

HABIBTI SADIE'S HALF-SISTER TAKES OUT TROT FEATURE



Habibti Ivy, and Blair Orange (inner), hold Destiny Jones, and Ricky May, in the Group Three Alabar DG Jones Banks Peninsula Trotting Cup on Sunday. (Photo: Race Images, Christchurch).

Lightly-raced Habibti Ivy, aided by having her hocks injected after making an unusual gallop at her previous Addington start, bounced back to win the Group Three Alabar DG Jones Banks Peninsula Trotting Cup on Sunday, October 1.

Habibti Ivy, a top Love You year older half-sister to the unraced Bromac Lodge broodmare Habibti Sadie (Pegasus Spur-Ten To One), took her earnings just over \$180,000 from nine wins in 19 starts.

Bromac Lodge proprietor Bob McArdle also chose Love You as Habibti Sadie's first sire consort last season.

Now six, Habibti Ivy missed becoming last season's Five-Year-Old or Older NZ Trotting Mare of the Year to Sunny Ruby, despite being crowned winner of the Australasian 2016-17 Trotting Master Grand Circuit series after her game second in the \$156,000 Canam Rowe Cup on Friday, April 28.

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Habibti Ivy, who won five of only seven starts last term, set three NZ records including winning the penultimate Trotting Master event, the Group One \$102,000 Anzac Trotters Cup (mobile 2200m) at Auckland on April 21.

She also won the Group Three Lamb and Hayward 4 & 5YO Trotting Championship at Addington on March 31 in a NZ mares' record of 3:14.8 for the stand-start 2600m stand.

Habibti Ivy credited Brookside trainer Paul Nairn with his fourth win in Sunday's time-honoured Banks Peninsula Trotting Cup, and regular driver Blair Orange with his second win in the race.

Nairn had previously won the Motukarara spring grass track feature with former top square-gaiter Call Me Now in 1994, then also won it a twice with Call Me Now's son Call You Later in 2002 and 2003.

Orange, who has raced away to a big early lead on this season's drivers premiership with 27 wins, first won the Banks Peninsula Cup with the Ken Ford-trained Midnight Invasion in 2008.

He drove the \$1.90 favourite confidently off the 10m line, sending her to the front mid-race and holding Ordeal Cup winner Destiny Jones by half a neck.

Orange had faith Habibti Ivy would hold in the long run home as he said she is a very hard mare to get past.

Ten To One, the Sundon dam of Habibti Ivy, won six herself and \$54,142.

She is fashioning a top broodmare record at stud, leaving six to race for six individual winners of 54 races.

Besides leaving Habibti Ivy to Love You, she's also left her top sister Habibti (16 wins from 48 starts for \$352,775), Lothario (six wins from 37 starts for \$64,150) and Habibti Inta (three wins from 16 starts for \$64,067), to the top trot sire.

Her other good-winning progeny have been Ten Too (by Armbro Invasion), who had his career interrupted by injury but was smart winning seven of only 17 starts for \$46,324, Releven Dream (by Dream Vacation), who has taken a 1:57.3 trot record over 2138m in Queensland, and won 13 races for \$79,232.

Habibti Sadie, a former \$20,000 NZ Yearling Sales buy for Lincoln Farms, was sold to Bromac Lodge last year.

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