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Somebeach is THE best

There was never much doubt that the **Mach Three** colt **Somebeachsomewhere** was the season's top rating three-year-old as he was the previous year at two years, and he duly confirmed his class by winning the \$1.5 million North America Cup at Mohawk on June 14.

Actually he was a class above his rivals, and was not seriously tested in running out the mile in 1:49 flat. A week earlier the charismatic colt had won the fastest elimination in an identical time.

Starting from the No. 2 gate, Paul MacDonell settled Somebeach in fourth position as Mucho Sleazy took the field to the opening panel in 26.8, but MacDonell had designs on the front end and got there just after the first station. From there it was "lights out" as MacDonell guided last year's 2YO of the Year through a 54.8 half and 1:22 for the three-quarters.

Despite pressure from Badlands Nitro in the final furlong, Somebeachsomewhere opened up with long and powerful strides down the Mohawk stretch, hitting the line without heavy urging with two lengths to spare.

"I've never felt anything like this," MacDonell said after the win, bringing the horse back to the winner's circle with a standing ovation from the crowd. "The support from Canada and the US has just been unbelievable. He's the whole show."

When asked about comparisons of his colt to the great Niatross, trainer Brent MacGrath was quick to point out the differences between the eras.

"This horse goes [1]:50 every week, Niatross had weeks where he'd go :56. But he raced a lot more. It's just like comparing hockey players from different eras. It's too hard to do.

It was Somebeach's ninth success from as many starts and took his stake earnings to over \$1.5 million. Dubbed the "Monster of the Maritimes", the USTA Horse of the Month for June is now being targeted at the \$1 million Meadowlands Pace on July 19.

However, Somebeachsomewhere was not the only Mach Three progeny to set American tracks alight in June. Other fast winners included **Mach It Paid** 1:51.6 (ex Cambest mare), **Who Dey** 1:52.6 (ex Albatross mare), the Ontario Sires Stakes Grassroots heat winners **Hbfs Tommy T** 1:54.6 (ex Precious Bunny mare) and **Immachulate** 1:54.6 (ex Beach Towel mare), **Tara Artiste** 1:52 (ex Artiscape mare), **Alte Kakker** 1:52.2 (ex Cam Fella mare), **Lady Mach** 1:52.4 (ex Die Laughing mare) and **Stabilo** 1:53 (ex Falcon Seelster mare).



Somebeachsomewhere

Armbro Invasion arrives

Champion NZ trotting stallion **Armbro Invasion**, who arrived at Stallion Station in June, continues to produce good winners on both sides of the Tasman.

In Australia, he was represented by the much improved **Oneakweer Street** (ex Gee Whiz II mare), who defeated a field of pacers at Globe Derby Park, and **Barneys Invasion** (ex Nardin's Byrd mare), a dual winner at the Victorian provincials.

Meanwhile, in NZ, Armbro Invasion produced a trio of winners at Auckland's Alexandra Park in **On My Way** (ex Ok Bye mare), who captured the \$19,700 (Listed) Greenlane Cup, **Cornishman** (ex Chiola Hanover mare) and **Parfait Invasion** (ex Plat du Jour mare).



Armbro Invasion

Pacific Fella's son sets world record

Artistic Fella, a five-year-old son of **Pacific Fella**, established a new world mark for a five-eighths track of 1:48 when he led most of the way in the \$500,000 Ben Franklin Final at Harrah's Chester, Pennsylvania on June 15.

After settling third, driver Tim Tetrick sent Artistic Fella to the top soon after the field had passed the quarter pole in 26.6.

The five-year-old, who made a similar move in winning an elimination the previous week, looked comfortable though subsequent fractions of 53.6 and 1:20.8. As the field turned for home, the other Ben Franklin elimination winner, Mister Big, moved to the outside but could not close ground on the winner.

"This horse does his best work while moving to the lead," Tetrick said. "I didn't quit worrying until I went past the wire; this is a great group of horses."

"He's at the top of his class, and deserved to win."

Out of an Artsplace mare, Artistic Fella pushed his career earnings to a whopping \$2,109,355.

Pacific Fella, who was also represented by the five-year-old mare **Pacific Philly**, a winner at Harrah's Chester in 1:50.8, has sired the winners of \$12.5 million in North America.

In Australia, the Cam Fella horse's progeny have earned more than \$970,000 in 2007/08, of which \$512,000 has been won by his three-year-olds. These include **Hula Gold**, a Racing Minister's Cup heat winner at Albion Park, **Ultra Trendy Lombo**, **Fellafrom Locksley** 1:59.5, **Grand Brook**, **Pacific Cam**, **New York Fella** and the "new" winners **Motu Fella**, **Elley Kriden** and **Pacific Gale**.

Thats Mister Ali (ex Falcon Seelster mare), one of Pacific Fella's first crop, has been going great guns in Victoria recently. He followed a win at Moonee Valley in a new lifetime mark of 1:59 with a fine second in Free-for-all company at the same track, and is nearing the \$100,000 mark in stake earnings.



Artistic Fella

Mach Three youngsters in top form

Make A Memory and **Ay Tee Em**, a pair of Aussie bred **Mach Three** two-year-olds, have taken all before them in their first racetrack campaign.

Out of a Comic Capers mare, Make A Memory added the \$25,000 Tasmanian Yearling Sale Classic, run at Hobart, to his list of feature race wins. Leading throughout, the Neville Webberley trained and driven gelding was never out of second gear, winning by almost 14 metres with a last half in 59.4.

A fortnight later he took a heat of the Dandy Patch to extend his record to 11 starts for seven wins, four seconds and \$50,461 in stakes.

Meanwhile, Ay Tee Em (ex Nuke Of Earl mare) ended the 12-race winning streak of boom filly Ananz in a \$20,000 semi-final of the Vicbred Super Series at Moonee Valley. After leading in the early part, Ay Tee Em handed up and then used the passing lane to full advantage, sprinting home in 58.4. She is a very good filly.

Captain Joy, a two-year-old Mach Three colt out of a Talk About Class mare, saluted for the second time at Harold Park recently, while the three-year-old **Shirley** (ex Miles McCool mare) hoisted a new lifetime mark of 1:58.9 at Cambridge, New Zealand.



Riverboat's Oaks winner

Fresh from her success in the 3YO Fillies Pacing Diamond on Harness Jewels Day at Cambridge, the outstanding **Riverboat King** filly **Game Safin** scored a narrow but impressive win in the \$20,000 (Listed) Gold Coast Oaks. **Riverboat Rosie** (also by Riverboat) finished third.

In running 1:57.8 for the 2100 metres, Game Safin chalked up her sixth win and boosted her stakes tally to \$177,824. The widely travelled filly is now being fitted for the Queensland and Australian Oaks in July.

Rohan Home, a three-year-old gelding, continued his march through the grades, winning at Harold Park on June 17 – his seventh win from just 11 starts. Out of a Safely Kept mare, he unleashed a 57.9 seconds last half to blow away his rivals.

Of nine foals from Riverboat's second Australian crop, six have raced and three are



Riverboat King

New winners for Day In A Life

The Meadowlands Pace winner **Day In A Life**, who returns to Victoria this season after standing in Western Australia in 2007, picked up three new sire credits in New Zealand in June.

They were **New Years Day** (3YO gelding ex Ok Bye mare), **Miss Chievous** (3YO filly ex Holmes Hanover mare) – both winners at Addington - and **Dayinthepub** (4YO mare ex Roydon Glen mare).

Somebeach's half-sister in Victoria

Is she the most valuable standardbred broodmare in Australia?

It is **Child From The Sea**, an Astreos half-sister to Canadian pacing superstar **Somebeachsomewhere** 3, 1:49 (\$1,583,296), holder of the two-year-old world record and winner of America's richest race, the \$1.5 million North America Cup.

The six-year-old mare was bought off the racetrack by Stallion Station principal Gary Lyons and his wife, Susan in April last year.

Child From The Sea, who took a record of 1:56.6 as a four-year-old, is the first foal of the Beach Towel mare Wheres The Beach. She is the dam of four in 1:57 from her first four foals.

Wheres The Beach's progeny have earned almost \$1.8 million in stakes.

Unfortunately Child From The Sea slipped to Mach Three, the sire of Somebeachsomewhere, at her first mating this year. She is booked back to the Matt's Scooter sire influence in the coming season.

City winners by Caprock

Astra Rock and **Captain Hugh**, a pair of **Caprock** geldings, scored at Gloucester Park and Albion Park respectively in June. Captain Hugh, who boasts earnings of over \$105,000, took a new lifetime mark of 1:58.3.

The Caprock eight-year-old **Lady Juniper** (ex Holmes Hanover mare) saluted at The Meadowlands on June 21 in 1:52.8.

Cammibest's 2YO winner

The fast Cambest import **Cammibest** was represented by his first two-year-old winner in Canada this year when **Orally Yours** (ex Quick Comeback mare) emerged successful at Exhibition Park Raceway in 2:01.4.

Cammisrazmataz, a three-year-old gelding and one of Cammibest's first crop, went in a new lifetime mark of 1:56 at Kawartha Downs recently. He is out of an Irish Jimmy (by Albatross) mare.

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