

NEWS UPDATE



Muscle Hill

2 JANUARY 2019

Muscle Hill top USA trotting sire

MUSCLE HILL is the leading trotting sire in North America for the third year on end. His progeny earned \$US10.69 million, almost \$400,000 ahead of the second placed Cantab Hall.

MUSCLE HILL was also the premier sire of two-year-old trotters with \$US3.63 million, almost doubling the total of runner-up Chapter Seven. **TRIXTON**, who finished third with \$US1.82 million, was the leading first season sire.

Cantab Hall took out the three-year-old title ahead of Muscle Mass and **MUSCLE HILL**.

MUSCLE HILL and **TRIXTON** are members of the Australasian Stallions' sire roster.

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Wishing Stone

21 JANUARY 2019

First NZ winner for Wishing Stone

Former international trotting star **WISHING STONE** was credited with his first New Zealand winner from his initial crop when the three-year-old gelding **Phoebe Onyx** emerged successful at Blenheim on Sunday (January 20).

Having only his fourth start, the gelding raced four deep on the inside for most of the trip before switching down onto the passing lane in the home straight.

Phoebe Onyx produced a stomping finishing rally to score by 1-3/4 lengths.

Bred by Grant Beckett, the gelding is the second foal and second winner out of a lightly raced Monarchy mare.

WISHING STONE has also sired a single winner from only two Australian bred foals, while in USA he was among the top sires based on average earnings per foal in 2018.

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Lucky Chucky

25 JANUARY 2019

Lucky Chucky filly bolts in at Cambridge

Fortunato, a three-year-old **LUCKY CHUCKY** filly, became her sire's fifth individual New Zealand bred winner when she emerged successful at Cambridge Raceway on Thursday (January 24).

Placed at two of her three previous outings, the filly jumped straight to the front when the barrier strands were released and maintained a solid tempo throughout.

She waltzed away at the end to win by an amazing 13 lengths!

Fortunato carved out her last 800 in 60.5 and 400 in 29.4.

Out of the good Ambro Invasion mare **Whosinthenest**, **Fortunato** was bred by Studholme Bloodstock and Kahukuri Bloodstock.

LUCKY CHUCKY has sired three winners from eight Australian starters.

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Dance Craze winning

28 JANUARY 2019

Muscle Hill mare waltzes away with \$250,000 classic

MUSCLE HILL's bonny daughter **Dance Craze** came from last to beat a star-studded lineup in Australia's richest trotting race, the Group 1 \$250,000 Great Southern Star at Melton on Saturday night (January 26).

Gaining a three-wide trail in the back straight, the five-year-old mare was peeled four and five deep on the home turn and charged down the outside of the track to get up in the last few strides.

Her mile rate for the 2760 metres was 1:58.8.

It was **Dance Craze's** 15th win from 25 starts and vaulted her stake earnings to \$331,240. She has notched four wins at Group/Listed level.

Out of the champion racemare La Coccaracha (by Safely Kept), **Dance Craze** was bred and is owned by Pat Driscoll.

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