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## Brad Reid

This week the NZB Standardbred tour headed to the far south to inspect the Southern Bred Southern Reared yearlings.

Before heading to the airport I made the prudent move of asking what the weather was like, despite showing a reasonable outlook.

"Triple rug, like our yearlings," said SBSR front man, Mark Smith.

Having arrived earlier than the tour contingent, I did chuckle as I watched a large group of horsemen arrive off the plane in t shirts and shorts, only to scramble for the warmest item they had packed.

Going from 38 to 14 degrees was as a big change from Christchurch the week before!

The tours in 2020 have been well-supported and this was no different, capitalising on the momentum built from the previous two and the clout established via the SBSR brand in years prior.

We started the tour by making the short journey to Mark and Pauline O'Connor's to take in the Denario Breeding and Foveaux Standardbred's drafts.

Brittany Willis led the way with her two yearlings from the Kamwood family, a Betting Line colt and American Ideal filly who seemed to bring the sunshine out with them.

The Denario team had a year off last year but have come back with some wind in their 'sales' (bad attempt at a pun). Having invested in the American bred mare Wantapieceofme 18 months ago, they will be thrilled with the lovely Always B Miki filly she has left them.

Wantapieceofme's half-sister (Shebestingin) is still Bettors Delight fastest global performer with a time of 1:47 which until recently was the world mare's record broken by none other than Shartin!

3 x 3 to Western Ideal and the 2nd dam being by Abercrombie is some blood rarely seen in the Southern Hemisphere and she would have serious residual value at stud.

Heading north to the Winton home of John and Katrina Price, we were greeted by even more sunshine, an even larger crowd and the drafts of Price Bloodstock and White Stables.

Having since sold One Over Lodge to Ray Kennedy, Lex and Heather Williams were looking rather relaxed for this time of year but it was easy to see why. Their draft of two were in safe hands at White Stables and presented super.

The Art Major half to Flying Even Bettor looked mightily impressive, and even more so when you read the print that he is in fact a January foal.

John and Katrina Price were looking sharp in their burnt orange polos but were easily outdone by their yearlings. The first foal from Group One winner Democrat Party had plenty of interested eyes and is a smart looking son of Bettor's Delight! American Ideal mares are starting to leave their imprint at stud and with Soky's Atom and Butler BG on the bottom line already, he doesn't lack for breeding. A betting man would say the Barry Purdon camp might be interested!

We didn't have to go far to see the draft of Michelle Caig who is coming off the back of two bumper sales. It's not often you sell a trotter for \$90,000 and say you came away with a blood nose, but an accident the day before last year's sale saw Michelle nursing some bad facial injuries.

I saw my first Creatine yearling in the flesh being a half to Group One winner Renezmae and he looked great. However, I was really taken by the Rock N Roll Heaven colt out of Zoes Charm. He presented big and strong and looked ready to go in a cart tomorrow!

The last stop of Day One is now the stuff of legend and will one day be discussed in Southland school curriculums.

How a spread of food can rival the spread of yearlings that in past years has included the likes of Beaudiene Bad Babe, Beaudiene Boaz & Imthemightyquinn is beyond me but Dave and Dawn Kennedy only have themselves to blame!

This year's Beaudiene draft included something so rare it could be described as a unicorn with Dave branching out and purchasing trotting mare, Ugly Betty. Having mated her with Quaker Jet, the resulting yearling oozed class and added some real flavour to the buffet of pacers.

I made the fatal mistake of pulling the blackout curtains at the Ascot Park Hotel and managed to

miss the bus to Shard Farm at 7am for the start of Day Two.

More concerning than the fact I slept through my alarm was that nobody on the bus realised I was missing! I've had a chuckle over the 5 years at those who have failed to rise but this time the shoe was on the other foot.

Thankfully it was a six-minute ride in a cab, no harm done, but it got the heart rate up first thing in the morning. Upon arriving at Shard Farm and seeing the yearlings in their boxes, I could imagine the draft of Mark and Debbie Smith got the heart rates climbing early also.

The filly out of Pemberton Shard is an absolute beaut and so too is the filly out of her mother in Sly Shard. Both are daughters of Bettor's Delight and it was hard to get a photo amongst all the interested parties.

We were on the road for just under an hour as we headed to Macca Lodge, the largest stud farm by number of resident mares in the South Island.

On the way out you find yourself mesmerized by paddock after paddock of lush green grass. Even just standing on farm at Dave and Dawn's you had to look skyward to see a colour other than green.

Brent, Sheree & Caine Macintyre had Macca Lodge looking a picture and have the distinction of being the first place you could remove a layer of clothing.

Glorious sunshine was met with the largest draft for the Macca team in a few years!

Three trotters and three pacers strutted their stuff and the first one out of the boxes was a Father Patrick colt closely related to Stig which is a very deep maternal family going back to Naraya and her half-sister Nakura.

What fascinated me was the mare being by Angus Hall and the close up breeding of the famous Hall relatives. The grand dam of Cantab Hall (sire of Father Patrick) is a full sister to the dam of Angus Hall (also Conway and Andover).

The Betting Line filly out of Grace Lady who herself is a half to Kabet and Spring Campaign was a looker and so too the Captaintreacherous filly, with many of the tour contingent taking anything by the leading North American 2 and 3-year-old sire very seriously.

A nice drive across to the foothills of the Blue Mountains found us at Arden Lodge in Tapanui, home to John and Judy Stiven who had their son Lee leading the yearling draft.

A favourite of mine was the only Somebeachsomewhere filly in the Christchurch sales this year out of the 2008 NZ Two-year-old Filly of the Year, Ardens Darlin. She was

well mannered and had a nice over reach as she walked.

Any commercial breeder looking to develop their broodmare band would be silly not to seriously consider Lot 289. The daughter of Sweet Lou out Broodmare of Excellence winner, Winter Rose will never have any shortage of black type on the page and looked to have all the credentials of her racey siblings.

The penultimate stop on the tour was that of Tuapeka Lodge, a farm with a rich history of preparing yearlings having done so for over half a century.

The manners of these yearlings were a credit to Father Dan who as the years go on has not lost any of his Midas touch.

The American Ideal out of the speedy mare Break Dance was my pick on type and manners. There was something about him that said pick me and while the American Ideal stock has tended to be overlooked in New Zealand (but why?!), it was hard to look past this guy.

The A Rocknroll Dance filly who is a half to Culpeka wasn't to be outdone either as she had a beautiful way of walking and another with a lovely big over reach as she strode about.

After a day and a bit of travelling and a long trek to Wingatui for the last leg of the tour, there was definitely a few horseman looking for a spell and a lie down.

They all certainly perked up when what could be the last of broodmare gem Asabella's stock presented looking a million dollars. They could run another page adjacent to the one she is allowed and it would still read as a single dam pedigree page, such is the quality of this family which has only been strengthened by the likes of Princess Tiffany.

Art Major mare, Tandias Bromac is leaving some lovely stock and her Bettor's Delight filly presented beautifully. She has been aided by her full brother and \$95,000 purchase qualifying recently which is continuing the great run of form for the Taffy breed at present.

Just like that another SBSR Tour was over and in five days' time the first lot of yearlings will go under the hammer at Karaka.

It was without a doubt the best turn out SBSR has ever had which is saying something, and hopefully translates to a strong buying bench come Monday.

NZB Standardbred Chief executive Andrew Seabrook hopes the strong turnout at yearling inspections will be followed by strong interest when the horses hit the sales ring.

"Everyone keeps saying this is the most people they have had on the tour ever."

"We saw some really nice horses."

"There seems to be a bit of buoyancy around. Not only judging by this tour, but by the other tours, it should be a good sale."

Seabrook is expecting increased interest from Australian buyers.

"Interest from Australia is good. The success of New Zealand horses over there continues, so that has helped."

"I think we will have more Australians than last year and we have some Americans coming down, too."







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# **GENETICS KEY TO TAFFY OPERATION**

## **Bruce Stewart**

Since 2014 Southlanders Todd and Fleur Anderson have been buying Standardbred bloodstock in a well-researched and measured way.

Todd, is heavily into genetics due to his stud stock background in sheep, cattle and deer, and has applied that way of thinking to every purchase and over the past six years when acquiring some of New Zealand's best broodmares.

Todd's family background doesn't feature harness racing at all. In fact he was a city boy with a yearning for the country, and it was a pathway he was determined to follow.

"I grew up in town (Invercargill) but wanted to go farming because I loved animals," he said.

Racing was a feature in his early life.

"I've always enjoyed the races. Dad and my uncle Alister Hopkinson (former All Black) used to listen to races while they were peeling spuds when we were away on holiday in the summer."

Fleur also fondly remembers going to the races. Her fathers' family lived at Leeston where her grandfather was a stock agent for Dalgetys.

"Going to Motukarara was part of my racing experience that's for sure," she said.

After completing his secondary years at James Hargest High School Todd headed off to Lincoln University and living in Canterbury gave him access to racing at Addington.

"It was the time Il Vicolo was going well and we'd go to the Cup because we'd finished our exams," he said.

Todd graduated in 1995 with a Bachelor of Agricultural Commerce, majoring in Farm Management and Rural Valuation and then he headed into the rural finance sector where he worked for ten years.

Based at the BNZ Offices in Invercargill he said he picked up lots of advice that would serve him well in later years.

"A client of mine said 'an opportunity normally knocks once. You choose whether you take it or not'."

After his time with the bank Todd has worked for local company Wrightson Real Estate selling rural property.

They moved to their current property east of Centre Bush in March 2009.

On their 325ha's they run Romney and Southdown Sheep Stud, cattle and breed red deer for velvet. They also have interests in dairying.

So with all these commitments, is there room or desire to have mares and foals on farm?

"We have a busy family life, especially with the kids and their activities, I'm not saying never, however at the moment we haven't got the time. We think we're very lucky that we've got people looking after our horses who have great skills. I'm not professing to have those skills."

So to the horses.

In May 2014 Todd and Fleur purchased their first broodmare Beaudiene Bad Babe. Bred in Western Southland by Dave Kennedy, the Badland's Hanover mare was a true Southland favourite. She ultimately won 22 races and earned \$404,898 in stakes.

"We were really stoked to get her. One of the races I love the most of all her wins was when she won at Cambridge the week before the Jewels. She got parked three wide. We didn't own her then but you could watch that a few times and get a real thrill. She was as tough as."

Beaudiene Bad Babe's wins included the Group One Harness Jewels Four Year Old Diamond, Southland Oaks and the Caduceus Club Premier Mares Championship (twice).

"I thought I might have done something with horses when I was in my 60s. Fleur has always been very supportive and she said 'you never know what life brings.' She's probably rueing the day she said that."

As a broodmare Beaudiene Bad Babe hasn't had too much luck.

So it is so pleasing to see the very promising Bad To The Bone race, he has won two races and placed second in the PGGW Sales Final (Listed) in a short career and is the broodmare's first racehorse.

After Beaudiene Bad Babe, Cheer The Lady was Todd and Fleur's next purchase.

"Someone said to me, what would be good now is to get hold of an Oaks winner. We bought her back from America. Barry Purdon trained her and she won the Oaks and The Breeders Crown.

Through this early buying processes Fleur saw firsthand the amount of study Todd put into each pedigree and it reminded her of the early part of their relationship.

"When I first met Todd he wanted to get into the stud sheep game. One of the top breeders in New Zealand was selling his sheep. Todd had the catalogue and knew what he wanted.

"When I bought those stud sheep I basically bought the top families. I do look at type but I think you've got a better chance when you've got a pedigree as well," Todd added.

The Andersons had the assistance of experienced Bloodstock Agent Paul Davies to do the negotiations and finalise the deals.

They also seek the advice of Bloodstock agent Peter Lagan who's been in the industry for 45 years and there's no one that knows pedigrees like Peter, Todd added.

Alabar's Graeme Henley has also provided Todd with plenty of good advice.

"Graeme's been amazing. There are just so many good people out there. You just hope coming into the industry that you can mix with some of those people. I think it's really exciting."

Another mare they purchased in 2015 was The Fascinator which was trained by Tony Herlihy.

After winning the Listed Northern Mares Classic, Todd and Fleur bought the Bettor's Delight mare and at her first start for her new owners she won the North Island Breeders Stakes.

"Tony said we could still race her through the winter. We never got to see her race but Fleur's family who in Auckland all went to the races and met Tony. They had two or three nights at Alexandra Park when she won. That was a fantastic experience," said Fleur.

Safedra (Mach Three) is a mare they bought in 2017 and she's doing a fantastic job for the Andersons. Her Bettor's Delight daughter Dr Susan recently completed a successful three race campaign in Australia, winning the Group Two Raith Memorial in 1-52.1 and then taking out the 2020 Victoria Oaks Final – a \$150,000 Group One race at Melton.

Other mares on the books are Tandias Bromac (Art Major), De Lovely (Falcon Seelster), Imaginary Bet (Bettor's Delight), Shimmy Shoes (Bettor's Delight), Gotta Go Harmony (Christian Cullen), Supersonic Miss (Mach Three), Te Amo Bromac (Mach Three), Joanne's A Delight (Bettor's Delight) and Spanish Armada (Bettor's Delight).

Joanne's A Delight, Spanish Armada and Cheers The Lady all have Art Major colts in this month's Auckland sale.

The Anderson's philosophy when getting into Standardbred breeding was to target nice, well-bred mares.

"If you buy a nice page (pedigree page) it can never change. It does cost quite a bit to get a yearling to the sales therefore to make it more viable you probably needed to target the upper bracket. There's an old saying – if you've got a dog in a kennel that's poorly bred it costs the same to feed it as a well-bred dog. So I'd sooner have the well-bred one. Horses can come from anywhere but I still believe in maternal lines."

He says regardless of the pedigree page the yearling still has to be well put together and correct.

"You still have to have an article to sell which is not always guaranteed. I think that's what we've tried to do. If you've got a strong page and an article it gives you a fair chance of getting a good result."

Under their company name "Taffy" colts and fillies from their mares are on the market.

"We set ourselves up to be yearling sellers."

But he said they may keep some fillies at some point.

At a time when a number of breeders have got out of the industry the Andersons have been a welcome addition to the breeding and yearling sales ranks.

"My grandfather used to say 'when someone is going one way go the other.' But we're now at a stage where we don't have to rush to buy mares."

One thing he is passionate about is giving fillies and mares more racing opportunities because too many are being lost overseas.

In addition to pacing mares the Andersons own a number a well-bred trotting mares including Angus Hall mare Petite One. She raced only twenty nine times over five seasons, winning seven races. She was good enough to win a race as a two year old.

Her pedigree goes back to Pride Of Petite the winner of thirty five races, and globetrotting mare Petite Evander the winner of twenty one races in New Zealand, twenty six in North America and one in Sweden.

Anderson says Petite One has been served by Tactical Landing – a son of Muscle Hill who is out of Southwind Serena a daughter of Varenne.

"He (Varenne) was a French stallion who they reckon was the best trotter the world has ever seen."

Other trotting mares include Eilish Aimee (Love You) who's in foal to Father Patrick, San Diego Love (Love You) whose been served by Andover Hall and Angus Hall mare Missandi, which is in foal to Love You.

"Love You is coming to the end of his career and when you go through (the stud book) most of his mares are in Australia."

Most of the Taffy mares are located in the South Island and up until recently were looked after by David Shadbolt in Canterbury.

"David's got to a stage where he didn't want to foal mares anymore so we've got our mares out with Laura Smith at Cust. We're very lucky. She's a lovely lady and very good with the mares and the foals."

In the past, good friends Robert and Sandy Mitchell at Raglan have prepared the Andersons yearlings for the Auckland Sales.

"This is their last yearling sale and they're preparing one of their own. Robert said 'I wish you'd driven up the drive ten years ago."

Consequently, this year for the first time Todd and Fleur's North Island draft is been prepped by Logan Hollis and Shane Robertson.

Also, for the first time one of their yearlings is being prepared in the South under the Southern Bred Southern Reared banner.

This came about when Todd was talking to fellow southern breeder Phil Creighton who was looking to find a mare with a filly foal to run with his mare who had a filly foal.

Todd has recently joined the committee of the Southland Standardbred Breeders Association and doesn't rule out more of his stock being prepared in the area.

"I think SBSR is awesome. There are some really lovely horses being bred in Southland."

The Andersons have small shares in the following two fillies: Platinum (Art Major – De Lovely) which qualified recently at Cambridge and Mia Ragazza (Art Major – Te Amo Bromac).

They're also members of the Own the Moment Syndicate formed by Southland trainer Kirk Larsen and his wife Michelle.

The syndicate have a promising two year old Somebeachsomewhere gelding Oneloveonelife and a Mach Three gelding McLaren.

"Michelle and Kirk have done a great thing. We went into that solely because we thought 'good on them for introducing more people to harness racing,'" said Todd.

Between bringing up a family of teenagers, running a busy farm and thinking about their Standardbred breeding and racing stock life is pretty full on for Todd and Fleur Anderson.

With the yearling sales fast approaching the work has been done and in the next two weeks buyers will decide what their ten nicely bred yearlings will sell for.

The page will turn to a new chapter, and no doubt there'll be more exciting times to come.



Lot 313- Bettor's Delight x Beaudiene Bad Babe



LOT 42  
Lot 42; Art Major x Spanish Armada

**Lot 154:**

Shooosh  
*Majestic Son*  
*x Shutterup*

Bay filly by Australasia's leading Trotting Sire out of a one win S J's Photo half-sister to the champion Sovereignty and eight other race winners.



**Lot 249:**

Secret Cocktail  
*Bettor's Delight*  
*x Secret Lotion*

Bay filly by the greatest pacing sire of all time, out of a race winning full sister to dual **Group 1** winner Secret Potion.



**Lot 346:**

Step It Up A Notch  
*Rock N Roll Heaven*  
*x Bury My Heart*

Bay colt by an X Factor sire out of a 13 win In The Pocket mare and mother of **Group 1** winner Texican.



All yearlings exercised on the Water Walker and handled/prepared by Stephen Boyd and fed a grain free diet!

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# **SHORT SNIPPETS**

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## **Foal Registration is April 1st!**

Foal registration is due by April 1st 2020, and you do not have to name your baby.

Some breeders have missed the decision of the HRNZ Board to drop the 1 March registration date. Do not panic, you have another month to complete the paperwork and make your registration payment.

## **The Winston Specials: Standout Yearlings**

In 2018 the Racing Minister delivered on his promise to provide a special income tax regime for standout yearlings.

Today the IRD has advised NZSBA and HRNZ that the sales threshold figures are (a) fillies purchased for \$88,000 or more and (b) colts purchased for \$117,000 or more.

Yearlings purchased above these prices are treated as breeding bloodstock and special deductions are available. You do not need to be a tax registered breeder to claim these deductions.

Details of the requirements under the scheme are available if you follow this [link](#)

Any questions you are welcome to contact John Mooney [john@thebreeders.co.nz](mailto:john@thebreeders.co.nz) or 021 614 190

## **2020 All Age Sale Call for Entries**

Monday, February 10, 2020

Entries are now open for NZB Standardbred's 2020 All Age Sale, with sessions to be held in Auckland and Christchurch.

The format for the 2020 Sale will see two one day sessions held on Friday 17 April at Canterbury Agricultural Park and Monday 4 May at Karaka, featuring a selection of the very best weanlings, yearlings, broodmares and mixed bloodstock New Zealand has to offer.

All Weanlings and unbroken Yearlings offered at the Sale are eligible for the new NZB Standardbred Harness Million Series. Sell your stock with confidence at NZB Standardbred's 2020 All Age Sale.

Entries close Wednesday 26 February at 5pm, with entry forms available online or can be requested by emailing [rachel.deegan@nzb.co.nz](mailto:rachel.deegan@nzb.co.nz) or calling 03 381 0141.

For all general enquiries please contact Cam Bray 021 737 199 or James Jennings 027 223 3333.

### **Important Dates:**

2020 All Aged Sale – Christchurch

Friday 17 April at Canterbury Agricultural Park

2020 All Aged Sale – Auckland

Monday 4 May at the Karaka Sale Complex

## **Davidson du Pont wins Prix de France**

Davidson du Pont (7m Pacha du Pont-Laguna du Pont), off at 1.3/1 as favorite, and reined expertly by his trainer Jean Michel Bazire, held off the magnificent late rush from 2.4/1 Face Time Bourbon (5m Ready Cash-Vita Bourbon) to win the Gr. I Grand Prix de France (International UET Masters Series, purse 350,000€, 2100 meters autostart, 16 starters) at the Hippodrome Paris-Vincennes on Sunday clocked in 1.11.1kr.

Davidson, away alertly and raced on the front, is owned by his breeder Albert Rayon and he now has earned 1,297,310€ from 13 victories in 41 starts. Bazire had not driven Davidson since March 2, 2019 when he was second to Face Time Bourbon in the Prix de Selection when he was timed in 1.10.1kr and was handicapped 25 meters that day.

Today, Face Time, driven by Bjorn Goop for trainer Sebastien Guarato and Scuderia Bivans Srl, was away third behind pocket sitting Uza Josselyn and then moved to third in the second tier but he was blocked until it was too late to catch Davidson that Bazire rated perfectly.

Face Time closed stoutly with impressive late speed. 20/1 Delia du Pommereux (7f Niky-Noune du Pommereux) made a late rush to earn third with Franck Nivard up for trainer Sylvain Roger and owner Noel Lolic. 99/1 Bahia Quesnot (9f Scipion du Goutier) held fourth for trainer/driver Junior Guelpa after making a death seat challenge to Davidson during the contest.

The 23/1 Vitruvio (6m Adrian Chip) was fifth for Alessandro Gocciadoro, nosing out 11/1 Bold Eagle (9m Ready Cash) with Eric Raffin up. 35/1 Billie de Montfort was seventh ahead of 281/1 veteran Valko Jenilat and 39/1 Uza Josselyn.

To watch the race replay, [click here](#).

## Christchurch Barn Update

Construction on the exciting new multi-use barn at the Canterbury Agricultural Park has now been completed. The facility is fully operational, ready for the arrival of yearlings at the **National Standardbred Yearling Sale** at Christchurch on 18 and 19 February.

New Zealand Bloodstock formulated an agreement with the Canterbury A & P Association to build the new stabling barn. The complex, which was built from scratch, will now house the modular stables that previously had been erected in a marquee.

The new building is three aisles with seven stalls each side. The stables have removable front and side sections. This is a continuation of the current structure situated towards the southern motorway.

The building will also provide a sought-after storage area for the Canterbury A & P Association.

The three new aisles are listed in the National Standardbred Yearling Sale catalogue as Barns P, Q & R



## Nevele R Fillies Series

The first of the two Nevele R Fillies heats were run over the weekend with Woodlands Stud breeding both winners!

Need You Now was good in winning in a four horse non tote at Alexandra Park.

The daughter of Bettor's Delight out of Lady Antbellum has continued the success of her Badlands Hanover dam in the breeding shed who from three foals of racing age has also left Stars Tonight and Billy Badger.

Princess Jessie was the deserved winner for young trainer Simon McMullan.

Princess Jessie ran three sound races in strong fields before turning heads with a 1.54.9 mile (1609m) win at Wyndham in her start prior to Saturday's win.

McMullan puts the filly's upgrade in form and back-to-back wins down to him making some minor changes to her training regime.

"She probably wasn't going quite as well as I was hoping in her runs previous to her last two starts."

"So, I have changed her training around a little bit and it really worked."

The third heat of the series will be run on the same card as the Sapling Stakes and Hambletonian Trot at Ashburton on the 22nd of February.



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## 2020 National Yearling Sale Christchurch Draft

**Lot 179** Franco Hippie (*Father Patrick - Hot Pants colt*)

Out of an Oaks placed, NZ record setting mare, by America's most exciting young trotting stallion and the sire of 2019 US 3YO Trotting Colt of the Year Greenshoe.

**Lot 190** Franco Louis (*Bettor's Delight - Larissa's Desire colt*)

A ¾ brother to Group 1 winners Jack's Legend and Joanne's A Delight.

**Lot 205** Franco Mac (*Bettor's Delight - MacFire colt*)

Out of an Oaks placed mare from a prolific family that includes Group 1 winner Sparks A Flyin, \$960,000+ earner Bettor's Fire & sub 1:50 performer My Alpha Rock.

**Lot 224** Nirvana Franco (*Bettor's Delight - Nearea Franco filly*)

Dam a two-time NZ Aged Pacing Mare of the Year. A ½ sister to triple Group 1 winner and multiple US Grand Circuit victor Nike Franco.

**Lot 237** Fernleigh Blackbird (*He's Watching - New Revenue filly*)

By a US 2YO Pacing Colt of the Year and multiple world record holder, out of a 6-win 1:56.4 mare. Family of multiple Group 1 winner Franco Nelson.

**Lot 252** Netherton Franco (*Always B Miki - Nyree Franco filly*)

By the co-fastest pacer of all time and the leading first season sire at the 2019 US Yearling Sales, out of a winning daughter of a 2x NZ Aged Pacing Mare of the Year.

**Lot 279** Franco Lomu (*Art Major - The Legend colt*)

By a champion juvenile sire, out of a ½ sister to two-time AUS Breeders Crown champion and multiple US Grand Circuit winner Bit Of A Legend.

**Lot 311** Franco Archie (*A Rocknroll Dance - After Party colt*)

The first foal out of a full sister to Group 1 winner Democrat Party. The pedigree page features 5 individual Group 1 winners.

**Lot 385** Franco Indie

(*Always B Miki - Idancedwithcullen colt*)

From the first crop of the 2016 US Horse of the Year and the only pacer to record 4 1:47 or faster wins.

Dam a sister to \$100,000+ earners Waltzing With Cullen & Nureyev.

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# RICH HISTORY OF BREEDERS STAKES CONTINUES FRIDAY

## Ben McMillan

If you were to look down the list of NZ Standardbred Breeders Stakes winners you'd be looking at a list of some of finest harness racing mares to run on New Zealand soil. It's a race that invariably attracts a strong field with plenty of depth.

Tellingly, the running of the race also generally results in the in-form mare of the time prevailing.

The storied history of the race includes the three-time winners in (Blossom Lady (1991,1992,1993) and Bonnie's Chance (whose last title came at the end of 1983 after winning the same title on the 1st of January of the same year) Kym's Girl, Shortys Girl and Lento all captured the title twice. The Robbie Holmes trained Kiwi Ingenuity won in 2009 while Bettor Cover Lover (2013) Adore Me (2014)and The Orange Agent (2017) are all recent winners of the Group 1.

An impressive roll of honour indeed.

This year's edition of the New Zealand Breeders Stakes, to be run on the Friday night, is shaping up to be another competitive affair. Conversations regarding the favoured runners are dominated, and rightfully so, by the All Stars trained Princess Tiffany who opened her account this time in on the 31st of January with a front running win in the Group 2 Garrards Premier Mares Championship.

You'd have to think that Princes Tiffany would only improve off the back of that first-up effort but so will others...

The Bagrie trained Bettor's Heart continues to run strong races and does pose a genuine threat if able to receive a decent mid-race position, while the Steve Telfer pair of Step up (second in the race last year) and Ivana Flybye, who has drawn the #1 barrier, both put in sound performances in the Mares Championship and should also be respected. Other prospects come in the form of the Barry Purdon trained Wainui Creek, the much-improved Enchante, who can find the line better than most from a sit behind genuine speed, and the Steve McRae trained Nemera Franco, a mare whose risen through the ranks in recent times and has shown a genuine ability to find the line. All-in-

all a competitive looking field once you get past the All Stars runner.

Apart from its obvious riches the NZ Standardbred Breeders Stakes plays an important part in any broodmare career that race participants may go on to have with the black type and group title garnered from a victory in the race acting as a powerful endorsement of a mares quality on the track and continued worth when heading to the paddock for mothering duties.

It's a common belief that the best of a generation can, and often do, leave the best of the next. With that in mind it comes as no surprise to see a number of past NZ Standard Breeders Stakes victors and performers represented at this year's 2020 **National Standardbred Yearling Sale** to be held at both Karaka and the Canterbury Agricultural Park.

These include:

Willow, the runner-up to Venus Serena in 2015 when trained by Mark Purdon and Natalie Rasmussen, is represented with **Lot 69**. Offered by **Breckon Farms** "**Willow Bay**" is by Art Major, the colt will look to carry on a strong family history that includes early-going types in Go West U Terror (Pearl Classic winner and 2100 Golden Slipper runner-up) and Tricky Styx (2yr old diamond classic winner and WA Derby runner-up) both are the progeny of a sister to second dam Listen To The Rhythm.

Luisanabelle Midfrew, the 2016 winner of the Breeders trainer by Nigel McGrath, and the only 3YO filly to win an Open Group One race in NZ, brings her first foal to the sales in the form of **Lot 201**. A Somebeachsomewhere colt named "**Midfrew Laguna Bay**" The family has found success lately with Letsgotothehop (8 wins) being a notable Australian performer last year and not far back Libertybelle Midfrew.

Nearea Franco, who placed in behind the Robbie Holmes trained Kiwi ingenuity in 2009 has a Bettor's Delight filly in. **Lot 224, Nirvana Franco**, will want to repeat the racetrack success of Nike Franco (multiple Group 1 winner and career earnings of almost \$1'000'000) The wider family went very close to a maiden victory at Alexandra Park on the 7th of February when Franco Nandor (the first foal out of Nicaea Franco) was narrowly beaten by the Steven Reid trained Mr Fantastic.

And **Lot 352**, Alberto, a Somebeachsomewhere colt is the fifth foal out of the 2012 winner of the race in Carabella, a champion mare who has already produced Olivia Rachel (2 wins, 7 places). A close relation, a 2yr old Bettor's Delight filly, Girls Need Pearlz (out of Andress Blue Chip) has been seen at trials and workouts as recently as last week.

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## OAKS WINNER RETIRED AFTER BREAKING DOWN

### Garrick Knight

Last season's Group 1 Northern Oaks winner, Best Western, has been abruptly retired.

Scans taken after her disappointing run in the Group 2 mares race at Addington last Friday night revealed trainer Jeremy Young's worst fears.

"She locked on one rein quite badly during the race and I thought she might have been feeling her legs," he told HNZ.

"So, we had her scanned and there was a tear in her tendon.

"Andrew (Grierson, owner) said let's just retire her and I think that's a great call.

"You know what it's like with tendons; they're never the same again."

Best Western showed mild signs of a leg problem last season but Young had been carefully managing her ever since.

"We had a bit of a niggle with it as a three-year-old after she had an incident on the track.

"She sliced it back then and it's always been a bit of a problem since.

"I'd been bandaging it."

While conceding it was "gut wrenching at the time", Young has decided to take a more positive approach to the situation.



**Lot 339: Glenkenick**  
Always B Miki – Bonnie's Khaleesi  
Bay Colt



**Lot 362: Gronkowski**  
Captaintreacherous – Delightful  
Tactics, Brown Colt



**Lot 381: Dannemora**  
Betting Line – Gracy Lady  
Bay Filly

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**Preparer: Brent McIntyre**  
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"I still think about what he could have done, but then I remember what she has done."

"Not many thought she could win that night; she paid \$38 and beat the best ones at that time."

"So, I can't dwell on it. I've just got to be positive and carry on."

"I was lucky to get her in the first place; she could easily have gone to someone else."

"And I'm very thankful to Andrew for being given the opportunity to train her."

Young purchased Best Western's younger full brother of Grierson at last year's Karaka yearling sale for \$31,000.

Fast forward 12 months and he thinks it was a shrewd move.

"He's tiny like her but he goes quite nice."

"That's the future, hopefully."

"And I've also got On A Roll, who is doing a great job and looks like tackling some of the bigger races as the season wears on."

Best Western comes from a good family, her granddam being former Auckland Cup winner, Kate's First.

She, of course, is the year-older half-sister to champion sire and racehorse, Christian Cullen.

As well as her Northern Oaks win, where she defeated subsequent Filly of the Year, Belle Of Montana, Best Western also placed at Group 1 level in Australia, in August's Australasian Breeders Crown Final.

There she ran second to New South Wales filly, No Win No Feed in the A\$200,000, beating home another Kiwi star in Princess Tiffany.

Best Western retires with 3 wins, 16 placings and over \$173,000 in stakes.



**Lot 300 | Rockabilly Rascal**  
*A Rocknroll Roll Dance – Whittershadeofpale*  
**Brown colt**

"A lovely athletic colt, whose family can run at two and I can see this boy completing in the major two year old events!"

... Blair O'Connell

Presented by Lindsay and Adele Dawkins

Prepared by Blair O'Connell, Twisted Stick Lodge, Phone 027 -208 1385



**Lot 368 | Demi Darling**  
*American Ideal – Ella Sue*  
**Brown filly**

Dam 14 win mare!  
Half to the tough and durable mare Adieu Flirt.

"A strong and imposing filly you could target the Oaks with."

... Blair O'Connell



# **FATHER PATRICK OFF TO PERFECT START**

## **Jonny Turner**

Trotting stallion Father Patrick got his New Zealand career off to a brilliant start when La Reina Del Sur won at Addington on Friday night.

The All Stars filly notched her sire's first win with his first starter when taking out the first 2yr-old trotters' tote race of the season.

La Reina Del Sur put in a late dive to nab runner-up Royal Del and deny sire Royal Aspirations from notching his first winner with his first starter.

Scoring his first win in New Zealand was a mere formality for Father Patrick given the wave of success he has produced in North America.

Nevele R Stud, who stand the stallion in Australasia via frozen semen, is delighted their son of Cantab Hall is on the board, general manager Ged Mooar said.

"We are really happy."

"First starter, first winner and she was pretty professional."

"She is a beautifully bred filly and she had been trialling pretty well."

La Reina Del Sur is one of 28 New Zealand bred 2yr-olds by Father Patrick.

If reports on his stock are accurate, the filly certainly will not be his only winner among them this season.

"The feedback we are getting from his 2yr-olds is really positive," Mooar said.

La Reina Del Sur is from the talented former All Stars racemare Escapee and is bred and owned by Trevor Casey.

Another of the progeny of Father Patrick and a talented former All Stars mare is among the tiny group of yearlings the sire will be represented by at this year's national yearling sales.

Just four Father Patrick yearlings will be offered – all of which will go through the ring in Christchurch.

The stallion produced just 12 live foals in New Zealand in the 2018-19 breeding season, before his popularity skyrocketed in the Northern Hemisphere.

A colt from Hot Pants, offered by Spreydon Lodge, which is also managed by Mooar, is among the draft.

Colts from Kiwi Girl, Moment Of Beauty and a filly from Rosedorae will also be offered.

The success of Father Patrick's yearlings at sales in North America has been well documented after a full brother to star trotter Greenshoe sold for \$US1,100,000 at Lexington, late last year.

The first public offerings Father Patrick's Australasian yearling crop of this season went through the ring at last weekend's Melbourne trotting sale.

Four fillies sold at an average of \$A36,875.

Many more yearlings are set to be offered at next year's yearling sale after Father Patrick served a what is thought to be a record book, this season, for a stallion standing via frozen semen.

The book of 126 mares included a high number of quality producers, Mooar said.

The sale of Always B Miki's first crop of yearlings in New Zealand could bring more excitement to Nevele R Stud at the upcoming yearling sales.

The stallion has 20 yearlings in the sale, with 14 being offered in Christchurch and six in Auckland.

The stock of Always B Miki have been popular at yearling sales in North America and Australia, recently.

His progeny that have sold at the recent Brisbane and Melbourne sales have fetched an average price of A\$32,307.

# **DOWN UNDER WINNERS WITH CARTER DALGETY**

**Very smart Down Under pacer makes a winning debut in North America.**

Jesse Duke N made his harness racing debut at The Meadowlands on Saturday night and it was a winning one. New Zealand born trainer Chris Ryder now trains the 5yo Gelding and had Dexter Dunn aboard for the win.

The down under duo paced the mile in 1:51.3 in the \$16,000 pace. The son of Bettors Delight was lightly raced Down Under winning 8 races and over \$450,000 in Stake Earnings. Most Significantly he was the winner of the Group 1 Young Guns Final and the Group 1 New Zealand Sire Stakes Final as a 2yo. Along with the Harness Jewels 3yo Emerald. He also placed at Group level on a further 9 occasions.

Jesse Duke N (Bettors Delight x Daisy Dundee) has a full brother entered in the **2020 New Zealand Bloodstock Yearling sales. Lot 102** a colt prepared by Woodland Stud, that will go under the hammer on the 17th February.

#### **Yet another Down Under Mare impressing on the race track in North America.**

Major Occasion A blitzed her rivals on Wednesday night at Dover Downs. The 6yo mare also had the extra Down Under factor, being trained by Nifty Norman and driven by Dexter Dunn.

Major Occasion A quickly put pay to fellow down under mare Ideal Lifestyle A at three quarters (1200m), where she extended by 4 ½ lengths to win in 1:49.4. Making her yet another Down Under mare to break 1.50 in the US.

She is yet to finish out of the money this season, having had four starts, recording two wins, a second and a third. The daughter of Art Major was the winner of 15 races and earned over \$240,000 in stake earnings during her down under racing career. Being a winner at Group level and placed a further 5 times.

#### **Monday 3rd February**

##### **Miami Valley Raceway OH**

**Hit And Giggle A** – Time: 1:54.2, Stake: \$5,000

**Montana Pablo A** – Time: 1:54.2, Stake: \$5,000

##### **Monticello Raceway NY**

**Myeyesadoreya N** – Time: 1:59.3, Stake: \$3,700

**Bettor Reason N** – Time: 1:59.3, Stake: \$5,000

##### **Northfield Park OH**

**Sammy The Bull N** – Time: 1:52.2, Stake: \$12,400

##### **Yonkers Raceway NY**

**Global Domination N** – Time: 1:53.0, Stake: \$18,000

**Redbank Blaze A** – Time: 1:52.3, Stake: \$17,000

#### **Tuesday 4th February**

##### **Pompano Park FL**

**Rub Of The Green N** – Time: 1:52.1, Stake: \$4,500

##### **The Meadows PA**

**Strawb's Chippie N** – Time: 1:54.4, Stake: \$9,000

**Amelia's Courage A** – Time: 1:55.3, Stake: \$11,500

##### **Yonkers Raceway NY**

**Shes Sporty A** – Time: 1:55.0, Stake: \$12,500

#### **Wednesday 5th February**

##### **Dover Downs DE**

**Flashazz N** – Time: 1:52.2, Stake: \$13,000

**Anytime N** – Time: 1:51.2, Stake: \$11,000

**Rock N Shard N** – Time: 1:51.2, Stake: \$16,500

**Major Occasion A** – Time: 1:49.4, Stake: \$27,500

##### **Monticello Raceway NY**

**Back On Board N** – Time: 1:59.1, Stake: \$2,500

#### **Thursday 6th February**

##### **Dover Downs DE**

**Duplicated N** – Time: 1:52.0, Stake: \$12,000

##### **Pompano Park FL**

**Idle Bones N** – Time: 1:58.3, Stake: \$4,000

##### **Yonkers Raceway NY**

**Lynbar Rose N** – Time: 1:56.2, Stake: \$14,500

#### **Friday 7th February**

##### **Meadowlands NJ**

**Glenferrie Bronte N** – Time: 1:55.2, Stake: \$11,250

##### **The Meadows PA**

**Mister Spot A** – Time: 1:54.1, Stake: \$16,500

##### **Yonkers Raceway NY**

**Keep On Rocking A** – Time: 1:55.0, Stake: \$14,500

**Kaitlyn N** – Time: 1:54.4, Stake: \$40,000

**Sudden Change N** – Time: 1:56.1, Stake: \$22,000

##### **Woodbine Mohawk Park CA**

**Lady Rocknrolla A** – Time: 1:53.1, Stake: \$20,000

### **Saturday 8th February**

#### **Cal Expo CA**

**Dependebury A** – Time: 1:55.0, Stake: \$3,400

#### **Meadowlands NJ**

**Change Stride N** – Time: 1:51.3, Stake: \$13,500

**Jesse Duke N** – Time: 1:51.3, Stake: \$16,000

**Bechers Brook A** – Time: 1:50.1, Stake: \$20,000

#### **Miami Valley Raceway OH**

**Lifeonthebeach A** – Time: 1:08.3 (5/8 Mile), Stake: \$12,500

**Ana Afreet N** – Time: 1:53.4, Stake: \$15,000

**Make A Statement A** – Time: 1:54.1, Stake: \$15,000

#### **The Downs At Mohegan Sun Pocono PA**

**Star Commander N** – Time: 1:54.2, Stake: \$12,500

### **Yonkers Raceway NY**

**Italian Delight N** – Time: 1:52.4, Stake: \$27,000

**Imarocnrollegend N** – Time: 1:53.2, Stake: \$27,000

**Jacks Legend N** – Time: 1:51.4, Stake: \$40,000

### **Woodbine Mohawk Park CA**

**Better B Donna N** – Time: 1:52.2, Stake: \$26,000

**Mongolian Hero N** – Time: 1:50.3, Stake: \$21,000

### **Sunday 9th February**

#### **Miami Valley Raceway OH**

**Hillary Barry N** – Time: 1:56.1, Stake: \$10,000

### **Lot 356 | Dream Breaker**

(*Art Major – Christian Dreamer*)

Bay Colt & half-brother to Chase the Dream  
winner of 3 Group Ones, Amazing Dream, Group  
Winner as a 3 year old, currently NZ top 3 year  
old filly.

Strong upstanding type by Art Major, great  
confirmation.



### **Lot 373 | Dream Prospect**

(*Bettor's Delight – Follow the Dream*)

2nd foal, first foal is a 2 year old,  
2nd Dam is Western Dream Group One Winner  
three times, *Pacing Filly of the Year in 2004-2005,*  
*2005-2006.*

Lovely Bettor's Delight, straight and well  
conformed, wants to work with preparers, always  
happy to be around them.



**Contact Debbie Smith  
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