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FRONT-RUNNING HIYAAM WINS G1 VINERY STUD



Hiyaam is now a leading contender for the Gr.1 Australian Oaks on April 14 after a dashing display in Saturday's Gr.1 Vinery Stud Stakes (Bradley Photographers)

An astute front-running ride and **Hiyaam's (NZ)** (High Chaparral) stamina combined for the filly to join the leading Australian Oaks contenders after a dominant victory in the Gr.1 Vinery Stud Stakes (2000m) at Rosehill.

The Victorian three-year-old jumped to the lead when the 2000-metre trip got underway and was never under serious threat before jockey Michael Dee's initiative was rewarded with a third Group One.

Hiyaam shortened from \$15 to \$8 with the Australian TAB for the Gr.1 Australian Oaks (2400m) at Randwick on April 14 after hitting the line 1-3/4 lengths clear of the current Oaks \$3.50 favourite Unforgotten (Fastnet Rock) who is a graduate of Curraghmore's 2016 New Zealand Bloodstock draft.

Aloisia (NZ) (Azamour) was 2-1/4 lengths third, a run that saw her Oaks odds improve from \$11 to the \$6 second elect.

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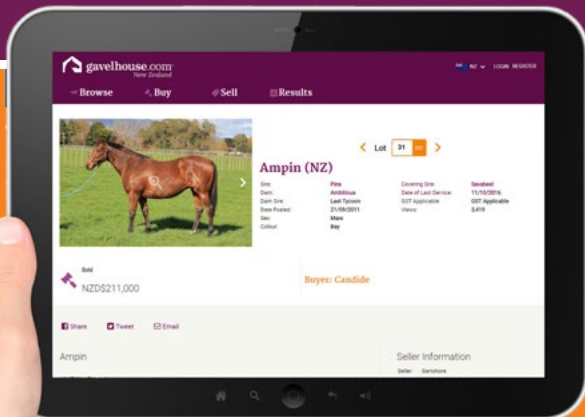
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Hiyaam recorded Caulfield-based trainer Mick Price's 33rd Group One and Dee was confident she will pose a threat in a fortnight.

"Even after the line I was still humming down the side. Bring on the Oaks, that's for sure," Dee said.

"If she can get the lead and run in the Oaks she will be hard to beat."

Price's bloodstock manager Luke Wilkinson was also optimistic about Hiyaam's first run at Randwick following her Group One win at Rosehill.

"She ran well in the (VRC) Oaks last year. It's always been the goal for her to get to the Oaks and today is a cherry on top," he said.

"It's fantastic for the mare's residual value."

Waller described Unforgotten's run as worthy of a Group One after the \$3.70 favourite improved from 11th at the 400.

"It was a brilliant run. It was a Group One-winning run today without getting the first prize," he said.

Jockey Kerrin McEvoy agreed.

"It was huge run. We just got shuffled back about the 1000 and I had to make a wide-ish run into it but hit the line full of running," he said.

"I made a good attempt to try to run down the leader but it had too much break on me. You'd think she's going to be hard to beat in the Oaks."

Unforgotten started Saturday as the joint Oaks favourite with New Zealand filly Savvy Coup (NZ) (Savabeel), who arrives in Sydney next week.

The New Zealand Oaks winner has drifted to join Hiyaam on the third line of betting.

-AAP

Race	Vinery Stud Stakes. Gr.1 2000m
Winner	Hiyaam (NZ) 2014
Owners	Sheikh Mohammed Bin Khalifa Al Maktoum
Trainer	Mick Price (Caulfield)
Breeding	by High Chaparral (IRE) out of Mazarine by Zabeel
Breeder	Sheikh Mohammed Bin Khalifa Al Maktoum

NEWS IN BRIEF

Kiwis shine at Caulfield

New Zealand bred horses won two of the undercard races at Caulfield on Easter Cup Day on Saturday.

Early in the programme the Anthony Freedman-trained **Crystal Fountain (NZ)** (Stravinsky) overcame a challenging run to win the Noel Rundle Handicap (1100m).

Stable representative Sam Freedman indicated the four-year-old mare would target stakes races in either Adelaide or Brisbane after impressing connections with her run.

"That was very pleasing. She had a few good jumpouts at home and we thought we would come here with a good chance so it was good to see her get the job done," Sam Freedman said.

Later in the day **No Commitment (NZ)** (No Excuse Needed) overcame a challenging run to win the Robert Taranto Handicap (1800m).

After drawing wide and being three-deep on the second turn, No Commitment moved forward and matched Magic Consul (Consolidator) stride for stride the last 200m getting the nod on the line.

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TEAM TE AKAU'S YOUNG TALENT SCOOPS GROUP ONE POOL

Te Akau's glorious season with their two-year-olds continued at Awapuni where **Avantage** (Fastnet Rock) completed a coveted Group One double for the operation.

She bowed to stablemate Sword Of Osman (NZ) (Savabeel) when runner-up in the Sistema Stakes (1200m), but on Saturday the Fastnet Rock filly produced a stunning performance to blitz her rivals in the Courtesy Ford Manawatu Sires' Produce Stakes (1400m).

The Stephen Autridge and Jamie Richards-trained Avantage had also led home a stable quinella in January's Karaka Million (1200m) when she beat Al Hasa (NZ) (Exceed and Excel), an earlier runaway winner of the Listed Welcome Stakes (1000m).

"She's got some value now, bring on the 1000 Guineas in the spring," Richards said. "She's a lovely filly and a pleasure to have around the stable."

Rider Danielle Johnson was able to position Avantage one off the fence in fifth spot before pouncing 250m from home

and then dashed away to account for Melt (NZ) (Iffraaj), who chased gamely, and Sir Nate (NZ) (Nadeem) who came from the back of the field for third.

Sword Of Osman went forward from a wide gate to dispute the pace one off the fence and he wilted to fourth under Troy Harris, who replaced an overweight Opie Bosson.

"She's a super filly and she was given a super ride," Richards said. "Her work since Ellerslie had been pleasing, she trained on beautifully.

Te Akau Racing's dominance of 2yo features continued with Avantage in the Gr.1 Courtesy Ford Sires' Produce Stakes (Race Images)

"Troy was caught between a rock and a hard place and the pattern of the day was getting out wide and coming home."

Avantage has now won five of her six starts and this latest victory should assure her of champion juvenile honours.

"She was very impressive, it's a huge thrill," Johnson said. "From the wide gate I got a nice run with the pace on all the way.

"I had a lot of horse underneath me and it was just a case of when to push the button."

– NZ Racing Desk.

Race	Courtesy Ford Sires' Produce Stakes. Gr.1 1400m
Winner	Avantage 2015
Owners	Te Akau Avantage Syndicate (Mgr: KW Fenton-Ellis MNZM)
Trainer	Stephen Autridge & Jamie Richards (Matamata)
Breeding	by Fastnet Rock (AUS) out of Asavant by Zabeel
Breeder	Mr W Calder & Mrs K N Calder
Sales	2017 Premier Sale; V: The Oaks Stud, P: Mr DC Ellis; \$210,000





MARE'S WIN CAPS AWAPUNI CRACKER

Our Abbadean (NZ) (Lookin At Lucky) completed a stellar black type day at Awapuni for her trainers and jockey with the first stakes victory of her career.

The Stephen Autridge and Jamie Richards-prepared five-year-old was a dashing winner of the Gr.2 City of Palmerston North Awapuni Gold Cup (2000m) in the hands of Danielle Johnson.

The Cambridge-based jockey had earlier claimed the Gr.1 Courtesy Ford Manawatu Sires' Produce Stakes (1400m) on stablemate Avantage (Fastnet Rock) and in between times guided Magnum (NZ) (Per Incanto) to win in the Listed Bramco Granite & Marble Flying Handicap (1400m).

Johnson subsequently added the Kevin O'Connor & Associates Premier (1550m) aboard Dream Dancer (NZ)

(Rip Van Winkle) to give trainer Chris Bothwell his first training success in his own right.

"It's been a really good day for all of us," Richards said.

Our Abbadean's success significantly boosted the value of the Wentwood Grange-bred and raced daughter of Lookin At Lucky, who has now won six of her 22 starts.

"We think the Hawke's Bay Cup will be a nice fit for the mare," Richards said. "We'll discuss all the options with the owners, but that looks a good race for her."

Our Abbadean, who had also won her previous start over 2200m at Trentham, came with a well-timed finish from back in the field to beat Five To Midnight (NZ) (Domesday) and last year's winner Sampson (NZ) (Dubai Destination).

The runner-up was making his first appearance since he was narrowly beaten in the Gr.1 Auckland Cup (3200m) and is now likely to head across the Tasman for a tilt at the Gr.1 Sydney Cup (3200m).

"He's a genuine two-miler and he's a lot stronger this year," trainer Lisa Latta said.

– NZ Racing Desk.

Race	Palmerston North Awapuni Gold Cup. Gr.2 2000m
Winner	Our Abbadean (NZ) 2012
Owners	Llanhennock Trust
Trainer	Stephen Autridge & Jamie Richards (Matamata)
Breeding	by Lookin At Lucky (USA) out of Highland Lights (AUS) by Fantastic Light (USA)
Breeder	Llanhennock Trust



Our Abbadean (No. 9) beats Five To Midnight (No. 4) in the Gr. 2 City of Palmerston North Awapuni Gold Cup (Race Images)





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SHERRIF GUNS DOWN AWAPUNI RIVALS

Rising star **Sherrif (NZ)** (High Chaparral) put up a compelling argument for a trip to Australia with an emphatic performance at Awapuni.

The High Chaparral three-year-old stepped out over ground for the first time in Saturday's Gr.3 Higgins Concrete Manawatu Classic (2000m) and showed staying is his game with a hollow victory.

"It was only his third start after one over 1400m and one over a mile so it was very exciting the way he executed today,"

Race	Higgins Concrete Manawatu Classic Gr.3 2000m
Winner	Sherrif (NZ) 2014
Owners	Mr B J Lindsay MNZM & Mrs J E A Lindsay
Trainer	Roger James (Cambridge)
Breeding	by High Chaparral (IRE) out of J'Adane by Danehill (USA)
Breeder	Mr B J Lindsay MNZM & Mrs J E A Lindsay

trainer Roger James' racing manager Robert Wellwood said.

"Since we gelded him he's come of age. Hopefully, the sky's the limit for him."

Sherrif's effort will have connections giving serious consideration to the Gr.1 Queensland Derby (2400m) during the winter carnival in Brisbane.

"That's an opportunity obviously, but we'll see how he pulls up first," Wellwood said.

Raced by breeders Brendan and Jo Lindsay, Sherrif is out of the Group One-performed Danehill mare J'Adane (NZ) who is also the dam of stablemate and Gr.3 Trentham Stakes (2100m) winner Von Tunzelman (NZ) (Zabeel).

"I think J'Adane is the stable's favourite mare, we've had a bit of luck with her progeny," Wellwood said.

Sherrif was among the last three in the running before rider Leith Innes urged him forward and a powerful closing

400m saw them too good for Gundown, also by High Chaparral, and Joe's Legacy (NZ) (Guillotine).

"Leith made the comment that the middle of the track was a bit better," Wellwood said.

"He was a long way off them on the corner and they did a huge job to pick them all up. It's a super result for the owners and all the staff at home.

– NZ Racing Desk.



Quality three-year-old Sherrif was an impressive Awapuni winner in the Gr.3 Higgins Concrete Manawatu Classic (Race Images)

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MAGNUM GIVES CONNECTIONS REASON TO CELEBRATE

Former Singapore galloper **Magnum (NZ)** (Per Incanto) opened his winning account in New Zealand with stakes success at Awapuni on Saturday.

The New Zealand-bred son of Per Incanto was too good for his sprinting rivals in the Listed Bramco Granite & Marble Flying Handicap (1400m) and his connections are now keen to step the five-year-old up in distance.

"I think a mile will be his go," trainer Lauren Brennan said. "We're looking at the Easter Handicap."

Magnum was originally in her Cambridge stable and won three trials before he transferred to the Kranji operation of Michael Freedman.

He was successful three times for Freedman and when he decided to return to Sydney the gelding was taken over by Englishman James Peters, who won a further race with him.

Joint issues resulted in Magnum returning home to his birthplace at Little Avondale Stud, who share in the ownership, for a good break before Brennan took charge of the five-year-old again.

"It's like he's never been away," she said. "He's got the best temperament in the world, he's the coolest horse to have around and he's got a great mind. We're rapt with him."



It was a successful NZ homecoming for Magnum who took out the Listed Bramco Granite & Marble Flying Handicap at Awapuni (Race Images)

Magnum pleased connections with his resuming effort for second in February and while then unplaced in the Gr.3 Darley Stallions Plate (1200m), he didn't disappoint.

"He got well back and hit the line strongly," Brennan said

Magnum was ridden close to the pace by Danielle Johnson at Awapuni and after hitting the front early in the run home held the late runs of Ruby Armani (NZ) (Makfi) and Shadows Cast (NZ) (Per Incanto) successfully at bay.

– NZ Racing Desk.

Race	Bramco Granite & Marble Flying Handicap. L 1400m
Winner	Magnum (NZ) 2012
Owners	Sam Williams, Ben Falloon, Jason Fleming, Justin Knight, Johnnie Walker, Peter Taylor, David Wallace & Michael Wallace
Trainer	Lauren Brennan (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Per Incanto (USA) out of Sound Lover by Sound Reason (CAN)
Breeder	Little Avondale Trust
Sales	2014 Premier Sale; V: Little Avondale Stud, P: Michael Freedman/ Michael Wallace Bloodstock; \$100,000



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BE BEE TAKES OUT SINGAPORE 3YO SPRINT IN STYLE

Be Bee (NZ) (Showcasing) handed trainer Shane Baertschiger his first accolade in the Singapore Three-Year-Old Challenge following his storming win in the first Leg, the S\$250,000 Singapore Three-Year-Old Sprint (1200m) on Friday.

“That was his main objective all along. I brought him back early (after his two-year-old campaign) in December, and he won first-up,” Baertschiger said.

Race	Singapore Three-year-old Sprint 1200m
Winner	Be Bee (NZ) 2014
Owners	Auric Stable
Trainer	Shane Baertschieger (Singapore)
Breeding	by Showcasing (GB) by My Other Woman (AUS) by Fusaichi Pegasus (USA)
Breeder	Mrs N M Leicester
Sales	2016 Select Sale; V: Haunui Farm, P: Glen Harvey Bloodstock; \$220,000 – 2016 Ready To Run Sale of 2yos; V: Ascot Farm, P: Mr SD Baertschieger; \$250,000

“JP (John Powell) gave him a great ride even if he was further back than I would have liked. I was panicking a bit, but there was a lot of speed in the race.

“He will now go for the second Leg and I’ll see how he goes before deciding on the Guineas.”

The S\$500,000 Singapore Three-Year-Old Classic (1400m) will be run on April 22 while the grand final, the S\$1 million Singapore Guineas (1600m) will take place on May 26.

Be Bee won by 1 ¼ lengths from Mr Clint (NZ) (Power) who won the battle for the minors by a short head from Captain Jamie (Captain Sonador). The winning time was 1min 9.89secs for the 1200m on the Short Course on a yielding track.

With that fourth win from eight starts, Be Bee has more than recouped his price tag of NZ\$250,000 at the 2016 New Zealand Ready-to-Run sale from the draft of Ascot Farm, having now amassed around S\$420,000 in prizemoney for the Auric Stable.

Powell, who has partnered Be Bee at all his eight runs bar

the debut win when Barend Vorster was aboard, said waiting tactics could be the way forward for the exciting three-year-old.

“He’s a nice horse, but he’s been a bit unlucky when he raced against older horses,” said Powell.

“I think we also raced him too close and today we wanted him to settle back in sixth or seventh. When we put him on the speed, he doesn’t finish off as well.

“He was off the bridle coming to the outside and he quickened up really well. He really deserved that win.

“If we ride him off the speed like today, I think he can run out the 1400m. He will be suited by a good speed and we have to ride him quiet as well.”

-STC



Be Bee stamps his class in the Singapore 3yo Sprint on Friday (STC)





DERBY ON LIM'S REGARD'S RADAR AFTER ALL-THE-WAY WIN

Lim's Regard (NZ) (Red Giant) will be aimed towards the Emirates Singapore Derby after his catch-me-if-you-can winning tactics paid handsome dividends on Friday.

Singapore champion trainer Mark Walker said the bold frontrunning four-year-old son of Red Giant has earned a well-deserved break following his 3 ¾-length romp in the S\$100,000 Super Easy 2012 Stakes, a

Kranji Stakes B race over 2000m – and certainly a shot at the third and final Leg of the Singapore Four-Year-Old Challenge in July.

The glamour race is now run over 1800m and was recently brought forward by one week to July 15.

“He needed a freshen-up at some stage and since the Derby is in July, he will get it now after today’s win,” said Walker.

“He is a slow-maturing type and he has really strengthened up mentally and physically. We always thought he would be a Derby horse.”

Lim's Regard was up in grade after coming off a strong win in Kranji Stakes C company in a mile race on March 18. He was ringing up his fourth win from 13 starts for prizemoney that has shot past the S\$210,000 mark for the Lim's Stable.

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Lim's Regard led all the way to win at the Singapore Turf Club on Friday (STC)





DERBY ON LIM'S REGARD'S RADAR AFTER ALL-THE-WAY WIN

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While loftier targets were always on the agenda for Lim's Regard, some might have thought jockey Ryan Curatolo may have lost his compass when he allowed his mount to open up to as much as 12 lengths coming off the backstraight.

By the home turn, the tearaway leader did come back about three lengths to the chasing pack headed by Chairman, but the gulf in between was clearly not melting away as expected.

Walker said the plan was to lead, but not by such a big space so early, even if the astute trainer was not all that concerned by the widening gap from the 1400m to the 800m.

"They were not going that hard. He

was just left alone in front," said the New Zealander.

"Mick (Dittman, Lim's Stable's racing manager) and I discussed and we thought he would slide forward to go to the front, or take a sit if someone bothered him, but nobody did.

"He just kept running."

Curatolo said he just rode his own race without worrying too much what the others were doing at the back.

"He went to the front easily and I had no idea they were so far behind me," said the French jockey.

"He was always on the bridle and I had him going at a good, solid but steady tempo. The way he was going, I didn't think the others would catch him.

"I gave him a slap on the shoulder at the top of the straight just to get him to kick again and he did.

"Obviously, the trainer has done a good job with him and I feel he will improve further from that run."

-STC

Race	Super Easy 2012 Stakes 2000m
Winner	Lim's Regard (NZ) 2013
Owners	Lim's Stable
Trainer	Mark Walker (Singapore)
Breeding	by Red Giant (USA) out of Celtic Class (AUS) by Spectrum (IRE)
Breeder	T W Archer Trust
Sales	2015 Ready To Run Sale of 2yos; V: Totara Park, P: Mr Lim Siah Mong; \$72,000

NEWS IN BRIEF

Zed smashes 'Em at Oakbank

Zed Em (NZ) (Zed) stamped himself as Australia's premier jumps horse with a dominant display to win Saturday's Great Eastern Steeplechase (4950m) at Oakbank for trainer Patrick Payne.

Sent out the ruling \$1.60 favourite by punters, the seven-year-old led from the first obstacle until the last, jumping cleanly throughout to score by four lengths.

The victory, jockey Steven Pateman's fifth in the marathon contest, added to Zed Em's wins in the Von Doussa (2016 and 2017), the Brierly Steeplechase and the Thackeray Steeplechase, with Payne now eyeing the traditional Brierly-Grand Annual Steeplechase double at Warrnambool's upcoming May Racing Carnival.

Earlier, jumps doyenne Eric Musgrove claimed his ninth Classic Hurdle (3600m) win when emerging stayer Abebe (NZ) (Pentire) won the A\$100,000 feature.





HILL KNOWS NEW WINNER'S PREFERRED STYLE

After knocking on the door for a while, **Preferred (NZ)** (Elusive City) finally opened his account for his new handler David Hill on Friday.

The Elusive City six-year-old only moved to the Englishman last November, landing with a handy enough record of two wins, three seconds and six thirds from 31 starts when first prepared by Theo Kieser.

Stable transfers are never guaranteed formulas for improved form, but the Secondtonone Stable-owned galloper has somehow found a second lease of life with the change of scenery.

Even if Preferred had not yet won for Hill in five starts, the three seconds, one third and one fourth, all coming from behind, suggested his winning turn was not far off, and it could not have occurred any sooner in the S\$60,000 Kiwi Karma 2015 Stakes, a Class 4 Premier race over 1100m.

"This horse has been running very consistently since he's been transferred to me," said Hill.

"I don't do much with him as he's a lovely old horse. I just keep him happy and he deserves today's win."

Rider Olivier Placais, who was at win No 10 for the season, was for one delighted his faith in Preferred has finally paid off.

"I'm very happy he's won today. I've been riding him since he started to race for David," Placais said.

"David has done a good job with him. He can lose his concentration a little, but he has been in good form, and he won a nice race today.



Preferred scored his first win for new trainer David Hill on Friday (STC)

"I was close to Nooresh in the race and I know his horse well. My horse showed a very good fighting spirit at the top of the straight and was very strong to the line.

"Well done to the team."

Preferred has now taken his stakes earnings past the S\$210,000 mark for his connections.

-STC

Race	Kiwi Karma 2015 Stakes
Winner	Preferred (NZ) 2011
Owners	Secondtonone Stable
Trainer	David Hill (Singapore)
Breeding	by Elusive City ((USA) out of My Kindaway by Howbaddouwantit (USA)
Breeder	Mrs A J M & S T Fraser
Sales	2013 Select Sale; V: Maara Grange, P: NZB as agent; \$37,500

