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### **CUP VICTORY FUELS FLEMINGTON DREAM**



Ladies First (hooped cap) beats Five To Midnight) (outer) and Wildflower (blue and white)

crack at this year's Gr.1 Melbourne Cup (3200m) edged a step closer for **Ladies First (NZ)** (Dylan Thomas) at Ellerslie where she passed the sternest test of her stamina with flying colours.

The mare overcame a torrid early trip to triumph in Saturday's Gr.1 Barfoot & Thompson Auckland Cup (3200m) with her never say die attitude leaving her New Plymouth trainer Allan Sharrock shaking his head.

"She was posted three wide around one bend and then

two bends and I said she can't win," he said.

"I'm rapt, but I did think she had got beaten on the line. I'm a bit shocked really – I thought she had run second.

"They all thought she was a wet-tracker, but her last three wins have been on firm tracks.

Ladies First prevailed by the barest of margins to successfully execute a long-term plan and thoughts are now turning to another Cup.

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### Have you considered racing a Kiwi in Australia?

Purchased by Duncan Ramage this colt is the perfect NZ Bred & Aussie racing candidate. He's by the sire who is producing recent prolific Gr.1 winners including:

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"Aside from the So You Think "fringe" this horse gives me the same feel and exudes the same qualities as some of our past hard knocking kiwi warriors like So You Think himself, Catalan Opening and Precedence, all successful campaigners in the best races over many seasons".

A limited number of shares are available in this colt which will be raced in partnership with owners who have won 5 Melbourne Cups, 3 Cox Plates, Golden Slipper, Caulfield Cup, Oaks & Derbies and more.

To be trained by ex pat Record Breaking Premiership winning Kiwi Trainer John Sargent who knows how to train Cups, Derby & Oaks winners himself and is training current winners from Randwick base for the partners.

Bred on the ultra successful balanced line breeding to Northern Dancer from a family that regularly throws its own Group 1 winners including update of SNOWDANCE (2xGr1).

This New Zealander will race for rich Australian prizemoney where Saturday Sydney metro prizemoney is a minimum **A**\$100,000, mid week metro **A**\$40,000 and Provincial **A**\$30,000 per race & going up!

A strictly limited percentage of this colt currently exists.

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### KARAKA PREMIER - Lot 93

Sire	Zafonic	Gone West Mr Prospector
Iffraaj (GB)		Zaizafon The Minstrel
2001	Pastorale	Nureyev Northern Dancer
	astorate	Park AppealAhonoora
Dam		Danehill
Catbird Kitty (AUS)	Catbird	Fitting Marscay
2004		Far North Northern Dancer
	Mer Belle	CaracciolaZeddaan

IFFRAAJ (GB) (Brown 2001-Stud 2007). 7 wins-1 at 2, Goodwood Lennox S., Gr.2. Leading NZ Sire of 2YOs in 2015-16. Sire of 993 rnrs, 599 wnrs, 55 SW. His SH-bred progeny inc SW Turn Me Loose (New Zealand Two Thousand Guineas, Gr.1), Gingernuts, Jon Snow, Fix, Serena Miss, Wyndspelle, Kisses, The Soultaker - Bulb Elite (H.K.), etc. His NH-bred progeny inc SW Ribchester, Rizeena, Chriselliam, Wootton Bassett, etc.

CATBIRD KITTY, by Catbird. Winner at 2 in Aust. Three-quarter-sister to Bellhouse (dam of FEEL MY LOVE), half-sister to BASIM, Betsy Ple. This is her fourthliving foal. Her third foal is an unraced 3YO. Dam of two foals to race, inc:-Awatere (g. by Charge Forward). 4 wins at 1200m, 1400m to 2017, Singapore TC Commitment S., Debt Collector S., Gingerbread Man S., Flax S., 2d Singapore TC Class 3 H.

### 2nd dam

Mer Belle, by Far North. 2 wins at 1700m, 1900m in France and U.S.A, 2d Turin Premio Royal Mares, Gr.3, 4th Saint-Cloud Prix Cleopatre, Gr.3. Half-sister to MYSTIKO, Lyphinale, Capote Line (dam of MAYBACH), Carabine (dam of GLORIFICAMUS), Mysticaro (dam of LAKE SUSANNAH). Dam of 13 foals, 10 to race, all winners, inc:

BASIM (Capote). Champion 2YO in Ireland. 2 wins at 2, Curragh Anglesey S.,

Gr.3, 3d Longchamp Grand Criterium, Gr.1. Sire.

Betsy Ple (Redoute's Choice). 3 wins at 1400m, 1600m, MRC Deck the Halls H., Chaise H., 2d SAJC Laelia S., L., Werribee RC Qenos H. Dam of-Best Eleven (Charge Forward). 6 wins at 1200m, HK\$6,271,250, HKJC

Cologne H., Mei Lam H., Epsom H., 2d HKJC Sha Tin Vase, L, 3d HKJC Sha Tin Vase, L, Kent & Curwen Centenary Sprint Cup, L Bellhouse. 2 wins at 1300m, 1450m, SAJC Top Cut H. Dam of-

FEEL MY LOVE (Fusaichi Pegasus). 6 wins from 1400m to 2400m, R363,170, Clairwood Queen Palm H., L, East Coast H., L. Producer. Meribel. Winner at 2, VATC Billy Elliot H., 4th VATC Tranquil Star S., L Dam of-Amerryking (King of Roses). 9 wins from 1200m to 2000m, A\$366,389, VRC Allbern Print & Design Sprint H., 3d MRC Anniversary Vase, L.

CARACCIOLA, by Zeddaan. Placed at 3 in France. Half-sister to CALDERINA, PASAKOS. Dam of 12 foals, 11 to race, 8 winners, inc: MYSTIKO (Secreto). 4 wins-1 at 2-from 6f to 1m, £194,946, The Two

Thousand Guineas, Gr.1, Newmarket Challenge S., Gr.2. Sire.
Lyphinale (Lypheor). Placed, 3d Maisons-Laffitte Prix Herbager, L. Grandam of-PASTA POST (Postponed). 8 wins from 1400m to 2400m, NZ\$394,425, ARC Easter H., Gr.1, City of Auckland Cup, Gr.2.

Secret Sunday. Winner at 11/2m in Ireland, Grandam of-BELA-BELA (Dynasty). Champion 3YO Filly in South Africa in 2015-16. 7 wins from 1000m to 2000m, to 2016-17, Kenilworth Paddock S., Gr.1.

RABIYA (Jallad). Joint Champion 3YO Colt in South Africa. 5 wins from 1600m to 2200m, R1,270,500, Kenilworth Cape Guineas, Gr.1.

SECRET OF VICTORIA (Goldkeeper). 6 wins-2 at 2-to 1400m, Kenilworth Sceptre S., Gr.2, Clairwood Strelitzia S., Gr.3. Dam of-

THE SECRET IS OUT (Captain Al). 5 wins-3 at 2-to 1200m, R859,775, to 2017-18, Scottsville Allan Robertson Championship, Gr.1.

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"We've pulled her out of the Sydney Cup and she'll go to the paddock and then we'll be looking at the Livamol Classic and the Melbourne Cup," Sharrock said.

The daughter of Dylan Thomas may provide owners Humphrey and Fiona O'Leary with another crack at the famous Flemington race as they are also part-owners of Who Shot Thebarman (NZ) (Yamanin Vital), who ran third in the 2014 Cup behind Protectionist (Monsun).

After Ladies First was caught out on a limb early, rider Johnathan Parkes pressed forward to get one off the fence on the pace.

The five-year-old challenged early in the run home and rounded off a lionhearted effort to pip Five To Midnight (NZ) (Domesday) by a nose with Wildflower (NZ) (Keeper) a short neck back in third. Alinko Prince (NZ) (Alamosa) was just a long neck back in fourth.

"It was such a brave effort," Parkes said. "I wanted to get handy, but she didn't have the gate speed to get across and I got caught three wide.

"I thought I would let her roll and she fought so hard to the line. It was a very good performance."

- NZ Racing Desk.

Race	ARC Auckland Cup Gr.1 3200m
Winner	Ladies First (NZ) 2012
Owners	F J & H T O'Leary
Trainer	Allan Sharrock (New Plymouth)
Breeding	by Dylan Thomas (IRE) out of Just Polite (AUS) by Dehere (USA)
Breeder	Go Bloodstock New Zealand Ltd
Sales	2014 National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale; V: Blandford Lodge, P: H T O'Leary; \$8,000



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## TALENTED YOUNGSTER TOO SHARP IN SISTEMA

word Of Osman (NZ) (Savabeel)
has taken pole position in the
race for this season's champion
two-year-old honours.

Race	ARC Diamond S. Gr.1 1200m
Winner	Sword Of Osman (NZ) 2015
Owners	Te Akau Great Sword Syndicate (Mgr: KW Fenton-Ellis MNZM)
Trainer	Stephen Autridge & Jamie Richards (Matamata)
Breeding	by Savabeel (AUS) out of Bunyah (Ire) by Distant View (USA)
Breeder	Mrs J L Egan; Waikato
Sales	2017 National Yearling Sale – Premier Session; V: Trelawney Stud Ltd P: DC Ellis: \$165.000

The slick son of Savabeel went to the top of the juvenile rankings when he produced another powerful frontrunning performance to win Saturday's Gr.1 Sistema Stakes (1200m) at Ellerslie off the back of his runaway success in the Gr.3 Reid & Harrison Slipper (1200m).

Trained by Stephen Autridge and Jamie Richards, Sword of Osman has now won three of his four starts with his sole defeat coming in the Karaka Million (1200m).

Autridge said their pre-race Sistema plan was to let the gelding continue his customary pacemaking role and those instructions were perfectly executed by ride Opie Bosson, who had labelled the youngster a special talent before he had raced.

"The whole race he relaxed beautifully in front," Bosson said. "He changed legs a few times, but he just kept running. He's very, very good."

Sword Of Osman had a length and a quarter to spare on stablemate Avantage (Fastnet Rock) at the post with Spanish Whisper (Lope De Vega) third ahead of Bocce (Foxwedge). The favourite Melt (NZ) (Iffraaj) ran sixth and looked to have her chance.

"He's amazing. He's like a threeyear-old now," Bosson said. "I can't wait for his three-year-old career."

The Karaka Million (1200m) winner Avantage may have suffered the first

defeat of her five-start career, but she was far from disgraced.

By design, she was taken back to last by rider Matthew Cameron from her outside and the Fastnet Rock filly made ground strongly in the run home.

- NZ Racing Desk.



Sword Of Osman heads a Te Akau Racing quinella





## GALLANT GREY IN LINE FOR OVERSEAS VENTURE

urray Baker and Andrew
Forsman are likely to be
scouring Australian racing
programmes for **Saint Emilion (NZ)**(Mastercraftsman) following the grand
front-runner's success at Ellerslie.

The Cambridge trainers will be seriously tempted to look further afield after they produced the grey for a career-best performance in Saturday's Gr.1 Bonecrusher New Zealand Stakes (2000m) at Ellerslie.

"We'll see what's about and think about Sydney and Brisbane, we'll be looking at all the options," Forsman said.

Saint Emilion coasted along in his customary role in front under jockey Leith Innes and he held a strong gallop to the post for the 13th win of his

career.



Saint Emilion, dominant in the Gr.1 Bonecrusher New Zealand Stakes

"It worked out perfectly and Leith rode him a treat, in that mood he's hard to catch," Forsman said. "He was just cruising and he really deserved that."

Saint Emilion was one of three runners in the race for the stable, but Lizzie L'Amour (NZ) (Zabeel) and Nicoletta (NZ) (Savabeel) failed to run up to their best form and were unplaced.

"They were both disappointing and maybe victims of a tracks that has dried out," Forsman said.

By contrast, the going was ideal for Saint Emilion and Innes said the son of Mastercraftsman had the race sewn up a long way out.

"At the 1200m I felt pretty confident. He was enjoying his work. Murray and Andrew always have them very fit and it's great to pick up a Group One for them.

"He's a grand old horse and he horse deserved it."

The Wanganui mare Darscape Princess (NZ) (Darci Brahma) gave an outstanding account of herself in her first Group One outing with a strong finishing run earning her second money.

"I'm obviously very, very proud of her," trainer Fraser Auret said. "She's only a four-year-old and I'm looking forward to next season."

Authentic Paddy (NZ) (Howbaddouwantit) was on the pace all the way and he battled on bravely for third with Savvy Dreams (NZ) (Savabeel) getting home late for fourth.

- NZ Racing Desk.

Race	ARC New Zealand S. Gr.1 2000m
Winner	Saint Emilion (NZ) 2011
Owners	Est late R A Horton
Trainer	Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Mastercraftsman (IRE) out of Roseario by Pentire (GB)
Breeder	Mrs R A Horton





# 77 YEARS BRED REARED OR SOLD

28 GR 1 WINNERS for 48 GR 1 WINS

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33 GR 3 WINNERS for 42 GR 3 WINS

& 63 LISTED WINNERS for 82 LISTED WINS

### **LATEST ADDITIONS**

**SAINT EMILION** (Mastercraftsman - Roseario) **GR 1** 2000m Bonecrusher NZ Stakes 10/3/18

LANCIATO (Per Incanto - Surreptitious)
GR 3 1400m Newcastle Newmarket 9/3/18

KARAVALI (Nadeem - Just Diamonds)

GR 3 1600m City Ford Aspiration Quality 10/3/18





### KARAVALI CLAIMS GROUP 3 **ASPIRATION QUALITY**

rainer Kris Lees will approach the Group Three Epona Stakes with confidence after Karavali (NZ) (Nadeem) won at black-type level at the first attempt.

And Newcastle Lees expects the four-year-old mare to pose an even greater threat at Rosehill March 24 after she got the bob in to pip \$3 favourite The Pinnacle in the Group Three City Ford Aspiration Quality

(1600m) at Randwick.

Karavali claimed a tight finish under the in-form Jason Collett to win by a head while fast-finishing Nettoyer (Sebring) filled the minor placing, a half-head further back.

"She's come back in really good order and it's nice to get some blacktype," Lees said.

He said the Epona Stakes over 1900m in a fortnight was the next goal of this preparation.

"I think she's got more wins in store when she gets over a bit of ground. I think she'll be suited again at 1900 (metres)."

Karavali is in her third preparation since coming from New Zealand in 2016, and Lees noticed a key enhancement when this campaign started at Canterbury last month.

"Her manners have improved, that's the most important thing," he said.

"She always had a lot of ability, but she has been a bit of a handful on race day. She's getting race confidence, you can't beat winning."

-AAP

Race	ATC Aspiration H. Gr.3 1600m
Winner	Karavali (NZ) 2013
Owners	Mr E C Throsby, Mrs J V 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 claims black type at her first attempt

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## LANCIATO IN LAST-TO-FIRST WIN AT NEWCASTLE

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Lanciato in his dramatic last-to-first performance

anciato (NZ) (Per Incanto)
has staged a dramatic last-tofirst performance to win the
Newcastle Gr.3 Newmarket Handicap
(1400m) and set himself up for a tilt at
the Group One Doncaster Mile.

His trainer Mark Newnham admitted he was a hard horse to watch because of his racing pattern and his supporters who sent him out the \$3.80 favourite in Friday's Group Three 1400m-feature had some anxious moments.

But Rachel King didn't panic, steering the gelding to the outside when she couldn't find a run and he picked up under her urgings to beat Mister Sea Wolf (Amadeus) by more than a length.

"He is a hard horse to watch because he leaves you wondering whether he will make it in time," Newnham told Sky Thoroughbred Central.

"It's a big advantage having someone like Rachel with the faith to ride him like that."

Newnham said the \$3 million Doncaster Mile at Randwick on April 7 was the target but Lanciato needed a few things to go his way, including a firm track.

"We don't get many dry Doncasters lately," he said.

"But yes it is an aim."

Newnham, who is in his second season as a trainer after many years at Tulloch Lodge with Gai Waterhouse, operates stables at Randwick and Warwick Farm where Lanciato is stabled.

King, who recently outrode her

apprentices' claim, thanked Newnham for sticking with her.

"I'm so lucky Mark is loyal to me," she said.

"Everything panned out.

"He (Lanciato) is unbelievable. His turn of foot is unreal."

Lanciato has 50kg in the Doncaster, a weight within King's range, and is now at \$26.

-AAP

Race	Newcastle JC Newmarket H. Gr.3 1400m
Winner	Lanciato (NZ) 2012
Owners	Mr LT D Tam, Mr P Coffey
Trainer	Mark Newnham (Warwick Farm)
Breeding	Per Incanto (USA) out of Surreptitious by O'Reilly
Breeder	JML Bloodstock Ltd & Little Avondale Trust





### MARE BACKS UP FOR ANOTHER ROYAL RESULT

ikki Tikki Tavi (NZ) (Tavistock) continued a lucrative preparation with further success at Ellerslie on Saturday. The Ruakaka-prepared mare had won by a narrow margin in Rating 75 company on the course seven days previously and she stepped up in grade to stage a repeat performance with a slender victory in the Winger Maserati 1200m.

The Donna Logan and Chris Gibbs -trained Tavistock fouryear-old has been beaten just once in five appearances this campaign and had to overcome a wide barrier in her most recent success.

"She quickened up smartly as I had to go back from a wide barrier and the splits came in the straight," regular rider Samantha Collett said.

"Full credit to the Logan and Gibbs camp, they wouldn't have backed her up if she wasn't up to it."

Rikki Tikki Tavi was at the tail of the field on the home turn and she got home strongly to beat Ja Binks (NZ) (Falkirk) and Howbowdat (NZ) (Any Suggestion) in a driving finish.

"She was very brave, she's not very big but she's tough," Gibbs said.

The stable had also won the previous event, the Crombie Lockwood 2100m with the consistent Richie McHorse (NZ) (Redoute's Choice).

A winner at Ruakaka four runs back, he had finished runner-up in two subsequent appearances before further success at Ellerslie.

By Redoute's Choice out of the Gr.1 New Zealand Oaks (2400m) winner Boundless (NZ) (Van Nistelrooy), the five-year-old is raced by breeders Trelawney Stud.

Richie McHorse won his first two races from the stable of Team Rogerson before he transferred to his current quarters to take advantage of the Ruakaka environment and ease the load on his legs.

"We just work him on the beach in straight lines," Gibbs said.

– NZ Racing Desk.

Race	ARC Winger Maserati H. 1200m
Winner	Rikki Tikki Tavi (NZ) 2013
Owners	S Challis, V S Cronin, S W Dais, F Gianone, GS Bloodstock Ltd, P D & P D Jeffreys, Mrs D M Logan, F D & Mrs J G Mein, K & K Phillips, P C Shadbolt & A B Skelton
Trainer	Donna Logan & Chris Gibbs (Ruakaka)
Breeding	by Tavistock out of Macinally by Volksraad (GB)
Breeder	P V & P G Mullin Trust
Sales	2015 National Yearling Sale – Festival Session; V: Woburn Farm, P: P DM Logan Racing Stables; \$16,000



Rikki Tikki Tavi (outer) beats Ja Ja Binks and Howbowdat (centre)





### KENT MAKES PRESENCE FELT

roup One-winning
Australian trainer
Mick Kent made
his mark at Trentham on
Saturday.

The Cranbourne-based conditioner is the part-owner of the Ocean Park filly **Miss Valencia (NZ)**, who was successful in the Crombie Lockwood NZ Ltd 2YO Maiden (1000m).

She raced on the pace for jockey Samantha Wynne and, after taking control 300m from home, she rounded off strongly to win at her second appearance after a solid debut third last month.

"She's a filly we've got a lot of time for and a typical Ocean Park (NZ) (Thorn Park), she's going to be much better at three," said Hollie Wynyard, who trains with her partner Johno Benner.

"She went really well on debut and she's got quite a long sprint so we told Sam to get her into the open and rolling.

"She could to go to the paddock now, but we'll just wait and see how she comes through this race first."

Miss Valencia was purchased out of Phoenix Park's draft at Karaka in 2017 by Cambridge bloodstock agent Phill Cataldo for \$47,500. She is raced by Kent with Waikato Stud's bloodstock manager Kerrie Cox and her husband



Miss Valencia finished off her race strongly for jockey Samantha Wynne

Rob.

She is out of the Fastnet Rock mare Pastrana and the family of the Gr.1 T. J. Smith Stakes (1600m) winner Sizzling (Snitzel), now standing at Newgate Farm in New South Wales.

Miss Valencia was chased home by the Stephen Autridge and Jamie Richards-trained Byzantine (NZ) (Savabeel), who went close to giving jockey Shafiq Rusof a perfect start to his second riding spell in New Zealand. He has returned after a successful stint in Singapore where he was twice crowned champion apprentice.

Byzantine made the pace and kicked on bravely while another debutante in Allan Sharrock's London

Express (NZ) (Shamexpress) made ground strongly from the back for third. – NZ Racing Desk.

Race	WRC Crombie Lockwood Maiden S. 1000m
Winner	Miss Valencia (NZ) 2015
Owners	M Kent & KR Bloodstock
Trainer	Johno Benner & Hollie Wynyard (Otaki)
Breeding	by Ocean Park out of Pastrana (AUS) by Fastnet Rock (AUS)
Breeder	T E Luke; Mrs K & P N McKay & Waikato Stud Ltd
Sales	2017 National Yearling Sale – Select Session; V: Phoenix Park, P: Phill Cataldo B/Stock; \$47,500