

# Stallion Station Newsletter

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## Group 1 success for Mach Three

The **Mach Three** colt **Auckland Reactor's** dominance of this season's New Zealand three-year-old racing continued last month.

The brilliant youngster added the \$200,000 Group 1 NZ Derby, run at Addington, and the \$48,500 Group 2 Southern Supremacy Stakes (Invercargill) to his booty and he is entitled to be ranked alongside the great Australasian three-year-olds of all-time.

In winning the Derby, Auckland Reactor tramped the 2600 metre journey in 3:09.4, almost two seconds inside the NZ three-year-old record and only one second outside the all-aged mark. The mile rate was 1:57.2 with the final two quarters in 28.7 and 27.1 seconds.

Fiery Falcon, also by Mach Three, finished third.

Auckland Reactor was even more impressive in winning the Southern Supremacy. Sent to the front by Mark Purdon at the 1900 metre mark, the colt peeled off his last half in an unbelievable 54 seconds and quarter in 25.9 to leave his rivals struggling in his wake.

Auckland Reactor, who is the 11<sup>th</sup> foal of a Soky's Atom mare, is undefeated in 11 starts for \$328,100 in stakes.

**Magical Mach**, **Mach Express** and **Tai Tara**, a trio of Mach Three three-year-old geldings, were in fine winning form recently. Magical Mach (ex Camtastic mare) won at Addington and on the grass at Motukarara; Mach Express, who is out of a Soky's Atom mare, came from third last with a great finishing flourish to break maiden ranks at Auckland, and Tai Tara (ex Caprock mare) made it two out of two at Dunedin.

**He's My Hero**, a Mach Three two-year-old, notched his second win when he used the passing lane to full advantage in a NZ Sires' Stakes heat at Auckland in a brilliant 1:57.4. He is out of a Vance Hanover mare.

Meanwhile, Mach Three's progeny continue to make a huge impact on Australian racing. The talented youngster **Make A Memory** (ex Comic Capers mare) completed his third win from just six starts in the Tasmanian Youthful Stakes at Hobart in 1:58.4, while **Macraider** was a fast-closing second in the \$175,000 Group 1 West Australian Derby.

Other Mach Three winners in Australia have been **Sammy Maguire** (3YO gelding ex Butler B G mare), who has won four of his last five, **Our Icarus** 1:58.1 (3YO gelding ex Camtastic mare), **Noelhamric** (3YO colt ex Sonsam mare) and the two-year-old **Tormachtuga** 2:00.4 (ex Swashbuckler mare).

In America, Mach Three has been represented by a number of fast winners including **In The Irons** 1:50.8 (ex Dare You To mare), **Daylon Chance** 1:52 (ex Camluck mare), **Freckly Sara** 1:52.6 (ex Jenna's Beach Boy mare), **Mach It Paid** 1:54.4 (ex Cambest mare) and **Tymal Stealth** 1:54.8 (ex Presidential Ball mare).



Mach Three

## IN BRIEF

\***Falcon's Idol**, a three-year-old colt by **Falcon's Icon**, came from near last to post his second win on the grass track at Methven

\***Peace Artist**, a two-year-old **Peace Of Art** gelding, won on debut at Globe Derby Park recently

\***Romper Stomper** (by **Ambro Invasion**) won a \$25,000 trot at Alexandra Park on Anzac Day, coming off a 10 metre handicap to notch his 12<sup>th</sup> win

## Riverboat's siring record

The brilliant Cam's Card Shark horse **Riverboat King** sired winners in three countries last month.

Heading the list was talented three-year-old filly **Safin**, who won a heat of the Nevele R Fillies Series and was placed in the \$150,000 Group 1 Northern Oaks, both at Auckland. Out of a Genghis Khan mare, the widely travelled filly has won four races so far and \$58,674 in stakes.

**Classieriverboat** (3YO filly ex Smooth Fella mare) was an impressive winner on the grass track at Methven, while **Whistling Hanover** (4YO gelding ex Walton Hanover mare) carried the flag for his sire in North America, winning in 1:55.2 at Rideau Carleton Raceway.

In Australia, **Rohan Home** (ex Safely Kept mare), a NSW State Bred Bonus and Harold Park winner and NSW Derby finalist, and **Riverboat Star** (ex Vanston Hanover mare), a winner at Albion Park in 1:58, were winners from Riverboat's first crops.

### Pacific Playboy in 1:49.2

The eight-year-old **Pacific Playboy** was the standout performer for the Cam Fella horse **Pacific Fella** in April.

Out of an Artsplace mare, the gelding won at the opening meeting of Harrah's Chester's five furlong oval on April 20 in 1:49.8 and a week later at the same track in 1:50 flat. He boasts lifetime earnings of over \$520,000.

The \$500,000 winner **Pacific Filly** 1:51.4 (ex Laag mare), **Amber Fella** 1:51.8 (ex Abercrombie mare) and **Aklantic Fella** 1:55.2 (ex Ralph Hanover mare) were other smart performers sired by Pacific Fella.

In Australia, Pacific Fella has achieved a staggering 46 percent record of winners to live foals from his first crop (4 year-olds). They include recent winners **Thats Mister Ali** (ex Falcon Seelster mare), a winner at Moonee Valley in 1:59.9; the Globe Derby Park victors **Indicative** 1:58.1 (ex Troublemaker mare), **Signorina Macray** (ex Vance Hanover mare) and **Nobody Wants Me** (ex Windshield Wiper mare) and the Gloucester Park winner **Avon Fella** (ex Panorama mare).

Pacific Fella's second crop of three-year-olds ranks him highly on this season's Australian Sires' Premiership. Among his 27 sophomore winners are the promising **Schinzig Buller** 1:59.2 (ex Million To One mare), winner of the Western Gateway Pace Consolation at Gloucester Park; the Mildura Guineas heat winner **Watchmefella** (ex Safely Kept mare) and the metropolitan winners **Hula Gold** 1:57.6 (ex Vanston Hanover mare), **Ruby Dazzler** 1:58.8 (ex Chandon mare) and **Cuzin Judd** (ex Mystical Prince mare).

### Fast winners by Rustler

The royally bred **Rustler Hanover** enjoyed another great month with his progeny, especially in Canada.

Sub 1:54 winners by the Western Hanover stallion in April included **Video Express** 1:51.8, **Fastest Rustler** 1:53.8, **Great Expense** 1:53.8, **Wyns Option** 1:53.8 and **Yankee Stonewall** 1:53.8.



Rustler Hanover

### Safe And Sound double

Hunter Cup hero **Safe And Sound** sired a winning double at Bendigo on April 8 with **Real Impact** 1:57.7 and **Dancing Legacy**. The latter won again at Kilmore in 2:00.9.

The Safely Kept stallion was also represented by a NSW State Bred 3YO Bonus winner in **Goeslikell** and **Party Sounds** 1:59.8.

### Camotion winner in 1:51.2

**Camotion**, the 1:48 son of Cambest, was represented by a handful of winners inside 1:56 in Canada during April.

They were headed by the four-year-olds **Flights Motion** (ex Flight Of Fire mare), who hoisted a fresh mark of 1:51.2 at Woodbine, and **Beal Hanover** 1:51.4 (ex Western Hanover mare).

**Carter In Motion**, a three-year-old gelding and one of Camotion's second crop, won a \$20,000 leg of the Ontario Sired Spring Series at Woodbine in 1:53 flat. He is out of a Dream Away mare.

### AP winners by Caprock

**Captain Hugh**, **Krater Rock** and **Legins Legend**, a trio of NZ bred geldings by **Caprock**, all won at Albion Park in April.

### “New” winners for “Day”

The fast Life Sign horse **Day In A Life** left two “new” three-year-old winners in New Zealand recently. They are **Woodlands Lifeline** (ex Ok Bye mare), who won a heat of the Southern Supremacy 3YO Stakes at Invercargill, and the Addington winner **Day In Calcutta** (ex Alba Counsel mare).

**Day Of Our Lives**, a four-year-old gelding out of a Talkshow Lobell mare, came off a 20 metre handicap to post win No. 4 on the Motukarara grass track.

## Armbro Invasion to Victorian farm

As the sire of one of the greatest trotters raced in NZ and Australia in Take A Moment 1:57.2 (\$1.1 million), winner of two Inter Dominion Grand Finals, and of a string of cup and classic winning square-gaiters, **Armbro Invasion**, who is slated to stand his first Australian season at the Stallion Station's Victorian base, is without question one of the most proved trotting sires to be imported to this country.

Armbro Invasion, who has stood his entire stud life in NZ's South Island, has been one of the Dominion's leading trotting sires for more than a decade.

Though he has never topped the NZ Sires' premiership, Armbro Invasion has been the leading sire of open age trotters on several occasions and has finished runner-up to Sundon on the all-aged list for six of the last seven years. Actually, Armbro Invasion's percentage of winners to starters rates him highly.

He has sired more than 190 individual winners – including 17 in 2:00 - and they have earned in excess of \$8 million in stakes, of which \$1.7 million has been won in North America.

From his first crop he sired a top trotter in Kawarau Invasion 1:57.6 (\$208,236), who won nine races in NZ including the Morrinsville Cup twice and later competed successfully in America, and an outstanding racemare in Fleurs Invasion, a winner of 12 races and the 2001 NZ Aged Trotting mare of the Year.

The Inter Dominion finalist Armbrors Pride 2:00.6 (\$130,436), Globes Mistake (SA Jack Roberts Memorial) and Millburn Segil (6 wins) were other winners from Armbro Invasion's first crop.

Armbro Invasion has the unique distinction of having produced a top trotter from every racing crop.

Among his list of top performers are the Inter Dominion heat winners Glenbogle 1:57.1 (\$320,746), Major Decision 1:59.8 (\$350,826) and Lanson (\$110,883), the Group 2 winner Braig (\$124,748), NZ 4YO Trotter of the Year Stig 1:57.3 (\$137,640), Romper Stomper 2:00.1 (\$171,140), the SA Hambletonian winner Opal Invasion 1:55.8 (\$155,850), Jay Bee Ar 2:00.2 (\$121,836), Hutzpah 1:57.2 (\$98,097), Cordon Rouge (\$94,563), Buntys Invasion (SA Coulter Memorial), Tamra Nightingale (Lightfoot Laurels) and Oneakweer Street, a recent Moonee Valley winner.

Armbro Invasion is a most interestingly bred horse.

He is a son of former champion Speedy Crown 1:57.2, one of the greatest of a string of champions left by the champion American sire Speedy Scot 1:56.8. Sons and grandsons of Speedy Crown have been hugely successful as sires in both America and Australia.

On his dam's side Armbro Invasion comes from a family which has made a real impact on the American breeding scene.

His dam, Delmegan 1:55.6 (\$469,593), was a world champion, set a string of track records and was a former US 2YO Trotting Filly of the Year.

At the stud she left eight winners including six in 2:00 and three winner-producing daughters headed up by Armbro Temple 1:54 (\$406,901 and a 1:54 producer), Armbro Variable 1:55.2, Armbro Garnsey 1:55.8 and Armbro Hilary 1:57, all Stakes winners.

Delmegan was by Super Bowl 1:56.4 from a champion racemare in Delmonica Hanover 1:59.4, winner of 52 races and a record \$834,673 including two International Trots and the Prix d'Amerique.

This is the family of the Hambletonian winner and successful sire Park Avenue Joe 1:55.6 (\$666,311), the Group winners Deliberate Speed 1:55 and Holy Guacamolie 1:52.6 and the Ontario Sires Stakes champion Armbro Marshall 1:55.2

Armbro Invasion would be an ideal outcross for mares by Sundon, Chiola Hanover, Red Coach Glory, Maori's Idol, R C's Dee Jay, Keystone Salute, Keystone Crosby, Extrovert, Yentls Image and others. His blood would enhance most select pedigrees.



Armbro Invasion

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