



THE BREEDERS



BREEDERS' WEEKLY

This week we caught up with Dave Mobberley, breeder of Gangam Style which completed its hatrick at Addington tonight, to bring you another edition of breeder profiles.

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EDITORS NOTE

We apologise for the lack of communication recently with our readers in regards to the Breeders' Weekly publication.

Having been flat stick sorting a number of exciting initiatives it has seen the 'Weekly' slip in terms of its production.

Rather than send out something that is sub-standard and below the high quality we expect from our publications, the decision was made to tie up other loose ends first.

These include the Sires Register for 2016, membership renewal and an exciting opportunity which may well see a Standardbred breeding show being produced by Tracksides amongst others!

We may yet revert to fortnightly and have bumper sized issues, but for the mean time we hope you enjoy this week's edition and get your breeding fix!

Brad Reid
Executive Manager

subsequent ovulations become more predictable. This will reduce your breeding costs and agistment costs further down the track.

There are several options for providing lights to your mares. They can be as simple as bringing your mare into a stable and keeping the lights on until 11pm at night. The lights must be turned off then, so do not leave them on all night as your mare does need some period of darkness for this to work. Or you can purchase an outdoor light from your local hardware store and hoist it up on the side of your shed and keep your mare in a yard in the evenings under the light with the aid of some permanent yards or even electric fencing. Again, turn the light off at 11pm and set it up so that there are no shadows for your mare to hide in.



MARE OWNERS - LET'S START CYCLING EARLY!

The breeding season will be here soon. There are many advantages to breeding your mares early – Not only will foaling be earlier and this leads to better grown yearlings, but it also provides more breeding opportunities throughout the season. Furthermore, providing light treatment to your pregnant mares will reduce their gestation length naturally by about 9-10 days.

Data collected from studs in the North Island has shown that mares do not start cycling predictably until later in October. In Australia, the natural breeding season starts almost a month earlier. Breeders in the South Island may have an even shorter breeding season than their North Island or Australian counterparts – so read on

- New Zealand breeders would really benefit from exposing their broodmares to lights to advance the onset of cyclicity and extend the breeding season. It can be quite simple to do!

Exposing mares to lights for 16 hours per day from early July will ensure that they will be cycling some 6 – 8 weeks later in early September. This scientific fact has been well documented and repeated under both commercial and research conditions in both hemispheres since 1947 and so it is not new technology! Although Thoroughbreds may want to breed close to the 1st September, not all Standardbred breeders do. However, once your mare has had her first ovulation of the season, then her



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Last but not least, if yarding or stabling your mare is too labour intensive or you do not have the facilities, then you can use a light mask that attaches to your mare's halter. The EquiLume mask fits nicely to the halter and a blue light shines into one eye. It has an automatic lighting system, that once set up properly, will provide light up until 11pm each night. Visit www.equilume.com

Regardless of the lighting regimen that best suits your operation, increasing the nutritional plane and warmth (stable or covers) for your mares will further enhance the results. Then you can also discuss including a hormone treatment (eg: prostaglandin, 10 days of Altrenogest or Domperidone) two weeks prior to your preferred breeding date. This again will reduce grazing costs.

The lights can then be "turned off" once the mare has conceived or after the October long weekend. If you have any questions about equine reproduction you can contact us at www.equibreed.co.nz

Happy breeding!

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BREEDER'S PROFILE

This week I had the pleasure of catching up with South Canterbury raised & Auckland businessman Dave Mobberley regarding his breeding exploits.

Dave has recently gone through a renaissance with his breeding passion as one of his progeny has appeared from off the scene and started to put together a tidy resume. His name is Gangnam Style and he will seek to make it 3 wins on end this campaign when he competes

in the South of the Waitaki race at Addington tonight.

Dave works tirelessly in the exports business and had for a number of reasons given up on his dream of breeding a champion. However as readers will find out below, that should be about to change.

HOW DID YOU GET INTERESTED IN HARNESS RACING?

My late mother had an interest in racing, but usually only through a 50 cent bet. They had no horses or anything like that but I enjoyed occasionally going to Washdyke. I was always fascinated with them but never dreamt that I would be having a go at it!

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN BREEDING?

I would have to say at least thirty years ago, very small time early on. A guy lent me a mare called Careless Talk (1962 Ch m Secure - Seepage) and I put her in foal to Waitaki Hanover (1958 Br h Garrison Hanover - Kid Dale). The resulting foal isn't worth mentioning because it never got anywhere but I was a good introduction to breeding.

FIRST WINNER YOU BRED?

I really cant! I can remember the first winner we leased. Richard Brosnan trained Gallant Fella for me as a first winner.

*Having done some research it was My Amber Jane (2002 13 B m By Xample - Running Wild) who won her maiden at Wyndham and paid a tidy \$20 sum on the tote)

WHY DO YOU BREED STANDARDBREDS?

That's a real good question! Once it gets into your blood, it's hard to shake.

I had a real passion for straight out trotters. An old guy down in Oamaru called Doug Fowler loaned me a mare called Sister Scott (1963 Bl m Widower Scott - Gallant Flight) and I use to go down there a lot and just take it all in and watch what he would do.

He was a real old timer and not what I could do what he did, I use to

thoroughly enjoy just watching him and how he would work young horses.

He had an affiliation with the farm that stood Waitaki Hanover (66 NZ winners). It was just a pure interest. I wasn't putting much money into it in those days, but I remember like an old pastime wandering down there and waiting for the foal I bred to drop!

I didn't really breed much after that for quite a while, and it was probably through racing leased horses that spurned my interest again in wanting to breed.

A very good mate of mine Stuart Valentine probably more than anyone got me interested in breeding. He always had a mare or two around the place. Funnily enough we never bred one together, where possible Stu liked to breed on his own and I do understand why now and have never forgotten his advice there. I tried to always go it alone myself because you can make your own decisions when you had too without having to consult and worry about anyone else!

FAVOURITE HORSE YOU BRED?

Yeah probably Mya Grace (2004 11m Sundon - Kanuka Lass) would have to be the favourite horse I bred because she was such a lovely mare. (83 Starts - 9 wins - 14 placings - \$58,181)

She was just big and beautiful and I remember we were racing her mother and I remember being out at Pukekohe races. Peter Wolfenden walked past me and said jeez she's a nice mare.

Why do you say that I said? He said "I just like the look of her"! She was a lovely horse herself (17 starts - 2 wins - 6 placings) but she got injured so I put her to stud.

If you look at her progeny you can see she did a fairly good job at stud leaving Cameron Jake (2003g Earl) who had 7 wins and \$60,000 odd in stakes. Katelin Brooke (2006m Earl) did a good job winning three here and more in Australia. Andrew Ryan (2007g Continentalman) won a race here before winning another couple in Australia also.

I guess you could say Peter Wolfenden was right!

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FAVOURITE STALLION?

It would have to be Sundon! Even though I never went to him very often because he was a little bit expensive for me, he was easily the best for mine. In hindsight I probably would have done better had I spent more money on service fees as they all cost the same once they are on the ground don't they!

HAVE YOU BRED ANYTHING THIS SEASON?

I haven't. I had basically called time on breeding because as a businessman I was finding it hard to make any real return. Breeding was a hobby and a great passion of mine and I didn't stop because I didn't want to be involved, it had just become a bit hard to do so on my own when I was getting nothing back!

Last year when I sold Gangam Style, I hadn't heard anything back from the guy who bought her off me until it qualified. I still own his mother My Amber Jane and I hadn't been breeding from her lately.

I sold it probably cheaper than the stud fee because I was finishing and the next thing I heard he had sold the horse for 30 or 40 grand!

I was so pleased to see him when he ran second on debut behind a good one, and I was also told by one of my mates down there that he was going to have a wind operation and they were going to give him all the time he needed.

At this stage I hadn't heard anything regarding the horse and I was ready to send his mum back to the stud to put her in foal.

Having seen him come back in such fine fettle and hearing Nathan Williamson say he's the cleanest gaited pacer in his stable, I think I'll make my mind up in the next month or so who I mate her with.

THINGS YOU WOULD LIKE TO CHANGE IN THE INDUSTRY?

With the breeding my biggest problem was it was hard to get pay on live foal. I think I lost 3 or 4 foals in one season.

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You've outlaid a lot of money and it takes such a long time to get a return. That season I lost all those foals, I didn't get a return whatsoever and while breeding may be deemed to be a risk, for hobbyists like me who don't have bottomless pockets, it can be really really tough.

I think the studs should have to finance themselves for the first year to guarantee the breeder a return in the shape of a live foal before you part with your money.

"We have been taking turns breeding from the mare every other year. Brendan's former wife Aya Kovesy was also down as the breeder but she is no longer involved.

"I always liked the breed and we managed to breed from her dam Vonnie Franco (by OK Bye). We borrowed the mare from Nevele R Stud on the condition we use one of their stallions. She was out of Van Glory (by Van Dieman) who won 11 races. That was good enough for me," 65-year-old Cooney said.

LOVING THE SUCCESS OF HIS BREED

Graham Cooney always felt that if someone could get inside Minstrel Boy's head and work his brain out then the gelding could go on to be a nice pacer.

"He was a bit of a lazy bugger when we had him. He won his first start at Wyndham (November 2012) and then when he ran second we thought at that stage being a big strong horse he could be anything.

"But he was an Art Major and was a bit idle in his races. He never seemed to try hard enough for us and that's why we sold him to clients of Brent Mangos'. He tested our patience. We also thought the change might do him good and obviously he has matured and it has," breeder Cooney said.

Minstrel Boy won three races in the South Island before heading north in late 2015. Mangos won two races with him before Cheree Wigg trained her first career winner with him after three starts at her Kumeu stable.

Minstrel Boy's latest win came at Alexandra Park last Friday night when he and Sailesh Abernethy won the feature pace – the \$8,000 Hydroflow Grass Track Series Mobile for C3 to C6 pacers.

"I'm really pleased for Cheree. He might be starting to turn the corner now. I

enjoy when our breed wins, no matter who owns them. He's still got some way to go to be the best of his breed," newly Tauranga-based Cooney said.

Six-year-old Minstrel Boy is the third of six foals out of the six-win Holmes Hanover mare, Just Another Lover. The best of them so far has been foal two – a 7-year-old Real Desire gelding named Canardly Lover.

"He won seven races here and then last December when we thought he reached his grade we sent him to David Thorn in New South Wales, where he has won," said Cooney.

Cooney said Just Another Lover was a nice horse who won six races including a win at Forbury Park on May 26, 2005.

Canardly Lover and Minstrel Boy have been her only New Zealand winners so far, but she has left a 3-year-old Lis Mara gelding named Luca Brasi and a Real desire 2-year-old filly named Got Another Lover. She was served by Bettor's Delight in January.

"Hamish Hunter works all of our horses. He is a close friend and someone we respect a lot," Cooney said.

By "we", Cooney was referring to his younger brother and Porirua College teacher Brendan.

The Cooney brothers were born in Otaia in South Canterbury and both attended the mighty St Kevin's College in Oamaru.

"That school was a real nursing ground for racing and footy. There weren't many boarders who didn't know a thing of two about racing," Cooney joked.

While his younger brother of 10 years became a teacher, Cooney got a degree at Lincoln University and then relocated to Invercargill.

That was in 1973. Earlier this year he relocated to Tauranga but said his team will continue to race out of the Hunter barn in Southland.

Cooney is not only renowned for breeding hundreds of horses but he has also made a name for himself in both the meat and rugby industries.

He set up Blue Sky Meats about 30 years ago and also spent nine years on the Highlanders (rugby) board as vice chairman. He also served on New Zealand Rugby Board for several years.

He said the 2000 Caprock mare Nursemaid was the best horse he had owned or bred.

"She won 14 races and almost \$200,000. She was a special horse. She won the Southland Oaks and also won three times during Cup Week. We are still breeding from her and she is currently in foal to American Ideal.

He also bred Junior Free-For-All winner Grenadier (J C'S Supremo - Butler's Fury) to win eight races and Burlesque (OK Bye - Pascaline) to win six.

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"Graham has proven to be a great breeder over the years. He's always been very good at what he applies himself to.

"I just tagged along for the ride and have loved harness racing since well before my St Kevin's Day. Graham bred Minstrel Boy and I'm hoping the one I bred – Got Another Lover is even better," the Wellington-based younger sibling said.

Duane Ranger



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CLASSIC WINNER PRODUCING MARE: WHATA SPIRIT

One of two mares joining the list of multiple classic producing broodmares (i.e. with five or more offspring in results information as shown on the Classic Families (CF) database) is WHATA SPIRIT (known as Oh Whata Spirit in Australia).

WHATA SPIRIT (1991 Whata Baron/Spirit of Venus), NZ family of Regina; 2:04.2, 4 wins, \$21,090; 13 foals, 9 to race/8 winners, 1 qualifier. Breeder : Sandy (RA) and Mrs Jan (JV) Yarndley. Foals bred by HF Shiu, LLC Leung, MK Lai, Mrs BM Berger (Holms Spirit, Fake Spirit, Whata Sparkle, Spirit Rising, That's The Spirit); Happy Valley Syndicate, Mrs BM Berger (Family Spirit); H Kaplan, Cranston Family Trust (Rum Ball); Jordash Breeding Trust, Chyra Pty Ltd (Dolley Madison, Topsy Gambler, Spirit of Woodstock); Harshell Investments

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Pty Ltd, Australia (Happy Schnapps, 2 unnamed foals)

Whata Spirit's sire Whata Baron, by Adios stallion Baron Hanover out of a Poplar Byrd mare in Whata Wick, was the winner of \$½m in stakes (won 41 of 90 starts), time trialled in 1:53.3US and Governor Driscoll as an aged pacer in North America. In the Southern Hemisphere, he stood at Gentry Lodge Stud in NZ as well as in Australia. Whata Baron had moderate success with 348 winners worldwide, 57 in NZ and 18 bred in Australia. Among them were Bonamax, Owhata Hero (Thames Cup), Rustic Lad while the pick of his broodmare credits came via Whata Spirit.

Dam Spirit of Venus was an unraced Lordship mare from Nancy lola, dam also of Burgundy Lass (dam of Il Vicolo – \$1.58m, NZ Cup twice, NZFFA, NZSS – 2/3, NZ C/S – 2, GN/NZ/NSW Derby, Ben Hur; sire of Jack Cade, Tricky Vic); Sparkling Burgundy (dam of Gotta Go Cullen – millionaire, NZSS -2, NZ C/S – 2, NSW Derby, Messenger, AK Cup, sire) and Vicario, Broodmare of Year (dam of Coburg – NZ Breeders Stakes, dam of Veste, Caduceus Club Classic; Stunin Cullen – millionaire, 1:54.1, NZSS – 2, GN Derby, Ballarat/Hunter Cups). Spirit of Venus left Whata Spirit, Niketia (1:52.2US) and Ciccio Star (NZYSS – 3f, dam of Idancedallnight, Major Star) as her main performers. Spirit of Venus's

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second dam was Rosehaven, dam of broodmare gem Black Watch, Spare Parts and Tata Matapo (Smooth Falcon) among others.

The family of Regina (CF N10), contains stand out descendants such as NZ Cup winners Arden Rooney, Il Vicolo, Trusty Scot, Garry Dillon as well as Gotta Go Cullen, Lauraella. Comedy Lad, Honkin Vision, Logan Chief, Native Chief, Grand Mogul, Black Watch, Smooth Falcon, Pacific Flight, Night Allowance, Megeara, Stunin Cullen, Alta Christiano, Lettucerothem.

Whata Spirit as a race horse was the winner on four occasions (2:04.2, \$21,090) from thirty four starts for Mike Berger and owners HF Shiu, LLC Leung, MK Lai, Mrs BM Berger.. Her wins came at Otaki, Alexandra Park twice and Manawatu with Maurice McKendry and then junior driver Ross Paynter sharing the winning drives at two apiece. As a broodmare, Whata Spirit has proven successful both in NZ (7 winners) and Australia (1) where she was exported in 2010. From 13 foals, 9 have been produced at the races for 8 winners (5 in 2:00) and a qualifier Dolly Maddison, dam of Gotta Go Collect (Cardigan Bay Stakes).

Whata Spirit's male progeny include :

Family Spirit (Il Vicolo gelding) raced by the Happy Valley syndicate (five Asian owners of 2002 NZ Cup winner Gracious Knight) and Mrs BM Berger, his eight NZ victories as a 5/6yo came from 42 starts (NZ : 2:00.4, \$54,946; NA - 19 wins, 1:52.2US, \$123,579). Family Spirit won on five occasions at Alexandra Park and in consecutive starts, the Stratford Cup, first night at Manawatu and Palmerstonian Classic.

Happy Schnapps (Grinfromeartear gelding), the winner of nine from forty three starts (five in current season) in Victoria/Tasmania including Northern Tasmanian Light Harness Association Cup at Launceston (1:58.5, \$46,095 to date)

Whata Spirit's fillies include :

Holms Spirit (Holmes Hanover), won four of her sixty five starts with three victories coming in consecutive starts at Hawera and Manawatu (2) with a

final one at Auckland (2:02.4, \$50,323). She was placed second in NZSS - 3f Silver with thirds in Caduceus Club Classic - 2f, NI Breeders Stakes, Alexandra Park Winter Cup. She is the dam of 8 foals, 6 to race, 5 winners, four sub two minutes; including Im Jasper the Ghost (2 NZ/6 WA wins, 1:55.2, \$60,345); Springsteen (11 wins, 5 NZ 3yo wins, 4 at Addington/6 WA, 1:59.5, \$111,115, Botra/Kalgoorlie Boulder Cups, second in Northam Cup) and ten race winners In The White House (3 NZ and 7 NSW/QLD) and Western Spirit (NSW).

Fake Spirit (Fake Left), recorded five victories in 27 attempts (1:59.8, \$184,368). In NZ, her 21 starts yielded two victories, those coming in Delightful Lady Classic - 2f and NZSS 2yo NI Gradulette. Her placed efforts included seconds in NZYSS - 2f Final, Caduceus Club Classic - 2f, GN Oaks, NZYSS - 3f Final. Of her six starts in Australia, three produced victories at Harold Park (2, including NSW Oaks) and Bathurst (2nd Bathurst Gold Tiara - 2f). A reluctant breeder, Cavalla Bloodstock bred three foals from her with only Ultimate Player racing - 1:58.6, \$75,119, Hororata Cup. Ultimate Player

However her Pacific Rocket filly Make It Hot is the dam of Elsu gelding Chilli Palmer, bred by Graeme Henley (13 wins, 1:51.5, \$260,318, Fremantle (McInerney) Classic - 4, VIC Bonzana - 4, QLD 4/5 C/S).

That's the Spirit (Pacific Rocket), won 22 of 105 starts in Victoria, NSW and Queensland (1:54.9, \$134,334), FFA winner at Albion Park and winner of at least one race in all three states. She placed fourth in 2006 QLD Oaks and finished sixth in 2008 Ladyship Mile.

Rum Ball (Presidential Ball), a winner of three from 23 starts (1:58.7, \$77,631),

including NZSS 2yo NI Gradulette (like her half sister Fake Spirit), NZSS -2f heat, third in NZYSS - 2f final, fourth Ladyship Stakes. Exported to Australia for breeding purposes, where she is known as Luva Rum Ball, none of her four live foals for Alabar Bloodstock have yet to race

One race winning fillies by Whata Spirit were Whata Sparkle (Northland HC at Alexandra Park; dam of Manhattan Sparkle, 1 NZ/3 VIC wins) and Topsy Gambler (won first start at Oamaru).

Peter Craig

BONNIES 'LASS' THRIVING UP NORTH!

The Brent McIntyre – Tony Herlihy (MNZM) combo continued on its winning way at Alexandra Park on the 24th of June when the 2001 Northern Southland Cup winner Bonnie Lass provided the Southland-South Auckland duo with another victory.

Bonnie Lass's fourth foal – Bonnie's Khaleesi proved too smart in the \$14,000 Tiger Multi Mobile for C1 to C3 pacing fillies and mares.

It was her first North Island start after finishing fourth at Gore on April 24. She was the \$16.70 seventh favourite in the 12-horse field and was driven by

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Brent Mangos while trainer Herlihy was holidaying overseas.

"She (Bonnie's Khaleesi) got crook last year and I didn't really want to race her at Forbury over the winter when there was better money on offer in Auckland.

"Tony has trained horses for me before and I thought taking this one north would be a good option. She's got quite a bit of ability and I knew the Herlihy team would get the best out of her," said McIntyre, who also trains between Riversdale and Wakaia.

McIntyre owns and bred Bonnie's Khaleesi with his wife Sheree, sister Jan and her husband Wally Nelson. She is a 4-year-old Live Or Die mare.

"I had a bit of success with Darcee with Tony. I co-bred him and he won eight races before being exported to the United States last year.

"Tony also had Glenisla. She only had three starts for him and then went on to win 10 in Australia. She's still racing there," McIntyre said.

McIntyre described himself as a hobby trainer who went into full-on breeding eight years ago when he bought the former Jaccka Lodge which he renamed Macca Lodge.

The McIntyres bought the stud from Charlie and Ailsa Smail who had transformed their 240-hectare sheep and cattle farm into Jaccka Lodge by the mid-1990s.

McIntyre admits he can't take the credit for the subtle name change — his mates, on hearing about the purchase, told him "it's Macca Lodge now". "It was hard to argue with that," McIntyre said.

Former sheep farmers at Tussock Creek near Invercargill, the McIntyres have relished their move into the stud business.

Like his grandfather and father before him, McIntyre trained horses on the farm and had success with the good mares Just Jazzan (six wins), her daughter Bonnie Lass (10 wins) and Jamie (seven wins).

The latter two are still in the well-bred broodmare band at Macca Lodge.

And the harness racing family tradition will be kept going by the next generation. Caine McIntyre joined his parents in partnership in 2013.

"Bonnie Lass would be the best horse I have bred or raced. She is a 19-year-old Camtastic mare who won 10 races.

"I bred her from the six-win Knowing Bret mare, Just Jazzan who won six races. I owned, bred and trained her," McIntyre said.

Bonnie Lass was her first foal and only New Zealand winner. She in turn has so far left seven foals and is in foal to Sweet Lou.

McIntyre said he wasn't scared to have Bonnie Lass served by several different stallions.

In fact he's had her served by Astreos (Minnie The Moocher 2003), Christian Cullen (David Fagan 2004), Western Terror (Mariah 2008), Live Or Die (Bonnie's Khaleesi 2011), Panpacificflight (Lechyd Da 2012), Somebeachsomewhere (Tairlaw Toll 2014) and Big Jim (Maya Angelou 2015).

She also missed to In The Pocket and Pacific Rocket (2002), Mach Three and Pacific Rocket (2005), and Changeover (2005). He Elsu foal died in 2006 as did her Live Or Die foals in 2009 and 2010. She also had no return to Net Ten EOM in 2009.

"David Fagan (six wins) and Bonnie's Khaleesi have been her only New Zealand winners so far, and I think the mare could potentially be one of the best I have bred.

"She won real well the other night. I watched the race on TV with a few mates," McIntyre said.

Duane Ranger

HORSES AND HOUNDS - NEIL TIMMS HAS BOTH.



Southland breeder Neil Timms wasn't born into harness racing but he was born to be involved.

He went to primary school in Christchurch, and attended Waitaki Boys High in his last year at high school. It was very early, when still at primary school that he first developed an interest in standardbreds.

"My uncle used to farm at Irwell and his neighbour was Gerald Johnson who got horses off Noel Simpson. He had Luck's Way (Lucky Hanover - Dilly Dally - winner of five races including the 1961 Greymouth Cup) which was one of the first horses ever to be sold to Wales. And he had Thunderina which was a good race mare," said Timms.

Thunderina left Out To Win gelding Candillo which won seven races in New Zealand before being exported to America.

"I also got to know Cecil and Phil Heywood at Springston. They had an Ayrshire stud and used to train a few.

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They won the Methven Three Year Old Stakes with Chatterton. We used to go to Addington a bit when night trotting was taking off."

Chatterton won the 1973 TS Harrison Three Year Old Stakes at Methven beating Eclipse, Mighty Gay and Kotare Legend.

It wasn't long before Timms started to breed his own horses. In fact he's credited along with John Burrows, for breeding Landora; the dam of quality mare Landora's Pride, the winner of 34 races including a Rowe Cup and Dominion Handicap.

Burrows and Timms became friends when they both worked in the Oxford area. Burrows was a hobby trainer prior to becoming the private trainer for Ian Langford who owned Even Speed. Neil tells the story of how he and Burrows obtained Landora.

"I was playing rugby for Old Boys in Kurow and we went back to a mate's place, Alex Familton. This horse had just come back from Chertsey. They couldn't get it to go. I mentioned it to Johnny Burrows who had just sold a horse called Johnny's Pal to Sir Roy McKenzie. We decided to lease her for the right of purchase of \$3,000. She was dual gaited. She could work a mile and a half free-legged in 3-15 and go round the other side of the track and turn around and she would trot. She had a bone growth on her knee so we got that operated on and she went from strength to strength."

At her first start at Methven in a field of 22 she was unplaced when 17/17 in the betting. The winner was Castleton's Pride which later went on to win the 1975 Interdominion Final, being driven by John Langdon.

Landora was retired after winning two races and Timms and Burrows bred Scotty Boy (Scottish Hanover).

At that point Timms went off to America, England and Wales and wasn't sure when he'd return so it was decided to sell Landora in foal to Game Pride. She was bought by the Allingham family and the resulting foal was Landora's Pride.



In early 1973 he bought what was to become his foundation mare Lucky Surprise.

"Gerald Johnson said it was a real tough family. We bought her off Fred Barclay who was a possum skin buyer. He used to come down here and get skins off the Gutsells and play cards. He was a bit of a gambler. The first one I bred from her was Jersey Girl (Jersey Hanover). We sold her to Australia. The next one was Keyanau (Key Club). Bryce Buchanan and I raced her. She could run under the qualifying time but would run off the track. I hacked her up in Te Anau – she was my main hack. Then I started to breed from her. The first foal was Kiwi Gold (Knowing Bret) and I sold him."

Keyanau's half-sister Orange Queen (Bachelor Hanover) left Queenship (Lordship). She was an outstanding broodmare leaving Lord Hillas (6 wins), Queen's Advocates (4 wins) Carefree Princess (8 wins), Noble Fella (9 wins), Horatius (4 wins) and Man Of Steel (4 wins). She's the only mare to leave winners of two of Southland's premier races; The Southern Supremacy Stakes (Noble Fella 1987) and Southland Oaks Final (Carefree Princess 1986).

Mini Clare (Armbro Del) another half-sister, left smart Gaines Minbar mare Remote which won nine races.

In 1978 Timms ventured to America again consigned to look after 43 race horses that were heading off shore. He travelled with Brian Meale, Peter Bagrie and Charlie Hunter and was away for three months. Included in the shipment

were Sly Brewer and Final Curtain.

"Most of the horses were pre-sold. I stayed with Paul Jessop at Hollywood Park. He was training a lot of Brian's horses. Young Quinn was there at the time. I also took stallions to England on that trip."

Once back home Keyanau's second foal, Keyali was sold to Charlie Smaill and Archie Affleck. She went on to win seven races.

"We'd just bought a block of land at Wyndham and that horse paid three quarters of the mortgage."

Keyali left Kute Jaccka, the winner of 4 races and she is the grand dam of Mossdale Conner which won 12 races including the Taylor Mile in New Zealand record time.

"Every horse that got up and running we sold. I got \$35,000 for Keyafella who was also out of Keyanau."

Keyafella won 30 races in Australia and over \$200,000 in stakes.

Other foals from the mare that were sold include Renegade which won 2 races in New Zealand and another 4 in Australia and Mate Of Mine which won 3 and was also successful in America.

One foal he did keep was Aliora (Paulsboro) which won 4 races for Ali Malcolmson and was the dam of Fella I Know.

"I sold him to Kelvin Harrison."

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Two of Aliora's other foals; Ali's Home and Ali's Fella, are two mares Timms is still breeding from.

Also in the early days Timms helped Bryce Buchanan with weaning, mouthing and long reining all his foals.

"I used to help them when they went away on holiday when I was living in Te Anau. He was still milking cows at that stage. He was a very astute trainer."

While in Wyndham Timms also had a brief stint as a stud master standing Stanley Rio for his good friends George and John Noble.

"When they sold their property they didn't have anywhere for him to go. I said I'd take him. He only covered about five mares a year, he wasn't the easiest horse to handle. He didn't like anything in his paddock – birds or anything. When they used to have the A&P Show I had to put him in a box because he'd see the kids with the ponies in the float park near his paddock and put his ears back."

All the way through this period Timms has had another source of good income – dogs. Like harness racing the interest also started when he was still at High School. He bred both heading and huntaways.

"Some years I've sold up to 200 broken in dogs. When I was doing casual mustering I ended up selling a few as well. It got bigger and bigger. I was coming back from the North Island with twenty odd dogs to break in each trip."

He said back in the day you could get \$6,000 for a good station dog.

"A lot of the dogs I buy are broken in and just need finishing. The main market was the North Island where they do stock work 24/7 whereas down here our stock is behind string (hot wire) for four or five months. People haven't got time to break in dogs these days."

But let us get back to the horses. Although Timms was having success with his own breed he was keen to look at other options and in 2010 he boarded a plane and headed to Christchurch with Brent McIntyre from Macca Lodge and Gore breeder Paul Pierce.



"We were thinking about buying a couple of weanlings to do up for the sales but they hadn't been very well done. Luckisaladytonight came up in foal to Christian Cullen. I thought she'd go for 60 grand. She got to 25 so I wacked one bid in and she was knocked down to me. I said we gotta find a bar here. They'd spent seventeen grand on this new stadium complex and it didn't have a bar – I needed a whiskey!! I had to come home and sell a few dogs and a car to pay for the hind leg and the tail. I sold three hundred ewes and lambs and a few cattle. I got out of it because I sold the foal (Cullen Keefe) for forty eight grand."

Three of her progeny; Cullen Keefe (4 wins), The Manipulator (4 wins from 8 starts) and Ladys Are Ideal (1 win from 2 starts) have had their successes.

Luckisaladytonight is in foal to Somebeachsomewhere. Her weanling filly by Panspacificflight has been bought by Macca Lodge.

"I send her to good stallions because everyone want foals out of her."

The Manipulator is one horse Timms is excited about and still has a share in.

"He went through the sale ring but he'd hurt his hind leg in the joint. We had to tell the auctioneers it had been X-rayed and it had been all right but that devalued him. Tony Herlihy bought him and I kept a quarter share. He went up to Tony's and he couldn't get him to pace. We got him back to Macca Lodge and Tommy Behrnes (chiropractor) worked on him. He thought he'd got

him right but he kept on running off the track. Macca had him ready to go to the workouts. Tommy came back three months later and discovered his hip was out. The one start he did miss (running a place) was because he injured his knee. He was operated on and had to be boxed for three months."

Luckisaladytonight has also left Well Said two year old qualifier Afterdinner's speaker which is trained by Ken Barron. He was sold as a weanling.

"He was likely to be a \$100,000 horse at the yearling sales. If you get good money before the sales you've got to sell. I've sold weanlings here for \$15,000 to \$25,000 but for a real good one you could get \$50,000 to \$60,000." Although Luckisaladytonight is doing a great job, Timms still has plenty of his 'old' breed to go on with.

Ali's Home (Holmes Hanover - Alioro) has left Even Flow the winner of 6 races. Even Flo has recently been added to his broodmare band so Timms has given Ali's Home to a friend to try his luck.

"Just gave her to a friend of mind Paul Mulder at Woodlands. He's just started to get into breeding. She (Even Flo) ended up with a quarter crack. She never got over it. She's going to American Ideal."

One Ali (Live Or Die – Bo Ali Chip) has Tintin In America and Net Ten EOM colts while Ali's Fella (Son Of Afella – Alioro) is proving to be valuable leaving Ted West (6 wins) and Sioux West (3 wins).



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Onlyali (Badlands Hanover – Ali's Fella) has Gotta Go Collect and Gotta Go Cullen fillies and a Net Ten EOM colt, Schapelle Rapido (Mach Three – Laprida) has a Net Ten EOM filly, while Just One Amy (Artsplace – Ali's Home) has two Panspacificflight colts.

"Just One Amy qualified and then hurt her leg. Malcolm Shinn has a two year old from her by Panspacificflight. You don't normally hear from him but he's rung me twice. You usually get a shoeing bill from him but I haven't. He rates him as good as a two year old that he's had. He's trained something like 13 group winners."

Although Timms usually doesn't go to first season sires particularly if he's going to the sales, there's one stallion he is supporting in Net Ten EOM.

"I've got five here and they're terrific looking horses. You couldn't fault one of them. They've got a good balance about them and they're natural pacers."

Weanlings earmarked for next February's sales are colts out of Ali's Fella and Just One Amy and a filly out of Ali's Home.

From his downsized property of 20 acres at Riversdale in Northern Southland Timms is kept busy running the farm, a dog motel and feeding his next crop of weanlings. Young horses are enough to keep this breeder happy.

Bruce Stewart



A CHAMP IN TWO HEMISPHERES | SEBASTIAN K (KOREAN – GABRIELLA K)

This is the first part of our series featuring new stallions on the books for the 2016/17 breeding season in New Zealand. This week we feature the world record holding trotting stallion, Sebastian K. Trump Bloodstock are offering the stallion to breeders via frozen semen for the very competitive price of \$5280 + GST. We caught up with NZ Agent, Ken Mackay to find out a little more about Sebastian K!

What is it about the French – American cross that seems to be delivering such great results not only in America and Europe, but now New Zealand as well?

I believe there are two key factors at play here.

The first is that French bloodlines bring welcome outcrossed blood to the North American trotting genepool which adds to hybrid vigour in the end product. This assists in particular with stamina.

The other key factor is gait. The French breed has evolved superior gait, such an important factor in short distance

racing. Great gait paves the way for speed maximisation.

Sebastian K exhibits both of these key attributes.

What New Zealand broodmare sires can you see him being most potent with?

In general, Sebastian K is the product of an outcrossed pedigree hence making him very compatible with a wide range of bloodlines.

Mares by Love You and Muscles Yankee are obvious targets whilst Valley Victory-line mares and mares holding the presence of Gee Whiz II are potentially exciting breeding matches.

Sebastian K should be very receptive to the blood of Speedy Somolli, Valley Victory, Noble Victory and Garland Lobell, all of whom are absent from his immediate pedigree fabric.

Linebreeding enthusiasts should revel in the opportunities he offers to the presences of Super Bowl (to whom Sebastian K is bred on a 4x3 reverse-sex cross), Star's Pride and Speedy Crown. The latter two in particular see him seeking mares' with opposite-sex balancing lines.

As an outcross stallion, Sebastian K should also excel with mares' possessing strong elements of inbreeding.

Any mares' holding the presence of Gee Whiz II are an obvious breeding match with Sebastian K whose damsire Probe (a joint Hambletonian winner) descends from the same direct maternal family as Gee Whiz II hence offering opportunities to cement further speed as Gee Whiz II was a notable breed enhancer in New Zealand



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injecting new levels of speed in our trotting breed.

What can you tell us about Sebastian K's maternal side?

In similar fashion to Somebeachsomewhere, Sebastian K was a freak racehorse which to a degree belied his immediate maternal origins which could be described as fair at best on the racetrack but one only has to delve a little deeper to find a solid foundation to his maternal inheritance.

Sebastian K's maternal family is that of Mamie (U6) 1880, a family line that has produced abundant world class trotters the likes of Mystic Park, Sugarcane Hanover, Somollison, Valley Victory, Huxtable Hornline, Banker Hall, Broadway Hall, Ken Warkentin, Define The World, Explosive Matter, Text Me, Napoleon Bar, Frenchfriesvinegar, My MVP, Corky and Fresh Yankee and pacers of the esteem of Albatross and Nihilator.

Likewise his sire Korean?

Sebastian K's sire Korean was a noted speedster and revered sprinter in France winning 522,000 Euros and taking a 1:56.4 mile equivalent. He was a dual winner of the two-heat Group 1 Aby Stora Pris over one mile.

Interestingly, it was the recommendation of Gabriella K's trainer that the Knuttson's breed her to Korean as her first mating. It was this mating that was to produce Sebastian K.

Sebastian K was more of a dominant aged horse than he was a juvenile, what sort of types do you think he will leave and will it prohibit him from leaving juvenile trotters?

There is very limited racing in Sweden for juveniles so he was not rushed to perform as an early horse. Even as a three year old, he was sparingly raced, facing the starter just eight times for four wins.

This patient policy early on reaped rewards later and set the platform for his racetrack longevity over seven



consecutive seasons allowing him to establish the mantle of Champion Swedish Trotter and also 2014 North American Dan Patch Trotter Of The Year.

Early evidence suggests that his first European crop of just eight foals (conceived while Sebastian K was still racing) are also not being rushed through there being very little in the way of opportunities as juveniles.

Can he leave juvenile trotters in New Zealand and Australia?

I believe he can. It is all a matter of opportunity in terms of race availability and perhaps more importantly covering mares that possess proven early maturing bloodlines and noted early running families.

The recently completed Harness Jewels saw French bred Love You trifecta the 3YO Jewels whilst the North American bred Muscle Mass quinellaed the 2YO Jewels.

Perhaps herein lies a defining clue for breeders as to the type of bloodlines required by French bloodlines to produce a juvenile performer.

With further reference to this aspect, owners Knuttson Totting are convinced his flawless technique and excellent confirmation will translate into his offspring whilst Hanover Shoe Farms President, Jim Simpson, says "He is a great individual, who I feel confident will produce beautiful yearlings and very fast racehorses".

Sebastian K almost never wore shoes as a racehorse, what can you tell us about that?

Sebastian K raced predominantly without boots or shoes. He also raced entirely Lasix-free.

The non-requirement of boots and shoes are wonderful testament to his incredible gait and overall soundness.

Like Christian Cullen, his great gait allowed him to strut his massive charisma every time he stepped out onto the racetrack.

What are the early indications surrounding his fertility?

It is customary in parts of Europe for racing stallions to serve a very limited number of mares whilst still racing.

Sebastian K has eight live foals from his first covers in Sweden from a very limited number of mares.

The fact he is standing his first season at Stud in North America at the World's flagship Standardbred Stud in Hanover Shoe Farms suggests he would have been the subject of very stringent fertility testing prior to signing any Agreements to stand at this revered breeding operation.

Supporting this is the fact that Sebastian K received a heartening book of in excess of 100 mares with no restrictions having been placed on his book. This suggests confidence in his



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breeding capabilities and augers well with his frozen semen prospects in the Southern Hemisphere.

In New Zealand we are targeting between 35-50 mares in the 2016 breeding season.

Has there ever been a European horse capture the hearts of North American harness fans the way Sebastian K did? How do the American trotting trainers/breeders hold his performances in?

Sebastian K was a beacon of trotting in North America from his very first start in 2014 where he equalled Muscle Hill's world record and then went on to break it twice more.

Such was his domination in North America with his sizzling speed and blistering gate speed that he soon created a huge American fan base in a season which saw him win 8 of his 9 races on the way to a near unanimous choice as the older male 2014 Dan Patch Trotter Of The Year.

The apex of his outstanding season took place at "The Downs" at Mohegan Sun Pocono on 28 June when he shattered the World Record in taking an incredible mark of 1:49 in obliterating North America's best.

It is therefore very easy to comprehend why Sebastian K has appealed to North American breeders in attracting over 100 of North America's finest bred and performed trotting mares in his first season standing at Hanover Shoe Farms.

New Zealand breeders now also have an opportunity to access Sebastian K and take the New Zealand trotter to an even higher level.

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PGGW MILLIONAIRE GRADUATES I PART 1

CHANGEOVER I 2003 B H IN THE POCKET - CHAANGERR

This is part one of a special series from Duane Ranger showcasing the 13 PGGW Sales Graduates Millionaires and their achievements.

The New Zealand Cup winning pacer who was sold for \$28,000 at the Australasian Classic Yearling Sale at Karaka, in February 2005 is now making his name for himself at stud.

He was bred by Rob Carr and Don Kirkbride and was selected by trainer Geoff Small for the ATC Trot 2006 Syndicate.

Carr said Changeover was a more than successful pacer winning 29 races, for a massive \$2,426,765 in stakes. At the time he was the highest stake earner in New Zealand Harness Racing history.

Co-breeder Rob Carr had a continuing involvement with Changeover being the manager of the large ATC Syndicate that raced the horse. He managed his racing career and Changeover provided him with a career highlight.

"The impact of the Direct Scooter line in the New Zealand breeding arena has been phenomenal and so Changeover, by In The Pocket, who in turn is by Direct Scooter, was set to offer breeders the opportunity to continue this successful and truly dominant bloodline."

"On his maternal side, Changeover is impeccably bred, being out of the excellent producer Chaangerr, who is by champion sire and broodmare sire Vance Hanover. Chaangerr herself was a top race mare, winning six races and



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being named the NZ 4YO Pacing Mare of the Year," Carr said.

He said the family was full of winners, with Chaangerr herself having left 10 individual winners (six of whom are Black Type performers) of 105 races and \$2,978,616 in stakes to date, including two \$100,000-plus earners that are currently racing well in Western Australia.

"These are Change Gear, who almost died as a young horse, who has had 14 wins and \$119,234 in stakes and Change Stride who has had 18 wins for \$175,973 in stakes to date.

"Chaangerr is a full-sister to champion pacer Chokin, who raced 59 times for 34 wins and 11 placings, amassing \$1,801,685 in stakes and whose wins included a NZ Cup, NZFFA, two Auckland Cups, NZ 2YO Championship, NZ Sires Stakes 2YO Final, NZ Sires Stakes 3YO Final, NZ Messenger, Easter Cup, two Miracle Miles and the Victoria Cup.

"Chaangerr is also a full sister to Chuin (11 wins, 11 placings, \$159,585) and Nell's Rose (8 wins, 11 placings, \$45,874)," Carr said.

In his debut season as a 2-year-old, Changeover raced nine times for two wins (including the Listed \$195,000 PGG Wrightson NZ Yearling Sales Series Open) and 4 placings, for \$140,057 in stake earnings.

"He was to come of age as a 3-year-old, when he completed a stellar season, which included 14 wins; the last 10 in succession."

Amongst his notable wins were the Group 1 \$200,000 Northern Derby, the Group 1 \$150,000 NZ Derby, Group 1 \$168,000 Australasian Breeders Crown 3YO Final, Group 2 \$50,000 3YO Flying Stakes, Group 2 \$50,000 Southern Supremacy Stakes, Group 3 \$30,000 Rising Stars 3YO Championship, Listed \$200,000 3YO Emerald Harness Jewels, Listed \$195,000 PGG Wrightson NZ Yearling Sales Series Open and the Listed \$20,000 Waikato Guineas.

His 3-year-old season culminated in him being awarded NZ 3YO Pacing Colt

or Gelding of the Year, as well as North Island 3YO Colt or Gelding of the Year.

As a 4-year-old he won his first start to achieve an 11-win winning streak, a massive achievement of its time and he also won the Group 1 \$100,000 Noel J Taylor Memorial Mile, the Group 2 \$50,000 Superstars 4YO Championship, and the Listed \$200,000 4YO Emerald Harness Jewels, to become the first ever dual Jewels winner.

At 5-years-old he continued on to win the 'holy grail' the Group 1 \$1,200,000 NZ Trotting Cup in a phenomenal 3:56.4 NZ & World Record time, Group 2 \$80,000 Inter Dominion Heat, Group 2 \$50,000 Bendigo Cup and the Listed \$25,000 Spring Cup. Changeover was awarded NZ 5YO & Over Pacing Entire or Gelding-of-the-Year.

"He also became the only horse to win the North Island Pacer of the Year title on three occasions; surpassing his own and Elsu's previous achievement of winning two consecutive awards," Carr said.

Changeover's best mile time in New Zealand, was 1:55.1, set at Cambridge in January 2010. He has achieved three NZ Records along the way and in all is the winner of 17 races at Group and Listed level, including 5 with the highest Group 1 status.

Carr said Changeover continued to race for the ATC Trot 2006 Syndicate, through to the 2010 Auckland Cup, at which time he was retired to stand at stud the following season, at Nevele R Stud.

He said he served a large book of 225 mares in his debut season in New Zealand in 2010-11 and has continued to serve books well in excess of 100 mares, until this season when his numbers dropped to just 38 mares served. However Carr said he has continued to serve good numbers in

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PGGW MILLIONAIRE GRADUATES I PART 2

WASHAKIE I 2003 B G BADLANDS HANOVER - SHOSHONI SUNRISE

This is part TWO of a special series from Duane Ranger showcasing the 13 PGGW Sales Graduates Millionaires and their achievements.

Washakie was a Native American chief of the 1800s who led a band of his Shosoni people to council meetings of the Treaty Of Laramie. That was in Wyoming around 1851.

Fast forward 160-plus years and the names Washakie and Shosoni are still famous, but in a different part of the world, and for very different reasons.

The much underrated standardbred Washakie was first of seven foals left by the late OK Bye six-win mare, Shoshoni Sunrise.

Washakie not only won 53 of his 141 starts (A\$1.8m) in New Zealand and Australia but will go down as the only horse – harness or galloper in Australasia to win five straight wins in the same Group One race – the Truer Memorial at Bankstown in New South Wales (2009 – 2013).

In fact you have to go back 30 years to even find the next closest achievement, which would be the legendary galloper Manikato's five straight wins in the William Reid Stakes at Mooney Valley from 1979-1983. The William Reid Stakes is now a Group One race, but it didn't become one until 1987.

Washakie won his fifth Truer as a 10-year-old and raced every season

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from February 2006 until his 11th placing in his swansong event – The Freemantle Cup on January 10, 2014.

The start before that he won the Group Three \$45,000 Shirley Turnbull Memorial at Bathurst. His biggest win came in the Group One \$400,000 Western Australia Pacing Cup in 2010.

His best New Zealand performance was a fourth behind Themightyquinn in the 2011 Auckland Cup.

The Washakie story starts with Gore District Council Plumbing and Drainage Inspector, Lester Paisley – the man behind Big Stone Lodge, the breeder of the now 12-year-old gelding.

"I've been breeding horses since I was 21 and I'm 66 now. Washakie has been by far the best of them. I decided to call the breeding business Big Stone Lodge because I think you get more mileage out of a name like that rather than what I would under my own name," Paisley said.

Paisley has done all of his breeding from a five acre block in Gore and said he had never ever encountered a horse like Washakie.

"He was only a little fella and one moment he could be seen tearing around the paddock at a million miles an hour – and then the next he was sound asleep," Paisley said. Paisley bred from Washakie's grand-dam – the 1980 un-raced Alba Counsel mare, Little Doll, who was owned by John Ford. She left eight foals – the best of them was foal number five and the first Paisley bred from – Washakie's dam Shoshoni Sunrise.

"She was a surviving twin so I was lucky to keep her. I trained her towards the end of her career and she ended up winning six races – the best of them the 2002 Roxburgh Cup when she was driven by junior driver Alister Black," Paisley said.

"I think she still holds the 3200m mare's track record (4:09.5)," he added.

Washakie, who was by Badlands Hanover, was the first of Shoshoni



Sunrise's seven foals. She died in June 2014, five months after Washakie's last race.

"I sold Washakie at the yearling sales for \$40,000 and he was snapped up by 'The Reidman' (Steven Reid) and then John McCarthy took over the training in 2011.

"I have always got a great thrill out of watching my progeny go on and do great things for their owners. I got so much satisfaction seeing what Washakie achieved on the racetrack. For a wee guy he certainly showed a lot of heart," Paisley said.

Shoshoni Sunrise (by OK Bye) never left another New Zealand winner but Paisley is breeding from her 7-year-old Falcon Seelster daughter, Currahee.

"She has left a yearling Mach Three colt named Broken Arrow and is in foal to He's Watching. I'm praying that she leaves me a filly this time because that will be my only breeding avenue.

"If I do get a filly it means I can breed on. If not I might have to retire, and at 66 I don't really want to do that," Paisley said.

Washakie is now living out his twilight years at McCarthy's property in Cobbity, New South Wales – some 2,044km from where he was born on the Matura Plains (Waiuu River in the west to the Matura River).

He's in good company because some of our greats like Cardigan Bay, Lunar Chance, Young Quinn, Trusty Scott and Sokyola were also born in the same region.

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