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ENZO'S LAD GOES BACK-TO-BACK TRENTHAM SPRINT FEATURE



Enzo's Lad (outer) denies Ferrando victory in a desperate finish to the Gr.1 JR&N Berkett Telegraph at Trentham (Race Images – Peter Rubery)

A desperate finish to the feature sprint at Trentham was decided by the photo-finish camera as South Island sprinter **Enzo's Lad** (Testa Rossa) pipped Ferrando (NZ) (Fast 'N' Famous) by the barest of margins to take out his second Gr.1 JR&N Berkett Telegraph (1200m).

After mulling over the photo-

finish image for several minutes judge Dick Hunt declared the Michael and Matthew Pitman-trained six-year-old the winner, the first horse to win the race in consecutive years since Mir Tiz (Beltchingly) in 1989/90.

The announcement sparked jubilant scenes in the Trentham birdcage as the large syndicate of

owners involved in Enzo's Lad went into overdrive celebrating the victory.

Successful at bolters odds (\$74) in 2018, Enzo's Lad was once again overlooked by punters despite being drawn to receive a dream run on the rail from a similar inside barrier to last year.

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Positioned perfectly in the trail by rider Michael McNab, Enzo's Lad travelled sweetly to the turn behind the hot speed set by Ferrando's stablemate, Gift Of Power (NZ) (Power). Ferrando took over at the 300m mark with Enzo's Lad in hot pursuit as the pair set down to a tooth and nail struggle, hitting the line locked together in a sensational 1.06.95 for the 1200m journey.

In the end Enzo's Lad took the win by a nose with stablemate Sensei (Dream Ahead) capping a sensational result for the Pitman team by storming home to dead-heat with 2017 winner Signify (NZ) (Perfectly Ready) for third.

"We went into the race with a lot of confidence as he went massive at his last start," Michael Pitman said.

"I was annoyed last year when he wasn't a candidate for sprinter-miler of the year as people had described that field as the best in twenty years.

"He's come out today and beaten an even better field, so I think he deserves some sort of recognition for that.

"He might come back now and have a crack next year. If you only win one race a year, but it's a Group One, then it's worth racing horses."

McNab, who heard the announcement in the Jockeys' room before being caught up in the frenetic birdcage scene, seemed stunned by the result when the announcement was made.

"That's unbelievable," he said.

"They didn't call it and didn't call it and I didn't want a dead-heat.

"I just threw my gear everywhere, it's just unreal.

"What a horse. I was coming down just before he got over the junction and I was just bolting but then he stumbled a bit.

"He mustered again real quick and when I got out, I thought 'here goes the big boy'.

"I felt like I was going to get past, but I was running out of time – that's just unreal."

The victory capped a winning double for the Pitman/McNab combination who had taken out an

earlier race with The Swiss Maestro (NZ) (Swiss Ace) while McNab made it a winning treble after also scoring on free-going stayer stayer Redcayenne (NZ) (Bullbars).

Race favourite Melody Belle (NZ) (Commands) was the major disappointment in the contest, finishing well back after finding a mid-field position in the early running, with rider Jason Waddell reporting the mare had failed to handle the existing track conditions.

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| Race | WRC Telegraph H. Gr.1 1200m |
| Winner | Enzo's Lad (AUS) 2012 |
| Owners | N P Beban, P G Bentley, K N Bradley, S W Grant, J Jacobsen, P Murphy, M R Pitman, I & Mrs L Vibert |
| Trainer | Michael and Matthew Pitman (Yaldhurst) |
| Breeding | by Testa Rossa (AUS) out of Sheerama (AUS) by Catbird (AUS) |
| Breeder | Reavill Farm Management |



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NO SHADOW OF A DOUBT WITH THORNDON RESULT

Underrated galloper **Shadows Cast (NZ)** (Per Incanto) gave his rivals weight and a beating when he took out the prestigious Gr.1 Harcourts Thorndon Mile (1600m) at Trentham on Saturday.

Owned by local identity Ron Cunningham, Shadows Cast started at outside odds in the time-honoured event despite boasting a last-start win at Group Two level on his home track at Awapuni.

A comfortable win over 1200m at the Foxton trials earlier in the week had the Mark Oulaghan-trained six-year-old cherry ripe for his assignment and he delivered in fine style, courtesy of a gem of a ride from Jason Waddell.

Waddell bounced Shadows Cast quickly from his outside barrier to dispute the early speed with Cambridge visitor The Mitigator (Master Of Design) before finding an easy rhythm on the pace. Shadows Cast issued his challenge early in the

run home with Waddell driving him clear before defying a late charge from Wyndspelle (NZ) (Iffraaj) to collect his first Group One prize.

Cunningham, who has been a stalwart of the Trentham track during his years as a trainer at the venue, was full of emotion when speaking about the victory after the race.

“I’ve had some nice horses and trained a few good ones, but nothing beats a Group One win,” he said.

“I rated him quite highly today based on his trial on Tuesday. Darryl Bradley rode him there and gave me a lot of confidence.

“I’ve been in the game a long time and have quite a few around me, but this means a great deal.”

Although Oulaghan has always believed his charge was capable of winning at the highest level he was full of satisfaction with the Per Incanto gelding’s performance to overcome the wide barrier and 58kg impost for the race.

“I thought at that weight it was a pretty fair run because it is a long way down the Wellington straight,” he said.

“I thought if we got him in the right race, with the right conditions, I thought he was up to winning a Group One.

“His last run was very good and probably the best of his career, so he has followed on from there.

“He was a little bit erratic earlier on, but with a little bit of time he has really grown up and come to it as a racehorse.”

The victory made it ten wins from 33 starts for Shadows Cast who has now amassed over \$423,000 in stakes earnings. Included amongst his career record are wins in the Gr.2 Manawatu Challenge Stakes (1400m) and the Gr.2 Coupland’s Bakeries Mile (1600m).

The victory also made it a Group One double for Little Avondale Stud stallion Per Incanto in recent weeks after Santa Monica (NZ) (Per Incanto) took out the Sistema Railway (1200m) at Ellerslie on New Year’s Day.

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| Race | WRC Thorndon Mile Gr.1 1600m |
| Winner | Shadows Cast (NZ) 2012 |
| Owners | R N Cunningham |
| Trainer | Mark Oulaghan (Awapuni) |
| Breeding | by Per Incanto (USA) out of Ages Past by Slavic (USA) |
| Breeder | Miss C M Harris |



Shadows Cast drives clear to claim the Harcourts Thorndon Mile and his first Group One victory (Race Images – Peter Rubery)





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LIGHTWEIGHT SUCCESSFUL IN DESPERATE FINISH TO WELLINGTON CUP



Gorbachev (inner) stretches his neck to deny Dee And Gee victory at Trentham (Race Images – Peter) Rubery

It was a day for close finishes in the feature events at Trentham, so it was no surprise that the result of the day's iconic two-mile feature would go right down to the wire.

In a truly run race it was lightweight contender **Gorbachev (NZ)** (Gorky Park) who proved the toughest stayer on the day as he hauled in gritty South Island mare Dee And Gee (Darci Brahma) in the final few strides to claim victory in the Gr.3 NZ Campus Of Innovation and Sport Wellington Cup (3200m).

Dee And Gee, who was trying to provide the South Island with their second major prize on the day after Enzo's Lad (Testa Rossa) had taken out the Gr.1 JR & N Berkett Telegraph (1200m), shot to the front with 700m to run and said catch me if you can.

Gorbachev, who had enjoyed a perfect trail throughout, was the first to answer that challenge as rider Ryan Elliot sent him out after the southerner. The pair set down to it over the final stages with Gorbachev putting his head in front where it mattered to deny Dee

And Gee by a nose with Prince Jabeel (Savabeel) finishing well to snatch third from Mental Telepathy (NZ) (Shocking).

Trainer Bryce Newman was playing it calm in the aftermath of the victory despite it being the Bulls-based horseman's biggest success.

"It's okay isn't it," he said.

"There's been a long story behind Gorbachev, but it's been a good ride so far.

"This is definitely a highlight as I

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LIGHTWEIGHT SUCCESSFUL IN DESPERATE FINISH TO WELLINGTON CUP

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don't train many, I only have two or three in work.

"I pre-train everyone else's, so to see this now for us is great.

"I like to think I don't get nervous doing this and I have it under control, but that last 100m, I almost got excited there."

Newman had received the horse to train after the untimely passing of Awapuni horseman Tony Kaye and had battled hard to get the Gorky Park five-year-old to fulfil his promise.

"He started with Tony Kaye and came to us as a bit of a problem horse," he said.

"It's all water under the bridge now as we just trained him on the farm and tried to do different stuff with him.

"We always laugh as he was the village idiot and wouldn't gallop properly on the track, he would end in the drains and he was a funny horse.

"There was no malice to him, just a bit of an idiot."

Newman also paid tribute to the ride of apprentice Elliott who had stuck with the horse after finishing fifth on him at Awapuni in the Manawatu Cup Prelude (2000m).

"It was a great ride," Newman said.

"Ryan stuck with me, I said to him

if he was going to ride him today (Awapuni) you have to stick with me for the Cup and he has."

The victory took Gorbachev's career record to 4 wins from 29 starts for stakes earnings past the \$223,000 mark.

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| Race | WRC Wellington Cup Gr.3 3200m |
| Winner | Gorbachev (NZ) 2013 |
| Owners | P Bardell, F J P Huwyler, B K O'Dea & K T O'Donnell |
| Trainer | Bryce Newman (Bulls) |
| Breeding | by Gorky Park out of Gimmeawink (AUS) by Carnegie (IRE) |
| Breeder | K T O'Donnell |





SECRET ALLURE SCORES IN DESERT GOLD STAKES

The Lisa Latta-trained **Secret Allure (NZ)** (Zacinto) secured her biggest career success when she stormed to victory in Saturday's Gr.3 Williment Travel Group Desert Gold Stakes (1600m) at Trentham.

The Zacinto three-year-old filly made it back-to-back victories in the race for the Latta stable and rider Leith Innes after Dijon Blue (NZ) (Burgundy) was successful in 2018 on her way to capturing the prestigious New Zealand Bloodstock Filly of the Year title.

A last-start runner-up finish in the Gr.2 Royal Stakes (2000m) at Ellerslie saw Secret Allure as one of the main fancies for the contest however it was Gr.1 New Zealand 1000 Guineas (1600m) runner-up Valalie (Snitzel), from the Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman stable, who was installed a warm favourite.

Valalie enjoyed a sweet trip in transit behind the early speed with Secret Allure settling well beyond midfield, but against the rail, in a strung-out field for the majority of the race.

Asked to quicken by Innes approaching the home turn Secret Allure was still spotting the leaders some distance, but quickly loomed into contention as Valalie hit the front at the 200m mark.

Secret Allure stormed past her to take control over the final stages before holding out a late charge from Jakkalbomb (NZ) (Jakkalberry) with Valalie clinging on for third.

"Leith came out and said he had watched a few of her replays and she reminded him a bit of Dijon Bleu," Latta said.

"She hasn't quite got the height of her, but she is a tough little filly.

"I said to Leith that she could pull and I didn't care where he was, just get her one off the fence and just give her a cosy run.

"He said I might look for a run up the inside, so I said just do whatever you want and everything just opened up for her."

Innes was feeling satisfied with the victory, especially for the owners of Secret Allure who had also raced Dijon Bleu.

"It's pretty special as they are a neat bunch of people," he said.

"She (Secret Allure) is not very big but she's pretty gutsy. "I think Dijon Bleu was a little bit better, but this filly is on the way up."

The victory secured Secret Allure a further six points to add to her existing four in the race for the NZB Filly of the Year title. She now sits in second place on ten points behind current series leader, Media Sensation (I Am Invincible) (12).

A Shooting To Win half-brother to Secret Allure will feature as Lot 391 from the Inglewood Stud draft during Book 1 at the National Yearling Sale at Karaka that commences on January 27.

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| Race | WRC Desert Gold S. Gr.3 1600m |
| Winner | Secret Allure (NZ) 2015 |
| Owners | A J Rennie, T D Tomlins, P Finlayson, KT J Dixon, M Passey, D A Masters & L M Latta |
| Trainer | Lisa Latta (Awapuni) |
| Breeding | by Zacinto (GB) out of Secret Scent by O'Reilly |
| Breeder | Inglewood Stud (N.Z.) Ltd |
| Sales | 2017 National Yearling Sale - Select; V: Inglewood Stud, P: Lisa Latta Racing; \$36,000 |



Leith Innes and Secret Allure have the situation well under control as they hit the line at Trentham (Race Images – Peter Rubery)



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AIR MAX UPSETS IN GORE GUINEAS

Riccarton visitor **Air Max (NZ)** (Nadeem) upset some well-fancied rivals when he flashed home late to capture the Listed Liquorland Gore Guineas (1335m) on Saturday.

Trainer Lance Robinson ventured south with stablemates Khimar War (NZ) (Sweet Orange) and Air Max for the feature event on the Gore card although it was Khimar War who punters expected to provide the main challenge to race favourite Weaponry.

Allowed to start at \$28 on the tote, Air Max overcame a tardy beginning and some buffeting in the home straight to dash past fellow outsider Dreamtesta (NZ) (Testa Rossa) and North Island raider Weaponry (NZ) (Declaration Of War) to claim his maiden victory at just his fifth start.

Robinson had been expecting a good run from the son of Little Avondale Stud-based stallion Nadeem despite some concerns about the Gore track which had been downgraded to a Slow8 after persistent rain.

“We’ve always liked him and set him for this race after his last run at Dunedin,” he said.

“I was a bit worried about the track as he doesn’t normally cop this sort of ground.

“That’s why he ran sort of around a bit, so it was a good effort.

“When he got so far back, I was really worried as I hadn’t expected to see him way back there.

“He’s a half-brother to Boots ‘N’ All so he’s going to be alright.”

Robinson will be hoping that Air Max can emulate the deeds of his

older half-brother Boots ‘N’ All who has won nine races, including two at stakes level, with over \$248,000 in career earnings.

The victory by Air Max capped off a wonderful day for Little Avondale Stud who captured a winning double at stakes level for their resident stallions after Per Incanto gelding Shadows Cast scored in the Gr.1 Harcourts Thorndon Mile (1600m) at Trentham.

A half-brother by Super Easy to Air Max and Boots ‘N’ All will be offered at the Book 2 session of the forthcoming New Zealand Bloodstock National Yearling Sales, catalogued as Lot 937 through the draft of Long Acres Stud.

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| Race | Gore RC Gore Guineas L 1335m |
| Winner | Air Max (NZ) 2015 |
| Owners | CP Wilson, BA Sheat, Doashoeychaz Syndicate (Mgr: Charlotte Bellew), HMCC Dreaming Big Syndicate (Mgr: Glenn Sayer), J & T Ballantyne, M & F Fearon, CL & WA Burrell, LM Burrell, LM & CJ Robinson |
| Trainer | Lance Robinson (Riccarton Park) |
| Breeding | by Nadeem (AUS) out of Steel Stiletto (AUS) by Hussonet (USA) |
| Breeder | B A Sheat & Mrs C P Wilson |

Gore Guineas should follow on from Secret Allure which is after the Wellington Cup.





SYDNEY G1 AUTUMN AIMS FOR IN-FORM OCEANEX

Trainer Mick Price is targeting **Oceanex (NZ)** (Ocean Park) at feature autumn staying races for fillies in Sydney with added confidence after the talented three-year-old took another step up at Flemington.

Oceanex drifted from \$3.80 to \$6 but made it three wins from her past three starts when she finished strongly down the outside in Saturday's Flemington Event Staff Handicap in her first test over 2000m.

Price admitted he had some reservations but having won stylishly again he now plans to give Oceanex a short break before targeting the Group One Vinery Stud Stakes (2000m) and Group One ATC Australian Oaks (2400m) in Sydney.

"I thought that was a massive performance," Price said.

"It's her first preparation and she was up in class, weight, distance and she had drawn a gate where she was going to have to give them a start.

"She produced a sustained run and I thought it was a fantastic.

"I had my little query today but she still defied all that and came through with flying colours.

"It just gives me a bit of confidence to go and chase some of the better fillies in Sydney.

"I'll have to construct a little plan, timing-wise, to get her up there but I thought today was a massive tick for that filly."

Apprentice Lachlan King's 3kg claim took Oceanex's weight down to 57kg and the filly was forced to sit three-wide back in the field from a deep draw but King did not panic.

King tracked Royal Performance (Camelot) into the home straight and then Oceanex finished over the top of that gelding to win by three-quarters of a length, with Necessitas (NZ) (Zacinto) 2-1/4-lengths away third.

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| Race | VRC Flemington Event Staff H. 2000m |
| Winner | Oceanex (NZ) 2015 |
| Owners | Mr L A Wilkinson, Choices Racing, Mr A W Hall, Mr J J Borg, Mr R J Preston, Poseidon Bloodstock Pty Ltd, Mrs S M Worthley, Mr D H Webster, Oz Racing Ocean, M R D Racing, Mr B G Hodkinson, Mr R S Dagleish, Mr K K Cousins, Mr B T Sullivan, Mr S B Fisher, Bonbeach Coterie No.2, Mr B Doherty, Mr A W Bruhn, Mr S W Bruhn, Mike Honcho |
| Trainer | Mick Price (Caulfield) |
| Breeding | by Ocean Park out of Danex by Danasinga (AUS) |
| Breeder | T V Rider |
| Sales | 2017 National Yearling Sale - Premier; V: Milan Park, P: Mick Price Racing; \$70,000 |



Group One goals await Oceanex (Bruno Cannatelli)





EPAUMADA PUTS KARAKA MILLION BID ON AGENDA

Trainer Tony Gollan has some big decisions to make in the next 24 hours after his filly **Epaumada (NZ)** (Epaulette) earned a place in next week's Karaka Million in New Zealand.

Queensland horses have had considerable success in New Zealand's richest two-year-old race.

Epaumada had been 21st on the order of entry but easily made the Karaka Million field with her win at Eagle Farm on Saturday.

The filly had been favourite in early betting but drifted to \$4.40 before beating Bigboyroy (Dissident) by 1-1/2 lengths with 1-1/4 lengths to Arnwood (Better Than Ready).

Gollan admitted he was not sure which way to go with the daughter of former Group One winner Epaulette.

"The next 24 hours will tell the tale. She needed to win well today to justify a trip to New Zealand and she has done that," Gollan said.

"But it means getting her on a plane to Auckland next week and she will want to pull up well to earn that. But it is a big race and she is up to that class."

Gollan took the unusual step of taking Epaumada to a provincial meeting at Gatton to win her first start.

"I have been a bit behind with her and that race suited her campaign," he said.

Winning jockey Brad Stewart said Epaumada would be further improved by the effort after switching off in the last 50m.

Epaumada was purchased by Gollan in conjunction with bloodstock agent John Foote for \$165,000 from Book 1 of the New Zealand Bloodstock National Yearling Sales from the draft of Monovale Farm.

A half-sister to Epaumada by Proisir will be offered as Lot 285 from the same vendors in this year's Book 1 Sale which commences on January 27.



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| Race | BRC Worldwide Print Hamilton 2YO H. 1000m |
| Winner | Epaumada (NZ) 2016 |
| Owners | Ms Z Daly, Mr NH Dickinson, Mr A I Grant-Taylor, Mrs N L Grant-Taylor, Mr M J Gray, Mr J D Kelliher, MR K J Laverty, Mrs C M Mayne, MR R L Milne, Mrs J M Milne, Mrs A E Salisbury, Mrs J A Pixley, Mr B W Jervis |
| Trainer | Tony Gollan (Eagle Farm) |
| Breeding | by Epaulette (AUS) out of Pattamada (AUS) by Viscount (AUS) |
| Breeder | Monovale Holdings Ltd |
| Sales | 2018 National Yearling Sale – Book 1; V: Monovale Farm, P: John Foote Bloodstock/ Tony Gollan Racing; \$165,000 |

Epaumada is now a Karaka Million contender





ROX THE CASTLE PROVIDES EDWARDS WITH FLEMINGTON WINNER

New Zealand bred gelding **Rox The Castle (NZ)** (Castledale) provided Mornington trainer Kerry Edwards with her first Flemington winner after an easy two and three quarter lengths victory in the VRC Member Michael Nicolson Handicap (1400m) at headquarters on Saturday.

Ridden by apprentice Jack Martin, Rox The Castle was prominent throughout and sprinted too well for his rivals.

“He is by Castledale and he is a similar horse to my mate Moss ‘N’ Dale and Kerry’s instructions were to just ride him like you do Mossy,” Martin said.

“We drew a nice gate and once he flew the lids, you don’t want to be dragging them back, so I was able to control the race and with the cruisy run we had, he was going to be the winner a long way out.

“Kerry is a lovely lady. She is a hard worker and she is down at Mornington, which is even better for us to come to Flemington and get a result.”

Edwards has now won four races from six starts with the four-year-old and A\$109,000 in prizemoney.

“My owner was confident about the horse being suited at this distance and I thought he should be able to do it,” Edwards said.

“It was a bit of a step-up from his last run and he had had the four weeks between runs, however he is a horse that you need to keep fairly fresh.

“We had a jump-out at Sandown Wednesday week ago,



Rox The Castle races away at Flemington (Bruno Cannatelli)

with Jack on, and that was his gallop leading into this, which is a bit unconventional but with this horse it works.”

Rox The Castle is bred and raced by Tim Di Mattina and Louie Yet Ying and the gelding started his career in New Zealand, where he trialed twice and finished seventh in his only raceday start for Peter and Dawn Williams.

– NZ Racing Desk

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| Race | VRC Member M Nicolson H. 1400m |
| Winner | Rox The Castle (NZ) 2014 |
| Owners | Mr T A J Di Mattina, Ms Y Louie, MR K F Shaw, Mr F Louie |
| Trainer | Kerry Edwards (Mornington) |
| Breeding | by Castledale (Ire) out of Run Roxy Run (AUS) by Rock of Gibraltar (IRE) |
| Breeder | Southern Ventures (Karakara) Ltd |





FLAMINGO TAKES HER CHANCE

Mother-to-be **Flamingo (NZ)** (Pins) is making the most of her limited racing opportunities and enjoyed success at Wellington on Saturday.

The Waikato Stud-bred and raced daughter of Pins has now won five times and will have one more chance to add to her record.

“She’s really well and improved since she got in foal,” said Emma Haworth, who trains the five-year-old with her father David.

“She’ll run in the Wairarapa Breeders’ Stakes and then go home.”

It will be a final shot to add further black type to her record, having placed in the Gr.3 Cuddle Stakes and the Gr.3 Cambridge Breeders’ Stakes.

Flamingo settled midfield on the fence under rider Sam Collett and she accelerated quickly to easily lift the Douro Cup.

“She gave me a lovely ride in transit and when the gap opened I had plenty of horse,” she said.

Flamingo, who is in foal to Savabeel, is out of the Listed Warstep Stakes winner Bird, also the dam of the Singapore stakes winner Predator.

It is the family of the Gr.1 Auckland Cup winner Chenille (NZ) (Pentire).

Waikato Stud will offer an Ocean Park colt (Lot 600) out of Bird during Book 1 at Karaka next week.

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| Race | WRC Turkington Forestry Douro H. 1600m |
| Winner | Flamingo (NZ) 2013 |
| Owners | M J Chittick |
| Trainer | David & Emma Haworth (Foxton) |
| Breeding | by Pins (AUS) out of Bird by Danasinga (AUS) |
| Breeder | M J Chittick |



Flamingo will have one more chance to add some black type to her record before retiring to stud.





BAERTSCHIGER GETS BE BEE BACK TO HIS BEST



Be Bee storms to victory on Friday night at Kranji (Singapore Turf Club)

The benefit of hindsight is a great thing in racing, and so trainer Shane Baertschiger found out for **Be Bee (NZ)** (Showcasing) on Friday night.

Following a resounding first-up win in a Kranji Stakes A race over 1200m in September, many thought the former top juvenile and Singapore Three-Year-Old Sprint (1200m) winner had finally flourished into the real deal, and would be hard to beat from that point onwards.

But the Showcasing four-year-old did not quite live up to these expectations at his next two outings – in the Garden City Trophy (1200m) won by less-fancied stablemate Aramco (Magic Albert) and the EW Barker Trophy (1400m).

At first bemused by the two defeats, Baertschiger dug deeper for answers. He soon realised it was not the gelding's fault – but more his.

"I crunched him too much when he was first-up. We were running out of time and I trialed him a week before the race and he smashed them," said the Australian conditioner.

"I made a mistake. He ran too good for his fitness - that flattened him.

"So, I freshened him up and he's now unbeaten first-up. It's four from four.

"Ben (Thompson) rode him a treat. This horse has now won from Class 4 to Class 1.

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BAERTSCHIGER GETS BE BEE BACK TO HIS BEST

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Initially dropped back at the rear from his wide gate, Be Bee took closer order three wide from the 700m, but still spotted Nepean around four lengths at the top of the straight.

Nepean showed no letting up as he went hard up against the rails, but Be Bee packed too many guns for him when he came motoring down the middle of the track.

“Be Bee has always been a good horse. He’s more of a 1400m to a mile horse now,” said Baertschiger.

“I will be looking at the Lion City Cup for him this year, but he will pick up other races in between.”

The Lion City Cup (1200m) will be run on May 25, together with the Kranji Mile (1600m) and the Singapore Guineas (1600m).

Thompson was delighted he had booted home a winner for a stable which had given him a few leg-ups since his famous two-day visit last November when he snared the EW Barker Trophy with Mister Yeoh for Cliff Brown.

“It’s satisfying to ride a winner for the famous Baertschiger

name here. Shane was among the first to support me when I came last year,” said Thompson.

“Be Bee was wide coming off the backstraight, but I would rather be three deep with cover than six lengths off the lead.

“He still had his job cut out, but he was able to catch the leader. He did a good job in the end.”

Be Bee has now taken his handy record to six wins, two seconds and two thirds from 14 starts for stakes money in excess of S\$650,000 for the Auric Stable.

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| Race | Singapore TC Class 1 H. 1200m |
| Winner | Be Bee (NZ) 2014 |
| Owners | Auric Stable |
| Trainer | Shane Baertschiger (Kranji) |
| Breeding | by Showcasing (GB) out of My Other Woman (AUS) by Fusaichi Pegasus (USA) |
| Breeder | Mrs N M Leicester |
| Sales | 2016 National Yearling Sale – Select Session; V: Haunui Farm, P: Glen Harvey Bloodstock, \$220,000 |

