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## INTERNATIONAL MILE INTERESTS HENNESSY



Shaun McKay celebrates victory aboard Ocean Emperor - Trish Dunell

**G**ary Hennessy has an eye on Singapore with the well-bred entire **Ocean Emperor (NZ)** (Zabeel).

The Matamata horseman's plan gained winning momentum at Matamata on Saturday when his son of Zabeel triumphed in the Gr.2 Windsor Park Stud Japan-New Zealand International Trophy (1600m) for jockey Shaun McKay.

"I said to Shaun that we might be looking at the Kranji

Mile," Hennessy said.

Four international horses will be invited to run in the 1600m event, to be held on May 20.

Hennessy is no stranger to overseas success having prepared the former New Zealand Horse of the Year Ocean Park (NZ) (Thorn Park) to Australian Group One wins in the Gr.1 Cox Plate (2040m), the Caulfield Stakes (2000m) and the Underwood Stakes (1800m). Continued on page 3





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"I train this horse a lot like Ocean Park, he goes on the treadmill and he's only had the saddle on once during the week," Hennessy said.

Ocean Emperor raced in behind the leaders and once into the clear he finished tenaciously for the seventh win of his career.

"Shaun gets on well with the horse and he rode him positively today," Hennessy said. "He didn't have a lot of luck during the summer.

"The only thing that worried me a bit was the track, but on his day he is a really, really good horse. He's beaten some good ones."

Ocean Emperor is now a dual Group Two winner having won the Tauranga Stakes (1600m) in the spring.

Runner-up Tiptronic (NZ) (O'Reilly) was gallant in defeat after making the running and Travimyfriend (NZ) (Tavistock) continued his consistent run of form in finishing third.

In his previous three outings, he also placed in the Gr.1 Haunui Farm WFA Classic (1600m), the Gr.3 Taranaki Cup (1800m) and the Gr.3 Anniversary (1600m). – NZ Racing Desk.

<b>Race</b>	<b>BOP RC Japan-New Zealand International Trophy Gr.2 1600m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Ocean Emperor (NZ) 2011</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>G T Hennessy, A K K Wong &amp; S Y S Yan</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Gary Hennessy (Matamata)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Zabeel out of Tootsie by Pins (AUS)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>G J Chittick</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2013 National Yearling Sale – Premier Sale; V: Waikato Stud, P: G Hennessy; \$450,000</b>





# LANE WINS MANION CUP ON MASTER OF ARTS

Jockey Damian Lane has rebounded straight away to win the Gr.3 Manion Cup at Rosehill on **Master Of Arts (NZ)** (Mastercraftsman) after being dislodged at the start of the previous race.

Lane steered the Darren Weir-trained Master Of Arts to victory in the 2400m race, 35 minutes after he came off Harlow Gold (NZ) (Tavistock) as the field left the barriers in the Epona Stakes.

Lane was not hurt and Harlow Gold was declared a non-runner after stewards ruled she had been denied a fair start because Lane's reins had come undone.

Master Of Arts is on a path to the Sydney Cup and firmed from \$101 to \$15 for the 3200m Group One race after the Rosehill win.

The six-year-old gelding travelled

well midfield before working into the race strongly approaching the home turn.

Lane peeled Master Of Arts into the clear inside the final 400m and he held off Alward (Aqalaam) by a neck with a head to Peribsen (Lonhro) third.

It gave Weir back-to-back Manion Cups after Big Duke (Raven's Pass) won the event 12 months ago.

Master Of Arts, who is raced by Paul Fudge's Waratah Thoroughbreds, was scratched from the recent Adelaide Cup (3200m) after drawing wide, with attention turning to Sydney.

The stayer had also trialled over

hurdles since his last-start second in the Lord Reims Stakes in Adelaide.

"He has done a lot of schooling and obviously it's the right decision by Paul Fudge and the owners to miss the Adelaide Cup," Weir's stable representative Jarrod McLean said.

"He drew wide and he had a big weight (in the Adelaide Cup) and Paul just thought he couldn't win it, so why waste a run?"

McLean said the plan would be to head to the Chairman's Quality (2600m) at Randwick in two weeks, a week before the Sydney Cup. -AAP

*Master of Arts gets the better of Alward - Bradley Photography*

<b>Race</b>	<b>ATC NE Manion H. Gr.3 2400m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Master of Arts (NZ) 2011</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Waratah Thoroughbreds</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Darren Weir (Warrnambool)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Mastercraftsman (IRE) out of Petit Verdot by Carnegie (IRE)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>R M Anderson; Mrs C N Taylor &amp; Trelawney Thoroughbred Ltd</b>





# MARE PROVIDES SIRE WITH POSTHUMOUS GROUP HONOUR

**La Fille en Jeu (NZ)**  
(Mettre en Jeu) provided Nigel Auret with a bittersweet victory at Riccarton on Saturday.

The Gr.3 Valachi Downs South Island Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes winner is a daughter of Mettre en Jeu, who stood at the family's Letham Thoroughbreds operation on the outskirts of Wanganui until his recent passing.

"We went out to his paddock and found him dead, it's a real shame," Auret's son Hamish said.

"The mare deserved that win, she's been knocking on the door in black type races for a while. It's good for her broodmare status for later on."

La Fille en Jeu and rider Lisa Allpress took any bad luck out of the equation on Saturday and set a steady pace before surging clear 300m from home.

"I had to twist Lisa's arm to come down here and it's worked out really well," said trainer Nigel Auret, who with wife Adaire bred and races the six-year-old.

He admitted to pre-race concerns about La Fille en Jeu coping with the Slow 7 track, but she held a strong gallop to the line to beat Elfee (NZ) (Iffraaj) with Flying Sardine (NZ) (Flying Spur) third and Bella Court (NZ) (Per Incanto), who is owned by race sponsor Kevin Hickman, fourth.

"It's a huge thrill. She's been two lengths behind them all season and today was her day," Auret said.

For Allpress, who only resumed riding this week after



La Fille en Jeu and Lisa Allpress winning the Gr.3 Valachi Downs SI Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes (1600m)  
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serious shoulder injuries, it crowned an outstanding day after earlier wins aboard Final Say (NZ) (Gallant Guru), Going To War (NZ) (Battle Paint), Taxihome (NZ) (Iffraaj) and Ophi Jade (NZ) (Ceconi). She also finished runner-up on Flag The Groom (NZ) (Raise the Flag).

– NZ Racing Desk.

<b>Race</b>	<b>CJC South Island Thoroughbred Breeders H. Gr.3 1600m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>La Fille en Jeu (NZ) 2011</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Mrs K A &amp; N J Auret</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Nigel Auret (Wanganui)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Mettre en Jeu out of Quality Eyes (AUS) by Danzero (AUS)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Mrs K A &amp; N J Auret</b>





# TRAINER CONSIDERING HOME AND AWAY OPTIONS

In-form mare Honneur Noir (NZ) (Falkirk) has put herself in the mix for a trip to Australia.

The daughter of Falkirk is on a roll and victory in Saturday's New Zealand Bloodstock Insurance Pearl Series Race at Matamata was her fourth success from her last six starts.

Trainer Peter Lock is in the early stages of mapping out an overseas programme for his stable star Hiflyer (NZ) (Tavistock) and Honneur Noir may also cross the Tasman with him.

"We'll probably head to Sydney with him in the next couple of months and this mare could go with him," he said.

"Hiflyer was on the water walker

yesterday and I've never seen a horse improve so much. He looks amazing, I'm over the moon with him."

Lock also has domestic options with Honneur Noir and is unsure of her more immediate future.

"My heart says don't go to the Breeders' Stakes at Te Aroha, but the money says to go," he said.

"There's 20 in the syndicate that race her and I've got them all on my back, but we'll enjoy the night first and then make some decisions."

Honneur Noir jumped well to race on the pace and she finished determinedly under jockey Sam Spratt to beat Yearn, who was giving the winner five kilos.

"We were pretty confident, the only worry was the Dead 6 track and drawing one so I said to Sam to get off the fence when she could and stay one or two spots out and it all worked out well," Lock said.

– NZ Racing Desk.

<b>Race</b>	<b>BOP RC NZB Insurance Pearl Series H. 1300m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Honneur Noir (NZ) 2013</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Royal Oaks Racing Syndicate No.1 (Mgr: Peter Lock) &amp; Eternal Optimists Syndicate</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Peter Lock (Te Aroha)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Falkirk out of Laurel (AUS) by Woodman (USA)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>RA Emery</b>



Honneur Noir accounts for Yearn and Indecision (blinkers) - Trish Dunell



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# CHANGES ENABLE MARE TO UPSET FAVOURITE



*Lady Shabeel who bounced back from a last-start defeat to win at Matamata - Trish Dunell*

The addition of headgear and a drop back in trip enabled **Lady Shabeel (NZ)** (Howbaddouwantit) to down the Brisbane-bound Pierrocity (Pierro) at Matamata on Saturday.

The four-year-old won the Mills Reef Handicap (1600m) off the back of an unplaced run on the course earlier this month.

"We put her over 2000m and I think that was a bit far and too soon for her," part-owner and trainer Iain Kennedy said.

"Putting the blinkers on and dropping her back to the mile has worked the oracle."

Lady Shabeel settled back in the

field and rider Cameron Lammas was able to steer a path between runners in the straight to account for the favourite Pierrocity and Divine Duke (NZ) (Bachelor Duke).

"It was a very good ride. She likes coming from behind and usually down the outside, but Cameron stayed closer to the fence and it worked a treat," Kennedy said.

The runner-up, who raced on the pace, was making just her second appearance since finishing sixth in the Gr.1 New Zealand 1000 Guineas (1600m) at Riccarton in the spring.

"She's really strengthened up since her last campaign and we've always held her in high regard," trainer

Stephen Marsh said.

"She's earmarked for the Queensland carnival and she may go on May 4 so what we do between now and then I'm not sure.

"She'll have two runs over there – the Roses over 2000m and then the Oaks over 2200m."

– NZ Racing Desk.

<i>Race</i>	<b>BOP RC Mills Reef H. 1600m</b>
<i>Winner</i>	<b>Lady Shabeel (NZ) 2013</b>
<i>Owners</i>	<b>IB &amp; Mrs LS Kennedy</b>
<i>Trainer</i>	<b>Iain Kennedy (Rotorua)</b>
<i>Breeding</i>	<b>by Howbaddouwantit (USA) out of No Tolerance by Savabeel (AUS)</b>
<i>Breeder</i>	<b>Goodwood Stud Ltd</b>







# CHANGE OF FORTUNE **FOR LUCKY SWEEP**

**L**ucky Sweep (NZ) (Alamosa) turned his form around with a hollow win at Matamata.

The five-year-old went from zero to hero when he produced a strong finishing run to score for the fifth time in his career with victory in Saturday's Kirsty Cashmore Bayleys Real Estate Handicap (1600m).

Lucky Sweep had failed to beat a runner home at his previous appearance at Ellerslie where he was hemmed in and never got a clear opportunity in the run home.

"He was pretty unlucky and I wasn't able to let his head go," regular rider Sam Spratt said.

A repeat was never on the cards at Matamata and Lucky Sweep raced one off the fence toward the back of the field before improving 600m from home.

The son of Alamosa swung wide into the straight and finished resolutely to down the favourite Smart Dragon (Storm Mountain) and the Taranaki visitor Neverstopdreaming (NZ) (Per Incanto).

"I kept him out in the open and he hit the line strongly, he's a nice horse," Spratt said.

Lucky Sweep is trained by Stephen McKee, whose father Trevor features in the ownership, who was in Sydney on Saturday with his Group One-winning mare Consensus (NZ) (Postponed).

– NZ Racing Desk.

<b>Race</b>	<b>BOP RC Kirsty Cashmore Bayleys Real Estate H. 1600m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Lucky Sweep (NZ) 2012</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>D M Adams, S P Clark, J Cardis, P E Elliston, J S &amp; W J Hilsden, K M Hobbs, D M Masterson, P McDonnell, T J McKee &amp; Ms K J Wilson</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Stephen McKee (Ardmore)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Alamosa out of Fellowship (AUS) by Success Express (USA)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>A E Denham</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2014 Ready to Run Sale; V: Kilgravin Lodge, P: TJ McKee; \$30,000</b>



Lucky Sweep returning to winning form - Trish Dunell

