

Waller Weekly News

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Having won two stakes races at the end of last preparation, French import Carzoff returned to the winners circle after producing a gutsy display down the long Flemington straight to win third up.

Meanwhile at Randwick Haut Brion Her lived up to the hype making her unbeaten in her last two starts while Wu Gok backed up his victory there a fortnight earlier with another strong performance to take his earnings to just shy of \$395,000.

A trip to Queensland worked the oracle for Sparky Lad who broke through at Eagle Farm on Saturday while during the week we celebrated a special maiden victory for the Kepitis family with Skillet who is a homebred from their stakes-winner Woppitt.

There is plenty to look forward to in the coming weeks as more and more of our stars start to ramp up their preparations and next week's newsletter set to come to you in the new season.

We wish all of our connections the best of luck and a safe weekend!

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Carzoff

6yo G Zoffany – Cartama by Mark of Esteem

Third up from a spell this former French galloper scored at Flemington on Saturday over 2000m with Blake McDougall on board.

Promising apprentice McDougall produced a gun ride settling the son of Zoffany worse than midfield early, saving ground towards the inside of the track.

As they turned into the straight the run appeared towards the inside of his rivals and McDougall produced him with a strong challenge to get on top close to home for an impressive success.



Haut Brion Her

3yo F Zoustar – One In A Million by Redoute's Choice

This daughter of former stable star Zoustar enhanced her reputation as a smart prospect when making it two wins from just three starts when winning at Randwick on Saturday over 1200m.

Blake Shinn was on board and he tracked the short price favourite Sir Elton throughout and as they straightened for home it was clear that Haut Brion Her was travelling the better and as Shinn moved her up to challenge she quickened smartly to score an impressive victory.



Wu Gok

5yo G Sebring – Lipari by Redoute's Choice

This consistent performer made it back to back city wins when scoring at Randwick on Saturday over 2000m.

Brenton Avdulla took the mount and settled him in midfield early on where he travelled strongly in the soft track conditions.

Biding his time until well into the straight, Avdulla produced Wu Gok to lead inside the final furlong and he kept on for a gutsy success.



Sparky Lad

4yo G Smart Missile - Lady Hepburn by More Than Ready

Sparky Lad is another advertisement for the benefits of the Gold Coast stable as he built on the promise of a second at his previous start when winning at Eagle Farm on Saturday over 1300m under Robbie Fradd.

The son of Smart Missile was settled worse than midfield early on by Fradd before he picked off his rivals in the home straight. Sparky Lad hit the front inside the final furlong for a confidence boosting victory.



Skillet

3yo F I Am Invincible - Woppitt by Danzero

This daughter of I Am Invincible scored a maiden win at Wyong on Tuesday over 1350m.

Tommy Berry took the mount on Skillet who was sent off a short priced favourite off the back of a couple of promising efforts in better company.

Berry dropped her right out at the tail of the field early on before coming with a sustained run in the straight hitting the lead close to home for a gutsy success.



Agosto

4yo G Nathaniel - Aigrette Garzette by Peintre Celebre

This imported son of Nathaniel made a winning debut in Australia when scoring over 1500m at Kembla Grange yesterday. Hugh Bowman was in the saddle aboard this former French galloper and he dropped him out to the rear in the five runner field.



Agosto travelled well throughout and Bowman brought him with a sustained run in the home straight to hit the front close to home for a solid victory. Having been placed at 2200m in France, he should continue to improve as he gets out in distance.

Thanks to Bradley Photographers, Trackside Photography and Darryl Sherer for our weekly photos.

McDougall guides Carzoff to Flemington win

More than a year and a half after first riding the Chris Waller-trained Carzoff to a placing in a Sydney race, apprentice Blaike McDougall has reunited with the imported stayer for a win at Flemington.

The Riverina-based McDougall has ridden more than 100 winners this season and brought up his third Melbourne metropolitan victory of the season – and second at Flemington – with his success on Carzoff in Saturday's K.A Morrison Handicap (2000m).

"I was fortunate enough to get a winner here at Flemington earlier this season, and riding winners anywhere for Mr Waller is a big thrill," McDougall said.

Carzoff was stepping up to 2000m for the first time this preparation and returned to winning ways in his third start of this campaign, having won both the Listed Wyong Cup and Group Three Newcastle Cup in New South Wales last preparation.

"He's a nice horse and he's obviously won better races than this before," McDougall said.

"A couple of years ago I actually ran third on him at Rosehill."

Carzoff settled last in the early stages of Saturday's race before McDougall improved his position near the inside to be in a position to strike.

Once a gap appeared early in the home straight Carzoff (\$6.50) ran to the front and then withstood a challenge from \$4.20 favourite Masculino to score by a long head, with 3-3/4-lengths to Last Week (\$10) in third.

"This is a horse that has consistently been working very well," Waller's Melbourne stable representative Jo Taylor said.

"First-up this campaign I thought he was very unlucky. He seems to love Flemington.

"Today, third-up, with a very good ride from Blaike McDougall certainly got the job done." – **AAP**



Blake Shinn bows out with a win on promising Haut Brion Her

Haut Brion Her enhanced her growing reputation and gave champion jockey Blake Shinn a farewell Sydney winner at Royal Randwick on Saturday.

The race billed as a match between Haut Brion Her and Sir Elton turned into a one-act affair as the filly careered away to win the Book Spring Hospitality Handicap (1200m).

Shinn was riding in Sydney for the last time before leaving to take up a riding contract in Hong Kong and continued his brilliant form with his 16th winner for the month.



"It's good to go out a winner and although I realise Hong Kong is going to be very tough, I'm looking forward to the challenge of testing myself over there," Shinn said.

"But you haven't heard the last of me, I hope to be back for some of the bigger races later in the year and you haven't heard the last of Haut Brion Her – she's a very good filly."

Haut Brion Her (\$3.40) shared the lead with hot favourite Sir Elton (\$1.65) to the turn but sprinted clear under hands-and-heels riding to score by more than two lengths. Misteed (\$10) got up for second, a short half head in front of Sir Elton.

Sir Elton was protecting his unbeaten record and one punter had a huge wager of \$20,000 at \$1.65 on the sprinter but he became the third successive favourite to be rolled at Randwick.

However, unlike Mandela and Healing Hands (who later was found to have bled) it was difficult to find any excuses for the sprinter. Hall of Fame jockey Hugh Bowman maintains Sir Elton should not be judged harshly for the defeat.

"Sir Elton travelled well enough for me but obviously he didn't let go as well as he did the other day," Bowman said. "Whether that was because he had come to the end of it this preparation or was intimidated a bit by the other horse is hard to say.

Haut Brion Her, named after a French wine, improved her record to three successive wins (and a debut second) from just four starts. Sydney's premier trainer Chris Waller said Haut Brion Her showed quality to race with and then get the better of Sir Elton.

"We knew we had to make Sir Elton work to get the better of him as he has a good turn of foot," Waller said. "Blake threw the challenge out at the top of the straight and Haut Brion Her was too good.

"She is a well-bred filly and those horses that show ability, if you give them a bit of time they continue to improve. The owners have been very patient and she is very promising and hopefully can measure up to some better races in the spring." – **Ray Thomas, *The Daily Telegraph***.

Chris Waller keeps the Brisbane winners coming

Champion trainer Chris Waller moved a step closer to achieving another of his aims with his Queensland stable when Sparky Lad won at Eagle Farm.

Waller trained his 47th metropolitan winner and his 60th overall in Queensland for the season when Sparky Lad (\$4) beat Sienna Rose (\$7) by a half length in the Winning Edge Plate (1300m).

It put him equal second on the metropolitan ladder with Toby Edmonds.

His horses have now won \$6.2 million for the season in Queensland.

Waller opened his Gold Coast stable in August 2017 and with a team that is rarely above 25 horses he has been a major player in Queensland racing.

His Queensland stable manager Paul Shailer said it had been another top year and it would be even better if the stable could move into second place on the premiership ladder before the end of the season next week.

Waller had hoped to reach 50 winners for the year in the city and still has three meetings to go.

"We obviously concentrate more on the carnivals in the winter and the Magic Millions. But it is good for horses like Sparky Lad who can come here and win," he said.

"Sparky Lad was a good second at his first start this area on an unsuitable track. He should win a few more here." - **AAP**

New training centre would tempt Chris Waller away from his Rosehill stable

Sydney's premier trainer Chris Waller would consider moving his stable base away from Rosehill if Racing NSW proceeds with plans to build a training centre.

Waller has been at Rosehill since 2000 and has dominated Sydney and Australian racing for the last decade, but believes a multi-purpose training facility located near the Sydney basin is necessary for the future viability of NSW racing.

"I don't think people really understand how important it (training centre) is," he said.

"The days of horses running around in circles are gone."

There are more than 2500 horses training out of Sydney's three racecourses, Rosehill, Randwick and Warwick Farm, where the gallops are confined mainly to tight, turning tracks inside the course proper.

Waller is a proponent of a training centre based on England's famous Newmarket complex which has long, straight gallops on hilly terrain that helps to build stamina but assist horse welfare.

"This would help to provide happier horses and bigger field sizes," he said. "I would move. But a training centre has got to be pretty close to Sydney for owners and the jockeys so they can get to trackwork in the mornings."

Racing NSW is looking at various sites to build an all-purpose training and stabling complex that would also provide housing for trainers and staff, veterinary hospitals and an education facility. -

Ray Thomas, The Daily Telegraph.

Waller's revelling in his life after Winx

Chris Waller conceded he would have felt personally responsible if Winx had not retired with her winning streak intact. Sydney's premier trainer has had a stellar season but what mattered to him most was for Winx to win her farewell race, the Queen Elizabeth Stakes, during the autumn carnival.

"Winx had to win otherwise I would have felt I had let her down and everybody else down with it," Waller said. "The most important race by far this season was her last win. I don't think the job would have been complete if she had not won.

"I didn't want her to be remembered for a last-start loss. When she won, it was a hell of a relief."

Winx raced into retirement with her 33rd consecutive win, capping an extraordinary 2018-19 season for Waller. The Hall of Fame trainer has rewritten racing history (again), with his achievements including:

- National record of 18 Group 1 wins;
- His stable runners have amassed an alltime high of \$43.4 million in prizemoney;
- Has claimed the national premiership and needs just five more wins to break his personal best of 337½ wins set last year;
- Wins his ninth-consecutive Sydney trainers' premiership;
- Becomes just the seventh trainer to prepare 100 Group 1 winners in a career; and
- Winx won the World's Best Racehorse title. It's a revealing insight into the crushing burden of expectation and pressure Waller was under with Winx. And the trainer freely admits since the great mare's retirement he is enjoying his racing again.

He's free of the constant pressure, persistent media demands and scrutiny that comes with preparing one of the all-time great racehorses and protecting that famous winning streak.

"I'm so happy going to the races at the moment without the pressure," Waller said.

"As much as it was an absolute privilege to train such a great racehorse like Winx, since she has been retired I've realised even more so how much pressure we were under.

"My thoughts were consumed by Winx. She was pretty draining because I was thinking of her day in and day out.

"We got through it and still managed to keep up a high standard for the stable."

Over the past four years, Waller could bank on Winx winning five or six Group 1 races and earning \$5 million in prizemoney. With the new season starting next week, Waller doesn't have that luxury any more. Winx might leave a massive void in the stable but Waller has been re-energised by the challenge.

The champion trainer recalls the 2014-15 season when he prepared the winners of 14 Group 1 races with 13 individual horses.

"I clearly remember we had a great group of older horses that season, while Winx was only just beginning her rise and won the Queensland Oaks," he said.

"When I was first starting out, I had to make a name for myself with unknown horses, not the best-bred horses.

"Now, I'm lucky enough to work with some of the best-bred horses in the country and for some of the bigger studs I wasn't training for a few years ago.

“We have some great owners on board and a lot of new horses coming through that really excite me. We have a good system we have full confidence in so we are not going to change anything. We will let them show their talent and look after them.

“We know our system works so I’m looking forward to the new season.”

But Waller will be keen to cap his extraordinary 2018-19 with more success on the final Sydney Saturday meeting of the season tomorrow. He has 11 runners across five races – including Eckstein and Seaway in the Listed \$150,000 Winter Challenge (1500m).

Eckstein, a last-start winner of the Winter Stakes, is competing for the last time before she is retired to stud. She has a date with unbeaten US triple crown champion Justify at Coolmore Stud this breeding season.

“I think Eckstein is open for improvement by way of a better barrier,”

Waller said after the mare drew gate five.

“Blake (Shinn) rode her very well last start but she drew wide that day (13) and did have to cover a bit of extra ground on a wet track.”

“The better barrier and better (drier) track can offset the extra weight she has to carry.”

Hugh Bowman is the new rider for Eckstein while Tommy Berry rides Seaway (barrier 11). In early TAB Fixed Odds betting, Eckstein is at \$4.80 while Seaway is a \$7.50 chance.

Waller’s promising colt True Detective has opened \$1.70 favourite to win the final two-year-old race of the season, the ASX Refinitiv Charity Foundation Handicap (1200m).

Stablemates Lucicello and Iskander are also in the field. True Detective is a contender for the good three-year-old races in the new season on the back of promising efforts at his two starts, a debut win at Rosehill back in February before he was ambushed late by Spend when resuming at this track two weeks ago.

Tommy Berry had ridden True Detective on debut and noted the colt had a tendency to “wait” for his rivals when he hit the front and used that experience to his advantage on Spend last start.

“By having that knowledge from riding True Detective before, Tommy knew how to beat us,” Waller said. “The winner is a promising horse but so is True Detective.”

“He will keep improving with racing.” Waller’s other runners tomorrow are Gresham and Fortensky in the Pro It Handicap (1350m), stayers Raqeeq, Jake’s Hill and Makdanife in the Robb Report Handicap (2400m), and Seles contests the Next Telecom Handicap (1400m). – **Ray Thomas, The Daily Telegraph.**



Could it be Yes Yes Yes for The Everest?

Coolmore has indicated it is open-minded about gifting promising youngster Yes Yes Yes a surprise slot in The Everest but wants to see him resume in style.

International breeding and racing giant Coolmore owns 50 percent of the soon to be three-year-old Chris Waller-trained colt and Coolmore also owns one of the four slots still available for the \$14million race at Randwick in October.

Ten Sovereigns is in contention to travel down to Australia to fill Coolmore's Everest slot after his win at Newmarket in England but Coolmore's Tom Magnier has certainly not ruled out Yes Yes Yes.

Yes Yes Yes is the winner of three of his five starts and was last seen surging home to run seventh in the Golden Slipper after initially dropping out at the back of the field and being urged along to keep in touch on an unsuitably heavy track.

Part-owner Brae Sokolski said Coolmore had given a commitment to wait until after Yes Yes Yes resumes – most likely in the Group III San Domenico Stakes (1100m) at Rosehill on August 31 to decide their Everest slot.

"I've had a discussion with Tom Magnier (from Coolmore) and he is definitely open minded about giving the slot to Yes Yes Yes," Sokolski told Racenet.

"What we have agreed on is that he basically won't make any Everest commitments until Yes Yes Yes has resumed."

"We want to see how he performs and then we will assess from there."

"One thing I am certain of is that Coolmore won't be making any commitments until we have at least had the opportunity to resume."

Yes Yes Yes, who started his career with now disqualified trainer Darren Weir, is currently a \$26 chance in tab.com.au's The Everest market.

Sokolski explained how Coolmore bought into the two-year-old son of Rubick in April and what that could mean for a potential deal for The Everest.

"The structure of the ownership deal is they have effectively acquired 50 percent of the horse – the race programming and the racing career of the horse will be jointly decided by myself and Tom Magnier," he said.

"And at the conclusion of the horse's racing career Coolmore will then look to acquire the remaining 50 percent."

"In the short term, it would provide for a fascinating negotiation if Yes Yes Yes was to take a slot in The Everest because they (Coolmore) own 50 percent of the horse and they own 100 percent of the slot."

Yes Yes Yes is expected to trial next week before being set on a path towards the Group I Golden Rose (1400m) at Rosehill on September 28.



Sokolski believes having a three-year-old colt in The Everest would be enormously attractive to Coolmore.

"The spectre of having a three-year-old colt winning an Everest from a residual value perspective as a stallion I think is enormous," Sokolski said.

"Yes, you could argue it's not a Group I race but I don't think that matters.

"I would rather win an Everest if I was Coolmore and standing the horse and not win a Group I.

"I think it's priceless from a marketing perspective.

"Looking further forward, there is an understanding that if the colt proves himself good enough that he will take a similar path to Merchant Navy and run at Royal Ascot and try to make him a dual hemisphere stallion.

"But the colt has to come back and prove himself worthy.

"All is looking good so far, I can't believe how imposing he now looks as a (soon-to-be) three-year-old, he is everything we hoped he would be physically.

"Chris (Waller) has got a massive opinion of this horse.

"The Golden Slipper run was an outstanding run from an impossible position on a track he never handled."

No rider is locked in for the spring campaign of Yes Yes Yes but it is likely Blake Shinn will be given the option to ride the colt in any Group I he contests – if Shinn can organise a release through Hong Kong officials.

"It is highly likely Blake will retain the ride and seek a release for Group I races, he obviously wouldn't be able to make the weight if this horse was to run in The Everest," Sokolski said. -

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Unblinkered Torgersen ready to find form

A change in race day gear and a sharp drop in class are expected to help Torgersen return to top form at Eagle Farm.

The Chris Waller-trained pair of Torgersen and Araaja are set to back up from last week's Listed Tattersall's Mile in the TAB Handicap (1800m).

Torgersen has earned top weight of 59kg but he hasn't won since taking the Filante Handicap at Randwick in October.

He raced well in the Victorian spring with a second in the Listed Kilmore Cup his best effort.

However, he struggled in Victoria in the winter and was sent to Waller's Gold Coast stable to see if he could regain the form that saw him win two Queensland races last year.

Torgersen ran an even race when unplaced in the Tattersall's Mile.

"He is down in class and Chris has elected to take blinkers off him," Waller's Queensland manager Paul Shailer said.

He will monitor Araaja who was a good second to Silvera last week.

If she runs, Araaja will have started three weeks in a row. - Horsebetting.com.au



The Racing.com team caught up with John Messara and The Autumn Sun at Arrowfield Stud to see how he's letting down.

Stable E-Trakka system upgraded

One of the tools the stable uses to track our horse's progress is the E-Trakka and we have recently introduced the new [E-Trakka XV3](#) improved system to all our stable locations.

The E-Trakka itself is a special saddle-cloth rigged up with a built in fitness monitoring system that records the horse's stride length, heart rate, speed and sectional times. This information is then automatically uploaded to the stable's database where we can view the results.

Having had our existing system since 2012, and after the initial trialling of the new E-Trakka XV3 system which allows for real-time viewing of the data as it's collected, Chris has decided to upgrade with a view of increasing the data collection within the stable and commented, "I have been watching this technology steadily develop and there is no doubt the results are showing its value will continue to improve. With the benefits from the smart real-time data we have access to, we want to ensure we stay at the cutting edge of racehorse training for our clients."



Rosehill staff and Nature Strip showing their support for NRL Beanies For Brain Cancer round this weekend. Wonderful legacy left by our late owner and friend Matt Callander and his family and the Mark Hughes Foundation.

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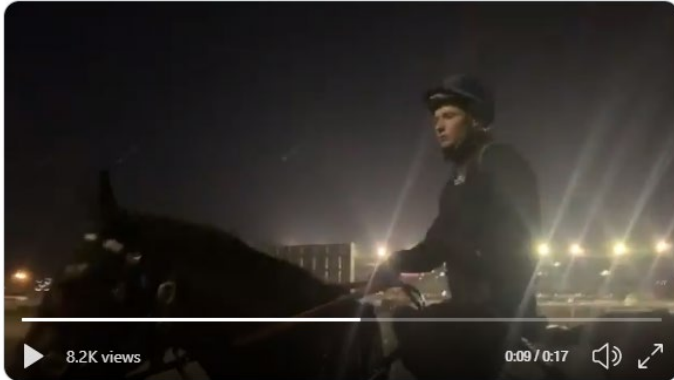
The social pages

Check out this week's tweets from the stable by clicking on the images below and get them first hand by 'Following' our Chris Waller Racing [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) accounts.



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Hear from James McDonald on how Yes Yes Yes worked this morning.



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As part of her study at Marcus Oldham College, Nikki White has spent the last month on work placement with the stable. Hear her thoughts on her time at CWR.



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Marley Mezi is enjoying riding trackwork at Rosehill. She is one of four students who have come to us from the Thoroughbred Explorer Cadetship Program which is a fantastic initiative to educate and train participants for [@TBredCareers](#)



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Upcoming runners

Sat 27 Jul - Aquis Beaudesert

[6. TAB BenchMark 60 Handicap](#)

3:24pm 8. Beatrice Was Loved 1100m (6) Luke Dittman 57kg

Sat 27 Jul - Caulfield

[3. Ladbrokes Odds Boost Handicap](#)

1:05pm 2. Desert Path 1600m (14) Michael Poy 60kg

[3. Ladbrokes Odds Boost Handicap](#)

1:05pm 10. Humbolt Current 1600m (3) Michael Walker 57kg

[7. Long Fine Plate](#)

3:40pm 2. Voila 1200m (9) Michael Walker 57.5kg

Sat 27 Jul - Eagle Farm

[1. TAB OPEN Handicap](#)

11:48am 1. Torgersen 1840m (1) Robbie Fradd 59kg

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11:48am 4. Araaja 1840m (7) Mark Du Plessis 54kg

[5. REDKITE Class 3 Plate](#)

2:12pm 6. Borazon 1840m (3) Ryan Maloney 57kg

[5. REDKITE Class 3 Plate](#)

2:12pm 10. Miss Shanti 1840m (15) Robbie Fradd 55.5kg

Sat 27 Jul - Gosford

[8. AUSSIE NIGHTMARKETS @ GOSFORD CLASS 1 HANDICAP](#)

4:24pm 4. Rexx 1600m (3) Grant Buckley 58kg

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4:24pm 5. Litzen 1600m (7) Yusuke Ichikawa 57.5kg

Sat 27 Jul - Rosehill Gardens

[1. ASX REFINITIV CHARITY FOUNDATION HANDICAP](#)

11:40am 1. True Detective 1200m (12) Hugh Bowman 58kg

[1. ASX REFINITIV CHARITY FOUNDATION HANDICAP](#)

11:40am 7. Lucicello 1200m (5) Tommy Berry 55kg

[1. ASX REFINITIV CHARITY FOUNDATION HANDICAP](#)

11:40am 8. Iskander 1200m (4) Brenton Avdulla 54.5kg

[4. PRO IT HANDICAP](#)

1:25pm 1. Gresham 1350m (1) Sam Weatherley 59.5kg

[4. PRO IT HANDICAP](#)

1:25pm 2. Fortensky 1350m (3) Hugh Bowman 57.5kg

[5. ROBB REPORT HANDICAP](#)

2:00pm 7. Raqeeq 2400m (14) Tommy Berry 56kg

[5. ROBB REPORT HANDICAP](#)

2:00pm 8. Jake's Hill 2400m (1) Ms Kathy O'Hara 55.5kg

[5. ROBB REPORT HANDICAP](#)

2:00pm 12. Makdanife 2400m (4) Jay Ford 53.5kg

[6. NEXT TELECOM HANDICAP](#)

2:40pm 10. Seles 1400m (8) Tommy Berry 57kg

[7. MALDIVES TRAVEL CONNECTION WINTER CHALLENGE](#)

3:20pm 3. Eckstein 1500m (5) Hugh Bowman 59kg

[7. MALDIVES TRAVEL CONNECTION WINTER CHALLENGE](#)

3:20pm 6. Seaway 1500m (11) Tommy Berry 54.5kg

Sun 28 Jul - Bendigo

[1. Girls Day Out at the Races 11 August Maiden Plate](#)

11:40am 10. Anubis 1300m (13) Michael Walker 56kg

[10. Bendigo Ice BM64 Handicap](#)

4:50pm 14e. Remuera 1300m (13) Michael Walker 56.5kg

Recently named horses

Name	Breeding
Rousseau	So You Think/Solar Rock colt
September Run	Exceed and Excel/Pittsburgh Flyer filly



Skillet celebrations.



Agosto celebrations.





Charlayne and Lizzie.



Sublime Diva and Elodie.



**New Universe and
Anita with High Bridge and Eva.**



**Sacred Suite and Courtney
and Wairere Falls and Kat.**

