

MARSH MONTHLY



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Red dot report

The strong start to 2023 continued through April, we have had plenty of success on and off the track this month and we reflect on our horses and staff's achievements throughout this newsletter.

On the track, the emergence of our two year old crop has been particularly pleasing, we are always patient with our young horses as we nurse them through their juvenile season however Tower Flypass became our 5th individual 2YO winner in what is a strong crop headlined by Group 1 sprinting star Ulanova. We will be represented by 3 runners in this Saturday's Waikato Equine Veterinary Centre Two Year Old Stakes race, this is a race we have won on 4 occasions and I believe the timing is perfect in preparation for their three year old season. Good luck to all connections this weekend.

We returned to the Sydney Easter yearling sale earlier in the month and secured another stunning Pierro filly for our ladies' syndicate, Heels & Hooves. This has become an incredibly popular initiative and the group will be represented by its first runner on Saturday with Moet Down who will take her place in the stakes feature. We keep looking for innovative ways for new people to join our stable and we believe the Heels & Hooves concept is the most exciting and fun ladies group in racing!

Along with the success of our horses I was particularly proud to see Mitchell Whelan secure a spot on the prestigious Godolphin Flying start programme. Mitch has been totally committed to his goal of winning a place on this programme and he thoroughly deserves the opportunity to travel the world and learn on the best scholarship programme in the world. Mitch joins Todd Pollard as a "flying starter" to have spent time with our team, the chance to provide this pathway for our people is something we are all very proud of.

Although winter is rapidly approaching, we still have a number of nice horses ready to race, we are optimistic the weather will remain ok through May as we chase 100 individual winners for the 2nd consecutive season.

Good luck for the month ahead,

Stephen

NZB ONLINE SALE PURCHASES

We purchased two fillies from the NZB online sales and are pleased to say both sold completely in a matter of days. Lot 2, a filly by Embellish who has made a strong start to his career as a sire and lot 54, a filly we thought was very mature, had good natural strength and an excellent temperament. We look forward to them being broken in and their promising futures.



Lot 2 Embellish x Anahita



Lot 54 Reliable Man x Odisha

SOUTH ISLAND LEASE OPPORTUNITY

We have an opportunity for clients to race a fully educated 2yo filly in the South Island by emerging sire War Decree!

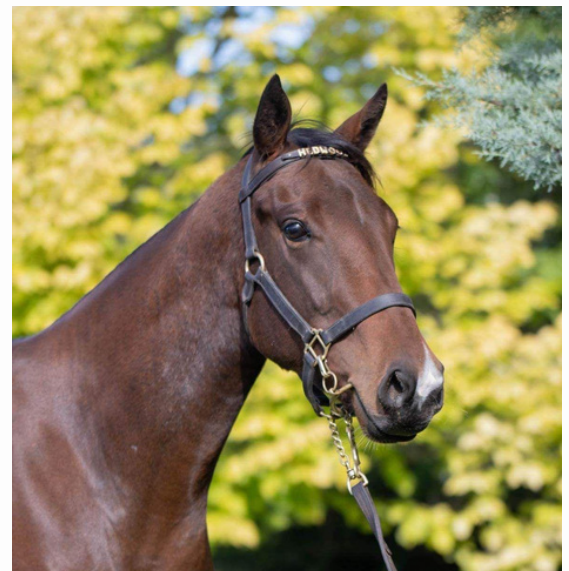
This filly has been broken in, spent 2 weeks at Riccarton track learning the ropes and been spelling since. Now nearing a return to our very successful South Island stable where she will not be far away from racing! She descends from the family of proven stallion Shamexpress and is an attractive correct type.

This is a racing share only with a right of purchase and the only up front cost is the Pearl Bonus Series Nomination fee.

Small or large shares available. Contact Rhys for more details on how to be involved.



2YO War Decree x Kingsley Rose Filly



Call Rhys Mildon: 0212300943

Life After Marsh Racing

At some point, there comes a time to close the curtain on a horse's career on the racetrack and thanks to the thoroughbred's versatility, athleticism and trainable natures, they make for wonderful sport and pleasure horses. Whether it's as a farm hack, pony club mount or competition horse, the loving homes found for the horses ensure they are cared for and active for many more years! With the added incentive of thoroughbred specific series such as Beyond the Barriers (annual showcase for retired racehorses) and the Thoroughbreds in Equestrian Sport initiatives, there is no shortage of different disciplines they can turn their hoof to.

Eventstars

We are lucky enough to have a wonderful business, Eventstars, local to us in Cambridge where the knowledgeable Gina Schick passionately runs a rehoming operation, matching horses with riders. Once at Eventstars, Gina (an NZTR recognised retrainer) and her team assess the horse in all sorts of different scenarios to gain an understanding of what they may be best suited for. They go on farm rides, cross country outings, schooling in the arena and provide transparent videos and photographs for potential new owners on their Facebook page which has a reach of over 70,000 followers! Gina and Eventstars are recognised across New Zealand as the go to place to find your next superstar or best friend, which is why when it's time to find their forever homes, we call Gina.

We caught up with some of the horses who were recently rehomed through Eventstars to see what they're doing now!



Ted looks pretty professional already

Testing Times or 'Ted' as he is now known, was rehomed late February to Emily through Eventstars. They live in Omaru and aim to compete in eventing in the future.

"I have been blown away with how quiet, willing and sweet he is and how well he has taken everything in his stride. I'm hoping to produce Ted into a future event horse which so far he is showing lots of potential at only 3 years old (when he's not trying to steal a cuddle off anyone who walks past). He is adored by everyone who has met him here and I'm very excited about his future." said new owner, Emily.

While he hasn't been off the track long it seems like he is taking to his new role extremely well!



Ash settling into Christchurch

Two time winner **Outofthebox** now goes as 'Ash' and has relocated down to Christchurch with her new owners, where she is on her way to becoming the ultimate fun allrounder!

New owner Sarah says, "Ash has settled in really well, she is a lovely mare with a sweet, friendly personality. We are taking things slowly, but she is happily hacking out around the farm and seems to take everything in her stride (cows, sheep, tractors, dogs and kids)."

Judging by the photo, it looks like Ash has hit it off with the whole family!



Coke and Victoria

All Black Bourbon aka 'Coke', also departed down to Christchurch in February, where he belongs to Victoria.

"Since his arrival he has been on a few outings to local pony clubs and he has taken everything in his stride! We are aiming to do a few small events later in the season. Coke loves a good scratch and is super cuddly - he wants to be everyone's best friend! I also can't thank Eventstars enough for the role they play in rehoming these awesome horses, Gina was great and so helpful throughout this whole process. Can't wait to see what the future has in store for us!"



Sacred Bourbon at Eventstars



Handsome Bourbon in his new home

Sacred Bourbon had a bit of head start to his sport horse career, regularly ridden by 4* event rider, Sam Mynott. He often jumped during training, as well as doing arena work to benefit his muscle build-up. With his love of jumping, combined with his sweet nature, it's no surprise that his new owner Trish adores him!

Trish hadn't laid eyes on Bourbon before he arrived to her property and after a spell in the paddock to let down, it's safe to say she is impressed! "He is willing and always trying his best, you can't ask for much better than that!"

"A couple weeks ago I took him for a ride with friends in the Waiuku forest. I got there, it's pouring with rain, and I'd forgotten my girth! Thinking he's fairly quiet, I decided to chance it and ride him bareback and he was incredible, didn't put a foot wrong, walked through elbow deep puddles, up and down steep hills and even jumped a fallen tree! He's one of those horses that you can never imagine parting from. I feel very lucky to have found him."

Trish has a small team of eventers who are all off the track thoroughbreds due to their willing natures and exceptional athleticism - and we are sure Bourbon will be an excellent addition to the team!



Raposa Rapida winning at Ellerslie on Boxing Day, with strapper and now owner Sam Lee

There are a few horses who have been destined for a home well before retirement is on the cards. Such as eight time winner, **Raposa Rapida**. Strapping him in most of his 51 starts at the races and being her firm favourite, there was no question that the Go Racing gelding was going home with her when the time came.

The pair have been partnered off the track for three months now and Sam says he has taken to retired life extremely well and while it's an effort for the listed sprint winner to raise a trot some days, they have just started jumping. "He's teaching me rather than me teaching him!" Sam jokes, something she credits to the jumping many of the horses do while in training as part of freshening their minds up.

They enjoy going on farm rides and hope to do some low level competition in the future, also in eventing, a common theme for the ex-Marsh horses it seems! Sam says her most special day with Raposa was on Boxing Day when he won in front of her family, the first time they had seen her strap at the races. We look forward to seeing what other memories they make together!



Sam and Raposa now



Seize The Moment at the Annarehab summer show

While so many go on to have long successful ridden careers, occasionally due to injury or unsoundness, a retiree is not suitable for a second competitive career. Some readers may be familiar with Annarehab, situated in Miranda and run by former Marsh employee, Anna Baigent and family. Annarehab provide a unique programme, combining equine assisted learning for children and ex-racehorses looking for a purpose.

Anna makes it a condition to only take horses who can't do another job (such as being ridden) and rehabbing them, if necessary. This allows the thoroughbreds, who are known to have such great work ethics and need mental stimulation, still have a job to get up and do.

Among the team are four ex-Marsh horses, **Rocanto** (winner of 8), **Sexabeel**, **Global Currency** and Listed winner **Seize the Moment**.

Between holiday camps and school programmes, the horses are kept stimulated and cared for while at the same time helping children with building confidence, teamwork and communication skills.



Sexabeel clearly enjoying himself!

April Winners



10/04/23 Avondale

Winning For All **Bridget Grylls**

*TM Racing, P Donovan, S B Doull, A R Fenwick
ONZM, L A C Fenwick, M C Fenwick, How's That
Syndicate, N Johnson, P T Lally, P G Maoate, S B
Marsh, R G Mildon & T Taylor*

The Avondale Marshall Stand

Functions 1200

Replay.



5/04/23 Tauranga

Tower Flypass

Craig Grylls

C E J & C J W Stewart

Contributor standing at

Mapperley Stud

Maiden 2YO

Replay.



15/04/23 Te Rapa

Mister Roshan

Sam Spratt

Jim Barlow

Profitable Tradie 1400

Replay.



19/04/23 Matamata

Our Turn

Craig Grylls

*M Darvill, A W Flexman, C T Jones, T Myers,
T Phillips & R Wyeth*

JP Wills Bloodstock 1200

[*Replay.*](#)



22/04/23 Riccarton Park

Night Raider

Cameron Lammas

*B W Johnson, Dennis Foster, Steve Platt, L D & B M
Pettifer, P J & Mrs S J Cowley, A J & J H McFlinn, C P &
S A Dunphy, O J Sutton, Eternal Optimists Syndicat. E
H Falconer & S B Marsh*

Anzac Day Tuesday-Lest We

Forget 1400

[*Replay.*](#)



29/04/23 Hastings

El Vencedor

Tegan Newman

M W Freeman & D G Price
Mediaworks Handicap

[*Replay.*](#)



29/04/23 Hastings

Well I Never
Tegan Newman
Go Racing Amadeus Syndicate
Fruitfed Supplies 25th May
Raceday Handicap

Replay.

Mitch off to a Flying Start

Mitchell Whelan is a face you're probably familiar with, regularly attending the races and trials over the last couple of years and we are thrilled to congratulate him on being selected for the Godolphin Flying Start Programme.

The highly competitive and prestigious course recruits' participants from all over the world with only one person being selected from New Zealand. Over the course of two years Mitch will travel to Ireland, England, Dubai, America and Australia learning from the best in the racing and breeding industry.

"I'm just rapt, it's pretty awesome and I'm still letting it sink in a wee bit to be honest," he said.

Joining the team while at university, after completing his Bachelor of Commerce majoring in Human Resource Management and a Bachelor of Science majoring in Sports Management and Development, Mitch has been full time and was recently responsible for travelling Andalus to Australia while he prepared for the Australian Derby.

Mitch has been an integral part of the main barn team where he learnt a lot from Rhys Mildon who he credits for teaching him so much of the 'hands on side to the barn from medications, recovery, all the day-to-day one percenters that make the difference on the racetrack.' Mitch has been very focused on achieving his goal to earn a spot on the Flying Start, always keen to get involved in all aspects of the yard, attending the sales and yearling parades to advance his knowledge and skills.

He says he is most looking forward to the trainer visits where he can spend time with different leading trainers and gain knowledge to add to his own formula as he has hopes of training in his own right in the future!

Over half of Godolphin Flying Start graduates have gone on to senior management roles, Chief Executive Officers or business founders and based across five continents working in media, racing, breeding, bloodstock, sales, consultancy, marketing, welfare and advocacy.

All the best Mitch we look forward to following your journey!

