



## [MOSCOW MISTRESS TRUMPS OPPOSITION WITH MAIDEN VICTORY](#)



MOSCOW MISTRESS (Road To Rock/Miss Faberge) winning first up at Hastings  
(Photo courtesy Race Images Palmerston North)

Some of you will remember Moscow Mistress's dam Miss Faberge. She was a tough, nuggety little mare I owned with Ivan Grieve & Mike Sanders who won four races in the early days of my training career. We purchased her at the Karaka Yearling sale and her pedigree suggested she would stay, but she never won further than 1400m. They were tough wins though and I have great memories of her.

Moscow Mistress on the other hand looks every inch a stayer. Judging by the way she won her first start at Hastings and the post-race comments from jockey Chris Johnson she could well go through the grades.

From the wide barrier draw his plan was to take her back, however she had other ideas and looked to cart him to the front. With over 2150 race wins under his belt Chris wasn't having a bar of that nonsense and strongly restrained her. **Stipe report reads: Jumped away awkwardly. Commenced to over race when being restrained near the 1200m and continued to do so for a distance, having to be firmly restrained when improving onto heels near the 1000 metres.**

So after watching this go on for what seemed like an age we weren't expecting her to have much gas left in the tank when they turned into the straight. Big mistake... Chris angles her out and before you

know it she's putting in the big strides down the outside...wins by a length and three quarters going away and we've got that that happy stunned mullet look on our dials.

She's having a deserved break in the paddock and will come back for spring racing here at Hastings.

Incidentally, her full brother Chalaza is racing in Singapore and has 2 wins from 4 starts.

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It's a quiet time at the stables this time of the year with a large number of horses spelling, but it's a great time to put in the remedial work and upgrades around the track where required. A couple of weeks ago I oversowed the inside and outside grass tracks and with the mild temperatures we're experiencing it's coming away beautifully. Obviously an ongoing project, but each season it's getting better and better providing a fantastic surface for the horses to train on.

The other thing you notice this time of the year is the horses chewing the fence posts and railings. Every autumn/winter it's the same. You can feed them hay, hard feed and you could probably give them vegemite sandwiches but they still do it. Standing joke around here is you could put a fence post in the middle of the paddock and they wouldn't touch it ☺ But that's horses for you.

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Lastly, I've been putting together a number of stable clients into a racing lease of a very progressive two year old Iffraaj filly. So no capital outlay...just a monthly payment. She should be racing early in her three year old season...August/September 2017.

There are just four 5% shares left!

I would point out that Mike Sanders my Racing Manager likes her so much he's got his wife involved. Trust me he's got a good eye, as he also put her and some of his friends into Lady Zafira (also an Iffraaj) and they had a great time over her racing career.

You can view some video of her galloping on the home page of our website listed below:

If you'd like to have some fun with a great group of people and want more info call Mike 021 273 4269 or myself 021 405 723 or email [johnbaryracing@gmail.com](mailto:johnbaryracing@gmail.com)

All the best and we'll see you in the Winners Circle

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