

# WINDSOR

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## Great feedback on foals

**Black Minnaloushe is receiving high praise indeed on his first foals -**

***"A real quality filly...he looks to have injected speed into a staying family"***

*Leon Casey on his filly out of Honourable*

***"a cracking foal"***

*Des Hawkins on his colt foal from Bala Belle*

***"A lovely correct filly with a terrific hindquarter and a great outlook"***

*Richard Moore on his filly from Go Zoff*

***"He's one of the nicest foals I've ever seen...a real striking individual"***

*Ron Taylor on his colt from Message To My Girl*

Among Windsor's own broodmare band we have waited expectantly for the first foals by Storm Cat's champion son. So we are delighted to report that we too now have some cracking foals by Black Minnaloushe and two dark brown or black colts in particular are early season standouts. The first to arrive for us was from the young Kaapstad mare Satirical and is therefore a half brother to Gr.1 winner Star Satire. This colt was closely followed by another paternal half brother out of the N.Z. One Thousand Guineas winner Nimue. Size, strength and good conformation seem to be the easily recognisable attributes Black Minnaloushe is imparting to his foals.

## Honor Bound to Montjeu

Montjeu has been chosen for top racemare Honor Bound's second mating. Few breeders do more homework on stallion selection than Waikato thoroughbred breeders' branch president Vicki Pascoe. This year Vicki and husband Terry considered a number of stallions on both sides of the Tasman for their Group One winning mare Honor Bound and they have decided upon six-time Gr.1 winner Montjeu.

"I inspected 25 of Montjeu's yearlings and it was hard to fault

them. They are all exceptional types and have a quiet temperament. The other thing which swayed me to Montjeu was his exceptional performance as a racehorse and the fact that his progeny are going to be commercially attractive to buyers." Vicki and husband Terry appear to be right on the button with their assessment because hard on the heels of their decision came news from the yearling sales in Italy where a record price of Euros250,000 (NZ\$480,798), was paid for a Montjeu colt from the Italian Oaks winner Germignaga.

## Stakes winner Stone Rose in foal to Golan

The first southern hemisphere mare to be served by Golan has already been tested in foal. The start of any breeding season is a bit like the beginning of a Grand Prix motor race. September 1st arrives and the flag drops announcing the commencement of serving for all Australasian stallions. Our English 2000 Guineas winning stallion Golan was primed and ready to go and the first mare he covered was the leading 2YO filly of her year Stone Rose. A delighted Ric Wylie, stud manager of Bloomsbury Stud, rang to inform us recently that she had returned a positive test. So 2YO stakes winner Stone Rose becomes the first southern hemisphere mare, among a high quality 'book' of mares, tested positively in foal to Golan.

## Black Minnaloushe a CHAMPION son of Storm Cat

When Scaredee Cat won the prestigious Ascot Vale Stakes at Flemington, a race incidentally won by our own Kaapstad, he highlighted the versatility and potency of Storm Cat blood in both hemispheres. Windsor Park stood Scaredee Cat's sire Tale of the Cat, a Gr.2 winning son of Storm Cat, in his initial southern hemisphere foray. Now we have Storm Cat's champion European raced son Black Minnaloushe,

classic winner of the Irish Two Thousand Guineas and the Gr. 1 St James's Palace Stakes, as part of our stallion complement. And what a family Black Minnaloushe is from. His champion producing dam, Coral Dance, also having left English Two Thousand Guineas winner and promising sire Pennekamp as well as Nasr Al Arab, a four-times Gr. 1 winner in the U.S.A.

## Success in Australia for Volksraad

Lord Volksraad has always looked to have the makings of a top racehorse for his sire Volksraad. Spare a thought though for his owners who experienced an exasperating 3YO campaign with him last season. The Collins Concise dictionary describes the meaning of the word unlucky as follows -

*unlucky adj. characterized by misfortune or failure -*

it's a well used term in racing parlance and Lord Volksraad must have all but exhausted the real meaning of the word for both trainer Brian Mayfield-Smith and his owners. However, with maturity comes strength and the promise of better things to come manifested itself at Sandown's Lakeside track in Melbourne last week when Lord Volksraad reappeared over 1200m. Benefiting from a judicious ride, he proceeded to annihilate his opposition, displaying great acceleration to win his third race from just 11 starts. The official margin was five lengths but it could easily have been more as jockey Nash Rawiller eased him down well before the post. As the raceday commentator noted - 'this could be his spring'.

Lord Volksraad now has a career record of three wins and \$105,050 and it is a record that looks certain to be improved upon over the

coming Melbourne spring racing carnival.

## Classic contenders for Danske

Danske will, if early indications are anything to go by, have some major spring and summer classic contenders from his first crop of three year olds. Trainer Dick Bothwell makes no secret of the high regard in which he holds his Danske filly Danette. In terms of talent, Dick compares her with his former champion 2YO filly Summer Haze. It was no surprise then, even allowing for her highclass 2YO form, that Danette was successful on her 3YO seasonal debut recently, setting her up nicely for a tilt at the N.Z. One Thousand Guineas at Riccarton in November. The promise shown by Danette is also shared with a number of other recent Danske runners.

Although inexperienced, James Blond looks a galloper of huge potential after just missing victory in the Listed Lindauer Guineas Trial at Eilerslie on only his second race-day outing. James Blond will have as his spring target the A.R.C. Lindauer Guineas, Gr.2 - a race Danske was successful in himself prior to his victory in the N.Z. Two Thousand Guineas - while James Blond's longer term goal is the N.Z. Derby at Eilerslie on Boxing Day.

With the Chris Wood trained Danske Very Much, winner of two of his four race-day starts so far, having the N.Z. Two Thousand Guineas on his agenda, Danske looks assured of widespread representation in the early season

classic races - a sure indication of a stallions overall potential as a sire.

## First 2YO races to Kaapstad and Volksraad

Kaapstad and Volksraad have produced another quinella of sorts - the first two 2YO races run in the north this season being won by their progeny. It's not new territory for champion sire Volksraad. He is after all the most reliable stallion at stud in N.Z. for consistently producing 2YO performers - and high-class ones at that! So up comes the first 2YO race of the new season and bingo - the winner? - Mapperley bred Clifton Prince, by Volksraad of course. Could this 3/4 blood brother to top-class South African Gr.1 winner Clifton King follow in the footsteps of previous Mapperley bred champion 2YO's Spring Rain and Thriller? Well, on his way to general premiership honours last season, Volksraad sired an incredible 10 individual 2YO winners including champion 2YO filly Katana so it might just be that history will repeat itself.

Volksraad's stable-mate Kaapstad is not noted for siring precocious 2YO's - Kaaptive Edition and Kaptive Jewel apart. But he reminded us yet again of his versatility as a sire when his daughter Kapsdan franked her impressive trials win at Te Teko with an emphatic victory in the second 2YO race of the season at Counties. The win set Kapsdan on course for a crack at Trentham's Wellesley Stakes, N.Z.'s first 2YO black type race.



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