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## TWO-YEAR-OLD TOO TOUGH IN CLASSIC



*Miss Federer winning the Gr.3 Woburn Farm 2YO Classic (1200m) at New Plymouth on Saturday. (Peter Rubery (Race Images Palmerston North))*

Riccarton trainer Andrew Carston made the bold decision to bypass the Karaka Million 2YO (1200m) last week with **Miss Federer (NZ)** (Swiss Ace) in favour of the Gr.3 Woburn Farm 2YO Classic (1200m) at New Plymouth on Saturday and his charge duly delivered for her connections.

Miss Federer was pushed forward by jockey Lisa Allpress and was caught in a speed duel early with Amazing Team (NZ) (Sacred Falls) and Folk Dress (Pierro), which resulted in the Swiss Ace filly being posted three-wide the trip.

She was able to account for the two early aggressors in the straight and had to draw on all her reserves to holdout fast-finishing race favourite Hasstobegood (NZ) (Per Incanto) to win by a long neck, with 3-1/2 lengths back to Last Light.

"It's unbelievable, that was just unreal," Carston said. "She is very tough, it was a very hard run.

"She has always been a filly who has never really showed us anything at home, but raceday is a different story.

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“Forget that she went around at Ellerslie last-start (where she finished last). It’s hard to say now, but I’m glad I made the decision not to run her in the Karaka Million.

“I just felt everything went pear-shaped at Ellerslie and we just needed to regroup and come back a class and we got the result.”

Jockey Lisa Allpress was critical of her ride in the race, but was relieved to get the win aboard the southern raider.

“It was probably the worst ride of my entire life,” Allpress said. “The plan was to let her roll forward, she is pretty one dimensional.

“But the horse outside her (Scotch) didn’t really let up, it kept coming with me and I really had to stay positive to hold that horse out.

“In the meantime, two kicked up on the inside, so we were just a victim of circumstances. To her credit, she is so tough. She just kept on finding, I couldn’t really believe it.

“All these terrible things were going through my mind, but she just kept finding. The other horses came, but she just kept finding that kick, she is very brave.”

It has been a successful juvenile season for Miss Federer, with the \$10,000 Karaka yearling sale purchase also winning the Listed Welcome Stakes (1000m) at Riccarton in November.

Carston was thrilled with the result and said she could possibly head towards the Gr.2 J Swap Contractors Ltd Matamata Breeders’ Stakes (1200m) later this month.

“We’ll get home and just reassess, possibly the Breeders’ Stakes or we will take her home,” Carston said.

– NZ Racing Desk

<b>Race</b>	<b>Woburn Farm 2YO Classic, Gr.3 1200m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Miss Federer (NZ) 2016</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Mark and Dawn Dowling, Clint and Jill Tauri, Russell and Ros McClean, Dave and Jill Macgibbon, Brian and Margaret Sheppard, Beau and Ann Trevathan, Lindsay and Kaz Harliwich, Joy Isaacs, Janice Banks and Terry Williamson</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Andrew Carston (Riccarton Park)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Swiss Ace (AUS) out of Halobelle by My Halo (ARG)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Nearco Stud Ltd</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2018 National Yearling Sales Series – Book 2; V: Bradbury Park, P: Mr AJ Carston; \$10,000</b>



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# CONSENSUS BACK IN WINNING GROOVE

**G**roup One mare **Consensus (NZ)** (Postponed) made it successive Group Three victories with a tough win in the Platinum Homes Taranaki Cup (1800m) on Saturday.

The Stephen McKee-trained mare had won just one race since landing the Gr.1 Zabeel Classic (2000m) at Ellerslie on Boxing Day 2016, until dominating her rivals in the Gr.3 Trentham Stakes (2100m) last month and is racing like a mare with an air of confidence.

The seven-year-old mare again looked beautifully placed under the set weights and penalties conditions and was well ridden by Chris Johnson to win narrowly from the fast-closing Dolcetto (NZ) (Per Incanto), while on-pacer Shadow Fox (NZ) (Keeninsky) finished third.

"It looked like 250m out she was going to run away, but Shadow Fox fought back and then Dolcetto came late, so she had to grind it out," McKee said.

"She got a great position. I actually thought that Overtheriver would go forward as well and that there would probably be a bit more speed on than there was, but Chris got in a lovely spot and she did the rest.

"It's really good to have her back in form. She is a past

Group One winner so you don't like to see their form tail off."

Consensus has now won ten of her 52 starts, with a further 12 placings and has won more than \$600,000 in prizemoney.

McKee will likely bypass next week's Gr.1 Herbie Dyke Stakes (2000m) at Te Rapa.

The Ardmore trainer said Consensus might again been seen at the Sydney autumn carnival after performing credibly when fourth in last year's Gr.1 Ranvet Stakes (2000m) at Rosehill and sixth behind Winx (Street Cry) in the Gr.1 Queen Elizabeth Stakes (2000m) at Randwick.

"We've got a few options. There are a couple of options in Australia or the Bonecrusher (New Zealand) Stakes (Gr.1, 2000m) at Ellerslie." – NZ Racing Desk

<b>Race</b>	<b>Platinum Homes Taranaki Cup, Gr.3 1800m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Consensus (NZ) 2011</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Mrs T Gibbens, S Lamond, Mrs D P and M D J Molloy, Dame Julie Christie and Est Late M C Molloy</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Stephen McKee (Ardmore)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Postponed (USA) out of Kate Cross by Cape Cross (IRE)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>M2 Racing Limited</b>



Consensus winning the Gr.3 Platinum Homes Taranaki Cup (1800m) on Saturday (Peter Rubery (Race Images Palmerston North))





# GALLANT BOY GAINS DESERVED WIN IN WINGATUI FEATURE

Local runner **Gallant Boy (NZ)** (Gallant Guru) went one better in 2019 when he scored in a driving finish to the line in the Gr.3 White Robe Lodge Weight For Age (1600m) at Wingatui.

The evergreen eight-year-old had to bow to stablemate Tommy Tucker (NZ) (Gallant Guru) in the feature mile last season but would not be denied this year when he got the better of race-favourite Boots 'N' All (NZ) (Perfectly Ready) in the final few strides of the contest.

Trained by Brian and Shane Anderton for the estate of his breeder, the late Patrick Smith, Gallant Boy was notching his 11th career victory and first at stakes level.

Handled perfectly by rider Terry Moseley, who had earlier taken out the Listed Dunedin Guineas (1500m) aboard Air Max (NZ) (Nadeem), Gallant Boy enjoyed a perfect trip throughout after Moseley managed to find inside running from a wide barrier draw.

With the pace on up front, Moseley bided his time on the Gallant Guru gelding before tracking up behind Boots 'N' All approaching the home turn. Moseley secured a dream rails run in the straight as he set out after Boots 'N' All with Gallant Boy kicking strongly to win by a head with Accidental Offside (NZ) (No Excuse Needed) fighting on for third.

Co-trainer Shane Anderton admitted he had some concerns during the race as he watched his charge get well off the pace in the early stages.

"Down the back I was getting a bit worried as he was back second or third last," he said.

"To Terry's credit he saved every inch and took all the short cuts.

"Today he (Gallant Boy) showed just how much he has improved."

Anderton also paid tribute to the late Patrick Smith who bred the horse, a full-brother to Group One winning stayer Patrick Erin (NZ) who was trained for the early part of his career by the Anderton's before relocating to the Chris Waller stable in Sydney.

"Mrs Smith is here today and it is great for her," he said.

"He is a full brother to Patrick Erin, so it is a great result."

Moseley was all smiles when describing how the race had panned out for him from an awkward draw.

"I had a nasty draw and I didn't want to dig him up and get him pulling," he said.

"I ended up one off the fence most of the way and when there was a bit of carnage down the back, I ended up getting a nice trip.

"I had spent nothing and got a nice run through which was the winning of the race.

"This was a good quality field today and he is a real good horse."

– NZ Racing Desk

<b>Race</b>	<b>White Robe Lodge Weight For Age, Gr.3 1600m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Gallant Boy (NZ) 2010</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Est Late P Smith</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Brian &amp; Shane Anderton (Wingatui)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Gallant Guru (AUS) out of Mega Babe by Personal Escort (USA)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>P E Smith</b>



*Gallant Boy gets his head in front to deny Boots 'N' All victory at Wingatui (Wild Range Photography)*





# JAMES ELATED WITH STAKES VICTORY



*Elate winning the Listed Fasttrack Insurance Oaks Prelude (1800m) at New Plymouth on Saturday. (Peter Rubery (Race Images Palmerston North))*

Cambridge trainers Roger James and Rob Wellwood narrowly missed out on taking out the Gr.3 Woburn Farm 2YO Classic (1200m) at New Plymouth on Saturday, but managed to go one better two races later when taking out the Listed Fasttrack Insurance Oaks Prelude (1800m) with **Elate (NZ)** (Savabeel).

The Savabeel filly was caught out three-wide in the early stages of the race after a number of her rivals engaged in a speed battle for early supremacy.

Jockey Cameron Lammas was not content with his position and pushed on with his charge to take the lead down the back straight and the pair did not relinquish their advantage for the remainder of the contest, going on to win by 1-1/4 lengths over Clementina (NZ) (Savabeel) with a further nose back to Jakkalbomb (NZ) (Jakkalberry) in third.

Elate wasn't favoured by punters heading into the race, but James said the Group Three placegetter had put in a deceptively good unplaced

performance last-start in the Gr.2 Royal Stakes (2000m) at Ellerslie on New Year's Day.

"Her form didn't look good, if you looked at the numbers, but she actually ran a quicker 600m and 400m than the winner of the Railway last start, so her run was very solid there," James said.

"Cameron took bad luck out of the equation. He made a decision that can go either way when you do that and I'm pleased to say it went the right way for us.

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# JAMES ELATED WITH STAKES VICTORY

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“We have got a lovely set of owners (Colin and Helen Litt) and they are very supportive of the stable. To do that (for them) is quite special.”

Lammas was pleased with the win and said he had no option but to press forward with Elate after being posted three-wide.

“They got to the front and then stacked up and I thought they were going too slow,” he said.

“I was wide and had no option but to go forward. She was happy once she got there (the front) and set a nice clip and kept kicking.

“Her last few runs have been very

good and it looked like she was hitting the line strongly and today she did it properly.”

James, who went to \$270,000 to purchase Elate out of Wentwood Grange’s 2017 New Zealand Bloodstock Premier Yearling Sale draft, said they would now head towards the Gr.1 Al Basti Equiworld Dubai New Zealand Oaks (2400m) next month with their filly.

Elate continued her sire Savabeel’s impressive run this season, with her victory extending his stakes win tally this season to 16.

– NZ Racing Desk

<b>Race</b>	<b>Fasttrack Insurance Oaks Prelude, L. 1800m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Elate (NZ) 2015</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>C R &amp; H J Litt</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Roger James &amp; Robert Wellwood (Cambridge)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Savabeel (AUS) out of High Joy by High Chaparral (IRE)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Llanhennock Trust</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2017 National Yearling Sales Series – Premier Sale; V: Wentwood Grange, P: Mr R A James; \$270,000</b>

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Kiwi’s collect at Caulfield

New Zealand bred horses had a successful day at Caulfield on Saturday winning four races on the nine-race card, with only five races contested by horses carrying the NZ suffix.

The in-form *Mystyko* (NZ) (Sakhee’s Secret) notched up his third consecutive win in the opening race, followed by *Naantali* (NZ) (Rip Van Winkle) who finished ahead of *Ocean Deep* (NZ) (Ocean Park) in the John Moule Handicap (1400m).

*Naantali* was part of a winning treble for the Ciaran Maher/David Eustace stable and was a last-start runner up at Flemington in January. “She’s a lovely mare and probably should have won last start,” jockey Damian Lane said.

“She bounced back great today, I was worried she was going to be a bit keen again but at about the 200m she settled good and from there I was confident.”



Caulfield winner *Naantali* (Bruno Cannatelli)

*Lamborghini* (NZ) (Shinko King) bounced back from a last start disappointment on the same track and flew home from last with a swooping run to win the Ladbrokes Handicap (2000m).

“It was a lot quicker tempo this start,” jockey Tahlia Hope said. “Once he got to the outside he was strong to the line.

“I was a bit worried about the back up but Patrick (Payne, trainer) knows the horse better than anyone and he was spot on.”

Rounding out the quartet was *Heptagon* (NZ) (Jimmy Choux) who finished strongly to win the last. The Mick Price-trained five-year-old, who now has six career victories to his credit, is a full brother to the top priced yearling on day two of the New Zealand Bloodstock Book 2 sale consigned by Trelawney Stud as lot 902 and sold for \$190,000 to Robin Tai of RT Racing.

Not to be out done by his Victorian based counterparts, *Seaway* (NZ) (Ocean Park) resumed a winner having not been seen at the races since his unplaced run in the Gr.3 Sunshine Coast Guineas (1600m) in June last year.



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# AIR MAX DOUBLES UP IN DUNEDIN GUINEAS

**T**alented three-year-old **Air Max (NZ)** (Nadeem) doubled his winning tally at stakes level when he burst between runners to claim a comfortable victory in the Listed Mediaworks Dunedin Guineas (1500m) at Wingatui.

The Nadeem gelding had broken his maiden status when successful in the Listed Gore Guineas (1335m) on a Slow8 surface last month in stunning fashion when producing a slashing finish to power over the top of his age-group rivals.

Trainer Lance Robinson had been pleased with how his charge had improved since his Gore victory as he weighed up his chances before the race.

“He has come on since that race,” he said.

“He got back the other day, only because he got checked early in the race, but with a good draw I can’t see why he can’t get a good run behind the speed and then find the line.”

Robinson could hardly have written a better script as the race panned out virtually as he described it.

Given a good run in mid-field by rider Terry Moseley, Air Max lobbed along nicely before moving into contention with 600m to run. Things started to get a bit dicey early in the run home, with a wall of horses in front of him, however once Moseley angled his charge into the clear Air Max hit top-gear in a few big bounds as he dashed clear to defeat Upscale (NZ) (Tavistock) with Highly Unlikely (NZ) (Makfi) in



*Air Max cruises to the line to win the Listed Dunedin Guineas (Wild Range Photography)*

third.

“I’m just so pleased to see him do that as I’ve always said he’s better on top of the ground,” Robinson said.

“My only concern was when I saw him start to get hemmed in approaching the straight.

“Terry said to me afterwards that he was getting into trouble from as far out as the 900m mark but when he got him into the clear he just went whoosh.”

Robinson will now let the dust settle on the performance before making any further plans for his charge. He will take a similar approach with stablemate Khimar War (NZ) (Sweet Orange) who found himself in trouble in running for the second consecutive start before

finishing off well in behind the place-getters.

– NZ Racing Desk

<b>Race</b>	<b>Mediaworks Dunedin Guineas, L. 1500m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Air Max (NZ) 2015</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>CP Wilson, BA Sheat, Doashoeychaz Syndicate (Mgr: Charlotte Bellew), HMCC Dreaming Big Syndicate (Mgr: Glenn Sayer), J and T Ballantyne, M and F Fearon, CL and WA Burrell, LM Burrell, LM and CJ Robinson</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Lance Robinson (Riccarton Park)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Nadeem (AUS) out of Steel Stilettoes (AUS) by Hussonet (USA)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>B A Sheat &amp; Mrs C P Wilson</b>





# OREPUKI LAD DOMINATES FROM THE FRONT AT WINGATUI

Promising stayer **Orepuki Lad (NZ)** (Raise The Flag) scored the biggest win of his career when he led all the way in Saturday's Listed Fire & Mechanical Contracting Ltd Dunedin Gold Cup (2400m) at Wingatui.

The athletic Raise The Flag gelding was having just his twelfth start and first in open company in the Dunedin feature for the father and son training partnership of Graham and Michael Eade.

Placed in his last four starts, the five-year-old gained a deserved victory after doing all the donkey-work in front for rider Leah Hemi. Hemi set-up a steady speed throughout the contest and it was obvious she had most of her rivals under pressure with 600m to run.

Sent for home at the top of the Wingatui straight, Orepuki Lad never shirked his task as he maintained a powerful gallop to down another promising stayer in Aboli (NZ) (Darci Brahma) with Shakti (NZ) (Duelled) finishing on well to grab third.

Graham Eade was confident of a forward showing from his

charge after he had come of age in this campaign.

"He was a big gangly thing last year but once he came back from his break he really grew up," he said.

"He's never been a great eater but that has improved and now he has strengthened up he can round his races off much better.

"He is a real cruisy dude as nothing bothers him. In fact, he nearly went to sleep when we put him back in the box after the race."

Eade admitted to some concerns about Orepuki Lad having his first run over 2400m in the race but was buoyed by the booking of Central Districts apprentice Leah Hemi.

"I did have a small concern about the trip, but he is from a great staying sire in Raise The Flag while his dam was shaping up over distance before she was retired due to injury," he said.

"We were delighted to be able to get Leah to ride him as she really gets on well with our horses.

"She won the Invercargill Cup on La Nouvelle Vague with

a great ride and she has done the same again today."

Eade will now give Orepuki Lad a few light days in the paddock before deciding on any further targets.

– NZ Racing Desk



<b>Race</b>	<b>Fire &amp; Mechanical Contracting Ltd Dunedin Gold Cup, L. 2400m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Orepuki Lad (NZ) 2013</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Ten Deep Syndicate</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Graham &amp; Michael Eade (Riverton)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Raise The Flag (GB) out of Star Gazer by The Gladiator</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>C J Ferguson</b>

*Orepuki Lad and Leah Hemi score comfortably in the Listed Fire & Mechanical Contracting Ltd Dunedin Gold Cup (Wild Range Photography)*



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# MYSTYKO MAKES IT A HAT-TRICK AT CAULFIELD

Connections of **Mystyko (NZ)** (Sakhee's Secret) are considering tackling the Newmarket Handicap after the sprinter completed a winning hat-trick at Caulfield.

Mystyko is among nominations for the \$1.25 million sprint over the straight 1200m at Flemington on March 9.

Victory in the Veuve Clicquot Lawn Handicap (1100m) followed wins at Caulfield and Sandown in benchmark 64 grade and gave 3kg claiming apprentice Chelsea Hall with her first Saturday success.

Sent off the race favourite, Mystyko scored a length win over Redcore (Choisir) with I Got You (Hard Spun) a half-head away third.

Mystyko has made a rapid rise through the ranks with breeder and part-owner Richard Anderson saying the gelding is still 12 months away from reaching full potential.

As a confidence-booster 12 months ago, Mystyko was dispatched to the picnic circuit, registering two wins with a later victory at Pakenham before a spell.

In five runs since he's registered three wins and two second placings for trainer Trevor Rogers.

"Trevor's done an amazing job with his planning and strategies in him giving him six months off," Anderson



Mystyko on his way to his third consecutive win (Bruno Cannatelli)

said.

"We still think he's 12 months away and full credit must go to Chelsea for her ride.

"We think he's got Group One potential at some point, but he's still 12 months away from being at his top."

Anderson said Mystyko will require another start before the Newmarket Handicap.

"Trevor mentioned the Oakleigh Plate but I would prefer to go a benchmark 90 and use Chelsea's claim again and give him a bit more confidence," Anderson said.

"He likes it here at Caulfield, but

he's never had a run up the straight at Flemington so that is another consideration."

-AAP

<b>Race</b>	<b>Veuve Clicquot Lawn BM78 1100m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Mystyko (NZ) 2013</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>R A Anderson, U Vass &amp; Mrs S Senyuvalli</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Trevor Rogers (Cranbourne)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Sakhee's Secret (GB) out of Plan The Peace by I Conquer</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Bloodstock Associates &amp; Quilly Park</b>





# NOTHING NEW IN THE WAY HONEST MARE ALWAYS SHOWS UP

Honest mare **What's New (NZ)** (Casino Prince) showcased her typical will to win with a gutsy victory in the S\$70,000 Class 3 race over 1400m in Singapore on Friday night.

With a record that now reads four wins and five placings from 11 starts, the four-year-old daughter of Casino Prince is the kind of horse any trainer would love to have in the barn.

And trainer Cliff Brown, who bred her out of UK mare Pussycat Dream (hence the clever name!), certainly had that in mind when he shelled out NZ\$60,000 to buy her half-brother (by El Roca) at the New Zealand Bloodstock National Yearling Sales at Karaka on Thursday, hoping those genes he went as far as England to unearth will hit paydirt again.

"We just bought her half-brother in Karaka yesterday. We bought the mother in England, bred What's New and now we've got the half-brother," said Brown who was at the double having won with another filly in Ararat Lady (NZ) (Battle Paint)

<b>Race</b>	<b>STC Class 3 1400m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>What's New (NZ) 2014</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Tarnpirr Stable</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Clifford Brown (Singapore)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Casino Prince (AUS) out of Pussycat Dream (GB) by Oasis Dream (GB)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Greenwich Stud Pty Ltd</b>



earlier.

"What's New is such a genuine mare. She's such a beauty and a pleasure to train.

"She has a nice turn of foot and the way the track is playing tonight suited her."

What's New was one of the smartest away, but with four of five fighting for early supremacy upfront, jockey Michael Rodd was happy to ease her back into mid-division.

Nationality (Commands) clapped along at a solid tempo upfront, but the chasing pack was homing in on him at the point of the turn. What's New had in the meantime taken closer order as she slid up on the outside four abreast.

Sun Hoplites (Statue of Liberty) down the middle and Chocante (Fastnet Rock) scraping paint, launched their attacks, but Nationality stood firm. The China Horse Club-owned gelding looked like he might make all, but What's New did not shirk the task at hand as she lunged on the outside to prevail by a neck.

"She's a real delight to ride. She's a push-button type of mare," said Rodd, clearly a fan of What's New.

"She can go forward, she can drop back and come back underneath you. When you light her up, she doesn't have to stay there, she can come back again.

"Basically, she's A1, she has a great attitude and a great turn of foot. She's a ripper.

"She has no problem running a trip like a 2000m race, as she is so economical and puts her head down.

"There was a lot of depth to tonight's race, a really solid race, but the boys did a great job to bring her back to her best."

Rodd also combined with Brown to win on \$7 odds-on favourite Ararat Lady in the S\$50,000 Class 4 Division 2 race over 1100m.

What's New has now earned in excess of S\$220,000 in prizemoney for the Tarnpirr Stable.

-STC

*What's New gains the upper hand from Nationality to claim the Class 3 race on Friday night. (STC)*

