and has had some success racing and breeding from some of the Tigerish family.

"We've been breeding from Tiger Tina (12 wins) and Tiger Cher in partnership recently. We've just done a deal where I've received a Betting Line filly and they've kept the mare.

"She's only average size but has just started to develop a real nice ass end on her and the mare has since been served again by Betting Line," he said.

## **CATHERINE MCDONALD NAMED AS GENERAL MANAGER, RACING HRNZ.**

Brad Reid

Catherine McDonald has been appointed to the position, effectively replacing Darrin Williams who left after 26 years to take up a position at Addington Raceway.

"I'm really excited to be joining the HRNZ team," she says.

"Catherine brings exceptional depth both commercially and strategically to the GM Racing role that will add real value and deliver strong benefit to HRNZ as we move forward," says HRNZ Interim Chief Executive Phil Holden.

"Catherine comes to us from Lincoln University where she was a special projects manager initially supporting the university with its earthquake claims then moving onto to a project managing the successful business case for a new \$80m science facility development."

McDonald has also worked at the Christchurch City Council where she led teams on a variety of major city initiatives and projects.

She has been heavily involved with the racing industry: "I was born and bred into harness racing, arriving on Cup day and I've been an owner, breeder and trainer."

Her family's breeding success stories include Master Musician and the best horse she trained was three-win pacer Fear Me in the mid 1990s.

"I am excited about the commercial capability and impact Catherine will deliver for both HRNZ and the wider industry," said Holden.

McDonald starts at HRNZ on November 9, a day before the New Zealand Cup.

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# LEADING MONEY WINNING SIRES: NORTH AMERICA

Following on from the Breeders Crown eliminations in North America and heading into the new breeding season, it is always great to be able to cast your eye at the North American scene and see what is developing.

While there is plenty of water to go under the bridge with plenty of big races still to come, the below lists are sourced from Standardbred Canada and will give you some good insight into who is kicking some early goals.

## TWO YEAR OLD PACERS

SIRE	Starters	Stakes
SOMEBEACHSOMEWHERE	86	\$3,009,443
CAPTAINREACHEROUS	68	\$2,497,793
BETTORS DELIGHT	51	\$1,663,783
ALWAYS B MIKI	53	\$1,524,301
SHADOW PLAY	48	\$1,359,846
BETTING LINE	77	\$1,309,647
AMERICAN IDEAL	63	\$1,287,643
ART MAJOR	43	\$1,211,495
SUNSHINE BEACH	56	\$996,051
ALWAYS A VIRGIN	59	\$990,786
JK ENDOFANERA	52	\$957,881
WELL SAID	49	\$955,610
SWEET LOU	47	\$941,627
SPORTSWRITER	75	\$865,399
ROLL WITH JOE	47	\$762,193
RACING HILL	55	\$727,917
MCARDLE	30	\$716,554
BETTERTHANCHEDDAR	53	\$630,009
ROCKIN IMAGE	62	\$563,169
PET ROCK	53	\$466,000

## TWO YEAR OLD TROTTERS

MUSCLE HILL	71	\$2,455,206
MUSCLE MASS	59	\$2,250,214
CHAPTER SEVEN	58	\$2,178,878
CANTAB HALL	55	\$1,665,618
FATHER PATRICK	65	\$1,355,752
DONATO HANOVER	33	\$1,258,241
BAR HOPPING	42	\$1,199,960
SWAN FOR ALL	46	\$1,130,060
UNCLE PETER	54	\$965,239
SOUTHWIND FRANK	24	\$877,854
KADABRA	31	\$727,870
TRIXTON	33	\$677,191
ARCHANGEL	16	\$633,280
ROYALTY FOR LIFE	23	\$595,511
CREDIT WINNER	33	\$559,671
MY MVP	13	\$542,266
TRIUMPHANT CAVIAR	27	\$514,302
LOUS LEGACY	20	\$428,758
DONTYOUFORGETIT	27	\$383,780
GOOGOO GAAGAA	5	\$349,940

## THREE YEAR OLD PACERS

CAPTAINREACHEROUS	81	\$5,183,646
BETTORS DELIGHT	95	\$3,709,021
SOMEBEACHSOMEWHERE	101	\$3,011,681
SWEET LOU	70	\$1,988,856
SPORTSWRITER	91	\$1,804,868
HES WATCHING	54	\$1,477,391
AMERICAN IDEAL	83	\$1,455,836
ART MAJOR	71	\$1,373,411
ROLL WITH JOE	55	\$1,320,410
ROCKIN IMAGE	71	\$1,230,794
SUNSHINE BEACH	79	\$1,211,275
PET ROCK	44	\$1,204,284
ALWAYS A VIRGIN	68	\$1,007,442
WESTERN IDEAL	33	\$998,559
SO SURREAL	31	\$924,662
TELLITLIKEITIS	36	\$878,842
BIG JIM	49	\$878,140
WELL SAID	60	\$858,557
BIG BAD JOHN	46	\$819,540
BETTERTHANCHEDDAR	40	\$784,780

## THREE YEAR OLD TROTTERS

MUSCLE HILL	55	\$4,185,513
FATHER PATRICK	55	\$2,540,056
CHAPTER SEVEN	49	\$2,281,317
TRIXTON	43	\$1,803,019
MUSCLE MASS	66	\$1,701,604
UNCLE PETER	56	\$1,561,420
ROYALTY FOR LIFE	44	\$1,453,394
KADABRA	57	\$1,399,488
SWAN FOR ALL	53	\$1,298,507
READY CASH	4	\$975,890
WHEELING N DEALIN	24	\$883,224
DONATO HANOVER	55	\$814,720
EXPLOSIVE MATTER	59	\$812,686
CREDIT WINNER	31	\$745,329
ARCHANGEL	27	\$701,836
TRIUMPHANT CAVIAR	20	\$692,433
GUCCIO	30	\$670,872
E L TITAN	25	\$666,598
SEBASTIAN K S	29	\$631,459
RC ROYALTY	17	\$542,388

## ALL AGED PACERS

BETTORS DELIGHT	601	\$14,912,098
SOMEBEACHSOMEWHERE	489	\$13,600,008
CAPTAINREACHEROUS	217	\$9,389,197
AMERICAN IDEAL	433	\$7,731,120
MACH THREE	418	\$7,004,018
ART MAJOR	358	\$6,742,599
SPORTSWRITER	401	\$5,600,519
SHADOW PLAY	262	\$5,038,486
ALWAYS A VIRGIN	291	\$4,752,403
SWEET LOU	176	\$4,729,221
WELL SAID	287	\$4,680,433
ROCKIN IMAGE	283	\$4,108,169
ROCK N ROLL HEAVEN	199	\$3,721,685
ROLL WITH JOE	209	\$3,676,306
PET ROCK	196	\$3,581,581
BIG JIM	165	\$3,339,795
WESTERN IDEAL	190	\$3,320,108
MCARDLE	209	\$3,301,355
SUNSHINE BEACH	195	\$3,178,400
DRAGON AGAIN	228	\$3,107,207



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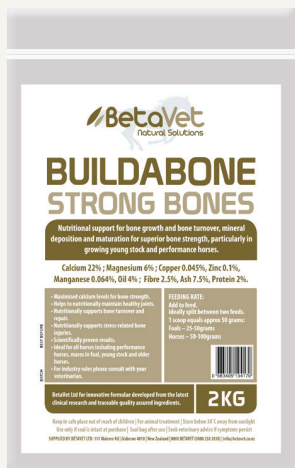


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## ALL AGED TROTTERS

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CHAPTER SEVEN	171	\$7,121,264
MUSCLE MASS	246	\$5,894,662
KADABRA	192	\$4,601,873
FATHER PATRICK	134	\$4,385,509
CANTAB HALL	208	\$4,290,680
SWAN FOR ALL	174	\$3,634,844
DONATO HANOVER	174	\$3,582,917
UNCLE PETER	146	\$3,096,298
TRIXTON	105	\$3,039,963
EXPLOSIVE MATTER	180	\$2,782,453
CREDIT WINNER	151	\$2,657,529
ROYALTY FOR LIFE	96	\$2,378,792
ARCHANGEL	77	\$1,977,073
TRIUMPHANT CAVIAR	75	\$1,621,691
ANDOVER HALL	112	\$1,611,221
MUSCLE MASSIVE	114	\$1,571,847
CASH HALL	70	\$1,569,094

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# REVISED YEARLING SALE PROGRAM FOR 2021 NATIONAL SERIES

NZB Standardbred has announced a revised schedule for their National Standardbred Yearling Sale held in Auckland and Christchurch from Saturday 13 to Wednesday 17 February 2021.

The refreshed schedule will allow international buyers to actively participate at a local time that is beneficial for them, and accommodate the bumper catalogue of entries received.

“Our main focus is to ensure that our schedule fits in with our international buying bench and provide them with the optimum time to purchase,” said NZB Director and Operations Manager James Jennings.

“Our domestic buying bench will also be just as important as ever and we will be working with them in the preceding months to ensure they are able to inspect as many horses as possible.”

“We believe a number of them will be called upon by their Australian counterparts to act on their behalf.”

“We have been extremely pleased by the support we have received from vendors and owners with the catalogue this year and look forward to hosting another successful Sale in February,” Jennings said.

NZB Standardbred has taken into account the unlikely prospects of the borders opening in the first half of next year.

“While both New Zealand and Australia are working hard



to get on top of COVID-19, the landscape has changed significantly in the last six months,” said NZB Standardbred’s Cam Bray.

“Although it is everyone’s hope that trans-Tasman travel becomes a reality, we have to plan for the situation to remain unchanged,” he said.

Parent company New Zealand Bloodstock’s recent announcement regarding the build of their new online bidding platform, adapted from their proven online auction subsidiary gavelhouse.com, describes the access buyers will have to a real-time stream of the sale broadcast and ability to bid with ease from laptops, tablets or mobile phone devices.

“The market is now much more receptive to online bidding as the results of the All Age Sale attested,” Jennings said.

“Technology will play a large role in the Sale next year and we are looking forward to the completion of our online bidding system which will be thoroughly tested in operation at preceding sales.”

“We will have of course the advantage of having all of our domestic buying bench at the sales, so it is another level up from an online sale.”

NZB Standardbred’s National Yearling Sale revised the sales format as follows:

### Auckland Sale to be held at Karaka:

Parade Day on Saturday 13 February from 1pm to 4pm (NZT).

The Sale of both Trotters and Pacers on Sunday 14 February commencing at 12pm (NZT).

### Christchurch Sale to be held at Canterbury Agricultural Park:

Parade & Sale of Trotters on Monday 15 February.  
Parade at 1pm (NZT) with the Sale starting at 3pm (NZT).

The sale of the Pacers will be conducted on Tuesday 16 and Wednesday 17 February

# FLETCHER PROUD AS PUNCH

JOSHUA SMITH

Royal Pride became his sire Royal Aspirations' first winner when he came storming home to take out the IRT. Your Horse. Our Passion. Trot (2600m) at Addington Raceway on Thursday night, and there was no one prouder than Fred Fletcher.

The Canterbury horseman bred, owns, and trains the three-year-old colt and he said it was a delight to get the first win for Royal Aspirations, a horse he trained to 18 victories, including the Gr.1 2YO Ruby (1609m).

In his first standing start, Royal Pride came away from the tapes in a gallop and took a little while to settle for driver Sam Thornley.

The pair were able to tack back on to the main bunch where they remained at the rear of the field for the majority of the race.

Perennial bridesmaid Queen Of Strathfield looked to have the race won halfway down the straight, however, Royal Pride showed a blistering turn of foot to run her down and claim a head victory.

Fletcher was thrilled with the win and said the colt is starting to realise his potential.

"It was very good, the only thing was I expected him to trot away," Fletcher said. "He just got a bit of a fright when one galloped and that put him off his game. He is quite a sensible horse.

"That was his first standing start. He went terrific afterwards and ran home pretty quick.

"He has been running out of the gate in 26 quarters in those mobiles and has been running home in 57. They were a bit short for him and now he is maturing to where we want him. He is a pretty nice animal."

Fletcher was also pleased with stablemate Royal Del's third-placing and he believes the son of Royal Aspirations also has a bright future.

"Royal Del is a pretty nice horse too," Fletcher said. "He had a few problems early on. We took him to trials and he was winning and doing things absolutely perfectly and all of a sudden he would break coming out of the gate.

"So I turned him out and gelded him, then brought him back and he went well at the trials at Ashburton the other day. He went well last night, he was probably a run short.

"I thought coming around the last corner her would just about win, but I always thought the other one (Royal Pride) was an ounce quicker."

With his eye-catching win Royal Pride has booked himself a return trip to Addington Raceway for New Zealand Cup Day, while a more scenic assignment is in the offing for Royal Del.



*Fred Fletcher looking like he's just won the lotto last Thursday*

"At this stage, I am looking at Cup Day for Royal Pride, there is a 2600m standing start, and we might head to Kaikoura with Royal Del."

Both three-year-olds are by Royal Aspirations, a stallion Fletcher has a huge rap on.

Early on in his racing career Fletcher thought the son of Monarchy had the potential to be the best square-gaiter New Zealand had seen. High praise from a man who has trained a number of top-line trotters, including the incomparable Sundon.

"If he hadn't had got an injury as a late two-year-old I think he could have been the best trotter New Zealand has had," Fletcher said.

"He was never right but he still held five New Zealand records at one stage. He couldn't go early because of his problem and he was always so gutsy, he tried so hard."

While Fletcher was impressed with Royal Aspirations' athleticism, it was his mental aptitude that really captured Fletcher's admiration.

"I am a great heart man and he has got a great heart," he said.

"He could stay all day because of his heart and could carry speed for a long way, but we never saw the best of him."

A colonial-bred stallion, Royal Aspirations hasn't served large books in his first four seasons at stud, but he has been well-patronised by Fletcher's mares and he is over the moon with his progeny.

"It's hard to make it as a New Zealand stallion when they have got all of these imported stallions and breeders are willing to pay the \$12,000 and \$14,000 service fees," Fletcher said.

"I only bred four the first year with him and we have had two to race and another one qualified, and the other one is about a month away from qualifying. So the whole four of them are going to be racehorses.

"I have got five two-year-olds and they are very nice horses. I think he is on his way but it will take the public a while to wake up."

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# LEXINGTON SALE POSTS SECOND HIGHEST GROSS IN ITS HISTORY

DAVE BRIGGS

The 2020 Lexington Selected Yearling Sale concluded Friday night (Oct. 9) with the second highest gross and fourth best average in its history, despite being conducted during a pandemic. The strong final totals were propelled by the most successful final night in the sale's history based on every category.

Friday's session, which was made up of mostly Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky-breds, saw 168 yearlings sell for a total gross of \$4,943,000 for an average of \$29,423 and a median of \$20,000. Six yearlings reached \$100,000 or more.

"Tonight, it was just a whole different feel," said Spring Haven's Senena Esty. "The vibe, the excitement... You know, us Ohio people, we get excited. There was a lot of people and the whoopin' and hollerin', I haven't seen that down here in ages. I thought it was fantastic."

Through five nights, 816 yearlings were sold, grossing \$41,552,000 for an average of \$50,922. The median was \$32,000 and 107 yearlings sold for \$100,000 or more.

Only the gross in 2019 (\$46,480,000) was higher. Only the averages in 2019 (\$60,997), 2017 (\$58,537) and 2018 (\$56,652) were higher.

The 2019 sale set records for gross and average. About the only stat that was down in 2019 was the number of yearlings sold for \$100,000 or more (121 in 2019 compared to 124 in 2018)

The 2019 sale will be best remembered for its off-the-charts opening session in which not one, but two, yearlings sold for \$1 million or more. The full-brother to Greenshoe sold for \$1.1 million and the full-brother to Propulsion sold for \$1 million.

The 2020 sale will be remembered for triumphing over a number of major challenges, the biggest one being a global pandemic.

"I'm thrilled," said Randy Manges, who manages the sale with David Reid. "We averaged \$56,000 last year and \$50,000 this year. We could've averaged \$50,000 without COVID-19, so I'm very pleased with the sale and really pleased with tonight.

"The crowd was good, too. To me, that was so good to see. You walked out there and there was a buzz, especially after one would bring \$100,000. We had the Steve Elliotts, the Brian Browns, of course, they buy a lot of the higher ones, too, but those guys being here, staying after five days of sales and being here for the last session,



*Kadena, a Walner filly out of Mission Brief, was the sale topper*

faces come into town... and from Randy and my point of view to structure a session like tonight just adds appreciation for the marketplace because they delivered.

"It was just a really good night to end the week on and put the 2020 yearling sale in the books.

"To pull this off, in light of everything, I know we talked about the pandemic, but we really didn't talk about the stakes being cancelled, the purses for certain Sires Stakes programs being diminished and the racetracks being closed for a period of time... the gross dollars for purses were down significantly. That was my biggest concern coming in, personally, and how would that affect the overall marketplace. Now we've concluded the five nights, we've sold more horses this year and the gross is \$41.5 million, which would be the second-highest grossing sale ever done here for us. That's really satisfying."

Esty said, "everyone was on pins and needles" coming into the sale, "At least we were, just not knowing the protocol, if people were going to come, or if they were scared... just the whole thing with what's going on in the world, so we just felt very blessed that there was a sale, number one, and just very thankful that we were able to come here and sell our horses. We had a very good sale the first couple of nights and then not so much, here and there the next couple nights... it was kind of pick and choose. It was a bit of a roller coaster ride, to be honest, but we made up for it tonight and we're very happy.

"I think it just goes to prove that Ohio, we're finally stepping into the limelight. We're showing that we have a good, solid program. We have so many different avenues that we can race — Sires Stakes, Stallion Series, county fair races, which is the heart of it all."

The four highest-priced yearlings sold on Friday were all sired by Ohio's Downbytheseaside.

"We've been doing this regional program on the last day for about five years and it's always worked out well for us," Manges said. "We sold one for \$300,000 a couple years ago and one for \$200,000 tonight. We sold several for over \$100,000 and always, over the last three years I think, the highest priced on the last night was either an Ohio or Indiana-bred."

The session topper was Hip #836 Sea Lionness, a Downbytheseaside filly out of Lionness Hanover purchased by Greg Luther of Ohio and consigned by Spring Haven



Farm, agent. Luther also purchased Hip #721 Noa Blu, a Downbytheseaside filly out of Catharsis, that was sold by Crawford Farms.

"She's a gorgeous filly," Luther said of Sea Lionnees. "She stands well, she's perfect conformation. Spring Haven raised her, which is one of the most respectable farms in Ohio. Gorgeous filly, she really stood out. I had my vet look at her and he looked at nine horses for me and he said 'she's the standout.'

Esty said, "We didn't expect \$200,000, but we definitely knew she was our consignment sale-topper, without a doubt. She was a beautiful, beautiful filly. Hickory Lane Farm in Findley raised her and they did a superb job."

Luther said Noa Blu's video was amazing.

"She had a really good video, looked strong. I felt that she definitely had the pedigree she needs. I thought she'd go for \$50,000 or \$60,000, but I was going to buy her no matter what she sold for."

At the Lexington sale, Luther spent \$583,000 to buy seven yearlings.

"I'm actually doing what we call 'the million-dollar experiment,' so I'm investing a million dollars in horse, in yearlings, this year. I've been in the business for 30 years and my dream has always been to win the Little Brown Jug or Jugette, one or the other," Luther said. "My brother trains for me, Todd Luther, and we're right there in Ohio and Delaware has always been the home track.

"We've bought four or five horses for six figures this year, trying to win that big race. That's on my bucket list."

The other Downbytheseasides that were in the top four were: Hip #794 Bythemissal, a Downbytheseaside colt out of Dismissal, was purchased by Josh Green, agent for Eric Good of Delaware out of the Preferred Equine consignment for \$135,000 and Hip #730 Coastal Front, a Downbytheseaside colt out of She's Poison, was sold for \$115,000 to Don Robinson, agent, out of Winbak Farm's consignment.

"I'm really excited about Downbytheseaside," Luther said. "I'm putting a lot of faith in Downbytheseaside this year, but those horses look amazing. I'm really excited to invest back in the business and try to get into a position where we can play with the big guys."

This is the first year the sale offered online bidding through Proxibid and bids made through the online portal accounted for \$2.5 million in sales for 79 sold.

"I think it was a savior for this sale, this year," Manges said. "We used it in Ohio as well - we arranged for that before we knew about COVID-19... I don't know how the thoroughbred people feel about it, but I think it was a savior for us."

Reid's Preferred Equine led all consignors with \$8,153,000 in sales for 144 yearlings sold. In 2019, Preferred set a

personal record for gross sales with \$9,731,000 for 137 yearlings sold.

This year, Preferred was followed by Hunterton (\$6,094,000 for 108 yearlings), Kentuckiana (\$5,999,000 for 96 yearlings) and Winbak Farm (\$2,589,000 for 93 yearlings).

Concord Stud led all consignors in average with \$124,357 for 14 sold. Blue Chip Farms was second in average (\$73,000 for 12 yearlings sold), followed by Brittany Farms LLC (\$72,611 for 18 sold).

Andy Miller was the top buyer with \$2,293,000 spent, in total, on 19 yearlings. Nancy Takter was second with \$1,628,000 spent on 14 yearlings, followed by Ake Svanstedt (\$1,482,000 on 12 yearlings) and Burke Racing Stable (\$1,163,000 on 15 yearlings).

Muscle Hill led all stallions in gross sales (\$6,493,000) and average (\$132,510) with three or more sold. First-crop sire Walner was second in gross (\$4,852,000). The leading pacer by money and average was Captaintreacherous (\$2,853,000 and \$98,379).

"We've got to thank the buyers, got to thank the breeders, the men and women that travelled here and bid on horses...we just can't thank them enough and wish them nothing but the best. Hopefully, they get a champion that can be on the cover of the catalogue one day," Reid said.

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Dave McCarthy C/O All Stars Website

All Stars has produced any number of winners bought from Australia over the years and RIVEERED is only one of the latest. And capable of adding large to his record yet.

Mark and Natalie were hardly buying blind. Just the opposite. Riveered was by Bettor's Delight and you don't get much more proven than that; just as importantly he was from a mare by Safely Kept one of the best kept secrets of All Stars success with Australian stock.

Think Safely Kept mares and think Smolda, Vincent and Kept Under Wraps for starters. All G1 winners, two of them two of the best horses in the history of All Stars. So when you add on that the millionaire pacer, Caribbean Blaster is closely related and one of the few others in this successful family by Bettor's Delight-well it's hard to keep your bidding finger in your pocket right ?

Incidentally Rock Legend, another promising three year old in the stable, temporarily sidelined, is also from a Safely Kept mare- and by Bettor's Delight's brother Roll With Joe. There have been several others through the stable over the years including War Dan which is doing well still in Australia after being repatriated there. He won the Caduceus Club (G2) at Cranbourne and Group placings in the Gold Chalice Final to Lifeonthebeach. He has won over \$180,000 for Danny Zavitsanos



Safely Kept was a top pacer who won the North America Cup but on the then popular breeding lines in the US he was not quite in the top echelon. In Australia he started fairly slowly then became over the years a highly influential stallion.

He was especially able to sire early speed, one of his best, Manifold Bay, winning the Breeders Crown Juvenile at only his third start and later the Chariots, WA Derby and Golden Nugget even though often unsound. Safely Kept was three times the leading two and three year old sire and is also a leading broodmare sire in that area.

His own sire Jate Lobell became celebrated in America eventually but not immediately. Himself a blazing two year old and a very successful sire (average earnings to starters \$82,000) standing at a top stud, he left stars but not real superstars -which you have to do in the land of opportunity. He is best known in this part of the world besides Safely Kept by the deeds of Village Jasper a very successful stallion and broodmare sire in Australia.

But Safely Kept had another string to his bow. As an unexpected success as a sire of trotters.

La Coocharacha was the best of many. She was usually said to be pacing bred and Safely Kept certainly was. You had to go back to 1935 to find a trotting sire in his maternal pedigree and almost as far to find one in Jate Lobell's.

We never want to get too technical here but there is another interesting cross featured in Riveered's family.

His dam Arivee was the only foal from her prolific dam, Willing Greek, to be by Safely Kept. Just to show the luck of the draw, incidentally, the only one by Bettor's Delight was a failure at stud.

But there was another cross.

Arivee the dam of Riveered was Willing Greek's 6th foal. The first, Kalypto, was a handy race filly and a good broodmare. The second Xiphias was moderate but the third, Katasopos, left the \$300,000 winner Copper Coast.

A full brother to Katasopos came next and won 44 races but of over 200 starts and not a lot of money. The fifth, Teebone Woody, was by Village Jasper but did not make the grade. Arivee did winning 13 races and over \$80,000 though her biggest winning stake was under \$5000.

Willing Greek was a test of faith missing for 6 of the next 7 years and then leaving Grand Stride (Artiscape) winner of over \$300,000, the best being the G1 APG 3yo final and the Breeders Challenge the same season. He also won the Allied Express (G2) as an older horse for the McCarthy stable.

After missing another two years Willing Greek left the 1.52.2 filly Sapphire Stride winner of the G1 Breeders Challenge for John McCarthy but yet to fire at stud and then Dragon Stride before missing for another 6 years, and then her last foal not being worth the wait. Frustrating.

Riveered's dam Arivee inherited the habit and missed for 6 of her first 8 seasons at stud and also has had a rocky time since Riveered arrived. Of interest is that her first foal, Eye Like Candy, is the dam of Jawbreaker which is raced by a Kennard Syndicate through the Michael House stable with which the Kennards have always been associated, Michael being their first trainer.

They bought the youngster in Australia and he has a win from 9 starts and a recent placing at Addington. It is a rather odd family, coming from obscurity to leave top horses but often with lulls in between their appearances.

As Forrest Gump told us life is a box of chocolates and breeding horses is no different.

Having Safely Kept in there somewhere though is undoubtedly a bonus

## **BULL BURSTS PAST \$2 MILLION**

Adam Hamilton

IT was the moment Gary Hall Sr felt would never happen.

In fact, Chicago Bull topping \$2 million in stake money came almost two years to the day since a freakish accident in New Zealand almost ended his career.

He became the 21st Australasian pacer to top \$2 million in earnings and that's despite effectively missing what would've been the prime 18 months of his career. Who knows what might have been.

Chicago Bull's effortless win in Friday night's \$50,000 Group 2 Mount Eden Sprint (1730m) at Gloucester Park took his earnings to \$2,002,531.

The rising eight-year-old has won a staggering 57 of his 86 starts with another 23 placings.

Yes, Chicago Bull has only missed a place six times in his 86 starts, but it's gets better.

Four of his unplaced runs came in his seven NZ runs before joining Hall Sr's stable.

So in 79 starts for Hall Sr he's only been unplaced twice ... and both of those he ran fourth.

"He's amazing on so many levels," Hall Sr said. "I never imagined he'd be here, doing this now, after what happened in Auckland. It's really a miraculous comeback (from fractures in his spine).

"We were devastated at the time. He was just going to the next level and had everything in front of him.

"It was touch and go whether he'd ever make it back to the track.



“Even when he did, we didn’t know what to expect. You couldn’t really think he’d get back to his best, but he really does seem as though he has.

“People say he’s better than ever, but he’s not. They’re just forgetting how good he was when he got the injury.”

Chicago Bull led easily from the pole with main danger Shockwave dropping in behind him and slick beginner Vampiro being snagged back from a wide draw (gate seven).

The first 500m was a dawdle, then driver Gary Hall Jr put the foot down with a 27.7sec second spot.

To Shockwave’s credit, driver Aiden de Campo came off the leader’s back to challenge for the last lap and they scorched a 26.6sec split from the 800–400m, while Chicago Bull still finished–off in 27.6sec to win 6.3m over a very gallant Shockwave. Vampiro grabbed the eye in third spot.

Chicago Bull ran the last 1200m in a staggering 1min21.9sec.

## **DIAMONDS DAY FEATURES READY TO GO**

All is ready for the running of several of the Diamonds Day feature events that could not take place at the traditional time of year due to Covid restrictions earlier in the year at today’s Invercargill Harness Racing Club meeting at Ascot Park Raceway in Invercargill.

Racing commences at 2.48pm and with the lengthy southern twilight the last is set to run at 7.41pm allowing plenty of time for people who are working on the day to get along and catch plenty of action with all the feature events scheduled from after 5.00pm.

Three Group 3 races - the Alabar Southern Supremacy Stakes Final, the Macca Lodge/Nevele R Stud Southland

Oaks Final and the Diamond Creek Farm Classic are on the programme along with the Southern Belle Series Final supported by the Southern Standardbred Breeders Assn, Macca Lodge and Vet South Equine.

Admission to the course on the day will be free.

## **METHVEN GEARING UP FOR TWILIGHT MEETING**

The Methven Club is gearing up for its third meeting of the season which takes place this Friday, 30 October with the first of 8 races kicking off at 3pm.

The theme of the day is various local rural contractors and firms who are doing the sponsoring. This is only the second time the Methven Club has attempted a twilight meeting and the club is hoping patrons and bettors will enjoy the change.

Friday’s meeting follows on from a very successful Methven Cup Day in October where a record turnover was achieved. The club and McLeod family are very grateful for the generosity of patrons, who donated over \$2000 for the two youngsters who are battling spinal muscular atrophy, a great effort, god bless you all.

Stage one of the club’s housing development Equus Park is almost completely sold already, great work Dave Barley, Nigel Armstrong, Mark Lemon, Hamish Molloy, Ricky May and many others it will be very satisfying seeing the fruits of so many years of work going ahead... but for now see you Friday at Mount Harding track where the forecast is sun, sun, sun and lots of fun.

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