

# MARSH MONTHLY



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## Red dot report

We couldn't have hoped for a better start to 2023, with January being one of the most successful months on record for the stable! With 15 individual winners, 3 winners at Stakes level and a further 20 placings, we finished the month with a winning strike rate of 6.2 and a top 3 strike rate of 2.6!

The Wellington Cup Carnival proved a happy hunting ground for us. We recorded 5 winners across the two days, including the Group 3 IRT Wakefield Stakes with Codigo and the Group 3 NZB Desert Gold Stakes with Mazzalino. The victory of 2YO Codigo in the Waikato Stud colours gave us great pleasure, given we trained his sire Ardrossan who now stands at the famous Waikato nursery. He is raced in partnership by Dame Lowell Goddard and Waikato Stud who are both great supporters of our stable and the NZ Racing & Breeding industry.

Our crop of 3YO's continue to develop very nicely toward their feature Derby and Oaks targets. Listed Salver winner Cruz Missile and Andalus look nice Derby prospects, while our group of fillies look to have us well placed as we head towards the NZ Oaks.

The NZB National Yearling Sale returned to its usual slot in January, and we were thrilled to add 11 outstanding yearlings to our stable. We place a huge amount of emphasis on having quality stock in our team for the years to come and our investment surpassed that of any other year. Thank you to all our partners who have supported us this year, there is still a very limited number of shares left so please feel free to contact me directly to discuss being involved in the class of 2023.

A hectic racing schedule combined with the time and effort involved in the yearling sale means that January is a very busy month. I want to thank our incredible team of staff led by Rhys Mildon, who work tirelessly to keep the team operating at the elite level. When most of the country is on holiday, the outstanding results we have had reflect their tremendous dedication and skill during this period.

Please check out purchases from this year's sales below and get in touch to discuss the limited shares that remain available.

*Stephen*



## Karaka Sales purchases 2023

We are proud to add eleven quality yearlings to the stable. They will now have a break before commencing their education with some of New Zealand's leading young horse educators, before heading into the Marsh stable.

Each purchase has been very popular but a few shares remain, if you are interested in any of the following horses please contact Stephen on 027 228 8889 or flick us an email at [marshracing@xtra.co.nz](mailto:marshracing@xtra.co.nz).

All purchased lots can be viewed on our website  
[www.marshracing.com/purchases](http://www.marshracing.com/purchases)



Click on the yearling photo to learn more about it

Lot 87  
Tivaci-Cassiopeia



Lot 91  
Super Seth-Chandelier



Lot 138  
Shamus Award-Demeter



# Karaka Sales purchases 2023



Lot 184  
Written By-Financial



Lot 211  
Almanzor-Glimpse



Lot 254  
Vadamos-Irish Blues



Lot 422  
Darci Brahma-Perroquet



## Karaka Sales purchases 2023



SOLD

AMBRIDGE  
STUD

CONTRIBUTER - POUTER COLT 12/12

Lot 434  
Contributer-Pouter



SOLD

Lot 514  
Justify-Show and Tell



SOLD

Lot 610  
Capitalist-Unimpeachable



SOLD

Lot 740  
El Roca-Dramatist



## Codigo heads early Marsh treble



**Marsh commenced with wins by Mercurial and Laneway Flirting and believed he had a great chance to make it three in a row with the son of Ardrossan, after the showy bay had won narrowly but impressively on debut at Matamata earlier in the month.**

### **NZ Racing Desk writes:**

Trainer Stephen Marsh made the early stages of the 2023 Trentham summer carnival all his own as he capped an opening treble with exciting two-year-old Codigo taking out the Listed IRT Wellesley Stakes (1100m).

Rider Michael McNab had Codigo quickly away from his inside barrier before taking up a trailing position behind the Mark Walker-trained pair of Sky On Fire and Rubicon Crossing.

Keen to get off the fence early in the run home, McNab angled his mount across heels and quickly joined issue with the leading pair before settling down to a dogfight with Rubicon Crossing where he prevailed by a neck at the winning post.

Marsh had been confident of a good performance having long believed his charge has enormous potential.

“It is a bit special for this horse, being by Ardrossan, who we trained and to get three on a day is special for sure,” Marsh said.

“He is a lovely horse, who was unbeaten at the trials and then won his first start.



“We probably ran him today a little bit sooner than we would have liked to, but this was a perfect race for him. Michael gave him the right run, although I think he might need a week in the paddock now as he might just be feeling his shins.

“He has ticked off the black-type win and ultimately we will aim him for the Manawatu Sires’ Produce Stakes (Gr.1, 1400m).”

McNab was keen to secure the mount on Codigo after his first win at the trials and the pair have been inseparable ever since.

“When I got back from a Covid break and holiday, Dad said that Stephen had a real nice Ardrossan colt,” he said.

“I managed to get on him for his next trial then his first raceday start and today he has won very well.

Raced by his breeder, Dame Lowell Goddard along with Waikato Stud, Codigo becomes the first stakes 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.



**First stakes winner for Waikato Stud stallion, Ardrossan,**



**Codigo win the Listed IRT Wellesley Stakes and is Stephen's third winner of the meeting**

***Replay***

## Zee Falls finds winning groove in Karaka Cup



**After coming so close in countless feature races, talented staying mare Zee Falls (NZ) (Sacred Falls) had a deserved moment in the spotlight when scoring a convincing victory in the Collinson Forex Karaka Cup (2200m) at Pukekohe on Saturday.**

### **NZ Racing Desk writes:**

Prepared by Stephen Marsh, the five-year-old daughter of Sacred Falls has now recorded three wins, four seconds and five thirds from her 26 starts, and will be aimed at some black-type options as the broodmare paddock beckons.

Zee Falls was a black-type winner early in her three-year-old season, taking out the Gr.3 Wellington Stakes (1600m) at Otaki in just her fourth career start.

But she was forced to play supporting roles through the rest of her three and four-year-old campaigns, finishing eighth in the Karaka Million 3YO Classic (1600m), second in the Gr.2 Waikato Guineas (2000m), fourth in the Gr.2 Lowland Stakes (2100m), sixth in the Gr.1 New Zealand Oaks (2400m), second in the Gr.3 Manawatu Cup (2250m), third in the Gr.3 City of Auckland Cup (2400m) and third in the Listed Anzac Mile (1550m).



Until Saturday's breakthrough, her five-year-old season had brought more of the same – fourth in the Listed Staphanos Classic (1950m), second in the Listed Feilding Gold Cup (2100m), fourth in the Gr.3 Counties Cup (2100m), sixth in the Gr.3 Waikato Cup (2400m) and a last-start third in the Gr.3 Queen Elizabeth II Cup (2400m). But Saturday was finally her day. Slotted into a beautiful midfield position by world-class visiting Australian jockey Damian Lane, Zee Falls was doing everything with ease as she cruised into striking position approaching the home turn.

Lane went for gold in the straight and Zee Falls responded, charging past the front-running Sagunto and opening up a clear lead. She began to tire in the last 150m, but held all challengers at bay and scored by three-quarters of a length from Contemplation with race favourite Tutukaka finishing third.

“It was a brilliant result. She’s been running such good races in all of those big Cups, and we just thought this would be a beautiful race for her. It was awesome to have a world-class rider like Damian Lane aboard, and he rode her perfectly,” Marsh said.

“I’m thrilled for the owners. She’s a lovely mare, and she’ll make a lovely broodmare in time. She might end up being sold a bit later in the year for her breeding career, but a race like the Travis Stakes (Gr.2, 2000m) for fillies and mares at Te Rapa might be a nice one to aim at before that happens.”



**Winning connections of Zee Falls**



**Zee Falls takes out the Karaka Cup for Australian hoop Damian Lane**

***Replay***



## January Winners



2/01/23 Tauranga

**Luella Cristina**  
Sam Weatherley  
JML Bloodstock Ltd  
Happy Hire 1200

*[Replay.](#)*



2/01/23 Tauranga

**Financier**  
Opie Bosson  
2021 Bourbon Lane Stables New Zealand  
LLC Partnership, Nearco Stud,  
Dr P H Mitchell, Grant Wilson & Paul  
Saker  
Duncan Dental 1400

*[Replay.](#)*



3/01/23 Matamata

**Codigo**  
Michael McNab  
Dame Lowell Goddard & Waikato Stud Ltd  
Waikato Stud @ Karaka 2023

*[Replay.](#)*





8/01/2023 Pukekohe

**Mazzolino**

**Craig Grylls**

*Waikato Stud Ltd*

**NZB Karaka 2023 Trainers**

**Series 1500**

*Replay.*



8/01/2023 Pukekohe

**Cruz Missile**

**Michael McNab**

*Barlow Thoroughbred Ltd, Brown Thoroughbreds Ltd, JML Bloodstock Ltd*

**Barfoot and Thompson  
Gingernuts Salver (Listed)**

*Replay.*



13/01/23 Tauranga

**Tina Again**

**Wiremu Pinn**

*Mrs R A Carter & B Kendall*

**Ray White Whakatane and  
Ohope 1400**

*Replay.*





14/01/23 Trentham

## **Mercurial**

**Opie Bosson**

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

**Vernon and Vazey Truck Parts**

**Premier**

*Replay.*



14/01/23 Trentham

## **Laneway Flirting**

**Tayla Mitchell**

*E H Falconer, B W & D Johnson, Mission  
Downs Trust, S W Platt,  
B C Sutton & C D B Swap*

**Woodridge Homes Premier**

*Replay.*



14/01/23 Trentham

## **Codigo**

**Michael McNab**

*Dame Lowell Goddard & Waikato Stud Ltd*

**IRT Wellesley Stakes**

**(Listed)**

*Replay.*





18/01/23 Te Rapa

## Super Six

Opie Bosson

*Horse Feng Bloodstock Ltd*  
Alexandra RC Pirongia Cup

*Replay.*



18/01/23 Te Rapa

## Andalus

Craig Zackey

*JML Bloodstock Ltd*  
Waikato Draught Mile

*Replay.*



21/01/23 Pukekohe

## Zee Falls

Damian Lane

*Robyn Herbst, J F Hepburn, S J Freeman*  
*, Les & Marion Pettifer, H Cunningham, Little*  
*River Thoroughbreds, J Gray, A Bestow, P*  
*Williams, I Bennett, G McNaughton & B*  
*Martelletti*

Collinson Forex Karaka Cup

*Replay.*





26/01/23 Hastings

**Rising Dream**  
Kelsey Hannon  
*Victoria & John Carter*  
Te Mata Contractors Handicap

[Replay.](#)



28/01/23 Trentham

**Mazzolino**  
Sam Weatherley  
*Waikato Stud Ltd.*  
NZ Bloodstock Desert Gold  
Stakes

[Replay.](#)



28/01/23 Trentham

**Laneway Flirting**  
Tayla Mitchell  
*E H Falconer, B W & D Johnson, Mission  
Downs Trust (Mgr: Geoff Brown), S W Platt, B  
C Sutton & C D B Swap*  
Stephanie Murray Mortgages  
Premier

[Replay.](#)