

Stallion Station Newsletter

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Mach Three 3YO's on fire

Fiery Falcon and **Trigirl Brigade**, a pair of **Mach Three** three-year-olds, provided the highlights of another productive week for Stallion Station's flagship sire.

Fiery Falcon, a gelding from a Falcon Seelster mare, posted win No. 4 and lifted his stake earnings to \$239,416 when he emerged successful at Ashburton on Saturday. Starting off 10 metres, Mark Purdon slotted him into the one-out-one back trail soon after the tapes were released. He bided his time until rounding the home turn when he unleashed a powerful finishing burst to trounce his rivals by four lengths.

Fiery Falcon tramped his last 800 metres in 56.9 seconds and the final quarter in 26.6 – without being fully extended.

Trigirl Brigade, a filly making her raceday debut, was equally impressive winning on the grass at the Kumeu meeting at Avondale Racecourse. Despite galloping at the start and sitting parked for the final 1100 metres, the filly proved far too strong for her rivals in winning by three-and-a-half lengths.

A genuine Oaks candidate, Trigirl Brigade is out of a Smooth Fella mare.

In Canada, Mach Three was represented by a couple of fast winners in **Themachmanprophecy** (4YO gelding ex Precious Bunny mare), a 1:54.2 winner at Woodbine, and **Daylon Chance** (4YO gelding ex Camluck mare), who won at Hippodrome de Montreal in 1:56.6.



Mach Three

Riverboat winner in 1:55.3

The **Riverboat King** four-year-old **Riverboat Star** hoisted a fresh lifetime mark of 1:55.3 when he led throughout over the 1660 metres course at Albion Park on Saturday.

Now the winner of eight races, the gelding, who is out of a mare by Vanston Hanover, should work his way down to a much tighter mark before the handicapper catches up with him.

Canaco Quinella, a Canadian-bred Riverboat King mare from a Beach Towel mare, won again at Hippodrome de Montreal on Saturday in 1:59.6.

IN BRIEF

- **Windsong Destroyer**, a **Camotion** four-year-old gelding ex Dexter Nukes mare, won at Woodbine on Saturday in 1:55
- **Peaceful Art**, a **Peace Of Art** four-year-old mare ex Embrace Me mare, posted win No. 10 and sent her earnings past the \$40,000 mark at Newcastle last Saturday

Rustler Hanover tops Brisbane sale

A **Rustler Hanover** filly brought the top price of \$30,000 for a filly at the Brisbane Australian Pacing Gold sale on Sunday. It was the second highest-priced lot on the day.

On the racing front, **Rustle**, a Rustler Hanover four-year-old gelding ex Armbro Emerson mare, won at Windsor Raceway on Wednesday in 1:59.8.

Rustler Hanover is now the sire of 312 in 2:00, 124 in 1:55 and two in 1:50 for progeny earnings of \$US20.6 million.

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Hula Gold – four on end

The **Pacific Fella** three-year-old filly **Hula Gold** (ex Vanston Hanover mare) stretched her winning sequence to four at the Albion Park midweek meeting in rating 1:59.4.

In America, **Pacific Philly** (5YO Pacific Fella mare ex Laag mare) completed consecutive wins at Dover Downs last Tuesday, capturing a \$33,000 Open in 1:52.8.

Other Pacific Fella winners last week were **Red Star Turbulent** (8YO gelding ex Legal Notice mare), a 1:58.6 winner at Fraser Downs, Canada, and **Signorina Macray** (4YO mare ex Vance Hanover mare), who notched win No. 2 at Gawler.

NZ winners by Caprock

Caprock, who has just completed his first season at our Victorian farm, provided two very impressive winners in New Zealand recently.

They were **His Honour**, a five-year-old gelding out of an Equitable mare, who prevailed in a 2600 metre stand at Addington, and **The Moth**, a five-year-old mare ex The Gladiator mare, a winner at the Kumeu meeting on the grass track at Avondale Racecourse.

Last Sunset's close relative

Real Deal Yankee, a half-brother to Stallion Station's popular trotting sire **Last Sunset**, took out the \$30,000 Group 3 Hambletonian Classic at Ashburton on Saturday, beating a quality field of three-year-old trotters in record time.

Safe And Sound's pair

Hunter Cup hero **Safe And Sound** sired a pair of winners last Saturday in **Wunlastchance**, a three-year-old gelding from a Holmes Hanover mare, who scored at Globe Derby Park, and **Little Miss Phoebe** (4YO mare ex Hes Poplar mare), a winner at Rocklea.

Both notched their fifth successes.



Safe And Sound

Breeder Profile

Name: Chester Bullock

Occupation: Consulting Engineer

How long have you been involved in breeding standardbreds? 25 years

Who is the best racehorse you have bred or owned? Cardinal Nelson

Who is best broodmare you have owned? Still looking for the best one. Tennirama should be

How many broodmares do you currently own? 14

How many horses do you have racing and who does the training for you? 10 - 12 horses in work. Trained by myself with the help of my daughter Julia, James Rattray and Mike Bush

Who is best horse you have seen? Golden Alley

Are you on any committees and do you hold any memberships? Launceston Pacing Club Committee member, Tasmanian Trainers, Drivers & Owners Association Chairman, Northern Tasmanian Light Harness Association Chairman, Member of the Tasmanian Harness Racing Advisory Council

What is your overview of the current state of harness racing in Tasmania? Healthy but the quality of our horses needs to be strengthened

What would be the top of your wish list for harness racing? To improve the broodmare stock in Tasmania and return them to the strength that existed in the 1970's and 80's

