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HYPNOS DEVELOPING INTO A GROUP ONE CONTENDER



Hypnos will tackle the Gr.1 Levin Classic at Trentham tomorrow (Trish Dunell)

Talented three-year-old **Hypnos (NZ)** (Reliable Man) is being set for his first tilt at elite level when he lines-up in the Gr.1 Levin Classic (1600m) at Trentham on Saturday.

Trainers Roger James and Robert Wellwood have taken a patient approach with the son of Reliable Man, which is starting to pay dividends for the Cambridge conditioners.

"He's been a horse that we have had to make along the process," Wellwood said.

"He wasn't a ready-made racehorse, but he is certainly going the right way and we have been very happy with his form of late."

That good form includes placing in the Gr.3 Bonecrusher Stakes (1400m) at Ellerslie last month before returning to the track on Boxing Day to take out the Listed Uncle Remus Stakes (1400m).

"I thought his run in the Uncle Remus was super,"

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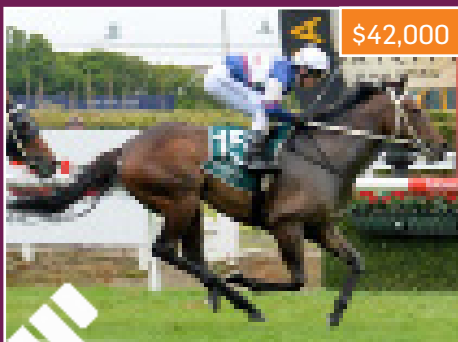




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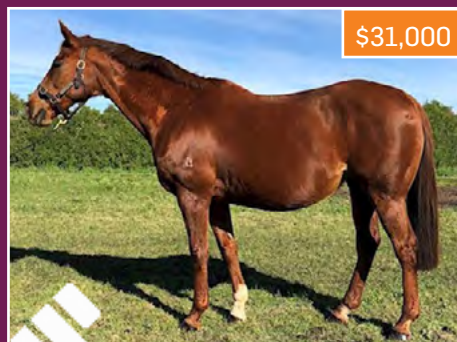
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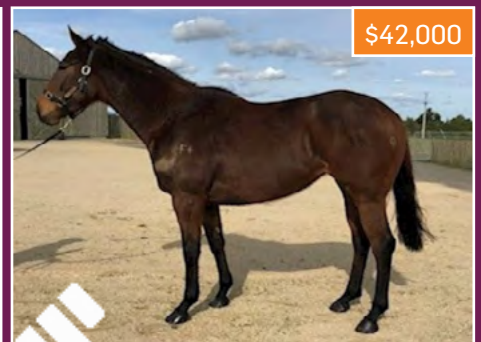
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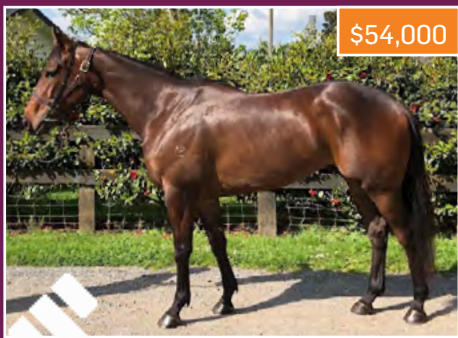
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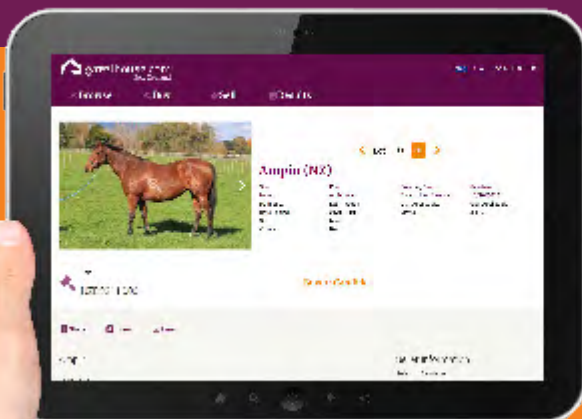
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Wellwood said. "He's a horse that has been known to over-race a little bit, but he relaxed reasonably nicely.

"He was probably one of the fitter, in-form horses and it was a wet track, so it was certainly his day."

Wellwood has been happy with Hypnos' progress since that victory and said his only concern heading into the race is drawing barrier nine in the eleven-horse field.

"He's been great since Boxing Day, he has actually been handling his preparation well. He eats well and is a real professional athlete and we're really happy with the way he has progressed on from there," he said.

"The draw is the real niggle, we would have loved an inside draw. We're not 100 percent sure of how we're going to ride him yet.

"It's only a small field, so we have just got to hope that he has a bit of luck and gets a bit of an economical run. I am sure he will be there or thereabouts."

TAB Bookmakers have set Hypnos as a \$5.50 second-favourite for the Group One mile behind Gr.1 New Zealand 2000 Guineas (1600m) winner Madison County (NZ) (Pins) (barrier one), with Lincoln Falls (Dundeel) (barrier 10) labelled a \$6 chance.

While their sights are firmly set on Trentham on Saturday with Hypnos, Kingsclere Stables are eyeing a possible tilt at the rich Karaka Million 3YO Classic (1600m) later this month with the \$50,000 New Zealand Bloodstock yearling sale purchase.

"Depending on how he comes through Wellington, he may look to head to the Karaka Million 3YO Classic," Wellwood said.

"The million-dollar race would likely be his last run this preparation, he's had a rather big preparation."

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STAYER A LIVE CHANCE IN TRENTHAM STAKES

Chance To Dance's (Teofilo) Gr.1 Barfoot & Thompson Auckland Cup (3200m) campaign steps up a gear at Trentham on Saturday.

The Teofilo nine-year-old tackles the Gr.3 Barneswood Farm Trentham Stakes (2100m), looking to claim his first win in more than a year.

That last win came in the Gr.3 OMF Stakes (2000m) at Ellerslie in November 2017 under weight-for-age conditions but the Jamie Richards-trained stayer reverts to set weights and

penalties on Saturday and looks well placed as a 103-rated galloper in just 3kg above the minimum.

"I'm not sure really where we're at with him. It's been hard with a horse like him, high up in the handicaps and having to claim to get weight off his back," Richards said.

"He's not working as well as he was this time last year either but he's a year older and he's a lot more relaxed, so maybe he's just taking a bit longer to come up.

"He's well in himself though and he gets in well at the weights on Saturday. He enjoys the chip out of the ground



Chance To Dance looks a leading chance in Saturday's Gr.3 Barneswood Farm Trentham Stakes (Trish Dunell)

now as he's a bit older too. It's an important race for him this weekend because he'll have this and then go to the Avondale Cup and then the Auckland Cup.

"To warrant going there, he's going to have to put his hand up and run well."

A winner of nine of his 35 starts, Chance To Dance began his career in Ireland, winning five times before he was sent to Australia, winning at Caulfield over 2400m before he was sold to Fortuna Syndications and joined Te Akau, placing in the Gr.1 Sydney Cup (3200m) at his first start

for his new stable before that race was declared void.

He finished fifth in the re-run before heading to New Zealand, where he won the Listed Karaka Classic (1600m) last season at his first start here.

TAB bookmakers have Chance To Dance at \$41 for the Auckland Cup, in which he has 56kg, but opened him as a \$2.60 favourite for the Trentham Stakes.

- NZ Racing Desk





PROSECUTOR READY FOR GROUP ONE CROWN

Last-start Group Three winner **Crown Prosecutor** (Medaglia D'Oro) will head into Saturday's Gr.1 Levin Classic (1600m) in a fresh state, but his trainer Stephen Marsh believes his colt is primed for the Trentham mile.

The son of Medaglia D'Oro won the Gr.3 Wellington Stakes (1600m) at Otaki in November and Marsh said he has been readied for Saturday's contest with two recent exhibition gallops.

"We gave him a freshen-up since that race (Wellington Stakes)," he said. "He's not the biggest, most robust horse. He is quite a clean-winded horse.

"We have certainly done enough with him. I have given him two exhibition gallops, which he has galloped up beautifully.

"He's very well. He's fit and he's ready to go a big race."

Proven over the mile distance, Marsh said his colt would relish the big, roomy track at Trentham, although he believes Crown Prosecutor will be better suited over more distance in-time.

"He's a colt and he knows he is a colt. He can be a bit playful, he's not the most straightforward horse, but he has won at the mile," Marsh said.

"The mile really suits and I'm really looking forward to getting him to a big track like Wellington.

"He's going to be better over 2000m-plus, with the Derby in-mind, but I think the mile in his fresh state on a big track, it really does look good for him."

Following Saturday, Crown Prosecutor will be set on a path towards the Gr.1 New Zealand Derby (2400m), with the Gr.2. Avondale Guineas (2100m) a likely lead-in race for the stakes winner.

"We'll go to one of the Guineas races, probably the Avondale, but this race was always on the cards. It's a Group One, he's a well-bred colt, and if he could win it adds to his value."

Marsh will also line-up Vernanme (NZ) (O'Reilly) in the Levin Classic.

The Kevin Hickman co-bred and owned colt is on a similar

path to Crown Prosecutor and Marsh is expecting an improved performance from the son of O'Reilly after his fourth-placing behind race rival Hypnos (NZ) (Reliable Man) in the Listed Uncle Remus Stakes (1400m) at Ellerslie on Boxing Day.

"I thought it was a really good run (in the Uncle Remus) on a track that didn't really suit, and we are going to get a really good track on Saturday," Marsh said.

"I think he's a pretty high-class colt. He's obviously only won a maiden, but going into this one I am really happy with him. He's a horse that will like the big track like Wellington and the mile suits. But again, he's a horse that is suited over more ground. He's done everything right and is a lovely colt.

"He's the new kid on the block I guess, taking on the likes of Crown Prosecutor and Madison County and a lot of stakes performed horses, but I think he's pretty good. He's a real improving type and I think you will see him run better than what he looks like on paper."

– NZ Racing Desk



Trainer Stephen Marsh believes Crown Prosecutor is primed for a big effort in the Gr.1 Levin Classic on Saturday (Race Images – Peter Rubery)





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WAIKATO'S DOMINANT HAND SET TO CONTINUE

Mark Chittick plays down any talk of a sixth successive vendors' title at the 2019 National Yearling Sale, but that doesn't remove the air of certainty around Waikato Stud's continuing top dog status at Karaka.

The indicators are compelling with clearly the largest draft comprising 103 lots in Book 1 and 40 of those by New Zealand's standout sire Savabeel. In 2014 Chittick's Matamata farm claimed its first National Sale vendors' title riding a wave based on stallion



strength and has been unstoppable since.

Twelve months ago, Waikato's 83-strong draft realised \$12,845,000 after five withdrawals and eight passings resulted in 70 sold at an average of \$183,500 headed by the \$875,000 Savabeel-Posy filly. This time round, and after committing his entire yearling crop to New Zealand Bloodstock's annual sale, Chittick has submitted a record entry representing another selection of quality bloodlines.

"By the time we get to Karaka and we've had the inevitable withdrawals, the number will be closer to 80," Chittick said. "The size of the draft is something we manage year by year and I'd say the quality is right up there again.

"But whether we end up topping the vendors' table again, that's not something I tend to focus on. The main objective taking a draft to any sale is to find buyers for as many as you can, so first and foremost that's what we'll all be working towards."

Karaka 2018 was a first for all vendors with the new-look expanded Book 1 taking the place of the former Premier session and the top end of the second-tier Select catalogue. For Waikato Stud that meant concentrating its whole draft in Book 1, which will again be the pattern

Waikato Stud principal Mark Chittick will present a draft rich in quality and quantity at Karaka 2019.

when selling commences with the 100-lot late Sunday opening session.

"It went smoothly enough for us last year and we got a very good result, so even though we'll have a few more to put through this time round I don't see it being much different," Chittick said. "We've got good systems in place, which is all about planning well in advance and step by step making sure it all comes together."

Savabeel, the current star of the Waikato show, has continued to go from strength to strength in the opening months of the new season. At all ages and distances his progeny have performed, highlighted by seven-year-old mare Shillelagh (NZ) adding the Gr. 1 Empire Rose Stakes (1600m) at Flemington on the anniversary of her Gr. 1 Cantala Stakes (1600m) win, and two-year-old Aotea Lad (NZ) winning on debut in the Gr. 2 Wakefield Challenge Stakes (1100m) at Trentham.

"That's probably the most amazing statistic with Savabeel – his number of two-year-old winners," Chittick said. "We didn't really expect that, he was a horse that we thought would leave progeny that would get better with time, and while that's true in a lot of cases, it's quite remarkable that he's had so many two-year-old winners right up to Group One here and in Australia."

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WAIKATO'S DOMINANT HAND SET TO CONTINUE

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A reminder of the standing that Savabeel holds in the eyes of local and overseas participants came at New Zealand Bloodstock's Ready to Run Sale in November when two-year-olds by Savabeel dominated proceedings. Eleven by him were knocked down for a total of \$3,445,000 at an average of \$313,182.

The sale-topper was the bay colt from Disguised, making him a brother to the dual Group One winner Costume. He had been sold for \$210,000 from Waikato's 2018 Karaka draft to Rogerson Bloodstock, whose principal Graeme Rogerson trained Savabeel to win the Cox Plate and remains one of his biggest fans. Rogerson and his wife Debbie also trained Costume for Waikato Stud, hence the additional attraction to her younger brother.

At the Ready to Run Sale Rogerson made no secret of his desire to retain the colt, but in the end money talked and he was trumped in the bidding by Lang Lin's Inner Mongolia Rider Horse Industry. In dollars and cents terms, for the good-looking colt to realise more than double his yearling price was still a very pleasing outcome, even something that his breeder acknowledges.

"Graeme and Debbie paid market rate for him in January and good on

them for getting such a good result less than a year later," Chittick said. "Looking ahead it's good to know they're cashed up, so hopefully they'll return to the same source."

Chittick hopes the buying bench will have eyes for not just the progeny of Waikato Stud's reigning champion but also for the range of other sires represented in their draft.

"The Savabeels are obviously at the top of buyers' lists, but looking at the draft as a whole there's a lovely selection of yearlings by other sires," he said.

"There's a lot of talk out there about the two-year-olds by Sacred Falls, we saw the evidence of that at the Ready to Run Sale (third highest average at \$186,667) and the trainers that have got them are very happy.

"We've put our full support behind him, which is evident in the second-crop yearlings we'll be offering, and as individuals they're a great line with the same athleticism and temperament that Sacred Falls and the whole O'Reilly line displayed.

"The colt out of Savodara is a stunner, also the Celebrate colt and the fillies out of Promenade and Anahita, they're great types too."

With a running tally of winners from his first two crops that now numbers 57, Waikato's second Cox

Plate hero Ocean Park is compiling an excellent record. Chittick concedes that the crowning glory would be a Group One victory, something that has been denied by mere inches in two cases – New Zealand Derby runner-up Mongolianconqueror and Queensland Oaks runner-up Another Dollar.

"He just needs that big result but everything else about what the Ocean Park progeny are doing tells us it's only a matter of time. As far as our yearling draft goes, the colts out of Bird and Eudora and the Romancing and Shopaholic fillies would stand any inspection."

Pins was farewelled at the age of 21 last autumn but his influence remains as the sire of November's New Zealand 2000 Guineas winner Madison County as well as 10 yearlings in the Waikato draft amongst 21 in Book 1 and a total of 27 across the whole sale.

"Pins holds a special place with us going back nearly 20 years and it meant so much to see a son of his that we bred win the 2000 Guineas," says Chittick. "The colts in our draft out of Genius and Costume are just the types to carry on his legacy, plus we've still got another crop to come."

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ANOTHER QUALITY OFFERING FROM HALLMARK

The first edition of the new-look Karaka yearling sales last summer provided great satisfaction for the team at Hallmark Stud, and they are now eagerly counting down to Karaka 2019.

Hallmark's yearlings in Book 1 last January sold up to \$725,000 for a full-sister to Group One winner Age Of Fire, and the overall sale-topper also carried a strong connection to the Te Kauwhata nursery.

The \$1.025 million Savabeel colt was out of the New Zealand 2000 and 1000 Guineas heroine Katie Lee, bred by Hallmark and sold through their 2008 Karaka draft to Sir Patrick Hogan for \$340,000.

"The Katie Lee yearling last year was definitely a highlight for us, it was really nice to see her name up in lights like that," Mark Baker said.

Katie Lee sits alongside her Group One-winning half-sister Banchee on the honour roll of star Hallmark Karaka graduates – a list that also features the 2015 Karaka Million winner Hardline.

Hallmark will offer 28 yearlings in Karaka 2019, with a quality group of 19 catalogued for Book 1.

"We're taking a lovely group of horses to the sale this year," Baker said. "I think there should be something to suit all buyers – there are some who will mature into really nice middle-distance or staying types, and there are some who will run early and could even be Karaka Million contenders."



Mark Baker is confident Hallmark Stud's Karaka draft will appeal to buyers. (Trish Dunell)

A distinctive feature of Hallmark's Book 1 offering is the youthful stallion line-up, featuring new names such as Vancouver, Rich Enuff, Kermadec and Real Impact.

"We're looking forward to offering some nice types by some really exciting first season sires in Australia," Baker said.

"They definitely add a lot of interest. We've also got some other young sires who have shown a bit with their first couple of crops, and some proven sires too – a really good line-up of stallions."

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MONGOLIAN KHAN'S CAREER COMES FULL-CIRCLE

The Karaka sale ring has played a key part in the story of Mongolian Khan, and in 2019 there will be a new chapter as his first yearlings go under the hammer.

The son of Holy Roman Emperor was offered by Ainsley Downs Stud at the 2013 Select Sale, selling to Waikato Bloodstock for \$140,000. He returned to Karaka later in the year for the Ready to Run Sale, where he was bought by the Inner Mongolia Rider Horse Club for \$220,000.

Over the next three years, Mongolian Khan put the red and white Rider Horse colours in lights on both sides of the Tasman.

He was trained by Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman to win seven of his nine starts as a three-year-old, headed by the Gr.1 New Zealand Derby (2400m) and Gr.1 Australian Derby (2400m) – the first horse to complete the trans-Tasman classic double since Bonecrusher three decades earlier. He also won the Gr. 2 Avondale Guineas (2100m) and Gr.2 Waikato Guineas (2000m) and the Listed 3YO Salver (2100m).

The following spring he defeated a star-studded international field to capture the Gr.1 Caulfield Cup (2400m), completing an unprecedented New Zealand Derby-Australian Derby-Caulfield Cup treble.

Mongolian Khan was twice voted New Zealand's Horse of the Year and

amassed more than \$4.1 million in prize-money in his 17-start career.

Having taken up stud duties at Windsor Park Stud in 2016, his oldest progeny are now yearlings. The catalogues for Karaka 2019 feature 41 of those yearlings, including 24 in the top-tier Book 1 session.

"He was a Karaka graduate himself, both as a yearling and at the Ready to Run, and we can't wait for him to make his yearling sale debut as a stallion," Windsor Park general manager Steve Till said.

"It's certainly shaping up as one of our highlights of the Karaka 2019 sale. He's got a very good representation in Book 1, which reflects the level of support and quality of mares he's received.

"He's a bay dominant stallion, like his damsire Centaine, and he leaves a lot of horses in his own likeness.

"Mongolian Khan himself is a great-looking horse with a beautiful coat and a lot of quality. His yearlings are very similar to their sire – correct, well-developed and with a good attitude.

"The ones we're selling are handling the sale preparation really well. They're taking everything in their stride, which is a great sign. I think



Another chapter in the story of champion galloper Mongolian Khan will be written when his first-crop yearlings go under the hammer at Karaka 2019 (Trish Dunell)

we've got a lot to look forward to.

"It's a lovely draft of Mongolian Khan yearlings."

– The Informant



NEWS IN BRIEF



Madison County (NZ) (Pins)

Two-pronged Classic attack for Baker-Forsman

Cambridge trainers Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman hold a strong hand heading into the Gr.1 Levin Classic (1600m) at Trentham on Saturday but are disappointed they haven't been able to give last-start Group One winner **Madison County (NZ)** (Pins) a lead-in run ahead of the three-year-old feature.

The Pins gelding hasn't raced since winning the Gr.1 New Zealand 2000 Guineas (1600m) at Riccarton in November, but his connections remain upbeat about his chances heading into the race.

"He's had a gallop between races. We've got him as fit as we can, but unfortunately there wasn't a 1400m lead-in race," Baker said. [Full story here](#)



Supera (NZ) (Savabeel)

Supera weighted to continue Vela's run of success

Sir Peter Vela's Pencarrow Racing team have been enjoying a great run of success this summer, with eleven wins and multiple placings over the past five weeks.

"Sir Peter's horses do generally improve when the tracks get better and that's why most of them don't come out until the early summer or late spring," Pencarrow Stud's racing manager Gary Cossey said.

The Waikato farm's famous blue and white hooped silks will be carried by **Supera (NZ)** (Savabeel) in the Gr.3 Tui Backing a Winner Since 1889 Anniversary Handicap (1600m) at Trentham on Saturday. [Full story here](#)



Dolcetto (NZ) (Per Incanto)

Kay hoping for a change in luck

Levin trainer Sylvia Kay is hoping for a turnaround in luck for **Dolcetto (NZ)** (Per Incanto) and **Sylvester (NZ)** (Road To Rock) when they tackle feature races at Trentham on Saturday.

Group Three-winning gelding Dolcetto is set to tackle the Gr.3 Tui – Backing A Winner Since 1889 Anniversary Handicap (1200m) after a spate of bad luck in his last few runs.

"He had a very unlucky run in the Captain Cook (Gr.1 1600m), he got flattened in that," she said. [Full story here](#)

Wexford have faith in 3YO

Wexford Stables believe three-year-old colt **Autumn Flash** (Snitzel) is up to tackling Group One company and will have his first test at that level when he lines-up in the Levin Classic (1600m) at Trentham on Saturday.

The lightly raced son of Snitzel has won one of his four starts and his connections are hoping he has taken improvement out of his last-start fourth placing over 1200m at Matamata last month.

"He was a little disappointing last time, we are just hoping he can bounce back to his previous form," said Andrew Scott, who trains in partnership with Lance O'Sullivan. "When he won his maiden he looked quite good.

"We know it's a bit of a quantum leap stepping up to a Group One race, but they are only three once and we've got a strong belief that he is a promising horse.

"We'll try and take advantage of the small field and hopefully he can be competitive."

Karaka Million dress rehearsal for Te Akau runners

Te Akau Racing's hand in this year's \$1 million Karaka Million 2YO (1200m) will become clearer this weekend.

Matamata trainer Jamie Richards is assured of four runners in the 1200m Ellerslie two-year-old showpiece on January 26 as he chases a third straight Karaka Million after he and then co-trainer Stephen Autridge produced Melody Belle (NZ) (Commands) and Avantage (Fastnet Rock) to win the past two.

Gr.2 Wakefield Challenge Stakes (1100m) winner and last-start Gr.3 Eclipse Stakes (1200m) runner-up Aotea Lad (NZ) (Savabeel) goes straight into the Karaka Million, but Richards will saddle four other contenders this weekend for the race restricted to graduates of New Zealand Bloodstock yearling sales. [Full story here](#)



Mystyko (NZ) (Sakhee's Secret)

Luck change for Mystyko

After a string of unlucky performances, it all fell into place for **Mystyko (NZ)** (Sakhee's Secret) at Caulfield on Wednesday evening with the gelding recording a dominant 2.5 length win under apprentice Chelsea Hall.

But it was the first time the apprentice had been able to get the chocolates on him, having ridden him to second in his last two outings, and Hall was thrilled to finally get the victory.

"I'm really happy with how it all panned out, I was sort of really trying to get shoved to the fence but I didn't really want to because we've had such bad luck with this horse," she said.

"I was basically just waiting for the gap to open and as soon as it did he just pushed on through and he was really strong to the line, it was great."

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Melody Belle (NZ) (Commands)



Beauty Generation (NZ) (Road To Rock)

Waddell picks up ride on Melody Belle

Jason Waddell has snared the plum ride on star sprinter **Melody Belle (NZ)** (Commands) in Saturday week's Gr.1 JR & N Berkett Telegraph (1200m) at Trentham.

Waddell gained the ride on the \$1.90 favourite after Te Akau Racing's stable jockey Opie Bosson was suspended for careless riding at Matamata on Wednesday.

"The old saying goes if you can't beat 'em, join 'em and after getting beaten up by her all spring, I am very grateful to Fortuna and Te Akau Racing for the opportunity to ride their wonderful mare Melody Belle in next week's Telegraph," Waddell said.

Shafiq Rusof had ridden Melody Belle to Group One wins in the Tarzino Trophy (1400m) and Windsor Park Plate (1600m) at Hastings in the spring and her luckless third in the Gr.1 Railway (1200m) at Ellerslie last week but was also unavailable through suspension.

Fortuna Syndications boss John Galvin said: "Jamie Richards and I had a good look at the rider options. Jason is riding in great form and was available, so he is on."

Richards was gutted for Bosson but happy to have Waddell aboard.

"Our stable is a big team and Opie is very much part of that. It's tough not having him on and everyone's pretty upset to be fair. But Jason's a very capable jockey and he's riding very well. We're pleased to have him on."

Bosson's suspension begins after racing at Ellerslie on Sunday and ends after racing at Te Rapa on Sunday week.

Beauty Generation enters new territory for Purton

Connections of reigning Hong Kong Horse of the Year **Beauty Generation (NZ)** (Road To Rock) were glowing in their praise of the New Zealand-bred gelding after his barrier trial on Tuesday.

The Road to Rock gelding is being set for the Gr.1 Stewards' Cup (1600m) at Sha Tin on January 20 after winning his fourth Group One in the Longines Hong Kong Mile (1600m) last month.

"He just seems to be getting better," jockey Zac Purton said. "It's getting into scary territory now, how good he's starting to become."

"He strode out really well and worked up to the line under his own steam. He had a nice little blow out and pulled up really well. He's a happy horse at the moment."

"It's like he's got stronger and got a lot more confidence. He seems to do it with ease and he enjoys doing it."



Hiflyer (NZ) (Tavistock)

Hiflyer pleases in final hit-out

Group One performer **Hiflyer (NZ)** (Tavistock) pleased his trainer Peter Lock with his trial performance at Cambridge on Tuesday ahead of his next assignment, the Gr.1 JR & N Berkett Telegraph (1200m) at Trentham on January 19.

The six-year-old son of Tavistock finished third in his 900m heat behind Pop Star Princess (NZ) (Makfi) and Cyber Attack (NZ) (Shamexpress) and Lock said his charge did enough to show that he is spot-on ahead of the Telegraph.

"I was more than happy with him. It was only 900m, but he settled lovely and Shaun McKay (jockey) said he felt like he had two or three more gears if he really wanted them," Lock said.

"Shaun got off him this afternoon and said that he feels better, bigger and stronger than what he did last time in. We are pretty confident that we have got him in the right space."

Hiflyer posted a runner-up performance behind Melody Belle (NZ) (Commands) in the Gr.1 Tarzino Trophy (1400m) at Hastings in the spring and Lock is hoping he can go one better this time in.

"If you look back over his record, whenever he's gone into a race fresh he's very hard to beat," Lock said.

"You can't be too confident going into a Group One with just the one trial under your belt, but he went to Taupo on a nice track over 1000m and went 59 (seconds) and ran home the last 600m in 33. That showed us he was pretty close to the mark."

"We were more than happy with what's happened today. He has pulled up well, he had a little blow. That's his final hit-out, he will head to Wellington from here."

Manolo Blahniq favourite for Listed race

After two encouraging runs this summer, talented gelding **Manolo Blahniq (NZ)** (Jimmy Choux) is poised for his latest crack at a first Australian stakes win in the Listed Chester Manifold Stakes (1400m) at Flemington.

The Tony Noonan-trained five-year-old hit the line strongly for third in a 1000m-benchmark race at Pakenham first-up last month before chasing home quality colt Native Soldier (Sepoy) when second in the Listed Christmas Stakes (1200m) at Caulfield.

On the back of those performances, Manolo Blahniq steps up to 1400m on Saturday and is the early favourite for the Chester Manifold at \$4.

Dwayne Dunn rode Manolo Blahniq in the Christmas Stakes and has been riding him in trackwork ahead of Saturday.

"I rode him in work on Wednesday morning at Mornington and he's going really well," Dunn said.

"He's drawn a little bit sticky in barrier 12 and he's out of the handicap a little bit but he's going along well."

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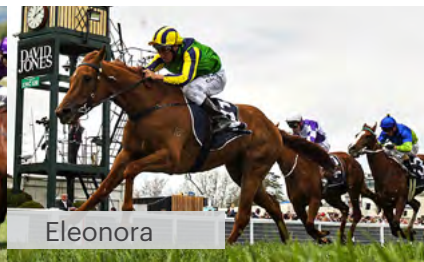
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"The 1400 will suit him and his work was really good so he should run well."

Manolo Blahniq began his racing career in New Zealand and won the Gr.3 Eclipse Stakes (1200m) at his second start as a juvenile before being unplaced as favourite in the 2016 Karaka Million 2YO (1200m).

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(Sir) Charles Road (Myboycharlie)

Charles back on the Road

Quality galloper **Charles Road** (Myboycharlie) looks set for another exciting campaign after pleasing his connections with his 1200m trial at Cambridge on Tuesday.

The Lance O'Sullivan and Andrew Scott-trained runner did everything asked of him by jockey Taiki Yanagida, sitting off the pace throughout and eased to the line comfortably in his first hit-out of the summer.

"We're really pleased with him, he came back with a good bit of energy," Scott said.

"He only had a very quiet trial, but he eased to the line under a nice rein and a good stride and we couldn't have been more pleased with him."

Scott said his first assignment is likely to be the Gr.1 Herbie Dyke Stakes (2000m) at Te Rapa next month before autumn targets beckon the Gr.1 Sydney Cup (3200m) placegetter.

"His first initial goal will be the Herbie Dyke and then we will look to head towards the Ellerslie Carnival in March," Scott said.

Auckland Cup possible for Etah James

A session with an equine chiropractor this week could be a step closer to realising an Auckland Cup dream with Australian Group Three winner **Etah James (NZ)** (Raise The Flag).

Etah James won six of her 15 starts and more than \$260,000 in prizemoney for Ballarat trainer Matt Cumani and is now



Etah James (NZ) (Raise The Flag)

back in New Zealand with her original trainer, Mark Lupton, the Matamata horseman who co-bred and part-owns the daughter of Raise The Flag.

The six-year-old holds a nomination for the Gr.1 Barfoot & Thompson Auckland Cup (3200m) at Ellerslie on March 9, but Lupton is taking it one step at a time with the talented stayer. [Full story here](#)



Xpression (NZ) (Showcasing)

Xpression out, Wait A Sec in

Smart Hastings filly **Xpression (NZ)** (Showcasing) will be missing from Saturday's Gr.1 Levin Classic (1600m) at Trentham, but trainers Guy Lowry and Grant Cullen have their Group One winner **Wait A Sec (NZ)** (Postponed) on the verge of a return to racing.

Xpression has been on the easy list since finishing third behind More Wonder at Awapuni last month.

"She was disappointing last start," Lowry said. "She seemed to be working up well before the race and she should have gone a lot better than she did. There had to be something wrong. [Full story here](#)

Outsider gets up at Matamata

The Margaret Falconer-trained **Swinging Skirts (NZ)** (Swiss Ace) caused an upset



Swinging Skirts (NZ) (Swiss Ace)

at Matamata when she took out the NZB Insurance Pearl Series Race (1400m) on Wednesday.

It was the third win for the six-year-old mare and Falconer believes a step back from weekend company and the addition of blinkers assisted her runner.

"It's obviously a bit of a drop back from Saturday races with her and Lynsey (Satherley, jockey) put her into the race, so it worked out well," Falconer said.

"She has got a good 600m sprint when she can get close enough to them and the blinkers probably sharpened her up a bit too.

"Hopefully she can go on with it now, although she is in-foal so she hasn't got too long now."



He's Gold (NZ) (My Halo)

He's Gold collects gold in Reefton

The Daniel Champion and Kezia Murphy-trained **He's Gold (NZ)** (My Halo) made it back-to-back Cups wins on Wednesday when he took out the Reefton Cup (1400m) under a perfect ride from stable apprentice jockey Gee Saejorhor.

He's Gold, who won the Kurow Cup late last month, punched straight to the lead

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for Saejorhor from his inside barrier before handing up to Xcuses Xcuses.

Saejorhor improved his charge down the back straight, retaking the lead at the 600m mark and the son of My Halo ran on to win by a length over Tomm Jones (NZ) (King of Roses), with Xcuses Xcuses (NZ) (No Excuse Needed) a further 1-1/4 lengths back in third.

"It was a good effort and a nice ride too," Champion said.

"It couldn't have gone smoother. I actually told him (Saejorhor) to stay on the rail, but he took initiative and rode him really well.

"It was a ten out of ten ride. It was all his initiative and I just said to him take it in your stride and see how he goes. He came back in saying he was just doing pace work."

He's Gold will now be set for his first tilt at stakes company later this month when he contests the Listed Timaru Stakes (1400m) at Riccarton.

"That's pretty much all that is around for him and he likes Riccarton," Champion said. "He's just a genuine fast track horse."

Late Christmas present for Auret

Trainer Fraser Auret produced promising three-year-old filly **Not Santa (NZ)** to win at Otaki on Monday and has lofty targets for the daughter of Makfi.

Ridden by Johnathan Parkes, Not Santa closed too well for Lady In Lace (NZ) (Pins) to notch her second win from three starts.

"She's a promising type and we had her full brother Matchbreaker who's up in Hong Kong these days, Auret said. "It's a really good running family.

"We'll perhaps look at the Group Three (Desert Gold Stakes, 1600m) on Saturday week at Wellington. We'll just see how she pulls up. There's certainly a bit of x-factor about her that's for sure.

"She's really bred to be an Oaks filly. We can only be excited at this stage."

Earlier on the program Auret trained the quinella in the juvenile event with **Trifolium (Krupt)** accounting for stablemate Miss Sweet Pee (NZ) (Mossman).

"Trifolium will have a little freshen up now," Auret said.

"She's the only one who hadn't trialled but she's really professional and a nice filly for the autumn."

Travelling mate delivers

Cambridge trainers Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman sent a team of two to

Otaki on Monday with **Not Usual June (Snippetson)** breaking her maiden in the Gardner Homes (1200m) at the fourth time of asking.

The three-year-old filly got the better of the well-supported Press Release (NZ) (Dalghar) over the concluding stages to win narrowly.

"I thought she'd come to the end of her run 200m out, but things were probably in her favour when the favourite was three-deep without cover and that told the last little bit," Forsman said.

"She was more here as a travelling mate for the two-year-old (Rhaegar), to help him out.

"We knew she was working up well enough, it was just whether she was race fit was the question mark."

Rhaegar (Pluck) started a \$2.90 favourite in the Kapiti Signs (800m) two-year-old event but was a well beaten fifth behind the impressive winner Trifolium (Krupt).

Crampton passes away

Popular farrier and former trainer Kevin (George) Crampton passed away on Friday after a short illness.

Affectionately known as K.G, the 82-year-old had been a race day farrier for over 50 years.

He was the regular farrier for Champion three-year-old McGinty, while he enjoyed

good success as a trainer himself, preparing Beechcraft to win the 1983 Gr.1 Caulfield Guineas (1600m).

Long-time friend and trainer Kim Clotworthy remembers Crampton as an extremely strong man, well-known for always wearing shorts, no matter the conditions.

"He was a prop for Manurewa and one of the strongest men you would ever see," Clotworthy said.

"Even when the doctors gave him less than a week to live, he lasted another six."

He is survived by his wife Valerie, his children Alan, Gary and Sheryl and five Grandchildren.



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03/01/2019 - 09/01/2019

AUSTRALIA

Choisir : Ivy's Court (NZ) (Courtney by Montjeu) 2013;
09/01/2019, 1st ATC Events by ATC H. 1900m

Ekraar : Stable Me (NZ) (Ivy Rose by Don Eduardo) 2014;
07/01/2019, 1st Stawell RC Northern Grampians Shire Maiden P. 1600m

Epaulette : Epaumada (NZ) (Pattamada by Viscount) 2016;
08/01/2019, 1st Lockyer RC Ozlav Plumbing Maiden 2YO P. 860m
Sold by Monovale Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$165000

He's Remarkable : The Old Bird (NZ) (Anticipation by Volksraad) 2015;
07/01/2019, 1st Stawell RC Kookaburra Motor Lodge Maiden P. 1100m
Sold by Mapperley Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$1000

O'Reilly : Thunderzone (NZ) (Ziya by Lion Cavern) 2014;
08/01/2019, 1st Orange JC Nagle Transport Maiden P. 1400m

Ocean Park : Matowi (NZ) (Warm Whispers by Stravinsky) 2015;
04/01/2019, 1st ATC Theraces Maiden H. 1250m
Sold by Seaton Park Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$200000

Per Incanto : Sally Sells Shells (NZ) (Waitui Belle by Cape Cross) 2014;
05/01/2019, 1st Woolamai DRC Stezza Bezza Cup 1008m

Reliable Man : Remuera (NZ) (Hinuera by Librettist) 2015;
08/01/2019, 1st Yarra Valley RC Hirsch Racing Maiden P. 1200m
Sold by Wentwood Grange at National Yearling Sale for \$100000

Rock 'n' Pop : Popova (NZ) (Geminov by Ustinov) 2014;
04/01/2019, 1st Cranbourne TC Mypunter.com Maiden P. 1300m

Sakhee's Secret : Mystyko (NZ) (Plan the Peace by I Conquer) 2013;
09/01/2019, 1st MRC Ladbroke's Cash in H. 1200m

Savabeel : Miss France (NZ) (Lagonissi by Encosta de Lago) 2015;
04/01/2019, 1st Cranbourne TC Gavelhouse.com Maiden P. 2025m

Savabeel : Black Sail (NZ) (Ennerdale by Singspiel) 2014;
05/01/2019, 1st MRC Nicholas Rehfish H. 1600m

Shinko King : Lamborghini (NZ) (Outraging by Fiesta Star) 2010;
05/01/2019, 1st MRC Peter Missen H. 2000m
Sold by Te Runga Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$28000

Street Cry : Sckam (NZ) (Kitt Ann Miss by Rock of Gibraltar) 2014;
07/01/2019, 1st Kempsey RC Freshwater Grill P. 1900m
Sold by Wentwood Grange at National Yearling Sale for \$170000

Tavistock : Tavisocks (NZ) (Keep Smiling by Stravinsky) 2014;
05/01/2019, 1st Wangaratta TC Beteasy H. 1590m
Sold by Cambridge Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$27500

Thorn Park : Celebrity Dream (NZ) (Valpolicella by Red Ransom) 2012;
05/01/2019, 1st Perth Racing La Trice Classic Gr.3 1800m
Sold by Haunui Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$260000

HONG KONG

Azamour : Universal Go Go (NZ) (Love Blooms by Kaapstad) 2014;
09/01/2019, 1st HKJC Moreton H. 1650m
Sold by Brighthill Farm at National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale for \$21000

Commands : Spinning Dancer (NZ) (Annie Daly by Spinning World) 2009;
09/01/2019, 1st HKJC Paterson H. 1650m
Sold by Pencarrow Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$230000

Guillotine : Dynamic Eagle (NZ) (Dosh by Danske) 2013;
06/01/2019, 1st HKJC Nam Kok H. 1800m
Sold by Mapperley Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$80000

MACAU

Dalghar : Golden Organic - Golden Fans (Mac.) (NZ) (Extra Celestial by Danehill Dancer) 2013;
05/01/2019, 1st Macau Sandown H. 1500m

Fully Fledged : Cheerful Fish (NZ) (Status Quo by O'Reilly) 2012;
05/01/2019, 1st Macau Windsor (Div 2) H. 1200m
Sold by N. Tanner at Ready to Run Sale for \$42500
Sold by Fairdale Stud at South Island Yearling & Mixed Sale for \$4500

Patapan : Wealthy Emperor (NZ) (My Prized Miss by Prized) 2013;
05/01/2019, 1st Macau Windsor (Div 1) H. 1200m
Sold by Brighthill Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$8000



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MALAYSIA

Alamosa : Gold Mosa (NZ) (Pinot Grieve by Pins) 2012;
06/01/2019, 1st Selangor TC Class 5 H. 1700m
Sold by Highden Park at National Yearling Sale for \$130000

Darci Brahma : Metalocene (NZ) (Glam Girl by Galileo) 2014;
06/01/2019, 1st Selangor TC Class 4 H. 1300m
Sold by Spring Gate Stables at Ready to Run Sale for \$75000

Gallant Guru : D'Great Swift (NZ) (Abita Fame by Classic Fame) 2012;
06/01/2019, 1st Selangor TC Class 5 H. 1700m

Jimmy Choux : Baadshah (NZ) (Simba Girl by Istidaad) 2014;
06/01/2019, 1st Selangor TC Open Maiden S. 1300m
Sold by Leanach Lodge Ltd at Ready to Run Sale for \$28000

Ocean Park : Tom King (NZ) (Gio by Centaine) 2014;
06/01/2019, 1st Selangor TC Open Maiden S. 1300m
Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale for \$26000
Sold by Berkley Stud at South Island Yearling & Mixed Sale for \$32500

Pluck : Wehadadeal - Out of Nowhere (Mal.) (NZ) (Gazumped by Darci Brahma) 2013;
06/01/2019, 1st Selangor TC Metro A S. 1700m

SINGAPORE

Darci Brahma : Justice Light (NZ) (Amaryllis by Red Ransom) 2013;
06/01/2019, 1st Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1000m
Sold by Pencarrow Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$120000

Guillotine : Time Lord (NZ) (Mary Agnes by Zabeel) 2014;
06/01/2019, 1st Singapore TC Class 3 H. 1200m

Showcasing : Webster (NZ) (Asaweb by Secret Savings) 2013;
06/01/2019, 1st Singapore TC Kranji S. 1100m
Sold by Kilgravin Lodge at Ready to Run Sale for \$27500

Tavistock : Tavito (NZ) (Rio Nugget by Captain Rio) 2014;
06/01/2019, 1st Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1100m
Sold by Archer Park at National Yearling Sale for \$50000



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