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LOVE AFFAIR RALLIES LATE FOR DESERVED GROUP SUCCESS



Love Affair (outside) narrowly gets the better of Meeska Mooska in the Gr.3 Eagle Technology Stakes (1600m) at Ellerslie (Trish Dunell)

Classy mare **Love Affair (NZ)** (Savabeel) called upon all her reserves to run down a gallant Meeska Mooska (NZ) (El Hermano) in the Gr.3 Eagle Technology Stakes (1600m) at Ellerslie on Saturday.

Sent out a \$2.30-favourite, punters can be grateful jockey Matthew Cameron was alert to the muddling

tempo and had the Savabeel mare poised to pounce upon rounding the home turn.

"She had to be good because Meeska Mooska actually kicked really well and he surprised me when he put a couple of lengths on me, but she is a good mare and she deserves that," Cameron said. "She dug deep like good

horses do."

The Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman-trained five-year-old notched her first Stakes success, and her sixth win from 12 starts, to go with her earlier placings at Group Two and Group Three level.

"She is a day by day mare and

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Andrew and Murray and the girls at home have done a super job nursing her along," Cameron said.

Love Affair commenced her spring campaign with a solid second placing behind Te Akau Shark (NZ) (Rip Van Winkle) in the Gr.3 Spring Sprint (1400m) at Hawke's Bay and has subsequently had no luck when unplaced at Rotorua and Tauranga.

She was then thwarted by bad weather when scratched from last week's Gr.2 Auckland Thoroughbred

Breeders' Stakes (1400m) at Pukekohe before finally getting conditions to suit today.

"It was a good effort," co-trainer Andrew Forsman said.

"The second horse was brave too, he was three-wide the whole way without any cover.

"It was a muddling run race and definitely didn't suit her and that's what we were nervous about, but I said to Matt, 'don't panic, just ride her like she's the best in the race,' and

thankfully her class got her through."

Sporting the colours of Waikato Stud, Forsman believes the mare is best suited at 1400m in a truly run race.

"She deserved a Stakes win and she has got it today," he said. "I am delighted for Waikato Stud.

"We will just take it one race at a time. She has had a fair bit of racing now this preparation, so we will just keep her ticking over and find suitable races for her."

Waikato Stud will offer a half-sister to Love Affair by Ocean Park at January's New Zealand Bloodstock National Yearling Sales.

– NZ Racing Desk



Race	ARC Eagle Technology Stakes, Gr.3 1600m
Winner	Love Affair (NZ) 2013
Owners	G J Chittick
Trainer	Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Savabeel (AUS) out of Romancing by O'Reilly
Breeder	G J Chittick

Gr.3 Eagle Technology Stakes (1600m) winner Love Affair gets a well-deserved pat from handler Belle Paterson (Trish Dunell)



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BLACK-TYPE FOR **ESPRESSO MARTINI**

Jockey Leith Innes produced a gem of a ride to land the Listed Trevor Eagle Memorial 3YO (1500m) on **Espresso Martini (NZ)** (High Chaparral) at Ellerslie on Saturday, with the well-bred filly securing valuable black-type.

The daughter of High Chaparral and Group One winner *Keepa Cruisin* (NZ) (Keeper) stalked the leader *Jip Jip Rock* (High Chaparral) throughout, before peeling off her back to collar her late.

“Leith rode her an absolute treat and it is great for Donna Love and the team to get a result here with a stakes win,” co-trainer Andrew Forsman said.

“She has come a long way from winning a New Plymouth maiden in a short period of time, but Leith gave her every opportunity.

“When he went out, Leith said he’d won a Group One on the mother and she wasn’t much bigger than her, so it gives us a bit of hope heading forward and it’s a massive result.”

Forsman, who prepares Espresso Martini in partnership with Murray Baker, admitted he wasn’t confident heading into the race.

“We thought she was an each-way chance at best coming in and would have been delighted if she could land some black-type,” he said.

“That was why we brought her here and it probably wasn’t the strongest race in the world.

“There are a lot of horses on the way up that are looking for further in the future, but she got her race today and she deserves it.”

Forsman said the Gr.2 Cambridge



Espresso Martini (outside) defeating Jip Jip Rock in the Listed Trevor Eagle Memorial 3YO (1500m) at Ellerslie (Trish Dunell)

Stud Eight Carat Classic (1600m) at Ellerslie on Boxing Day was the most likely next assignment for Espresso Martini.

“While a filly like her is in form, you’ve just got to keep targeting the good fillies’ races,” he said.

Espresso Martini also holds a nomination for the Gr.1 Levin Classic (1600m) at Trentham on January 12, a race won by her mother in 2007 with Leith Innes in the saddle.

Espresso Martini was purchased by Bloodstock Agent James Harron on behalf of prominent Australian owners Donna and Rob Love, who have raced Group One winners *Shamal Wind* (Dubawi) and *Capitalist* (Written Tycoon).

A 150,000 purchase from The Oaks Stud’s 2017 New Zealand Bloodstock

Premier Yearling Sale draft, Espresso Martini’s mother is a half-sister to seven-time Group One winner *Seachange* (NZ) (Cape Cross).

– NZ Racing Desk.

Race	ARC Trevor Eagle Memorial 3YO, L. 1500m
Winner	Espresso Martini (NZ) 2015
Owners	Love Racing Pty Ltd
Trainer	Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman (Cambridge)
Breeding	by High Chaparral (IRE) out of <i>Keepa Cruisin</i> by Keeper (AUS)
Breeder	The Oaks Stud
Sales	2017 New Zealand Bloodstock Yearling Sales Series – Premier Sale; V: The Oaks Stud, P: James Harron Bloodstock; \$150,000





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THURLOW CLAIMS **WANGANUI CUP GLORY**



Glory Days and Lisa Allpress triumph in the Listed Wanganui Cup (2040m) (Race Images PN)

Waverley mare **Glory Days (NZ)** (Red Giant) maintained her picket fence form-line with a dominant victory in the Listed Cambridge Thoroughbred Lodge Wanganui Cup (2040m) on Saturday.

It was the fourth victory in succession for the six-year-old mare, who is quickly becoming one of New Zealand's most promising stayers.

The daughter of Red Giant relished the solid tempo set by China Star (NZ) (Chinese Dragon), coming from well off the pace to win with plenty in hand under a composed Lisa Allpress ride.

"It was a very, very good win," trainer Bill Thurlow said.

"I just said to Lisa before she went out there, take all of the luck out of the equation. I said just get her out in the middle of the track and I had a lot of faith in her and she did it perfectly."

Thurlow has made no secret that he believes Glory

Days, now the winner of eight races from 20 starts, could potentially be the best horse he has trained.

"It has been common knowledge in the press that once we get over ground, I think she is a very good horse and she proved it today," he said.

The farmer and part-time horse trainer has previously prepared Referred (NZ) (Postponed) to finish second in the Gr.1 New Zealand Oaks (2400m), while Yours (NZ) (Van Nistelrooy) won eight races and ran fourth in the Gr.3 New Zealand Cup (3200m).

Glory Days is on a path towards the Gr.3 City of Auckland Cup (2400m) at Ellerslie on New Year's Day and also holds early nominations for the Gr.3 NZ Campus For Innovation & Sport Wellington Cup (3200m) on January 19 and the Gr.1 Barfoot & Thompson Auckland Cup (3200m) in March.

"I am not one hundred percent sure where we are going

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THURLLOW CLAIMS **WANGANUI CUP GLORY**

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to go, we just need to map out the right plan for her," Thurlow said.

"She's a horse that doesn't need a lot of work and she's better with her races spaced."

Glory Days has been patiently handled by Thurlow and did not race until she was four.

"She's a mare that's taken a long time to mature," he said. "There's not a lot of her and in her younger days she probably wasn't 100 percent right mentally either.

"We let her develop and tell us when she was ready to go over further, and she was sort of telling us that after her second start this season."

Glory Days is one of twelve horses in training at the

Thurlow family's Stainley Park in Waverley, which they operate alongside their farming business.

The winner of more than \$160,000 in prizemoney, Glory Days is raced by Thurlow's brother Grant, his wife Patricia, and his neighbours and fellow farmers Brent and Sue McAree.

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	Cambridge Thoroughbred Lodge Wanganui Cup, L. 2040m
Winner	Glory Days (NZ) 2012
Owners	G D and Mrs P A Thurlow and B J and Mrs S A McAree
Trainer	Bill Thurlow (Waverley)
Breeding	by Red Giant (USA) out of Bilancia by Montjeu (IRE)
Breeder	J D Georgetti & Ms G E Kenny

NEWS IN BRIEF

Former Kiwi scores in Sydney

Consistent galloper **Arraignment (NZ)** (Nom du Jeu) capitalised on a good run of form with a win at Rosehill on Saturday.

The Joseph Pride six-year-old was coming off a runner-up finish on the same track last month and made the most of a light weight to take out the TAB Rewards Handicap (1500m).

"That was great," jockey Robbie Dolan said.

"I thought the Godolphin horse (Gaulois) was going to go straight past me but he knuckled down and found what he needed."

Arraignment was a four-time winner in New Zealand for Danica Guy before crossing the Tasman earlier this year.



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- A multiple Group One performer (2nd G1 Randwick Guineas, 3rd G1 Spring Champion) beating some of the best 3YO Group One winners in Australia including Kermedec, Preferment, Hampton Court, Shooting To Win, First Seal.
- Winner of first four starts including dual Group 3 wins in the Spring Stakes and Gloaming Stakes.
- A winner at only start as a 2YO.
- A top 3YO Timeform rating of 122 makes Sweynesse one of the top Australian 3YO colts of his year.
- By Lonhro -The Champion 3YO, the Champion miler, the Horse of the Year, and now a Champion sire. Lonhro set a new Australian record of 160 individual winners in a season. His son Pierro, unbeaten juvenile Triple Crown winner, was rated the best juvenile colt in Australia since 1977.
- Out of the multiple winning mare Swansea by Champion Sire Singspiel (5XG1 Winner and sire of 99SW).
- Sweynesse is a magnificent individual. He stands 16.2 hh. He has a powerful hind quarter, a strong shoulder and a great athletic walk. He is very correct.
- Sweynesse is syndicated amongst many of New Zealand's top breeders who are strongly supporting him at stud.

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129	Sweynesse (AUS) - Keep Thinking (AUS), Bay/Brown Colt Windsor Park Stud
188	Sweynesse (AUS) - Madonna Mia, Black Filly Novara Park
497	Sweynesse (AUS) - Uearthed, Brown/Black Colt Wentwood Grange
530	Sweynesse (AUS) - Xpress, Chestnut Colt Nala Park
650	Sweynesse (AUS) - Cool Storm, Brown Colt Novara Park

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699	Sweynesse (AUS) - Eastern Eclipse, Brown Colt Leanach Lodge Ltd
700	Sweynesse (AUS) - Electrostatic, Bay Colt Kilgravin Lodge
702	Sweynesse (AUS) - Ella's Cat (AUS), Bay Colt Windsor Park Stud
722	Sweynesse (AUS) - Fastnfree, Bay Colt Novara Park
798	Sweynesse (AUS) - Madam Butterfly, Brown Colt Novara Park
864	Sweynesse (AUS) - Polyatomic, Bay Colt Ralph Thoroughbreds
885	Sweynesse (AUS) - Rock Rose, Brown Colt Mapperley Stud Ltd
946	Sweynesse (AUS) - Tafaool (IRE), Chestnut Colt Brighthill Farm
1055	Sweynesse (AUS) - Cutluse, Bay Filly Wentwood Grange
1062	Sweynesse (AUS) - Darcybee, Bay Colt Bradbury Park

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1090	Sweynesse (AUS) - Happy Endings, Brown Filly Brighthill Farm
1117	Sweynesse (AUS) - Likely Story, Bay Colt Highfield Grange Thoroughbreds
1148	Sweynesse (AUS) - Platinum Elle, Bay Colt Westend Partnership
1157	Sweynesse (AUS) - Quest for Kash, Bay Filly Brighthill Farm
1250	Sweynesse (AUS) - Cabal, Brown Filly Cambria Park
1251	Sweynesse (AUS) - Call Me Maybe, Bay Colt Sedgemere Farm
1254	Sweynesse (AUS) - Cangowest, Bay Filly Grangewilliam Stud
1269	Sweynesse (AUS) - Coterie, Bay Filly Cambria Park

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MY PENDANT FINISHES STRONGLY IN VALLEY WIN

Progressive filly **My Pendant (NZ)** (Pins) has backed up a maiden city win at Sandown with another fast-finishing victory at Moonee Valley.

My Pendant broke her maiden at her third start last Wednesday week and trainer Danny O'Brien opted to back the three-year-old up 10 days later in Saturday's Keller Handicap (1200m) against her own age and sex.

After settling back in the field on My Pendant, jockey Craig Williams was able to angle to the outside approaching the home turn and then the filly let rip once she balanced up in the home straight.

Despite laying in after hitting

the front, My Pendant scored by 1-1/4-lengths.

"She took up from where she left off at Sandown," O'Brien said.

"She produced a really paralysing last furlong.

"She's still doing a bit wrong, running in late, but she's got that ability to really quicken."

O'Brien believes My Pendant has stakes-class ability but could press on for another start this campaign over 1400m before turning attention to better-class races next time in.

"We were looking to run her at 1400 today but the race just wasn't around so we had to stick at 1200 and she obviously had no problems

winning again," the trainer said.

"She will get out to a mile at some stage."

My Pendant races in the colours of Waikato Stud who share in the ownership after selling the filly for \$100,000 to bloodstock agent Phill Cataldo during the 2017 New Zealand Bloodstock yearling sales. Waikato Stud will offer a half-brother by Ocean Park at the 2019 edition of the sale.

-AAP

Race	MVRC Keller H. 1200m
Winner	My Pendant (NZ) 2015
Owners	M J Chittick, RKH Thoroughbreds (Mgr: R K Hamer), D A & Mrs D E M Monson, R N Harris, R H Hitt, S W Bruhn, A W Bruhn, M K Ashton, Dr J G Morgan, A J Doyle, Eagles Tigers And Hawks Syndicate (Mgr: W Huntly), C Harrington & B M Moloney
Trainer	Danny O'Brien (Flemington)
Breeding	by Pins (AUS) out of My Locket (AUS) by Any Suggestion (AUS)
Breeder	Miss K Fawcett, Waikato Stud Ltd & E S Wright
Sales	2017 National Yearling Sales Series - Premier Sale; V: Waikato Stud, P: Phill Cataldo Bloodstock Ltd; \$100,000.



My Pendant impresses at Moonee Valley (Quentin Lang)





BRIGHT FUTURE FOR WELL-RELATED SINARAHMA

Trainer Allan Sharrock has fond memories of his top-class mare Shez Sensational (NZ) (Ekraar), and he can see a number of similarities in her four-year-old daughter **Sinarahma (NZ)** (Darci Brahma).

The Darci Brahma mare strolled to victory in the AME Electrical (1340m) at Wanganui on Saturday, landing a number of good bets in the process.

"I think she has got a lot of her mum's quality, although she is probably not as tall," Sharrock said.

"She is going to be a dead-set 2000m horse, but she has got a turn of foot, is tough and just lowers like mum. Going forward it is quite exciting."

Sinarahma has now won two of her three raceday outings, having made a belated debut in October.

"She had kissing spine as a three-year-old, the same time that Kawi did, so we had to treat her and basically, we lost a year," Sharrock said.

"She was ready to race, and this came upon us and we had to treat her, and this is as early as we could get going.

"It was disappointing because I thought she could have been an Oaks filly as a three-year-old, but sometimes you've just got to wait for them and patience usually pays off."

Sinarahma is the first-foal of Shez Sensational, who won a dozen races, including four at Group One level, for Sharrock and a loyal group of owners.

"We leased Shez Sensational to race, with the right to the first foal and Wellfield Lodge purchased her after that," Sharrock said.

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Sinarahma lands some good bets when winning impressively at Wanganui (Race Images PN)





BRIGHT FUTURE FOR WELL-RELATED SINARAHMA

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"It is the same owners as Shez Sinsational, except Dad is deceased and my brother Bruce is in with Tony Kemp, the former rugby league player.

"We bred this filly together."

Ridden by Johnathan Parkes, Sinarahma raced midfield and three-wide for much of the contest but still had more than three-lengths on her rivals at the finish.

"We'll creep through the grades," Sharrock said.

"She will get to black-type by the end of this season, but I think next year we will be racing at a high-level, so I am not going to push her too hard.

"I'd like to steal a Group Three or a Listed race later in the season and then put her aside, and the year after it is no holds barred. She will be fully mature, and we can put some pressure on her."

Sinarahma started a well-supported \$2.40 favourite, with TAB bookmakers accepting a bet of \$20,000 at \$3.30, but Sharrock was doing his best Sergeant Schultz impersonation when questioned whether it was stable money.

"I got a couple of texts asking that," he said. "I won't say yes or no, but it is nice to see the TAB bleed occasionally."

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	WJC AME Electrical 1340m
Winner	Sinarahma (NZ) 2014
Owners	A Baeyertz, G A Macdonald, G H Phillips, S A Sharrock, J P Goodin, B R Sharrock and T Kemp
Trainer	Allan Sharrock (New Plymouth)
Breeding	by Darci Brahma out of Shez Sinsational by Ekraar (USA)
Breeder	Nearco Stud Ltd & Pee Gee Bloodstock

NEWS IN BRIEF

Last drinks called for Thebarman

Ten-year-old warhorse **Who Shot Thebarman (NZ)** (Yamanin Vital) has been officially retired.

The son of Yamanin Vital experienced a stellar career on the track, recording two Group One victories in the Sydney and Auckland Cups, both over 3200m, and he competed in four Gr.1 Melbourne Cups (3200m).

Trained initially by Mark Oulaghan in New Zealand and then by expat Kiwi Chris Waller in Sydney, Who Shot Thebarman will likely spend time at Living Legends in Melbourne before returning to his owner's property in New Zealand.

"We would like to announce The Barman has been retired from racing," owners, the O'Leary brothers said.

"It is yet to be finalised but he might spend a year at Living Legends in Melbourne before coming back to New Zealand where he will enjoy his retirement in a five star grass paddock in the Rangitikei."

"The family would like to thank all his followers for their support for the horse during his years of racing.

"One highlight, of which there were many, was winning the Sydney Cup at his sixth attempt."

– NZ Racing Desk

Gollan lands an Unlikely win at Doomben

Premier trainer Tony Gollan was confident he could start the summer carnival with a winner but admitted to having a case of nerves before it came to fruition.

The Gollan-trained **Unlikely Story (NZ)** (Star Witness), the \$2.45 favourite, was slow to jump and was third last on the fence.

But he was good enough to weave his way through the field to win by a half neck in the Broncos Team Score Handicap (1200m) at Doomben.

The race as the first official event of the A\$15 million Queensland summer carnival that runs until January 12.

"I wouldn't want to go through that again. He is a pretty smart horse but he is a big fellow and seems to wander out of the barriers," Gollan said.

"But he will win in better company than this and I knew if he got some splits in the straight he would be hard to hold out."

Unlikely Story was purchased out of Haunui Farm's 2016 New Zealand Bloodstock Select draft for \$80,000 and has three career wins under his belt.

-AAP





DARC BOUNTY RETURNS TO WINNING WAYS

Darc Bounty (NZ) (Darci Brahma) scored an all-the-way win in the S\$100,000 Kranji Stakes B race in Singapore over 1000m on Friday night.

Trained by New Zealand conditioner Stephen Gray, the five-year-old son of Darci Brahma had not visited the winner's circle since his last win in a Kranji Stakes C race on June 23 last year.

Race	STC Kranji Stakes B 1000m
Winner	Darc Bounty 2013
Owners	Elaine Chen Stable
Trainer	Stephen Gray (Singapore)
Breeding	by Darci Brahma out of Miss Elusive (AUS) by Elusive Quality (USA)
Breeder	A W, Mrs V A & W K Pike
Sales	2015 National Yearling Sales Series – Premier Sale; V: Longlands Stud, P: Mr CS Chen; \$100,000

Australian jockey Glen Boss was determined to make use of his mount's gate speed once he jumped out from the wide barrier. The fleet-footed gelding led his rivals through to the wire and raced away to a comfortable two-length win.

The winning time on the 1000m dash was a smart 58.46secs.

Bridget Gray, wife of winning trainer Stephen Gray was on hand to lead in the yard's 32nd winner and spoke on behalf of her husband, who was on his way to Hong Kong as Singapore champion sprinter Lim's Cruiser (Casino Prince) gets ready to take on 11 other world-class sprinters in the HK\$20 million Gr.1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint (1200m) next Sunday at Sha Tin racecourse.

She felt happy for Darc Bounty's owners, Mr and Mrs Elaine Chen.

"He (Boss) got him out of the barriers quick, and they went straight to the front," said Gray.

"The owners Mr and Mrs Chen are lovely people, and they will be at the races on Sunday as they have Wecando running (in the Class 4 Premier race over 1200m)."

At his sixth partnership and second win on the New Zealand gelding, Boss applauded his mount's ever-trying attitude.

"He goes into a race and puts his best foot forward," said the three-time Melbourne Cup winning jockey.

"Sometimes, he runs into hot races because he is so consistent, and his rating never drops. He's always in at the deep end.

"That was a good sustained run as I had to cross from that wide draw (barrier No 10).

"I really liked his effort because he gave me everything he had. He has nothing left in the tank after the race, really.

"I enjoyed the ride and it's good for the owners."

With his fifth win, Darc Bounty has amassed close to S\$300,000 for the Elaine Chen Stable.

-STC



Darc Bounty makes all in the Kranji Stakes B race on Friday night. (STC)

