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LOGAN TO EXAMINE OPTIONS FOR WYNDSPELLE



Promising two-year-old Wyndspelle (closest to camera) could tackle the Gr. 1 ATC Sires Produce Stakes at Randwick during The Championships if all goes to plan.

The Ruakaka training partnership of Donna Logan and Chris Gibbs could have a two-pronged attack on the first day of The Championships in Sydney next month with **Wyndspelle (NZ)** (Iffraaj) putting his name forward to accompany stablemate Volkstok'n'barrell (NZ) (Tavistock) across the Tasman.

The lightly raced Iffraaj colt produced a determined finish to snatch second in Saturday's Gr. 1 Sistema Diamond Stakes at Ellerslie, in the process indicating a step up in distance would suit perfectly for his next assignment. That

has left Logan and the colt's connections with a decision to make as to where that challenge will take place.

"It was a superb run as he really finished off the race in impressive style, in what was his biggest test to date," noted Logan.

"He's crying out for more ground already and is going to make a terrific three-year-old but there are a couple of options available for him before he finishes this campaign."

Those options include the Gr. 1 Courtesy Ford Manawatu Sires' Produce Stakes (1400m) at Awapuni on the 2nd of

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April or a trip to Sydney to contest the \$1m Gr. 1 ATC Sires' Produce Stakes at Randwick on the same day.

"We're going to let the dust settle and see how he is before we make any decision," said Logan.

"I know his owners are keen on looking at the race in Sydney so we will have to work out what would be needed to get a start there or whether we stay closer to home with him and head to Awapuni."

Should the decision fall in the favour of an Australian raid then the colt would travel with Volkstok'n'barrell who Logan confirmed would have his next run in the headline event on the first day of The Championships, the \$3m Gr. 1 Doncaster Handicap (1600m).

Logan was both delighted and relieved to see her stable star capture the Gr. 1 Bonecrusher New Zealand Stakes on

Saturday after surviving a protest from runner-up Girl Of My Dreams (NZ) (Gold Centre).

"I don't know what it is with that race as it is the second time we've been involved in both a nose decision and a protest afterwards," she chuckled.

"We didn't get the race last year with Rising Romance but managed to keep it this time so I'm not sure what might happen if we have a runner next year."

Logan reported Volkstok'n'barrell had come through his race in fine fettle and was cherry ripe to tackle his Sydney task. The Tavistock gelding is no stranger to success at the Sydney Autumn carnival having taken out the Gr. 1 Rosehill Guineas (2000m) twelve months ago before finishing third to Mongolian Khan (Holy Roman Emperor) in the Gr. 1 ATC Derby (2400m).

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	RUNNERS	WINNERS	WINS	STAKESWINNERS	STAKES PLACED	G1 WINNERS
DARCI BRAHMA	72	34	55	3	6	-
PER INCANTO	70	24	35	3	5	1
SAVABEEL	70	20	24	3	1	-
TAVISTOCK	46	18	30	3	5	-



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POSTBOY EYES POTENTIAL GROUP ONE PRIZE

A comfortable victory on his first outing at Ellerslie has Awapuni trainer Royden Bergerson eyeing a tilt at the last Group One prize of the season with Saturday's comprehensive winner **Postboy (NZ)** (Postponed).

The six-year-old Postponed gelding took on a strong field of rating 85 rivals in the Crombie Lockwood sponsored contest and gave them all a beating as he surged clear to score by over a length in a slick 1.34.61 for the 1600 metre journey.

Bergerson was quick to pay credit to rider Opie Bosson who settled his charge expertly in the trail throughout before dashing clear halfway down the home straight for a clear-cut

victory.

"It was a gun ride by Opie as he put him in the right spot and he always seemed to be travelling like a winner," he remarked.

"He was always on the bridle and looked the winner a long way out. I might just give him a brief freshen up now and then come back for the Easter as he would likely get in with a light weight."

Rider Opie Bosson was equally impressed by the performance of his mount.

"He travelled beautifully throughout and once I got the gap he gave me a really good kick," he reported.

"He's getting better and better all the time and he had no problems going this way around for the first time."

The Manco Easter is the last Group One race of the New Zealand racing season and will be run at Ellerslie on the 23rd of April. Bergerson may however have to reassess his charge's weight and chances of getting a start as the 2016 edition of the time honoured event will be run for the first time under

Race	ARC Crombie Lockwood H. 1600m.
Winner	Postboy (NZ) 2009
Owners	D P & Mrs K C Fleming
Trainer	Royden Bergerson (Awapuni)
Breeding	by Postponed (USA) out of Toat by Kaapstad
Breeder	D P & Mrs K C Fleming; Central; NZ



set weights and penalties criteria as opposed to the traditional handicap conditions.

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Postboy and Opie Bosson are cruising as they head to the winning post at Ellerslie





FULLY FUNDED EXTENDS HIS ELLERSLIE RECORD WITH COMPREHENSIVE PERFORMANCE

Progressive sprinter **Fully Funded (NZ)** (Fully Fledged) extended his burgeoning record of success at New Zealand racing's premier venue when he lumped a healthy 60 kilogram impost to victory in the opening event on Auckland Cup Day at Ellerslie on Saturday.

The four-year-old has finished out of the money just once in six starts at headquarters with the last three of his five career wins coming at the track where his co-owner, Peter Walker, is a board member of the Auckland Racing Club. Walker, who races Fully Funded with longtime friends and racing partners Sir Patrick Hogan and Alistair Sutherland, was briefly overcome with emotion after the victory.

"The lady who I bought him off, I brought up from the South Island to see the race so I'm a little bit emotional about it," he said after the race.

"He's a good horse but he's just got so much to learn. I put the blinkers on him to make him concentrate and they broke 1.10 so it's a pretty good gallop with 60kg on his back."

The victory took the gelding's stake earnings over the \$100,000 mark with Walker confident there was more in store next season.

"Just wait until next year as he's a serious horse," he said.



Fully Funded continued his Ellerslie love affair with another comprehensive victory on the weekend

"He fights on which he has shown right through. I don't know if he's a Railway horse but he certainly wouldn't be carrying that sort of weight and you just never know."

The win was the first of two on the day for leading rider Opie Bosson who was also successful on Postboy (NZ) (Postponed) later on to take his season tally to 63 victories which places him fourth on the National Premiership ladder behind current leader Lisa Allpress.

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Race	ARC White Cliffs Timber H. 1200m.
Winner	Fully Funded (NZ) 2011
Owners	Sir Patrick Hogan, A J Sutherland & P J Walker
Trainer	Joanne Surgenor (Ardmore Lodge)
Breeding	by Fully Fledged out of Keshava by Maroof (USA)
Breeder	Miss H & Miss K E Sanders; Canterbury; NZ
Sales	2013 South Island 2YO & Mixed Sale V: Mansfield Farm \$15000 P: PJ Walker





COLLETT TEAM ALL SMILES AT ELLERSLIE

Lightly raced three-year-old filly **Cinematic** (Dane Shadow) made it a good day for team Collett when she dashed home to snatch a narrow but impressive victory at Ellerslie on the weekend.

Rider Alysha Collett timed her finishing run perfectly on the slightly wayward daughter of Dane Shadow, who is prepared at Pukekohe by her father Richard, as she dashed home from a midfield position to collar pacemaker Heart Of Th'Castle (NZ) (Castledale) right on the winning post.

Collett admitted she hadn't been that confident of making it to the post in front despite having a lovely run throughout the race.

"She had a nice gate today and with a lot of speed on it gave me the opportunity to take a sit in behind," she explained.

"I wasn't that confident in the run home as she actually doesn't know what she's doing yet. She was changing legs and her ears were pricked but we got there though."

Richard Collett was confident going into the race despite suffering a setback with the filly after her last run where she finished second to the promising Marciano (NZ) (Faltaat) back in early January.

"She was supposed to run on Karaka Million night but she stood on a plate and punctured her sole so that's why she has had so long between runs," he explained.

"She's a filly who just keeps getting better and better. She only had one run as a two-year-old and was stakes placed so she has got quality."

Collett wasn't sure as to the immediate programme for the filly although an attempt at the Gr. 3 Cambridge Breeders' Stakes at Te Rapa on the 30th of April was a distinct possibility.

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Race	ARC Waste Management H. 1200m.
Winner	Cinematic (AUS) (2012)
Owners	Archer Corporation Ltd, S P Donovan, C Miller & T Ryley
Trainer	Richard Collett (Pukekohe Park)
Breeding	by Dane Shadow (AUS) out of Snapshots (AUS) by Success Express (USA)
Breeder	Torryburn Stud



Cinematic dashes to the front in a blanket finish to race 2 at Ellerslie



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MR SCORSESE LOOKS AN EXCITING FIND FOR LAXON

The Laurie Laxon-Oscar Racing Stable team may have unveiled something out of the box in debut winner **Mr Scorsese (NZ)** (Pentire) on Sunday.

The nine-time Singapore champion trainer and last two years' champion owner have not had a bad start to the year with Helen (NZ) (Falkirk), Frances (NZ) (Murta Jill), Ron (NZ) (Align) and Miss Blanchett (NZ) (Battle Paint) having already scored for the 16-year-old combination, but that latest addition to their long honour roll of winners exuded that

Race	Singapore TC Restricted Maiden S. 1000m.
Winner	Mr Scorsese (NZ) 2012
Owners	Oscar Racing Stable
Trainer	Laurie Laxon (Kranji)
Breeding	by Pentire (GB) out of Marie Claire by O'Reilly
Breeder	P J & P M Vela Ltd; Waikato; NZ
Sales	2014 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale V: Pencarrow Stud \$80000 P: LK Laxon

oomph factor which does grab the attention a little more.

Time will tell if Mr Scorsese will scale the same heights as Affleck (NZ) (Battle Paint), Daniel (NZ) (Guillotine) or Dreyfuss (NZ) (Sufficient), but from the way the three-year-old by Pentire came from off the pace in the \$75,000 Restricted Maiden race over 1000m to sweep past his seven rivals for a very soft win had a few superlatives flying already.

"I was only worried the 1000m might be too short for him, but they rolled along and that suited him," said assistant-trainer Shane Ellis deputising for Laxon who is away on a train holiday getaway in Thailand.

"He might be a Singapore Three-Year-Old Challenge candidate, maybe even up to the Singapore Guineas (1600m) as he's definitely looking for longer.

"Vlad (Duric) has a big opinion of him as well."

The Australian jockey certainly gave Laxon's ninth 2016 winner a big wrap after he jumped off.

"I trialled him twice and he showed good improvement at his second trial," said Duric.

"He was still a touch green, but he worked well and I thought he was a very smart horse.

"Today, he was still a bit green early but he was okay after that once I tucked him in behind runners.

"All I had to do afterwards was to navigate him around and the race was always in his keeping. He scored a soft win in the end."

Trainer Laurie Laxon looks to have unearthed another special talent in impressive debutant Mr Scorsese





SUCCESSION SHEDS BRIDESMAID'S TAG AT LAST

The step-up to the mile was the key to **Succession (NZ)** (Rip Van Winkle) finally finding the line at his sixth outing on Sunday.

The Rip Van Winkle three-year-old has been one of the most consistent newcomers to trainer Michael Freedman's yard (soon to become James Peters' in around three weeks' time), never finishing out of the placings in five runs between 1200m and 1400m.

A get-behind-run-home sort, Succession was again ridden cold in the \$65,000 Initiation race over 1600m, taking a trail behind even-money favourite Laughing Buffalo (NZ) (Volksraad) in eighth spot before asserting his superiority at the 300m mark.

Peters said there were no two ways about Succession's maiden win, just a natural progression to what he had been through at his first few runs.

"He was looking for the step-up to the mile at all his starts. He ran outpaced most of the time but didn't quite get there," said the Englishman who will take over as full-fledged trainer

from Freedman on 1 April.

"We've always ridden him quiet and he's been consistently running on late. At his last start, he came from near last with Michael Rodd.

"Alan gave him a good ride, he followed the favourite patiently,

and it's also true that we were helped by the three kilos we got off Cliffy's (Brown) horse (Laughing Buffalo)."

Raced by the Red Cosmos Stable, an offshoot of the China Horse Club, Succession has amazingly already collected close to \$90,000 in stakes, largely due to his previous three seconds and two placings.

"I rode him before and he's a much better horse now," said Munro.

"He was travelling very well and he was very strong to the line."

Race	Singapore TC Initiation P. 1600m.
Winner	Succession (NZ) 2012
Owners	Red Cosmos Stable
Trainer	Michael Freedman (Kranji)
Breeding	by Rip Van Winkle (IRE) out of Royal Ambition by Royal Academy (USA)
Breeder	Mrs J M & T Hobson; Waikato; NZ
Sales	2014 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale V: Lyndhurst Farm \$90000 P: Michael Freedman



Succession finally shed his maiden status at Kranji on Sunday



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NZ STALLION AWARDS

THE CENTAINE AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$7,346,368
PENTIRE	\$6,937,495
O'REILLY	\$5,413,513
DARCI BRAHMA	\$4,636,504
PINS	\$4,542,250
IFFRAAJ	\$4,347,423
TAVISTOCK	\$4,171,770
ZABEEL	\$3,813,341
ELUSIVE CITY	\$3,459,618
KEEPER	\$2,750,173

Criteria: Sire whose NZ-conceived progeny have accumulated the highest stakes earnings worldwide

THE DEWAR STALLION TROPHY

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
PENTIRE	\$6,051,843
SAVABEEL	\$4,286,924
ZABEEL	\$3,305,328
IFFRAAJ	\$2,897,209
DARCI BRAHMA	\$2,895,430
TAVISTOCK	\$2,527,746
PINS	\$2,390,354
O'REILLY	\$2,186,068
THORN PARK	\$1,575,397
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$1,506,307

Criteria: Sire whose progeny have accumulated the highest combined stakes earnings in Australia & New Zealand

THE GROSVENOR AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$1,984,435
DARCI BRAHMA	\$1,722,265
IFFRAAJ	\$1,381,700
PINS	\$1,050,434
TAVISTOCK	\$1,008,275
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$967,075
PENTIRE	\$932,226
THORN PARK	\$832,808
COLOMBIA	\$812,300
ALAMOSIA	\$796,766

BEST PERFORMERS	EARNINGS
KAWI	\$498,000
JULINSKY PRINCE	\$287,500
XIONG FENG	\$579,685
DECORAH	\$138,400
VOLKSTOK'N'BARRELL	\$238,750
VALLEY GIRL	\$254,625
XTRAVAGANT	\$417,500
RYAN MARK	\$217,400
ADDICTIVE HABIT	\$376,750
STOLEN DANCE	\$267,725

Criteria: Leading Sires by Earnings in New Zealand



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NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG

**MARCH
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HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
FOREVER FUN (NZ) 2010 by Elusive City (USA) out of Dangerous Seas (AUS) by Dangerous (AUS)	P Setchell; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Luard H. 1200m.	2011 National Weanling; Broodmare & Mixed Sale; V: Millfield Stud, P: Michael Wallace BStk Ltd; \$12,000 2012 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Ardsley Stud Ltd, P: Phill Cataldo BStk; \$46,000 2012 Ready to Run Sale; V: Phoenix Park, P: Magus Equine Ltd; \$80,000
ARCHIPPUS (NZ) 2010 by Keeper (AUS) out of Sara Ann by Stravinsky (USA)	Sir Patrick & Lady Hogan & A T Kelly; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Police Cup 1000m.	2012 National Yearling Sale - Premier Session; V: Cambridge Stud, P: Hong Kong Jockey Club; \$150,000

NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG

**MARCH
13**

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
ROYALE ELEGANCE (NZ) 2010 by Volksraad (GB) out of Queen of Avalon by Montjeu (IRE)	Windsor Park Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Singapore TC. Trophy H. 1600m.	2012 National Yearling Sale - Premier Session; V: Windsor Park Stud, P: RA James; \$125,000
HAMMER KING (NZ) 2011 by Iffraaj (GB) out of Swan Lake by Green Perfume (USA)	Jen Campin; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Bukit Timah H. 1200m.	

NEWS IN BRIEF

Special Force puts new outfit in limelight again

Trainer Tan Hor Khoo and the ATL Stable continued their solid early form when they combined for yet another winner at Kranji on Sunday.

The lime green silks again came to the fore this time with **Special Force (NZ)** (Falkirk) obliging at his seventh start for the relatively new outfit, grinding his way to the top prize under the strength of Benny Woodworth.

Resuming from a four-month spell but an imposing barrier trial winner two weeks ago, the Falkirk three-year-old looked fresh and keen when seen pulling double and shifting in and out for Woodworth throughout the 1200m trip of the \$65,000 Initiation race.

Tan hoped Special Force's win was a signal that his tendon issues were behind him.

"This horse rested for six months because of tendon problems, but he's been working well and trialled well two weeks ago. He was a bit fresh today as I think he is looking for longer," said Tan.

"Luckily he was on the Long Course today. He was green as well, but Benny rode him with plenty of vigour and he got home."



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NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE

**MARCH
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HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
ELITE STAR (NZ) 2012 by Pins (AUS) out of Chico by High Chaparral (IRE)	Mrs J Hines; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1100m.	2014 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale; V: Lyndhurst Farm, P: Shailer T/breds; \$55,000 2014 Ready to Run Sale; V: Bradbury Park, P: SD Baertschiger; \$140,000
MOLLY BROWNE (NZ) 2011 by Saperavi out of Patient by Doctor David (USA)	A & L Browne Bloodstock Ltd; Canterbury; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1600m.	
Winchester Club – AIR FORCE ONE (Sing.) (NZ) 2011 by Pentire (GB) out of Call Minder by Christmas Tree (AUS)	T O Harrison; Auckland; NZ	Singapore TC Benchmark 67 H. 2200m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Te Runga Stud, P: Aquanita Racing; \$120,000
POSEIDON (NZ) 2011 by Gold Centre (AUS) out of Waikiki Princess (AUS) by Turtle Island (IRE)	J R O'Brien; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Racing Guide Classic S. 1400m.	
BRAHMS AND LISZT (NZ) 2009 by Coats Choice (AUS) out of Symphony by Kaapstad	A W Jones & Mrs E W Morris; Canterbury; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1200m.	2011 National Yearling Sale - Festival Session; V: Berkley Stud, P: Mr PA Willetts; \$27,000

NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE

**MARCH
13**

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
MR SCORSESE (NZ) 2012 by Pentire (GB) out of Marie Claire by O'Reilly	P J & P M Vela Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Restricted Maiden S. 1000m	2014 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale; V: Pencarrow Stud, P: LK Laxon; \$80,000
SUCCESSION (NZ) 2012 by Rip Van Winkle (IRE) out of Royal Ambition by Royal Academy (USA)	Yashraj Pty Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1100m.	2014 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale; V: Lyndhurst Farm, P: Michael Freedman; \$90,000
NOTNOWTOMORROW (NZ) 2011 by Darci Brahma out of Do Me a Favour by Howbaddouwantit (USA)	Yashraj Pty Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1100m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Leanach Lodge Ltd, P: Dean Hawthorne B/stock / Anzac Lodge; \$55,000 2013 Ready to Run Sale; V: Anzac Lodge, P: S Baertschiger; \$90,000
SPECIAL FORCE (NZ) 2012 by Falkirk out of Asset by Golan (IRE)	Windsor Park Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Initiation P. 1200m.	2014 National Yearling Sale - Festival Sale; V: Windsor Park Stud, P: Shailer T/breds; \$10,000 2014 Ready to Run Sale; V: Bradbury Park, P: Perfect Racing Stable; \$34,000
SPEED CRAFT (NZ) 2011 by Mastercraftsman (IRE) out of Velvet and Satin by Carnegie (IRE)	P J & P M Vela Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1800m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale; V: Pencarrow Stud, P: DC Ellis; \$40,000

