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WIN COULD CAP OFF A GREAT WEEK FOR WIGLEY



Kiwi bred three-year-old Odeon will start favourite in tomorrow's Gr. 1 South Australian Derby

The Gr.1 South Australian Derby will be watched more eagerly than most by Inglewood Stud General Manager Gus Wigley on Saturday.

Wigley stands Zacinto, the sire of race favourite **Odeon (NZ)**, at his family's North Canterbury property.

Already the sire of Gr.1 New Zealand Two Thousand Guineas winner Ugo Foscolo (NZ), a win on Saturday would mean a lot for the farm.

"It's a big one. He left the Gr.1 2000 Guineas winner already this year, and to leave a Gr.1 Derby winner from his first crop... it would place him in esteemed company as a sire," Wigley said.

It would mean a great deal for Wigley as well, particularly after becoming a father for the third time with the birth of his daughter Stella this week.

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“My wife just had a baby on Tuesday, so it has been a big week. So hopefully Odeon can cap it off on Saturday and make it a huge week,” he said.

Wigley doesn't think the rise in distance will bother the Mathew Ellerton and Simon Zahara trained runner.

“I'm excited to see him go over ground and it will be a test. His mother won over a mile and a half and his dad certainly leaves a lot of stayers. So I don't think the distance will be a problem for him at all,” Wigley said.

“I've been talking with the ownership team over there and the trainers, and they think he has a huge amount of ability, it's all new to him still, he's still learning and only going to get better.”

Odeon has drawn barrier five for Saturday's event and will

be ridden by Damian Lane.

Bred by Kevin Hickman of Valachi Downs, who is a significant shareholder in Zacinto, Odeon was sold at the New Zealand Bloodstock Select Yearling Sale for \$77,500.

Simon Zahra spotted Odeon when he was offered for sale at the New Zealand Ready To Run Sale in November 2015. He couldn't secure him at that sale but did six weeks later.

“My budget didn't go to what they wanted, which was \$120,000,” Zahra said. “I forgot about him but then couldn't get him out of my mind. I got a mate to make an inquiry and found he hadn't been sold. In the finish, the owner stayed in for 25 per cent and we got him for \$100,000 and sold him to long-time stable clients.”

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NETHERFIELD CHASING ANOTHER GROUP ONE FOR PRICE

After winning Adelaide's first \$1 million race, Melbourne trainer Mick Price has one of the leading chances for another Group One race at Morphettville.

Price took out the Group One UBET Classic last week with Secret Agenda (Not A Single Doubt) and on Saturday he saddles \$6 equal second favourite **Netherfield (NZ)** (Darci Brahma) in the South Australian Derby (2500m).

The lightly raced gelding was an unlucky fourth in the Derby lead-up, the Chairman's Stakes (2030m) on April 29.

Fellow Melbourne-trained galloper and Kiwi-bred Odeon

(NZ) (Zacinto) heads the market at \$3.40.

"He's a deserved second pick I think," Price said.

"He should have won the Chairman's but I thought Odeon did a good job to win a benchmark 84 against older horses.

"He looks the sticking point and he's drawn better."

The Caulfield trainer resisted the temptation to bring Netherfield back to Melbourne after his last start, saying he was not robust enough to handle the travel.

"I think within two weeks if you go there, come back, go there, come back, it's too much," Price said.



"I think it dehydrates your horse especially after a hard run.

"If you're going up in distance you have to let your horse get over the run and then try and build him up for his next start.

"But if you're floating them you've got to allow a couple of days for them to get over the trip.

"I think with Netherfield, being a lighter type of gelding, it's a big danger and it could have taken the edge off him."

Price said the South Australian Derby came into play after Netherfield ran second in a 1600m race at Sandown on April 17.

"He's a nice New Zealand gelding, a clean winded three-year-old, so I thought we'd have a go," Price said.

Melbourne trainer Mick Price will saddle Netherfield (pictured) as a leading chance in the Gr. 1 South Australian Derby





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TRAINER WONDERING ABOUT DOOMBEN 10,000 PROSPECTS

Kiwi trainer Evan Rayner is unsure how his dual Group One winner **Start Wondering (NZ)** (Eighth Wonder) will fare in the Doomben 10,000 (1200m).

The 75-year-old trainer, who returns to the Queensland winter carnival after a 20-year absence, insists it would be foolish to bring a Kiwi sprinter to race in Australia unless it was top-class.

But he admits it is a "great unknown" how Start Wondering will figure in Saturday's Group One feature.

He reckons bookies have got it about right by posting the top Kiwi sprinter on the fifth line of betting at \$11.

Start Wondering won three races for Sydney trainer Chris Waller in 2015-16 before being sent back to New Zealand after a bleeding attack.

With his original trainer Paul Belsham having handed in his licence, the owners turned to the training team of Rayner and his daughter JJ.

The Queensland carnival became the primary target after a potential mission to Hong Kong was aborted.

"I know he is very good and I know he can run a time," Rayner said.

"He is very forward and ready to go in the Doomben 10,000 but whether he is up to this is the slight question mark.

"I think he will be very competitive

but it is a great unknown how he will go against the really good Australian sprinters.

"I'm not a punter but I think the bookies have got him at odds which are probably a fair reflection of his chances."

Rayner indicated he was happy with Start Wondering after he had a spin around the Doomben training track on Tuesday, after grass gallops were abandoned due to rain.

Start Wondering established himself as New Zealand's premier sprinter after Group One victories in the Railway Stakes and NRM sprint this year.

Rayner hopes the horse with the unfashionable pedigree, the son of deceased sire Eighth Wonder, will be able to race handy in the Doomben 10,000.

But he worries he may end up racing further back than he normally does, up against sharp Aussie sprinters like Russian Revolution (Snitzel) and

last year's Doomben 10,000 winner Music Magnate (NZ) (Written Tycoon).

Rayner would have preferred the Doomben 10,000 had not had a distance change and been trimmed from 1350m to 1200m this year.

"I would be a lot happier if this race was 1350m or 1400m," he said.

Start Wondering is also likely to run in the Gr.1 Darley Kingsford Smith Cup (1300m) and could be a Stradbroke contender depending on what weight he is allotted. racenet.com.au



Start Wondering will look to add to an outstanding season with a victory in the Gr. 1 Doomben 10,000





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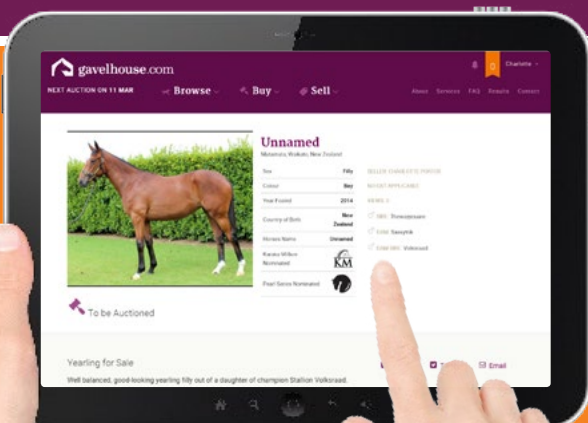


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Mystery Show (NZ) (Sakhee's Secret)

Busy couple of days for Marsh stable

Stephen Marsh is attacking on three fronts over the next couple of days with today's Te Awamutu meeting being the kick-off.

Marsh will be in Queensland to finalise **Chocante's (NZ)** (Shocking) preparation for Saturday's Gr.3 Chairman's Handicap (2000m) when his large representation steps out at Te Awamutu, then a day later at Rotorua he has four runners engaged, including **Mystery Show (NZ)** (Sakhee's Secret) in the Gr.3 ISCL Rotorua Stakes (1400m).

"It's going to be a busy couple of days," the Cambridge trainer said. "I've got some nice horses running around and it'll be really interesting to see how Raposa Rapida goes in the two-year-old race."

A full brother to Group Two winning filly Volpe Veloce (Foxwedge), Raposa Rapida will make his debut in the NZB Insurance Pearl Series 1150 and has created a big impression at the trials. He has improved with each of his three trials, which included a victory over impressive debut winner Griffin (NZ) (Iffraaj). [Full story here.](#)



Savvy Dreams (NZ) (Savabeel)

Connections praying for change of filly's luck

Luckless filly **Savvy Dreams (NZ)** (Savabeel) will have the opportunity to turn her fortunes around in tomorrow's Gr.1 South Australian Derby.

She performed well in a jump-out over 1600 metres at Morphettville Tuesday morning to confirm her place in this weekend's classic.

Savvy Dreams was required to trial in front of the stewards after she had flipped over before the start of last Saturday's Gr.1 Schweppes Oaks and was taken out of the race. [Full story here.](#)



Anaheim (Fastnet Rock)

Trainers confirm Group One bid

Trent Busuttin and Natalie Young will give **Anaheim** (Fastnet Rock) his chance at Group One level in Saturday's South Australian Derby.

A solid track gallop at Cranbourne has convinced his trainers that the colt deserves an opportunity, despite a moderate last-start sixth at Caulfield.

"Natalie galloped him and she was pleased with him so we're going to press on and have a crack at it," Busuttin said.

He has singled out as the horse to beat the New Zealand-bred Odeon (NZ), a son of Zacinto from the stable of Mathew Ellerton and Simon Zahra who won the Caulfield event that Anaheim was beaten in last month.

Wide can work for Pride at Scone

It looks a horror draw on paper but jockey Patrick Moloney believes the outside barrier in today's A\$200,000 Scone Cup (1600m) is a blessing in disguise for talented but frustrating mare **Pure Pride (NZ)** (Shocking).

The Murray Johnson-trained galloper boasts obvious talent - she was runner-up in the Gr.2 Blazer Stakes (1600m) and was beaten less than a length in the Gr.1 Myer Classic (1600m) during the spring - but has frustrated punters in several luckless runs this campaign, including when going down as a well-supported favourite at Flemington last Saturday.

Moloney, who was aboard Pure Pride for the only victory of her 12-start career at Ballarat in March last year, will renew his

association with the four-year-old and is confident he can keep her out of trouble in the run.

"She's drawn wide but it could work in her favour for once," Moloney said. [Full story here.](#)



Shocking Luck (NZ) (Shocking)

Travel agreeing with Shocking Luck

A trip away is playing a significant role in the development of **Shocking Luck (NZ)** (Shocking), who promises a strong performance in tomorrow's Gr.3 Rough Habit Plate at Doomben.

"He's always been quite an immature horse, more so mentally, but he's done a bit of travelling now coming up here from Sydney and that's helped him grow up more," said Jamie Richards, who trains with Stephen Autridge, from Brisbane.

"He's in really good form and I've been very pleased with him. He's able to run on the pace and keep rolling along and 2000 metres will suit him on Saturday." [Full story here.](#)



Comin'through (NZ) (Bullbars)

Derby focus on Rough Habit contender

Comin'through (NZ) (Bullbars), who will race as Here He Comes in Australia, will carry added stable responsibility when he opens his Gr.1 Queensland Derby campaign

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at Doomben on Saturday in the Gr.3 Rough Habit Plate.

Trainers Donna Logan and Chris Gibbs have lost the services of the pre-post classic favourite Tavidream (NZ) (Tavistock) following his sale to Hong Kong interests.

"He looks fantastic he travelled over well and I'm very pleased with him," Logan said.

"There's been a fair bit of rain here, but he's galloped well at Doomben and got through the ground without a problem – he's not one dimensional."

Here He Comes has beaten the older horses three times over ground this season and at his last appearance he finished seventh behind Tavidream at Ellerslie after being forced to cover extra ground.

The son of Bullbars has been ridden in all three of his victories by Leith Innes, who will continue his association with the gelding at Doomben on Saturday.



Chocante (NZ) (Shocking)

Rain in Brisbane music to Marsh's ears

While the wet tracks are a concern on the home front, Marsh is pleased to see rain in Brisbane where Gr. 3 Counties Cup winner **Chocante (NZ)** (Shocking) will make his Australian debut in the Gr. 3 Chairman's Handicap.

"It wouldn't matter if there was more rain for him," he said. "I just didn't want a hard track and we're definitely not going to get that."

Chocante was freshened after winning the Counties Cup and has had two shorter distance lead-ups for Brisbane.

"The main aim is the Brisbane Cup (2400m on June 10)," Marsh said. "Two weeks beforehand he can run in the Premier's Cup (2200m)."

"I'm very happy with him, but he's going to be better for Saturday's run. Jim Byrne rode him in a good hit-out on the course proper at Doomben on Tuesday and he was very happy with the way he worked."

Scone a Jewel in racing crown for Waller

After watching the Kentucky Derby from



Shillelagh (NZ) (Savabeel)

the Churchill Downs stand as a fan, Chris Waller will be back to business at Scone.

Waller rates former New Zealand galloper Shillelagh (NZ) (Savabeel) as his leading hope in Saturday's Gr.3 Dark Jewel Classic (1400m).

The five-year-old mare's win on April 29 in the Gr.3 Godolphin Crown (1300m) enabled her to rebound back from a disappointing 17th in the Gr.1 Coolmore Classic on an unhelpful soft track at Rosehill on March 11.

"I'm very happy with Shillelagh, she bounced back on a better (good) track although she goes up in the weights a bit."

Shillelagh renews her rivalry with the Ron Quinton-trained Daysee Doom (Domesday), who was runner up in the Godolphin Crown and is currently the race favourite for Saturday's challenge.



Endean Rose (NZ) (Savabeel)

Kennedy chasing dream double

Iain Kennedy has had more than his share of heart-stopping moments in his life, but they will all be pushed into the background if he can star at his local Rotorua meeting on Saturday.

The 47-year-old owner-trainer, who hails from Zimbabwe, will be chasing dual Stakes success this weekend when represented by **Endean Rose (NZ)** (Savabeel) in the Gr.3 Campbell Infrastructure Rotorua Cup (2200m) and the lightly tried Endean Express (NZ) (Fast 'n' Famous) in the Gr.3 ISCL Rotorua Stakes (1400m). Both mares

are raced by Kennedy in partnership with Andrew Burton and his wife, Linda Hunt.

Endean Rose goes into the Rotorua Cup with a game last-start second behind Mime (NZ) (Mastercraftsman) in the Gr.2 Travis Stakes at Te Rapa, while Endean Express faces a huge climb in class after her last-start win in a Rating 65 event at Matamata.

[Full story here.](#)



Famous Seamus (NZ) (Elusive City)

Famous Seamus to go the extra mile

Group One regular **Famous Seamus (NZ)** (Elusive City) has certainly gone the distance in a career spanning 57 starts and now, in the twilight of his racing life, he is being challenged to go the extra mile.

For only the second time in a competitive streak that started with a win on debut at Gosford in October 2011, the eight-year-old takes on 1600m in today's Listed Scone Cup.

Jay Ford, who has ridden Famous Seamus in seven of his past nine starts, suggested trainer Noel Mayfield-Smith consider the 1600m and although the veteran ran ninth in the Hawkesbury Cup (1600m) on April 29, the feeling is the 14-time Group One contender can still give the youngsters a run for their money.

"He's still circulating at the same speed as he was when he was four and five. He hasn't lost anything," Mayfield-Smith said.

"I put trackings on him every time he gallops and they're exactly the same as they were two years ago."

Mayfield-Smith was unsure about how long Famous Seamus, who last won at Hawkesbury in November, would continue racing.

"As long as he's competitive he'll last. At the moment everything's fine with him," he said.

Ritchie eyes trans-Tasman Listed features

Shaune Ritchie is breaking with his standard practice for **Let Her Rip (NZ)** (Rip Van Winkle) as he strives to secure a valuable stakes win in Saturday's Listed ISCL Rotorua Stakes (1400m).

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Let Her Rip (NZ) (Rip Van Winkle)

The Cambridge trainer believes the Rip Van Winkle mare performs best with her races spaced but he will produce her just two weeks after her previous start this weekend.

"I normally like to space her races but we've had to tailor a start on Saturday to suit the conditions," Ritchie said. [Full story here.](#)

Singapore Guineas could be the pearl in the oyster

Trainer Cliff Brown is confident **Could Be Pearls (NZ)** (Alamosa) can run up to his best ability in the Singapore Guineas (1600m) on Sunday, but thinks he still faces a stiff task against the two big guns, Countofmontecristo (NZ) (Echoes of Heaven) and Jupiter Gold (Congrats).

The Wellfield Lodge graduate ran second to the undefeated Countofmontecristo in the second Leg of the Singapore Three-Year-Old Challenge, the Singapore Three-Year-Old Classic (1400m) on April 14 with Jupiter Gold third.

Could Be Pearls will certainly lap up the extra 200m afforded by the Singapore Guineas – but arguably, so will his nemesis Countofmontecristo and Jupiter Gold.

"He's fit and well. The winner was simply too good in the second Leg," said Brown.

"I couldn't be happier with the way Could Be Pearls has trained since his last run."

Windsor Park confirm 2017 stallion roster

Three exciting new stallion prospects further strengthen Windsor Park's stallion roster for 2017.

Triple Group One winner Turn Me Loose (NZ) (Iffraaj), one of Australasia's foremost miler's will stand for \$15,000 and will be joined by Australian Group One winning 3YO Vanbrugh (Encosta De Lago) and fellow Group One 2YO Rageese (Street Cry) with their service fees to be confirmed at the completion of their current racing campaigns.

European triple Group One winning miler

Charm Spirit, the highest earning son of 'boom' sire of sires Invincible Spirit, returns to stand alongside last season's Horse Of The Year Mongolian Khan (Holy Roman Emperor), the only horse in history to win the Australian and New Zealand Derby as well as the Caulfield Cup.

Completing Windsor Park's schedule of stallions are Group One Newmarket winner ShamExpress (O'Reilly), the Leading First Season sire at Karaka this year with a Premier Session yearling average of \$192,500 and Champion European miler and Group One sire Rip Van Winkle (Galileo), sire of five Group winners from his first southern hemisphere crop.

Charm Spirit	\$18,000
Turn Me Loose	\$15,000
ShamExpress	\$12,500
Mongolian Khan	\$10,000
Rip Van Winkle	\$10,000
Rageese	TBA
Vanbrugh	TBA
Falkirk	\$4,000

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Zacinto (Dansili)

Inglewood Stud launches new breeding incentive

Inglewood Stud is offering a unique incentive for North Island breeders to send their mares to Inglewood's resident stallion **Zacinto** next season.

The North Canterbury farm have negotiated with New Zealand Bloodstock Airfreight to fly mares down from Auckland for the stud season.

"The deal we are offering is the breeder pays the first \$1,000 of the airfare and we pay the rest, regardless of whether the mare gets in-foal or not," Inglewood Stud General Manager Gus Wigley said.

"To be able to fly the mare down for \$1,000 is pretty attractive and hopefully we get a few more mares come down because of that."

The Dansili entire served a full book of 110 mares last season.

"Of the 110 mares, there were 98 positive tests. So it was exceptional fertility and he really stepped up to the plate," Wigley said.

"We have already had plenty of interest from what he has done this season. Hopefully he has another full book in-front of him."



Seventh Up (NZ) (Shinko King)

Taranaki then Queensland for Hale

Shelley Hale's immediate focus is on Saturday's Taranaki meeting, but she has a much greater goal on the horizon

The Cambridge trainer will travel south with **Close Up (NZ)** (Shinko King) for the Kiwi Butcher Open at New Plymouth and, though she expects the seven-year-old to run an improver's race, she is getting more excited with Close Up's stablemate and brother **Seventh Up (NZ)** (Shinko King).

Under a superb ride from Grant Cooksley, Seventh Up provided Hale with a career highlight when he flew home to win the Gr.2 Manco Easter Stakes (1600m) at Ellerslie last month, running the fastest sectionals of the day. [Full story here.](#)



Addictive Habit (NZ) (Colombia)

Group One winner retired

Lee Somervell would love to see **Addictive Habit (NZ)** (Colombia) return to the racetrack in a new role after a tendon injury forced the Group One winner into retirement this week.

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Somervell had Addictive Habit entered for Saturday's Listed Members Handicap (1400m) at Doomben but had to withdraw the 2015 Gr.1 Livamol Classic winner on Tuesday morning.

"He's got a hole in his tendon twice the size of a pinhead about two inches below where he injured his tendon last time," Somervell said.

"That time he stretched the fibres and we did the right thing by him and gave him 12 months off racing. He had been coming up nicely but obviously the stress of racing is a different facet altogether. [Full story here.](#)

Holy Roman Emperor colt tops sale

A Holy Roman Emperor colt has topped New Zealand Bloodstock's Weanling, Broodmare and Mixed Bloodstock Sale at Karaka.

Offered by Dan Myers, the colt was secured by leading purchaser of the sale, Andrew Williams Bloodstock for \$175,000.

At the end of the Weanling Sale, 232 horses were sold for receipts of \$3,752,800 and the clearance rate remained strong throughout to finish at 87 percent.

Overseas interests claimed the top-priced broodmare at the sale. The four-time winning Captain Rio mare Fledgling was sold to Ric Wylie Bloodstock for \$87,500, purchasing on behalf of an undisclosed Australian client.

The Broodmare Sale closed with receipts totalling \$1,303,300 for 109 Lots sold, a clearance rate of 75 percent. The average price for the day settled at \$11,957.



Dan Myers

Myers flattered at sales

Hawera farmer Dan Myers has usurped Curraghmore as the leading vendor at New Zealand Bloodstock's Weanling, Broodmare and Mixed Bloodstock Sale at Karaka.

Myers sold all but one of his weanlings on his way to attaining an aggregate of \$862,700 over the two-day sale.

The highlight for Myers was the sale of Lot 217, a Holy Roman Emperor colt, to Andrew Williams for \$175,000 late in the piece on day one.

"I was very surprised and flattered," Myers said. [Full story here.](#)

Williams makes a splash at Karaka

Andrew Williams made an instant sale ring impact on his return to New Zealand.

He has recently established his own bloodstock company in Sydney and he enjoyed a successful maiden buying foray to Karaka during the opening session of New Zealand Bloodstock's Weanling Sale on Monday.

Williams went to \$170,000 to secure Curraghmore's smart Savabeel colt (Lot 30), the first foal of the multiple stakes-winning Tavistock mare Avisto (NZ).

"He's a really athletic individual and I'm very happy to have got him on my first trip to Karaka under my own banner," he said.

[Full story here.](#)



Lot 374 Fledgling

Top broodmare lot secured for offshore interests

Overseas interests claimed the top lot during Tuesday's New Zealand Bloodstock Broodmare Sale.

Offered by Windsor Park Stud, the four-time winning Captain Rio mare **Fledgling (NZ)** (Lot 374) was sold to Ric Wylie Bloodstock for \$87,500.

"I bought her for Australian clients. The price was fair, but that was my last bid. Bassett is a serious racehorse, so she's doing the job right," Wylie said. [Full story here.](#)

Grylls reaches milestone

Bridget Grylls reached a milestone in her career on Wednesday, aided by another former Kiwi, Brian Smith, trainer of the legendary Balmerino (NZ) (Trictrac).

Grylls guided the Smith-trained Le Mattan (Bradbury's Luck) to an upset win in the second event at Ipswich to record her 100th

win in Queensland.

While her brother, Craig, has been enjoying big-race success as a jockey in New Zealand, she has made her mark since shifting to Queensland almost two years ago. Within a month of being in Brisbane, she rode her first Queensland winner, Waiting, for Rob Heathcote, who has been one of her main supporters.

Grylls began her apprenticeship with Lisa Latta and rode her first winner, Princess Lincoln (Lonhro), at Wanganui in June 2012. She later transferred to Matamata trainers Ken and Bev Kelso and left New Zealand with 67 wins to her credit.

First Group One ride for Childs

Jordan Childs will make his Group One debut in the South Australian Derby aboard the Archie Alexander-trained Wheal Leisure (Artie Schiller) at Morphettville on Saturday.

The son of former top jockey Greg Childs has established a fine strike rate for Alexander. He rode a winning double at Sandown on Wednesday, including one for Alexander, who trains at Ballarat.

The win of Chippenham (Hard Spun) was the trainer-jockey combination's 17th victory for the season. They have combined in 49 races for a strike rate of almost 35 percent.

Along with the excitement of preparing for his first Group One ride, Childs is closing in on another milestone. He has moved to within two wins of outriding his claim, with his apprenticeship due to finish at the end of this season.

"Everyone wants to ride in a Group One as an apprentice, and I've got this opportunity now towards the end of my apprenticeship. So it's great," Childs said.

Wheal Leisure, one of three fillies in the Derby, finished fifth in the Australian Oaks (2400m) at Randwick last month.

Mitchell injured

A trust has been set-up for Michael Mitchell, the Englishman who was New Zealand's champion jumps jockey two seasons ago.

Mitchell was injured in a fall at this year's Queen's Cup meeting in North America. He was knocked unconscious and was airlifted to hospital in Uptown Charlotte where it was discovered he had suffered a broken eye socket and cheekbone as well as a shattered jaw.

A metal plate has been inserted around his eye socket and his jaw is wired shut and he will be out of action for six to eight weeks.

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Jumps jockeys in the USA are considered independent contractors and do not have a fund in place to pay them while they are out with injuries or illness.

The fund has been set up to help pay the continuing hospital bills, along with the international flights for his mother, Di Mitchell, who took the first available flights from England to be at her son's side.

Mitchell's New Zealand wins include the 2015 Grand National Steeplechase at Riccarton on High Forty (NZ) (Danzighill) and he rode four winners from 14 rides during his North American stint in 2016.



Melody Belle (NZ) (Commands)

Stablemates turn in smart trial performances

Jimmy Rea (NZ) (Thewayyouare) and **Melody Belle (NZ)** (Commands) are making good progress toward their Queensland debuts at Eagle Farm on Saturday week. They were both in action at the Deagon trials on Tuesday with Jimmy Rea finishing fourth in his 1050m heat and Melody Belle finishing second in her heat over the same distance.

"I was very pleased with both of them," said Jamie Richards, who trains in partnership with Stephen Autridge. "Jimmy Rae will take good improvement and should really start to thrive in the next couple of weeks with the sun on his back. The trial will bring Melody Belle on nicely too."

The immediate aim for Jimmy Rea is a \$A60,000 Benchmark 95 sprint, while Melody Belle will tackle the Gr.2 Sires' Produce Stakes (1400m).

Guineas already a priority for smart filly

Connections of the surprise two-year-old package **Belle Du Nord (NZ)** (Reliable Man) have high hopes the filly can scale even greater heights next season.

The daughter of Reliable Man enjoyed a light, but highly successful opening campaign and was turned out off the back of a runner-up finish in the Gr.1 Manawatu

Sires' Produce Stakes.

"She's spelling and she'll come back in June and we will be looking toward the 1000 Guineas at Riccarton with her," said Emma-Lee Browne, who trains the filly with husband David. [Full story here.](#)

Awapuni stable targets Listed feature

Gary Vile promises to be a trainer to be reckoned with in one of the final black type juvenile prizes of the season.

The Awapuni conditioner



Gary Vile

is planning a two-pronged attack on the Listed Castletown Stakes at Wanganui on June 3 with smart debutante **Dance For Money (NZ)** (Showcasing) and **Hard Merchandize (NZ)** (Burgundy), who has already proved competitive against the best of his age group.

Dance For Money made life difficult for herself before winning the Wanganui Function Centre 2YO on Sunday, the Showcasing filly having got away from rider Rebecca Goldsbury before the start. [Full story here.](#)

Longer-term future yet to be decided

A decision as to whether the Group One winner **Sofia Rosa (NZ)** (Makfi) races on or is retired to stud will be made later this year.

"She's spelling now and will come back for the spring and we'll assess her then," Cambridge trainer Stephen Marsh said.

"She'll either be mated with Tivaci or she

could race on and be served the following spring."

Sofia Rosa finished a close last-start third in the Gr.2 Travis Stakes at Te Rapa.

Flamingo taking it easy

Black type performer **Flamingo (NZ)** (Pins) is enjoying a break with her breeder-owners Waikato Stud.

The Pins three-year-old was turned out after her run for third behind Sweet Leader (NZ) (O'Reilly) in the Gr.3 Cambridge Breeders' Stakes at Te Rapa.

"She went to the paddock after that," said Emma Haworth, who trains the filly with her father David. "It's very exciting to have a horse like her."

Flamingo won both of her starts prior to her placing in the Te Rapa feature.

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Co-trainer Grant Cullen on Savvy Dreams who will line up in the Gr.1 SA Derby on Saturday after gaining the all-clear from TRSA stewards on Tuesday. Savvy Dreams was withdrawn at

the gates in last Saturday's Schweppes Oaks after becoming fractious and flipping over behind the barriers. The filly was ordered to jump out in front of stewards prior to her next start.

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Co-trainer Evan Rayner on Group One winner Start Wondering who will contest the Gr.1 Doomben 10,000



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L.J (Jim) Ellis was a master of staying races and the first NZ jockey to ride 1000 winners. Over three decades in the saddle he won 4 premierships, 5 NZ Derbys, 5 NZ Cups, 3 Wellington Cups, and the 1954 Sydney Cup. Ellis was also

a highly successful trainer, having notably trained and ridden Golden Souvenir to important wins including the 1945 New Zealand Cup



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GLOBAL NZ BRED WINNERS

04/05/2017 - 11/05/2017

AUSTRALIA

Castledale : Moss 'n' Dale (NZ) (Hot 'n' Moss by Strategic Image) 2012;
04/05/2017, 1st Warrnambool RC Mercedes Benz Open H. 1400m

Darci Brahma : Dark Universe - New Universe (Aust.) (NZ) (Shalaka by Lonhro) 2013;

06/05/2017, 1st ATC Freshmark H. 1200m
Sold by JK Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$40000

Ekraar : Segenhoe (NZ) (Drumline by Spectacular Love) 2011;
04/05/2017, 1st Gosford RC Tabcorp H. 2100m

Falkirk : King Viv (NZ) (Daydream by Centaine) 2012;
09/05/2017, 1st Hawkesbury RC Prestige Racehorse Transport H. 1300m
Sold by Hallmark Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$35000

High Chaparral : I'll Take the Jag (NZ) (Nobentleyforme by Fastnet Rock) 2011;
04/05/2017, 1st Townsville TC J&D Thoroughbreds P. 1000m

Mastercraftsman : Supreme Harmony (NZ) (Jan Valachi by Kingdom Bay) 2013;

05/05/2017, 1st Bendigo JC Orrcon Steel Maiden P. 1400m
Sold by Kilgravin Lodge at Ready to Run Sale for \$110000
Sold by Valachi Downs at National Yearling Sale for \$60000

Mastercraftsman : Stormsabrewing (NZ) (Southern Cloud by Kaapstad) 2012;

06/05/2017, 1st VRC True Version H. 1600m

Nom du Jeu : Scrabble (NZ) (Tibouchina by Exceed and Excel) 2012;
07/05/2017, 1st SCTC Fish on Flinders H. 1600m

O'Reilly : Red Paddy (NZ) (Pin a Four by Pins) 2011;
06/05/2017, 1st WATC Passages Resource Centre H. 1200m

O'Reilly : Bonny O'Reilly (NZ) (Pretty by Pins) 2012;
06/05/2017, 1st ATC Your Local Greengrocer H. 1100m
Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$100000

O'Reilly : Tracey's Star (NZ) (Etoile du Nord by Zabeel) 2012;
07/05/2017, 1st Pakenham RC Batteryzone Delkor Cup H. 1200m
Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$75000

O'Reilly : Thurston (NZ) (Etoile du Nord by Zabeel) 2010;
04/05/2017, 1st Townsville TC NQ Custom Services P. 1609m
Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$160000

O'Reilly : Autumn (NZ) (Instantly by Spectacular Love) 2011;
10/05/2017, 1st Canberra RC Hygain Release H. 1200m

Pentire : Black Fusion (NZ) (Stretto by Dance Floor) 2009;
06/05/2017, 1st Boorowa APRC Picnic Cup 1700m
Sold by Seaton Park Ltd at National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale for \$130000
Sold by Wellfield Lodge at National Yearling Sale for \$240000

Pour Moi : Pour Moi Another (NZ) (Mary Agnes by Zabeel) 2013;
05/05/2017, 1st Horsham DRC Mixx 101.3 Maiden P. 1800m
Sold by Haunui Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$140000

Redwood : Cedar Grande (NZ) (Merci Grand by Choisir) 2013;
05/05/2017, 1st Bendigo JC Isuzu H. 2200m
Sold by Blackbridge at National Yearling Sale for \$22500

Road to Rock : Rock Prodigy (NZ) (Bulavka by Pins) 2012;
10/05/2017, 1st Canberra RC Hygain Tracktorque P. 2000m

Savabeel : So Splendid (NZ) (Splendid by O'Reilly) 2013;
06/05/2017, 1st Newcastle JC Mission Foods Maiden P. 1850m

Savabeel : Saveyourethiasm (NZ) (Curbyourethiasm by Danasinga) 2013;
07/05/2017, 1st Bairnsdale RC Four'n Twenty Maiden P. 1200m
Sold by Kilgravin Lodge at Ready to Run Sale for \$100000

Shocking : Dreaded (NZ) (Walsburgs Dream by Pentire) 2012;
09/05/2017, 1st Geelong RC Rosemont Stud H. 1900m

Showcasing : Showmeyamoneyhoney - Show Honey (Aust.) (NZ) (Pretty Ready by More Than Ready) 2013;
10/05/2017, 1st WATC Inglis Insurance Brokers Maiden P. 1200m
Sold by Haunui Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$31000

Sir Percy : Dr Sykes (NZ) (Perceptible by Personal Escort) 2010;
04/05/2017, 1st Albany RC Amity Tavern H. 1612m
Sold by White Robe Lodge at National Yearling Sale for \$120000

Swiss Ace : Liesl Lass (NZ) (Musically by Belong to Me) 2012;
08/05/2017, 1st Quirindi JC Plains Pantry H. 1100m

Swiss Ace : Swiss Kiss (NZ) (Regal Kiss by Royal Academy) 2012;
08/05/2017, 1st Wangaratta TC Yes Optus H. 1170m

Tavistock : Salsamor (NZ) (Hula Bar by Al Akbar) 2014;
07/05/2017, 1st Pakenham RC Racing.com Maiden 2YO P. 1400m
Sold by Hallmark Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$150000



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HONG KONG

Elusive City : Forever Fun (NZ) (Dangerous Seas by Dangerous) 2010;
10/05/2017, 1st HKJC Suffolk H. 1000m
Sold by Millfield Stud at National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale for \$12000
Sold by Phoenix Park at Ready to Run Sale for \$80000
Sold by Ardsley Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$46000

Mastercraftsman : Packing Dragon (NZ) (Golden Gamble by Oregon) 2011;
10/05/2017, 1st HKJC Cornwall H. 1800m
Sold by Belvedere Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$190000

Swiss Ace : Blackcrown - Little Giant (H.K.) (NZ) (Princess Carolina by More Than Ready) 2012;
07/05/2017, 1st HKJC Indian Ocean H. 1200m

KOREA

Perfectly Ready : Ready Khan (NZ) (Accidentallyinlove by Cape Cross) 2012;
07/05/2017, 1st Seoul Class 2 1800m
Sold by Bradbury Park at National Yearling Sale for \$30000

MACAU

Lord of Warriors : My Dream (NZ) (Miss Maradona by Felix the Cat) 2008;
05/05/2017, 1st Macau Hokkaido H. 1510m
Sold by Selwyn River Stud at Selwyn River Dispersal Sale for \$500

No Excuse Needed : Cheerful Companion (NZ) (Possibly by Masterclass) 2012;
05/05/2017, 1st Macau Nara H. 1350m
Sold by Leanach Lodge Ltd at Ready to Run Sale for \$34000

Pentire : Speed of King (NZ) (Spinalign by Align) 2010;
05/05/2017, 1st Macau Kumamoto H. 1350m
Sold by Rich Hill Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$60000

MALAYSIA

Darci Brahma : Ami Eleven (NZ) (Nicole's Niner by Forty Niner) 2011;
07/05/2017, 1st Selangor TC Class 5 H. 1400m
Sold by Venture Thoroughbreds Ltd at Ready to Run Sale for \$65000

Edenwold : D'Great Hawk (NZ) (Maggie Piper by Bluebird) 2012;
06/05/2017, 1st Selangor TC Class 5 H. 1400m

Guillotine : Condado (NZ) (Idea by Danewin) 2012;
07/05/2017, 1st Selangor TC Open Maiden S. 1300m
Sold by JK Farm at Ready to Run Sale for \$44000

Iffraaj : Dragon Lair - Zhuhai (Sing.) (NZ) (Foxy Blonde by Volksraad) 2011;
06/05/2017, 1st Selangor TC Class 4 H. 1200m
Sold by Haunui Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$80000

SINGAPORE

Coats Choice : Nova Ranger (NZ) (Best Price Coup by Pentire) 2012;
05/05/2017, 1st Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1100m

Darci Brahma : Darc Bounty (NZ) (Miss Elusive by Elusive Quality) 2013;
05/05/2017, 1st Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1100m
Sold by Longlands Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$100000

No Excuse Needed : Prince Ferdinand (NZ) (Look at Moiye by O'Reilly) 2012;
05/05/2017, 1st Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1200m

Pins : Chopin's Fantaisie (NZ) (Golden Gamble by Oregon) 2013;
05/05/2017, 1st Singapore TC Restricted Maiden S. 1100m
Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$150000

Pins : Pinyin (NZ) (Gifted Lass by More Than Ready) 2009;
05/05/2017, 1st Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1700m
Sold by Goodwood Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$60000

Showcasing : Caorunn (NZ) (Molly's Dolly by Bertolini) 2013;
05/05/2017, 1st Singapore TC Class 3 H. 1200m
Sold by Longlands Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$60000

Swiss Ace : Lim's Sprint (NZ) (Sharp Melody by Daggers Drawn) 2011;
05/05/2017, 1st Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1200m

