

# Stallion Station Newsletter

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## Stud double at Harness Jewels

The last day of May 2008 proved a red-letter day for Stallion Station, Australasia's newest and most unique breeding establishment.

We landed a record-breaking double at the huge \$1.5million Harness Jewels meeting, held at Cambridge Raceway, with the winners of both three-year-old pacing divisions in **Fiery Falcon** (by **Mach Three**) and **Safin** (by **Riverboat King**).

Fiery Falcon, who has had to play second fiddle to Auckland Reactor for most of the season, emerged from the shadows of his superstar stablemate to post a commanding win in the \$200,000 Emerald.

Sent straight to the front from barrier four, Blair Orange rated Fiery Falcon according to the high standing in which the connections hold him, running quarters of 28.3, 29.2, 29.2 and a withering 27.9 finale to claim the lion's share of the purse..

Time for the flying mile was 1:54.6, which shaved 0.1 off the previous NZ record set by the mighty Courage Under Fire in 1999.

Winner of the Great Northern Derby in March, Fiery Falcon, who is out of a Falcon Seelster mare, now boasts eight wins and 14 placings from 24 starts for \$533,786 including \$359,941 as a three-year-old – the highest total for his age and sex in NZ.

Safin, starting from the coveted pole, cut down the heavily favoured Lizzie Maguire in a thrilling \$205,000 Diamond, for three-year-old fillies, in 1:55.3 – a Championship record.

Out of a Genghis Khan mare, Safin boosted her stake earnings to \$164,754, a worthwhile return on the \$30,000 paid for her as a two-year-old at the Ready-to-Run sale.

The win was a triumph for the Cam's Card Shark horse Riverboat King, who has an outstanding score of winners to live foals with his first two crops in both New Zealand and Australia

## Group 1 double for Pacific Fella

**Ruby Dazzler** and **Beloka Diamond**, a pair of classy **Pacific Fella** females, captured Group 1 events in Western Australia and Victoria respectively last month.

Ruby Dazzler made a clean sweep of the WA Oaks series at Gloucester Park, taking a new lifetime mark of 1:58.6 in the prelude and overcoming a torrid passage to win the \$150,000 Final in 1:59.7. With seasonal earnings of \$153,780 from just seven starts, Ruby Dazzler (ex Chandon mare) is the richest three-year-old filly in Australia.

Meanwhile, Beloka Diamond pulled off a major upset when she captured the \$100,000 Vicbred Super Series Final for four-year-old mares at Moonee Valley. After settling behind the leader Twirling, Beloka Diamond used the sprint lane to full advantage to claim the \$61,500 winner's cheque in a nail-biting finish.

Out of a Classic Garry mare, she has notched seven wins and 15 placings for earnings just shy of \$100,000.

In a spectacular month for his progeny Pacific Fella sired winners at Harold Park, Moonee Valley, Albion Park and Gloucester Park.

Heading the list was the two-year-old filly **Ima Spicey Lombo** (ex Mystical Prince mare), who scored back-to-back wins at Harold Park and also took a heat of the Kay Seymour Nursery Pace at Albion Park in 1:59.9.

Three-year-old **Watchmefella** (ex Safely Kept mare) and four-year-old **Thats Mister Ali** 1:59.1 (ex Falcon Seelster mare) both saluted at Moonee Valley, **Pacific Invader** (4YO gelding ex Classic Garry mare) won at Gloucester Park and **Born To Groove** (4YO gelding ex Discotheque mare) scored at Globe Derby Park.

In America, Pacific Fella was represented by a pair of 1:50 performers in **Amber Fella** (5YO gelding ex Abercrombie mare), who went in 1:49.8 at The Meadowlands, and **My Fella** 1:50 (7YO gelding ex Precious Fella mare).

## Champion Auckland Reactor sold for a record \$NZ4million

Stallion Station is part of an international syndicate which paid a reported \$NZ4million – a record amount for a three-year-old of any breed in Australasia – thoroughbred or standardbred – for champion colt **Auckland Reactor**.

It is expected the unbeaten **Mach Three** colt will continue his racing career in New Zealand and Australia for the foreseeable future, with a move to North America expected in the late spring of 2009.

The New Zealand Cup, World Pacing Cup, Victoria Cup and the Inter Dominion will be his prime targets in the new season. He will continue to campaign from the Christchurch stable of Mark Purdon and Grant Payne.

A leading contender for NZ Horse of the Year, Auckland Reactor has won his 11 starts to date including four at Group level – the NZ Derby, Sires Stakes Final, NZ Flying Stakes and the Southern Supremacy Stakes. He has earned \$328,100 and taken a mark of 1:55.9 for 1950 metres.

Auckland Reactor, who tramped a half in an amazing 54 seconds at Invercargill in April, has been so dominant in his three-year-old racing that he has drawn comparisons with some of the best horses ever to race.



**Auckland Reactor**

## Mach Three progeny in top form

Besides the heroics of Auckland Reactor, Somebeachsomewhere and Fiery Falcon, **Mach Three** has been represented by an amazing score of winners in four countries.

In Australia the Matt's Scooter stallion is riding high on both the two and three-year-old lists.

Among his recent juvenile winners have been **Captain Joy** (ex Talk About Class mare), winner of a heat of the Kevin Seymour Nursery Pace and beaten a half head in the \$100,000 final, **Make A Memory** (ex Comic Capers mare), a heat winner of the Tasmanian Sweepstakes and runner-up in the final, **Tormachtuga** (ex Swashbuckler mare), **Three Blades** (ex Troublemaker mare), who won by 25 metres at Geelong, **Babyitsu** (ex Golden Greek mare) and **Ay Tee Em** (2<sup>nd</sup> in \$50,000 Group 2 Tatlow Stakes).

Mach Three three-year-old winners in Australia include **Macraider** 1:59.1 (ex Talk About Class mare), a double winner at Gloucester Park, the impressive Moonee Valley winner **Sammy Maguire** 1:59.6 (ex Butler B G mare), **Our Icarus** (ex Camtastic mare), **Muscle Beach** (ex Beach Towel mare), **Kenny Maguire** (ex Soky's Atom mare) and **Bronzwhaler Whitby** (ex Northern Lights mare)

Meanwhile, in New Zealand his winners in May included **Montana Mach** (ex Butler B G mare), a winner at Cambridge and Auckland, **Mach's Tenor** (ex Il Vicolo mare), **Red Army** (ex Road Machine mare), **Torias Secret** (ex Sands A Flyin mare) and **Nitro** (ex Live Or Die mare), and a trio of two-year-olds in **The Big Mach** (ex Our Sir Vancelot mare), a winner on debut at Winton, **Scotty Mach** (ex Bo Scot's Blue Chip mare) and **Willoughby** (ex What's Next mare).

In North America Mach Three's oldest stock are four-year-olds and they are performing strongly in Canada and USA. Recent fast winners have been **Test Flight** (ex Beach Towel mare), a winner in 1:51.4 at Harrah's Chester, **Sky Tantrum** 1:52.2 (ex Dragon's Lair mare) and **Freckly Sara** 1:53.8 (ex Jennas Beach Boy mare).

**Cuzzin Syd**, one of Mach Three's second Canadian crop, captured the \$56,800 Ontario Sired Spring Series Final for three-year-old colts and geldings at Mohawk in a new lifetime mark of 1:52.6. Out of an Artsplace mare, the gelding has banked \$50,760 this year.

Another Mach Three sophomore in **Immachulate** (ex Beach Towel mare) took a \$20,000 heat of the Ontario Sires Stakes at Grand River Raceway in 1:55.8.



**Mach Three**



**Safe and Sound**

## Classic winner for Safe And Sound

The two-year-old **Hezaliner** (ex Troublemaker mare) became **Safe And Sound's** first juvenile winner for the term when he outplugged his rivals to win the Loddon Valley Stud Classic for two-year-old colts and geldings at Bendigo.

**Real Impact** (ex New York Motoring mare) and **Our Empire** (ex Vintner mare), a pair of Safe And Sound four-year-olds, captured heats of the HROA Provincial Cup at Maryborough and Horsham respectively.

## Burlington a triumph for Stallion Station

The Burlington Stakes, for three-year-olds, run at Mohawk Racetrack on May 31, was a triumph for Stallion Station as our sires produced two of the three \$100,000 divisional winners.

The **Mach Three** colt **Somebeachsomewhere**, last year's champion juvenile in both Canada and the US and a world record holder, turned in an awesome performance to win the second leg at his much anticipated seasonal debut. Starting an overwhelming favourite, the colt was allowed to settle in the early stages before driver Paul McDonnell sent him to the top at the end of a 55.6 seconds first half. From thereon, MacDonnell kept the champion colt under wraps, easing to the wire one-and-a-half lengths to the good of Santanna Blue Chip in 1:51.6.

"There was a lot of anticipation over this horse all winter and most of the spring," MacDonnell said. "It was nice to get him behind the gate and get him back in racing style again. He'll have lots of chances to leave the gate this year, I figure. I didn't want to get him stirred up too early, right off the bat."

Unbeaten in seven starts so far, **Somebeachsomewhere** was originally scheduled to start his 2008 campaign in an Ontario Sires Stakes earlier in the month, but a bruised foot delayed his return for a fortnight.

In the third \$100,000 Burlington division the speedy **Rustler Hanover** three-year-old colt **Keystone Horatio** outfinished his nine rivals to win easily in 1:51.8.

After racing midfield in the early part, **Keystone Horatio** was eased into the running line at the half-mile mark. Sent three wide by Randy Waples on the home turn, the colt started to gobble up ground with long strides on the outside to eventually post a one length victory. "I was really happy with him," Waples said. "He knows where the wire is. He likes to go by horses. He's got the speed to do it with, if you get him in the right situation and give him some racetrack to work with."

Out of a Shady Character mare, **Keystone Horatio** has compiled the tidy record of 17 starts for seven wins and seven placings and \$576,335 in stakes.

### Invasion Cup winner

Former Kiwi gelding **Motu Armbro Scott** (by **Armbro Invasion**) led throughout to post his eighth win in the time-honoured George McNamara Memorial Cup at Geelong. He is out of a Great Mann mare.

Other Armbro Invasion winners were **Racey Product** (7YO gelding ex Alias Armbro mare), who won twice at Addington, New Zealand, and the Albion Park winner **What Ever You Like** (ex Game Pride mare), while **Lotsa Speed** (2<sup>nd</sup>) and **Braig** (3<sup>rd</sup>) filled the minor placings in the \$150,000 Group 1 Rowe Cup at Auckland.

### Pacific Fella's percentage

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### Camotion progeny strike gold

The progeny of the fast Cambest horse **Camotion** figure prominently in Ontario Sires Stakes action last month. **Gabrielles Girl**, a three-year-old filly out of an Artsplace mare, captured a \$20,000 leg at Windsor Raceway in 1:54.8, while **Carter In Motion** (3YO gelding ex Dream Away mare) won a \$20,000 leg of the Spring Series at Mohawk in 1:54. Of the older brigade, **Shipp's Camotion** (ex Jate Lobell mare) scorched around Mohawk's seven-eighths mile track in 1:51.6 and 1:53.4.

### Falcons Icon's pair

**Icon Ruler** and **Iconic Comfort**, a pair of **Falcons Icon** youngsters, provided their sire with his first Australian-bred winners last month.

The former, who is out of an Orange Sovereign mare, scored at Pinjarra in 1:59.2 and Gloucester Park in 2:02.9.



Falcons Icon

### Peace gelding gets the money

The cleverly named **Peace Of Art** gelding **Get The Monet** was the standout performer for his sire during May, notching his second win in a heat of the HROA Provincial Cup at Yarra Valley.

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### Rustler 2YO winners

The Western Hanover horse **Rustler Hanover** has now sired three metropolitan two-year-old winners from his first Australian crop following the wins of **Rustlers Revenge** and **Smooth Caesar** last month.

Rustlers Revenge, a colt out of a Hamilton R H mare, prevailed at only his third start at Harold Park, while Smooth Caesar (2YO gelding ex Hilarion mare) won on debut in 2:00.3 at Gloucester Park.

Rustler Hanover had earlier been represented by the dual Globe Derby Park juvenile winner **Big Rusty**.

He has produced four winners and four placegetters from 53 Australian-bred foals.



Rustler Hanover

### Derby winner for Riverboat

Percentage sire **Riverboat King** produced the winner of this year's Newcastle Derby when the very smart **Rohan Home** beat a useful field in the \$20,000 feature for three-year-olds in 1:58.8.

The winner of six of his 10 starts and \$76,800 in stakes, the gelding is out of a Safely Kept mare.

Riverboat King also sired a pair of Albion Park winners in **Roulette King** and **Riverboat Star**. Both are four-year-old geldings.

Roulette King, who went in 1:58.9, is out of a Tiff N Time mare, while Riverboat Star, who has won 11 races to date, is from a mare by Vanston Hanover.

### City winners for Caprock

**Loves To Rock** and **Floyd Bromac**, a couple of NZ bred **Caprock** six-year-olds, emerged successful at Harold Park and Gloucester Park respectively last month.

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