

# HAUNUI FARM UPDATE

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## Don Eduardo & Elusive City Popular this Season

Resident stallion Don Eduardo (NZ) (Zabeel) just missed out on his first stakes performer in Australia on VRC Oaks Day when Najib (Aus) was in a photo for third in the Listed Express Stakes (1800m).

Dropped back to 1800m by trainer Lee Freedman when it was decided three starts wasn't enough to head into the Group One VRC Derby (2500m), the result of the Derby left connections ruing that decision somewhat with it very obvious a majority of the field did not stay the 2500m.

"One thing is for sure is that we know Najib would have stayed the trip," said Andrew Baddock of Gooree Park Stud. "But after his effort on Thursday and what jockey Craig Newitt said after the race, we're happy to send him to the paddock for a little freshen up and wait for the Autumn," he said. "The

horse has come on immensely in just four starts this campaign and the Freedman team believe he's as promising, if not more so, than Don Eduardo at the same stage," said Andrew.

Don Eduardo won his first race in January before going on to win the AJC Derby. To date, he has sired seven individual winners, two as two-year-olds, and with the major races of the spring and summer just around the corner, we look forward to seeing some of his progeny taking their places in the season's leading three-year-old events.

"Don Eduardo is in his fifth season at stud, his third at Haunui, and he will serve over ninety mares this season," said Shannon Taylor, Nominations and Marketing Manager at Haunui. "If Gooree had been able to send their mares from Australia this season as usual, he would have served another book of over 100 mares in his fifth sea-

son at stud," she said. "With that in mind, his progeny are obviously making the right impression," she said.

Elusive City (USA) (Elusive Quality) is also on track to serve a book of over ninety mares in his fourth season at stud.



Elusive City (USA) (Elusive Quality)

"Elusive City sold ten yearlings for over six figures at the yearling sales of 2007 and his progeny have been well sought after at the Northern Hemisphere sales to date," says Shannon.

## The Winners Keep Coming for Van Nistelrooy

The run of success keeps rolling for Van Nistelrooy with seven winners added to his Southern Hemisphere total in the last month including the stakes winner Vandalo (NZ).

Bred by Jim Campin of Chequers Stud, one of the partners involved in bringing Van Nistelrooy to New Zealand, Vandalo is the first stakes winner for his sire in Australia.

The last four weeks has seen Van Nistelrooy add seven individual winners to his tally from his Southern Hemisphere crop including two doubles.

The first came about at Ellerslie on the 27th of October when stakes placed filly Boundless (NZ) took out the first race of the day in impressive style for the Stephen McKee stable.

Not to be out done, two-year-old filly Pretty Audrey (NZ) broke her maiden status in her first start for the Richard Collet and Shane Hapeta stable.

Bred by Carol Marshall, Pretty Audrey became the second winner by Van Nistelrooy in the month of October bred by Carol, the first coming three days earlier at Counties when Tristine (NZ) crossed the line ahead of her rivals over 1200m.

Another notable double was achieved at Avondale on the 31st of October through the deeds of Red Veil (NZ) (Van Nistelrooy) and Striker (NZ) (Van Nistelrooy).

Red Veil opened the till for her sire with a half length victory in race five over 1400m. Like Boundless, Red Veil was

purchased by Trevor McKee at the 2006 Karaka Premier Sale and is trained by his son Stephen.

One race later it was the the Lance O'Sullivan-Andrew Scott-trained Striker to the fore. The three-year-old filly made light

work of her rivals over 1400m ridden to a one-and-a-quarter length victory by Michael Coleman.

Bred by Haunui clients Don and Rochelle McLaren, Striker is a half sister to Group One-winner -winner Calveen (NZ) (Canny Lad).

A day later at Waipa, Top Echelon (NZ) (Van Nistelrooy) broke through for his maiden win over 1580m.

"The winners have certainly come in the last couple of

weeks," said Mark Chitty of Haunui Farm. "It is really pleasing to see good supporters of the horse such as Carol Marshall getting some success, I think she sent a mare to Van Nistelrooy every season," he said.

Van Nistelrooy has had 36 starters from his first Southern Hemisphere crop with 15 individual winners including two stakes winners and three stakes performers.

From his Northern Hemisphere crop, Van Nistelrooy has had 55 runners, 23 winners, five of these are stakes winners including a Grade One winner in the USA.

"You can't argue with the results, they speak for themselves," said Mark.

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## Ready-to-Run Draft Breeze Well

**"ALL OF OUR HORSES BREEZED UP IN UNDER 11 SECONDS WITHOUT BEING PUSHED TO THE LIMIT WHICH IS WHAT I LIKE TO SEE IN BREEZE UPS," MARK CHITTY ON THE HAUNUI DRAFT'S BREEZE UP TIMES.**

Our select draft of six horses for the upcoming Ready-to-Run Sale acquitted themselves well at Te Rapa toward the end of October and impressed in their 200m breeze ups.

All six horses breezed on the second day at Te Rapa and they all stopped the clock in under 11 seconds.

Photographs and breeze-up clips can be viewed in the Sales section of the Haunui website—[www.haunuifarm.co.nz](http://www.haunuifarm.co.nz).

Haunui's 2006 Ready-to-Run draft produced the Champion Juvenile of Singapore last season in the form of Onceuponatime (NZ) (Van Nistelrooy) who was bred and sold by Haunui and partnership with Jim and Leslie Otway.

He was purchased for \$60,000 by trainer David Hill and undoubtedly, the Singapore trainer will be back in 2007 looking for another two-year-old of equal talent.

Lot 106 is a chestnut colt by Van Nistelrooy and is a horse of a very similar mould to Onceuponatime. "He has developed into a lovely, strong horse and he breezed up nicely in 10.35 and it looks as though there will be plenty for trainers to work with," said Mark Chitty of Haunui Farm.

Lot 189 is a chestnut filly by Van Nistelrooy out of Lady Stanhope (NZ) (Sir Tristram). She stopped the clock at Te Rapa in 10.67. With the runs Van Nistelrooy has been putting on the board over the last month, buyers should have his progeny on the radar at this sale.

Haunui will sell two further lots on the first day of the sale, in fact, the first to go through the ring will be Lot 60, a filly by Reset (Aus) (Zabeel) out of Coupon (Aus) (Carnegie) whilst Lot 132 is a gelding also by Reset. Out of Granita (NZ) (Bigstone) he comes from the family of

Haunui-bred stakes winner Rohaytn (NZ) (Carnegie).

The second day of selling will see Haunui offer two lots, the first a son of resident stallion Don Eduardo (NZ) (Zabeel). Going through the ring as Lot 337, the colt breezed the equal fastest time of the Haunui draft, clocking 10.35 for the 200m.

The final lot to be offered by Haunui will be Lot 382, a colt by Desert Prince (Ire) (Green Desert), the sire of multiple Group One-winner Desert War (Aus).



Lot 106—ch g Van Nistelrooy—Filiouchka



Luke Geddes—Yearling, Breaking & Pre-Training Manager

## Staff Profile—Luke Geddes

Luke has been the Yearling Manager here at Haunui for three years and during that time has also taken on the role of managing the Breaking-In and Pre-training of the Haunui racing team.

The last twelve months saw a major milestone in the Haunui Yearling division with two, yearlings selling for over a million dollars, one at Karaka and one at the Sydney Easter Yearling Sale. A lot of this credit is due

to Luke and his team.

This season, Luke will be in charge of the preparation of around fifty yearlings with our main draft heading to Karaka and a select draft heading across the Tasman to the Sydney Easter Sale. "I really enjoy the challenge of preparing yearlings for the sale and get a lot of satisfaction out of it," says Luke. "By the time the yearlings get to the preparation, they have already had a lot of

groundwork and we manage them right from the day they're born," says Luke. "It makes it a lot easier at the other end," he said.

"We're very lucky to have a person like Luke here at Haunui," said Mark Chitty. "He came to the farm as an eighteen year-old and has really stepped up to management and has the respect of myself, the staff and our clients," said Mark.

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## Yearling Preparation in Full Swing

On the subject of yearlings, the Haunui draft for Karaka 2008 is now in full preparation.

The colts came in in the early weeks of October with the fillies joining them toward the end of the month and it is now all systems go toward Karaka 2008.

October saw the yearlings just getting into the daily routine and some light exercise on the horse walker was introduced. With the colder weather we have had in September and October, the coats have been a little slower to start turning and we are looking forward to a sustained period of good weather.

Now into November, the daily routine is well established not only for the yearlings but our yearling staff as well. The level of exercise is slowly beginning to increase for those yearlings that require it and hand walking will begin toward the end of the month—that's when the fitness levels of the staff will improve dramatically as well!

Whilst the make-up of our yearling draft has been altered slightly due to the outbreak of Equine Influenza in Australia, the Haunui draft will once again be well represented at Karaka 2008.

With 18 yearlings in the Premier Session, 12 yearlings in the Select Session and four in the Festival Sale, the Haunui draft features a full sister to Group One-winner Perlin (NZ) (Carnegie), a half brother to Group One-winner Mikki Street (NZ) (Cape Cross), a daughter of multiple Group One-winner Fayreform (NZ) (Tights), a half sister to multiple stakes winner Smitten Kitten (NZ) (Volksraad), a daughter of Wellington and

Sydney Cup .place-getter Starina.

Sires represented include Zabeel, Cape Cross, Don Eduardo, Elusive City, Van Nistelrooy, Stravinsky, Hussonet, Pins, Savabeel, Red Ransom, Volksraad, Bertolini, High Chap- peral, Face Value, and

Howbaddouwantit.

"We've got a nice even draft of yearlings and I'm pleased with how forward they are at this stage of the preparation," said Mark Chitty of Haunui Farm. "I'm sure there will be a yearling in the draft to suit all buyers' tastes," he said.



2006 br c Van Nistelrooy—Tennessee West , headed for the Select Sale



2006 br c Don Eduardo—Ocean Pearl, half brother to Mikki Street headed for the Premier Sale

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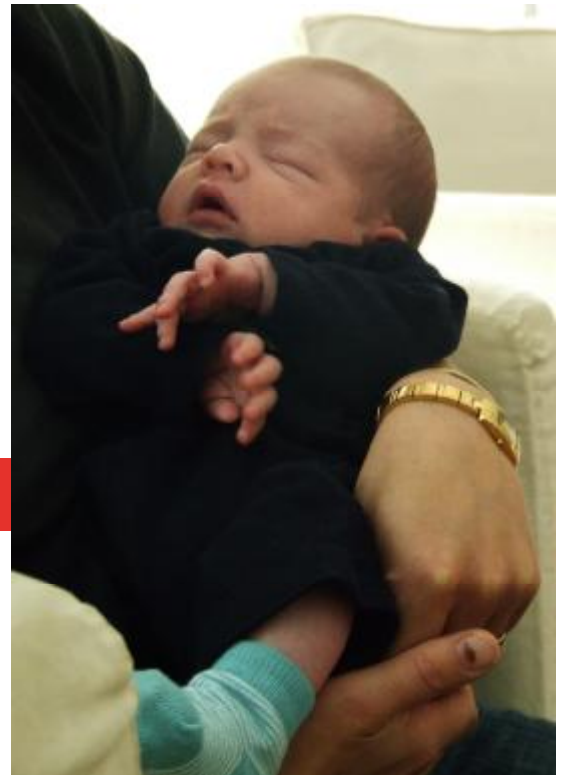
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## Mark's Corner

This month, Mark's Corner announces the arrival of Daniel Geoffrey Chitty, born on Friday 26th of October at 10am, weighing in at a hefty 8 pounds 7 ounces!

Daniel and Sara are both doing very well and have settled in at home with the help of Olivia (6), Ella (5) and Matthew (2) and I guess we better not forget to mention the proud Dad, Mark.



## Some Foals from Don Eduardo's Class of 2007



Super Paradise and her Don Eduardo filly



Midnight Breaker's Don Eduardo filly enjoying some afternoon sun—this filly is related to G1 winner Perlin (NZ) (Carnegie)



Don Eduardo—Frilly Filly colt