

# Stallion Station Newsletter

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## Auckland Reactor – 6 from 6

The **Mach Three** colt **Auckland Reactor**, the nominal favourite for the New Zealand Derby, stretched his unbeaten winning sequence to six with an effortless win in a heat of the Southern Supremacy Stakes at Ascot Park, Invercargill last Thursday.

After settling down second last, the colt was urged forward three wide by Mark Purdon at the 1200 metre mark to go up to race upsides with the leader at the bell. Popped the question at the straight entrance, Auckland Reactor responded magnificently, exploding to the front inside the final furlong and winning by an ever-increasing two-and-three-quarter lengths.

He carved out the final 800 metres in 58.5 and 400 in 28.5, figures which he could have sharply improved.

Out of a Soky's Atom mare, Auckland Reactor lifted his stake earnings to a healthy \$141,468. He will be a short-priced favourite for the \$50,000 Southern Supremacy Stakes Final at Invercargill on April 26.

Meanwhile, **Helvik**, a Mach Three three-year-old filly out of a Smooth Fella mare, completed a winning hatrick at Scottsdale (Tas.) on Friday.

**Mach Three** notched winning doubles at three of Canada's leading tracks, Woodbine, Georgian Downs and Flamboro Downs, last week.

**Westwind Razor** (ex Tyler B mare) and **Themachmanprophecy** (ex Precious Bunny mare), a pair of four-year-old geldings, won at Woodbine in 1:54.6 and 1:55.6 respectively; **Tymal Stealth** (ex Presidential Ball mare) and **Village Blast** (ex Die Laughing mare) prevailed in 1:55.6 and 1:56.4 respectively at Georgian Downs; and **Michelleanas Angel** 1:58.8 (ex Big Towner mare) and **Keep On Truckin** 1:59.8 (ex OK Bye mare) won at Flamboro Downs.

**Freckly Sara**, another Mach Three four-year-old out of a Jennas Beach Boy mare, won at Woodbine last Friday in a nippy 1:54.4.

With his oldest stock now four, Mach Three has produced winners of over \$US6.6 million, including 11 winners of \$100,000 or more.

## Riverboat's smart four-year-old

Mark down **Allin On The River** as one to follow on the North Island of New Zealand in the autumn.

The **Riverboat King** four-year-old gelding led throughout over the flying mile at Cambridge last Friday in 1:58.2. He won as he liked, cutting out the last 800 in a sizzling 56.6 seconds.

Out of a Butler B G mare, **Allin On The River** extended his record to four wins and two placings from nine starts.

**Finn**, a NSW bred three-year-old by Riverboat, notched his third win from four attempts when he emerged successful at Canberra on Monday night. Out of a Sun Lamp mare, he looks a very promising type.

## IN BRIEF

- Gary Lyons, a senior partner in Stallion Station, bred the winners of two heats of the WA Sales Classic for two-year-old fillies at Gloucester Park on Monday in **Love The Red** and **La Joconde**
- **Bestoflee**, a **Cammibest** three-year-old filly out of a Scoot Outa Reach mare, won at Rideau Carleton Raceway on Sunday night in 2:02.8

## Camotion winner in 1:55.8

**Windsong Destroyer**, a four-year-old gelding and one of the first crop of the Cambest horse **Camotion**, won again at Woodbine on Saturday night in 1:55.8. He is out of a Dexter Nukes mare.

Another **Camotion** winner in Canada recently was **Wynsum Magic**, a four-year-old gelding out of a Cam Fella mare who prevailed at Western Fair in 2:01.

## Caprock's winner

The New Zealand bred six-year-old **Wee Knight** became **Caprock's** latest winner when she was successful at Rocklea (Qld) on Saturday afternoon. She is out of a Vance Hanover mare.

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### Big Rusty salutes again

**Big Rusty**, a strapping **Rustler Hanover** colt, is rated one of South Australia's top youngsters, particularly after his success at Globe Derby Park on Saturday night.

Despite sitting parked for the entire 1800 metres trip, the colt dug deep in the latter stages to win in a slogging finish.

Out of a Walton Hanover mare, Big Rusty has won two of his three starts to date.

Rustler Hanover was represented a trio of sub 1:57 winners in Canada last week. They included **Rustler Steve** 1:52.4 (5YO gelding ex Pacific Rocket mare), **Wyns Option** 1:54 (6YO gelding ex Bret Hanover mare) and **Steal Black** 1:56.2 (6YO gelding ex Storm Damage mare).

### Big Fella passes \$230,000 mark

The Cam Fella horse, **Pacific Fella**, who stands at Stallion Station's Western Australian base, produced important winners in two countries last week.

**Easy Big Fella**, one of Canada's leading pacers, recorded his 15<sup>th</sup> lifetime win and lifted his earnings to \$236,060 when he saluted at Kawartha Downs last Friday in 1:58.6. The eight-year-old gelding is out of an Artsplace mare.

Meanwhile, the three-year-old **Ruby Dazzler** (ex Chandon mare), who is Pacific Fella's richest Australian progeny, took her stake earnings to \$91,643 with a smart win against older mares at Northam (WA) on Saturday night. It was her fifth win from nine starts.

Other Pacific Fella winners were **Image Of Ella** (4YO mare ex Walton Hanover mare), who posted win No. 5 at Warragul, and the first-starter **Punt High** (4YO gelding ex Vanston Hanover mare), who saluted at the Cobram twilight meeting.

Pacific Fella has now sired 31 individual winners from his first Australian crop of 87 foals (now 4YO's) – a remarkable 36 percent record.

### Our sires well represented at sale

Stallion Station sires are strongly represented at the Australian Pacing Gold yearling sale at Oaklands Junction on Saturday, February 2.

Our flagship sire **Mach Three** has two lots (a colt and a gelding); **Rustler Hanover** has seven (5 colts and 2 fillies); **Royal Mattjesty** (a colt and a filly); the late **Young Rufus** five (a colt and 4 fillies); **Pacific Fella** (a colt) and **Safe And Sound** (a colt).

The Mach Three gelding ranks as a half-brother to one of last season's top three-year-olds in Lively Exit, while the Rustler draft includes a filly out of the Queen of the Pacific winner Edna Bromac.

The sole Pacific Fella entry is out of a full sister to the Moonee Valley winner Nodogsallowed.

### Breeder Profile

**Name:** Graeme Rayner

**Occupation:** Partner in Real Estate firm – Rayner Real Estate

**How long have you been involved in breeding standardbreds:** Five years

**Who was the first winner you bred:** Patmiorse

**Who is the best racehorse you have bred or owned:** My Missindependent

**Who is the best broodmare you have owned?** Kano Idol

**How many broodmares do you currently own?** 25 plus

**How many horses do you have racing and who does the training for you?** Five horses. Michael Stanley, Jaimie Madruga and Graham Lee

**Who is the best horse you have seen?** Blacks A Fake

**Are you on any committees and do you hold any memberships?** Member of Harness Racing Owners Association

**What is your overview of the current state of harness racing in Victoria?** Progressing well but we need to be diligent and alert to any further opportunities

**What would be the top of your wish list for harness racing?** Prizemoney increases, improve our TV image by getting races away on time and shortening intervals between races, to be more competitive with the greyhounds



Graeme Rayner

The Group 1 Stallion Station Fremantle Pacing Cup, carrying a record stake of \$250,000, proved a great success with a large crowd on hand to witness the birth of a new star in Australian harness racing in Christian Spirit, who led throughout to claim the \$163,670 first prize.

The Cup presentation was attended by Stallion Station directors Gary Lyons, Joe Iemma, Robert Watson, Peter Scarpino and Vic Longo, who proudly sponsored the Grand Circuit event.

Fremantle Dockers football coach Mark Harvey and assistant coach Dean Wallis were also on hand at the presentation ceremony.



Big turn out at the Fremantle Cup



Sue Lyons holding the SS trophy rug



Winning horse – Christian Spirit



Mark and Gary with Peter Smith  
owner of Christian Spirit



Robert Watson, Mark Harvey, John  
Longo, Gary Lyons and Dean  
Wallis in the committee room



Gary Lyons during his speech  
at the Fremantle Cup



Driver Mark Reed with Fremantle  
Coach Mark Harvey and Christian  
Spirit Trainer Greg Harper