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TRAINERS EYEING THE TOP PRIZE



New York Minute who opened her black type account at Tauranga (Trish Dunell)

Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman have tentative Group One plans for the powerful mare **New York Minute (NZ)** (Iffraaj).

The champion trainers are being lured by the ultimate goal at Hawke's Bay where the Tarzino Trophy (1400m) will open the carnival on September 1.

"Murray and I have spoken about that, we might just keep her fresh and maybe run her in the Foxbridge Plate before that," Forsman said.

They took charge of the strapping mare for this preparation after she had been a multiple black type placegetter for former trainer Ilone Kelly, whose family race the daughter of Iffraaj.

New York Minute was a runaway winner at Trentham in her first appearance from her new quarters and at Tauranga on Saturday she produced a gallant performance to add the Listed Woburn Farm Tauranga Classic (1400m) to her record.

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“She had trained on really well and she’s a big girl and not the easiest to keep sound,” Forsman said,

He gave credit to Trina Riddell, who moved north with jockey husband Jonathan from Awapuni last year to work for the stable in a pre-training role, for the part played behind the scenes.

“Trina and Jonathan have done a lot of work with the horse,” Forsman said.

New York Minute sat behind the pace before she was into the clear to improve 600m from home and, while headed at the top of the straight, she rallied strongly to win by three-quarters of a length.

She spearheaded a stable trifecta with Deals In Heels (NZ) (Iffraaj) finishing second and Tomelilla (NZ) (Tavistock) third.

“Winning a stakes race is the main thing,” Forsman said.

“We’re rapt with how they all performed.”

New York Minute was partnered by Lisa Allpress, who has

ridden her in all six of her seven career wins.

“She was exceptional today considering that the track wasn’t as wet as she likes,” she said.

Part of Little Avondale Stud’s draft at New Zealand Bloodstocks National Weanling sale, the win celebrated ten stakes winners this season for the Masterton based stud.

– NZ Racing Desk.

Race	BOP RC Tauranga Classic L 1400m
Winner	New York Minute (NZ) 2012
Owners	B Kelly OBE, Mrs J A Kelly, J J Kelly & Mrs M A Kelly
Trainer	Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Iffraaj (GB) out of Zenno Queen by Zenno Rob Roy (JPN)
Breeder	Spyglass Hill Syndicate
Sales	2013 National Weanling; Broodmare & Mixed Sale; V: Little Avondale Stud, P: JJ Kelly; \$15,000

NEWS IN BRIEF

Mastercraftsman Filly Crowned in Coronation

Former Windsor Park shuttle stallion Mastercraftsman had his turn in the spotlight at Royal Ascot overnight when his star three year-old filly **Alpha Centauri** won a top class renewal of the Group 1 Coronation Stakes (1600m).

The field included the winners of the English, Irish and French Thousand Guineas races with Alpha Centauri, winner of the Irish Thousand Guineas emerging triumphant in track record time.

A homebred for the Niarchos family trained by Jessica Harrington, Alpha Centauri coasted home under Colm O’Donoghue to win by six lengths taking her overall record to four wins and a second from seven starts.

“Alpha Centauri was very much under the radar going into the Guineas after two races on soft ground and there was no pressure on us,” Jessica Harrington said.

“Today a lot of people expected her to win as she was favourite and that brings a lot of pressure. Last year we were disappointed, but that’s racing. Sometimes that happens and that’s why it’s so great when it goes right. I’ve always been very confident about her. I felt she hit the front too soon, but the further she went the better she was.”

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THE BOSTONIAN SET TO BACK-UP IN GUINEAS

Tough New Zealand galloper **The Bostonian (NZ)** (Jimmy Choux) will contest next week's Group Three Sunshine Coast Guineas after

Race	Qld Tatt's RC Singapore Airlines P. 1350m
Winner	(The) Bostonian (NZ) 2014
Owners	Archer Equine Investments Ltd
Trainer	Tony Pike (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Jimmy Choux out of Keepa Cheval by Keeper (AUS)
Breeder	Archer Equine Investments Ltd

continuing his late winter carnival form with another win on Saturday.

Trainer Tony Pike had high hopes for The Bostonian this winter but a series of setbacks meant he didn't make his Queensland debut until two weeks ago when he won the Listed Daybreak Lover Stakes at Caloundra.

"He drew some bad barriers and then when we were ready to race about five weeks ago we found he had been bitten on the nose by a spider or green ant," Pike said.

"His nose was up like a football and his temperature went up so we had to scratch him so we could treat him."

The Bostonian showed his class when he led all the way to beat Chapter and Verse (Rothesay) by 1-3/4 lengths.

Pike believes The Bostonian will have no trouble backing up at the 1600m of the Sunshine Coast Guineas.

"He has won at Caloundra and it was a strong effort today because they have been running the leaders down," Pike said.



The Bostonian is closely related to multiple Group One winning gelding Mufhasa (NZ) (Pentire) who raced as King Mufhasa in Australia.

-AAP

(The) Bostonian showed his class at Doomben (Grant Peters)





SMITH EYES WINTER CUP



Plymouth Road was dominant winning at Randwick (Bradley Photography)

Plymouth Road (NZ) (Tavistock) is likely to back-up in the Listed \$125,000 Winter Cup after a dominant all-the-way win at Royal Randwick.

Trainer Matthew Smith said provided Plymouth Road pulls up well from his win in the Evergreen Turf Handicap (2400m) there is every likelihood the stayer will race again next Saturday.

“He has been building up to that win,” Smith said.

“We got the right conditions today, a wet track and 2400m. He was perfectly ridden by Adam (Hyeronimus), he controlled the race and got going at the right time.”

Race	ATC Evergreen Turf H. 2400m
Winner	Plymouth Road (NZ) 2012
Owners	OTI Racing, Mr JP Spence, Mrs JT Spence, Mr R Bow, Mr H Gomizel, Mr WR Bowker, Mr PL Galloway, Mrs J Galloway, Mr D Wallis, Mr SD Gorman, Mr N Gorman, Mr RJ Gorman, 2W, Mr J Gorman, Honky Tonk Racing, Mr JA Boyd, Uthmeyer Racing
Trainer	Matthew Smith (Warwick Farm)
Breeding	by Tavistock out of Dastaria by Stark South (USA)
Breeder	Nearco Stud Limited
Sales	2014 National Yearling Sale – Select Session; V: Bradbury Park, P: NZB as agent; \$21,000

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“This is his time of the year so we have to make the most of it. He is rock-hard fit so we will definitely look at the Winter Cup at Rosehill next week.”

Plymouth Road was never seriously challenged and scored by 2½ lengths from a game Only Tiger (NZ) (Rip Van Winkle) with nearly four lengths to favourite Solo Mission (Sea The Stars). Hyeronimus said Plymouth Road wanted to go a little

fiercely early but soon settled into a nice rhythm.

“I gradually increased the tempo from the half mile (800m) and we were at our top from the 500m,” Hyeronimus said. “He was very strong through the line.”

Plymouth Road is raced by Terry Henderson’s OTI Syndicate who have plans to send Smith a recently purchased French stayer to train.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Sam Weatherley off the mark in Australia



Sam Weatherley

New Zealand apprentice Sam Weatherley has made an immediate impression in Sydney, riding She Knows (Denman) to win at Randwick.

The 19-year-old has begun a three-month stint with Chris Waller at Rosehill and the Danny Williams-trained She Knows was the last of his three rides on Saturday.

Weatherley had time to savour the moment, with She Knows well clear as she strode to a 2-1/4 length win over Noble Joey (Shellscape).

“It’s a huge thrill to make a mark so early,” Weatherley said.

“And to ride at Royal Randwick is amazing.

“We watch the races at home and Randwick is the pinnacle.

“This is a huge confidence boost and it means a lot.

“Danny Williams told me to back myself and just ride her how she felt.”

The heavy track was also no problem for Weatherley.

“The tracks are so different here and this would be slow at home.” -AAP



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KARAVALI A PHOTO-FINISH WINNER AT RANDWICK

After racing against some multiple stakes performers in Queensland, **Karavali (NZ)** (Nadeem) has returned to Randwick to score a narrow win but satisfying win.

The Kris Lees-trained mare ran last earlier this month in the Group Two weight-for-age PJ O’Shea Stakes (2200m) at the Sunshine Coast won by dual Group One winner Egg Tart (Sebring).

The winner of the Group Three Aspiration Quality at Randwick on March, Karavali dropped to the 53kg minimum in Saturday’s 1600m-open handicap but was still a \$6 chance with Special Missile the dominant \$2.15 favourite.

Special Missile (Smart Missile) led but had little answer when the chasers came with Karavali edging Dark Eyes (Snitzel) by a nose with the favourite another half length back.

“She is a Group Three winner here over the distance so you would expect her to be right in it,” jockey Jay Ford said.

“It was a sedate pace early but when I levelled up to Dark Eyes I thought I had it but that horse did rally.

“But her class shone through.”

-AAP

Race	ATC Elite Sand & Soil Mile H. 1600m
Winner	Karavali (NZ) 2013
Owners	Mr EC Throsby, Mrs JV Throsby
Trainer	Kris Lees (Newcastle)
Breeding	by Nadeem (AUS) out of Just Diamonds by No Excuse Needed (GB)
Breeder	Brown Thoroughbreds Ltd & Fusion Thoroughbreds Ltd



Karavali gets up for a narrow victory (Bradley Photography)





RETHINK FOR EL LUCHADOR AFTER CUP WIN

El Luchador's (NZ) (El Hermano) performance at Tauranga is likely to force a change of plans for the six-year-old.

The gelding was being groomed for a jumping career, but a dour performance to win Saturday's Orora Kiwi Packaging Kiwifruit Cup (2100m) will more than likely put a temporary halt to that.

"He was going to head for the maiden hurdle (at Hawke's Bay) next week, he'll probably get a reprieve now," trainer Mark Brooks said.

El Luchador has showed promise over fences and was placed in a hurdle trial at Cambridge before he resumed on the flat at Te Rapa where he finished sixth in the hands of Michael Coleman.

"It was a good run at his last start and Michael was keen to stick with him so that gave me a bit of confidence," Brooks said.

"He's a pretty honest sort of winter galloper."

El Luchador settled midfield and one off the fence before he improved 800m from home and swung wide into the straight.

He got to the front 200m from the post and got the better of the favourite Rodrico (High Chaparral), who finished runner-up in the Gr.1 Queensland Derby (2400m) before an unsuccessful Hong Kong stint resulted in him joining Murray Baker and



Jumping thoughts for El Luchador likely to be put on hold following his Tauranga success (Trish Dunell)

Andrew Forsman's champion stable.

El Luchador is part-owned by his breeders Fran and Faye Drummond, who stood the stallion El Hermano (NZ) (Pins), a brother to the Gr.1 Cox Plate (2040m) winner El Segundo (NZ) (Pins), until he succumbed earlier this year to hoof problems.

Adriatic Pearl (NZ) (Zed) made up ground from the back of the field to take third money from the local hope Roger That (NZ) (Shinko King).

- NZ Racing Desk.

Race	BOP RC Orora Packaging Kiwifruit Cup 2100m
Winner	El Luchador (NZ) 2011
Owners	Frank & Faye Drummond, M Gibson, J & C Booth, S & L Baker, K Percy, M Beatson, J Kirkbeck, R & T Mitchell, B & M Wakeling, G Patterson, J R Jenkins, M Darroch, G Lemon, Optimism Syndicate, M Wenn & M Brooks
Trainer	Mark Brooks (Cambridge)
Breeding	by El Hermano out of Entwine (AUS) by Twining (USA)
Breeder	Mrs F I & FT Drummond





HORROR RUN COMES TO AN END AT TAURANGA

Andrew Campbell admitted to a huge feeling of relief after **Padraig (NZ)** (Power) turned the stable's fortunes around on Saturday.

The Cambridge trainer has endured a frustrating year with a virus affecting the majority of his runners.

"We've had a very bad run, it's great to get the monkey of my back," Campbell said.

Race	BOP RC Seeka H. 1600m
Winner	Padraig (NZ) 2014
Owners	Tommy Heptinstall, David Platt, Max Brown & David Wilson
Trainer	Andrew Campbell (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Power (GB) out of Dane Dancer (AUS) by Danehill (USA)
Breeder	Sir Patrick & Lady Hogan
Sales	2016 National Yearling Sale – Premier Session; V: Cambridge Stud, P: TL Busuttin/N Young; \$90,000

He was referring to Padraig's Tauranga success in the Seeka Premier Handicap (1600m) against the older horses.

"He won well, he was running out of his grade so it was a tough effort," Campbell said.

Padraig, who won in Victoria during a stint with Trent Busuttin and Natalie Young, had been beaten over 1200m when resuming, but a subsequent trial win provided Campbell with encouragement.

"He didn't do much fresh-up and I was scratching my head, but I think he just needed more ground," he said.

Padraig settled behind the pace and when rider Trudy Thornton asked him for an effort in the straight he was a willing companion to get the better of the pacemaker Waipipi Lad (NZ) (Mr. Nancho).

Meanwhile, stablemate Longchamp's (NZ) (Tavistock) future is on doubt after disappointing in both runs this

campaign.

"He's fine, but he might have had enough," Campbell said. "His work has been good, he's just not finishing off. I might give him one more on a looser track."

"He's been a great horse to us with two Opunake Cups and he was Tavistock's first winner. He's been special so we're going to look after him."

– NZ Racing Desk.



Padraig (outer) provided Andrew Campbell with a welcome change of luck (Trish Dunell)





MARE A BEAUTY ON WET TRACKS

Winter track specialist **Sleeping Beauty (NZ)** (Rip Van Winkle) didn't let a chance pass her by at Tauranga.

She revelled in the heavy going to bounce back to her best and win for the sixth time in her 13-start career when successful in the Aongatete Coolstores Limited Premier (1200m).

Raced by Sir Peter Vela, Sleeping Beauty had struggled in the opening two runs of her current campaign on ground firmer than is her preference.

"Her two trials before her first two runs were super and we thought she was flying, but she ran into a couple of tracks that were too good," said Andrew Scott, who trains with Lance O'Sullivan.

"Sir Peter and (racing manager) Gary Cossey have been really patient. This was her first run for seven weeks, so that was a question mark, and it's fantastic to see her back in form now the winter tracks are here."

Sleeping Beauty was ridden by the stable apprentice Taiki Yanagida and he had the mare in the hunt early and she proved superior in the run home.

"It was a good ride, he showed



A rain-affected track at Tauranga brought out the best in Sleeping Beauty (Trish Dunell)

good judgement in letting her slide up to the leader so it's good for his confidence," Scott said.

"The weight relief was a massive help, with 52.5kg it brought her right into the race."

Sleeping Beauty challenged the front-runner Temple Tiger (NZ) (Tiger Prawn) 250m from the post and edged clear to win by three-quarters of a length.

"I'm really happy. The four kilo claim helped her and she loves wet tracks," Yanagida said.

Justacanta (NZ) (Per Incanto) came from the back of the field for

third ahead of Az Given (NZ) (Any Given Saturday), who was brave after challenging three wide before the turn.

– NZ Racing Desk.

Race	BOP RC Aongatete Coolstores H. 1200m
Winner	Sleeping Beauty (NZ) 2012
Owners	Sir Peter Vela
Trainer	Lance O'Sullivan & Andrew Scott (Matamata)
Breeding	by Rip Van Winkle (IRE) out of Kailey Princess (AUS) by Danehill (USA)
Breeder	P J & P M Vela Ltd





FILLY CAN'T STOP IMPROVING



Te Toro Pearl completes a hat-trick of wins in style (Trish Dunell)

First impressions of **Te Toro Pearl (NZ)** (Bullbars) have counted for nothing.

The daughter of Bullbars did little early on to encourage trainer Jon Miller, but it's a completely different story now.

Te Toro Pearl finished sixth on debut and hasn't been beaten since with Saturday's success at Tauranga in the Sanpellegrino Premier (1400m) her third consecutive victory.

"When I first got her I nearly sacked her, but she has kept improving all the time and she's a nice filly now," Miller said. "Not many can win three in a row."

"She's just kept showing something extra. I thought she was under pressure at the top of the straight after being three wide, but she kicked away nicely in the straight."

Te Toro Pearl got to the front 250m from home and went clear to score comfortably.

"I might look at a three-year-old race at Taranaki for her next, I'll see how she comes through this race first though," Miller said.

Te Toro Pearl has already proven herself at New Plymouth, having broken her maiden there on a heavy track last month.

Experienced jockey Michael Coleman was having his first ride on the filly on Saturday and he was suitably impressed.

"We got posted out early, but she was always comfortable and relaxed," he said.

"She's got a lot of upside to her, she gave me a nice feel."

Black type placegetter Blanco Belle (NZ) (Cape Blanco) gave a sound account of herself in finishing runner-up in her first appearance since she ran fifth in the Gr.2 Sunline Vase (2100m) at Ellerslie in March.

– NZ Racing Desk.

Race	BOP RC Sanpellegrino H. 1400m
Winner	Te Toro Pearl (NZ) 2014
Owners	K W & C J Pennell
Trainer	Jon Miller (Cambridge)
Breeding	Bullbars (AUS) out of Te Toro Lass by Ekraar (USA)
Breeder	K W & C J Pennell





AUTUMN RUSH SPRINGS ANOTHER WIN FOR KOK

Promising apprentice jockey Simon Kok Wei Hoong made it three wins with his pet horse **Autumn Rush** (Keano) on Friday night.

The five-year-old memorably gave the young Ipoh-born rider his first career win on January 23 and that latest success in the \$100,000 Kranji Stakes B race over 1000m has brought up their overall combination tally to three wins and one third from eight associations.

The former Malaysian equestrian rider called Autumn Rush, who is trained by his master Steven Burridge, his "special horse" as he weighed back in to his seventh win all-up.

"He's a very special horse to me as he gave me my first win," said a beaming Kok.

"At his second win, he flew home for me and tonight, he gave me a beautiful ride throughout.

"The boss told me to go forward but there were a couple of horses who were quicker. So I took a sit instead.

"I'd like to thank the connections for putting me on this horse."

Burridge for one has stuck solid with the young man as far as finding a pilot for Autumn Rush goes – even when things did not quite pan out the way they wanted.

"He's a very honest horse and Simon rode him well tonight," said the Australian handler as he was wildly cheered on by an ecstatic group of connections and friends.

"I tried to take them up in class with no weight, but he was drawn awkwardly. He drew well this time (two), sometimes it makes a difference, sometimes it doesn't, but he had the gun run tonight."



Autumn Rush springs another win for Kok

Already a stakes winner of close to \$200,000 before Friday's race, Autumn Rush has now boosted that amount by another 25% with that fifth win.

Autumn Rush's sire, Keano is based at New Plymouth's Sentry Hill Farm has a 70% strike rate with 14 winners from 20 runners (mostly in Australia). His oldest progeny are rising 2 years old here in New Zealand.

–STC

Race	Kranji Stakes B 1000m
Winner	Autumn Rush 2012
Owners	Ez Stable
Trainer	Seven Burridge (Kranji)
Breeding	by Keano out of Rosalba (AUS) by Encosta De Lago (AUS)

