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Somebeach in world record 1:49.4

The **Somebeachsomewhere** juggernaut continues unabated....

The charismatic **Mach Three** colt rewrote the record books with consecutive wins in feature events in Canada during August, lifting his stakes tally to a massive \$2,324,092 from 14 wins in 15 starts.

Firstly, Somebeach turned in a trademark display to overwhelm his rivals in the \$180,000 Ontario Sires Stakes Gold final for three-year-old pacing colts, run at Mohawk, and effortlessly set a new OSS record of 1:49.4 in the process.

After settling fourth in the opening 25.8 quarter, the colt shifted smoothly into overdrive shortly before the 54 second half. From there, the field could only watch Paul MacDonell's ever-receding back as the Mach Three son set a 1:21.6 third quarter and powered to the wire in his customary fashion.

A week later Somebeach established a new world record of 1:49.4 in capturing the \$493,000 final of the Confederation Cup at Flamboro Downs' half-mile track.

Beginning brilliantly from No. 2 and getting command early, Somebeachsomewhere carved out fractions of 26.2, 55.4 and 1:22.8 before powering home in a menacing 26.6 to stop the clock in 1:49.4. The time shaved 0.6 off Mr Feelgood's mark of 1:50 set in the 2006 Little Brown Jug final at Delaware.

"We knew he had that kind of a mile in him," a jubilant trainer and co-owner Brent MacGrath said.

When asked if this changed his mind about an appearance in the Little Brown Jug, MacGrath stood firm on his prior opinions.

"We want to prep this horse for a world record in Kentucky. We think he can do something that no other horse has done, and if we're doing that it's not fair to the horse to do both [the Jug and Kentucky]. It just doesn't make sense."



Somebeachsomewhere

Stallion Station sponsorships

Stallion Station further enhanced its status as a market leader in the Harness Racing industry with generous sponsorships of the Paleface Adios Sprint and Chariots Of Fire, both conducted at Harold Park in August.

The Courage Under Fire Chariots Of Fire, a Group 1 \$200,000 race, is regarded as the premier event for four-year-olds in this country.

Both features were won by the New Zealand bred, owned and trained Ebony Gem.

In September Stallion Station will be a major sponsor at the annual Edgar Tatlow Dinner to be held at the Country Club Resort, Launceston. We will be sponsoring the Tasmanian Horse of the Year and 3YO Filly of the Year awards.

Les Joslin, the farm's new marketing man, will present the trophies on behalf of Stallion Station as part of a four-day sojourn on the Apple Isle.



Mach Three Breeders Crown double

Our leading sire **Mach Three** took the sireing honours on "Super Sunday" at Lord's Raceway, Bendigo with a pair of Group 1 winners.

Captain Joy, a small, compact gelding, overcame a back row draw and having to sit parked most of the way before trouncing his rivals in an action-packed \$301,000 Breeders Crown Final for two-year-old colts and geldings.

In rating 1:59.2 for the 2150 metres trip, Captain Joy completed his sixth success from just 10 appearances and took his stake earnings to a healthy \$307,525.

The gelding, which a month earlier set a new Australasian mile record of 1:54.8 in the NSW Breeders Challenge at Menangle, was bred and is owned by Sydneysider Marie Ross. He is out of a Talk About Class mare, Lady Joy 1:57.8.

Thirty minutes later **Muscle Beach**, trained by "Mr Inter Dominion" Brian Hancock, scored a commanding win in the \$188,000 Group 1 Breeders Crown Final for three-year-old fillies.

Given a perfect trip by Howard James, the filly peeled off a 57.3 seconds last half to leave her rivals gasping in her wake and thus completed a clean sweep of the prestigious series.

She was also a heat and semi-final winner last year as a two-year-old.

Muscle Beach took a new lifetime mark of 1:58.8 in winning this year's feature. She has now earned \$186,000 in stakes for leviathan New Zealand owner-breeder Ian Dobson.

Bred on the same cross as world champion juvenile **Somebeachsomewhere**, being out of a Beach Towel mare, Muscle Beach was bred by an American trio, Marc Hanover, Gordon Banks and George Shaw.

Artistic Fella tops \$2.5 million

When the **Pacific Fella** five-year-old **Artistic Fella** finished a close second in the \$532,150 Breeders Crown Open at Mohawk on August 30 he sent his lifetime earnings past the \$2.5 million mark.

The entire, who has been shortlisted for next year's Inter Dominion and World Cup in Australia, boasts earnings of \$2,606,240, of which \$938,965 has been banked this year.

In Australia, Pacific Fella produced 80 individual winners – including 41 three-year-olds – and progeny earnings of \$1.1 million for the 2007/08 season.

Recent winners sired by him were the three-year-olds **The Chiropractor** (unbeaten in 3 starts), **Enlight**, a double winner at Globe Derby Park, **New York Fella** (5 wins), **Grand Brook** (4 wins), **Show Business** and **Aquatic Belle**, and the four-year-olds **The Jamaican** (8 wins), **Punt High** (4 wins), **Southern Pacific** and **Mukaroundsyd**.

Auckland Reactor NZ Horse of the Year

Unbeaten colt **Auckland Reactor** scooped the pool at the annual Harness Racing New Zealand Awards dinner at Alexandra Park, Auckland last month.

The son of **Mach Three** was crowned 3YO Colt of the Year, Pacer of the Year and the top award, the NZ Horse of the Year.

Gary Lyons, a senior partner in Stallion Station, and shareholder in Auckland Reactor Ltd, which paid over \$3million for the star before he succumbed to a season-ending injury, accepted the awards on behalf of the syndicate.

Lyons intimated that Auckland Reactor would head to America to race as a five-year-old, setting up a possible clash with superstar colt, and fellow Mach Three son, **Somebeachsomewhere**.



Auckland Reactor

Day In A Life's winner

Day In Lieu, a New Zealand bred four-year-old gelding, is proving a splendid advertisement for the Life Sign horse **Day In A Life**. He won twice at the Victorian provincials within eight days recently.

Courage stock on fire

Priscilla Rocks and **Landscape**, a pair of Australian-bred three-year-olds, were the standout performers for our new sire **Courage Under Fire** in August.

Priscilla Rocks, a multiple Group placegetter and winner of \$114,960, captured the \$20,000 Breeders Crown Consolation at Bendigo, while **Landscape** hoisted a new lifetime mark of 1:58.9 with his booming win at Yarra Valley.

Meanwhile, Courage Under Fire's two-year-old stock continue to perform strongly in all States. **Ultimate Under Fire**, a NZ bred gelding, won three races in Victoria recently including Moonee Valley, **Frostfire** completed a hat trick of wins in Queensland, **Nobeer Nocheer** prevailed at Launceston and **Passchendaele** won in 2:00 flat at Kilmore.

Recent Courage winners in New Zealand have been **Itz Cherry Ripe**, the three-year-old **Rowan Direct** (2 wins from 3 starts), the Addington winner **Navy Cross** and **Omaha Beach** (4 wins).

Stakes winner by Riverboat

The Cam's Card Shark horse, **Riverboat King**, produced a pair of New York Sires Stakes three-year-old division winners recently in **Sailing Cruise** 1:51.8 and **Boat King** 1:55.4.

In Australia, Riverboat was represented by the gallant **Rohan Home**, a placegetter in two Group 1's, and the 1:57.3 Albion Park winner **Rivulet**. Rohan Home ended the season with nine wins and three placings and \$99,350 from 13 starts.

Crack youngster by Falcon's Icon

A three-year-old to take high ranking in Victoria was **Mister Ballymurphy**, one of the first crop sired by the Falcon Seelster horse **Falcon's Icon**. He won three of his four starts including two at Horsham.

Icon Ruler, a two-year-old gelding by Falcon's Icon, posted his third win at Gloucester Park during August.

More Invasion winners

Our new trotting sire **Armbo Invasion** was represented by important winners on both sides of the Tasman last month.

What Ever You Like, a 2007 Inter Dominion Grand finalist, posted win No. 13 from a 30 metre handicap at Albion Park, while **China Chinko** won at consecutive meetings at Cambridge, NZ.

Caprock youngsters salute

The Jate Lobell horse **Caprock** sired five individual two-year-old winners from a crop of just 27 foals in the closing season. These included two new credits in August in **Global Glider**, a 1:59.4 Bunbury winner, and **Hi Tensile**, a winner at Gloucester Park.

The last named was one of six juvenile winners bred by Stallion Station principal Gary Lyons and his wife, Susan, who bred just 13 foals for the season.

Cammibest stock flying

The fast Cambest import **Cammibest** is enjoying a stellar season in Canada, particularly with his three-year-olds.

They include the Ontario Sires Stakes Grassroots heat winner **Best Night** 1:57.2, **Road Hammer** 1:55.6, **Cmybest** 1:55.8, **Bestoflee** 1:56.4 and the double winner **Itsy Bitsy Faith** 1:57.6.

Cammibest has also been represented by a handful of juvenile winners including the sub 2:00 youngsters **Orally Yours** 1:56.9 and **Wen Im The Best** 1:58.6.

Mach Three juvenile winners

Besides Captain Joy, **Mach Three** was represented by a host of two-year-old winners in the last month of the racing season.

The Moonee Valley winners **Manhattan Sparkle**, a winner of three of her four starts, and **Three Card Brag**, **Close Shave Lombo** (part-owned by Stallion Station's Peter Scarpino), **Our Mach Be Nimble**, **Brushgrovemachbest**, **Ultima Chance** 1:59.6 and **Lady Jillett Lombo** were other juvenile winners sired by Mach Three.

Among the three-year-old brigade were the Gloucester Park winners **Bronzwhaler Whitby** 1:59.4 and **Christopher Three**, the 1:59.2 Menangle winner **Big Fella Mach**, **Thunderbolt Cruiser** 1:58.8 and **Gross Misconduct**. **Cocolosal** in 1:59.6

The **Peace Of Art** two-year-old **Cocolosal** ended her first season on a high when she posted a 1:59.6 winning effort at Port Pirie.