

# CHRIS WALLER RACING



## English Imports Take Out End Of Autumn Features



Group 1 Sydney Cup and Group 1 Queen Elizabeth winners, Stand To Gain and My Kingdom Of Fife, in the finish in their respective races over the carnival.

Imported horses from the UK have been the flavor of Chris Waller Racing for a few years now, but the greatest result was that on April 23 when two imports created history by taking out a Group 1 double for the stable. Stand To Gain and My Kingdom Of Fife together took out the Sydney Cup and Queen Elizabeth Stakes on a dreary day at Royal Randwick.

My Kingdom Of Fife was purchased from the Queen by Richard Pegum and placed with the stable earlier this year. He commenced his Australian career with a win over 1600m at Group 3 level at Randwick before taking out the QE Stakes. He was guided by Nash Rawiller who was able to get him to travel comfortably and relax in the sloppy conditions before exposing him at the top of the straight and allowing him to put away a strong field of classy gallopers.

Stand To Gain was purchased by Guy Mulcaster and Tim Roberts at the end of 2009 and within 18 months was able to take out his first Group 1 over the two mile distance. After being listed as first emergency Stand To Gain was able to make the field after a scratching a day out from the race with the reins being given to veteran jockey Rod Quinn. He was tardily away from the barriers but pinched breaks along the inside and was able to position himself within striking distance turning for home. As the field straightened he was presented with the opportunity to take up the running and fought hard to the line to take out the feature race.

Stand To Gain has since been spelled with plans heading towards the Melbourne Cup in the Spring, however, My Kingdom of Fife went on to win the Hollindale Cup at the Gold Coast before being narrowly defeated in the Group 1 Doomben Cup.

My Kingdom Of Fife's first Australian preparation included three wins, including a Group 3, Group 2 and Group 1 win which is quite remarkable considering his best result in the UK was a win at Listed level. His targets have not been firmly set for the Spring but expect to see this fellow as a major contender for the time honored Cox Plate at Moonee Valley in October.

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## Impressive 2YO Wins On Debut

Chris Waller Racing unleashed one of its most impressive 2yo winners of the season with Startreusse scoring an all the way win at Canterbury on May 18.

The Starcraft colt had drawn wide over the 1100m journey at Canterbury but was able to begin well before being used up to cross and lead the field. Master tactician Hugh Bowman was able to give the horse a breather between the 600m and 400m after burning petrol early before saving enough to give the horse another kick at the 300m and cruising to an easy victory.



Startreusse winning on debut last month

Hugh Bowman was full of praise after the race, "He is definitely a runner and he has some class, ordinary horses just cannot do that". The runner up in the race has since gone on to win at Listed level at the QLD Winter Carnival further backing the opinion of Hugh Bowman.

It is yet to be decided whether he will look at one of the later races in the QLD carnival or whether he will remain in Sydney to be placed through the grades before commencing his 3YO career.

## Stable Mate Fillies On Target For QLD Oaks

Smart filly Savannah's Choice is on track to take one of the jewels of the Queensland winter carnival, the Queensland Oaks, after her impressive second in the Group 3, The Roses, at Doomben on Saturday.

The race last Saturday was a real test for the filly and she had to run well to be able to take her next step to the Oaks. The Group 3 race was a major step up in class for her as she was coming off a second placing the week prior at the Gold Coast in a Class 1 event.

Chris Waller was pleasantly surprised with the determination that she showed to the line. She was beaten under a length to Scarlett Lady who is now current Oaks favorite, and beat the talented Divorces who finished third.

'I was really impressed with her run in The Roses, it was a quality field and to finish the way she did I think that the Oaks will suit her. The step up to 2400m will be a benefit and I am looking forward to her taking her place in the field' Waller said.

Stable mate Tropicana Girl also takes her place in the field after a strong and decisive win at Canterbury last start. She was guided to victory by Tim Clark and after settling just behind the speed was able to cruise away in the straight to earn herself a shot at Group 1 glory. Hugh Bowman takes over the reins for the feature and is the smokey stepping up to the 2400m.

The Queensland Oaks will be on 4 June at Eagle Farm.

## Scone Weekend Proves Successful



Nash Rawiller with owner Kerry and Jennifer Pooley

The inaugural stand alone Metropolitan meeting at Scone at the start of May proved a great success for all racing participants with crowds and betting turnover at an all time high for the two day carnival. Rich prize money with backing from the majority of Hunter Valley Studs, the Scone Race Club in conjunction with Inglis were able to integrate a marvelous weekend of racing and Yearling Sales to make it a new must attend event on racing calendars Australia wide.

Chris Waller Racing was supported with numerous runners on both days of the carnival and after a few unlucky misses broke through for a win in the Northern Meteor Sprint with talented sprinter Key West. Key West was coincidentally bred by owners Kerry and Jenny Pooley, fitting in with the overall idea behind the weekend of racing in Australia's breeding heartland.

He was given the perfect ride by top rider Nash Rawiller and after settling in a midfield position exploded away in the straight for a stunning win. It was a great result for the Pooley family who have been solid supporters of racing and breeding over many years.

# Jason Collett Making his Mark

Chris Waller Racing was pleased to welcome talented New Zealand Apprentice Jason Collett in late April. Collett who has ridden 202 winners in New Zealand including 6 black type races, which for a 20 year old is a very impressive record.

In the racing industry it is very common to see members of the same family all involved in the game with the Collett family being no exception. Jason is one of three children to horse trainer Richard and former jockey Judy Collett. All of the children, Natasha 22, Alysha 17, and Jason are all jockeys and all are showing plenty of potential.

'Having the family all involved means that it can be very competitive at times, which is always fun. However it is also good to have them as support as they know all about the highs and lows' Jason said.

This is not the first time that Jason has ridden in Australia. In 2010 he won a scholarship through New Zealand Racing that brought him to Sydney to ride with Chris Waller Racing.

'I enjoy riding in Sydney. It is very tough and competitive but also a huge thrill' Jason said.

After his time here last year Chris was impressed with Jason's ability and asked if he would be interested in coming for a three month stint over the winter months.

'I have been watching Jason ride for a while now and I think that he is a very talented rider. I had no hesitation in offering him a position with us, along with his ability he is also very professional' Chris said.

'It is also a huge bonus for us that he is able to claim 2kg in town. Sydney is lacking depth in Apprentices at the moment and to be able to use Jason is a huge bonus to the team'.

Jason was quick to snap up the opportunity. 'To be given the chance to work with Chris Waller and ride in Sydney was great and in the short time that I have been here I have already learnt so much to help me in the future' Jason said.

Jason is working hard and making his mark. With a winner in town at his first meeting, a winner in the 2yo feature race at Scone and a recent treble at Randwick last Saturday, it looks as though Jason is well onto making his trip over the Tasman well worth it.



Triple treat: Jason celebrating his third winner for the day.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### 4th June 2011:

QLD Oaks Day—  
Eagle Farm

### 11th June 2011:

QLD Derby and  
Stradbroke Day—  
Eagle Farm

### 25th June 2011:

Winter Stakes Day—  
Eagle Farm

### 2nd July 2011:

Civic Stakes Day—  
Rosehill Gardens

### 9th July 2011:

Queensland Cup  
Day—Eagle Farm

### 13th & 14th July 2011:

Ramornie Handicap  
and Grafton Cup—  
Grafton



## Horse of the Month—Stand to Gain



Congratulations to Andrew Lees, Ben Wright, Neil Werrett, Nick Downes, Gary Stead, Ralph Portaro, Iain Bruce, Ken Hunt, Matt Smithyman, Shannon Burman, Steve Moon, Alan McDonald, Michael Steengard, Baden Gowrie-Smith, Michael Boyle and Simon O'Brien on a terrific result in the 2011 Group 1 Sydney Cup!

### Recent Performances:

**1st of 15 - 23rd April 2011: Randwick (Group 1 Sydney Cup 3200M)**

10th of 16 - 9th April 2011: Randwick (Group 2 Chairmans Handicap 2600M)

3rd of 13 - 26th March 2011: Rosehill (Listed Manion Cup 2400M)

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