

## NO FEARS REWARDS MICHELLE BAIRD'S PATIENCE AT TIMARU



**No Fears at Oamaru September 2017 - Photo courtesy The Digital Birdcage**

No Fears, bred by Bromac Lodge's bloodstock manager Michelle Baird, became the fourth individual winner from four to race for her Sundon dam Without Fear, when successful at Timaru on Sunday, October 8.

The win was a double whammy for Bromac Lodge.

No Fears is from the same maternal family as one of the Bromac Lodge trot broodmare team in Habibti Sadie, the unraced half-sister to top trot mares, Habibti (1:56.5) and Habibti Ivy (1:58.4), and other star winners, Ten Too (seven wins), Releven Dream (1:57.3), Lothario (1:57.4) and Habibti Inta (2:00.9).

It's been a patient process with No Fears, now a seven-year-old Majestic Son gelding who Michelle races with Huntingdon, Ashburton, trainer Patrick O'Reilly.

But it appears the horse may have finally turned the corner after doing plenty of jog miles to keep him settled.

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He was successful at his 12th start and has been more solid in both starts this season.

No Fears showed a good turn of speed in the hands of Patrick O'Reilly's brother Gerard to take out the Morrison's Saddlery & Feed Trot.

Unhurried early, No Fears took off wide at the 700m and shot past the leader Topnotch Titan beginning the final 400m.

Clear into the straight, he held late finisher Rebel Kibbybones by 2 1/4 lengths in 3:30.2 (2600m stand) in the slushy conditions.

He joins Frisson (two NZ & four Aust. wins, \$49,941), Never Fear (five wins) and Hustle Hill (one win), as winners from as many foals to race from Without Fear (Sundon-Fickle), herself a winner of six from 37 starts and the inaugural winner of the 2003 New Zealand Trotting Oaks for Michelle, when prepared and driven by Patrick O'Reilly.

Fickle, the grand-dam of No Fears, was an unraced daughter of Wide Acclaim, who besides leaving Without Fear, also left early useful trotters Fear Not (six wins) and Roy McCloy (four), and latterly the 2006 NZ 2YO Trotting Filly of the Year in Fear Factor, who only raced 18 times for four wins including the NZ Sires Stakes 2YO Trotters Championship and NZ 2YO Trotting Stakes.

Fear Factor, sold by Michelle after placing at her only 2YO start for Patrick O'Reilly, won her next three 2YO starts for the Mark Purdon stable.

She's also bred on, leaving the speedy Not About The Money (two 2YO wins), who was retired after only nine starts, then top trotter Prince Fearless (1:55, eight wins from 33 starts for \$182,917) for the Mark Purdon and Natalie Rasmussen stable.

Prince Fearless has won the 2014 PGG Wrightson NZ Yearling Sales 2YO trot; Group Three Hambletonian Classic at Ashburton in 1:56.6 and the 2017 Group Three Central Victoria Trotting Championship in Australia.

Fear Factor, being bred from by Breckon Farms, is also the dam of minor winners Megamind (one win from six starts) and Stress Factor (one win from seven 2YO starts last term).

The connection to Bromac Lodge's Habibt Sadie comes through Gay Helen, the grand-dam of Fickle, who is also the great grand-dam of Ten To One, the dam of Habibt Sadie and her illustrious half-brothers and half-sisters.

The main claim to fame for Gay Helen, who won once, was that she was a half-sister to the 1952 New Zealand Cup winner Mobile Globe.

Through different subsequent maternal lines, she now has another claim to fame, founding two successful trotting families.

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