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MARE MAKES THE MOST OF HER GROUP ONE CHANCE



Mum to be Stolen Dance boosted her broodmare credentials with a Group One win in the Harcourts Thorndon Mile- Race Images

Racing dreams for **Stolen Dance (NZ)** (Alamosa) were fulfilled at Trentham when she earned Group One success in possibly her final appearance.

The Alamosa mare had been a multiple placegetter at the highest level before she overcame a testing run for a clear-cut victory in Saturday's Gr.1 Harcourts Thorndon Mile (1600m), in which she finished runner-up to Kawi (NZ) (Savabeel) in 2016.

Stolen Dance was then trained by David Greene, but transferred to the Cambridge stable of Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman after she was purchased by Gerald Shand.

"She really deserved this and it's great for Gerald," Forsman said. "We got her after a lot of hard work by David Greene, we're lucky to have her for her last preparation."

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In foal to Tavistock, Stolen Dance may now be retired at the top of her game.

“She could run in the Herbie Dyke Stakes, but maybe this is her last run,” Forsman said.

Stolen Dance was sent out at odds of 22-1 with her stablemate Love Affair (NZ) (Savabeel) installed favourite, but she was never a factor under jockey Matt Cameron.

“It was an indifferent run and Matt said she just never travelled,” Forsman said.

Little went right in the running for Stolen Dance’s rider Sam Spratt either, but the mare was good enough to overcome a tough run.

“We were three wide and got pushed out four and five wide so it was a gutsy effort,” she said.

“It was great, she’s been knocking on the door for some time and at least being out wide let her get into her own rhythm.”

Stolen Dance improved around runners 1000m from home to hit the front half-way down the straight and she had more than enough in reserve to hold Watch This Space (NZ) (Elusive City) and Hiflyer (NZ) (Tavistock) at bay. – NZ Racing Desk.

Race	Harcourts Thorndon Mile Gr.1 1600m
Winner	Stolen Dance (NZ) 2011
Owners	G A Shand
Trainer	Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Alamosa out of Songbird by Black Minnaloushe (USA)
Breeder	B G & Miss J C Rogers

NEWS IN BRIEF



Adrian Stanley and Hannah Kettley with Lot 323 the Dundee x Lady Who colt - Michael Rist

Young vendors set to make impact at Karaka

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OUTSIDER CARRIES APPRENTICE TO GROUP ONE GLORY



Apprentice Sam Weatherley got his first Group One win when guiding outsider Enzo's Lad to victory in the JR & N Berkett Telegraph - Race Images

A southern longshot and his youthful accomplice combined at Trentham for their first Group One successes at the expense of a hot field of sprinters.

The Michael and Matthew Pitman-trained **Enzo's Lad** (Testa Rossa) returned odds of 73-1 when he was victorious under apprentice Sam Weatherley in the JR & N Berkett Telegraph (1200m) on Saturday.

It was the second year in a row a South Island visitor had posted an upset Telegraph win following Signify's (NZ) (Perfectly Ready) 45-1 success 12 months ago.

While punters were floored by Saturday's upset, Weatherley didn't share their shock.

"I was very happy to be on him," he said. "He won the Pegasus in style and I knew if we had some luck he could do it. We got all the splits when we

needed to so I'm over the moon.

"Ever since I was a little kid I wanted to be a jockey and to win a Group One is great."

The Riccarton-based Enzo's Lad dropped into a good spot behind the leaders and once into the clear he finished too well.

"He probably got to the front too soon and he was looking around, but he knuckled down when he had to."

Multiple Group One winner Kawi (NZ) (Savabeel) finished powerfully from the back for second with the frontrunner Ferrando (NZ) (Fast 'n' Famous) holding third from Passing Shot (NZ) (Swiss Ace).

"There's just no better feeling than this," Matthew Pitman said. "He's been up to the mark all the way through."

Enzo's Lad showed his sprinting talent in the spring when the son of Testa Rossa won the Listed Pegasus

Stakes (1000m) before conditions brought about his last-start defeat at Wingatui on Boxing Day.

"He struck a wet track and he can't go on them," Pitman said. "He's got a great bunch of owners, all from Wellington, and it was their choice as much as ours to bring him up. This means the world to me."

– NZ Racing Desk.

Race	JR & N Berkett Telegraph Gr.1 1200m
Winner	Enzo's Lad 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 & Matthew Pitman (Yaldhurst, Riccarton Park)
Breeding	by Testa Rossa (AUS) out of Sheerama (AUS) by Catbird (AUS)
Breeder	Reavill Farm Management





FILLY SET TO CONTINUE TOP FORM OVER GROUND

Lisa Latta and Leith Innes' confidence in **Dijon Bleu's (NZ)** (Burgundy) ability to succeed beyond a mile was given a major boost on Saturday.

The trainer-jockey combination paired up with the high-class filly for a hollow victory in the Gr.3 Metroclad-Terracade Desert Gold Stakes (1600m).

"She gets her head up high and she's not very big, but she's a star," Innes said. "It will be interesting to see if she gets 2000m, but I don't see why not."

Dijon Bleu was tucked in on the rail behind the leaders and once a gap opened up along the fence 250m from home the daughter of Burgundy was through in a flash.

"I had a good chat to Lisa before the race and she said to hold her up," Innes said. "I could have got out and rolling 600m from home, but I had no choice and then she exploded when she was clear."

Dijon Bleu accelerated sharply to record a commanding

winning performance with Blanco Belle (NZ) (Cape Blanco) a game runner-up and Werther's sister Milseain (NZ) (Tavistock), in just her second start, an encouraging third.

"She was a bit above herself today and maybe in the 1000 Guineas and the Eulogy Stakes she got there a bit too soon," said Latta, referring to the filly's previous two runner-up finishes. "She's been thriving on short breaks."

Class filly Dijon Bleu scored an emphatic win in the Gr.3 Metroclad-terracade Desert Gold Stakes -Race Images

Dijon Bleu is eligible to run in next Saturday's Karaka Million 3YO Classic (1600m), but is unlikely to do so.

"Looking at the weather forecast I don't want to run her on a hard track," Latta said. "We'll more than likely look at the Sir Tristram Classic next."

Landsdowne Park will offer a half-brother (Lot 497) by Proisir to Dijon Bleu at the Book 1 Sale at Karaka on January 30.

– NZ Racing Desk.

Race	Metroclad-Terracade Desert Gold Stakes Gr.3 1600m
Winner	Dijon Bleu (NZ) 2014
Owners	KT J Dixon, P Finlayson, Miss L M Latta, Ms D A Masters, M G Passey, A J Rennie & T D Tomlins
Trainer	Lisa Latta (Awapuni)
Breeding	by Burgundy out of Pristino (AUS) by More Than Ready (USA)
Breeder	Robinson Family Trust
Sales	2016 NZB Select Sale; V: Landsdowne Park, P: Lisa Latta Racing Stables; \$26,000





MAGICAL RUN FROM EMERGING STAYER

Magic Chai (Magic Albert) is likely to be set for a feature two-mile double after his stout staying performance to win Saturday's Gr.3 Wellington Cup (3200m) at Trentham.

His victory in the Wallaceville Estate-sponsored feature came at his open class debut and the five-year-old now has a Group One contest on his autumn programme.

Race	Wallaceville Estate Castletown Wellington Cup Gr.3 3200m
Winner	Magic Chai 2012
Owners	M A & Mrs S L Treweek
Trainer	Tony Pike (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Magic Albert (AUS) out of Chai (AUS) by Viscount (AUS)
Breeder	D R Fleming

"We'll get him home and see how he is and if his form holds up then the Auckland Cup is an obvious target," trainer Tony Pike said.

"He's only had 18 starts so he's still pretty much untapped. He's a good, genuine stayer."

The son of Magic Albert settled among the tailenders before picking up ground 800m from home.

"When they all took off a long way from home it played into his hands," Pike said.

Magic Chai came with an irresistible finish to swamp his rivals in the closing 150m with a gallant Sampson (NZ) (Dubai Destination), Alinko Prince (NZ) (Alamosa) and the topweight Patrick Erin (NZ) (Gallant Guru) the next three home.

The chestnut five-year-old is raced by Lyndhurst Farm principals Mark and Shelley Treweek and gave them a result to boost spirits ahead of New Zealand Bloodstock's Yearling Sale series.

The Cambridge couple will be offering a 13-strong draft during the Book 1 sale at Karaka, which opens on January 28.

"It's fantastic for Mark and Shelley," Pike said. "Mark trained the horse for his first few starts and I got him about 18 months ago. He's kept improving and got stronger."

Magic Chai was ridden by Michael McNab, who said he was confident as soon as the pace of the race increased.

"We got back on a really slow tempo and when they cranked it up I

got a lovely drag into it.

"He was travelling well near the turn and the more I asked of him the more I got. He was really strong at the line, it's a big buzz."

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Magic Chai swamped his rivals to take out the Gr.3 Wallaceville Estate Wellington Cup -Race Images



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OUTSIDER ROCKS PUNTERS IN KENSINGTON STAKES

Most expected **Rock 'N' Gold** (Rock of Gibraltar) to find his classy stablemates too strong but the seven-year-old charged late to nab his maiden stakes win in Saturday's Listed Kensington Stakes (1000m) at Flemington.

Rock 'N' Gold was one of three runners from the Mathew Ellerton and Simon Zahra stable along with Group One winners Flamberge (Exceed and Excel) and Amber Sky (Exceed and Excel) but started as the outside of the field despite behind specked from \$21 to \$17.

Rock 'N' Gold relished the fast speed set by Amber Sky and Lord of the Sky (Danerich) before running home well to get home by a half-head under Chris Symons' vigorous riding, rewarding his trainers for their patience with his win.

Zahra said the fact Rock 'N' Gold was related to former smart stayers Tanby (Galileo) and Fawkner (Reset), meaning the trainer thought the gelding would get over ground when he bought him in New Zealand.

"I actually bought him to stay. He's related to the mother of Fawkner and Tanby but he just used to pull too hard," Zahra said.

"Now he just needs lots of speed on. He gets back and runs on and it's his first crack at the big time and he's prevailed well."

Zahra said the key to Rock 'N' Gold was keeping the son of Rock of Gibraltar fresh and thanked fellow



Rock 'n' Gold (left) scores an upset win in the Listed Kensington Stakes -Darryl Sherer

trainer Danny O'Brien for the use of his Barwon Heads property.

"He heads down there a fair bit and he always runs well fresh," Zahra said.

"His jumpout on Monday (at Werribee) indicated that he was ready to run a cheeky race. We just thought the class of the other two might just get there.

"He has been a little bit frustrating but a fantastic horse to the stable but we'll keep him fresh and find another race in the next three or four weeks."

Rock 'n' Gold was purchased for \$55,000 from Diamond Lodge's 2012 NZB Ready To Run draft.

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Race	Kensington Stakes L 1000m
Winner	Rock 'N' Gold 2010
Owners	M J Bracchi, J Kovacevic, Mrs A Kempster, S D Kempster, L T Connolly, A J Kearney, Mrs J M Kearney, A C Law, M J Leyden, M D Lohan, P J Thompson, R McCluskey, G A Peel, R L Banks, M M Hulme, Hubik Racing (Mgr: S Hubik) & K W Franklin
Trainer	Mathew Ellerton and Simon Zahra (Flemington)
Breeding	by Rock of Gibraltar (IRE) out of Goldberg (AUS) by Geiger Counter (USA)
Breeder	Mr DM Stanaway
Sales	2012 NZB Ready To Run Sale of 2yos; V: Diamond Lodge, P: Ellerton Zahra Racing; \$55,000





SOUTHERN STAKES MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

As a breeder, Wellfield Lodge's Bill Gleeson appreciates the value of black type on the pedigree page and he doesn't mind travelling to find it.

For the second time in two years, he has enjoyed success in the Listed Liquorland Gore Guineas (1335m) after Exceed And Excel's daughter **Excelleration (NZ)** kicked off her southern sojourn in fine style on Saturday.

In 2016, Gleeson won the event with Wafer (NZ), a filly by his resident stallion Alamosa who also sired the Gr.1 Harcourts Thorndon Mile (1600m) winner Stolen Dance (NZ), and he again celebrated as a co-breeder and part-owner

Race	Liquorland Gore Guineas L 1335m
Winner	Excelleration (NZ) 2014
Owners	Pee Gee & W J Bloodstock Ltd, S R Plant & Wellfield Holdings Ltd
Trainer	Nigel Tiley (Pukekohe)
Breeding	by Exceed and Excel (AUS) out of Abeautifulred by Handsome Ransom (AUS)
Breeder	Pee Gee & W J Bloodstock Ltd, S R Plant & Wellfield Holdings Ltd

with Peter Gillespie and Scott Plant of the Nigel Tiley-trained Excelleration.

"She's only going to get better and it was a really nice win," he said. "She's quite tough and a filly with a bit of attitude about her."

Excelleration has now won three of her seven starts, but she will transfer to the Riccarton stable of Shane Kennedy and Anna Furlong for the remainder of her southern stay.

"She'll run next in the Dunedin Guineas over a mile and then we'll assess her after that," Gleeson said.

"Nigel has always been of the opinion that she'll stay. Her mother Abeautifulred ran second in the New Zealand 1000 Guineas and the grand-mother You Beauty was third in the New Zealand Oaks.

"It's nice for a young mare to now have produced a stakes winner with her first foal."

Wellfield will offer a half-brother (Lot 13) to Excelleration by Fastnet Rock at the Book 1 Sale at Karaka on January 28.

Excelleration was ridden at Gore by Kylie Williams, who

said she didn't have to unduly pressure the filly to win with ease.

"She got held up a bit, but once into the clear she did it easily. I just changed my grip and I didn't have to pull the stick."

- NZ Racing Desk.



Excelleration profited from a trip south when successful in the Listed Liquorland Gore Guineas -Wild Range Photography





JASD DELIVERING STRONG DERBY CASE

Highly-regarded three-year-old **Jasd** (Sepoy) continues to press his claims for a classic call up.

The Tony Pike-trained son of Sepoy maintained his perfect record on Saturday when he overcame a chequered run at Trentham to prevail in the Harrisons Carpets & Curtains Premier (1400m).

"He's a very big horse with a good action and he's bred to stay," trainer Tony Pike said.

"We'll probably step him up to a mile next and then maybe one of the later Guineas races ahead of the Derby."

"He's not in the Derby at the moment, but there's always a late entry if he's going well enough."

Successful on debut at Taupo last

month, Jasd enjoyed a cosy run one off the fence behind the pace before trouble brewed 400m from home.

"It was looking very ugly coming to the corner and he ended up in a bad spot," Pike said. "He got clear air late and he came through to get it on the line. He's pretty progressive."

Jasd took his chance close to home and speared between runners to beat Matuzalem (NZ) (O'Reilly) by a short head with a nose further back to Piriwai (NZ) (Falkirk).

"He jumped well and we got into a beautiful spot," rider Michael McNab said.

"Then the swoopers came around and it got a bit tight and it took a bit of time to get a gap. When he did get

through he showed what he can do. He's a pretty smart horse."

A half-sister (Lot 355) to Jasd by I Am Invincible will be offered by Windsor Park Stud at the Book 1 Sale at Karaka on January 30.

– NZ Racing Desk.

Race	Harrisons Carpets & Curtains Premier 1400m
Winner	Jasd 2014
Owners	S M Wong
Trainer	Tony Pike (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Sepoy (AUS) out of Mabsam (AUS) by Stratum (AUS)
Breeder	Shadwell Stud Australasia Ltd
Sales	2016 NZB Ready To Run Sale of 2yos; V: Kilgravin Lodge, P: Waikato Bloodstock; \$240,000



Exciting three-year-old Jasd continued to deliver with a win at Trentham on Saturday -Race Images



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NOVA STRIKES **AT THE RIGHT TIME**

Nova Strike (NZ) (Red Giant) might not be among the best of the best at Kranji but his incredible will to win again came to the fore in the S\$125,000 Kranji Stakes 1 Division 2 race over 1400m on Friday night.

The gallant five-year-old son of Red Giant seldom disappoints as his record of six wins and six thirds from 28 starts showed before Friday's race.

Under a determined ride from apprentice jockey Troy See, Nova Strike was able to put the race to bed to bring up his ninth win and more than S\$960,000 in stakes earnings for the

Nova Racing Stable.

Trainer Alwin Tan let in he has nominated Nova Strike for the Gr.1 Dubai Golden Shaheen (1200m) and the Gr.2 Godolphin Mile (1600m) to be run on Dubai World Cup night at Meydan on March 31.

"He is a small horse with a big heart. He always puts his best in his races, but he needed a break and has come back in good order," said the Singaporean handler.

"Troy listened to the instructions and the pace suited the horse as well.

"Tentatively, I will set him for the Fortune Bowl (over 1400m on February

17) but I have also nominated him for two Dubai races, the Golden Shaheen and the Godolphin Mile.

"I'll see how he pulls up and decide where he goes from there." -STC

Race	Kranji Stakes 1 Division 2 1400m
Winner	Nova Strike (NZ) 2012
Owners	Nova Racing Stable
Trainer	Alwin Tan (Singapore)
Breeding	by Red Giant (USA) out of La Panthere by Generous (IRE)
Breeder	J G Simpson
Sales	2014 NZB Ready To Run Sale of 2yos; V: Kiltannon Stables, P: NZB as agent; \$60,000



Nova Strike notched up his seventh career win at Kranj on Friday night -Singapore Turf Club





CURATOLO WRAPS UP WITH DOUBLE ON CHALAZA



Chalaza was the second part of a winning double for jockey Ryan Curatolo -Singapore Turf Club

After two winless meetings, French jockey Ryan Curatolo bounced back to the winner's circle with a riding double on Friday night.

Curatolo made no mistake aboard race favourite Claudia's Beauty (Daliapour) in the S\$20,000 Open Maiden race over 1400m before ending the night with a flourish aboard the New Zealand-bred **Chalaza (NZ)** (Road To Rock) in the last race, the S\$80,000 Class 3 race over 1200m.

The US-trained hoop actually found himself in a pickle when he lost his whip as Chalaza was gaining momentum in a hotly-contested last furlong, but keeping his cool, he kept riding the Road To Rock five-year-old hands and heels to land the rewards as he kept his rivals at bay by half-a-length on the line.

"When I lost my whip at the 200m mark, I grabbed his mane and pushed him with all my might, and luckily, he kept going," said a relieved Curatolo at the winner's circle.

"The horse was well placed. He was in the right spot in the race and was well trained.

"I got him balanced at the top of the straight and he produced a good effort to win.

"Things are going well for me. I'm working hard every morning and I will just have to keep it up."

The win did not come without a hefty price for the Frenchman, though. In his exuberance, he raised his hand in a victorious salute, which was, however done just before the line, a celebratory gesture regarded as a transgression in the

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CURATOLO WRAPS UP WITH DOUBLE ON CHALAZA

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Stewards' copybook and which lightened his pocket of S\$500.

Chalaza's winning trainer Steven Burridge's kind words might go some way in alleviating the pain a little for Curatolo.

"Ryan's riding very well. He rode the horse good last start and he's delivered tonight," said the former jockey.

"He got him balanced right up in the straight and he timed the run very well. This horse needs to be ridden quiet, if he is too close, he plods home.

"With 57kgs on his back tonight, he was very courageous and has done a very good job."

Raced by the Lim's & Mark's Stable, Chalaza was ringing up

his fourth win from 13 starts for stakes earnings that have now tipped over the S\$180,000 mark. -STC

Race	Kranji Class 3 1200m
Winner	Chalaza (NZ) 2012
Owners	Lim & Mark's Stable
Trainer	Steven Burridge (Singapore)
Breeding	by Road To Rock (AUS) out of Miss Faberge by Ustinov (AUS)
Breeder	Nearco Stud Ltd
Sales	2014 NZB South Island Yearling Sale; V: Highden Park, P: L B Racing Pty Ltd; \$26,000

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Fastnet Rock x Seachange filly with yearling manager Marsha Crinion -Michael Rist

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WHAT'S NEW DOES NOT PUSSYFOOT AROUND

Cliff Brown's long-time owner Greg Perry had another hand in the stable's successful run when Casino Prince filly **What's New (NZ)** opened her account on Friday night.

The Aussie Rules footy fan usually names his horses after his favourite AFL team Western Bulldogs players, notably his most recent winner Clokey, a nod to player Travis Cloke, but Friday's winner was just a clever name he came up with by drawing inspiration from the dam side.

The three-year-old filly is out of a mare called Pussycat Dream, whom Brown and himself purchased from England

Race	Kranji Maiden 1200m
Winner	What's New (NZ) 2014
Owners	Tarnpirr Stable
Trainer	Cliff Brown (Singapore)
Breeding	by Casino Prince (AUS) out of Pussycat Dream (GB) by Oasis Dream (GB)
Breeder	Greenwich Stud Pty Ltd

a few years ago with a view to race her at Kranji, but that intention never eventuated.

The Oasis Dream mare was later sent to New Zealand where she foaled down a filly by Casino Prince. Perry decided to race her in Singapore, and did not have to think too hard to decide on a moniker - Peter Sellers' famous 1965 comedy and Tom Jones' song What's New Pussycat.

"Greg Perry and I bought the dam from England. She did not race here and we sent her to the breeding farm instead," said Brown.

"She ran well at her debut last year (second to Destroyer Eclipse in a 1200m race on October 27), and I gave her a break as she was only a baby. She has had more time to mature, and she went good tonight.

"Looking at the way she finished off, she will probably be better over more ground."

Backed down to \$13 favouritism, What's New was ridden in midfield by Michael Rodd before the ribbons were cut at

the top of the straight when she simply bounded away to a 2 1/2-length.

Rodd said his confidence had already grown exponentially on the way to the pens.

"She was completely different tonight as I rode her around to the barriers. Her stride was half a length bigger," said the Australian jockey.

"That gave me plenty of confidence. She's got gears and she put the race away really well."

-STC

NZ bred filly What's New broke her maiden at Kranji on Friday night -Singapore Turf Club

