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As the winter months quickly approach, we are now much lower on runners, with a large part of the team out spelling in preparation for what we believe will be an outstanding spring. However, the winners continued to flow throughout April and we have a really smart group of horses still racing, who all have nice targets over the coming weeks.

The rise of staying three-year-old Antrim Coast has been one of many highlights this year. His win in the \$500,000 Alister Clark was then followed by a narrow 2nd in the \$200,000 Galilee Final at Caulfield three weeks ago. He is set to contest this Saturday's \$1M South Australian Derby and ex-pat Kiwi Mick Dee will again take the reins. From barrier six we believe he is well capable of figuring in the finish.

The debut performance of Super Photon was particularly exciting. By boom first season sire Super Seth from the O'Reilly mare Chandelier, he is a stunning colt and half-brother to Mo'unga who was this week announced as Newhaven Park's flagship stallion at a fee of \$27,500AUD. Raced by a great group of owners in the recognisable Bourbon Lane colours, I thought his 3.3 length win on debut was excellent and he will have his opportunity this Saturday at Stakes level in the Waikato Equine Vets 1400M at Te Rapa, a race we have won a number of times.

April marked the end of the official premier yearling sales season. The Sydney Easter Sale has been one which we have targeted in recent years with great success, and we were delighted to bring home 4 outstanding yearlings, all by high-class proven stallions, from proven families.

On our return we inspected yearlings to be sold online as part of the NZB National online yearling sale. We purchased two fillies from this sale last year, who have both performed extremely well at recent trials. This year we added a further three yearlings, all at tremendous value. This included the sale topping Written Tycoon filly from the multiple stakes performed Sebring mare Mozzie Monster. She was purchased for just \$80,000, highlighting what outstanding value there was in this sale.

We have now purchased 15 yearlings in the past three months, with shares having been available in all 15. The support of our incredibly loyal client base has been amazing, and we now only have a very limited number of shares available. Please contact us now to discuss being involved.

We truly believe there has never been a better time to become involved in our sport. Prizemoney is at record levels, we have seen great investment by ATR in a world class venue, while Entain's powerhouse injection and innovation is providing a great boost. We know how important this investment is to maintain our position at the sharp end of the New Zealand premiership and look forward to providing owners with an enjoyable and successful experience over the coming seasons.

Good luck to all owners who have runners over the next few weeks and as always, we look forward to catching up on course.

Stephen

Inglis Sales purchases 2024

All purchased lots can be viewed on our website www.marshracing.com/purchases or click on the photos to view their page.

In recent seasons fillies purchased from this sale have included stakes performers, Illumination, La Bella Beals, Dubai Diva, Merchant Queen and Moet Down. These five stakes' performers are from only seven fillies purchased over the past three years in Australia. We are thrilled to add a stunning colt to this years purchases, lot 165. He is out of the champion More Than Ready mare More Joyous, who boasts eight Group 1 victories across her 23 win career and the title of Champion Middle Distance Horse in Australia in 2011-12 and we believe could make an excellent stallion prospect!



Lot 192
Capitalist x Oh My Mimi



Lot 165
So You Think x More Joyous



Lot 363
Russian Revolution x Twelve Pack Shelley



Lot 465
Pierro x Comaneci

NZB Online Sale

There was a lot of quality to be had at this years online sale and we were extremely pleased with the value purchases we secured which has been reflected in their popularity with only two small shares remaining!



Lot 22

Kings Legacy x Lady Iveagh



Lot 36

Written Tycoon x Mozzie Monster



Lot 83

Ocean Park x Vinorules

Heels and Hooves Syndicate

Among our recently purchased yearlings we secured another filly to add to our incredibly popular ladies Heels and Hooves Syndicate.

This year we selected lot 363, a daughter of Russain Revolution from the stakes winning mare, Twelve Pack Shelley who has already produced a stakes winning filly.

We have already experienced success with our first H and H filly, Moet Down, who is now a race winner and group placed

There are VERY limited shares available in this years filly and if you are keen to get involved in New Zealand's most engaging and fun syndicate, enquire for more information.

Marsh shoots for age-group prizes on both sides of the Tasman

With the prospect of Group One glory both now and in the spring, Saturday looms as an exciting afternoon for Stephen Marsh.

The Cambridge trainer will saddle Antrim Coast as a live contender for the Gr.1 South Australian Derby (2500m) at Morphettville, while the unbeaten two-year-old Super Photon can confirm his Group One credentials for next season with another bold performance in the Listed Waikato Equine Veterinary Centre 2YO Stakes (1400m) at Te Rapa.

Antrim Coast will attempt to become the second Group One winner in Australia for Marsh, who won the Australian Oaks (2400m) in Sydney with Sofia Rosa in 2016.

Carrying the blue and white colours of The Oaks Stud, Antrim Coast lined-up as a \$157 outsider in the Gr.1 New Zealand Derby (2400m) in March and produced an enormous performance for second behind star filly Orchestral. Two subsequent performances in Australia have further proven Antrim Coast's big-race quality. He defeated fellow Kiwi three-year-old Quintessa to win the Gr.2 Alister Clark Stakes (2040m) at Moonee Valley, then ran a close and unlucky second in the Listed Galilee Series Final (2400m) at Caulfield on April 6.

"I thought it was another really good run at Caulfield," Marsh said. "The jockey (Daniel Stackhouse) got off him and admitted he just took off way too early and was left a sitting duck in the straight. That's not the way to ride him at all. He's a good rider, but just made a mistake that day. These things happen.

"Mick Dee is back on him on Saturday. He rode him to win the Alister Clark at Moonee Valley two starts ago. I think gate six is a lovely draw. He should get into a nice position from there and have a beautiful run.

"His work has been very good leading into the race. He's been up for a few dances now, but he's still really going super. We couldn't be any happier with him."

The TAB rates Antrim Coast a \$6.50 chance for Saturday's Derby, sharing second favouritism with fellow Kiwi-bred Warmonger. The \$4.40 favourite is Coco Sun, who is backing up from a third placing in last Saturday's Gr.1 Australasian Oaks (2000m).

Meanwhile on home soil, Marsh will saddle exciting colt Super Photon in Te Rapa's Waikato Equine Veterinary Centre 2YO Stakes.

The son of Super Seth is a half-brother to multiple Group One winner and recently announced Newhaven Park stallion Mo'unga, and he was a \$380,000 purchase at Karaka last year by Stephen Marsh Racing, Dennis Foster, Bourbon Lane and Dylan Johnson Bloodstock.

Super Photon made a big impression on debut at Rotorua on April 17, winning by three and a quarter lengths. The runner-up was Magice, a trial-winning full-brother to the Group One winner and sire Noverre.

“That was a lovely performance on debut, I couldn’t have asked for anything more,” Marsh said. “Going from 1150m up to 1400m is a decent jump for a two-year-old, but we’re very happy with him and we’re keen to give him a crack at some black type before we put him away for the winter.

“He’s gone the right way since Rotorua. He hasn’t put a foot wrong at any stage of this preparation and his work has been excellent.

“Whatever he’s doing now is a bonus, because I think he’ll be even better at three. We’re looking forward to targeting the 2000 Guineas (Gr.1, 1600m) in Christchurch in November.”

Stablemate Magna Memory will have a gear change following a well-beaten seventh in the Listed Star Way Stakes (1200m) at Ellerslie on April 20.

“I really liked his first-up run,” Marsh said. “He was a bit disappointing the other day, but I think he just got a bit lost and unfocused. I put some blinkers on him for a gallop on Saturday and thought he was much improved with them on.

“Going up to 1400m will suit him. Hopefully he’ll be working home well, and then I think you’ll see a better horse again when he gets up to 1600m in the Champagne Stakes later in the month.”

Photos below of Antrim Coast enjoying his Australian campaign.



Billy Lincoln completes autumn hat-trick

An impressive performance in Saturday's Stella Artois (1600m) at Pukekohe capped a breakthrough autumn for Billy Lincoln, who has strung together three successive victories over the last five weeks.

Billy Lincoln made a relatively quiet start to his career, finishing outside the placings in all of his first three starts between November and January. The three-year-old Belardo gelding hinted at better things with a second placing at Taupo on February 14, chasing home the subsequent stakes performer Irish Legacy, and he has not looked back since then.

The Stephen Marsh-trained Billy Lincoln cleared maiden ranks by two lengths at Hastings on February 28, then defeated a talented field on Oaks Day at Trentham on March 16.

Saturday's opening race at Pukekohe presented another new challenge with a small field of highly capable three-year-olds, including the stakes-performed Solidify, but Billy Lincoln was up to the task.

Billy Lincoln led for the first 400m of the race, but apprentice jockey Ngakau Hailey was unfazed when Cintivee and King Of The North slid past him approaching the turn out of the back straight. Billy Lincoln then settled in third place until Hailey spotted a narrow opening on the inside of Cintivee in the straight.

Hailey drove Billy Lincoln through that tight gap, striding past Cintivee and taking command. Kealoha came at him with a strong late run, but Billy Lincoln held her out by a long head.

Billy Lincoln's seven-start career has now produced three wins, a second and \$90,150 in stakes.

"He's come a long way in a short time this autumn," Marsh said. "He's done a really good job and is a pretty promising sort of three-year-old. Putting together three wins on the bounce is no mean feat.

"He seemed to relax nicely stepping up to 1600m today. He had to come through quite a tight gap in the straight, so it was good to see him negotiate that and run so strongly to the line.

"We probably won't do a great deal more with him in this preparation. He's had a fair few runs now and he needs reasonably good ground. He could have one more if he comes through this one well and the tracks stay dry, but otherwise he can go out to the paddock and we'll save him for his four-year-old season."

Billy Lincoln is part-owned by his breeders Lincoln Farms Bloodstock, who remarkably took out the opening race at both New Zealand venues on Saturday. Another of their emerging three-year-olds, Platinum Attack, extended his own winning sequence to four in Trentham's The Oaks Stud Premier (1200m).



April Winners



6/04/24 Pukekohe

Billy Lincoln

Ngakau Hailey

Lincoln Farms Bloodstock Ltd & Exempt

Bloodstock Ltd

Stella Artois 1600

Replay.



6/04/24 Pukekohe

Lerado

Ashvin Goindasamy

*Ms S E Bourke, J F Bruford, J P Cate, G M Datson,
C J Dobbie, M J Fox, J W Gracie, D J & G J Jenkin, P
L Sparrow, Waihi Livestock Ltd & M L O Williams*

Hallmark Stud 1600

Replay.



10/04/24 Ellerslie

The Storyteller

Opie Bosson

D Karreman

Eagle Technology 2100

Replay.



17/04/24 Rotorua

Super Photon

Joe Doyle

2023 Bourbon Lane Stable New Zealand LLC,
Dennis E Foster, S Doull, Hawridge Developments,
J Hepburn R & C Ratcliffe

Arawa Park 2YO 1150

Replay.



19/04/24 Matamata

Hula Beat

Sam Weatherley

NZ Thoroughbred Holdings Ltd
Challenge Matamata 2000

Replay.



Quick Ten

Dean Williams

This month we caught up with the Dean Williams, who has been taking diligent care of Antrim Coast while he has campaigned in Australia. Thoroughbreds have been an integral part of Dean's life since he was a boy, growing up at The Oaks Stud with his father Rick, as general manager.

Dean joined the Marsh team back in 2017 and since then has had a number of different roles in the industry, currently working as Assistant Trainer to Steve Richards in Flemington. We are very proud of everything Dean has achieved and couldn't ask for anyone better to be taking care of Antrim Coast as he heads into his biggest task yet.

EARLY MORNING / LATE NIGHT

DERBY / OAKS

COFFEE / TEA

SERIES / MOVIE

FILLY / COLT

MEXICAN FOOD / INDIAN FOOD

STAYCATION / VACATION

COX PLATE / MELBOURNE CUP

TAKE AWAY / DINE OUT

STAYER / SPRINTER