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BRUTAL TOO POWERFUL IN THE MCKENZIE STAKES



Brutal claims a stakes win at just his second start (Bruno Cannatelli)

Brutal (NZ) (O'Reilly) has graduated to stakes company at his second race start to claim a fighting win at Moonee Valley.

The Hawes Racing-trained colt was looked upon as one of the safest bets on Saturday's program in the McKenzie Stakes but it took him the length of the straight to deliver.

Ridden by Dwayne Dunn, Brutal was sent off the \$1.55 favourite in defeating Tavisian (NZ) (Tavistock) by a long neck with Leonardo Da Hinch (Hinchinbrook) 1-3/4 lengths away third.

"He had to put him to the sword today but I did like the last 50 (metres) today, the way he flattened out," co-

trainer Wayne Hawkes said.

"When they're \$1.50 everyone expects them to win by five lengths. You don't have to win by big margins; you only have to get the job done.

"This is only his second race start and it's all new to him."

Hawkes said the stable would let

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the dust settle before deciding on whether to step Brutal up in distance or keep him to shorter course races.

“We just need to go back and look at the replay, take stock and work it out because we really had no plan after today,” Hawkes said.

“It was good that he got in behind them and relaxed and went to sleep and then fire up and dig deep.

“He hadn’t run for five weeks and we’ve got to see how much he blows now, that’s the main thing.

“In a normal race the second horse careers away and wins.”

Dunn was surprised to see the early pace with Mig Energy (Redoute’s Choice) firing forward from a wide draw to lead after Tavisan had pinged the gates to lead early.

He said while he relaxed behind the speed Brutal didn’t travel that well around the home turn.

“But I loved the way he flattened out,” Dunn said.

A \$220,000 purchase from the Mapperley Stud draft at the 2017 New Zealand Bloodstock Premier Yearling Sale, Brutal is a member of the final crop of Waikato Stud’s champion sire O’Reilly, who died in late 2014.

The good-looking colt is out of the stakes-placed Golan mare Alberton Princess, a half-sister to Group Two winner Te Akau Rose and three-quarter sister to Group Three winner Lady Alberton.

Alberton Princess was sold for \$75,000 at the 2016 National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Bloodstock Sale when carrying a Sacred Falls colt.

That colt was sold to David Ellis for \$170,000 at this year’s yearling sale at Karaka.

Alberton Princess has a yearling colt by Ocean Park and was served by the Cox Plate-winning son of Thorn Park again last season.

Brutal is one of 76 live foals from the 18th and final crop of the Waikato Stud stalwart O’Reilly and becomes his 89th stakes-winner.

Race	MVRC Mitchell McKenzie S. L 1200m
Winner	Brutal (NZ) 2015
Owners	R&C Legh Racing Pty Ltd, Pulltano Thoroughbreds Pty Ltd, B & C Thoroughbreds Pty Ltd, Mr SJ Bates, Mrs DL Bates, Mr HJ Chapman, Mrs JS Willis, Mr DV Russo, Gurners Bloodstock Co
Trainer	Michael, Wayne & John Hawkes (Flemington)
Breeding	by O’Reilly out of Alberton Princess by Golan (IRE)
Breeder	Mrs R Kerr-Taylor & Mrs A K Storey
Sales	2017 National Yearling Sale - Premier; V: Mapperley Stud, P: Hawkes Racing; \$220,000



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NO MYSTERY TO PAKURANGA HUNT CUP VICTORY

A brilliant tactical ride by Aaron Kuru paved the way for Hastings visitor **Perry Mason (NZ)** (Zed) to take out the feature event at Te Aroha on Saturday, the Bridges Insurance Services Pakuranga Hunt Cup (4200m).

Sent out favourite for the race after winning a restricted open event at the same venue ten days earlier, Perry Mason never looked in danger of defeat as Kuru saved every inch of ground along the rail for the entire 4200m journey.

Sent to the front with 1000m to run, Perry Mason shook off the challenge of Zamora (NZ) (No Excuse Needed) with two fences left to jump. Kuru nursed his charge over the remaining obstacles before comfortably holding out the late charge of Old Countess (NZ) (Zed) who stormed home from last in the early running.

Trainer Paul Nelson had some concerns prior to the race about his charge coping with the very heavy nature of the Te Aroha track but they came to nothing as Kuru picked the correct path throughout the contest.

"That was very very good," he said.

"We thought he might have to get out a bit but he got that far in he got on the better ground and seemed to miss all the chopped-up stuff."

Nelson is in two minds about returning to the venue in a fortnight to contest the Irvines Great Northern



Perry Mason clears a fence on his way to victory at Te Aroha (Kirsten Ledington)

Steeplechase (6400m) with his charge, who has now won three of his 5 starts over the bigger fences.

"I don't know about the Northern as it's another third as long as this one," he said.

"He has to get home and get over this and then we will deal with that."

Kuru admitted he hadn't followed pre-race instructions regarding his positioning during the race.

"The plan was to be out wide for the last round," he said.

"Going down the back the last time there was untouched ground on the inside of the steeple so I just tried to get to that and things worked out well.

"I didn't plan to put the acid on like we did but that was how the race

panned out. I just had to put the foot down and carry on.

"His form says he will get the Northern trip so we should have a crack at it."

The race proved a further triumph for Grangewilliam Stud stallion Zed who sired the quinella in the event.

- NZ Racing Desk

Race	Pakuranga HC Pakuranga Hunt Cup S/chase 4800m
Winner	Perry Mason (NZ) 2009
Owners	I See Red Syndicate
Trainer	Paul Nelson (Hastings)
Breeding	by Zed out of Dame Ngaio by Deputy Governor (USA)
Breeder	P J & Mrs S L Kay





1200M SUITS OUR MALAMBO

Former Kiwi mare **Our Malambo (NZ)** (Duelled) has notched her second Australian victory from three starts with a strong win in the Dr Sheahan Plate (1200m) at Moonee Valley on Saturday.

Previously prepared by Graeme and Debbie Rogerson in New Zealand, Our Malambo transferred to Chris Waller after failing to meet her reserve at the Gold Coast broodmare sale.

The four-year-old mare is part owned by Graeme Rogerson along with Gavin and Shane Wealleans.

Our Malambo had won four of her twenty starts in New Zealand for Rogerson and has made a strong start for the Waller stable, winning first-up at Randwick over (1200m), before finishing fourth at Rosehill over 1400m.

“She probably just found the 1400m a little bit far the other day, but she’s had a good break between runs and she seems to race quite well fresh and she is very effective at this trip (1200m),” winning jockey Ben Melham said.

“I wanted to be positive today and we ended up outside the leader without doing a lot of work. I got a little bit of pressure a bit earlier than I would have liked, but she had a good kick and it was a good strong win.

“They brought her down to Melbourne and she worked well here the other morning. The way she won, there will be plenty more wins in store for her.”

Our Malambo was bred by Rogerson and the victory was a boost for her dam, the well performed racemare Dancing Song, who has a date with multiple Group One winner and former champion European three-year-old Almanzor, who will commence stallion duties at Cambridge Stud later this year.

“I think it is a real coup that a horse of Almanzor’s quality is standing in New Zealand,” Rogerson said.

“We’re very excited to be sending Dancing Song to him as

Race	MVRC Dr Sheahan H. 1200m
Winner	Our Malambo (NZ) 2014
Owners	Mr GA Rogerson, Mr S Wealleans, Mr GN Wealleans
Trainer	Chris Waller (Flemington)
Breeding	by Duelled (AUS) out of Dancing Song by Senor Pete (USA)
Breeder	G A Rogerson



I think he has the potential to become a great stallion.”
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Our Malambo notches up her second Australian victory (Bruno Cannatelli)



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NEW PLYMOUTH RICHES ON THEIR WAY TO TE AROHA AS QUICK AS A FLASH



Back In A Flash is all class as she scores a rich victory at New Plymouth (Peter Rubery, Race Images)

The Aroha visitor **Back In A Flash (NZ)** (Ekraar) carved her name into the history books as the inaugural winner of the rich Platinum Homes Taranaki Challenge (1400m) on Saturday.

Run under sweepstake-type conditions, similar to Australia's The Everest but for horses who were still in maiden grade at the beginning of June, the \$101,000 prize pool on offer attracted a field chock full of up and coming local talent.

With an exciting race predicted the event lived up to that billing with the majority of the field well in contention as heads turned for the run home.

A true pace in the early stages suited Back In A Flash who had settled well back from an outside barrier. Rider Andrew Calder began a sweeping run on the mare at the 600m mark with the four-year-old looming into the reckoning at the top of the home straight.

Asked for her full effort she streaked

clear in the final stages to hand her rivals a near on three length beating with the well-favoured English Gambler (Casino Prince) closing hard to snatch second from outsider Play The Field (NZ) (Stravinsky).

Co-trainer Gavin Opie, who prepares the mare with his father Keith, acknowledged the race had been the mare's major target after she broke through on debut over 1200m back in June.

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"We have had this on the radar since she had her first win at Te Teko," he said.

"We didn't want to announce our plans too early, but we thought she was pretty good."

Opie admitted he had been confident of success once he saw his charge start to make her run as the field approached the final corner.

"She was going backwards at the 600m but when Andrew gave her a

little niggle she picked up the bridle," he said.

"When he got to the outside I thought we were in for a big shot.

"She delivered down the outside, so it was a good effort.

"This time next year she should be a really nice mare. It's great for her owner who breeds just one horse a year so he is tickled pink."

- NZ Racing Desk

Race	Taranaki RC Platinum Homes Challenge H. 1400m
Winner	Back In A Flash (NZ) 2014
Owners	Mrs J P & W G Kingsford
Trainer	Keith & Gavin Opie (Te Aroha)
Breeding	by Ekraar (USA) out of Dahling by Generous (IRE)
Breeder	Mrs J P & W G Kingsford



Matt Cross recaps the highlights from Saturday's action in New Zealand at Te Aroha and Pukekura Park Raceway. (Click image to play)

NEWS IN BRIEF

Theanswermyfriend wins on "biased" Valley track

Leading trainer Darren Weir has criticised the way the Moonee Valley track raced despite landing the final event with all-the-way winner **Theanswermyfriend** (High Chaparral).

Surging to the lead in Saturday's Harrolds Handicap, the \$2.70 favourite Theanswermyfriend outran his rivals to win the 1519m event.

"I can't bag it (the track) after that race," Weir said.

"The way the track was racing suited that horse. It was a good tough win as we didn't want to die wondering.

"I told Mark (Zahra) to keep stoking it up the whole way. Obviously he was walking the last 50 metres but he had the break.

"The race was there to be won today and he got the job done."

Earlier in the day Weir was critical of how the track favoured horses racing on the speed.

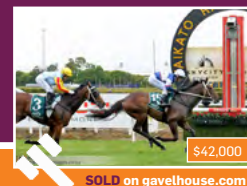
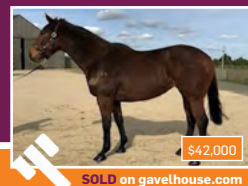
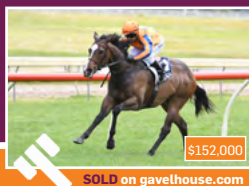
Theanswermyfriend was a \$70,000 purchase from the draft of Curraghmore Stud at the 2015 New Zealand Bloodstock National Yearling Sale.

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AUSSIE SCORES UPSET IN TE AROHA HURDLE

Visiting Australian jumps jockey Braidon Small upset the appiecart when he guided rank outsider **Letmeby (NZ)** (Don Eduardo) to victory in Saturday's Corson Maize Open Hurdle (3100m) at Te Aroha.

The eleven-year-old gelding had won his hurdle debut on the track in October last year but in six subsequent starts over the fences had failed to run in the money.

Co-trainer Graham Richardson put that down to misjudgement by riders in some of Letmeby's earlier hurdle starts, as he praised Small for following instructions to the letter to land the victory.

"I told him to take off at the 1200m as he is one paced and you have to go then," he said.

"If you wait any longer they all sprint and he can't keep up with them, it's as simple as that.

"While he is eleven he is only lightly raced and has fresh legs."

Richardson confirmed his charge would return to the venue in a fortnight to contest the prestigious Schweppes Great Northern Hurdle (4150m).

"We'll be back, absolutely," he said.

"It's more distance so it will be easier to keep up and he is very well."

Small was unsure if he would return to ride Letmeby in the Great Northern Hurdle, who he rated as a big chance on today's performance.

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Letmeby (outer) clears the final fence on his way to victory at Te Aroha (Kirsten Ledington)





AUSSIE SCORES UPSET IN TE AROHA HURDLE

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“He did everything the trainer told me he would, as he can get back and flash late,” he said.

“He said if I could hold some sort of spot and get going down the back in clear room, that would be awesome.

“He jumped himself into third when I got him out and he needed all of the 3100m today. If he goes on to the Northern which is 4200m it would suit him even better.

“I’ve got a couple of rides back home that day, but I will sit down and have a good think about coming back.”

Race favourite Laekeeper (NZ) (Keeper) battled on well for second after being forced into a pacemaking role due to a farcically slow early speed with maiden jumper Henry Tudor (NZ) (Royal Gem) battling home well for third after looming as a winning chance in the run home.

Small made it a day to remember when he guided Caballo Noir (NZ) (Istidaad) to victory in a maiden steeplechase later on the card.

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	Pakuranga HC Corson Maize Hurdle 3200m
Winner	Letmeby (NZ) 2007
Owners	K & Mrs M Anderson, J D Clark, Don Pye & Dame Wendy Pye, H Fransz, D N Pye & G N Richardson
Trainer	Graham Richardson & Gavin Parker (Matamata)
Breeding	by Don Eduardo out of Gatestopper by Carnegie (IRE)
Breeder	D N & Mrs W E Pye
Sales	2009 NZ National Yearling Sale – Festival Session; V: Haunui Farm, P: GN Richardson; \$28,000





LOCAL RUNNER TAKES OUT INTERPROVINCIAL AT NEW PLYMOUTH

Hawera galloper **Mauna Kea (NZ)** (Per Incanto), representing the Horowhenua district, notched his biggest win when he took out the ITM Interprovincial Challenge (1600m) at New Plymouth.

Race	Taranaki RC Interprovincial Challenge H. 1600m
Winner	Mauna Kea (NZ) 2013
Owners	The Franz Josef Trust, Paul Bardell, Luke Van Tongeren-Costello, Brian O’Dea & Mrs Judith Hewitt
Trainer	Paul Moseley (Hawera)
Breeding	by Per Incanto (USA) out of City Class Rose by City on a Hill (USA)
Breeder	P R Sewell

The five-year-old has proved a model of consistency throughout his winter campaign with four wins and a further 3 placings from just seven starts.

Saturday’s victory was his best effort yet as he disputed the pace throughout the contest before holding out the late challenge of race favourite Igraine (Galileo), who was the King Country district representative.

Rider Johnathan Parkes was confident of success once he got his own way in front.

“He began fair so I gave him a bit of a dig to get him up on the speed,” he said.

“I always wanted to lead as he was up in class and I thought he would be hard to catch in front.

“At about the 600m I put a bit more pressure on to see if they could catch me and he was just too strong.”

Parkes is confident there is more in store for the Paul Moseley trained galloper who is putting together a handy record.

“He’s gone super this time in,” he said.

“He’s gone from a maiden to winning the race today so it was a nice effort.”

Mauna Kea is the first foal of City



On A Hill mare City Class Rose, a daughter of good winter performer Ragamuffin Rose. Ragamuffin Rose successfully mixed both flat and jumps racing and numbered the 1994 Grand National Hurdles (4200m) amongst her six career victories.

Mauna Kea is clear as he heads to the post at New Plymouth (Peter Rubery, Race Images)



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