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Two 'new' winners by Muscle Hill

Champion sire MUSCLE HILL was represented by two 'new' three-year-old trotting winners on either side of the Tasman last week.

Theresastormcoming, a filly, was a most impressive first-up winner of a Vicbred Platinum Home Grown Classic heat at Melton on Monday (December 11).

After enjoying a box seat trail, the filly engaged with the leader for the entire last lap before prevailing by a head.

She clocked a slick 59.4 for the last 800.

Theresastormcoming is out of the former cups winning trotting mare Why Worry Tr 1:57.6TT (\$113,630), the dam of six winners from eight foals to race.

All American, a three-year-old gelding, turned in a herculean effort to soundly defeat older rivals at Alexandra Park, Auckland on Saturday night (December 16).

Starting from the outside gate, the gelding was trapped three-wide for the first 800 metres before working forward to sit parked.

Despite his torrid passage, All American surged to the front half-way down the home straight and won untouched by 1-1/2 lengths.

All American is the first foal of the 10-win \$117,260 Dream Vacation mare Great Getaway..

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Muscle Hill dominates USA Horse of the Year awards

The progeny of leading sire **MUSCLE HILL** captured four of the six awards for USA Trotter of the Year in 2017.

The undefeated **Manchego** was named 2YO Filly of the Year, **Ariana G** was the unanimous choice as 3YO Filly of the Year, What The Hill received the 3YO Colt award and **Marion Marauder** was adjudged the Older Male Trotter of the Year.

Manchego, the first undefeated filly to win a Dan Patch trophy, won all of her 12 starts and earned \$873,948 including the Breeders Crown, Jim Doherty Memorial and Peaceful Way Stakes.

Ariana G won 12 of her 15 starts and \$1.2million highlighted by the Breeders Crown, Hambletonian Oaks and Elegance Stakes, while **What The Hill** amassed \$948,178 from nine wins including the Breeders Crown, Canadian Trotting Classic and TVG Series Championship.

Marion Marauder, last year's 3YO Trotter of the Year, banked \$769,182 from wins in the Hambletonian Maturity and Graduate Series Championship and a placing in the Yonkers International Trot.

Manchego and **Ariana G** are both out of mares by Cantab Hall, while What The Hill is from a mare by Angus Hall, a close relative of Cantab Hall.

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