



BREEDERS' WEEKLY

I GET AROUND!

This week we catch up with Sydney based New Zealander, Kevin Stanley to bring you another breeder profile.

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3 YEAR OLD CHAMP BACK!

Woodlands Stud's recently appointed stud master Tony Grayling can't quite believe how the farm's diminutive mare Della's Speed keeps producing big quality trotters.

"She's not very big but keeps on leaving nice sized foals that have proven to be above average racehorses. We were rapt with the Flying Stakes result at Cambridge Raceway last Friday," Clevedon-based Grayling said.

That was when Della's Speed's seventh foal and best yet – Speeding Spur won the Group Three \$32,000 Te Awamutu Flying Stakes.

It was Speeding Spur's 15th win in 24 starts. The 4-year-old entire has also placed six times for \$375,998 in stakes. Included in those wins have been the 2015 Group One New Zealand Trotting Derby, the 2015 Group Two New Zealand Sires Stakes Trotting Championship, and the 2015 Group One Northern Trotting Derby.

The smart 4-year-old also boasts a three-from-three win record in Australia having cleaned up in the Group One Australian Trotting Derby and the Group One appropriately named Woodlands Stud Breeders Crown 3yo Final. Both races were in August last year. All Blacks Kieran Read, Andy Ellis, Dave Hewitt and Commonwealth Games gold medallist Dick Tayler all share in the ownership of Speeding Spur.

"It makes sense to keep sending the mare back to Pegasus Spur doesn't it? She's quite a character and the cross obviously works. We are proud to own both the stallion and the mare," said Grayling.

In fact the six of the last seven foals Della's Speed has produced have all been by Pegasus Spur and Grayling said she has been put back to him again.

"The Dickies also like her 2-year-old filly named Della's Spur. Apparently she is showing a lot of promise," he said.

Grayling said Della's Speed's yearling colt named Pegasus Speed has been withdrawn from the year's annual Australasian Classic Yearling Sale at Karaka.

"He copped a virus and then just didn't come up like we wanted him to. If we can't present quality at the Sales then we won't exhibit them. He wasn't quite ready and will make a racehorse one day," 51-year-old Grayling said.

Della's Speed, who is now 20, won four of her 48 starts for Waikato trainer Jill Coppins. The daughter of Chiola Hanover and Adella Lobell (by Speedy Somolli) raced from March 2000 until May 2003.

Speeding Spur aside, she has also left (in order) Meyer Lansky (by Sundon) 8 wins and \$69,324; Bon Ton Cherie (Sundon) 5 wins and \$33,532; Ella's

SPEEDING SPUR wins the Trotters Flying Mile in the hands of Joshua Dickie

Speed (Pegasus Spur) 6 wins and \$44,071; Sueno (Dream Vacation) 1 win and \$9,298) and Jagermeister (Pegasus Spur) 4 wins and \$25,432.

Meanwhile Grayling said he was loving the security of his Woodlands Stud employment.

"I was a battler when I trained and drove horses. It was tough at times and I wanted to have something more secure in my life. I wasn't going anywhere. I still rent a house and a barn and was starting to worry whether I'd still be in the same place when I'm 60.

"Woodlands Stud has been great. It's been an awesome learning curve. I'm still involved in the game and I get a big thrill out of watching Sean (son) driving," Grayling said.

Grayling trained 203 winners between 1987 and 2014. He also drove 103 more between 1983 and 2014.

He was appointed assistant stud master at Woodlands Stud in July 2014. Three months ago he took over from stud master Kevin Foley, who retired.

Duane Ranger



KEVIN STANLEY & his wife Linda
enjoy a drink

BREEDER'S PROFLIE

KEVIN STANLEY

After a great run on Day 1, the Mark Jones trained, I Get Around was surprisingly sent out a \$10 shot on Day 2 at the Nelson meeting. After getting a sweet trip in the trail, she burst to the lead in the straight and won as she liked for long-time owner and breeder, Kevin Stanley. Based in Sydney, we got in touch with Kevin to congratulate him on the win and here he is bringing you the 6th edition of Breeders Profiles.

What got you interested in Harness Racing?

My Dad was a keen racing man and he started taking me to Hutt Park, Wellington, when I was only about 10 years old. The whole thing fascinated me - the crowds, the cheering, the horses, the meat pies! As a teenager, I became even more fascinated - the intricacies of race tactics/driving, seeing stars of that era race up-close-and-personal, and the regular clashes between horses from the North Island and the South Island. Watching Bob Young, Maurice Holmes, Charlie Hunter, Cardigan Bay,

Geffin, Control (winning both double legs in one night, beating the pacers in one), Garcon Roux, etc, wasn't a bad start in the game. The main things that have never left me are the accessibility of harness racing to the general public, the incredible evolution of the breed over my lifetime, and the genuine value, bang for buck, the sport offers.

When my wife and I married, in 1970, we didn't have the wherewithal to become involved in harness racing as owners or breeders. Having kids, moving cities, studying, etc didn't make it any easier. We both loved the game, especially me, so it was inevitable we'd get into it more seriously at some stage. After a \$5,000 treble dividend at Ellerslie while recuperating from a cartilage operation (more serious back then), we bought our first horse, in 1979, a weanling colt by Mark Lobell. After he ran 4th in the first 2YO race of his season, we were offered reasonable money for him. Should have taken it - lesson one!

How long have you been breeding Standardbreds?

I bought a filly called Baise Francaise from Bruce Barlass back about the mid 1980's. She didn't make it as a racehorse, but I bred her with a stallion called Happy Cat. No idea why, and no success there either, but I guess we all learnt a lot. We were then out of the game until 2004, after we had been living in Australia for about 15 years.

We then had a successful return to racehorse ownership, prompted by a good friend contacting me about an untried 2YO that his brother, Sydney trainer Martin Herbert, was very keen to purchase from Spreydon Lodge. Significantly for my future breeding biases, the colt was one of the first crop of Bettor's Delight in NZ. History shows this horse, Franco Nester, won 29 races and was good enough to be a Harold Park "Horse of the Year". What a return, and we were obviously hooked. Being a bit better placed financially to be involved in harness racing, for which we had never really lost our love, a few more racehorses followed, mostly purchased as young up-and-going horses from NZ. We started breeding, as a hobby really, in 2013, with a mare called Anna Finn, also by Bettors

Delight. Anna had showed great speed but had bone chips and we decided not to try her as a racing proposition. She had breeding that intrigued me, being from a New York Motoring mare and a half-sister to the best early 2YO filly of her year in Australia, Molly Finn.

So, we're new to the game really, but now we have three mares, two in Canterbury and one in NSW. Of potential interest to other breeders, we don't have land, so we base these mares in the care of friends or respected agistment professionals. This can obviously be expensive, but it would be interesting to compare the real costs of having a small broodmare band on your own property, or paying someone else to do it all. Get involved with people you trust and who respect the horse as an animal - lesson two!

Anna has an attractive filly in this year's APG Sydney Sale, and we have two in the Christchurch Sale, a filly by Rocknroll Heaven from Niki Franco (Franco Nester's half-sister by In The Pocket), and a colt by Mach Three from Cotton Row, who we raced in NSW but sent back to NZ for her breeding career. Niki had a colt by Bettors who sold in last year's Christchurch Sale. He was our first "NZ bred" foal.

First horse you bred?

Anna Finn's first foal was a colt by Stonebridge Regal. Named Regal Lager, he has won four races in Adelaide and we believe he has more wins to come. We race him with friends and he's been a great source of fun. His first win was as thrilling as people say your "first bred winner" is! I'm conveniently forgetting the Happy Cat filly in the 80's and saying we have a 100% winners to foals record :-)

First race winner you bred?

As above.

Why do you breed Standardbreds?

We've had a lot of luck with our racing ventures since Franco Nester. I put that success down to selecting from pedigrees that are either proven or involve new stallions from our favourite sire lines, to having great advisors when it comes to assessing conformation, and, of course, good trainers who have



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a love for their horses. We breed with that same spirit - loving the challenge of finding the right cross, the next successful stallions, and having the faith in the families of our small band of mares. My wife Linda would not want us to stay involved unless all the horses were well cared for - like damned pets, but it is important for her, and for me. We really do get a lot of joy out of seeing the young ones come through and get the best chance they can to make it. We plan to put all or most foals up for sale as yearlings, but are perfectly happy to retain any that don't sell, because they will have passed the tests I refer to above - sire lines/crosses, conformation, and maternal lines we believe in. Saves us buying from other people.....

I could go on about this subject for ages. We certainly want to breed a top horse, but we'd hope to do that with good stock, not just hoping a good one will appear "from nowhere", and not by spending a fortune on the very best families. Breeding is a great challenge all round, and very rewarding. We've met some great people, as we have without racing interests, so it's about the best retirement hobby a person can have - is that lesson three?

What is your favourite horse (or) the best one you have bred?

Young Quinn was my favourite from "back in the day", but then along came Nester! He gave us so much fun and proved the little guy can make it in harness racing with the right advice. Making the final of the NSW Derby with him, beating Lombo Pocket Watch in the heat, was about as good as it gets.

What is your favourite Stallion of all time?

Bettors Delight. He's the latest in a line of game-changers in the standardbred breed. The next one? Oh if only we knew! The first time I realised this phenomenon of a pacing stallion making a significant improvement in the breed was Vance Hanover.

Have you bred anything this season?

All our three mares have nice foals on the ground now, so we are looking forward to proving, one way or the other, the merit of our mares and their families, over the next few years. We're just heard that two of them are back in foal, Anna Finn to Sunshine Beach, and Cotton Row to A Rocknroll Dance.

Something you would like to see change for Breeders?

More professionally managed syndication initiatives. The more people we have involved in ownership, the more there will be for everyone in all aspects of our sport. Perhaps more professional advice for breeders when it comes to financial challenges and opportunities. The opportunity for people who have land and a love of horses, and breeding, but who don't have the mares to realistically breed a good horse, to access well credentialed mares whose owners do not want to spend time and money breeding from them. Some people with good racemares just don't want to be breeders, and some who do, can't afford well-bred mares. Can we in the sport/industry help bridge the gap, and not simply lose foal numbers and potentially good breeding stock?

WARRIOR OF THE GRASS

The horse that was given away for "peanuts" by his North Shore owners and breeders has won Sunday's 2016 Parawai Cup on the Thames grass.

Celtic Warrior was bred by Aucklanders Greg & Jill Datson and their friend Ross Darrah. They sold him to horseman Tim Vince for virtually nothing in May 2013.

"We have always had our horses with Geoff Small. He won his first race for Geoff at Manawatu on October 2012, but we were getting no younger and decided to sell him to Tim. I liked the way Tim trained his horses as well.

"I noticed he usually finishes in the first three 50 per cent of the time, so I thought he would do all right with Tim," Datson said.

The Datsons have been involved in harness racing for just on two decades and have won over 100 races with Small.

The North Shore-based pensioners have had shares in Prince Of Peace (9 wins and \$97,972), Hippity Hop (10 wins and \$131,137), Victory Spirit (12 wins

and \$144,875), Give The Wink (6 wins and \$70,164, Bagger Vance (8 wins and \$50,441) and Jay Walker (8 wins and \$79,796).

"They are some of the best we have co-owned. We have had some fun times with Geoff's team over the years but we are getting on in age now and have wound it all down.

"The only interest we have these days is a one per cent share in the 'Clear View Syndicate' which owns Sky Major and Maxim," Datson said.

Soky's Atom mare G I Jane is the only broodmare the Datsons have bred from.

"She only had one race for us and finished down the track at Alexandra Park. Geoff said that although she had nice legs she was no racehorse, so we retired her immediately and decided to venture out into breeding. It was our one and only foray into the breeding scene," Datson said.

Celtic Warrior is the fourth of five foals left by the late G I Jane.

"We bred the first four and then Jay Abernethy bred the last one by Gotta Go Collect before the mare sadly died," Datson said.

That last foal was an unraced 5yo gelding named Getaquid. The only other New Zealand winner G I Jane left was the now 7-year-old Small trained Mitchell's Moment.

That son of Real Desire won his first two races at Manawatu in November 2011 and then 14 months later and was later exported to Australia with two wins and two placings from his 20 starts.

He was foal number three.

Celtic Warrior has now won six of his 57 starts and placed 21 times for \$44,325 in stakes. Three of those wins came under the Datsons ownership.

"It was great to see him win for Tim. It's sad that the mare passed away and there won't be any more from the line. I'm pleased for all the connections," Datson said.

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Celtic Warrior (Kyle Marshall) was a \$13.60 shot when downing the 20-metre handicapped favourite Major Star (Brent Mangos) by two lengths in Sunday's \$8,000 Parawai Cup.

The 6-year-old Mach Three paced the 2600m stand from the front in 3:32.84.

Duane Ranger

CROFT BAY wins the FIRST SECURITY / NJ BUSINESS SERVICES MOBILE PACE on day 2 at Nelson



CROFT BAY DID SOME FAVOURS WINNING AT NELSON

Croft Bay did a few good turns when he followed up three placings with a strong win on the second day at Nelson.

For one thing, David Shammall and Peter O'Rourke will be pleased because they have a half-brother by first-season sire Well Said being sold on the second day of the Premier and for another Mike Stratford has a couple from the family in the Premier as well.

Both are from Penscroft, a smart mare by In The Pocket who won four and is well on the way to enhancing the merits of an already distinguished family.

The fifth dam of Penscroft was the tough Scottish Hanover mare Classiebawn, responsible for a growing dynasty after winning 10 in the 70s.

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Closer to the parents of Croft Bay is Stronchrubie, a Soky's Atom mare mare who won eight and was almost in the same class as Classiebawn. For pace, she may have been better.

"I remember Bruce Negus telling me, don't sell this mare. She has great high speed," recalled Stratford.

"So there was always a bit of value in keeping her and what she left.

"And Gentility, the second dam of Penscroft, who was one of the last of the Lordship mares, left 11 winners from 12 foals to race. It's a line that's still going strong."

Stratford, whose 88-year-old father Bernie, still has an interest in his son's activities, gave Croft Bay as a yearling to Simon Gilmore for some baleage work he'd done for him.

Croft Bay is by Lis Mara, and Stratford returned the mare to Lis Mara the following season to breed the filly Pat Campbell. This was a smart move; Pat Campbell has won three of her 12 starts and trainer Bruce Negus – a long-time fan of the family – has thoughts of the Oaks for her later on.

Stratford attributes much of his success to the Tesio theory ... "a horse runs with his lungs, perseveres with his heart and wins with his character".

"Using his charts, I can find horses who are very compatible and I've bred a lot

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of winners listening to the advice of Ken Mackay.”

Stratford has never been shy of supporting new sires – as he has done with two by Auckland Reactor and two by Sir Lincoln in the Premier – or sires on the second tier.

“I like what I’m selling this year. I’ve got four Sir Lincoln foals this season and I’ve sent four back to him.

“It can be tricky for a third-season sire, but based on reports I’ve heard they’re looking good.

“It’s a sort of make or break situation, but it’s a punt I’m happy to take.”

Mike Grainger

DREAMY DAMIEN wins the
SPRAY MARKS GROUP MOBILE PACE
in the hands of Colin De Fillipi on
Boxing Day

DREAMY DAMIEN

After 50 years in the game, Bob (Golightly) Garters knows the good ones are hard to come by and there’s great pleasure when they do.

He hasn’t been short of them.

Blackbeard, by Fallacy, won the Methven Cup; Holly Golightly, by OK Bye, won seven and raced in the Inter-Dominions at Addington; Oyster Bay, by Falcon Seelster and a super grass tracker when his feet were right, won eight including two off long marks at Methven for Roddy Curtin and two at Hawera for Stephen Doody, and Keeprightondreaming, by Fake Left, won 10, and raced in the New Zealand Cup. Giving Jack Smolenski his second horse to train – by Nephew Hal - has always been a source of satisfaction.



Now, there’s evidence Bob has another good one. After winning a maiden easily at Addington, Dreamy Damien took the next step with another stylish win in fast time at Ashburton on Boxing Day.

This convinced Bob, his wife Maxine and son Andrew that Dreamy Damien is the smart horse they thought he’d be, and it was time to plan accordingly. “So he’s got a few days off. Then he’ll race at Addington on January 15 to prepare for the Metro 5000 (worth \$40,000) on February 12 which is for 3-year-olds sired by horses whose stud fee was less than \$5000. We qualify being by Sands A Flyin.” Bob has never been afraid to back his judgement, even when it’s outside commercial trends.

“Sands A Flyin was out of favour when we first sent a couple of mares to him, and

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near the end of it, but the two we bred both had ability and Monkey Puzzle qualified brilliantly at three. So we sent Marie Elena, a Live or Die mare, to him and got Dreamy Damien. We got on with them, so we went back to him.

"Marie Elena had three starts but she was always lashing out and cutting her legs but she had a lot of speed."

As a 2-year-old, Dreamy Damien showed he was on the right track, and Bob said the education he gained from drivers Bob Butt and Colin De Filippi has been instrumental in what he's done at three.

"We thought a bit of him last season; it's just been a matter of educating him."

The Garters bought into the family of Delightful Lady after the purchase of Delightful Franco as a foal at foot at a clearing sale. She was tried, didn't qualify, retired at three, and among her numerous foals were Keeprightondreaming, Arabella Holmes who won three, Marie Elena, and a couple of unraced mares by Grinfromeartoeat (Deep In Dreams) and Gotta Go Collect (Dream Collector) who "are in the paddock" and will get their chance.

Besides Dreamy Damien, Maria Elena has left Doctor McDreamy, a yearling colt by Shadow Play, and has been served by Sweet Lou.

"We don't breed our mares every year," Bob said.

Still, there are plenty of all ages on the place. Marilyn Golightly has had her first foal, a filly by Mach Three; Arabella Holmes and Deep In Dreams have foaled to Bettor's Delight, there's a 2-year-old by Big Jim, and there's a team of eight or nine being worked by Andrew and Joseph Gray.

Sly Flyin, Ballindooley, The Flyin Doctor, Sparks A Flyin, Monkey King, Whanau, Randy Andy and White Arrow have set the bar high for others by Sands A Flyin. The early signs suggest it may not be out of reach for Dreamy Damien.

Mike Grainger



HIGHVIEW - A NEW VIEW

HIGHVIEW JOEY

Riverton preparer and seller Alan Clark reckons he's only missed presenting yearlings at one Christchurch sale in the last twenty three years he's been involved in the industry.

The tall Southlander will be missing at next month's sale in Christchurch and so will the name Highview as the Riverton based horseman and his father Dave are both scaling down their operations.

Part of what was Highview Stud near Riverton owned by Dave has been sold including the boxes and some of the land. Both have been bought by a local ground contractor. Alan has sold his prize broodmare Baptism Of Fire to Hazel van Opzeeland while Dave will retain some interest in horses – mainly young ones, but in partnerships.



HIGHVIEW FREDDY

"I always said to Hazel that I was planning to sell Baptism Of Fire and she indicated that she would be interested in buying her. We got her independently valued and a deal was done," Alan said.

The change for Alan came about with the birth of he and wife Kerri's first child and also in becoming a franchise owner of Ultra Scan - a dairy herd pregnancy business.

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"I also now have an Art Official filly out of Baptism Of Fire so I want to start the next branch of this family at some stage."

Clark has also sold, as a weanling, Baptism Of Fire's last foal - a Betterthanceddar colt. He was bought by Tony Dickinson from Alta Breeding Limited who has entered him in the Australasian Classic Yearling Sale in Auckland next month.

"I didn't want to take the risk on a first season sire."

The story of Baptism Of Fire began when Dave bought her at the 2001 yearling sales.

"He was looking for In The Pocket fillies but they were too dear. He liked to breed from young mares and to be fair he bred Highview Tommy. Tommy was one of the first Bettor's Delight's to be born, the first to win and the first out of a Christian Cullen mare."

Highview Tommy began a remarkable run for Clark when he was sold in 2007. He was bought by Michael House for \$40,000 and was later presented in the 2008 Ready to Run sales where he was bought by Mark Purdon for \$200,000.

He won seventeen races and banked just over a million dollars for van Opzeeland and Phil and Glenys Kennard.

Highview Tommy was one of the horses that launched Bettor's Delight's stud career in this country and his two year old wins included the Group One 2008 Sires Stakes Final and Two Year Old Emeralds at Cambridge.

He was named two year old colt or gelding in the 2007/2008 season. He is now heading into new territory - a stud career at Woodlands Stud.

What followed after Highview Tommy out of Baptism Of Fire for Clark, were a hot run of yearling sale results:-
2008 Highview Chartom (Elsu) \$45,000
- Mark Purdon, 2009 Highview Chasue (Elsu) \$72,000 - Cran Dalgety, 2010 Highview Teejay (Bettor's Delight) \$90,000 - Mark Purdon, 2013 Highview Freddy (Bettor's Delight) \$122,000 - Ian Dobson and 2014 Highview Joey (Rock N Roll Heaven) \$80,000 Cran Dalgety

Highview Freddy was the third highest priced yearling of the 2013 Sale. Bettered only by Titanium \$170,000 and Ohoka Hall (renamed Springbank Eden) \$127,500.

"The mare's progeny have sold for close to \$500,000 and it could have been more as we lost an Art Major colt."

Last February in what was to be Clark's last appearance for the Highview brand (at least in the meantime) he returned home with Baptism Of Fire's 2013 foal - a filly by Art Official but he was not unhappy.

"I offered her to a few guys on a free lease but they never got back to me. I think rather than risk her in training I'll breed from her as an unraced three year old. I'll send her to Well Said. Dad bred Baptism Of Fire to Bettor's Delight when she was three. Young mares milk better and are easier to get in foal. They don't have the wear and tear that horses racing have."

Over the 23 years Clark has not only lead Baptism Of Fire yearlings into the ring, he's also prepared a number of others - Isaiah, Highview Badlands, Mister Franklin, Besotted, Any Old Way and Lewy Risk to name a few.

Baptism Of Fire may be gone but I'm guessing Alan Clark will have a keen interest in the progeny of Highview Tommy which will keep his breeding flame alight along with the plans he will have to map out a breeding strategy for the new girl on the block Highview Emjay.

Bruce Stewart



HIGHVIEW CHARTOM
Birdcage Invercail

The advertisement features a background image of a brown horse in a field. At the top, there are logos for the New Zealand Standardbred Breeders' Association (NZSBA) and NRM (New Zealand Racehorse Management) with the tagline 'TOGETHER, FORWARD'. The main headline reads 'NZSBA Facebook Giveaway!'. Below this, three bags of NRM horse feed are displayed: 'Assett' (20kg), 'EQUINE JEWEL' (20kg), and 'Evolve' (20kg). The text below the bags says 'WIN 2 bags of NRM Equine Feed & a FREE feed consultation!'. Further down, it says 'LIKE the NZSBA Facebook Page before the 8th of January to go in the draw'. At the bottom, there is a Facebook logo and the URL 'www.facebook.com/nzsba'.



EUROMAN DELIVERS FOR THE 'ICEMAN'

Mr **EUROMAN** delivers stylishly for driver/trainer, Tony Herlihy on New Years Day

Hunua breeder/owner Gladwyn Rack is having the time of his life with a pacer that was passed in at the 2014 Yearling Sales at Karaka.

Mr Euroman notched up his first win in nine starts (also placed four times) for Ardmore trainer/driver Tony Herlihy (MNZM) at Cambridge Raceway on New Year's Day (Friday). The 3-year-old Art Major – Little Big Sister gelding, who was the \$2.90 favourite, is the best horse Rack has bred.

"He hasn't done much yet but he's a nice wee fella. I've raced a couple of nice horses but I think he's got the potential to be the best," Rack said.

He seldom puts his yearlings through the Sales ring but Mr Euroman was different.

"I wanted \$50,000 for him and he was passed in at \$44,000. It cost me \$8,000 to buy him back. It's not something I usually do.

"I like to breed them, race them, win a few races, and then on-sell them to Australia or possibly the Northern Hemisphere," Rack said.

Mr Euroman paced the 2200m mobile on Friday in 2:45.8 (mile rate 2:01.2), but he has gone much quicker.

"He's competed very well at Alexandra

Park where he's placed three times against quality opposition. He went 2:42 there last month when finishing fourth, so I thought he would be tough to beat at Cambridge.

"He's only a little fella, and I'm not getting carried away too early, but he's got a nice gait and I think he will win a few races. If he does win four or five I'll probably sell him to Australia. He would go well over there," Rack, a south Auckland dry stock farmer, said.

Mr Euroman is the first foal out of the Christian Cullen 11-year-old mare Little Big Sister. She won 12 races and a quarter of a million dollars for the Racks.

"I bred the dam from my mare - Our Super Soky, who never raced. She raced well for my wife (Sharon) and I. She was trained by Jeff Crouth at Pukekohe and then I sent her to Perth where she did a good job for Greg Bond.

"She finished second in the Group 3 North Island Breeder's Stakes at Alexandra Park in 2009 and then won a couple of Group Threes in Australia," Rack said.

The 56-year-old said Little Big Sister had also left an Auckland Reactor yearling colt - who won't be going to the Sales - and more recently she has left an Art Major colt.

"I'm going to give her a season off and that will give her time to hopefully produce us another good one," said Rack.

Rack and his wife Sharon were track-side on Friday to see Mr Euroman do the business.

"He's a handy little fella and is on the market once he reaches his mark. He's going back to Cambridge this week where he will be up a grade, but I think he will cope okay," Rack said.

The Racks have about a dozen horses on their Hunua farm, and they usually breed from three or four at a time.

"I've sacked a few. I'm breeding from Little Big Sister's full sister Shazza Lee who recently left us an Art Major filly," Rack said.

Rack also raced Our Super Soky's fourth foal - Our Super Operative (by Armbro Operative) - who won four races in a row at Alexandra Park before getting injured soon after he was exported to Canada (July 2008).

He also owned and bred the Robbie Holmes trained Myson Dylan (Fake Left - Belle Nuit), who won five races and \$63,921, before being exported to the United States in February 2008.

Duane Ranger

TIMELY TREBLE FOR CHANGEOVER STOCK AT NELSON

With no group winners and the smart Risk heading the crowd here, the stock of Changeover have not quite hit the high notes so far.

And numbers aren't an issue. He had 160 live foals – now four- from his first season and 100 from the next – now three.

Risk has been a star, winning eight from just 22 starts, and it's still early days. Carisma, Beaudiene Barret, Supriya, Webb Ellis, Change The Rulz, Dalness Xchange, Miss Lilac, Chang-esaw, Prince Of Pops, 1.58.6, Oneover, Controversial, Franco Texas, 3 wins, and Onedin Onyx have served him well but his Australian record is better.

Nuala has won the Daintys Daughter Classic in Perth and her earnings are over \$100,000. Oneover, racing as Run-over in Australia after showing exceptional promise in New Zealand, ran 5th in the Fremantle Cup and last season Mister Lennox won the Tasmanian Derby.

Closer to home, at Nelson last Friday, Changeover won races with Dalness Xchange, Kotare Kasai and Onedin Highlander.

It was just the result vendors of the 23 yearlings up for sale at the Premier were looking for. They come from a big batch of 118 live foals, although numbers will be well down on that in the distant future.

Risk is the first foal from Crafty, a 1-win Village Jasper mare from Dead Ringer For Love, by Falcon Seelster from Belle Jane, who was a half-sister to the big winner Elmer Gantry. Crafty has her 3rd foal, by Auckland Reactor, selling on the first day of the Premier.

Mike Grainger



Nevele R's Nicky Reed said support had "dropped away" this season.

"The combined total for here and Australia will be forty to fifty.

"It's disappointing. People are looking for that Group 1 winner, and many of his good ones like Mister Lennox, Nuala and Run Oneover are in Australia.

"But it's pleasing that a lot of new winners are coming through now."

Even without a standout, and with only three crops of racing age, Changeover is 8th on the list of pacing sires this season. From only 65 starts, his stock have won 27 races. Numbers are certain to at least consolidate his position.

The catalogue for the Premier includes some wonderful opportunities for those wanting to chance a yearling by Changeover – they include a half-sister to the big winner Georgetown, US 1.50; a half-sister to the Group 1 winner One Dream, four being offered by Norwegian Wood Breeding, a filly from Helena Kilena (5 wins), and the notably named Mccawsome, a sporting brother to Webb Ellis (4 wins).

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with connections after winning the JENNEX PAINTING PACE on Day 1 at Nelson

DEMOCRAT GETS THE PARTY STARTED!

Democrat Party is the best racehorse John and Katrina Price have bred and raced – and in a year or so she could well be their prized broodmare.

The very well-bred 4-year-old American Ideal – Champagne Party mare notched up her second straight win this campaign when winning the Cullen Breeding Fillies & Mares mobile for the C1 to C3 pacers at Alexandra Park on New Year's Eve.

Rewind the clock back 365 days and the gifted bay back then set a New Zealand record for 3-year-old fillies when stopping the clock in a blistering 2:37.1 at Alexandra Park. Last Thursday she paced the 2200m mobile in 2:41 even with a 1:57.8 mile rate. She stomped home in 56.2 and 27.7.

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"We are very proud of her. She goes really well at this time of year. We have thought of bringing her home for the easier racing down this way but we have spoken to Barry (Purdon) and the stakes are good in Auckland and she's racing well.

"Even though we haven't made our minds up completely she will probably race this season in the north and then we might put her to a stallion," Winton-based Price (Katrina) said.

Democrat Party has now raced 23 times for five wins, 10 placings, and she's won \$213,355 in stakes.

Her New Zealand record was set in the Group One \$150,000 New Zealand Sires Stakes Fillies Championship. As a 2-year-old she also won the Group One \$80,000 Delightful Lady Classic. She also placed in last year's Group One

New Zealand Oaks and the Group One Nevele R Fillies Final.

"She is the first foal that we bred out of the mare and is by far the best we have bred yet. John bought her at Ian Dobson's Dispersal Sale. He actually went to buy the Presidential Ball mare, Idancedallnight and ended up with both. Sadly the latter mare has since died," Price said.

She said her husband really liked the breeding and didn't hesitate paying \$7,000 for Champagne Party.

During her racing career (July 2000 to December 2002) Champagne Party raced 40 times for 14 wins, 12 placings and won \$159,226 in stakes. She was trained by Mark Purdon and then Tony Hertlihy (MNZM).

She won the Group 2 \$25,000 Premier Mares Championship at Addington Raceway in 2002, and the \$50,000 Group 2 Queen of the Pacific Pace at Moonee Valley, also in 2002.

Champagne Party left six foals before she was purchased by the Prices. Her best New Zealand performer up until then was the 4-win daughter of Elsu named Elsa.

The Prices put her to Real Desire after Democrat Party was born but the mare missed. She was then sent to American Ideal and as a result the Prices have 2-year-old filly named After Party.

"She is a nice filly but probably won't make it to the races as a 2-year-old. We have also got an American Ideal yearling filly named Flash Party.

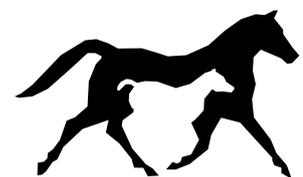
"We have our fair share of fillies and this one won't go through the Sales ring either. She has also left us an Art Major filly which could go to the Yearling Sales next year," Price said.

The Prices breed five or six foals each year from their 10 mares.

"We haven't put Champagne Party back to a stallion this year. We want to give her a year off," said Price.

Price is also an accomplished horse-woman having trained 16 winners from 116 starters since the 2014-2015 season. She also trained another 70 winners jointly with Roger Price from 1999 to 2013.

Duane Ranger



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DEMOCRAT PARTY gives the Prices another Auckland win on New Years Eve

