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## SOUTHERNERS COMPLETE MEMORABLE DOUBLE



*Savvy Coup sprints away with the Gr.3 Little Avondale Stud Lowland Stakes (2100m) at Hastings.*

**S**avvy Coup (NZ) (Savabeel) continued the southern sparkle at Hastings on Thursday when she trumped a smart field of fillies in an impressive dress rehearsal for an upcoming classic challenge.

The Michael and Matthew Pitman-trained daughter of Savabeel followed the earlier winning lead of stablemate Montoya Star (High Chaparral) when she cruised to victory in the Gr.3 Little Avondale Stud Lowland Stakes (2100m).

“Savvy Coup’s a filly that’s always showed a lot of ability and it wasn’t until New Zealand Cup week at Riccarton that the penny dropped with her and everybody knows she won twice there stylishly,” Michael Pitman said.

She subsequently headed north to win the Gr.3 Eulogy Stakes (1600m) and finished third in both the Gr.1 Levin Classic (1600m) and the Karaka Million 3YO Classic (1600m) at Ellerslie.

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“She came through that last race really well and put on a bit of weight, which isn’t a bad thing going toward the Oaks,” Pitman said.

Savvy Coup’s performance at Hawke’s Bay has seen her odds for the Gr.1 Al Basti Equiworld Dubai New Zealand Oaks (2400m) cut from \$7 to \$3.50 favouritism.

The three-year-old settled toward the back of the field in the Lowland and when rider Chris Johnson asked her to lengthen stride in the straight she cut loose to account for Milseain (NZ) (Tavistock) and Caricature (NZ) (Power) with Swing Note (Encosta De Lago) a sound fourth after racing three wide.

“We were always confident she would improve with the step up in trip,” Matthew Pitman said.

“She took a while to relax and she did eventually for Chris. There’s a lot of Oaks winners come out of this race so that’s encouraging going forward.”

– NZ Racing Desk.

<b>Race</b>	<b>Hawkes Bay Lowland S. Gr.3 2100m.</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Savvy Coup (NZ) 2014</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Mrs A M, A R, C J, F H &amp; J F Bruford, Mrs J D, L R &amp; R A Coupland</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Michael &amp; Matthew Pitman (Riccarton Park)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Savabeel (AUS) out of Eudora by Pins (AUS)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Waikato Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2016 National Yearling Sale - Premier Session V: Waikato Stud Ltd \$65000 P: NZB as agent</b>

**Race Video:** Savvy Coup dashes away with the Gr.3 Little Avondale Stud Lowland Stakes (2100m).



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# BIG WEEKEND AHEAD **FOR OTI RACING**

**S**yndicator OTI Racing could be in for a big weekend on both sides of the Tasman with their New Zealand-bred runners.

On Saturday, **Aloisia (NZ)** (Azamour) will take on the boys in the Gr.1 Australian Guineas (1600m) at Flemington, while at Ellerslie, **Romancer (NZ)** (Redwood) and **Vin De Dance (NZ)** (Roc De Cambes) will line-up in the Gr.3 Darley Stallions Plate (1200m) and Gr.1 Vodafone New Zealand Derby (2400m) respectively.

"It's a big weekend, huge actually," OTI Racing Manager Terry Henderson said. "I've elected to come to New Zealand."

There he will see Romancer kick-off proceedings on the New Zealand Derby undercard, where Henderson thinks the Donna Logan and Chris Gibbs runner will be a chance after his last-start runner-up performance

in the Gr.3 Brighthill Farm Concorde Handicap (1200m).

"He's in very good form," Henderson said. "It's a small field, so the tempo may not be as strong as we would otherwise like it, because he'll need a strong tempo to be competitive in that field."

"On the back of his last run at Ellerslie he'll put in a shake."

In the following race, last-start Gr.2 Avondale Guineas (2100m) placegetter Vin De Dance will jump from barrier 14 in the New Zealand Derby for trainers Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman.

"I spoke with Andrew during the week and he's very happy with him," Henderson said.

"The barrier is just so-so, but late in the day sometimes it's not too bad to be drawn a little wider at Ellerslie."

"He's running very well and he'll improve on his run in the Avondale

Guineas. We are looking for a nice showing from the horse.

"I probably know the Weir horse (Civil Disobedience) more than any of them and he will certainly be a competitor, but there were plenty of good runs in the Avondale Guineas so I think it is going to be a good solid race."

Meanwhile, spring carnival darling Aloisia will line-up in the Australian Guineas for trainer Aaron Purcell and Henderson said the Azamour filly has improved immensely since her unplaced run in the Gr.3 The Vanity (1400m).

"She's trained on super since her first-up run. She was rather dour to be honest before that run in her work."

"She really seems to have sharpened up, so it's very good. She has got a bad gate as well (13), but it's a hard race to assess because most of the favoured chances have drawn wide."

"It's going to be a very interesting tactical race."

Both Aloisia and Vin De Dance will move on to Sydney to commence their autumn campaigns, while Romancer's future is a little less known.

"We have no real firm plans with him at this stage," Henderson said. "We have spoken about the Stradbroke Handicap being a good target for the horse."

"There are no plans to move him to an Australian trainer yet and if that happened I don't think it would happen until after the autumn carnival."

– NZ Racing Desk.



*Aloisia looks a top chance in Saturday's Gr.1 Australian Guineas (1600m) at Flemington*







# RIMRAAM TACKLES NEW SYDNEY GROUP ONE RACE



*Rimraam will tackle the Gr.1 Surround Stakes (1400m) at Randwick on Saturday*

A new Group One race on the Australian calendar may have come at an opportune time for Lindsay Park filly **Rimraam (NZ)** (Commands).

The Surround Stakes (1400m) at Randwick on Saturday, has been elevated to Group One level this year after carrying Group Two status since 1986.

Rimraam enters Saturday's race off a first-up win in The Vanity (1400m) at Flemington on February 17, courtesy of a rails hugging ride from Damien Oliver.

Lindsay Park co-trainer Tom Dabernig said following that victory the decision was made to head to Sydney for a tilt at the autumn carnival.

He said the stable then hopes to stretch the filly to the 2000m of The Vinery Stud Stakes at Rosehill on March 31.

"This race comes around at the right time being Group One, against her own age and sex," Dabernig said.

"She won well first-up and that was encouraging and we thought she would be worth having a crack at a Group One."

With Oliver in Melbourne for the Australian Guineas meeting, Kerrin McEvoy rides Rimraam.

Dabernig said Lindsay Park preferred keeping Rimraam to her own sex rather than tackling the Group One Australian Guineas, although he conceded the 1600m would have been ideal.

He said if Rimraam performed up to expectations she would remain in Sydney ahead of The Vinery and likely head to the Gr.3 Kembla Grange Classic (1600m) on March 16 as a lead-up.





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*Embellish (NZ) (Savabeel)*

### Stablemates work well ahead of Group One tests

**Embellish (NZ)** (Savabeel) and **Melody Belle (NZ)** (Commands) have pleased in their build-up toward Group One targets in Melbourne and Sydney respectively this Saturday.

The former has benefitted from his run for sixth in the Gr.3 C.S. Hayes Stakes (1400m) ahead of the Gr.1 Australian Guineas (1600m) at Flemington.

"He galloped on the steeple grass on Tuesday morning and our main man there, Dan Miller, was very happy with him," said Jamie Richards, who trains in partnership with Stephen Autridge.

Meanwhile in Sydney, Melody Belle is also making all the right moves for the Gr.1 Surround Stakes (1400m) at Randwick.

"They both need to improve, and hopefully they can," Richards said. "Melody Belle also galloped well this morning and we're pleased with her."



*Grunt (NZ) (O'Reilly)*

### Price keen on Grunt's chances

Mick Price fancies his Group One chances on Saturday with the New Zealand-bred colt **Grunt (NZ)** (O'Reilly).

The Caulfield trainer is expecting a bold showing from his progressive son of O'Reilly, who will step up to the elite grade in the Australian Guineas (1600m) at Flemington.

Grunt was an easy winner over a mile at Morphettville and followed up with victory in the Gr.3 C. S. Hayes Stakes (1400m) at Flemington at his most recent start.

"What he did to win in Adelaide shows he'll be hard to beat on Saturday and is right up there for me," Price said.

"He's also showed he likes Flemington and he will relish the 1600 metres and is even looking for further."



*Main Stage (NZ) (Reliable Man)*

### Two Guineas hopefuls for Busuttin, Young

After an eye-catching first-up run and a pleasing barrier draw, **Main Stage (NZ)** (Reliable Man) looms as co-trainer Trent Busuttin's pick of the stable's two Australian Guineas (1600m) contenders.

Busuttin and co-trainer Natalie Young will also present the dual Group-placed **Salsamor (NZ)** (Tavistock) in Saturday's A\$1 million Group One race for three-year-olds at Flemington.

Main Stage finished strongly from back in the field for fourth in the Gr.3 C.S. Hayes Stakes (1400m) at Flemington last Saturday week and has drawn barrier five in the Guineas with Salsamor in 12.

"Main Stage is definitely the pick, especially from a barrier," Busuttin said.

"But it fits in nicely with Salsamor's program going forward."

Salsamor was placed twice at Group Two level last spring and Busuttin was rapt with the colt's closing second to King's Command (Commands) first-up at Sandown on February 14 in a 1400m benchmark-78.

"He got beaten by a tough older horse but he smashed through the line," he said.

Main Stage has Sydney autumn carnival targets but also holds a Gr.1 Australian Cup (2000m) nomination which is an option on Saturday week at Flemington if he performs strongly in the Guineas.

### Derby hope already a massive hit

Win, lose or draw in this weekend's Gr.1 New Zealand Derby (2400m), exciting filly



*Danzdanzdance (Mastercraftsman)*

**Danzdanzdance** (Mastercraftsman) has already achieved more at this stage of her career than Cambridge part-owner Kylie Bax dreamed of.

"She's exceeded the expectations of myself and the other owners," the international supermodel turned breeder and syndicator said.

"For such a cheap filly, and cheap doesn't reflect her pedigree, to do what she has already done is amazing and it's only the beginning." [Full story here](#)



*Joe's Legacy (NZ) (Guillotine)*

### Derby start confirmed for Joe's Legacy

Lightly-ried Matamata galloper **Joe's Legacy (NZ)** (Guillotine) has earned himself a shot at the big time.

A strong effort against the older horses last time at Ellerslie has prompted the Guillotine gelding's connections to give the green light to a tilt at Saturday's Gr.1 Vodafone New Zealand Derby (2400m).

Joe's Legacy ran second on debut in January before he went one better at Matamata and then finished third over 2100m. [Full story here](#)

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Rory Hutchings

### Hutchings booked for classic ride

Former champion apprentice Rory Hutchings will ride the Lance O'Sullivan and Andrew Scott-trained **The Mayor (NZ)** (Rock 'n' Pop) in Saturday's Gr.1 Vodafone New Zealand Derby (2400m).

"He knows his way around Ellerslie and he knows his form so we're happy to have him on," Scott said. "He's a Group One-winning jockey."

A two-time winner from four starts, The Mayor finished sixth in the Gr.2 Avondale Guineas (2100m) at his most recent appearance.



Secret Ambition (NZ) (Jimmy Choux)

### Derby trip no issue for colt

The connections of **Secret Ambition (NZ)** (Jimmy Choux) are approaching Saturday's Gr.1 Vodafone New Zealand Derby (2400m) with more hope than confidence.

However, one thing trainers Bruce Wallace and Allan Peard are sure of is the Jimmy Choux colt's ability to run the trip.

"He'll stay all day, the distance isn't a problem – we just have to see if he's good enough," Peard said.

Secret Ambition was placed in the Listed Auckland Salver (2100m), but has since finished well back in the Karaka Million 3YO Classic (1600m) and the Gr.2 Avondale Guineas (2100m).

"We were a bit disappointed with him in the Million, we thought he'd run on better and in the Guineas he was ridden upside down," Peard said. "He's better ridden a bit colder."



Montoya Star (High Chaparral)

### Group-bound mare heads top result for southern stable

**Montoya Star** (High Chaparral) will head to a Group Three feature later this month at the top of her game.

The High Chaparral mare was successful at Hastings on Thursday with a narrow defeat of her stablemate Son Of Maher (Al Maher) in the Karaka Million Nominations Close 6 March 1400m.

"That's a great result, really good," said Michael Pitman, who trains at Riccarton with his son Matthew. "She's going to the Cuddle Stakes at Trentham next, that's what she's up here for."

Montoya Star has now won eight races and her last-start fourth behind Thee Auld Floozie (NZ) (Mastercraftsman), Lizzie L'Amour (NZ) (Zabeel) and Coldplay (NZ) (Savabeel) in the Gr.2 Westbury Classic (1400m) was a strong pointer to her chances at Hawke's Bay.

"She was super at Auckland, she was beaten by probably the best three mares currently racing in the country," Pitman said.

At Hastings, Montoya Star settled just off the pace on the rail and when clear she powered home under jockey Michael McNab to collar Son Of Maher, who was partnered by Sam Weatherley.

"It was a really good ride, three back on the fence is the place to be on her, and it was an equally good ride on the second horse as well," Pitman said.

While Montoya Star's immediate future is locked in, plans for Son Of Maher have yet to be confirmed.

"I'm going to think about that. He might run in the Lightning at Trentham or go home, I'm not quite sure yet."

The stablemates finished clear of Miss Wilson (Stratum), who got home well for third after striking traffic problems.

### Baker to train Crack Me Up for Doncaster

Bjorn Baker will oversee **Crack Me Up's (NZ)** (Mossman) Gr.1 Doncaster Mile (1600m) campaign following Racing NSW's decision to bar Brisbane trainer Liam



Crack Me Up (NZ) (Mossman)

Birchley from racing in the state.

Crack Me Up arrived at Baker's Warwick Farm stable on Thursday ahead of the Gr.3 Liverpool City Cup (1300m) at Randwick on Saturday.

"It's not ideal circumstances but I'm not going to say no," Baker said.

"I don't know too much about him other than looking through his form."

"He's got a good gate on Saturday. He'll probably get back and hopefully run on."

Crack Me Up secured a ballot exemption for the A\$3 million Doncaster Mile on April 7 by winning the Gr.2 Villiers Stakes (1600m) at Randwick in December.



Toni May (NZ) (Tavistock)

### Jenkins looking for Cup repeat

It has been thirteen years since expatriate Kiwi trainer Paul Jenkins won the Gr.1 Auckland Cup (3200m) and he is hoping for a repeat in this year's running of the Barfoot and Thompson-sponsored Ellerslie feature.

Jenkins moved to Queensland from his former Matamata base six years ago and has returned to his old stomping ground with Tavistock five-year-old mare **Toni May (NZ)** in the hopes of taking out the two-mile race.

Bred by Sir Patrick and Justine Lady Hogan, Toni May has been residing at Brendan and Jo Lindsay's Karaka property since arriving in the country last Wednesday morning.

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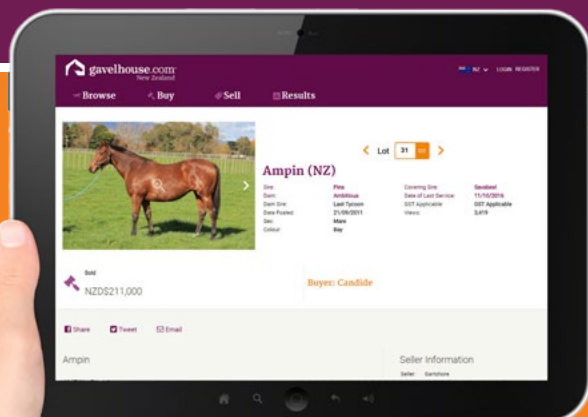
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Currently ranked 20th in the order of entry for the Cup, Jenkins is happy with the way his runner has settled in and is set to line her up in the Auckland Co-Op Taxis 2200 on Saturday. [Full story here](#)



*Fanatic (NZ) (Shocking)*

### Fanatic in action at Flemington

Potential Adelaide Cup runner **Fanatic (NZ)** (Shocking) will put her credentials on the line in the Listed Roy Higgins Quality (2600m) at Flemington on Saturday.

The Lindsay Park-trained Fanatic has been set for the Gr.2 Adelaide Cup (3200m) since winning the 3200m Sandown Cup last November.

Co-trainer Tom Dabernig said the stable had considered taking her straight to Adelaide following her last-start fifth in the Torney Cup (2500m) at Moonee Valley on February 16.

"Initially we were contemplating going straight there but when we saw this race and the smallish field we thought it was worth having a go at," Dabernig said.

"She really hit form in the spring deep into her preparation which gave us the confidence that we could run here and then go to Adelaide.

"Some horses you worry that you might not have them right for their grand final, but she won at Flemington and then at Sandown so we thought she's the sort of mare that could do it."

Dabernig said Fanatic remained in light work following the spring retaining residual fitness leading into the autumn.

He said the stable was not concerned the mare would be going into the Adelaide Cup on a short preparation.

"Her two runs back have been acceptable and we'll be looking for a bit more from her on Saturday," Dabernig said.

"On her best form an Adelaide Cup would be well within her reach."

### Australia beckons smart 3YO

Talented three-year-old **Sacred Day (NZ)** (Azamour) is in line for a trip across the Tasman.



*Sacred Day (NZ) (Azamour)*

The son of Azamour's connections are looking at their offshore options with the destination to be confirmed after his next appearance.

"Although the Derby field here fell away a bit, it was too soon for him so we have to do the right thing by the horse," trainer Tony Pike said.

"He'll run in the special conditions mile on Saturday and then we'll think about Sydney or if we wait for Brisbane." [Full story here](#)



*Strolling Vagabond (NZ) (Darci Brahma)*

### Genuine mare set for Cuddle Stakes

**Strolling Vagabond (NZ)** (Darci Brahma) begins her quest for black type at Awapuni today.

The Darci Brahma mare will make her first appearance since she was successful on the Palmerston North course in November when she runs in the Agricom Handicap (1550m).

"She got pretty fat while she was out for six weeks so I've been piling the work into her," part-owner and trainer Gerald Innes said. [Full story here](#)

### Stakes plan off to winning start

Roger James had a black type plan in place for **Sherrif (NZ)** (High Chaparral) before he made his first appearance at Pukekohe Park on Wednesday.

The Cambridge trainer has a high opinion of the Brendan and Jo Lindsay bred and owned three-year-old who delivered at the first time of asking in the Mount Shop



*Sherrif (NZ) (High Chaparral)*

Maiden (1400m).

"I told Brendan and Jo this morning that he's only had one trial and he had drawn wide and I normally wouldn't have run," James said.

"But I counted back from a decent race in six weeks' time and I had to run him. The race that could kick him off for Brisbane is the Valachi Downs Championship Stakes over 2100m."

Sherrif settled toward the back of the field on Wednesday and shouldered his way into the clear for jockey Leith Innes 150m from home before powering clear.



*Stolen Gem (Snitzel)*

### Wayward filly too good

An erratic path in the straight wasn't enough to stop **Stolen Gem** (Snitzel) winning on debut at Pukekohe Park.

The Snitzel filly veered out badly, but still got the thick end of the stake in Wednesday's Haunui Farm 2YO (1200m).

"I lost sight of her – she was in the middle of the track at one point and then on the outside fence, but she got the job done," said Peter Williams, who trains with his wife Dawn.

Stolen Gem had won at the Te Aroha trials last month under Mark Du Plessis, who again took the reins.

"She was more professional at the trials than at the races, but two-year-olds can do that," Williams said.

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Paulownia (Fastnet Rock)

### Valuable 3YO makes winning start

Regally-bred filly **Paulownia** (Fastnet Rock) will head straight to stakes company following a perfect debut.

The sister to the Group One winner and successful stallion Foxwedge was unbeaten in three trials before stepping out on Thursday at Pukekohe Park where she overcame the outside gate in the Platinum Rentals Maiden (1200m).

Paulownia settled at the back of the field and swung widest into the straight under Opie Bosson before finishing determinedly to score by a half-head. [Full story here](#)



Scott Base (NZ) (Dalghar)

### Scott Base out of Derby

The connections of **Scott Base (NZ)** (Dalghar) will now set their sights on Australia after a setback has forced the talented three-year-old's scratching from Saturday's Gr.1 New Zealand Derby (2400m).

The Johnno Benner and Hollie Wynyard-trained son of Dalghar had been solid in the market for the Vodafone-sponsored classic at Ellerslie.

"It's very unfortunate, it's just a bruised heel at the wrong time and we've had to pull the pin," part-owner Chris Rutten said.

"We had all been really looking forward to it, he'd been working brilliantly.

"Hopefully, he'll get to the Rosehill Guineas and then the Australian Derby."

Scott Base has won two of his three starts this year, including the Karaka Million 3YO Classic (1600m) and then came from last to

finish fourth in the Gr.2 Avondale Guineas (2100m).

His defection allows the Shane Crawford-trained Bel Ragazzo (Helmet) into the Derby line-up.- NZ Racing Desk.

### Alamosa on a roll

The progeny of Wellfield Lodge stallion Alamosa are firing on all cylinders.

The multiple Group One-winning son of O'Reilly has been represented by three new stakes winners this season in On The Rocks (NZ), Beefeater (NZ) and Aspen Lass (NZ), while the multiple stakes winner Stolen Dance (NZ) achieved a well-deserved Group One win in the Thorndon Mile (1600m) before being retired to stud.

Already the sire of a classic winner in 2013 Gr.1 VRC Oaks (2500m) winner Kirramosa (NZ), Alamosa has an opportunity to taste further classic success through his talented three-year-old son **On The Rocks (NZ)**, when he takes his place in Saturday's Gr.1 Vodafone New Zealand Derby (2400m). [Full story here](#)



Robbie Hannam in action

### The Pope returns to Awapuni

The biggest smile in racing will be back at Awapuni today when evergreen jockey Robert Hannam, affectionately known as The Pope, makes his race day return after breaking his leg in a starting gate incident in India last September.

He was riding at Hyderabad Race Club on a three-month contract when a horse he was riding crushed his leg in the starting gate, breaking his tibia and fibula.

"I've just been to the doctors to get a full clearance," Hannam said. "It is great to be back, it's been a long, slow process but I finally got there. [Full story here](#)

### Group One-winning colt Sydney-bound

**Age Of Fire's** (Fastnet Rock) Sydney campaign has been confirmed and he will head across the Tasman next week.

The Fastnet Rock colt's trip was sealed by his effort to come from last to finish third over 1400m at Matamata last Saturday, his



Age Of Fire (Fastnet Rock)

first appearance since he won the Gr.1 Levin Classic (1600m) in January.

"Under the circumstances it was a very good run, it was hard to make up ground," said Jamie Richards, who trains with Stephen Autridge.

"He'll go over on Monday with the Randwick Guineas his first target and then hopefully on to the Rosehill Guineas and the Derby."

Age Of Fire has won three of his seven starts and also finished runner-up in the Gr.1 New Zealand 2000 Guineas (1600m) in the spring.



Show The World (NZ) (High Chaparral)

### Satherley shows the world

Cambridge jockey Lynsey Satherley received a bonus wedding anniversary present when she rode **Show The World (NZ)** (High Chaparral) to win the Listed Kaimai Stakes (2000m) at Matamata.

Satherley, who celebrated her eleventh anniversary with her husband and former successful jumps jockey Derek Satherley on Sunday, picked up her seventh career black-type victory on Saturday, her first in 14 seasons.

"It was pretty awesome, it was a good day," Satherley said. "It was Derek and my wedding anniversary on Sunday, so it was a pretty good weekend all round really." [Full story here](#)

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Start Wondering (NZ) (Eighth Wonder)



Xbox (NZ) (Niagara)

### Top sprinter set to push distance boundary

**Start Wondering (NZ)** (Eighth Wonder) will be seen in a new role at his next appearance and there's confidence it can be a starring one.

New Zealand's reigning champion sprinter will step up in distance to tackle the Gr.1 Bonecrusher New Zealand Stakes (2000m) at Ellerslie on Saturday week.

"We were going to put him out and try him over ground next season, but he's had five runs this time in so we've decided now is the time to do it," said Evan Rayner, who trains the seven-year-old with his daughter JJ. [Full story here](#)

### Rogersons negotiate deal on Melbourne Cup hopefuls

Hamilton trainers Graeme and Debbie Rogerson are sure they have secured a 2018 Gr.1 Melbourne Cup (3200m) contender as part of a six-horse package they bought on a trip to Australia this week.

The couple will release details next week of a syndicate they are planning to put together to race the tried horses, whose numbers include a Group One winner of more than \$2 million from just 20 starts.

"We think this will be great for New Zealand racing," Graeme Rogerson said. "We've got a couple of genuine Melbourne Cup hopes. We think this could give New Zealand racing a real lift."

While Rogerson was reluctant to reveal details this soon, he said two of the six horses would be targeted at the Brisbane winter carnival.

The Gr.2 Windsor Park Stud Japan/New Zealand International Trophy (1600m) at Tauranga on March 24 and the Gr.2 Awapuni Gold Cup (2000m) on March 31 were targets for other members ahead of a possible tilt at the Gr.1 Sydney Cup (3200m) at Randwick on April 14.

### Parker denied Derby runner by Xbox sale

Gavin Parker has been robbed of an early

chance of a Group One runner with the sale of the gifted three-year-old **Xbox (NZ)** (Niagara) to offshore interests.

The Matamata horseman and his training partner Graham Richardson had the son of Niagara set for Saturday's Gr.1 Vodafone New Zealand Derby (2400m) at Ellerslie, but his new owners opted not to accept for the Ellerslie feature.

"He's going to Hong Kong and they didn't want to run him," Parker said. "I was bit miffed about that, I was going to have a Group One runner in my first full season of training."

Xbox won three of his eight starts, including the Gr.2 Waikato Guineas (2000m) at his last appearance. He also finished runner-up in the Gr.3 Bonecrusher Stakes (1400m) before Christmas.

"He's a very good horse, a real professional," Parker said.

Xbox was bred by equine photographer Trish Dunell, who also shared in the ownership.



Antonio Giuseppe (NZ) (Shocking)

### Antonio Giuseppe to Singapore

New Zealand-bred Group One performer **Antonio Giuseppe (NZ)** (Shocking) will do his future racing in Singapore from the stable of expatriate Kiwi trainer Mark Walker.

The son of Shocking has been purchased by John Galvin's Fortuna Syndications in a deal brokered by Danielle Hamlin, of Royal Bloodstock.

"Mark Walker and I had been on the lookout for a strong middle distance type with good Australian form that could be competitive in Singapore's Triple Crown Series run from late September to mid-November – this horse became available, he checked out perfectly and the deal was struck," Galvin said.

Antonio Giuseppe won six races from Chris Waller's Sydney stable and finished runner-up in the Gr.1 The Metropolitan (2400m) at Randwick.



Paul Wilcox

### Wilcox set to serve for good cause

Each year the Auckland City Mission provides almost 14,000 emergency food parcels (equivalent of more than 550,000 meals) for families and individuals who would otherwise go hungry.

Auckland Racing Club CEO, Paul Wilcox will participate in the Auckland City Mission CookOff on 7 March where Auckland business leaders and top chefs gather together in a bid to help make a positive difference in the lives of vulnerable Aucklanders through both fundraising and the cooking / hosting of a special meal for 200 deserving families.

The event's fundraising goal of \$250,000 will help provide 3,846 emergency food parcels for families in need.

At a time where Paul's 'work life' will be purely focused on delivering a world-class experience to those fortunate enough to attend during Auckland Cup Week, he could not be prouder to stand up and help support Auckland City Mission for this cause.

Despite the fact he's actually a trained chef, he will wash, he will cut and he will fry whatever his team captain (a celebrity chef) throws at him.

All he asks of his wider Ellerslie circle is that they consider helping support those who Auckland City Mission live for by helping him reach his personal donation target of \$10,000.

To find out more or to make a donation, [the link to Paul's official fundraising page is here.](#)

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Unreserved broodmare packages a highlight in current gavelhouse.com NZ catalogue

The latest gavelhouse.com New Zealand catalogue is online with 36 Lots on offer including yearlings, tried and untried racing stock and broodmare packages from some of New Zealand's leading stud farms.

Four unreserved three-in-one broodmare packages on account of Windsor Park Stud

should hold plenty of appeal and to further sweeten the deal on these Lots, the team at Windsor are offering purchasers of these packages a 10% discount on service fees to their resident stallions for the mares this breeding season.

One such lot is Lot 23, Areyouachita who is in foal to Encosta De Lago's Group One winning, first season sire-son, Vanbrugh. Also included in the package is the mare's

bay colt at foot by Group One winner and Group One producing son of the incomparable Galileo, Rip Van Winkle. Areyouachita is a half-sister to two stakes performers including Guineas winner Barside.

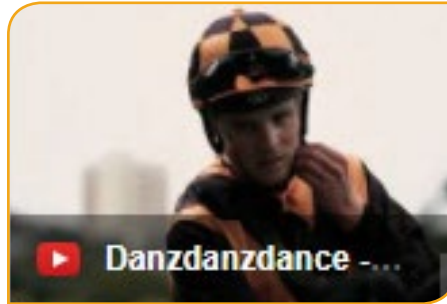
Final bids will start with Lot 1 at 7pm on Monday 5 March (NZ time). To view the catalogue [click here](#)

## VIDEOS



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Mike Moroney, who trains in partnership with Pam Gerard, discusses the chances of On The Rocks in the Gr.1 Vodafone New Zealand Derby (2400m).



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Chris Gibbs, who trains in partnership with Donna Logan, discusses the chances of Gr.1 Vodafone New Zealand Derby favourite Danzdanzdance.



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Trackside's Emily Bosson follows the trackwork progress of New Zealand Derby contenders Vin De Dance and Mission Hill from the Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman stable





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Friday 2 March 2018

# GLOBAL NZ BRED WINNERS

## 22/02/2018 - 28/02/2018

### AUSTRALIA

**Alamosa : Savatag (NZ) (All in Tune by Grosvenor) 2012;**  
24/02/2018, 1st SAJC Highway Hotel After Party H. 1400m  
Sold by Wellfield Lodge at National Yearling Sale for \$34000

**Bachelor Duke : Arthur Porrit (NZ) (Deebee Donna by Prized) 2013;**  
22/02/2018, 1st Murrumbidgee TC XXXX Gold Maiden P. 1300m  
Sold by Seaton Park Ltd at Ready to Run Sale for \$15000

**Cape Blanco : Burzali (NZ) (Power and Might by Zabeel) 2013;**  
25/02/2018, 1st Yea St Patrick's RC Webb Pastoral Maiden P. 2100m  
Sold by Cambridge Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$36000

**Darci Brahma : Reine de Tout (NZ) (Kings Princess by King of Kings) 2010;**  
24/02/2018, 1st Balranald RC Balranald Cup 1400m

**Don Eduardo : Volcan de Fuego (NZ) (Centennial Star by Centaine) 2011;**  
25/02/2018, 1st TTC Sky Racing H. 2100m

**Ekraar : He Eksclcs (NZ) (Serendipity by Honor Grades) 2013;**  
27/02/2018, 1st Sale TC GBG Concrete & Construction H. 1736m

**Fastnet Rock : Union Dues (NZ) (Most Striking by Giant's Causeway) 2014;**  
25/02/2018, 1st Ballarat TC Cervus Equipment Maiden P. 1400m  
Sold by Haunui Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$500000

**Jimmy Choux : Parlay Vous (NZ) (My Parlay by Flying Spur) 2013;**  
24/02/2018, 1st Goulburn DRC Your Home Matters H. 1000m  
Sold by Curraghmore Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$105000

**Jimmy Choux : Quetee Shoes (NZ) (Qui Vivra Verra by Stravinsky) 2013;**  
22/02/2018, 1st Murrumbidgee TC XXXX Gold Maiden P. 1300m

**Jimmy Choux : Prescott (NZ) (Shadow Ray by Groom Dancer) 2013;**  
22/02/2018, 1st Gosford RC Sydney Comedy Club H. 1600m  
Sold by Rich Hill Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$135000

**Mastercraftsman : Chez Dumonet (NZ) (La Memoire by Tale of the Cat) 2013;**  
25/02/2018, 1st Pinjarra RC Choice of Champions H. 1400m  
Sold by Mapperley Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$45000

### HONG KONG

**Darci Brahma : Pick Number One (NZ) (Extra Explosive by Ekraar) 2014;**  
28/02/2018, 1st HKJC Hung to H. 1200m

**Gold Centre : Winner St Paul's (NZ) (Pines Princess by Bluebird) 2010;**  
25/02/2018, 1st HKJC Citi Mobile Banking H. 1200m

**Iffraaj : Amazing Feeling (NZ) (China Choice by Encosta de Lago) 2012;**  
28/02/2018, 1st HKJC Shui Wo H. 1650m  
Sold by Westbury Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$100000

**Nadeem : Exilia Miss (NZ) (Exilio by O'Reilly) 2013;**  
25/02/2018, 1st Coff's Harbour RC Countr & /Coast Pest Control H. 2005m

**O'Reilly : Streak Away (NZ) (Brava Fortune by Falbrav) 2013;**  
28/02/2018, 1st Bunbury TC MGB?AUB Life Online Maiden P. 1410m

**O'Reilly : Sacred Sham (NZ) (Mexican Rose by Volksraad) 2013;**  
28/02/2018, 1st Bendigo JC Bendigo Mazda H. 1000m  
Sold by Curraghmore Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$160000

**Pierro : Furore (NZ) (Stormy Choice by Redoute's Choice) 2014;**  
22/02/2018, 1st Gosford RC Tooheys H. 1900m  
Sold by Haunui Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$210000

**Pins : Hirtshals (NZ) (Burnzees Magic by Kinjite) 2013;**  
28/02/2018, 1st Ipswich TC Boom Racing H. 1020m

**Pour Moi : Matriarchal (NZ) (Lily l'Amour by Volksraad) 2013;**  
28/02/2018, 1st Stawell RC Pet Stock H. 1600m

**Savabeel : Magical Charm (NZ) (Lucida by O'Reilly) 2014;**  
28/02/2018, 1st Bunbury TC Chubb Maiden P. 2019m  
Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$170000

**Savabeel : Reach for Heaven (NZ) (Eloa by Volksraad) 2013;**  
28/02/2018, 1st ATC Australian Turf Club H. 1300m  
Sold by Little Avondale Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$400000

**Sebring : Semari (NZ) (Kumari by Zabeel) 2014;**  
23/02/2018, 1st Benalla RC Specsavers Maiden P. 1606m

**Super Easy : Pearls and Prawns (NZ) (Pussycat Holiday by Private Call) 2014;**  
28/02/2018, 1st Bunbury TC Zurich Maiden P. 1108m

**Tavistock : Here Comes Lenni (NZ) (Procure by Centaine) 2014;**  
23/02/2018, 1st Benalla RC Benalla Timber Products Maiden P. 1406m

**Yamanin Vital : Spying on You (NZ) (Nancy Wake by Personal Escort) 2009;**  
28/02/2018, 1st Gawler & Barossa JC Sanders Fodder Hurdle 3040m

**Road to Rock : Montaigne - Beauty Generation (H.K.) (NZ) (Stylish Bel by Bel Esprit) 2012;**  
25/02/2018, 1st HKJC Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup Gr.1 1400m  
Sold by Highden Park at National Yearling Sale for \$60000

**Smart Missile : Super Missile (NZ) (Hula Here by Dehere) 2014;**  
25/02/2018, 1st HKJC Citi Mortgage Services H. 1400m





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## MACAU

**Darci Brahma : Go Go Mission (NZ) (Testa Secret by Testa Rossa) 2014;**  
24/02/2018, 1st Macau Happiness H. 1350m  
Sold by Landsdowne Park Ltd at Ready to Run Sale for \$43000

## MALAYSIA

**Alamosa : Gassur (NZ) (Ferran by Pentire) 2013;**  
25/02/2018, 1st Selangor TC Class 5 H. 1200m  
Sold by Wellfield Lodge at Ready to Run Sale for \$45000  
Sold by Wellfield Lodge at National Yearling Sale for \$2000

**Bachelor Duke : Bukit Subang (NZ) (Mirima by Last Tycoon) 2009;**  
25/02/2018, 1st Selangor TC Class 4 H. 1200m

**Elusive City : Wonderful Prince - Hawaiian King (Mal.) (NZ) (Pompeii Falcon by Pompeii Court) 2010;**  
25/02/2018, 1st Selangor TC Class 3 H. 1400m  
Sold by Haunui Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$60000

**Guillotine : Condado (NZ) (Idea by Danewin) 2012;**  
24/02/2018, 1st Selangor TC Class 4 H. 1200m  
Sold by JK Farm at Ready to Run Sale for \$44000

**Mastercraftsman : Shellomada (NZ) (Highly Delighted by Ekraar) 2012;**  
25/02/2018, 1st Selangor TC Class 4 H. 1800m

## MALAYSIA (CONT.)

**Mr. Nancho : Mr Connery (NZ) (Caprianna by Cape Cross) 2011;**  
24/02/2018, 1st Selangor TC Class 5 H. 1800m  
Sold by Lime Country Thoroughbreds Ltd at Ready to Run Sale for \$70000  
Sold by Te Aute Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$17000

**Quorum : Haha Babe (NZ) (Royal Jumble by Karensky) 2009;**  
24/02/2018, 1st Selangor TC Class 5 H. 1400m

**Raise the Flag : Reddito - Rising Glory (Mal.) (NZ) (Renee Maree by Danzighill) 2012;**  
25/02/2018, 1st Selangor TC Metro A S. 2000m  
Sold by White Robe Lodge at National Yearling Sale for \$20000

**Sir Percy : Numero Uno (NZ) (Pukalee by Royal Academy) 2011;**  
24/02/2018, 1st Selangor TC Class 5 H. 1400m  
Sold by Mangatiti Bloodstock at Ready to Run Sale for \$20000  
Sold by Rich Hill Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$5000

## SINGAPORE

**Darci Brahma : Distinctive Darci (NZ) (Distinctive Lass by Orientate) 2013;**  
23/02/2018, 1st Singapore TC Kranji A S. 1100m  
Sold by Curraghmore Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$100000

**No Excuse Needed : River Golden (NZ) (Peggylee by Danasinga) 2012;**  
23/02/2018, 1st Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1200m



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