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ATENARTIN TAKES OUT AWAPUNI TWO-YEAR-OLD FEATURE



Atenartin and Danielle Hirini are a study in determination at Awapuni (Peter Rubery, Race Images)

Local Awapuni galloper **Atenartin (NZ)** (Showcasing) proved too good for his age group compatriots when he led all the way to take out the final black-type feature of the season, the Listed Courtesy Ford Ryder Stakes (1200m).

Handled superbly by apprentice Danielle Hirini, the Showcasing youngster bounced nicely from a mid-field

barrier to take up the running. Allowed to stride clear approaching the home turn by Hirini, Atenartin quickly put a space between himself and the chasing pack. Steered to the middle of the track for better footing the gelding never looked like stopping as he charged away to defeat Cambridge

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visitor Mexican Tycoon (NZ) (O'Reilly) who was bidding to give the Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman stable their 21st stakes winner for the New Zealand season.

Race favourite Tutta La Classe (NZ) (Per Incanto) gave her backers plenty of hope when she loomed as a likely prospect at the top of the straight but only battled in the closing stages to finish a well beaten third.

Successful when defeating race rivals Tutta La Classe and Notabadharada (NZ) (Haradasun) at outside odds on the track three weeks earlier, Atenartin lived up to trainer Matthew Eales' expectations with his winning performance.

"I could see he was travelling quite well and I knew he could handle the track, so I was quite confident," he said.

"I knew he had improved off his last run as he didn't have the perfect prep, yet he was still a dominant winner.

"He had really improved in three weeks, so I thought that would count for a lot today.

"To get a black-type win on his home track is great for the owners."

Bred by Rich Hill Thoroughbreds, Atenartin is from the unraced O'Reilly mare Fudge (NZ). He was a \$7,000 purchase for Eales from the Rich Hill Stud draft during the Festival session of the 2017 National Yearling Sale at Karaka.

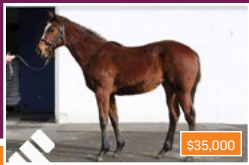
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Race	Courtesy Ford Ryder Stakes L. 1200m
Winner	Atenartin (NZ) 2015
Owners	D C, K B & Mrs K M Benson, P R Brown, J D Druce, Mrs F L & M Fearon, J A Roache, J G Ross, K G Towers & Zephyr Syndicate
Trainer	Matthew Eales (Awapuni)
Breeding	by Showcasing (GB) out of Fudge (NZ) by O'Reilly (NZ)
Breeder	Rich Hill Thoroughbreds Ltd
Sales	2017 National Yearling Sale – Festival Sale; V: Rich Hill Stud, P: Mr MNJ Eales; \$7,000

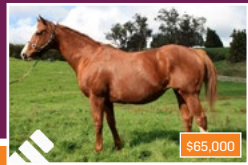


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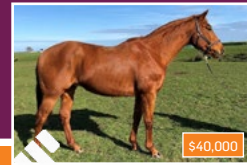
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THRILLING FINISH SETTLED IN RODRICO'S FAVOUR AT ROTORUA

The Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman trained **Rodrigo** (High Chaparral) proved too strong in a thrilling three-way finish to the Woods Contracting Taumarunui Gold Cup (2200m) at Rotorua.

The 2016 Gr.1 Queensland Derby runner-up joined the powerful Cambridge stable after failing to find form in eight starts during a six-month stint in Hong Kong. Baker made no secret of his regard for the ability of the High Chaparral five-year-old after he started his New Zealand career with a win over 1600m at Hawera in May.

Four further starts in his current campaign had yielded three minor placings before he stepped up to the mark in the Rotorua staying feature. Sent out second favourite in the event, Rodrigo was settled in mid-field by rider Bridget Grylls before being asked to improve sharply at the 600m mark.

Grylls and Rodrigo set out after the pacemaking pair of Jochen Rindt (NZ) (Ishiguru) and Trisha Lea (NZ) (Zed) and loomed to the front out wide early in the run home. The trio set down to a knock-em-down drag-em-out struggle over the concluding stages which saw Rodrigo put his head in front at the line with Trisha Lea second and Jochen Rindt a head away in third.

"This is a race we've had in mind for him for a while," said Forsman after the photo finish had been decided in his favour.

"In his last start at New Plymouth he just struggled on the track and got beaten by a better one on the day.

"To be fair all his runs have been pretty honest. He has always put in and today he has got in the right stride after a great ride."

Forsman was pleased with the performance of Grylls who has only recently returned to riding in New Zealand after a lengthy period in Australia.

"She's very professional and we're lucky to have her riding him," he said.

"She did the job perfectly."

Grylls was pleased to pick up the win so soon after making her New Zealand return.

"It's great to be back," she said.

"I was a little bit worried there as when he got to the front he pricked his ears, but he kept going.

"We were quite wide without a lot of cover but when we got going around the turn I had a lot of horse underneath me.

"I had to keep urging him, but he finished off nicely."

– NZ Racing Desk



Rodrigo swoops wide out to win at Rotorua (Trish Dunell)

Race	Woods Contracting Taumarunui Gold Cup 2200m
Winner	Rodrigo 2012
Owners	J Chen
Trainer	Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman (Cambridge)
Breeding	by High Chaparral (IRE) out of Truly A Beauty (USA) by Seeking the Gold (USA)
Breeder	Roncon, Chelsaus (Ireland), Wynaus
Sales	2014 National Yearling Sale – Premier Sale; V: Curraghmore, P: Mulcaster Bloodstock; \$235,000





D B PIN AWARDED **HORSE OF THE YEAR**



D B Pin wins the Gr.1 Centenary Cup Sprint (1200m) at Sha Tin (Hong Kong Jockey Club)

Hong Kong's equal top rated horse **D B Pin (NZ)** (Darci Brahma) was crowned Horse of the Year at the 37th Annual Group One dinner held by the Waikato Branch of the New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders' Association on Friday night.

The Darci Brahma gelding was bred by Willie and Karen Calder and attained the mantle of Hong Kong's equal top-rated horse after his victory in the Gr.1 Centenary Sprint Cup (1200m) for trainer John Size.

A \$200,000 by bloodstock agent John Foote out of The Oaks Stud's 2014 New Zealand Bloodstock Premier Yearling, D B Pin has won six of his 14

career starts and has accrued more than HK\$16.6 million in stakes.

The awards dinner also acknowledged this season's 16 Group One winners bred by members of the branch along with naming the recipients of Young Achiever of the Year and Personality of the Year.

Valachi Downs Stud Yearling Manager Sam Kennerley was awarded the title of Young Achiever of the Year and was overjoyed with her acknowledgement.

Meanwhile, Cambridge Bloodstock agent and China Horse Club's racing and bloodstock manager Michael Wallace was named personality of the year.

The Waikato agent experienced the highlight of his career to date when Justify (Scat Daddy), a horse he selected as a yearling in association with Mick Flanagan and Tom Ryan of SF Bloodstock, won America's famed Triple Crown.

2018 NZTBA Waikato Branch Group One Awards

Horse of the Year:

D B Pin (NZ) (Darci Brahma)

Personality of the Year:

Michael Wallace

Young Achiever of the Year:

Sam Kennerley

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D B PIN AWARDED HORSE OF THE YEAR

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Group One Winners:

Name: Aloisia (NZ)

Breeding: Azamour x Queen Boudicca

Breeders: Michael Hall, Jason & Kelly Price

Race: Gr.1 Caulfield Thousand Guineas (1600m)

Name: Avantage

Breeding: Fastnet Rock x Asavant

Breeders: Willie & Karen Calder

Race: Gr.1 Manawatu Sires' Produce Stakes (1400m)

Name: Beauty Generation (NZ)

Breeding: Road to Rock x Stylish Bel

Breeders: Nearco Stud Limited

Races: Gr.1 Champions Mile (1600m), Gr.1 Longines Hong Kong Mile (1600m), Gr.1 Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup (1400m).

Name: D B Pin (NZ)

Breeding: Darci Brahma x Pins 'n' Needles

Breeders: Willie & Karen Calder

Race: Gr.1 Centenary Sprint Cup (1200m)

Name: Devise (NZ)

Breeding: Darci Brahma x Doneze Girl

Breeders: The Oaks Stud

Race: Gr.1 Haunui Farm WFA Group One Classic (1600m)

Name: Embellish (NZ)

Breeding: Savabeel x Bling

Breeders: Waikato Stud Ltd

Race: Gr.1 New Zealand Two Thousand Guineas (1600m)

Name: Grunt (NZ)

Breeding: O'Reilly x Ruqqaya

Breeders: Trelawney Thoroughbreds Ltd

Race: Gr.1 Australian Guineas (1600m)

Name: Hasahalo (NZ)

Breeding: Savabeel x Halloween

Breeders: Mrs Isabel O'Shea and Waikato Stud

Race: Gr.1 NZ One Thousand Guineas (1600m)

Name: Hiyaam (NZ)

Breeding: High Chaparral x Mazarine

Breeder: Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Maktoum

Race: Gr.1 Vinery Stud Stakes (2000m)

Name: Ladies First (NZ)

Breeding: Dylan Thomas x Just Polite

Breeder: Go Bloodstock NZ Ltd

Race: Gr.1 Auckland Cup (3200m)

Name: Lizzie L'Amour (NZ)

Breeding: Zabeel x Sabia

Breeder: Mrs Lorna Moore

Race: Gr.1 Herbie Dyke Stakes (2000m)

Name: Saint Emilion (NZ)

Breeding: Mastercraftsman x Roseario

Breeder: Mrs Robyn Horton

Race: Gr.1 New Zealand Stakes (2000m)

Name: Savvy Coup (NZ)

Breeding: Savabeel x Eudora

Breeder: Waikato Stud Ltd

Group One: Gr.1 New Zealand Oaks (2400m)

Name: Stolen Dance (NZ)

Breeding: Alamosa / Songbird

Breeder: Brian Rogers & Jenna McLeod

Race: Gr.1 Thorndon Mile (1600m)

Name: Sword of Osman (NZ)

Breeding: Savabeel x Bunyah

Breeder: Mrs Joan Egan

Race: Gr.1 Diamond Stakes (1200m)

Name: Vin De Dance (NZ)

Breeding: Roc de Cambes x Explosive Dancer

Breeder: Explosive Breeding Ltd

Race: Gr.1 New Zealand Derby (2400m)



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ALLPRESS MAKES EARLY RUNNING AT AWAPUNI

Leading Central Districts rider Lisa Allpress gave her younger rivals a lesson when she guided rising winter star **Rosewood (NZ)** (Redwood) to a comprehensive victory in open company at Awapuni.

Allpress, who had taken out the opening event on the locally trained Nebraska (NZ) (He's Remarkable), sat back and let events unfold in front of her during the early stages of the 1200m contest. With her four rivals in the contest all ridden by apprentices, Allpress used her experience to bide her time

before making a serious challenge as the field fanned wide on the point of the home bend.

Cuddled up by Allpress, Rosewood unleashed an irresistible burst to strike the front in the last 200m before coasting to the line comfortably clear of class performer Dolcetto (NZ) (Per Incanto), who made a bold bid for victory in his first run in a new campaign.

"She just tries so hard although I was a little worried coming back to 1200m," said Allpress after the race.

"It was a David and Goliath battle as Dolcetto is so big and she's so small, but she got over the top of him for an easy win.

"She just levels up behind them and then gets balanced before she pins her ears back and goes for it."

Despite building an impressive record in this campaign with three wins from just five starts before today's event, trainer Marilyn Paewai wasn't totally convinced about her charge's chances.

"She's surprising me a little bit as I didn't expect her to beat

Race	Fasttrack Insurance H. 1200m
Winner	Rosewood (NZ) 2013
Owners	Mrs M Paewai
Trainer	Marilyn Paewai (Inglewood)
Breeding	by Redwood (GB) out of Glad Eye (GB) by Giant's Causeway (USA)
Breeder	Consolidated Bloodstock Ltd
Sales	2014 National Weanling, Broodmare, & Mixed Bloodstock Sale; V: Bradbury Park, P: Mrs M Paewai; \$4,000



Dolcetto today," admitted Paewai.

"She's a quiet wee thing but she does like to be the boss."

Paewai is keen to extend the mare's winning run with plans for a black-type assignment in the coming weeks.

"There's a race at Waverley for her, an open 1400m, next," she said.

"After that we might come back for the nice mile here."

That race is the Gr.3 Boehringer Ingelheim 1550 that will be run at Awapuni on 15 September.

– NZ Racing Desk

Rosewood and Lisa Allpress drive clear at Awapuni (Peter Rubery, Race Images)





NEVER SAY DIE EFFORT LANDS VICTORY FOR PROMISING THREE-YEAR-OLD



The Poormanzabeel (white blaze in centre) scores at Rotorua (Trish Dunell)

A gritty front-running display has seen promising galloper **The Poormanzabeel (NZ)** (Zed) add to his burgeoning record with a victory at Rotorua.

Sent straight to the front by rider Michael Coleman, the lightly raced gelding lobbed along at a steady pace before putting the pressure on his four rivals approaching the home bend. The Poormanzabeel found a good kick when challenged halfway down the home straight to run out a narrow but impressive winner over the fast finishing Mutechi (NZ) (Swiss Ace) in the three-year-old 1400m contest.

The victory made it three wins from his last four starts and extended a good run of form for trainer Catherine Cameron. However, the Cambridge based conditioner was the first to admit her charge hadn't endeared himself to many with his

headstrong antics including Coleman, who was dumped unceremoniously as the pair made their way around to the start.

"He's a bit of a thinker and can make things tough on the jockey," she said.

"I did warn Michael that he might not love him. I don't love him but when he can win like that it's great."

Cameron was taken by the effort after the son of Zed responded well to the challenges he received during the running.

"He really showed a bit of heart today as they came up to go past him," she said.

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NEVER SAY DIE EFFORT LANDS VICTORY FOR PROMISING THREE-YEAR-OLD

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“He stuck his head out at the right time, so it was a good win.”

Race favourite Back In A Flash (NZ) (Ekraar), who was bidding to retain her unbeaten record after winning her first two starts, wasn't disgraced when finishing third after having to change ground in the run home when racing in cramped quarters.

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	Keano Sire of 80% Winners to Starters 1400m
Winner	The Poormanzabeel (NZ) 2014
Owners	Mrs R J Chin & S L McCaffrey
Trainer	Catherine Cameron (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Zed out of Sazerac by Bertolini (USA)
Breeder	Mrs A S Antoniadis
Sales	2015 National Weanling, Broodmare, & Mixed Bloodstock Sale; V: Haunui Farm, P: NZB as agent; \$1,500

NEWS IN BRIEF

Zedinator scores upset at Caulfield

Darren Weir was heavily favoured to win the fifth race at Caulfield on Saturday but it was the least liked of his trio that brought home the prize.

New Zealand-bred **Zedinator (NZ)** (Zed) settled near the rear of the field before pushing through with 300m to go and wearing down Seas No Limit (NZ) (Ocean Park) to win by 0.1 lengths.

Weir said he felt Zedinator, who was having just his 13th career start and his final run as a three-year-old, was a work in progress so was surprised with his performance.

“I told them (owners) that we'd win a midweek city race next time in, so he's gone a bit better than I thought.”

Time Test to Parade at LA

Little Avondale Stud's new stallion Time Test will be showcased to breeders at the Masterton stud's stallion parade on August 5.

Time Test, who is out of the Group One-winning Dansili mare Passage Of Time, was a winner at two and won the Gr.2 Joel Stakes (1600m) and the Gr.3 Tercentenary Stakes (2000m) at Royal Ascot in track record time as a three-year-old.

Also parading will be Street Cry stallion Per Incanto, the sire of six new stakes winners this season, and the proven black-type sire Nadeem.

The parade will commence at 2pm on Sunday August 5 at Little Avondale Stud.



Aidan Rodley reviews the day's racing in NZ (Click image to play)





SHELLEZ ACE BOUNCES BACK TO WINNING FORM

Handy mare **Shellez Ace (NZ)** (Swiss Ace) bounced back from a poor performance at New Plymouth last weekend in the best possible style when she trounced her rating 85 rivals over 1400m at Rotorua.

The Swiss Ace mare had disappointed when finishing near the rear when well supported in last weekend's Listed Opunake Cup (1400m). Fast forward seven days and the Karyn McQuade trained galloper looked a completely different proposition as

she strolled clear in the run home to win virtually untouched in the hands of three-kilogram claimer Darren Danis.

"Our aim with her was to go for the Opunake Cup, as we own the broodmare, so if you get a chance to get in a black-type race you go for it," explained McQuade.

"Unfortunately, things didn't quite go to plan. When she came back in she hadn't really blown so we thought we will see how she backs up."

McQuade and husband Hamish, who bred and share in the ownership of the rising five-year-old, got the perfect answer courtesy of a top ride from Danis who showed good initiative when a pre-race plan to lead didn't eventuate.

"His instructions were to go forward and lead if he could," said McQuade.

"The other two in front took off but he never took a hold of her, so she didn't worry about it.

"He asked her to go at the right time so we're really happy with her."

Danis was full of praise for his mount when questioned after the race.

"I had a really good run behind the pacemakers and she travelled brilliantly for me," he said.

"She was so relaxed and when I asked her she gave me everything.

"As soon as she got beside the horses in the straight I knew I had it as she hadn't really done much until then.

"She was just rock solid throughout."

– NZ Racing Desk



Race	Taumarunui & Districts RSA 1400m
Winner	Shellez Ace (NZ) 2013
Owners	H G & K L McQuade, C Solomon, B G & M Cross, M J Millar, G L & J S Smith, Amber Thoroughbreds Ltd & C Leitch
Trainer	Karyn McQuade (Matamata)
Breeding	by Swiss Ace (AUS) out of Shelly Bee by Pentire (GB)
Breeder	H G W & Mrs K L McQuade

Shellez Ace and Darren Danis after their win at Rotorua (Trish Dunell)





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PRICE SPRING PAIR HAVE GALLOP AT CAULFIELD

The Mick Price pair of **Grunt (NZ)** (O'Reilly) and **Mighty Boss** (Not A Single Doubt) are a step closer to a racetrack return after a gallop between races at Caulfield.

The Caulfield Guineas-winning Mighty Boss shaded his Australian Guineas-winning stablemate at the end of the hit-out with neither galloper asked to break the clock.

Price said the pair would head to the Cranbourne barrier trials on August 6 before making their returns in the Gr.2 P B Lawrence Stakes (1400m) at Caulfield on August 18.

"I was happy with both of them," he said.

Price explained Mighty Boss was more advanced in his preparation than Grunt expecting the three-year-old colt to be suited over a shorter trip in a race like the Toorak Handicap while Grunt is on a course to the Cox Plate at Moonee Valley.

"I thought I'd have Mighty Boss a bit sharper but (Michael) Walker has been in my ear saying he thinks he'll be a fantastic 2000-metre horse," Price said.

"All I know at the moment is Grunt's a real Flemington horse and I'm trying to win a Cox Plate and Mighty Boss could be an ideal Underwood Stakes horse."

Price said the pair's first-up performances will determine their spring programs.

He said Mighty Boss was likely to head to the Memsie Stakes at Caulfield while Grunt will be bound for either the Dato Tan Chin Nam Stakes at Moonee Valley or the Makybe Diva Stakes at Flemington.

Mighty Boss was purchased for \$180,000 from the 2016 New Zealand Bloodstock draft of Curraghmore, while Grunt was a \$220,000 buy the same year when consigned by Trelawney Stud.

-AAP



Mighty Boss had a slight edge over Grunt when having a hit out at Caulfield as part of their preparation for spring features (Darryl Sherer)





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GRAND KNIGHT SPEARS FORWARD TO FIRST WIN

A change to frontrunning tactics paid handsome dividends for **Grand Knight (NZ)** (Sufficient) in the S\$85,000 Restricted Maiden race Division 2 race over 1400m on Friday.

The Sufficient three-year-old has been racing close to the speed at his previous unsuccessful five starts, unable to finish it off when it mattered.

At his last start, he even seemed to resent being among horses, somehow finding himself shuffled back to the rear before making up some of the deficit in the concluding stages.

In a bid to get on top of such field-shy traits, trainer Leslie Khoo told new partner Ryan Curatolo to aim for the spot with the smaller likelihood of such behaviour – right at the top of the queue.

The outermost alley in the 12-horse field stood in the way of such a battle plan, but Grand Knight (\$30) showed good enough toe to find the lead rather easily.

Summing up the race to a nicety, Curatolo waited until the 400m to go flat to the boards. Grand Knight responded with a stylish turn of foot to win by 1 ¾ lengths.

“The horse has been running well and I expected a good run from him tonight,” said Khoo.

“At his last start, he dropped back to second last, but he came back again. I told Ryan he should try and lead this time and it’s worked.

“He can improve further and it’s good for the owner Mr Teo, who has been with me for so long under the Trend Stable, which he has renamed as the He’s Dewan Stable.”

Curatolo, who flies to Macau to ride at the Macau Derby meeting at Taipa on Saturday, could not have hoped for a better send-off.

“Barrier 12 was a worry, but this horse has got some speed,” said the former Macau-based French jockey.

“He can shy away behind horses and that’s why we decided to go on the pace tonight. He responded very well and won a nice race.

-STC

Race	STC Restricted Maiden 1400m
Winner	Grand Knight (NZ) 2014
Owners	He’s Dewan Stable
Trainer	Leslie Khoo (Singapore)
Breeding	by Sufficient out of Sabio Lass by Carnegie (IRE)
Breeder	J M Newman
Sales	2016 National Yearling Sale – Festival Sale; V: Seaton Park, P: NZB as agent; \$3,500



Grand Knight goes all the way to score his first win on Friday night. (STC)

