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Red dot report

October proved to be a very rewarding month for the stable. We recorded some extremely important results and are setting our team up nicely for a strong summer period.

The victory by Burn To Shine in the Group 3 War Decree Stakes was our first stakes win of the season and particularly satisfying. Owned by the Oaks Stud, his progression this season has been first class. His victory at Riccarton over 1600m came off the back of placings in both the Listed El Roca Trophy and Gr. 2 Hawkes Bay Guineas. Under a gun ride from Jonathan Parkes, he proved too strong in the straight for his strong opposition. He will return in great shape to the same venue and distance for the Gr. 1 \$600,000 New Zealand 2000 Guineas on November the 11th.

Much anticipation surrounded our debut runner Takeshi at Rotorua last week. Sent out a \$1.70 favourite, he lived up to expectation drawing away for an impressive 4.5 length victory. The 3YO Colt by emerging sire sensation Satono Aladdin from the Group winning mare Passchendaele has impressed us right the way through and we look forward to stepping him up in class over the coming months.

It capped a nice day at Rotorua where the progressive 3YO Sinhaman, in the famous colours of David & Diane Archer won nicely while a host of others recorded placings, suggesting a win isn't far away.

Stable favourite Nest Egg was a satisfying winner at Te Rapa in the \$50,000 Open 2400M event on Sarten Memorial day. He now holds outright favouritism for the \$300,000 New Zealand Cup on the final day of the Christchurch Carnival.

We will have a select team ready to compete in most major races over the upcoming New Zealand Cup Carnival. Credit must be given to the Canterbury Jockey Club, who have looked for innovative ways to attract more horse to the carnival through travel incentives. We look forward to getting down there and unleashing our runners on a big roomy surface.

It was fantastic to get back to Pukekohe on Saturday, I thought the racing surface was in magnificent condition and it was clear to see several improvements around the track. The ARC continues to build momentum in the lead up to a return to Ellerslie.

Next Tuesday we will race for record money at rating 65 and 75 level, \$75,000 and \$40,000 for maiden races! This is incredible prize money and a direct reflection of the ARC's commitment and the benefits of the arrival of Entain who have made an immediate impact on our sport, they are innovative and fully behind the thoroughbred code. I have said it previously, but there has not been a better time to race horses in New Zealand and the positive improvements look set to continue.

Stephen

Burn To Shine displays Guineas credentials with feature victory

Kevin Robertson, LOVERACING.NZ News Desk

Cambridge visitor Burn To Shine threw his name into the mix of serious contenders for the Gr.1 Al Basti Equiworld Dubai New Zealand 2000 Guineas (1600m) next month with a determined effort to take out the Gr.3 War Decree Stakes (1600m) at Riccarton.

The Stephen Marsh-trained three-year-old had finished third behind Saturday's race-rival Lantern Way in the Gr.2 Hawke's Bay Guineas (1400m) at his last start and turned the tables after enjoying a perfect run in transit for rider Johnathan Parkes.

Parkes sat Burn To Shine one-out behind a muddling speed set up by Funfetti before joining issue shortly after turning for home.

Burn To Shine took control at the 300m and fought doggedly when tackled by the favoured pair, holding off the charge of Trobriand by half a length with a further length back to Lantern Way.

Marsh was on track at Pukekohe for the day but admitted he had watched the race on television with some excitement.

"It was a very good win and one he deserved as he has been going cracking races," Marsh said.

"Parkes said there was no speed on and he probably got to the front a little soon, but he was very resolute and ran the mile out very strongly.

"We train this one for The Oaks Stud, who are very big supporters of the stable, so it is great to get a win like that for them and repay the faith they have in us."

Marsh will now take Burn To Shine straight to the 2000 Guineas and is upbeat about his prospects.

"We know now he gets a good mile and has experience on the track which will stand him in good stead for what comes next," he said.

"We also know the Guineas favourite (Crocetti) is a very fine horse but we are here with no travel ahead of us and we can just do our own thing and have him cherry ripe on the day."

Raced by The Oaks Stud principal Dick Karreman, who bred the horse, Burn To Shine is out of talented race mare Smoulder who numbered the Gr.2 Eight Carat Classic (1600m) amongst her four career victories.

TAB Bookmakers quickly slashed Burn To Shine's odds for the 2000 Guineas from \$21 to \$8.50 behind red hot favourite Crocetti (\$1.75).

October Winners



4/10/23 Tauranga

Tossuforit

Michael McNab

Brent & Cherry Taylor, Faith Taylor,

Jane Taylor & Scott Malcolm

Cheers Tavern 1200

Replay.



14/10/23 Ashburton

Miss Nico Belle

Tegan Newman

Mrs L & S Bleakley & M W Freeman

RD Petroleum 1400

Replay.



21/10/23 Te Rapa

Nest Egg

Warren Kennedy

*D Price, SB Marsh, G Wilson, R Snell, C
Connors, C Lindberg, A South, S O'Connor, J*

Owen & B Stewart

CK Treework 2400

Replay.



26/10/23 Rotorua

Sinhaman

Opie Bosson

Archer Equine Investments Ltd

Arawa Park Hotel Rotorua 3YO

1400

[*Replay.*](#)



26/10/23 Rotorua

Takeshi

Opie Bosson

P Donovan, S B Doull, M C Fenwick, P T Lally, S B Marsh, J M Mills, S W Platt, A Randall, Rich Hill Thoroughbreds Ltd, J Timpany & G R Wilson

The Rotorua Club

1215 Maiden

[*Replay.*](#)



28/10/23 Pukekohe

Gee Cee

Sam Spratt

Go Racing Miaow Syndicate

NZB Ready to Run Sale

Trainers Series 1500

[*Replay.*](#)



28/10/23 Riccarton

Burn To Shine
Johnathan Parkes
D Karreman
Group 3 War Decree Stakes
1600

Replay.

NZB Ready to Run Sale

We have spent plenty of time analysing the upcoming NZB Ready to Run Sale and plan to be active at the sale on November 22nd & 23rd.

Traditionally we have only purchased a very small number at this sale, and we again plan to be selective this year. We have assessed all horses Breeze Ups held last month and are in the process of inspecting horses on farm before they arrive at Karaka.

If anyone would like to join the priority list please contact me asap. Our Ready to Run purchases are extremely popular so this is the best way to avoid missing out.

It has been great to see so many owners on course and in the winner's circle recently. The summer months are undoubtedly our busiest and I look forward to catching up with as many owners as possible over the next period.