

MARSH MONTHLY



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A Happy New Year all our readers! I hope you have had a fantastic Christmas with family & friends and celebrated the New Year in style!

It has been great to have a consistent run of weather over the last few weeks and even better to see our team really starting to hit top gear on these improved surfaces. We have always struggled on testing wet tracks and this year has been particularly frustrating given how wet and long the spring was!

Since Christmas Day we have saddled 5 individual 3YO winners - Klairielle, Cruz Missile, Academy Award, Luella Cristina & Financier. We hold all of these horses in high regard all look destined for black type assignments in the very near future. In addition, Sky Dancer continues to look more and more like a staying filly with a bright future, Sedaka cemented herself as a genuine Oaks contender after an impressive 2nd in the Gr.2 Elsdon Park Royal Stakes on New Years day while December winners Shivoo and Night Raider are both progressing well. I believe we have an incredibly strong group of 3YO's and a number of prospects to target the blue ribbon Derby and Oaks fixtures with.

The win of Luella Cristina on debut at Tauranga was particularly satisfying. Bred and owned by Lib Petagna, a great supporter of both us and the industry, Luella Cristina is out of the multiple Group 1 winner Lucia Valentina who we trained in the early part of her career. She also won on debut at the same venue, in the same colours and in a similar classy fashion. We look forward to overseeing the development of this exciting filly by the champion Australian sire Snitzel in the coming months.

While the racing continues to come thick and fast, we start to firmly focus our attention on the upcoming Karaka yearling sales which begin on the 29th of January. Our on farm physical inspections start this week and we are set to inspect all yearlings on farm before the sale. The success of our stable over the past few seasons can largely be attributed to our yearling selection and it is vital we add quality stock to our stable-Karaka has always been our main source to do this. We have attracted incredible support for our purchases, and we already have a large number keen to reinvest with us this season. If you have any specific requirements or would like to register your interest and join the priority list, please contact me directly on 027 228 8889 or at marshracing@xtra.co.nz.

Finally, I would like to thank our incredible team of staff who work tirelessly to produce our horses in great order over the Christmas/New Year period. Racing is unique in the fact that this is our busiest time of the year and many of our team forgo a holiday during this time. We simply couldn't do it without such a dedicated team of skilled staff.

I hope you all have a brilliant start to 2023 and we wish you all the luck and success for the year ahead.

Stephen

News in brief

Monza Circuito goes out on a high

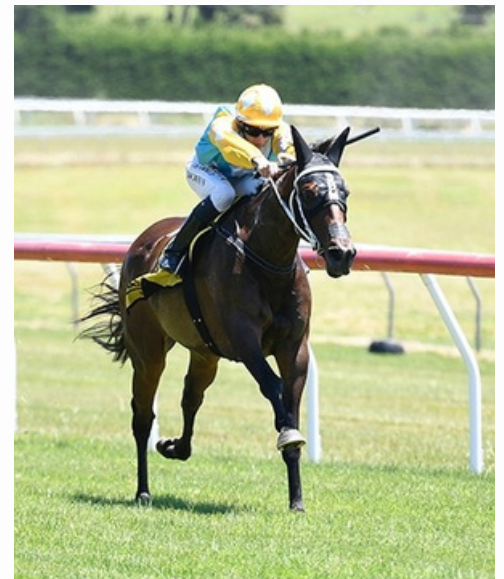


The team says farewell

Listed Timaru stakes winner and ever consistent mare Monza Circuito bowed out with a typically brave 2nd in the Timaru Cup on the 28th of Jan to add further black type to an impressive resume. Since joining our stable, “Monza” has become a stable favourite and a leading performer from our South Island barn. Having been covered by Ribchester the Timaru Cup was her last run and she retires with a record of 7 wins, 16 minor placings and over \$230,000 in Prize Money. Raced by a great group, we look forward to seeing her progeny in the coming years.

Tina Again proves astute purchase.

Congratulations to owners Rosemary Carter and Brett Kendall, who recorded a win with talented El Roca mare Tina Again. Purchased off Gavelhouse, Tina Again is safely in foal to the Cambridge Stud stallion Sword of State and the decision to race on has paid dividends. Overcoming a sticky barrier draw, her dominant front-running performance fresh up for the stable was impressive and we look forward to her last few weeks with us before she ultimately retires to the broodmare paddock.



Tina Again strikes again

Black Type for GoRacing's 3YO filly, Sedaka.

Purchased from the recent Valachi Downs dispersal sale, Savabeel Filly Sedaka confirmed her Oaks credentials after an eye-catching 2nd behind Polygon in the Gr.2 Elsdon Park Royal Stakes at Te Rapa recoding outstanding sectionals. After breaking her maiden at Tauranga early in the season the aptly named Sedaka (ex O'Carol) has continued to appreciate the rise in distance showed the ultimate distance of 2400M will hold no fear.

Valuable Black Type for well Bred Oseleta



Oseleta winning at Ruakaka earlier this year

Four-time winning mare Oseleta finally secured valuable black type with an eye catching 3rd in the Manawatu Challenge stakes behind Darci La Bella and Coventina bay. The well-bred Deep Field mare is bred and raced by China Horse Club and has been a model of consistency throughout her 21 starts to date. With her value now secured as a broodmare, we look forward to going one better over the remainder of the season.

Financier shortens in NZ Derby market

The impressive win of Financier under Opie Bosson was enough for book makers to immediately slash his odds to \$10 and the classy son of Tavistock now sits 4th in the line of betting for the NZ Derby. A \$220,000 purchase by the stable, Financier is by proven Derby stallion Tavistock from Princes Snitzel, herself a half-sister to NZ One Thousand Guineas winner Planet Rock and multiple black type performer Ringo. Bred by Greg Tomlinson's Nearco Stud, Financier is raced by a great group of clients in the distinctive colours of the US based Bourbon Lane Syndicate.



Financier returns to scale

3YO pair shine for Lib Petagna's - JML bloodstock.

Luella Cristina impressive debut win in the familiar colours of Lib Petagna was backed up by Cruz Missiles dominant display days earlier at Rotorua. The striking son of Savabeel finally found track conditions to suit and was impressive over the 1560M to clear out by 2 1/2L. Bred by part owner Jim Barlow, Cruz Missile was a \$160,000 NZB yearling purchase by agent Bruce Perry and will now be aimed towards the NZ Derby.

Codigo provides Ardrossan with first winner



Codigo provided a special moment for everyone at Matamata yesterday becoming the first winner for sire Ardrossan, a colt we trained to multiple stakes success during his career. It was fantastic to have all connections on course and a great thrill to train the first winner for a stallion we have huge belief in.

NZ Racing Desk writes:

Raced by his breeder, Dame Lowell Goddard along with race day sponsor Waikato Stud, Codigo becomes the first winner for his sire Ardrossan who was retired to stand at Waikato Stud in 2019 after a racetrack career that saw him win four of his nine starts including twice at stakes level while also finishing third in the Gr.1 BCD Group Sprint (1400m) at Te Rapa.

Unbeaten in two trials leading into his raceday appearance Codigo was expected to be prominent on debut, although he had to cede the favourite's tag to the Mark Walker-trained filly She Turns Heads, who had finished runner-up to the unbeaten Trobriand and Tokyo Tycoon in her first two starts.

The pair settled down to fight out the finish to the contest soon after straightening, with Codigo fighting hard to gain the upper hand in the closing stages to win by a head after a stirring battle.

Marsh was thrilled by the manner of the victory after his charge had been attacked in front most of the way but still found plenty in reserve to fight off the challengers. "He was brave as he was marginally slow from the barrier, had to work hard and then he got headed in the straight, but he fought back like a good horse," said Marsh, who trained Ardrossan for the majority of his career.

“He knew where the line was and was doing his best work there. He is a real chip off the old block as he looks like his old man and seems to have inherited plenty of that ability. We will see how he comes through this but I'd like to take him to Trentham this month for the Wellesley Stakes (Listed, 1100m) as I think he would be suited to a big, roomy surface like that.” - Marsh

Waikato Stud principal Mark Chittick was on hand to celebrate the victory along with Goddard, who made the trip from Wellington for the race. “The whole story is just so good around this guy as Dame Lowell bred him and then we got involved when he was a yearling,” Chittick said. She is on track to see him race today and I think that has given us all a thrill and it is a great reward for all of the syndicate who have supported Ardrossan.

The syndicate has worked tirelessly to boost his numbers and I think the wonderful thing is that he appears to have really stamped his first few crops and is leaving consistently good types. The other fun fact is that Codigo is named after a quality brand of tequila, and I would think there may be a few to be drunk later tonight in celebration.”

Ardrossan will be well represented at the 2023 National Yearling Sale at Karaka later this month with seven individuals on offer during the Book 1 sale and a further 12 in the Book 2 sale.



Former Marsh trained Ardrossan



Following in his fathers footsteps, Codigo wins at Matamata

Replay

Retired Racehorses Showcase at Anna Rehab

Before Christmas, Tarnz and Ashley gave up their time to represent Marsh Racing at the Anna Rehab- Equine Assisted Learning Summer Show. They caught up with some special horses who took part in the annual event with the children who work alongside them throughout the year.

Anna Rehab combines giving ex racehorses a new career with struggling children as young as 6 in programmes they both benefit from. Ash said it was an inspiration to see the children working so well with the horses, displaying brilliant horsemanship skills and how much the horses enjoyed interacting with their handlers and showing off for the crowd.

Seize the Moment (winner of 7 races including at group level) Rocanto (winner of 10) Global Currency (winner of 2) and Sexabeel are among the equine therapists connecting with the children and as you can see from the photos thriving in their new career!!



"The horses are the therapists, the horses do the work as they connect with the children, my job is to interrupt what is going on between the horse and children."

December Winners



3/12/22 Pukekoe

Margaret Jean

Vinnie Colgan

*Go Racing Super Model Syndicate
Eagle Technology 2100m*

[*Replay.*](#)



11/12/22 Tauranga

Shivoo

Michael McNab

*2021 Bourbon Lane Stables New Zealand
Llc Partnership, E H Falconer, S J
Freeman, C A & M J Gallagher, D J
Hooke, S W Platt, A P Saker, B C Sutton,
Taimana Farm Ltd & G R Wilson*

Fertco 1200

[*Replay.*](#)



17/12/22 Te Rapa

Encierro

Sam Weatherley

*I G Bengé, H J Chapman, A J Cunningham, E H
Falconer, M & R Haydon, B W Johnson,
Miss A Legg, R B & S B Marsh, R C Montgomery,
S W Platt, A G O & G R Wilson*

Nationwide Livestock Mile

[*Replay.*](#)



21/12/22 Ashburton

Night Raider

Kavish Chowdhooory

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

MHC Cartage/Jimmy&Vik

Hyland Maiden 1200

Replay.



28/12/22 Rotorua

Klairelle

Craig Grylls

Mr G Harvey

House of Elliott 3YO Maiden

Replay.



28/12/22 Rotorua

Cruz Missile

Michael McNab

*Barlow Thoroughbred Ltd, Brown
Thoroughbreds Ltd, JML Bloodstock Ltd (Mgr:
L Petagna) & A J Joyce*

Sweeny Townsend Insurence

Brokers 1560

Replay.



30/12/22 Taupo

Academy Award

Michael McNab

*2021 Bourbon Lane Stables New Zealand LLC
Partnership, W L Bolton, J R Gray, Dr P H
Mitchell, Mrs B M & L D Pettifer & A P Saker*

Mort Webber Memorial 1300m

Replay.



30/12/22 Taupo

Tina Again

Wiremu Pinn

Mrs R A Carter & B Kendall

The Klinoch Country Lodge
Trophy

Replay.

Congratulations to all connections!

