

Bromac Lodge News

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GUTSY WIN TO BARACHIAS AT THE VALLEY

Sire **Courage Under Fire** was to the fore in the early part of the card on **Group 1** night at Moonee Valley last night with **Gilt Bromac** showing speed to outclass her opponents and **Barachias** showing guts to beat his.

Barachias drew wide on the front row over the mile and had to race three wide early before being taken forward to sit in the death. He had a brief respite as they hit the last 800m when a rival came round and gave him cover, but driver Lance Justice wasn't happy sitting there and pulled him out three wide to advance less than 200m later.

A charging run took him up eye to eye with leader **Singasongasixpence** and although runs were being mounted from their rivals, they were 5 metres clear of the rest as they approached the turn. **Singasongasixpence** drew half length clear as the pair rounded the bend to straighten up but **Barachias** settled down and drew equal again soon after. Then as the sprint lane came into effect for those behind them runs started to come from everywhere.

In the end however **Barachias** was not prepared to be denied his win after having sprinted twice already and came in first by a half head. **No Encore** came along the rails to grab second a half head in front of **Village Pungee** with **Jiliby Prince** a neck back in fourth.

The mile was covered in a swift 1:56.3. The opening quarter where **Barachias** sat three wide was a fast 27.3 with each following sectional rating in the 29's.

It was the gelding's 12th lifetime win and his fourth for the season. His seasonal earnings of over \$40,000 have lifted his career record to almost \$90,000. The superconsistent performer has earned a cheque in 85 per cent of his starts to date and last night's time of 1:56.3 lowered his previous best mark of 1:56.9 set last season as a 4YO.

He is a son of the **Holmes Hanover** mare **Desiholmes** who was unraced. **Barachias** is her second foal. Her first – **Malachias** - qualified but died after only one race day start. Her fourth foal, a three year old full sister to **Barachias** is also qualified.

Desiholmes is a half sister to 1:54 performer **Lysias** and from the family of **NZ Harness Horse of the Year Delightful Lady**, former **NZ record holder Abdias** 1:55 and many speedsters including **Stabiliser** 1:51.2, **Village Jate** 1:52.4, **Village Crusader** 1:54f and **Pascale Bromac** (NZ 2YOF record holder).

More on Barachias's family can be seen by viewing the pedigree of Desiholmes in our Broodmare section.

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