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PILLAR OF HERCULES SELLS FOR \$1.8 MILLION

Purchased by Dean Watt to stay with Peter Moody



The Pillar Of Hercules saga came to a profitable conclusion when the three-year-old sold to Sydney-based bloodstock agent Dean Watt for \$1.8 million at Caulfield racecourse on Friday morning. A healthy crowd was in attendance and when auctioneer Peter Heagney asked for a start Watt was quick to set the pace with an opening bid of \$1.1 million. Alan Bell, standing with Widden Stud's Antony Thompson bid \$1.5 but then it developed into a duel between Watt and Rob Waterhouse, on the phone to wife Gai in Sydney. Waterhouse reluctantly waved the flag at Watt's final offer of \$1.8 million and the hammer fell.

A delighted Watt said later the colt was purchased on behalf of a syndicate whose principal owner was based in Melbourne. "We think he is very well bought." Watt said, confirming that Pillar Of Hercules will stay in training with Peter Moody whose wife Sarah will retain a 10% stake in the horse. "We love working with Peter Moody

he is a great trainer and looks after my clients particularly well."

Watt confirmed later that he had more money to spend if necessary "People give \$2 million for yearlings with no guarantee, this horse is proven with great potential as a future stallion prospect that any elite stud in Australia would want to stand."

Pillar Of Hercules (pictured) will now run in today's L.K.S Mackinnon Stakes for his new owners. "After that he goes to the paddock to prepare for the Autumn." Plans call for Pillar Of Hercules to target the Sydney Classics next Autumn and Watt is hoping that the colt can return in the Spring for a tilt at the Cox Plate/Caulfield double. "He is a great looking colt with a lovely pedigree so he's got it all ahead of him. If he wins a Group One race he's probably worth \$10 million."

The Victorian State Government are no doubt pleased with the result, collecting \$1.5 million from the sale, for funds allegedly gained from criminal activities.

in brief

■ SOUTH AUSTRALIA SCARE

South Australia had an equine influenza scare at Mount Gambier yesterday when Victorian-trained Irish Gun was brought across the border to compete but trainer Allan Peterson didn't hold a legitimate travel permit. Irish Gun has had a flu shot and a booster, was scratched from the meeting once the discrepancy was discovered. As a precaution, all runners at the Mount Gambier meeting have been quarantined to their stables overnight while swab samples are analysed.

■ INGLIS EXPAND BONUSES

William Inglis & Son Ltd have announced a significantly expanded \$2.5 million series of bonuses and graduate races around Australia in 2009 for yearling graduates.

■ NZ BREEZE-UP CLIPS ONLINE

Breeze Up clips for horses entered in New Zealand Bloodstock's 2007 Ready to Run Sale of 2YOs are now live on New Zealand Bloodstock's website.

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INDUSTRY NEWS

HULLS DELIVERS STRIDENT SPEECH

Rob Hulls, Victorian Deputy Premier, Attorney-General, Industrial Relations and Racing Minister, gave a strident speech at a 'Focus' charity lunch in Melbourne on Friday. The transcript follows below.

"It's great to be assembled on Derby Eve, as we look back on the successful Moonee Valley and Caulfield Spring Racing Carnivals, and anticipate Flemington's fantastic four-day Melbourne Cup Carnival. It is particularly good to see the racing community out together, united and resilient in light of the challenges the industry has faced this year.

From governance issues to equine influenza and drought, once again it has been a tough year for racing.

Many people in the racing industry in this country have been hit hard by the outbreak of Equine Influenza, and we have been forced to adopt some stringent security measures to ensure it stays out of Victoria. As a result of these measures and the sheer hard work and determination of the thoroughbred racing industry, stakeholders and the broader community, the Spring Racing Carnival has been able to go ahead.

I am also pleased to be able to report that the governance issues for the thoroughbred racing industry are close to being finalised, despite the occasional hurdle having to be jumped along the way. I tabled in Parliament this week the new constitution for Racing Victoria Limited, creating a genuinely independent governing body for Victorian thoroughbred racing. This represents the most significant reform in thoroughbred racing governance in the history of the sport in Victoria.

As you may all be aware, I have long been passionately committed to shifting responsibility for control of Victorian thoroughbred racing to an independent body that will be responsible for the development of the entire industry. A modern governance structure that includes a new Board with the right mix of skills, expertise and knowledge, is the best way to meet the challenges that lie ahead.

And there will be challenges including, the better use of scarce industry resources, effective engagement with a diverse groups of stakeholders and the ongoing challenge to improve prize-money, so that horse owners will continue to buy Victorian horses and to race their animals here. While the big end of town must be encouraged, it is equally important to ensure that prize money in regional and rural Victoria is maintained and improved.

I know the new RVL Board will work hard to address these issues and it will have the full support of the Victorian Government. During the recent review process, there were a number of sectors in the industry that wanted to sever the link with the Government. Can I say that this would be foolhardy in the extreme and an industry that goes down this path does so at its own peril.

You only have to look at the decline of the racing industry in countries or even states where there is little Government involvement to understand the importance of maintaining a strong working relationship with Government. Just as we have to ensure that Government and industry continue to work together, there is also a need for better co-operation between states ñ both at the Government and industry level.

I am personally disappointed at the lack of commitment by New South Wales to ensure the future of Victorian and NSW racing

industries by refusing to approve tote pool amalgamations. It is crystal clear that a single, merged tote pool is the best outcome for our respective racing industries as well as for punters.

I have no doubt that Victoria has the best racing industry in Australia, but we must continue to innovate to remain ahead of the pack. That innovation includes looking at further internationalisation of our product, implementing reforms to maintain the viability of bookmakers and of course continuing to forge links with other sporting codes and the community generally.

Most Victorian racecourses are on Crown Land. That means they belong to the people of Victoria. Consequently we must look at new and better ways to utilise that land on behalf of the people of Victoria including drought proofing these important facilities.

If we stand still in this industry we go backwards and we lose customers to other products ready to grab that discretionary dollar. It is also our responsibility - everyone involved in the racing industry - to lend a helping hand where we can, by giving something back.

BURNS RESIGNS FROM TVN

Gary Burns has resigned from TVN the industry broadcaster after more than three years as Head of Television. Burns joined TVN in May 2005, having previously worked for the Nine Network as Director of Sports.

"Gary has been with us since day one and I have thoroughly enjoyed working with him as TVN has evolved," TVN's CEO Peter Sweeney said. "Gary has made an important contribution to our content development over the years and everyone at TVN wishes him all the best for the next phase of his career."

GOLDEN ROSE RE-SCHEDULED

Sydney Turf Club advises that the Tooheys New Golden Rose will now be run on Silver Slipper Day - Saturday, 15 March 2008 at Rosehill Gardens. Originally scheduled for 1 September 2007, the Group II event was postponed due to the outbreak of equine influenza. The Club has extended the First Acceptance date to 3.00pm Monday, 3 December 2007 for any entry not paid at the time of the original closing date for First Acceptances (3 July 2007). Late Entries will now close 10.00am Monday, 10 March 2008 (\$50,000), which includes the final acceptance fee. Final Acceptances close 10.00am Tuesday, 11 March 2008 (\$7,000).

QUEENSLAND MOVEMENTS

Queensland Racing Limited (QRL) will consider applications for the movement of racehorses in the state's horse flu-infected red zone from next week. QRL chief operations manager Malcolm Tuttle said it was an "important step" which would assist in the movement of horses from racing stables and precincts to spelling farms. "It also would allow for the movement of horses from spelling and pre-training farms into racing stables."

The red zone covers much of the state's south-east, including Beaudesert, Cooloola, Ipswich, Logan, Noosa, Brisbane and Toowoomba. Tuttle said application packs to enable the movement of horses were available on the QRL website www.queenslandracing.com.au. QRL intends to start processing applications from Monday, November 5, 2007," he said.

NEW ZEALAND SIRES' TABLE POSTPONED INTO THE TOP 10

Rnk	Stallion	Yof - To stud	Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs	Wins	SW	\$Earnings	Best performer
1	ENCOSTA DE LAGO (Aus)	93 - 97	Fairy King	5	2	2	1	1,178,750	Princess Coup
2	CAPE CROSS (Ire)	94 - 00	Green Desert	34	11	18	1	567,763	Seachange
3	O'REILLY (NZ)	93 - 97	Last Tycoon	66	17	20	1	341,250	Irlanda
4	DANEHILL (USA)	86 - 90	Danzig	6	1	1	0	333,475	J'Adane
5	VOLKSRAAD (GB)	88 - 93	Green Desert	35	6	9	1	256,075	Dezigna
6	▲ KEEPER (Aus)	97 - 02	Danehill	42	12	16	0	241,483	Shariat's On Fire
7	DANSKE (NZ)	95 - 99	Danehill	60	19	20	0	221,855	Solomon
8	POSTPONED (USA)	97 - 02	Summer Squall	24	3	4	1	211,800	Dorabella
9	YAMANIN VITAL (NZ)	90 - 97	Sir Tristram	19	5	7	0	199,775	Hypnotize
10	AL AKBAR (Aus)	90 - 95	Success Express	51	13	15	0	199,381	Rabkalajo
11	▲ SHINKO KING (Ire)	91 - 98	Fairy King	40	13	14	0	192,128	The Cosmob
12	ISTIDAAD (USA)	92 - 00	Chief's Crown	58	11	12	0	190,578	Gauchito Bastado
13	HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS (NZ)	89 - 94	Grosvenor	20	6	9	1	179,663	(Our) Lord Monty
14	SANDTRAP (USA)	93 - 98	Irish River	56	15	18	0	175,690	Sanski
15	MAGIC ALBERT (Aus)	98 - 02	Zeditave	3	1	1	0	172,350	Magic Cape
16	▲ PINS (Aus)	96 - 00	Snippets	42	4	7	0	154,350	Castles Burning
17	CENTAINE (Aus)	80 - 85	Century	29	5	10	0	143,875	Beyond
18	VICTORY DANCE (Ire)	86 - 91	Sadler's Wells	35	10	11	0	139,190	Ho Down
19	EBONY GROSVENOR (NZ)	93 - 99	Grosvenor	13	5	5	0	137,935	Mandela
20	TOWKAY (Aus)	94 - 99	Last Tycoon	27	3	3	0	132,128	Special Mission
21	▲ GENEROUS (Ire)	88 - 92	Caerleon	35	7	9	0	130,580	Halls
22	HOWBADDUWANTIT (USA)	95 - 01	Rahy	37	7	9	0	130,258	Cantgetenough
23	I CONQUER (NZ)	94 - 98	Zabeel	12	6	8	0	125,925	Benelli
24	▲ FRENCHPARK (GB)	90 - 96	Fools Holme	6	3	4	1	121,740	Bonjour
25	▲ DANASINGA (Aus)	91 - 96	Danehill	48	9	10	0	118,800	One Love
26	PRIZED (USA)	86 - 92	Kris S	27	5	7	0	117,825	All In Trouble
27	LORD BALLINA (Aus)	79 - 86	Bletchingly	41	7	7	0	111,800	Baltaine
28	MELLIFONT (USA)	94 - 97	Woodman	36	6	6	0	109,963	Floydeboy
29	TUSCANY FLYER (Aus)	92 - 97	Rory's Jester	13	5	7	0	106,325	Oxford Aunt
30	DEPUTY GOVERNOR (USA)	84 - 89	Master Willie	33	4	7	0	105,730	The Veep
31	▲ HUSSONET (USA)	91 - 03	Mr Prospector	3	1	3	1	104,875	Rios
32	DAGGERS DRAWN (USA)	95 - 99	Diesis	26	5	6	0	104,313	Stabinthedark
33	CITY ON A HILL (USA)	97 - 01	Rahy	13	6	7	0	104,300	Dream By Day
34	FALTAAT (USA)	90 - 96	Mr. Prospector	34	9	10	0	101,877	Royal Taat
35	BLACK MINNALOUSHE (USA)	98 - 02	Storm Cat	26	3	5	0	100,580	Veloz
36	COLOMBIA (NZ)	96 - 00	Zabeel	29	6	6	0	99,905	Buena Ventura
37	ELNADIM (USA)	94 - 01	Danzig	11	2	3	0	98,825	El Cid
38	▲ ALIGN (Aus)	96 - 01	Night Shift	21	7	8	0	91,227	Everswindell
39	▲ STARK SOUTH (USA)	88 - 95	Dixieland Band	45	7	7	0	84,422	What Happened
40	GROSVENOR (NZ)	79 - 83	Sir Tristram	9	3	4	0	83,950	Stitched
41	▲ ROCK OF GIBRALTAR (Ire)	99 - 03	Danehill	6	3	4	1	80,025	Lovetrista
42	CORRUPT (USA)	88 - 95	Lear Fan	6	4	4	0	79,587	Just Not Cricket
43	KING CUGAT (USA)	97 - 02	Kingmambo	3	1	2	1	76,150	Hold It Harvey
44	SPINNING WORLD (USA)	93 - 98	Nureyev	9	3	3	0	71,050	Better Boy
45	KASHANI (USA)	90 - 95	Danzig	22	5	6	0	70,825	Ka Ching
46	▲ ZABEEL (NZ)	86 - 91	Sir Tristram	18	4	6	0	70,650	Stand Tall
47	SEÑOR PETE (USA)	87 - 91	Green Dancer	12	4	4	0	70,390	Ketchiben
48	▲ STRAVINSKY (Arg)	96 - 00	Nureyev	24	5	5	0	67,063	O'Cartier
49	EXPLODING PROSPECT (USA)	86 - 92	Miswaki	20	6	7	0	66,932	Witches Britches
50	▲ YACHTIE (Aus)	89 - 93	Broad Reach	18	5	7	0	65,660	Leebearne

Figures by Arion Pedigrees, covers racing in New Zealand Aug 1 - Nov 1 ▲ denotes higher position than previous week

Top sons of

DANEHILL

1. Keeper
2. Danske
3. Danasinga
4. Rock Of Gibraltar
5. Monolith

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Top

MR PROSPECTOR LINE

1. Mellifont
2. Hussonet
3. Faltaat
4. King Cugat
5. Exploding Prospect

5

Top

THIRD-CROP

1. Keeper
2. Postponed
3. Magic Albert
4. Black Minnaloushe
5. King Cugat

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FRIDAY WINNERS

MOONEE VALLEY (Vic - evening) Good

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R1: Arrow Training Services Hcp, \$23,600, 1000m.

1. GRISBI (3 f **Perugino (USA)** – Causette)

T: D. Hayes J: C. Williams

2. Gold Chant (3 f El Moxie (USA) – Gold Anthem)

3. Gazella (3 f Interglaze (Aus) – Miss Ella)

Margins: Short half-head, long-head. Time Taken: 0.59.48.

R2: Tattersall's Mdn Plate, \$23,600, 1200m.

1. MONDERA (4 g **Viscount (Aus)** – Diamond Habit)

T: D. Hayes J: C. Williams

2. La Mamma Rosa (4 m Testa Rossa (Aus) – Sounds Positive)

3. Borscht (4 g Jetball (Aus) – Gazpacho)

Margins: 3/4 len, half-head. Time: 1.12.13.

R3: Advanced Mailing Solutions Hcp, \$23,600, 2040m.

1. SPACEAGE JULIET (7 m **Kingston Rule (USA)** – Road)

T: A. Taylor J: P. Robl

2. Salute The Storm (4 m General Nediym (Aus) – Runaway Storm)

3. Wave On (5 m West Point (Aus) – Sea Rhapsody)

Margins: Long-head, 1-1/4 lens. Time 2.08.46.

R4: Jayco Hcp, \$23,600, 3000m.

1. WHY NOT WORK (6 g **Portland Pirate (Aus)** – Why Work)

T: V. Malady J: C. Newitt

2. Desert Onslaught (4 g Desert King (Ire) – Queen Moranbon)

3. Prince Vitality (5 g Yamanin Vital (NZ) – Moeraki Bay)

Margins: Len, 1-3/4 lens. Time: 3.10.64.

R5: Connex Plus Hcp, \$23,600, 1200m.

1. BOAT QUAY (3 f **Belong To Me (USA)** – Speedy Bell)

T: D. Hayes J: C. Williams

2. Blacken (3 f Rubiton (Aus) – Noircir)

3. Thirty Seven Megs (3 c Iglesia (Aus) – Lilla Millie)

Margins: Half-neck, 3-1/4 lens. Time: 1:11.80.

R6: Mix 101.1 Hcp, \$23,600, 1500m.

1. OLD SONGS (6 h **Dust In The Wind (NZ)** – Marsing)

T: C. Kelly J: A. Mallyon

2. Phantom Run (8 g Gold Carat (USA) – Spider Rose)

3. Danzylum (4 g Danzero (Aus) – Political Asylum)

Margins: 1/2 len, short-neck. Time: 1:32.57.

R7: Members Equity Bank Hcp, \$23,600, 1500m.

1. PARTIVA (5 m **Orpen (USA)** – Satirical Miss)

T: M. Kent J: I. Gundogdu

2. Alrosa (5 m Bigstone (Ire) – Russian Princess)

3. O'perfect One (5 m Danehill (USA) – Biscay Bird)

Margins: Len, 1-1/4 lens. Time: 1:31.35.

R8: Legends After The Last Plate, \$23,600, 1200m.

1. ON A PROMISE (7 g **Desert Sun (GB)** – Promise Sweetheart)

T: R. Hore-Lacy J: B. Rawiller

2. Sun Glazed (4 m Desert Sun (GB) – Rich Dessert)

3. Vicarage Gate (5 g Testa Rossa (Aus) – Scalding Hot)

Margins: 1/2 len, 1-3/4 lens. Time: 1:11.36.

ARARAT (Vic) Good.

R1: TYCAB MAIDEN PLATE, \$9,000, 1600m.

1. HE'S HERE (b c 3 **Noverre (USA)** - Salty Sal)

T: P. Moody J: J. Benbow

Margins: 3/4 len, 1 1/4 lens. Time: 1:39.06.

R2: FRY'S SPARES MAIDEN PLATE, \$9,000, 2000m.

1. ERIN'S CHEVAL (ch g 4 **Diatribе (Aus)** - Damascus Dawn (NZ))

T: M. Moroney J: R. Mc Leod

Margins: 3 1/4 lens, 1 1/4 lens. Time: 2:05.80.

R3: DELPHI MAIDEN PLATE, \$9,000, 1310m.

1. CARNAGALL (b g 4 **Carnegie (Ire)** - Verlei (NZ))

T: B. Elkington J: M. Gatt

Margins: Short-head, 1 1/4 lens. Time: 1:20.96.

R4: ELECTRO POWER & DATA MDN PLATE, \$9,000, 1310m.

1. NEW YEARS EVE (ch f 3 **Street Cry (Ire)** - Tre Faccia)

T: G. Moloney J: S. Hyland

Margins: 3 1/2 lens, half-neck. Time: 1:20.02.

R5: AME SYSTEMS GOLD PAN HCP (R78), \$10,000, 2000m.

1. DIRT MUSIC (br m 7 **Jeune (GB)** - Lochnarie (Ire))

T: G. Baker J: S. Murphy

Margins: 2 3/4 lens, 2 3/4 lens. Time: 2:05.40.

R6: ADM CUSTOMS & FREIGHT HCP (R62), \$9,000, 1600m.

1. RONALD JOHN (gr g 4 **Bianconi (USA)** – Preoccupied)

T: B. Doherty J: S. Hyland

Margins: 2 lens, 3/4 len. Time: 1:37.88.

R7: MOORABIN SQUASH HCP (R62), \$9,000, 1200m.

1. MELLOCELLO (b/br m 5 **Lacryma Cristi (Ire)** - Quick

Change) T: R. Keirl J: D. Yendall

Margins: 3 1/2 lens dead-heat. Time: 1:11.89.

R8: NMIT GOLDEN GRAIN HCP (R72), \$15,000, 1200m.

1. SECRET FLYER (ch g 4 **Secret Savings (USA)** – Lanadee)

T: M. Young J: W. Hokai

Margins: 1/2 len, 1 1/4 lens. Time: 1:11.28.

MATAMATA (NZ)

R1: N.Z. COMMUNITY TRUST MAIDEN, \$6,500, 2000m.

1. SHOTGUN START (ch g 4 **Chief Bearhart (Can)** - Quality

Jaffa (NZ)) T: J. Sargent J: J. Waddell

Margins: 2 1/4 lens, 3/4 len. Time: 2:04.81.

R2: WEXFORD STABLES 3YO MAIDEN, \$6,500, 1200m.

1. SEPPELT (ch c 3 **Danehill Dancer (Ire)** - Great Vintage

(NZ)) T: G. Rogerson J: K. O'Hara

Margins: Neck, long-neck. Time: 1:10.98.

R3: DORIEMUS LODGE MAIDEN (R52), \$6,500, 1400m.

1. DOYENNE (b f 3 **Kilimanjaro (GB)** - Island Day (GB))

T: M. Walker J: S. Collett

Margins: Nose, nose. Time: 1:24.28.

R4: WILLOW STABLES MAIDEN, \$6,500, 1200m.

1. FANTASTIC FLIGHT (ch f 3 **Fantastic Light (USA)** - Jester

Flight (NZ)) T: M. Walker J: A. Calder

Margins: 1 1/4 lens, head. Time: 1:10.25.

FRIDAY WINNERS

>> *Matamata, continued.*

R5: TE AKAU RACING STABLES MAIDEN, \$6,500, 1600m.

1. VICKEZZCHARDONNAY (gr f 3 **Don Eduardo (NZ)** - Our Rosalee (NZ)) T: M. Baker J: M. Walker
Margins: 1/2 len, nose. Time: 1:37.33.

R6: DALTONS DIAMOND JUBILEE HCP (R80), \$8,000, 2000m.

1. MULTI TASKER (ch m 7 **Kaapstad (NZ)** - Label Basher (NZ)) T: W. Hillis J: C. Lammas
Margins: Neck, neck. Time: 2:03.53.

R7: WAYNE & VANESSA HILLIS HCP (R70), \$7,500, 1400m.

1. DANCING FOREVER (b m 4 **Keeper (Aus)** - Forever Dancing (NZ)) T: L. O'Sullivan J: M. Coleman
Margins: Half-head, long-head. Time: 1:23.28.

R8: FIRST SOVEREIGN TRUST HCP (R70), \$7,500, 1600m.

1. ARCHILLIES (b g 5 **Germano (GB)** - Sweet Grove (NZ)) T: J. Sargent J: J. Waddell
Margins: 3/4 len dead-heat. Time: 1:36.77.

MOUNT GAMBIER (SA) Good.

R1: SCOTT GROUP OF COMPANIES HCP (R68), \$4,500, 1550m.

1. SOLAR REEF (b g 6 **North Reef (Ire)** - Jupiter Inlet) T: B. O'Loughlin J: D. Robinson
Margins: 1/2 len, half-head. Time: 1:36.40.

R2: ANDREW JARMAN MAIDEN PLATE, \$4,250, 900m.

>> *Mount Gambier, continued.*

1. SIR SIENNA (b g 4 **Suresh (NZ)** - Best Paint)

T: L. Kettle J: C. Bryant
Margins: 1 len, short half-head. Time: 52.69.

R3: FINN'S FINE FOODS HCP (R72), \$4,500, 2050m.

1. IRKUTSK (br g 6 **Ivory's Irish (Aus)** - Woodbine Rosie) T: R. Nicholson J: M. Walters
Margins: Neck, nose. Time: 2:16.71.

R4: DARREN JARMAN MAIDEN PLATE, \$4,250, 1200m.

1. PREPARETOSTOP (b m 4 **Dangerous (Aus)** - A Red Light) T: G. Bowyer J: D. Tourneur
Margins: 3/4 len, short-neck. Time: 1:13.68.

R5: CARLTON DRAUGHT HCP (R65), \$4,500, 1300m.

1. RANGERAJA (b f 3 **Devaraja (NZ)** - Grandime) T: H. Frew J: C. Bryant
Margins: Half-head, 2 lens. Time: 1:20.34.

R6: COMMODORE ON THE PARK HCP (R72), \$4,500, 1200m.

1. DA THONG (b g 6 **Kenvain (Aus)** - Zapasha) T: J. Opperman J: J. Potter
Margins: Neck, 1 3/4 lens. Time: 1:13.09.

R7: BE RAY CABINETS MAIDEN PLATE, \$4,250, 1550m.

1. DREAM OR NIGHTMARE (b g 5 **Saithor (USA)** - Dog Watch) T: P. Jones J: M. Munday
Margins: 3 lens, 2 lens. Time: 1:36.74.

SINGAPORE FRIDAY EVENING

KIWIJAZZ COMES UP TRUMPS

Trainer Stephen Gray and his good Kiwi mate Shane Kennedy, also a trainer in New Zealand, one day hatched a plan to breed a horse they would race in Singapore for the "better prize-money", writes **Michael Lee**. Together with owner-breeder Mr Wong, the pair produced a nice bay sort they named **Kiwijazz** (no prizes for guessing why!). Getting him over to Kranji was not a major hassle but getting him over the line was not quite as straightforward.

In nine starts the Keeper four-year-old had managed one second and three thirds, but the general opinion about him was he had the ability but just could not channel it into a win. Until Friday in the \$35,000 Maiden race (1100m) over fibresand. With top jockey Robbie Saddle in the irons, **Kiwijazz** again used his early tactical speed to get to the front with little fuss. Once he found the fence, the race was won there and then.

Second fancy Captain Xaar was hot on his heels but was already

under hard riding by the home turn while **Kiwijazz** was still on the bit. Gray's galloper skipped clear once Fradd slipped some reins, to win by four lengths from Arowana Police. "It's the same old story of a horse with limitations, but today the drop in class and a light weight had things going his way," said Gray.

"He's always shown he had ability but was unlucky to have always run against strong maidens. Just look at his prize money (\$42,000) for a maiden and it tells the story, doesn't it?"

"I think he's a horse with natural ability who can even go over 1600m over grass. The owners together with Shane will hopefully send more horses to Singapore after that win!"

Kiwijazz is owned by Te Mania Stable, whose stakeholders include Mr Wong and Mr Kennedy. With his first win finally on board, **Kiwijazz** has brought up his earnings to \$60,000.