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OCEAN PARK CELEBRATES FIRST WINNER



BEERZATBERNZ
OCEAN PARK'S
FIRST WINNER

- Debut winning 2YO filly
- Bred by OP's former trainer/ co-owner Gary Hennessy
- Trained by Tony McEvoy in Australia
- Possible black-type start ahead



STUDMASTER COMMENT

It was nice to see Ocean Park's success as a stallion begin to evolve on Saturday.

The Cox Plate winning first season sire has now had the three runners for one winner, and the future looks huge.

A big pointer to this for me was at the recent Karaka Yearling Sale Series. Those buyers who had bought progeny from his first crop were stocking up again, and the comments were very favourable.

A Saturday winner in Australia is an ideal start for any stallion to kick off their career, so it was lovely to have this early win with Tony McEvoy, whose stable is enjoying immense success.

It's quite ironic that the winner Beerzabernz is bred by Gary and Jenny Hennessy, as they played such a big part in Ocean Park's success on the track.

It's great to see their passion for Ocean Park not only as a racehorse but now as a sire, achieve this early reward.

-Mark Chittick



BEERZATBERNZ STRIKES FIRST WINNER FOR OCEAN PARK

Cox Plate winner Ocean Park sired his first winner on Saturday, thanks to the game performance of 2YO daughter Beerzatbernz over 1050m at Morphettville.

The Tony McEvoy-trained filly had hinted to the talent that saw her win on debut with two trial outings before Saturday, both of which returning second placings.

"I've never thought of her as a 2YO," said McEvoy.

"She has thrived on training though and loves the contest. I took her to the trials, and her efforts there said she was asking me to take her to the races.

"I never had any intent to run her as a 2YO, but I have been very pleased with her attitude and willingness at each stage as we've gone along," he said.

It will be this attitude/willingness that dictates plans ahead.

"If she continues to thrive, it would be difficult not to run her in the Listed Cinderella Stakes for 2YO fillies over 1050m on the 4th of March, but if she looks at me sideways, she will go straight to the paddock," said McEvoy.

Fittingly, Beerzatbernz was bred by none other than Ocean Park's former trainer/co-owner Gary Hennessy.

"My wife Jenny and I went looking for mares that we thought would suit Ocean Park and this filly is from one of them (Flying Rosa). She was a nice big filly with an attractive head," recalled Hennessy of the landmark winner.

"When Tony bought her, he indicated that he'd got her for unders. Having worked at Lindsay Park for a number of years, he knew the family well and said 'they all have ability'.

"Being the big type of filly that she is and with the style of Saturday's win, she strikes me as a real Oaks filly, so it must be very exciting for Tony. He is a very good trainer and is patient, so she is exactly where she needs to be.

"I probably have a wise old gentleman to thank for that. He told me when he first stood Centaine, he'd taken some of the first crop fillies to the sales in Australia, so that the sire would have representation there. Well, this is what I decided to do with Ocean Park, so the Chittick family can take some credit for this win."

Beerzatbernz' Flying Spur dam Flying Rosa has a Ocean Park colt at foot and is back in foal to the sire.



OCEAN PARK FACTS

ALL TOO HARD
PIERRO
VEYRON
BETTER THAN EVER
ARTISTIC
SHUKA
SHOOTOFF
NASHVILLE
ETHIOPIA
SHOOT OUT
SOUTHERN SPEED
GREEN MOON
SINCERO
HAPPY TRAILS
MORE JOYOUS
LINTON
GLASS HARMONIUM
ALCOPOP
SANAGAS
VOILA ICI
DECEMBER DRAW
MANIGHAR
ZABEELIONAIRE
MAWINGO
WINCHESTER
NIWOT
XANADU
KING MUFHASA
GUISEPPINA
TIME KEEPER
FLEUR DE LUNE
FRITZY BOY

2016 Covered 138 mares
2015 Covered 147 mares
2014 Covered 150 mares
2013 Covered 158 mares

2017 YEARLING RESULTS

\$122,708 NZB Premier Average
Sold for up to \$260,000 at the NZB Premier Sale
A\$105,000 Magic Millions Gold Coast Average

LEADING 2017 BUYERS

- Bruce Perry
- Mulcaster Bloodstock
- Ciaron Maher
- Laurel Oak Bloodstock
- Paul Moroney
- Chris Waller
- M Downs
- Tartan Meadow Bloodstock
- Danny O'Brien
- Go Racing
- Spirit Bloodstock
- Champion Thoroughbreds
- John Foote
- LDM Racing
- Aquanita Racing
- Star Thoroughbreds
- David Ellis
- Mick Price
- Waikato Bloodstock

5X G1 WINNING, COX
PLATE CHAMPION

BEAT THE BEST,
AT THEIR BEST

G1
LEGEND

32 G1 WINNERS
BEATEN

UNITES CHAMPION
SIRELINES

QUALITY
SUPPORT

SALE
RESULTS

INCREDIBLE
WILL TO WIN

AUSTRALIAN MIDDLE DISTANCE CHAMPION NZ HORSE OF THE YEAR

- First horse in history to cap 4 G1 wins with success in the Cox Plate.

Left boom colts ALL TOO HARD & PIERRO in his Cox Plate wake despite their 8kg pull in the weights.

In completing the Australian G1 Underwood Stakes-Caulfield Stakes-Cox Plate treble, OCEAN PARK emulated the deeds of G1 legends:

- AJAX
- BONECRUSHER
- ALMAARAD
- NORTHERLY
- SO YOU THINK

THORN PARK

7 G1 Winners
27 Stakes Winners
Champion NZ Sire in 2010-11

ZABEEL

45 G1 Winners
162 Stakes Winners
Damsire of 30 G1 Winners
Dewar Stallion Award x15
Champion Australian Sire x2
Champion Australian Broodmare Sire x3
Champion New Zealand Sire x4
Champion New Zealand Broodmare Sire x3
Centaine Stallion Award x1

O'REILLY

16 G1 Winners
85 Stakes Winners
Damsire of 11 G1 Winners
Champion NZ Sire x4
Dewar Stallion Award x3
Centaine Award Winner x4
Champion Hong Kong Sire x2
Champion NZ 3YO Sire x3

AGE	STARTS	WINS	2NDS	3RDS
3	7	3	3	-
4	8	5	-	1

HORSE OF THE YEAR IN NZ 2012-13
CHAMPION MIDDLE DISTANCE HORSE IN AUS 2012-13
CHAMPION MIDDLE DISTANCE HORSE IN NZ 2012-13

STAKES A\$2,799,817

WON

- MVRC WS Cox Plate G1 (2040m beating All Too Hard, Pierro & 9 other G1 winners)
- MRC Caulfield Stakes G1 (2000m beating Alcopop & Sincero)
- MRC Underwood Stakes G1 (1800m beating Voila Ici & December Draw)
- ARC New Zealand Stakes G1 (2000m beating Veyron & Better Than Ever)
- Hawke's Bay Makfi Challenge Stakes G1 (1400m beating Xanadu & Justanexcuse)
- Wellington Stakes G3 (1600m beating Nashville & Burgundy)

2ND

ATC Rosehill Guineas G1 (2000m)
ARC Great Northern Guineas G2 (1600m)
Waikato Guineas G3 (2000m)

3RD

VRC LKS Mackinnon Stakes G1 (2000m)

