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BRIGHT FUTURE TIPPED FOR KIWI-BRED GRUNT



Exciting four-year-old Grunt makes his new season debut at Caulfield on Saturday

Trainer Mick Price is eagerly awaiting Saturday's Gr.2 P.B. Lawrence Stakes (1400m) with a trio of gallopers set for spring riches — **Grunt (NZ)** (O'Reilly), **Mighty Boss** (Not A Single Doubt) and Holy Snow (Fastnet Rock) — resuming.

His three four-year-old stallions have drawn alongside each other with Holy Snow in barrier five, Grunt in six and Mighty Boss in seven.

O'Reilly's Group One winning son Grunt is expected to be a major player at weight-for-age this spring and connections will be looking to further enhance the stallion credentials of the well-bred four-year-old.

"He's pretty spot on," Price said.

"He has to get around Caulfield and he is a big track horse, so things have to work out for him.

"I'd like to see him with a bit of room before the corner sweeping into it and hopefully there is a bit of pace on.

"We want a proper tempo and for him to get out in plenty of time and be able to wind up and see how he goes.

"As long as he runs well, I will be happy. if there is something a bit sharper than him over 1400m then fair enough.

"I can't wait to get him to Flemington, as I think that's his real course."

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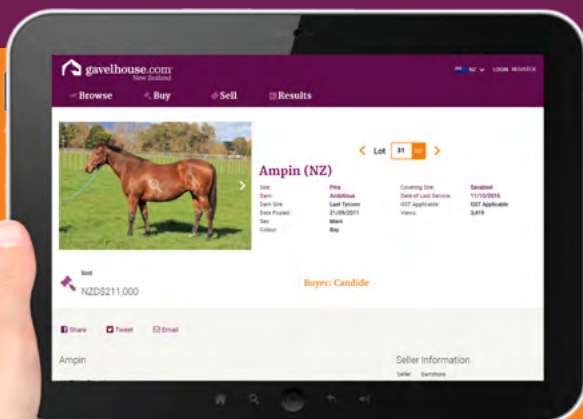
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Fellow Karaka graduate and Gr.1 Caulfield Guineas (1600m) winner Mighty Boss is also pleasing the Caulfield conditioner ahead of his resuming run.

“I think Mighty Boss is going great, he probably has a bit of a better turn of foot than the other two, and he’ll probably be in a bit more of a forward position.

“There’s not a lot between them. I guess Grunt is going to be the one with the biggest future of the three.”

Meanwhile, Price is hoping the inside draw will aid former

New Zealand galloper Ardrossan (Redoute’s Choice) to show his best form in the Listed Regal Roller Stakes (1200m).

“He’s going well. I’m happy with him,” he said.

“We ran him as a three-year-old here and he hung out in his races. I think he might have needed a bit more time. He is a lovely strong four-year-old entire now.

“I think he will run really well from barrier one. I’ve got the blinkers on him because he is an entire and he might be starting to think about things a little bit.”

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BIG SHOES TO **FILL FOR JULIUS**

Jason Waddell's high opinion of **Julius (NZ)** (Swiss Ace) will be put to the test in the Gr.2 Lisa Chittick Foxbridge Plate (1200m) at Te Rapa on Saturday.

"He's my horse to hopefully replace Kawi," Waddell said.

"He's the best I've ridden who hasn't won a Group One. He hasn't run in one yet, but he will and he'll be a Group One winner."

If Julius performs up to expectations on Saturday he will get his Group One opportunity at Hastings a fortnight later in the Tarzino Trophy (1400m), the same race Kawi (NZ) (Savabeel) won in 2015 and 2016.

Waddell formed a successful association with the recently retired Kawi near the end of his racing career, being aboard seven times for the last two of his seven Group One wins plus three Group One placings and a couple of Group Two placings.

The combination won the Gr.1 Haunui Farm Group One WFA Classic (1600m) and Gr.1 Captain Cook Stakes (1600m) and was a fast-finishing second in the Gr.1 Telegraph (1200m).

Waddell has also fashioned a fine record on Julius since riding him for the first time when successful at Ellerslie in January last year.

He was beaten a head on him in his next start and has been back aboard in his last two starts, the first of them being the Gr.3 Darley Stallions Plate (1200m) at Ellerslie last March which completed a Group Three double

for Julius having previously won the Concorde Handicap (1200m) at Ellerslie with Jake Bayliss in the saddle.

Although now a seven-year-old, Julius has started on just 11 occasions for seven wins and four placings and trainer John Bell plans to sparingly race him again this campaign with the Tarzino Trophy being the ultimate goal.

The son of Swiss Ace has already been installed the \$7 favourite on Fixed Odds with the TAB bookmakers for the Tarzino Trophy even though he is not guaranteed a start in the feature.

He is 21st equal in the order of entry for the 16-horse field and needs to shape up in the Foxbridge Plate to secure a start.

Buoyed by Waddell's confidence, Bell expects Julius to measure up on Saturday.

"He's a happy horse and he's improved from his first-up run," Bell said.

"He was 75 per cent ready that day."

Waddell went straight to the front fresh-up and, despite being taken on mid-race, Julius was too strong, winning by a length and a half.

"That was Jason's plan and it worked," Bell said. "He'll be making the call on how to ride him on Saturday. He knows what's best for the horse and what he can do."

If Julius does succeed in the Foxbridge Plate it will be a far more compacted programme for him backing up a fortnight later in the Tarzino Trophy.

"He only had three runs in the whole of last season and now he'd be having three in a month," Bell said. "But you can't be too precious. We've looked after him and now he's ready for it."

"He can go out for a spell until Christmas after the Tarzino."

- NZ Racing Desk



Exciting sprinter Julius faces his biggest test in the Gr.2 Lisa Chittick Foxbridge Plate at Te Rapa tomorrow





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POTENTIAL COX PLATE CAMPAIGN FOR MILSEAIN

Milseain, a full-sister to Hong Kong Champion Werther, is set to start her spring preparation at Randwick on Saturday, which could potentially result in a tilt at the Gr.1 Cox Plate (2040m).

The multiple Group placed mare holds a nomination for the weight-for-age feature and will have her first start for trainer Kris Lees in the Nicholas Moraitis Handicap (1400m).

The Tavistock four-year-old joined Lees' stable two months ago and has pleased her trainer in her two trial starts to date.

"I have been quite pleased with her trials," Lees said. "She worked home nice and Kerrin McEvoy was quite glowing in his appraisal after her recent trial.

"It's an awkward gate (13) on Saturday, so we'll probably ride her fairly conservatively first-up.

"The tracks are pretty firm at the moment, and with the seven metre rail, I wouldn't think you could win from well back. But I just want to see her work home and set-up for a nice preparation hopefully.

"I've been really happy with her since she's arrived, she's a nice mare and came over in good order."

Trained in New Zealand by Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman, Milseain was purchased out of Highden Park's 2016 New Zealand Bloodstock Premier Yearling Sale draft for \$300,000 by Sona Bloodstock.

At three she recorded a win and four Group placings in five starts, including a third-placing behind Savvy Coup in the Gr.1 New Zealand Oaks (2400m).

Lees doesn't have any firm plans for Milseain after Saturday's run, but has thrown in a Cox Plate nomination.

"Four-year-old mares that first time back around you have got to nominate them," he said.

"Whether they are up to taking that next step time will tell, but we'll give her that opportunity if she's good enough.

"I just want to have a look at her (on Saturday) given it's the first time that she has raced for us. So I'll probably get more of a guide off the run. We'll likely to continue stepping her up in trip."

Meanwhile, Group One winner **Dal Cielo (NZ)** (Per Incanto) is a dual nomination for Saturday's Randwick and Gold Coast meetings, but Lees is leaning towards starting his runner in the

Matthew Dunn Racing Open Handicap (1200m) on the Gold Coast.

The Per Incanto six-year-old, who won the Gr.1 Diamond Stakes (1200m) as a juvenile in New Zealand for trainers Murray Baker and Andrew Forman, has pleased Lees in his last two runs and he believes Dal Cielo could be back to his winning form of last year.

"He'll probably go to the Gold Coast and race Saturday," Lees said. "At this stage he'll go up there. His last two runs would suggest that he is finally back to his previous preparation after a long layoff, so I'm quite happy with him.

"He's been up for a fair while now, so we'll just try and place him and keep earning some more money for the owners."

– NZ Racing Desk

Kiwi mare Milseain has an ambitious spring target in her future if she can perform to her best in a new campaign



NEWS IN BRIEF



War Affair (NZ) (O'Reilly)

Worrying affair in Foxbridge

Stephen Marsh admits he's under a bit of pressure with his Singapore arrival **War Affair (NZ)** (O'Reilly) in the Gr.2 Lisa Chittick Foxbridge Plate (1200m) at Te Rapa on Saturday.

The Cambridge trainer knows he's got one of the highest-rated horses in the country, but that won't be enough to earn the eight-year-old son of O'Reilly a crack at the Gr.1 Tazino Trophy (1400m) at Hastings on September 1.

War Affair has earned more than \$3 million in prizemoney and is the winner of 12 races, including the \$550,000 Patron's Bowl (1600m) and the \$550,000 Raffles Cup (1800m). [Full story here](#)



Underthemoonlight (NZ) (El Hermano)

Ready for another Foxbridge Plate

Talented Matamata mare **Underthemoonlight (NZ)** (El Hermano) is on target in an attempt to successfully defend her Gr.2 Lisa Chittick Foxbridge Plate (1200m) crown at Te Rapa on Saturday.

The El Hermano mare completed a double 12 months ago when following up her win in the Listed Tauranga Classic (1400m) with a fresh-up victory in the Foxbridge Plate a couple of months later

and trainer Karyn McQuade is adopting the same approach this year.

After a win in an open 1400m event at Te Rapa on June 9, Underthemoonlight rounded off the season with a fifth in the Tauranga Classic (1400m) a fortnight later then was purposely freshened for a repeat bid on the Foxbridge Plate. [Full story here](#)



Francaletta (High Chaparral)

Postponement puts Francaletta on back foot

The postponement of last week's Te Teko trials has put smart Cambridge mare **Francaletta** (High Chaparral) on the back foot going into Saturday's Gr.2 Lisa Chittick Foxbridge Plate (1200m) at Te Rapa.

But trainers Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman are hoping the class of the High Chaparral mare can overcome the disadvantage.

"She really needed that trial last week," Forsman said. "She's a gross mare and we're just hoping she has done enough."

"She hasn't had a trial, but she had a jumpout last Friday and she had a trip away with some of our other horses to Taupo a couple of weeks ago for a gallop. That all helped."

Francaletta hasn't raced since being unplaced in the Gr.1 Coolmore Classic (1500m) at Rosehill last March, a fortnight after she made an encouraging Australian debut when third to Dixie Blossoms (Street Sense) in the Gr.2 Guy Walter Stakes (1400m) at Randwick.

She was unbeaten in her first four starts and had won six of nine starts before the Australian trip, including the Gr.3 Taranaki Breeders Stakes (1400m) before finishing second to Sensible Princess (NZ) (Street Sense) in the Gr.2 Auckland Thoroughbred Breeders Stakes (1400m) at Pukekohe.

Michael Coleman has ridden Francaletta in all bar one of her New Zealand starts and he will be reunited with her on Saturday.



New York Minute (NZ) (Iffraaj)

Change of rider for New York Minute

Jonathan Riddell will be the new rider of **New York Minute (NZ)** (Iffraaj) in the Gr.2 Lisa Chittick Foxbridge Plate (1200m) at Te Rapa on Saturday and the Gr.1 Tazino Trophy (1400m) at Hastings.

New York Minute is unbeaten in her three starts since joining the Cambridge stable of top trainers Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman this year and Lisa Allpress has been in the winning saddle on each occasion.

But Allpress has a prior commitment to the Fraser Auret-trained Sensible Princess (NZ) (Street Sense) in the Tazino Trophy on September 1, requiring a new rider to be found for New York Minute in the weight-for-age Hawke's Bay feature.

"We wanted someone who could also ride her in the Tazino Trophy so we've got Jonathan," Forsman said. "He knows her."

Riddell rode New York Minute in her first trial for Baker and Forsman, when fourth at Cambridge in May, and has a good strike rate for the stable. He picked up his 33rd win for the partners when successful on Indigenous Union (Teofilo) at Ruakaka on Sunday.

As well as her two Listed wins in the Tauranga Classic (1400m) and Opunake Cup (1400m), New York Minute has had three Group Three placings and two Listed placings, so a Group Two win this weekend would be a major boost to her worth.

"If she can even run a place this weekend it will help get her in the Tazino," Forsman said.

Tough call goes Close Up way

Grant Cooksley has made no secret of the high regard in which he holds **Seventh Up (NZ)** (Shinko King), but this weekend he will ride stablemate **Close Up (NZ)** (Shinko King)

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Close Up (NZ) (Shinko King)

when the pair meet in the Gr.2 Lisa Chittick Foxbridge Plate (1200m) at Te Rapa.

Cooksley has been enjoying an Australian holiday with his family and has been guided by Cambridge trainer Shelley Hale over which of his regular mounts he should ride on Saturday.

"I know he wanted to ride Seventh Up, but he left it up to me and I felt Close Up was a bit sharper when they worked together last Saturday morning," Hale said.

"Seventh Up did work well last Thursday and did a bit more than I wanted, but I feel he's not quite there yet.

"He has first choice each time they race and this time he's on Close Up."



Coldplay (NZ) (Savabeel)

Coldplay ready for Sydney debut

Classy New Zealand mare **Coldplay (NZ)** (Savabeel) is coming to hand nicely in her new Sydney environment as she prepares for her last campaign before commencing a breeding career.

The dual Group Two winner will race as 1 Am Coldplay in Sydney for champion trainer Chris Waller and will make her Australian debut on Saturday in the Gr.3 Toy Show Quality (1300m).

The six-year-old daughter of Savabeel has had two trials to fit her for Saturday's fillies and mares contest.

"She's a Group Two winner in New Zealand over a mile and has been running in some really good races," Waller said.

"Her trials have been fantastic and she has a good draw (7). There is nothing to say she hasn't settled in and I couldn't be happier with her. She might be one to follow."

Coldplay is raced by Gary Wallace and Waikato Stud's Garry Chittick and will be mated with Australia's champion sire Snitzel at Arrowfield Stud this spring.



Long Leaf (Fastnet Rock)

Long Leaf lines up in Vain Stakes

Lindsay Park Racing's **Long Leaf** (Fastnet Rock) will make his three-year-old debut in Saturday's Gr.3 Vain Stakes (1100m) at Caulfield.

Long Leaf hasn't raced since finishing ninth in the Gr.1 Champagne Stakes (1600m) at Randwick in April.

Hayes said Long Leaf's early spring form would determine whether the colt extends out in trip or is kept for shorter races.

"We'll either go towards the Caulfield Guineas or keep him fresh for the Coolmore Stud Stakes," Hayes said.

"He hasn't put a foot wrong and has grown and strengthened a bit and we were particularly happy with his trial down the straight.

"He was in the same trial as Oohood and they looked to be pretty even on the line.

"He's drawn an awkward barrier so I'm not sure what we'll do but it's a competitive race and we're expecting him to run well."

Peters keeps Skywalk going while force is still with him

Brilliant Korea Racing Authority Trophy (1200m) winner **Skywalk (NZ)** (Battle Paint) will attempt to go back-to-back in the S\$125,000 Kranji Stakes A race over 1100m on Sunday with trainer James Peters quietly confident in his chances.



Skywalk (NZ) (Battle Paint)

The English handler said the Battle Paint five-year-old was bucking his brands off and the Polytrack event was just what he needed.

"The course and distance are just nice for him. He loves the Polytrack," Peters said.

Peters will also saddle another China Horse Club ward in old stalwart **Olympic Anthem (NZ)** (Starcraft) in the same race on Sunday.

"Skywalk's pulled up good after his last run. It's going to be four weeks between runs, but he's been working well since," he said.

"As for Olympic Anthem, that was the only race for him. There aren't many Class 1 races over 1100m for him.

"I've been waiting for a while for a suitable race for him. He won a nice trial last week (August 8) and I expect him to give a decent account of himself, even if it's a strong race."



Rayas (NZ) (Rip Van Winkle)

Stakes mission for Rayas

Woodville trainer Shane Brown is planning a long-range stakes mission with his promising five-year-old mare **Rayas (NZ)** (Rip Van Winkle), who will resume at Waverley on Saturday.

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A winner of four of her 11 starts, Rayas has had three black-type starts and was runner-up in the Gr.3 Wellington Stakes (1600m) at Otaki two years ago and now Brown believes she can take the next step up the ladder.

He has pencilled-in the Gr.3 Rich Hill Stud Taranaki Breeders Stakes (1400m) at Hawera on October 13 for the Rip Van Winkle mare.

"She had a run at the Foxton trials (August 1) and she's set to kick off in the rating 82 1100m at Waverley," Brown said. "Then if all is well, she'll run at Hastings on the second day then we'll look at the fillies and mares race at Hawera.

"She's a good mare and she is coming up well."



War Decree

The parade will commence at 2pm on September 2 at 100a Threlkelds Road, Ohoka, North Canterbury.



Bonneval (NZ) (Makfi)

winner was on track for the appearance, until the wet weather upset the apple-cart.

"We've decided to wait and run her in one of those open trials before the first race at Taupo next week," Baker, who trains in partnership with Andrew Forsman, said.

[Full story here](#)



Declarationofheart (Declaration Of War)

Declarationofheart impresses at Sandown

Connections of **Declarationofheart** (Declaration of War) will aim high after the colt returned to racing in impressive fashion in a midweek race at Sandown.

Trained by Anthony Freedman, Declarationofheart was having his second start in Wednesday's Ladbrokes Protest Payout Handicap and first since winning a maiden at Geelong in January.

After settling in the middle of the pack under jockey Mark Zahra, Declarationofheart (\$4.60) got a split at the 300m before charging to the line to beat Clarice Cliffs (Canford Cliffs) by three quarters of a length. [Full story here](#)

First public parade for War Decree

Inglewood Stud's new stallion **War Decree** will be showcased to the public for the first time at the North Canterbury farm's open day next month.

The son of War Front won three of his 11 career starts, including the Gr.2 Vintage Stakes (1400m) and Gr.3 Diamond Stakes (2149m).



Savvy Coup (NZ) (Savabeel)

Savvy Coup on target for Tazirino Trophy Savvy Coup (NZ) (Savabeel)

(Savabeel) is on track to continue along the Group One path at Hastings on September 1.

Trainers Michael and Matthew Pitman will run the stable star fresh-up in the Gr.1 Tazirino Trophy (1400m) without the benefit of a trial.

"I'm hoping to be able to give her a serious gallop on the course proper at Riccarton before going to Hastings," Michael Pitman said. [Full story here](#)

Stablemates impress while star heads to Taupo

Murray Baker couldn't be happier with the performances of **Zacada (NZ)** (Zabeel) and **Jon Snow (NZ)** (Iffraaj) at Monday's Te Teko trials, but has put a public hit-out for stable star **Bonneval (NZ)** (Makfi) on hold until next week.

Bonneval's countdown to another Australian campaign was planned to commence with a trial at Avondale on Tuesday, and the multiple Group One



Sword Of Osman (NZ) (Savabeel)

Sword Of Osman on right path

Group One winner **Sword Of Osman (NZ)** (Savabeel) got the thumbs up from trainer Jamie Richards after a pleasing fresh-up trial at Te Teko on Monday.

In the hands of Opie Bosson, Sword Of Osman contested an open 840m heat and, after settling last and under a tight rein, he was taken to the outside in the run home and was doing his best work over the final stages to finish a close fourth to Stella Noire (NZ) (Showcasing).

"We were pretty keen to go back off the wide gate today and try and switch him off a bit," Richards said. "He tracked up nicely into the race. [Full story here](#)

Familiar path planned for Catarina

An encouraging trials performance at Te Teko on Monday has put Cambridge filly **Santa Catarina (NZ)** (Savabeel) on a path

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Santa Catarina (NZ) (Savabeel)

set by Group One winner **Sofia Rosa (NZ)** (Makfi).

Santa Catarina races in the same Lib Petagna ownership as Sofia Rosa and she showed much promise last season with a second then two wins from as many starts.

She ended her campaign with a Stakes win at Te Rapa in May and trainer Stephen Marsh was very happy with her first serious hit-out this term when she finished a head second behind Stella Noire in an open 840m heat at Te Teko.

"She is coming up very well," Marsh said. "She could run next week at Taupo in the three-year-old fillies 1100m then could go straight to Sydney. She'll have the same type of programme Sofia Rosa had."

Sofia Rosa was sent to Sydney as a spring three-year-old with a win under her belt and, though unsuccessful in a couple of runs, she returned to New Zealand having benefited from the experience.

She carried on with top form before returning to Sydney to win the Gr.1 ATC Oaks (2400m) after being relegated from first in the Gr.1 New Zealand Oaks (2400m) at Trentham.



Saint Emilion (NZ) (Mastercraftsman)

Saint Emilion nearing return

Group One winner **Saint Emilion (NZ)** (Mastercraftsman) and stablemate **Highlad**

(High Chaparral) took positive steps toward a possible return to racing at Te Rapa on Saturday week when trialling well at Avondale on Tuesday.

The pair clashed in an open 1200m heat and, as expected, Saint Emilion took up his usual role in front while Highlad sat off the pace.

After being clear with 300m to run, Saint Emilion wasn't pressured over the final stages by rider Matt Cameron and went to the line a head in front of Highlad, who ran on nicely. [Full story here](#)



Danzdanzdance (Mastercraftsman)

Livamol target for Group One mare

Group One placegetter **Danzdanzdance** (Mastercraftsman) is on target to begin her countdown to the Gr.1 Livamol Classic (2040m) at Hastings on October 6.

The daughter of Mastercraftsman has been ticking over in work with her Ruakaka trainers Chris Gibbs and Michelle Bradley and will make her four-year-old debut on her home track in a fortnight.

"The Livamol is the main aim for her and we're just bringing her up quietly for it," Gibbs said. "Hopefully she'll get in it. She's 19th equal in order with our other horse, Hello It's Me." [Full story here](#)

Pike pleased with classy mares

Cambridge trainer Tony Pike used Monday's Te Teko trials to put his Group One competitors **Caricature (NZ)** (Power) and **Treasure (NZ)** (Mastercraftsman) on track for a return to racing.

Caricature had her first appearance since finishing unplaced in the Listed Warstep Stakes (2000m) at Riccarton last April when contesting an open 840m heat and she finished a close second to stakes winner Seraphim.

"She trialled super and I was surprised how forward she is," Pike said. "She only went over the 840m because I still thought



Caricature (NZ) (Power)

she was a bit big in condition. [Full story here](#)



Ocean Emperor (NZ) (Zabeel)

Ocean Emperor surprises trainer

Matamata trainer Gary Hennessy holds **Ocean Emperor (NZ)** (Zabeel) in high regard, but even he was surprised by the dual Group Two winner's performance at Monday's Te Teko trials.

Ridden by Jasmine Fawcett, Ocean Emperor bounced out to lead in the early stages of his 1030m heat then, after being joined in front, he kicked clear on straightening in the run home to win by three-quarters of a length from Summer Monsoon (Stratum).

"He ran a second quicker than any of the other winners over the distance and he did it on his ear," Hennessy said. "He's more forward than I thought he was."

"He had five weeks locked up in a box in quarantine after his trip to Singapore and he'd only had one gallop in company going into the trial. He's stronger and better than before."

Ocean Emperor finished seventh in the \$51.5million Kranji Mile (1600m) on May 26 and Hennessy is planning to take him to Melbourne for a campaign following along the lines of his Gr.1 Cox Plate (2040m) winner Ocean Park.

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"He's had the travelling experience to Singapore so we've got that covered," Hennessy said. "He's nominated for the Cox Plate and it would be a dream to get there."

Ocean Emperor, a seven-year-old son of Zabeel, will resume in the Gr.1 Tazirino Trophy (1400m) at Hastings on September 1. It's the same race which Ocean Park won on his unbeaten path to his Cox Plate victory six years ago.



Stella Noire (NZ) (Showcasing)

Stella Noire on track for Fillies' Series

The highly-rated **Stella Noire (NZ)** (Showcasing) looks set to be a leading hope in the New Zealand Bloodstock Filly Of The Year series this season, judging by her trial at Te Teko on Monday.

The Showcasing filly was unbeaten in her two trials last term and lived up to expectations with a debut win at Ellerslie on Boxing Day.

She stepped out in an 840m trial at Te Teko and hit out nicely to win again in the hands of Leith Innes.

"It was a really pleasing return," trainer Tony Pike said. "She has been in work a fair while and she's very forward in condition."

"Obviously we'll try and set her for the three-year-old fillies' series, but just debate whether she kicks off at Ruakaka on September 1 or the same day at Hawke's Bay for the three-year-old race down there."

"She will then go on to the Gold Trail then through the fillies' series from there. She's a smart filly and she's come back really well."

"She's got a little bit of stoutness on the dam line so I'd be surprised if she didn't run a strong 1600m."

Stella Noire is a daughter of former Haunui Farm shuttle sire Showcasing. The successful stallion was represented by Gr.1 Phoenix Stakes (1200m) winner Advertise in Ireland on Sunday.



Enzo's Lad (Testa Rossa)

Enzo's Lad set for big time again

Enzo's Lad (Testa Rossa) shocked punters when winning this year's Gr.1 Telegraph (1200m) at odds of 73-1 and he's going to be given another chance at the Trentham feature in January.

Trainers Michael and Matthew Pitman are planning to take it even a few steps further this season with the six-year-old being set for the Gr.3 Lindauer Stewards' Handicap (1200m), Gr.1 Sistema Railway (1200m), and Gr.1 J.R. & N. Berkett Telegraph (1200m).

"The plan is to have a go at the big three with him," Michael Pitman said.

"I know people say it was a fluke he won the Telegraph and, yes, he did get a dream run, but he still won it and that's what counts. He deserves to have a crack at the three big ones."

"He's been back in a while and he'll have one run before the Stewards, probably in the Pegasus Stakes at the (New Zealand) Cup meeting."

Stablemate Elfie (NZ) (Ifraaj), who finished third in last Saturday's Winter Classic (1800m) at Riccarton, will also be chasing further black-type this season.

"She's having a couple of weeks off then we'll set her for some nice fillies and mares races. She's done well."

Melbourne option for Ugo Foscolo

A quiet trial at Avondale on Tuesday has Cambridge trainer Stephen Marsh contemplating a Melbourne trip for the 2016 Gr.1 New Zealand 2000 Guineas (1600m) winner **Ugo Foscolo (NZ)** (Zacinto).

Making his first public appearance since winning at Te Rapa in April, Ugo Foscolo was under a hold by rider Troy Harris over the final stages of his 1000m trial after trailing then leading mid-way.

"Troy was rapt with his run," Marsh said. "It was such a wet track and we didn't want him



Ugo Foscolo (NZ) (Zacinto)

having a hard run and he had as soft a run as possible.

"He'll go to Ruakaka for an open 1200m and we could then look at getting him to Melbourne. It's an option, but we have to see how he does first."

Stablemate Bevan Street (NZ) (Road To Rock) also put himself on a path to a return to racing at Ruakaka with his effort for second to Mongolian Marshal (NZ) (High Chaparral) in another open 1000m trial.

"He went enormous," Marsh said. "And I was really happy with the run of Zappeur for third in the same trial."



Jake Bayliss aboard Volpe Veloce

Bayliss to return to NZ

Much-travelled Australian jockey Jake Bayliss is set to return to New Zealand in time for the Hawke's Bay spring carnival which commences on September 1.

The son of former Brisbane jockey Jamie Bayliss and brother of top Melbourne hoop Regan Bayliss, the 23-year-old was a good addition to the New Zealand riding ranks last season.

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Bayliss rode 35 winners and seven stakes winners, including his maiden Group One win aboard Volpe Veloce (Foxwedge) in the Railway (1200m) at Ellerslie on New Year's Day.

The talented jockey crossed the Tasman last November to ride for the Matamata training partnerships of Michael Moroney and Pam Gerard at Ballymore Stables and for Lance O'Sullivan and Andrew Scott at Wexford Stables.



Jackfrost (NZ) (Gallant Guru)

Great Northern Hurdles likely for Jackfrost

Brian and Shane Anderton are likely to make a final decision this weekend on a Great Northern Hurdle (4150m) start at Te Rapa next month with **Jackfrost (NZ)** (Gallant Guru).

He has been enjoying a leisurely time since he won the Grand National Hurdles (4200m) at Riccarton last week and credited the stable with its fourth win in the feature.

"We'll be bringing him home from the farm on Friday and pull the rug off him and make a decision then," Brian Anderton said.

"He ate up everything that night after the race and it's likely he will go up to Te Rapa.

"There's not much else for him this year and it's better to press on now rather than wait for next year and risk something going wrong. He can go steeplechasing in Australia next year."

Minor setback for Melbourne Cup hope

Racing fans won't get the early season sighting of Melbourne Cup candidate **Vin De Dance (NZ)** (Roc De Cambes) as originally planned.

Vin De Dance slipped into contention for the Gr.1 A\$7.3 million Lexus Melbourne Cup (3200m) at Flemington on November 6 when winning last season's Gr.1 New Zealand Derby (2400m) at Ellerslie before finishing fourth in both the Gr.1 Rosehill Guineas (2000m), when relegated from



Vin de Dance (NZ) (Roc de Cambes)

second, and the Gr.1 ATC Derby (2400m).

He was put aside for a spell after the Sydney campaign and was coming up nicely until a minor setback.

"He's had a few gallops and was basically on track to do more, but he had a few niggling issues and it was best to back off him," co-trainer Andrew Forsman said.

"He had some stiffness in his back area and just wasn't right.

"By backing off now, he's got time to get over the problem and he still has a chance to get to the Melbourne Cup if he comes up well enough.

"The plan is to give him 10 days off so he'll be back in work in about a week. He wasn't far off trialling when we put him out so he won't lose much fitness."

Vin De Dance has been lightly tried and, though he won on debut over 1200m at Pukekohe 11 months ago, he excelled when stepped-up over ground and benefited from a two-race Melbourne spring campaign last year in which he ran third then fifth.



Mike Rennie

Rennie back in business at Waikato Stud

Mike Rennie is returning to the farm that launched his thoroughbred career. He has been appointed to the role of Business Development Manager at Waikato Stud.

"It's all happened quite quickly, but

I'm really happy and excited by the new challenge," he said.

"The first person I ever worked for in the industry was Mark Chittick, I did a yearling preparation during the university holidays."

Rennie subsequently enjoyed a four-year stint at Rich Hill Stud and the last three years at Waterford Bloodstock with respected agent Michael Wallace.

"I'm extremely grateful to Michael and Nicky for the opportunities they gave me," he said. "I really appreciate all they have done."

Rennie joined the Waterford team in 2015 after forming MDR Bloodstock in 2013 and began pin-hooking weanlings and buying mares and yearlings. His industry experience also includes stints at White Robe Lodge, Mill Park Stud, Gai Waterhouse and Dan O'Sullivan Racing.

"It's a new role established at Waikato Stud and I'll be working with Mark and helping him manage the business and the bloodstock alongside Kerrie Cox," he said.

"I'll do a bit of everything really, from nominations to promoting the stallions and liaising with clients."

Rennie's appointment is a continuation of the farm's assembly of a young vibrant staff.

"We're obviously really happy to have Mike join the dynamic team at Waikato Stud," principal Mark Chittick said.

"Over the last couple of years we have worked hard to develop that team and upskill across all parts of our business and we've achieved that. Mike will be an integral part, managing the business and working closely with everybody both on and off the farm.

"He brings a great array of skills to our breeding operation and his experience will be invaluable. His first thoroughbred job was with us 10 years ago and it's great to have him back in the fold."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Kiwi race caller Tom Wood discusses his imminent move to Hong Kong, after calling in Singapore for the past 18 months



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Te Akau principal David Ellis reveals their European Group One performer Torcedor has been sold, and he also provides an update on a number of the New Zealand stable's key spring runners.



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Grangewilliam Stud's Mark Corcoran discusses the success of resident sire Zed.



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Jamie Richards has come a long way since his dreams of being a jockey as a youngster, rising to the role of lead trainer at Te Akau Racing



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NEW SEASON SIRES - WAIKATO -

<div style="background-color: #333; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold;"> Saturday 25th August </div> <p style="font-size: small; text-align: center;">(Coffee Cart will be on site at Brighthill from 9.30am.)</p> <p>9.30am Brighthill Farm (1352 Tauwhare Rd, Eureka) Dalghar (FR) and Perfectly Ready (AUS) and Preferment (NZ) Departing at 10am</p> <p>10.30am Rich Hill Stud (570 Landsdowne Rd, Walton) Jimmy Choux (NZ), Proisir (AUS), Satono Aladdin (JPN), Shocking (AUS) and Vadamos (FR) Departing at 11.30am</p> <p>11.50am Waikato Stud (521 Tower Rd, Matamata) Ocean Park (NZ), Rock 'N' Pop (AUS), Tivaci (AUS), Sacred Falls (NZ) and Savabeel (AUS) <i>Lunch at Waikato Stud</i> Provided by FOOD BY DESIGN Departing at 1.30pm</p> <p>1.45pm Mapperley Stud (107 Matai Rd, Matamata) Complacent (AUS), Contributor (IRE), He's Remarkable (NZ), and Puccini (NZ) Departing at 2.30pm</p> <p>2.45pm Valachi Downs (52 Taotaoroa Rd, Matamata) Savile Row (NZ), and Zacinto (GB) Departing at 3.10pm</p> <p>3.30pm Novara Park (36 Gorton Rd, Cambridge) Sweeney (AUS), and What's The Story (NZ) (on behalf of Norwegian Park) <i>*Please note these times are a guideline only</i></p>	<div style="background-color: #333; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; font-weight: bold;"> Sunday 26th August </div> <p style="font-size: small; text-align: center;">(Coffee Cart will be on site at Highview from 9.30am.)</p> <p>9.30am Highview Stud (1544 Kakaramea Road, Ngahinapouri) Bullbars (AUS), Sweet Orange (USA) and Wrote (IRE) Leave at 10am</p> <p>9.30am Windsor Park Stud (1130 Kaipaki Road, Cambridge) Charm Spirit (IRE), Mongolian Khan (AUS), Rageese (AUS), Rip Van Winkle (IRE), Shamexpress (NZ), Turn Me Loose (NZ) and Vanbrugh (AUS) Leave at 11.45am</p> <p>12.00 The Oaks Stud (Roto-O-Rangi Rd, Cambridge) Darci Brahma (NZ), Niagara (AUS), and Roc De Cambes (NZ) Leave at 12.30am</p> <p>12.50 Cambridge Stud (74 Discombe Rd, Cambridge) Almanzor (FR), Burgundy (AUS), Highly Recommended (AUS) and Tavistock (NZ) <i>Lunch provided by Cambridge Stud</i> <i>*Please note these times are a guideline only</i></p>
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SHOWCASING AND MASTERCRAFTSMAN TO THE FORE IN EUROPE

Former shuttle stallions **Showcasing** (Haunui Farm) and **Mastercraftsman** (Windsor Park Stud) sired Group One winners in Europe last weekend, and fortunately their legacy lives on in New Zealand through their many sons and daughters.

Two-year-old colt Advertise (Showcasing) continued his fine run of form backing up his second in the Gr.2 Coventry Stakes (1200m) at Royal Ascot, and his last start win in the Gr.2 July Stakes (1200m) at Newmarket, with an impressive win in the Gr.1 Phoenix Stakes (1200m) at The Curragh.

Importantly for Showcasing, Advertise became his first Group One winning son after multiple Group One winning filly Quiet Reflection (GB) (Showcasing) claimed the mantle of his first elite level winner in 2016.

Showcasing ended the 2017/2018 Southern Hemisphere season as New Zealand's leading sire of two-year-old winners with a total of 8 winners from 13 starters including three stakes winners – Xpression, Bit Lippy and Atenartin - and stakes performer She's A Thief. He has two further crops to come in New Zealand – current yearlings and foals of 2018 – and his continued success will ensure they are highly sought after at sales throughout Australasia.

Meanwhile, Alpha Centauri (Mastercraftsman) confirmed herself as one of the outstanding three-year-old fillies of recent years with another Group One success in France on Sunday.

The Mastercraftsman filly bagged her fourth successive Group One of the year when putting in a supreme performance to take the Prix Jacques Le Marois (1600m) by two and a half lengths.

Trained by Jessica Harrington for owner-breeders the Niarchos family, Alpha Centauri has also tasted victory in this season's Gr.1 Irish 1,000 Guineas (1600m), Gr.1 Coronation Stakes (1600m) and Gr.1 Falmouth Stakes (1600m).

"She's an amazing filly. I must admit, bringing her here to take on colts and older horses, I thought I must be mad," said Harrington. "But then again, I felt we might as well keep her going and it was a fantastic performance."

Mastercraftsman has sired nine individual Group One winners including New Zealand Group One winners Thee Auld Floozie, Saint Emilion and Valley Girl.

The former Windsor Park Stud shuttle stallion has sired 5.8% Stakes winners to runners world wide.



Mastercraftsman



Showcasing





KEMP COMPLETES MONGOL DERBY

Kilgravin Lodge principal Eion Kemp has successfully completed the 10th Mongol Derby, the longest and toughest horse race in the world.

Riding for charity the Catwalk Trust, which aims to raise funds to support spinal cord injury research to get those affected back on their feet, Kemp travelled 1000km across the Mongolian steppe on Mongol ponies.

The Matamata horseman, who runs

a successful breaking, pre-training and breeze-up business completed the course, which recreates the horse messenger system developed by Ghengis Khan in 1224, on Thursday afternoon.

The course changes every year and is kept secret until shortly before the race begins. The terrain will invariably include mountain passes, green open valleys, wooded hills, river crossings, wetland and floodplains, sandy semi-

arid dunes, rolling hills, dry riverbeds and of course open steppe.

The entry fee is \$13,000, and provides the rider access to 30 Mongolian horses, a support team, pre-race training, and access to the support stations along the way.

Riders must change horses every 36 km at the support stations. Along the way are vet checks to monitor the condition of the horses, and the vets may impose time penalties if the riders push their horses too hard along the trail.

To gain entry as a competitor, each rider must demonstrate that their riding skills are strong enough to endure the harsh terrain of the race. The horses themselves are semi-wild, and may not cooperate with the rider, adding one more level of difficulty to the race.

Riders spend thirteen to fourteen hours a day in the saddle, and the race lasts ten days. To complete the race is an accomplishment in itself, as only half the riders usually finish the race in any given year.



Scenes from the Mongol Derby





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TIVACI FIRST FOALS

The first foals of Waikato Stud's **Tivaci** aren't letting anyone down.

"When you purchase a stallion all you can hope for is that they can leave foals like themselves and while it's early days, it's certainly looking like he is and that's very exciting for us and all the breeders," stud principal Mark Chittick said. "Tivaci is a super impressive-looking specimen and from what we've seen so far he is stamping his foals."

One particularly well-related new arrival is the colt out of Lego (NZ) (O'Reilly). The dam, a two-time winner, hails from one of the Matamata nursery's leading families and is a daughter of the Gr.1 New Zealand Oaks and Gr.1 Kelt Capital Stakes winner Legs (NZ) (Pins). She has left the Listed Spring Classic winner Wolfwhistle (NZ) (O'Reilly) and the Group performer Scrutinize (NZ) (Savabeel).

"To be fair, the mare has left consistently good types and if we didn't get a cracker by Tivaci we would have been in trouble, but we've got another good one, he's a stunning looker," Chittick said.

Lego's pedigree also features the Gr.1 New Zealand 2000 Guineas winner Xtravagant (NZ) (Pentire), Gr.1 WATC Derby winner Guyno (NZ) (O'Reilly) and the Gr.1 Arrowfield Stud Stakes heroine Sixty Seconds (NZ) (Centaine).



Tivaci – Lego colt

Another colt who has created a stir is the first foal of Tiff And Co (NZ) (O'Reilly). "He's her first foal and Tivaci has certainly strengthened any weakness she may have had, he's put good leg into the foal and he's a lovely type."

Tiff And Co was unraced and hails from the Dowager Duchess of Bedford's famous Mrs Moss (Reform) family responsible for the Gr.1 Japan Cup winner Jupiter Island (St Paddy) and most recently the Group One winner and producer Tavistock (NZ) (Montjeu).

Timing can be everything in the thoroughbred world and Tivaci's was exquisite when he powered to victory

in the Gr.1 All Aged Stakes at Randwick to seal his spot on the Waikato Stud roster. He had previously won twice at Group 3 level, but it was success at the last time of asking that propelled the son of Breccia (NZ) (Fastnet Rock) in the direction of the Chittick operation.

A \$250,000 Sydney Easter Yearling purchase, he can lay claim to being one of the fastest sons of High Chaparral (Sadler's Wells) with four stakes wins in all. His dam Breccia is a half-sister to the Gr.2 Perth Cup winner Luna Tudor (Military Plume), who in turn produced the Gr.1 Toorak Handicap winner Allez Wonder (Redoute's Choice).



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AUSTRALIA

Bachelor Duke : Night Voyage (NZ) (Silver Skies by Stravinsky) 2012;
15/08/2018, 1st WATC Tabtouch H. 1000m

Ekraar : Romelo (NZ) (Post Romance by Postponed) 2011;
09/08/2018, 1st Warrnambool RC Hammonds Paints Maiden Hurdle
3200m
Sold by Beatson Stables Ltd at Ready to Run Sale for \$13000
Sold by Richfield Thoroughbred Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$5000

Fast 'n' Famous : Onehundredclicks (NZ) (Mi Centie by Centaine) 2010;
11/08/2018, 1st Richmond TC RI McClymont Memorial H. 1400m
Sold by Shelby Park at National Yearling Sale for \$38000

Hard Spun : (The) Armani (NZ) (Baldaque by Grosvenor) 2010;
11/08/2018, 1st Moe RC TRFM H. 1600m
Sold by Monoval Farm at National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale for \$5500

Helmet : Lifesaver (NZ) (Storm Fronts by Hurricane Sky) 2013;
11/08/2018, 1st ATC TAB Highway H. 1100m

Iffraaj : Order Again (NZ) (Glass Half Full by Van Nistelrooy) 2013;
11/08/2018, 1st BRC Moda Events Portside H. 1350m

Iffraaj : Full Nelson (NZ) (Our Lady Gaga by Zabeel) 2015;
15/08/2018, 1st BRC Bundaberg Rum Maiden P. 1050m
Sold by Windsor Park Stud at Ready to Run Sale for \$150000
Sold by Kirkwall Thoroughbreds Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$40000

Keeper : Damselily - Damselily's Kept (Aust.) (NZ) (Wellsey by Yamanin Vital) 2013;
13/08/2018, 1st Pakenham RC Schwepes Maiden P. 1400m

Lucky Unicorn : I'll'ava'alf (NZ) (Phillipa Glass by Volksraad) 2008;
09/08/2018, 1st Warrnambool RC Toot Traffic S/Chase H. 3450m

O'Reilly : O'Reilly's Crumpet (NZ) (Cancan by Pins) 2011;
11/08/2018, 1st Carnarvon RC Carnarvon Growers Association H. 1600m
Sold by Mana Park at Ready to Run Sale for \$120000
Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$42500

Ocean Park : Star of the Seas (NZ) (Stella Livia by Titus Livius) 2014;
15/08/2018, 1st ATC Ribchester at Darley H. 1250m
Pentire : Penthouse Playboy (NZ) (Foxy Cougar by Zabeel) 2013;
11/08/2018, 1st Moe RC Collis Hair Design Maiden P. 2050m

MACAU

Savabeel : River Triple (NZ) (Madame Reprieve by Pins) 2014;
10/08/2018, 1st Macau Libra H. 1050m
Sold by Leanach Lodge Ltd at Ready to Run Sale for \$60000
Sold by Haunui Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$30000

Redoute's Choice : Chocolatier (NZ) (La Praline by Anabaa) 2014;
09/08/2018, 1st Illawarra TC Mullet Creek Mile Maiden H. 1600m
Sold by Lime Country Thoroughbreds Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$160000

Redwood : High Mode (NZ) (Lalla by Silver Hawk) 2013;
12/08/2018, 1st Murrumbidgee TC R Crouch Transport Cup H. 3800m
Sold by Westbury Stud at Ready to Run Sale for \$105000

Reliable Man : Phantom Shadow (NZ) (Anna Maria by Ustinov) 2015;
12/08/2018, 1st SCTC Lilydale H. 1200m

Road to Rock : Moscow Mistress - Moscow Red (Aust.) (NZ) (Miss Faberge by Ustinov) 2013;
15/08/2018, 1st MRC Le Pine Funerals H. 1500m

Roc de Cambes : Wee Gilly (NZ) (Keep 'n' Gilly by Keeper) 2014;
12/08/2018, 1st Cranbourne TC Procon Developments H. 2060m
Sold by The Oaks Stud at National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale for \$1800

Stravinsky : Athonis (NZ) (Mia Cara by I Conquer) 2012;
10/08/2018, 1st Canberra RC TAB Federal H. 1280m

Stravinsky : Glitra (NZ) (The Glitter by Centaine) 2012;
11/08/2018, 1st BRC Kelly Lawyers H. 1650m
Sold by Phoenix Park at National Yearling Sale for \$70000

Trusting : Isn't She Elegant (NZ) (Princess Biscotte by Casino Prince) 2013;
11/08/2018, 1st Toowoomba TC Sedl Agencies H. 1625m
Sold by Rich Hill Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$30000

Zabeel : Hunter Island (NZ) (Chalonne by Rubiton) 2009;
11/08/2018, 1st Muttaborra ARC Muttaborra Cup 1400m

Zabeel : Urban Explorer (NZ) (Amatista by Scenic) 2007;
15/08/2018, 1st Murray Bridge RC National Jockeys Trust S/chase 3280m

Zabeel : Balestrand (NZ) (Parfore by Gold Brose) 2012;
12/08/2018, 1st Devonport RC Carlton Draught H. 1150m



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MALAYSIA

Captain Rio : Captain Classique (NZ) (Lady Classique by Stravinsky) 2012;

12/08/2018, 1st Selangor TC Class 5 H. 1400m
Sold by Phoenix Park at National Yearling Sale for \$45000

Mastercraftsman : Karigara (NZ) (Sharvasti by Montjeu) 2011;

12/08/2018, 1st Selangor TC Class 4 H. 1400m

Pour Moi : Mooghamir - Happy Dayz (Sing.) (NZ) (Neraan by Elusive Quality) 2013;

12/08/2018, 1st Selangor TC Class 5 H. 1400m

Swiss Ace : Roger (NZ) (Estero by Storm Creek) 2012;

12/08/2018, 1st Selangor TC Class 5 H. 1400m

Swiss Ace : Lim's Signature (NZ) (Honey Gee by Jeune) 2013;

12/08/2018, 1st Selangor TC Class 5 H. 1400m
Sold by DVD Bloodstock Ltd at National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale for \$12000

SINGAPORE

Alamosa : Magic Warrior - Rafale (Sing.) (NZ) (Pure Strike by Volksraad) 2013;

10/08/2018, 1st Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1200m
Sold by Cypress Point Stables at Ready to Run Sale for \$12000

Casino Prince : Silent Prince (NZ) (Silenzia Blue by Testa Rossa) 2014;

12/08/2018, 1st Singapore TC Waikato S. 1600m
Sold by Haunui Farm at National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale for \$7000

Faltaat : Elise (NZ) (Tongariro by Nadeem) 2012;

12/08/2018, 1st Singapore TC Captain Obvious S. 1200m
Sold by Wentwood Grange at National Yearling Sale for \$32500

Savabeel : Predator (NZ) (Bird by Danasinga) 2012;

12/08/2018, 1st Singapore TC Jumbo Jet Trophy L 1400m
Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$75000



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