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BRUTAL RACES TO IMPRESSIVE WIN ON DEBUT



Brutal, dominant on debut at Caulfield (Quentin Lang)

Two-year-old colt **Brutal (NZ)** (O'Reilly) has started his race career in impressive fashion with a dominant all-the-way win in a late-season race at Caulfield.

The Hawkes Racing-trained colt stepped out in Saturday's Ladbrokes.com.au Handicap (1200m) for two-year-olds and was able to dominate the race from the front under jockey Dwayne Dunn.

Brutal railed and kicked strongly off the home bend then

continued to extend in the straight to win by five lengths over fellow debutant Ronan's Rock (Fastnet Rock), with favourite Humma Humma (Denman) another 1-1/4-lengths away third.

Ronan's Rock was able to regroup and finish second after knuckling shortly after the start.

"He's a nice horse," Dunn said of Brutal.

"He's always shown us a lot. He's probably in at the right

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time of year just to get some experience because he's still a kid.

"He had them pretty well beaten a long way from home today."

Dunn said Brutal will continue to get better as he gets a bit older.

"They'll have a lot of fun with him," he said.

Co-trainer Wayne Hawkes said immediate plans for Brutal were still to be decided.

"We just wanted to see what happened today, but it's a good position to be in," Hawkes said.

"When he really quickened and flattened out it was quite impressive I thought."

-AAP

Race	MRC Ladbrokes.com.au 2YO H. 1200m
Winner	Brutal (NZ) 2015
Owners	Owners R&C Legh Racing Pty Ltd, Puiltano Thoroughbreds Pty Ltd, B&C Thoroughbreds Pty Ltd, Mr SJ Bates, Mrs DL Bates, Mr HJ Chapman, Mrs JS Willis, Mr DV Russo
Trainer	Michael, Wayne & John Hawkes (Flemington)
Breeding	by O'Reilly out of Alberton Princess by Golan (IRE)
Breeder	Mrs R Kerr-Taylor & Mrs A K Storey
Sales	2017 National Yearling Sale - Premier; V: Mapperley Stud Ltd, P: Hawkes Racing; \$220,000

NEWS IN BRIEF

Superstar for Mastercraftsman

Former Windsor Park shuttler Mastercraftsman (IRE) is no stranger to Group I success as a sire but may have soared to new heights with star filly Alpha Centauri, who posted her third consecutive win at the highest level overnight when winning the Group I Falmouth Stakes at Newmarket.

A brilliant winner of the Group I Irish Thousand Guineas and then the Coronation Stakes at Royal Ascot, Alpha Centauri has been flying in recent months and the best may still be to come.

A homebred for the Niarchos family trained by Jessica Harrington, Alpha Centauri coasted home under Colm O'Donoghue to win the one mile contest by four and a half lengths in a dominant display taking her overall record to five wins and a second from eight starts.

"Alpha Centauri will probably go to Deauville next (Group I Prix Jacques Le Marois), to take on the colts, and I know the Niarchos family love the Breeders' Cup, so we have that option later in the year too, but either way the owners are keen to take on the colts now. She's just an amazing filly, she really is. She is so relaxed, stands there and has all the photographs taken and just goes away. I sometimes worry that she is almost too relaxed before races but that's just her," said Jessica Harrington.

Alpha Centauri is a half-sister to stakes-winner Tenth Star and is from Alpha Lupi, an unraced Rahy daughter of Champion French 3YO Filly East of the Moon, a half-sister to .Group I winner and champion sire Kingmambo from champion mare Miesque, who won the Breeders Cup Mile twice among her 10 Group I victories.

She is one of 50 stakes-winners for Danehill Dancer's dashing grey son Mastercraftsman.

- breednet.com





BOWMAN SHOWS HIS CLASS

Champion jockey Hugh Bowman showed why he was the best in the business when he got **Jolly Honour (NZ)** (Reliable Man) home in a masterful display to take out the Theraces Handicap (1800m) at Rosehill on Saturday

Rival jockey Adam Hyeronimus, who rode Boomtown Rat (Rock 'N' Pop), summed it up best walking back to the jockey's room.

"It was ridiculous how slow they went. The only one to show some guts was Bowman and he won the race," he said.

The first 600m was run in a leisurely

39.81s with Bowman further explaining, "They were going too slow for me. I didn't want to put that much speed into the race but when I gave him a bit of room to increase the tempo, he really wanted to get on with it."

"I just let him cruise around from the 600m. It was a very soft first half of the race so I thought he's going to have to stop, they are not going to run over him, and they couldn't."

Chris Waller revealed that Jolly Honour is shortly heading to Hong Kong to continue racing.

Former New Zealand-trained galloper The Macallan (NZ) (Rock 'N'

Pop) finished third in his first start for Chris Waller since transferring from Tony Pike's Cambridge stable.

Race	ATC Theraces H. 1800m
Winner	Jolly Honour (NZ) 2014
Owners	Mr PYW Ng
Trainer	Chris Waller (Rosehill)
Breeding	by Reliable Man (GB) out of Vexed (AUS) by Ferocity (AUS)
Breeder	RA & JE Ferguson Partnership Syndicate
Sales	2016 National Yearling Sale – Select Session; V: Bradbury Park, P: Mulcaster Bloodstock; \$70,000



Bowman showed a masterful ride aboard Jolly Honour at Rosehill (Bradley Photography)





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NZ BRED NAMED HONG KONG HORSE OF THE YEAR



Beauty Generation winning the Gr.1 Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup (1400m) in February (Hong Kong Jockey Club)

Beauty Generation (NZ) (Road To Rock) claimed the Hong Kong Horse of the Year award on Friday night.

A three-time Group One victor this term, Hong Kong's standout five-year-old was also named Champion Miler.

John Moore's stable star had an outstanding sophomore Hong Kong campaign with five wins from eight starts. The gelding, raced by Patrick Kwok Ho Chuen, improved further this term after placing in two of the three four-year-old Classic Series races last season.

Victorious on his seasonal reappearance in the Gr.3 Celebration Cup (1400m), Beauty Generation soon added a win in the Gr.2 Oriental Watch Sha Tin Trophy (1600m), before achieving a career peak by taking the Gr.1 Longines Hong Kong Mile in December. All three of those triumphs were with Derek Leung in the saddle.

Beauty Generation kept on improving in 2018, scoring his second Group One success in the Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup (1400m) before the gelding rounded off his season in style by winning the Gr.1 Champions Mile at the inaugural Champions Day meeting.

The title gave trainer John Moore his sixth consecutive Horse of the Year.

"It's a big relief, there was a lot of competition coming from Pakistan Star (Shamardal), but he put the writing on the wall with his achievements through the season," Moore told the South China Morning Post.

"When he wins, it's not always exciting, he just gets out in front or on the speed and wins the big ones.

"I brought him back from what we thought was a 2,000m

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horse and made him a miler and here we are enjoying the fruits of all his successes on the stage of Horse of the Year – it's amazing.

Beauty Generation was a graduate of Highden Park's 2014 Select Yearling draft at the New Zealand Bloodstock National Yearling Sale. Purchased by Kylie Bax' Hermes Syndications for \$60,000 the son of Road To Rock initially raced in Australia under the name Montaigne where he won twice and was runner-up to Tazino (NZ) (Tavistock) in the Gr.1 Rosehill Guineas (2000m).

The outstanding five-year-old was bred by Greg Tomlinson's Nearco Stud.

In addition to the Horse of the Year title, Beauty Generation was also named Hong Kong's Champion Miler.

The award for Champion Griffin went to Pick Number One (NZ), a son of Darci Brahma who was bred by Luigi Muollo's Explosive Breeding Ltd and fell short of his \$80,000 reserve in two trips through the Karaka sale ring in 2016 – the Premier Sale and the Ready to Run Sale.

Trained by Danny Shum for owner Yo Mo Man, the three-year-old began his Hong Kong racing career this season with five impressive wins from seven starts and more than HK\$4.74 million (NZ\$890,000) in stakes.



Beauty Generation is crowned Horse of the Year. Dr. Simon S O Ip, Chairman of HKJC, presents the trophy to owner Mr. Patrick Kwok Ho Chuen, accompanied by Dr. Simon Kwok, Dr. Eleanor Kwok and trainer John Moore. (Hong Kong Jockey Club)





MOUNT KILCOY RELISHES STEP UP TO 2000M

Lightly raced **Mount Kilcoy** (High Chaparral) has backed up seven days after his second placing in the Silver Bowl Series Final to win stylishly over 2000m at Caulfield.

The New Zealand Bloodstock Ready To Run Sale graduate relished a step up to 2000m for the first time to score a convincing win at Caulfield.

Apprentice Ben Allen had the Darren Weir-trained colt back in the field early in Saturday's Ladbrokes Cash In Handicap for three-year-olds before being able to track favourite Masculino (Smart Missile) mid-race.

Mount Kilcoy (\$3.20) followed Masculino (\$2.25) to the home turn before Allen had the colt ready to pounce on the outside from the top of the straight.

Carrying 5kg less than Masculino, Mount Kilcoy sprinted to the front with 250m to run then drew clear late to beat the favourite by two lengths.

Borella (Pierro) hit the line well for third, another one length away.

Weir said Mount Kilcoy was bought as a potential staying horse and believed he would have no trouble stepping up to 2400m.

Mount Kilcoy was backing up seven days after he ran home strongly for second in the Silver Bowl Series Final (1600m) at Flemington and now has two wins and three seconds from five starts.

"He's a beauty," Weir said.

"He really relished the step up in trip and he got some sort of ride today.

"I loved the way he switched off and relaxed. He's been a bit



Ready To Run Sale graduate Mount Kilcoy winning at Caulfield (Darryl Sherer)

of a keen-going horse but he's finally really starting to switch off. And obviously if they are going to get over a trip they need to switch off in the run."

Bloodstock Agent John Foote purchased Mount Kilcoy for NZ\$200,000 at the 2016 Ready To Run Sale from the draft of George and Maryanne Simon's Mana Park.

Race	Ladbrokes Cash In Handicap (2000 METRES)
Winner	Mount Kilcoy
Owners	Mr I R Mccauley, Mrs D E McCauley
Trainer	Darren Weir
Breeding	by High Chaparral out of Rhythm In Paris by Bianconi
Breeder	Robert Roulston Bloodstock
Sales	2016 NZB Ready To Run Sale; V: Mana Park, P: John Foote Bloodstock - \$200,000



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TEAM CONNORS EYEING GRAND NATIONAL

Raymond Connors is likely to forego the defence of a prestige event title with **Wise Men Say (NZ)** (Yamanin Vital) in favour of chasing a southern feature.

The Wanganui trainer, who races the top jumper with his father Marc, produced the gelding to win last year's Great Northern Steeplechase (6400m) but the Racecourse Hotel & Motel Lodge Grand National Steeplechase (5600m) is this winter's preferred option.

"I'm pretty keen to go down there," Connors said. "I'll see how he is in the next week and as long as he's sound that looks the way to go."

"Wherever he goes the weight is going to be the worry though."

Wise Men Say showed he was in

great touch for the Riccarton venture when he triumphed in the Grant Plumbing Wellington Steeplechase (5500m) at Trentham on Saturday.

The win came as no surprise as the rising nine-year-old had finished runner-up in the Hawke's Bay Steeplechase (4800m) at his previous appearance.

"Looking back on that run, I thought this race was his for the taking over a bit further," Connors said.

Ridden by Isaac Lupton, Wise Men Say kept the leader Venerate (NZ) (Colombia) within his sights and was left alone on front when the Harvey Wilson-trained hope came to grief about 1000m from home.

Wise Men Say had control from that point and stayed on strongly to score by three lengths from Chocolate Fish (NZ) (Colombia), also on a path toward the Grand National, and the defending champion Amanood Lad (NZ) (Germano) was eight lengths back in third.

One member of the Connors team who is definitely locked in for Riccarton

is She's Poppy (NZ) (Alamosa), the current equal \$6 second favourite for the Gr.3 Winter Cup (1600m) behind the \$4.50 market leader Red Sierra (NZ) (Redwood).

– NZ Racing Desk.

Race	WRC Wellington S/chase 5500m
Winner	Wise Men Say (NZ) 2009
Owners	M S & R M Connors
Trainer	Raymond Connors (Wanganui)
Breeding	by Yamanin Vital out of Vaguely Famous by Famous Star (GB)
Breeder	B J & Mrs L E Anderton & Parr Bloodstock Ltd
Sales	2011 South Island 2YO & Mixed Sale; V: White Robe Lodge, P: KT Myers; \$37,500



Wise Men Say on his way to victory at Trentham (Race Images)





STEEPLECHASING PLANS MAY BE PUT ON HOLD

Zedeedudadeeko's (NZ) (Zed) return to form at Trentham may force part-owner and trainer Jamie Phillips to change tack.

The nine-year-old bounced back to his best on Saturday with an upset victory in the Anuka Smoker Wellington Hurdle (3400m).

"I was thinking it was time to say that's enough and he can go steeplechasing, but I have to think about that again now," Phillips said.

The son of Zed was posting his first win since he claimed

top honours in last year's Great Northern Hurdles (4190m). This preparation, he was given three flat runs before he returned over the small fences, only to be pulled up in the Awapuni Hurdles (2900m).

However, a more rigorous training regime and a return to Wellington paved the way for a much-improved performance.

"He loves Trentham and he'd had a lot of work, he was ready," Phillips said.

Zedeedudadeeko was back in the early running before rider Charlie Studd made a move with a lap to go.

They improved to sit outside the leader The Shackler (NZ) (Istidaad) before hitting the front three flights from home and then safely negotiated the final two fences.

Studd was afforded the luxury of an exaggerated look over his shoulder after the last jump and they strolled home at odds of 16-1.

Manawatu Steeplechase (4200m) winner Game Percy (NZ)

(Sir Percy) fought on gallantly for second with Kipkeino (NZ) (Sunray) third. Last year's winner The Shackler, who was niggled at in front, weakened out to finish a distant sixth.

– NZ Racing Desk.

Race	WRC Wellington Hurdle 3400m
Winner	Zedeedudadeeko (NZ) 2008
Owners	J P Phillips & The McInteer Family Trust
Trainer	James Phillips (Tauherenikau)
Breeding	by Zed out of Cheeko Beeko by Straussbrook (AUS)
Breeder	J P Phillips & The McInteer Family Trust



Zedeedudadeeko on his way to Anuka Smoker Wellington Hurdle (3400m) glory (Race Images)





IN-FORM STAYERS TO CLASH IN CUP

El Luchador (NZ) (El Hermano) and Major Tom (NZ) (Red Giant) were open handicap winners at opposite ends of the North Island on Saturday, but they are destined to meet in the middle next time out.

They have both being set for the Taumarunui Cup (2200m) at Rotorua on July 28 by their respective connections.

El Luchador has been a revelation this campaign with a victory in the Kiwifruit Cup (2100m) preceding his success in testing ground at Trentham in the Blue Star Parliamentary (2200m).

"That will stave off a hurdle start for a while, he's won a couple of hurdle trials," trainer Mark Brooks said. "He'll got to the Taumarunui Cup next."

El Luchador sat on the leader's quarters before he went to

the front 600m out rider Michael Coleman stayed closer to the fence into the straight.

"It was always going to be a test in those conditions and Michael stuck to the inside and that was probably the best place to be," Brooks said.

El Luchador won by five and a-quarter lengths from Trisha Lea (NZ) (Zed), who edged Dr Watson (NZ) (Handsome Ransom) out of second by a short head.

Major Tom's winning margin at Ruakaka in the ITM/GIB Whangarei Gold Cup (2100m) was only a short neck, but he wasn't overly punished by rider Chris Johnson to hold off Jake The Muss (NZ) (Postponed).

Trainers Kenny and Lisa Rae also have eyes for the Taumarunui Cup and their progressive son of Red Giant will be at the top of his game for the Rotorua feature with three consecutive wins to his credit.

– NZ Racing Desk.

Race	WRC Parliamentary H. 2200m
Winner	El Luchador (NZ) 2011
Owners	Mrs L & S Baker, M G Beatson, C & Mrs J J Booth, M H Brooks, M Darroch, Mrs F I & F T Drummond, T Finch, Miss M Gibson, J Jenkins, J Kirkbeck, G D Lemon, R & T Mitchell, Optimism Syndicate, G A Patterson, Mrs K Percy, B M & Mrs M Y Wakeling & Ms M B Wenn
Trainer	Mark Brooks (Cambridge)
Breeding	by El Hermano out of Entwine (AUS) by Twining (USA)
Breeder	Mrs F I & F T Drummond

Race	Whangarei RC Whangarei Gold Cup 2100m
Winner	Major Tom (NZ) 2013
Owners	M Barratt & K I Rae
Trainer	Ken, Lisa Rae & Krystal Williams (Ruakaka)
Breeding	by Red Giant (USA) out of Letsgoparty by Oregon (USA)
Breeder	BPA Bloodstock Ltd



Michael Coleman guides El Luchador to a runaway win (Race Images)



Major Tom (outer) accounts for Jake The Muss (Trish Dunell)





VINEVALE GETS NEW PARTNERS OFF TO A FLYER

The in-form **Vinevale** (Flying Spur) ensured New Zealand's newest training partnership got away to a dream start when she struck again on her home track.

The mare is prepared at Ruakaka by Chris Gibbs and Michelle Bradley and as their first representative she did them proud with a dominant performance to win the ITM + GIB Open 1400m.

"That was a lovely win and since she's come up here she has just improved," Bradley said.

"A change of environment has obviously helped her, she's a lovely mare."

Vinevale won three races for Stephen Autridge and Jamie Richards before relocating and she has now matched that effort from her new quarters.

The five-year-old was twice successful on her new home track last month and on Saturday she was untested to complete a hat-trick.

She sat in behind a slow pace and once clear in the straight Vinevale quickened to beat Spider (NZ) (Buffalo Man), who did well off a wide run, and Rockabyebaby (NZ) (Rip Van Winkle).

"Once I took a sit she was happy," successful rider Cameron Lammas said. "We got the gap and she sprinted away."

Out of the Zabeel mare Eden Valley (NZ), who is a sister to the Gr.1



Vinevale's Ruakaka win delivered trainers a memorable first victory (Trish Dunell)

Australia Stakes (2000m) winner Hill Of Grace (NZ), Vinevale was bred by Trelawney Stud.

They have remained in the ownership and continued a good run for the Cambridge nursery, whose colours were carried to victory at Te Rapa a week ago by the imported Galileo mare Igraine (Galileo).

– NZ Racing Desk.

Race	Whangarei RC ITM Gib H. 1400m
Winner	Vinevale (AUS) 2012
Owners	Brent & Cherry Taylor, Jans Trust, Jake & Jude Moreland, Faith & Jane Taylor, Jay Benton & Scott Malcolm
Trainer	Chris Gibbs & Michelle Bradley (Ruakaka)
Breeding	by Flying Spur (AUS) out of Eden Valley by Zabeel
Breeder	Trelawney Stud





VON TRAPP HITS RIGHT NOTE AT RUAKAKA

Precocious juvenile **Von Trapp (NZ)** (Swiss Ace) didn't disappoint Andrew Calder in his first serious test.

The Richard Collett-trained youngster had been unbeaten in three trial appearances and he continued his

winning ways on debut in Saturday's Almanzor At Cambridge Stud (1000m) at Ruakaka.

"I've been waiting for him," successful rider and Collett's son-in-law Andrew Calder said. "He's a really promising horse."

Von Trapp showed early pace to cross the field and lead and when asked for an effort into the straight he surged clear to win by three and a-quarter lengths from Hapi Ella (NZ) (Coats Choice).

"He's got a lot of upside, he didn't jump that fast and had to use a bit of petrol early but once he got there he felt like he was idling all the way," Calder said.

"He's led in his trials and he always runs fast time. At this stage, we'll probably keep him in work and look for another two-year-old race somewhere and then maybe Hawke's Bay for the three-year-old races."

Race	Whangarei RC Almanzor at Cambridge Stud 2YO S. 1000m
Winner	Von Trapp (NZ) 2015
Owners	Richard Collett, Carol & Glenn Kidd, Paul Williams, Noel Wilson, Martin Brady, Wayne Bryson, Carol Findlay, Leigh Crockford, Bill & Mary Colgan & Louise Wilson
Trainer	Richard Collett (Pukekohe Park)
Breeding	by Swiss Ace (AUS) out of Musically (AUS) by Belong to Me (USA)
Breeder	G Harvey
Sales	2017 National Yearling Sale - Select; V: Westbury Stud, P: Collett Racing Stables; \$62,500



While the son of Swiss Ace has showed impressive pace, Calder believes the gelding will cope with a step up in trip.

"On breeding most of the family have just got 1200m, but he's such a big, strong horse that I've got no doubt he'll go further," he said.

Out of the winning Belong To Me mare Musically, Von Trapp was purchased by Collett, who is currently in Vietnam, for \$62,500 out of Westbury Stud's 2017 draft at Karaka.

– NZ Racing Desk.

Exciting prospect Von Trapp dashes to a debut win (Trish Dunell)





EXCITING 24 HOURS **FOR NOVARA PARK**



Ill-fated stallion Jakkalberry at Novara Park (Trish Dunell)

Ill-fated Novara Park stallion Jakkalberry (Storming Home) was represented by a strong winner at Geelong on Friday when the Matt Cumani-trained **Gelignite Jack (NZ)** (Jakkalberry) saluted at his second race day start.

The two-year-old colt showed good improvement from his fourth placing on debut to score over 1300m and looks like he will be suited over further ground like his breeding would suggest.

Ridden by Dean Holland, Gelignite Jack trailed the leaders throughout and was solid to the line.

“Dean did an excellent job, he put him in the right spot and it all went to plan,” stable representative Andrew Bobbin said

“I think once he lengthened in the straight, you could see that he’s still got plenty of learning to do. He’s still learning his craft and he will come on a lot from that.”

Bobbin indicated that Gelignite Jack is likely to step up in distance to 1600m next start.

“He’s a really nice horse,” winning jockey Dean Holland said. “First start he probably got a bit excited and went off in the barriers a little bit and just didn’t handle the track at all.

“Matt has done a great job tipping the horse out and giving him a bit of time and brought him to the races spot on today.

“He still hit a flat-spot at the top of the straight, as in raw, but he went through the line really strong and there is plenty of improvement there.

“It’s good to win with them early and they gain that experience and learn to be a racehorse and win. There will be still be a lot of improvement over ground and with maturity, so he is headed in the right direction.”

Selected by bloodstock agent Phill Cataldo, Gelignite Jack was a \$90,000 purchase at the 2017 New Zealand Bloodstock National Yearling Sales from the draft of Novara Park.

A Group One-winning son of Storming Home, Jakkalberry

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EXCITING 24 HOURS FOR NOVARA PARK

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retired to stud in 2014 but died suddenly from a bout of colic earlier this year.

Progeny of the Italian Derby winner and Melbourne Cup placegetter have made a good impressions, with his eldest just two.

"We've got two by Jakklaberry in the stable," Bobbin said.

"We had a filly by the name of Pressure (NZ) who ran on Sunday and was very unlucky at Pakenham. She has shown a lot of promise and obviously Gelignite Jack is doing everything right, so the two we've got we are very happy with."

Meanwhile, Luigi Muollo's boutique Cambridge operation Novara Park enjoyed further good news when farm graduate Pick Number One (NZ) (Darci Brahma) was named Champion Griffin in Hong Kong.

A son of Darci Brahma who was bred by Muollo's Explosive Breeding Ltd, Pick Number One began his Hong Kong racing career this season with five impressive wins from seven starts and more than HK\$4.74 million (NZ\$890,000) in stakes.

Trained by Danny Shum for owner Yo Mo Man, the three-year-old fell short of his \$80,000 reserve in two trips through the Karaka sale ring in 2016 – the Premier Sale and the Ready to Run Sale.

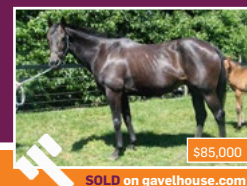
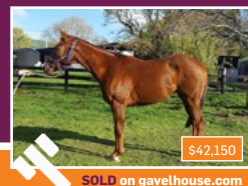
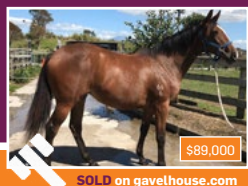
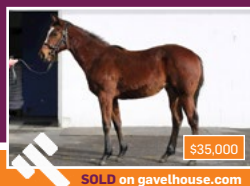
– NZ Racing Desk.

Race	Geelong RC Adroit Insurance Group Maiden P. 1300m
Winner	Gelignite Jack (NZ) 2015
Owners	Mr LM Cumani, Mr LF Muollo, Mrs A Johnston, Mr RP McDonald, Mrs TE Davis, Mr ANC Bengough, GKB, Mr N Brooke, Mrs JE Onlans, Mr DP Kerr, Two Tigers and a Cat, Mr CW Mruphy, Miss CC Cato, Mr CT Jones, Mr ID Jones, Mr SF Spiteri, Mr T Chambers, Mr RJ Cartiedge, Mr NL Cartiedge, Mr N Cartiedge
Trainer	Matt Cumani (Ballarat)
Breeding	by Jakklaberry (IRE) out of Explosive by Exploding Prospect (USA) Breeder Explosive Breeding Ltd
Sales	2017 National Yearling Sale - Select; V: Novara Park, P: Cumani Racing/Phill Cataldo Bloodstock; \$90,000



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TRAINER ANNOUNCES KAWI'S RETIREMENT

Allan Sharrock was feeling both sad and relieved in the wake of his decision to retire star galloper **Kawi (NZ)** (Savabeel).

The New Plymouth trainer announced today that he had called time on the seven-year-old's illustrious career.

"We've had a ride and a-half with him and while it's a shame, I'm also relieved," Sharrock said.

"I know he's not quite right and he's had issues with his joints and his fetlocks are showing a bit of wear and

tear. I'd hate to see anything happen to him so that's it.

"I'm not taking any risks, he's been such a great servant. He's the best I've had.

"He's been massive and people don't realise how hard it is to win seven Group Ones."

Kawi was successful in 15 of his 39 starts, but it was a close second that stood out in Sharrock's mind.

"He was great in those big races at Hawke's Bay, but I think his biggest effort was in the Telegraph," Sharrock said.

"He carried topweight and had he not been held up he might still have won. There was a bias toward the inside that day and he was down the middle.

"It's a shame we couldn't equal Mufhasa's record, but that's the way it goes sometimes."

Mufhasa (NZ) (Pentire) heads the list of New Zealand Group One wins with eight and Kawi shares second with Seachange (NZ) (Cape Cross) on seven.

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The career of the glamour galloper Kawi is over (Race Images)

