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THE BANDITO BREAKS THROUGH AT WAIPUKURAU



THE BANDITO (Pins/Reputedly) shows them a clean pair of heels

The Bandito broke Maiden ranks this past Sunday with a good win over 1200m in his seventh raceday start. He's had some good placings in class Saturday fields so it wasn't a surprise he got this one at Waipukurau. Although it was Rosie Myers who gave him a good ride to win, I want to acknowledge the work Jonathan Riddell has put into this horse. He's ridden him in trackwork, jumpouts and his last four races but was unfortunately suspended for this meeting. Thanks JK you took it well.

Purchased at the 2013 Karaka Premier Yearling Sale he is a full brother to STICKPIN who won 8 races in Australia including a Group 3 win and Group 1 second placing in the Sir Rupert Clark Stakes.

Smurf, as he is affectionately known in the stable has taken time to mature physically, and the penny looks to have finally dropped. All going to plan from here he'll have another race shortly but I have my eye firmly gazing on a couple of \$50,000 Special Condition Maidens at Ellerslie on Karaka Million night. Smurf loves a boys weekend....his Australian owner might too 🍷 😊

It was a lean start to the season this year and I've had more 2nd and 3rd placings at this stage of the year than ever before; but the stable has been firing recently heading into the New Year and I'm looking forward to the next few months. It seemed to take an age this spring for the tracks to get away from Heavy or Slow to the more favoured Dead... which is more akin to the surfaces the horses train on daily.

Recite came back into work last month and her initial target will be the Telegraph at Trentham on January 16th. She has a tremendous fresh up record and although this race always attracts a top class field the \$16 currently offered by the bookies have a juicy look about them.

Miss Selby will be racing at Awapuni this Saturday and after four runs back this preparation is nearing her peak. She ran a very good third in an Open Handicap race last start so back to the Rating 85 grade and with barrier 1... Jonathan Riddell will have her there at the business end.

We have five horses running at Hastings tomorrow and with the track likely rated Dead 4 in the morning it will suit all of them. Steppenwolf, Docket and Hokey Pokey have trained on well since their last runs and Notionannigans and Lenin The Brown are fresh up. If you like your multi's don't leave them off the ticket.

Syndication Opportunities:

Thanks to everyone who responded to the chance to be in the syndicates for the Alamosa/Priorite Two Year Old and also the Fully Fledged/Copious filly. Both of these are now fully subscribed! Looking forward to the coming seasons with these two given what they've already shown in the early stages of their training.

I've been to a few of yearling parades over the last month in preparation for the Karaka Yearling sales and have seen some very nice types from both the Premier and Select catalogue. If you're interested in purchasing or being involved in a syndicate please contact me prior to the sales and we can discuss the options. John 021 405 723 or Mike 021 273 4269

MERRY CHRISTMAS to you and yours over the festive season, eat well, drive safely and I look forward to catching up with you in the Winner's Circle.



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