

MARSH MONTHLY



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Red dot report

We were optimistic of some decent weather in May, but instead we experienced one of the wettest months in recent memory! While it has made placing our racehorses difficult, one benefit has been the time we have been able to spend with our 2023 yearlings.

The entire group have now been through our system and some are well into their second preparation. We have invested heavily in our young stock over the past 2 years and this year's crop of rising 2YO's look very exciting, our early graduates will have their first educational jump outs this coming month.

Our 2YO crop continues to perform well and it was very satisfying to secure valuable black type for the highly talented Written Tycoon filly, Glamour Tycoon in the Waikato Equine Veterinary Centre Two Year Old Stakes early in the month. Her 2nd behind the well fancied Solidify was an incredibly brave effort on unsuitable footing, while our all-ladies Heels and Hooves syndicate filly, Moet Down ran a very creditable 4th in front of a fantastic crew of her owners! These two fillies join a strong group of rising 3YOs who are set to return to the stable over the next few weeks as we start to narrow our focus towards the spring.

In what is shaping up to be an exciting time for our sport, this month we have seen some giant steps forward for the industry. Racing Minister Kieran McAnulty made the announcement that the joint venture between Entain and the TAB, which will deliver nearly \$1billion of funding to the industry over the next five years, has been officially signed off. Having attended an industry meeting with Entain last week, it is easy to see that through the scale of their business we have an outstanding opportunity to better fund our code and make the necessary investments in our wagering and racing product over a sustained period. The five year guarantee under the new partnership is a great boost and we understand an announcement on increased stakes for the 2023/2024 season is due over the coming weeks.

This month also saw establishment of the new Super Club, named Waikato Thoroughbred Racing (WTR) following the official merger approval between Waikato Racing Club, Cambridge Jockey Club, and Waipa Racing Club. Having served on the Cambridge Jockey Club committee for a number of years, I believe this is positive step forward and allows the region to make faster and better decisions around how our assets are used and what tracks are fit for purpose over the next few years.

We have started our research into this years NZB weanling catalogue, and while we have not purchased from this sale in the past, its success is becoming hard to ignore with 4 individual Group 1 winners coming through this sale in recent years. We feel this sale gives owners a unique opportunity to secure quality stock at a much lower price point than at yearling sales. We plan to be selective at this sale and offer a unique package to owners, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or wish to be involved.

Stephen

ULANOVA AWARDED GROUP 1 GLORY

We take pride in being able to announce that our star 2YO Ulanova has officially been crowned the winner of this seasons Group 1 ARC Sistema Stakes.

Following the second positive test returned by Tokyo Tycoon for a prohibited substance, the Racing Integrity Board have settled on an official verdict and the placings of this year's Group 1 have been amended with Ulanova elevated to 1st position.

Ulanova proved to be one of the countries elite 2YO performers across the season. A debut winner at Te Rapa in October, the filly by Santos followed this up with a brave 4th in the Karaka Million and an emphatic seven length victory in Group 3 Platinum Homes New Plymouth 2YO Classic. After encountering a wet track not to her liking in the Matamata Breeders Stakes, her final run in the Group 1 Sistema Stakes has resulted in a deserved victory at the elite level to further enhance her credentials.

"Ulanova was the ultimate 2YO, her natural speed and precocious nature are very rare and she firmly cemented herself as an elite 2YO very early. I thought her performance in the Karaka Million where she was only run down in the final few strides was exceptional while her dominate seven Length victory in the Group 3 Classic was one of the individual performances of the season. To finish as a Group 1 winner of the Sistema Stakes is great reward and a huge thrill for her connections. - Stephen Marsh

A \$150,000 NZB karaka yearling purchase, Ulanova is raced by Gandharvi Pty Ltd, leading American based agent Michael Wallace & NZ based owner David Wallace. She will temporarily relocate to the Melbourne for her 3YO Spring campaign to take advantage of the lucrative programming opportunities available. Ulanova finishes her 2YO season as the only dual Group winning 2YO in New Zealand, with a record of three wins from six starts and prize money exceeding \$300,000.



Group 3 Platinum Homes New Plymouth 2YO Classic



Rhys, Ulanova and Mitch

Waikato Super Club Merger Endorsed

NZ Racing News

A significant decision has been reached regarding the establishment of a new racing Club, named Waikato Thoroughbred Racing (WTR), following the official merger approval between Waikato Racing Club, Cambridge Jockey Club, and Waipa Racing Club.

The amalgamation was endorsed by the Board and members of all three Clubs during their respective Special General Meetings (SGMs), with the intention of bringing extensive benefits to the racing region of the Waikato. The merger will take effect on August 1 2023.

The overwhelming majority of members present at the three SGM's voted in favour of the merger, as they firmly believe that this formation will give rise to a robust and well-resourced super Club in New Zealand's largest thoroughbred racing and breeding region.

At the helm of the merger is Waikato Racing Club Chairman, John Elstob, who as the WTR Working Group Chair commented on the formation of Waikato Thoroughbred Racing.

“Collectively, the merger of the three Clubs places the newly formed Club in a significantly better position to accomplish our primary objectives, surpassing the capabilities of any individual Club or combination of two Clubs, he said.

“The merged Club will have improved scale and strength, as well as the flexibility to advance its racing and training operations.

“These positive effects will extend beyond the Club itself, benefiting the racing industry throughout the entire country. The amalgamation is strongly supported by both the Cambridge Jockey Club and Waipa Racing Club.

TAB and Entain Partnership Gets The Green Light

Minister for Racing Kieran McAnulty has announced the approval of a 25-year partnership between TAB NZ and UK betting company Entain that delivers at least \$900 million in guaranteed funding for the racing industry over the next five years.

Entain, a UK based group that operates multiple sports betting providers globally, will use their economies of scale and significant technology and capital capabilities to deliver TAB NZ's betting, wagering and broadcast operations.

“This is one of the most significant days in New Zealand racing history. This deal will reverse falling revenues for racing and provides certainty over the coming years,” Kieran McAnulty said.

“I'm confident this agreement will help secure a solid future for the racing industry and sports in New Zealand through increased financial distributions to national sports organisations.

“TAB NZ has been facing increasing financial challenges over recent years and was facing an uncertain future, largely due to competition from offshore gambling websites.

May Winners



6/05/23 Te Rapa

Gee Cee

Sam Spratt

Go Racing Miaow Syndicate

BetaVet Mile

Replay.



13/05/23 Rotorua

Royal Roc

Warren Kennedy

S B Marsh & T L Clarkson

Contributor standing at
MacMillan Accountants 1560

Replay.



17/05/23 Cambridge

Hasstobefast

Michael McNab

S B Marsh, C R McConnochie & R & CM Hassall

Family Trust

Paynters Catering 970m

Replay.



18/05/23 Riccarton Park

Miss Nico Belle

Courtney Barnes

Ms S E Bourke, J F Bruford, F & T J Carter, C J Griffin, B A Murray, W Storm, R W Sutherland & M L O Williams

Coca-Cola Rating 65

Replay.



24/05/23 Hastings

Shadez

Warren Kennedy

T Cheetham, Jomara Bloodstock Ltd & K M Stocker

Super Liquor Greerton

Maiden 2100

Replay.



27/05/23 Pukekohe Park

Royal Roc

Warren Kennedy

S B Marsh & T L Clarkson
NZB Airfreight 1600

Replay.

Behind the scenes at Te Rapa races

