

# NZ BREDS

**In the past 20 years,  
18 Christian Cullen  
New Zealand or Woodlands  
Great Northern Derby Winners  
were from the PGG Wrightson  
Yearling Sales Series**

**In the past 10 years,  
7 of the past 10  
Aust Derby Winners  
7 of the past 10  
Victorian Derby Winners  
8 of the past 10  
NSW Derby  
6 of the past 10  
Queensland Derby Winners  
8 of the past 11  
Grand Circuit Pacing Winners  
7 of the past 8  
Grand Circuit Trotting Winners  
(since inception in 2000)**

**were  
NZ SIRED  
or from  
NZ SIRED  
MARES**

## Massive stake increases announced

**The Yearling sales Race Series have yet again seen large increases in the stakes for those series of races which are being conducted in 2008.**

The yearlings being sold at this years sales could see a 25% increase. What more reasons are needed to say that now is the time to buy at the Yearling Sales?

The Yearling Sales Series has grown since its inception back in 1992.

	2000 actual	2008 estimated	Estimated Stakes for this years Sales Crop
2 Year Old Fillies	\$110,000	\$150,000	\$185,000
2 Year Old Open	\$160,000	\$220,000	\$275,000
2 Year Old NHT	\$ 68,000	\$110,000	\$135,000
3 Year Old Fillies	\$ 96,000	\$130,000	\$160,000
3 Year Old Open	\$120,000	\$220,000	\$275,000
2 Year Old Trotters	\$ 48,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 75,000
3 Year Old Trotters	\$ 50,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 85,000

The figures shown above for the estimated stakes for those yearlings being sold in this years sales, are in no way confirmed or inferred by either PGG Wrightsons or NZ Sires Stakes Board, they are estimates made by myself, and are based on the fact that the number of yearlings catalogued in previous sales has averaged less than 570. Whereas in this years sales there are 700 yearlings catalogued, that is almost a 25% increase. These estimates are also based on the same average number of horses paying into the race series.

Total stakes raced for in 2007 - 08 was \$28 million, \$5 million more than last year, and \$11 million more than only 10 years ago.

Included in the above total stakes is the NZ Sires Stakes Series, Nevele R Flying Fillies Series and the Harness + series.

In addition to the above are the Australian Feature races (also with higher stakes) which NZ Breds have a great strike rate of winning (refer to notes to left of this article) the Bathurst Series, and of course the Australasian Breeders Crown Series which will see six Group 1 finals and more than A\$1.3 million in prizemoney up for grabs at Bendigo in 2008.

The 2YO Pacing finals are \$300,000 each, the trotters \$160,000.

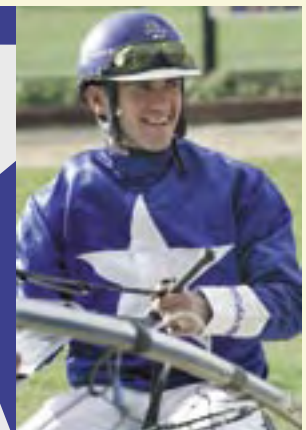
The 3YO Pacing finals are \$175,000 each, the trotters \$95,000

So all in all, our industry is in great shape, the stakes are there to race for, the tax breaks are in place, now all you need is to have a runner.

So put together a syndicate and go buy a horse

**Wanting  
advice on buying a yearling?  
Wanting a share in a yearling?  
Wanting to join the list of  
happy owners? or  
just simply wanting  
to talk with a trainer.**

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# Nevele R Stud YOUNG GUNS

Second season Nevele R sires' **McArdle** and **Red River Hanover** are two young stallions with very big futures ahead of them judging by the deeds of their offspring in the past year both on the racetrack and in the sales ring.

McArdle, in particular, has had a sensational start to his stud career in the US with his 2yo's winning over \$1.3 million in their debut season, making him one of the top North American 2yo sires by both money won and average earnings.

The former New Jersey Horse of the Year has already wracked up 23 race winners from his first crop (9 of them in 1:55 or better), 4 \$100,000+ performers and numerous Grand Circuit winners, with his progeny taking out such prestigious races as the Matron Stakes, International Stallion Stakes and Sweetheart Pace.

Over here, his youngsters have also been in demand with a 2yo colt (*Duncan Finn*) selling for \$110,000 at the recent Ready To Run Sale and his only other entry at the same sale going for \$42,000. He was also the leading first season sire at the 2007 New Zealand Premier Yearling Sale, averaging a healthy \$27,000 for 17 lots sold, while at the smaller Australasian Classic Sale that rose to almost \$33,000.

McArdle has 45 yearlings entered in the 2008 Sales (37 in Christchurch & 8 in Auckland) with some of the standout lots including a colt out of a half sister to current open class star **Baileys Dream**, the first foal of a half sister to millionaire pacer **Il Vicolo**, from the family of Group One winners **Gotta Go Cullen** and **Coburg**, and a 3/4 brother to Southern Supremacy Stakes winner **Franco New Deal**.

After such a successful Northern Hemisphere season, McArdle seems almost assured of following in the

footsteps of his champion sire **Falcon Seelster**, who himself should once again be popular at the sales with a strong contingent of 46 yearlings over the four days.

The regally bred Red River Hanover has also had a great start to his stud career, becoming the first stallion in history to leave two 2yo fillies from the same crop in 1:51.6 or quicker.

From a relatively small first US crop the former North American Cup winner has sired 14 winners through to mid December (4 in 1:55), including the two standout fillies **Miss Scarlett**, winner of the New Jersey Sires Stakes at the Meadowlands and almost US\$175,000 in stakes to date, and **Red In The Face**, winner of the Champlain Stakes in record time and more than US\$160,000 in earnings.

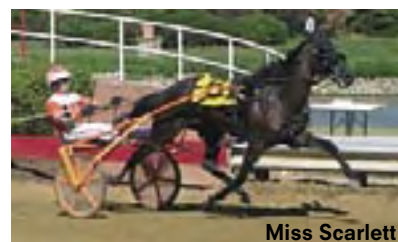


Tiber Franco

Downunder Red River Hanover's progeny has sold particularly well with a striking filly out of **Tantara Franco** (*Tiber Franco*) making \$100,000 at last year's Premier Sale and a half-sister to boom Aussie colt **Maffioso** topping the 2007 Melbourne Australian Pacing Gold Sale at \$70,000.

Red River Hanover's NZ Yearling Sales averages were also strong, at around \$20,000 for 23 lots sold at the Premier Sale and \$33,000 at the Australasian Classic Sale.

On top of this the Red River's have also been showing up at recent trials in New



Miss Scarlett

Zealand with seven already qualified as at the 12th of December and the reports from trainers with them in their barns have all been very positive to date.

He has 26 yearlings catalogued for the 2008 Sales Series (22 at the Premier Sale and 4 in Auckland) including half brothers to six time Derby winner **Courage Under Fire** and top class 3yo **Washakie**. There is also likely to be a lot of interest in a filly out of a full sister to the champion filly **One Dream**.

A half-sister to the Group One winning mare **Lento** from the family of **Whanau, Bella's Boy** and **Awesome Armbro** should also attract plenty of attention, as will a colt out of a half-sister to recent NZ Free For All winner **Waipawa Lad**.



Duncan Finn

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# DIRECT SCOOTER

has brought  
the NZ juvenile racing scene

# up to speed

By Frank Marrion

**L**ast season again underlined just how much the 2-year-old racing scene in New Zealand is dominated by graduates from the yearling sales, and it also served to further illustrate the increasing influence of the Direct Scooter sire line.

If we look at a table of the leading juvenile stake winners last term, we can note that of the 25 that earned \$20,000 or more, no less than 18 were sold at either the Australasian Classic or Premier Sale, while another in Themightyquinn was an entry before being withdrawn.

Of the top 50, 34 came from the sales with 17 from each, leaving 16 or about one third that did not, while 15 of the top 20 did, all figures which are in keeping with the previous seasons of the decade.

In the previous six seasons, of the top 20 2-year-old stakes winners, the figures for those coming through the sales were 10 (2001 season), 13, 15, 14, 12 and 12 (2006).

Expressed as a percentage for the decade, this is a figure of 65 when the percentage of the total foal crop offered each year at the sales has been around 17-18 percent.

The reasons for this are many and a varied, but mostly, sales yearlings for the most part do not 'want' for anything in life.

They are generally bred for the sales and they have been selected provided they fulfil the minimum requirements or criteria i.e. sufficiently good pedigree, type and conformation.



Direct Scooter... figures in the pedigrees of 19 of last season's top 25 juvenile pacing winners

This will change to some extent with the addition of a third day in Christchurch this season, but the first two days will still reflect the same policy of previous years.

And having been raised, handled and fed with a view to looking the part at the sales, they will then proceed to join stables with a view to being given every chance to make 2-year-olds.

Obviously their owners will be looking for a return on their purchase come investment, and the sooner the better, by either racing or selling.

In other words, they receive every conceivable opportunity 'in life' when the same won't always apply to a significant proportion of all foals for one reason or another.

A significant proportion if not the great majority of the breeding industry's best-bred or commercially-bred foals will also be sales graduates, and significantly the most commercial and best represented sires are those

who produce 2-year-olds, with no better example being Christian Cullen.

Going hand in hand with the Sales dominance of the 2-year-old racing scene in New Zealand has been the influence of the Direct Scooter sire line, a result of In The Pocket starting the shuttle sire revolution.

Until then, the juvenile scene in New Zealand was a bit of a lottery, outside of outstanding sires in Smooth Fella and Vance Hanover being more successful than most in recent times.

However, the New Zealand broodmare population was still largely a relatively unrefined collection of bloodlines and types, a 'mish mash' of sires imported over many decades who were most often a few levels below being 'top drawer'.

A top 2-year-old pacer was more likely to be some sort of freak as opposed to a classically-bred horse.