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FURNISHED RISING RED TAKES PREMIER'S CUP



Rising Red breaks through at stakes level in Doomben (Grant Peters)

Tough stayer **Rising Red (NZ)** (Redwood) showed he had developed the maturity to win a big stakes races with his victory in the Gr.3 Premier's Cup (2200m) at Doomben.

The New Zealand-bred Rising Red was given the run of the race by jockey Corey Brown before coming away to win by

1-1/4 lengths to Maurus (Medicean).

The Cranbourne based Trent Busuttin-Natalie Young training partnership has always held high hopes for Rising Red who ran second in Gr.1 New Zealand Derby (2400m) behind star galloper Gingernuts (NZ) (Iffraaj) last year.

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Rising Red hadn't won since scoring at Sandown 15 months ago but he showed he was on course for a win with a third in the Chairman's Handicap (2000m) at Doomben on May 12 at his first Queensland start.

"He hit the front there and was a bit unsettled. But today he put the field away in style," Busuttin said.

"I think he is starting to mature now to the level where he can win a Group race like the Brisbane Cup."

-AAP

Race	Premier's Cup Gr.3 2200m
Winner	Rising Red (NZ) 2013
Owners	T L Busuttin, N J Carter, Mrs V M Carter, Mrs J A Carter, B H Carter, N M Bainbridge, Mrs N R Bainbridge, P O'Shannessy, C J O'Shannessy, W Watson, Mrs L E Watson, L King, S Marinelli, S D Hodgson, Mrs A L Taylor, J S Whiteman & A J Brumby
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MAZZURO UPSETS SANDOWN RIVALS

The prize money on offer for young stayers was the catalyst for Byerley Park trainer Paul Richards to take **Mazzuro** (NZ) (Rip Van Winkle) to Victoria.

The trip paid dividends at Sandown on Saturday when the \$41 outsider scored in the Ladbrokes Cash Out Handicap (2100m).

Ridden by Jye McNeil, Mazzuro defeated Mr Monaco (Monaco Consul) by three-quarters-of-a-length with Greycliffe (NZ) (Tavistock) a length away third.

"You race here for \$22,000 and

\$25,000 in maiden races and he was running for \$120,000 today," Richards said.

"That's a Group Two race back home so it's not a hard decision to come over.

"We'll enjoy the moment and make a decision tomorrow, but I'd say we'll stay for a bit longer now."

Richards said the trip to Melbourne has been the making of the gelding.

"He's got better as he's gone along and has the looks of a promising staying horse," he said.

The father of Jamie Richards, who

is preparing to take over as sole trainer of the large Te Akau Racing team in New Zealand, is moving to join his son at Matamata when he returns home.

-AAP

Race	Ladbrokes Cash Out H. 2100m
Winner	Mazzuro (NZ) 2014
Owners	J W & Mrs S D Duell
Trainer	Paul Richards (Byerley Park)
Breeding	by Rip Van Winkle (IRE) out of Mini Pearl by Black Minnaloushe (USA)
Breeder	Mrs K A & N J Auret



Mazzuro continues to reap the rewards from an Australian campaign (Bruno Cannatelli)





STIRRING WIN FOR DERBY-BOUND LIVE AND FREE

As **Live And Free (NZ)** (Savabeel) rubberstamped his presence in the Queensland Derby, Julie Manning's joy was surpassed by a more significant victory.

A part-owner of the developing stayer, Manning's thoughts were soon with husband Gary, who watched the Wilson Asset Management Handicap (2000m) unfold from Forster Private Hospital.

The couple were involved in a single vehicle car accident as they headed home to Forster late last month.

Julie sported a brace on her left wrist at Randwick, while Gary faces a lengthy rehabilitation process from serious rib and sternum injuries.

So Live And Free's dominant triumph was just the fillip the couple required.

"I'm just so choked up at the moment. For Gary not to be here is difficult. It's a bittersweet moment, though it's obviously very sweet," she said.

"Gary's got a lot of rib damage and he's learning to walk again.

"I don't think he'll be well enough to go to the Queensland

Derby but hopefully we might see him here (at Randwick) soon."

Trainer John O'Shea acquired the three-year-old, who raced in New Zealand as Patrician, from Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman's stable over spring with an eye to the Gr.1 Queensland Derby (2200m) at Doomben on June 9.

His third win from five starts since arriving in Sydney saw him shorten from \$9 in the Australian TAB market to join the Darren Weir-trained Lucky For All (NZ) (Tavistock) as the joint \$4.50 favourite.

"At the half-mile the writing was on the wall. He just had a lap full of horse

and we know that he had the best turn of foot," O'Shea said.

Live And Free, the \$2.30 favourite, hit the line 1-1/4 lengths from Ombudsman (NZ) (Reliable Man) to give Sydney jockeys' premiership leader Avdulla a treble.

"He took me everywhere I needed to be and once I let him stride he accelerated really well and put a gap on them quickly," Avdulla said.

-AAP

Race	Wilson Asset Management 2000m
Winner	Live And Free (NZ) 2014
Owners	S D Perrin, A D Paradise, Mrs R J Perrin, Placanica, Pay The Man, M J Slater, J D Melick, Mrs J Melick, G A McLachlan, H A McLachlan, J R Braham, T G R Worner, Ms L M Barp, W Roberts, D Roberts Daniel, Arts Racing, C Carrington, L Williams & M Acevski
Trainer	John O'Shea (Randwick)
Breeding	by Savabeel (AUS) out of Patrimonium (IRE) by Green Desert (USA)
Breeder	Emblem Ltd
Sales	National Yearling Sale – Premier Sale; V: Windsor Park Stud, P: Bruce Perry Bloodstock; \$200,000



Live And Free is now the joint favourite for the Gr.1 QLD Derby off the back of his Randwick win (Bradley Photographers)





BASTIA BRILLIANT AT RANDWICK



Conditions suited Bastia at Randwick on Saturday (Bradley Photographers)

Bastia (NZ) (Rip Van Winkle) has provided trainer Kris Lees with some consolation after promising colt Graff (Star Witness) was a late scratching from the Gr.2 Sires' Produce Stakes (1350m) at Doomben.

The four-year-old gelding notched the fourth win of his 17-race career when surging to a 2-1/4 length victory as the \$3.50 favourite in the EML Handicap (1600m) at Randwick.

"Obviously there's mixed emotions with what happened in Queensland but it's good to get a result," said Lees' stable representative Lucas Miller.

"Brenton (Avdulla) rode the race to suit him, the track conditions really suited him as well and he let down accordingly."

Miller said Bastia would stick to Sydney over winter where wet tracks will be beneficial.

"He's just a consistent Saturday type horse so we'll keep chasing prize money," he said.

Avdulla, who earlier rode The Autumn Sun (Redoute's Choice) to victory, protected his Sydney jockeys' premiership lead with an early double.

"He travelled comfortable, I

dropped back to the fence at the 600 and my bloke really towed me through and off that gallop he really extended nicely," he said. - AAP

Race	EML Handicap 1600m
Winner	Bastia (NZ) 2013
Owners	A R Bell
Trainer	Kris Lees (Newcastle)
Breeding	by Rip Van Winkle (IRE) out of Irlanda by O'Reilly
Breeder	J A & R L Burnet, A T & Mrs C M Jackson
Sales	2015 National Yearling Sale – Premier Sale; V: Mapperley Stud, P: NZB as agent; \$210,000





FREEDMAN LANDS SINGAPORE GUINEAS WITH MR CLINT

Lee Freedman landed the S\$1 million Singapore Guineas (1600m) with **Mr Clint (NZ)** (Power) at Kranji on Saturday.

He had added the silverware to his budding Singapore trophy cabinet courtesy of a superlative performance from Mr Clint under a peach of a ride from top Hong Kong-based Australian jockey Zac Purton in the third and final Leg of the Singapore Three-Year-Old Challenge.

"It's a great thrill to win a feature race here in Singapore. We're here now and that's what we have to do: Win these big races here, too," said Freedman who later went on to train a double with Aotearoa (NZ) (Sakhee's Secret) in the last race.

"This horse (Mr Clint) is not the greatest here, but he's an honest sort. CK (owner Phua Chian Kin of Oscar Racing Stable) bought him

for NZ\$90,000 and shared him with Laurie Laxon (previous trainer for Mr Clint). It's nice to train a good horse for them.

"I told Zac that he should keep him on the outside as he doesn't like to be on the inside of horses. He was travelling so well and I knew he would be hard to beat then."

Starting as the \$21 favourite, the son of Power indeed made light of a wide trip worse than midfield before swinging for home looking full of running, and stamping himself as the fresh horse on the scene.

Purton said that Mr Clint, who also won the first leg of the Singapore Three-Year-Old Challenge, was always in the zone despite covering extra ground on the outskirts.

"I didn't expect he would show a bit of speed early, even if he was overracing a little," he said.

"I was able to put him back and he relaxed nicely for me from thereon in. He pinged in the home straight and was just too good."

"There are no more three-year-old races now, so he's going for a break," said Freedman.

"We will then bring him back for the longer races later in the year."



Mr Clint scored a brilliant win in the Singapore Guineas

Laxon, who also owns Aotearoa, was a happy man twice over at the winner's circle.

"I bought Mr Clint and I always knew he would be a good horse. He has a Zabeel mare, a Danehill mare and a Centaine mare in his pedigree, all royal blood," said the legendary Singapore nine-time champion trainer.

"I own Aotearoa 100% and I think he will also become a good horse. He is my Derby horse.

Ridden by Daniel Moor, the Sakhee's Secret mare just got up by a nose in the S\$125,000 Better Than Ever 2010 & 2011 Stakes, a Kranji Stakes A race over 1600m. - STC

Race	Singapore Guineas 1600m
Winner	Mr Clint (NZ) Power
Owners	Oscar Racing Stables
Trainer	Lee Freedman (Singapore)
Breeding	by Power (GB) out of Victoria Belle by Zabeel
Breeder	Sir Patrick & Lady Hogan
Sales	2016 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale: V: Cambridge Stud, P: Stuart Hale & Co; \$52,500 2016 Ready To Run Sale of 2yos; V: Riversley Park, P: Mr LK Laxon; \$95,000





STAKES MARE BOUNCES BACK TO TOP FORM

A quick back-up has brought out the best in the Group performer **Platinum Command (NZ)** (Red Giant).

Race	IRT North Island Challenge Stakes 1400m
Winner	Platinum Command (NZ) 2011
Owners	Ashburn Lane Investments Ltd & N J McAlister
Trainer	Lisa Latta (Awapuni)
Breeding	by Red Giant (USA) out of Wednesday Rocks by Encosta De Lago (AUS)
Breeder	G Harvey
Sales	2013 National Yearling Sale – Festival Sale; V: Westbury Stud, P: Lisa Latta Racing; \$40,000

The Red Giant mare had been in indifferent form this preparation, but turned her fortunes around at Trentham on Saturday with a defeat of the short-priced favourite Art Deco (NZ) (Road To Rock) in the IRT North Island Challenge Stakes (1400m).

“She had been a bit disappointing in her last couple of starts,” trainer Lisa Latta said.

“At Awapuni, she over-raced so I told Masa (Tanaka) to ride her where she was happy. She was dropping back to 1400m, but it’s like going a mile out there today.”

Tanaka had Platinum Command, who has placings in the Gr.3 Metric

Mile (1600m) and the Gr.3 Winter Cup (1600m) on her CV, in third spot on the fence before he angled away from the rail before the turn.

Art Deco, with a four kilo pull in the weights, was in front but couldn’t hold out the determined Platinum Command in the closing stages.

“I followed Art Deco all the way and it took a while to catch her, but my mare finished really well,” Tanaka said.

A six-year-old, Platinum Command has now won nine races with three of them at Trentham and a history of handling heavily rain-affected ground.

“She’s performed really well today. She loves Wellington and wet tracks

– she’s back to her best,” Tanaka said.

Art Deco was brave in testing conditions and she will head north to Tauranga to make her next appearance in the Listed Woburn Farm Classic (1400m) on June 23.

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Platinum Command (outer) gets the better of Art Deco (Race Images)





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LATE TRENTHAM **DECISION PAYS OFF**

An after-thought was handsomely rewarded at Trentham on Saturday.

Trainer Rachael Frost hadn't originally intended to run **Redefine (NZ)** (Captain Rio) in The Hanley Formula Autumn Sprint Championship Final (1200m) and a late change of mind saw the Captain Rio gelding take his chance grab the thick end of the \$50,000 stake.

"I didn't think he would get in as he hadn't run in any of the qualifying races, but the nominations looked average so I put him in," Frost said.

The well-travelled Redefine has now won three in a row, as he did last winter, after successes at Blenheim

and Riccarton during a recent southern sojourn.

The gelding was ridden at Trentham by Madan Singh and they set the terms in front and the horse stuck to his task grimly under pressure to prevail in a close finish.

Frost is now unsure what the immediate

future holds for Redefine.

"If he ran badly today he'd have gone out," she said. "In the central districts there aren't any Rating 85 races for him, I could see if there's an open race somewhere."

Perfect Harmonee (NZ) (Nadeem) raced outside the leader and he fought valiantly in the straight, only to come up short by a nose at the post.

Third placegetter Dougie (NZ) (Keeper) ran up expectations in his first appearance since winning over 2200m at Ellerslie on Boxing Day. Trainer Peter Lock said the four-year-old had worked particularly well during the week.

The well-fancied Manhattan Street (Manhattan Rain) ran fourth after

having his chance and Casaquinman (NZ) (Per Incanto) battled in the ground and was next home.

He had won his previous two starts on better ground and will now be spelled, according to trainer Shane Brown.

- NZ Racing Desk.

Race	Hanley Formula Autumn Sprint Championship Final 1200m
Winner	Redefine (NZ) 2013
Owners	Mrs C M Frost
Trainer	Rachael Frost (Otaki)
Breeding	by Captain Rio (GB) by Miss Defy out of Grosvenor
Breeder	Mrs C M Frost



Redefine (blue blinkers) showed his fighting qualities to win at Trentham (Race Images)





STAKES AIM FOR GALLANT MARE

Rosewood's (NZ) (Redwood) latest success has earned her a return to black type company.

The four-year-old will step up in grade next time out following a game performance to win Saturday's New Zealand Bloodstock Insurance Pearl Series Race (1400m) at Trentham.

"As long as she comes through this well, we'll look at the stakes race at Wanganui – it should suit her," owner-trainer Marilyn Paewai said, referring to next weekend's Listed Ag Challenge Stakes (1600m).

Third in the Gr.3 Boehringer Metric Mile (1600m) last preparation, Rosewood had won trials either side of an unplaced run when resuming at Te Rapa last month.

"I just had a few little issues with her. She had a stone bruise and got over that and I knew she was well for today," Paewai said.

She had been bullish on Rosewood's chances, but admitted to pre-race concern about the Redwood mare carrying 59kg.

"I was reasonably confident until I got the saddle. She's not very big and I was worried about the weight, but she's always good in the mud."

Rosewood sat off the pace before apprentice Wiremu Pinn improved near the turn and strode to the front 300m from home. They then drew out to score by three lengths.

"That's broken her hoodoo – that's the first race she's won other than at New Plymouth," Paewai said. "She's the best horse I've ever had."



Rosewood has earned a stakes recall with her Trentham victory (Race Images)

Sophia Magia (NZ) (Per Incanto) raced near the pace and boxed on for second ahead of Do Ya (NZ) (Howbaddouwantit), who raced in the trail. – NZ Racing Desk.

Race	NZB Insurance Pearl Series Race 1400m
Winner	Rosewood (NZ) 2013
Owners	Mrs M Paewai
Trainer	Marilyn Paewai (Inglewood)
Breeding	by Redwood (GB) out of Glad Eye (GB) by Giant's Causeway (USA)
Breeder	Consolidated Bloodstock Ltd
Sales	2014 National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Bloodstock Sale; V: Bradbury Park, P: Mr RH & Mrs M Paewai; \$4,000



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AUSPICIOUS KRANJI DEBUT FOR SYDNEY JOCKEY JASON COLLETT

Expat New Zealand rider Jason Collett had winning debut in Singapore on Saturday night on **Auspicious Day (NZ)** (Showcasing).

The 26-year-old is in town to take the ride aboard New Zealand raider Ocean Emperor (NZ) (Zabeel) in the S\$1.5 million Kranji Mile (1600m).

Collett, whose younger sister Alysha just began a six-month contract in Singapore last week, was obviously thrilled at the “auspicious” start to the day.

“The horse had a lovely run. I had plenty of horse to work with and I gave him a squeeze, he won very well,” said Collett.

“The trainer (Leslie Khoo) was confident he would run well up to the mile even if he was at his first test over that trip. A big thank you to the trainer for the good ride.”

Auspicious Day, who opened his account at his last start at Restricted Maiden level, was not the quickest out of the gates, as is his habit, but seemed to be travelling relaxed enough at the rear for his first-time partner.

When Collett decided the Showcasing three-year-old needed a wriggle on, they started to noticeably work through the field before charging down the middle of the straight towards a comprehensive 2 ½-length

win from Nova Classic (Public Speaker).

The winning time was 1min 35.6secs for the 1600m on the Long Course.

That second win has now edged Auspicious Day’s earnings closer to the S\$150,000 mark for the Angie No 3 Stable.

Not to be outdone Alysha rode her first Singapore winner later in the card on the Michael Clements-trained Eye Guy (Bradbury’s Luck) in the S\$85,000 Stepitup 2015 Stakes (1200m).

“I’m thrilled to get my first winner in Singapore. Jason’s my older brother, so he went first, I’ll give him that,” said Collett.

“It’s obviously my first ride on this horse. He’s got a free-riding action and I

just let him use that big action to settle in the lead.

“He is still very green. He was on the wrong leg, ran out in the straight, but he had enough left in the tank to win the race.” -STC

Race	Debt Collector 2016 Stakes 1600m
Winner	Auspicious Day (NZ) 2014
Owners	Angie No3 Stable
Trainer	Leslie Khoo (Singapore)
Breeding	by Showcasing (GB) out of Sweet Charity by Zabeel
Breeder	Mrs K A & W P Myers
Sales	2016 National Yearling Sale – Select Sale; V: Seaton Park, P: Mr SC Chew; \$30,000



Jason Collett paired up with Auspicious Day to win at his Singapore debut





HYDE PARK GIVES GRAY A BOOST

Kranji came under the spell of "Mauritian Magician" jockey Karis Teetan after he rode a brilliant double at Kranji on Saturday.

Trainer Stephen Gray's decision to book the Hong Kong-based rider to ride **Hyde Park (NZ)** (Darci Brahma) in the S\$45,000 Cash Luck 2013 Stakes, a Class 4 Non Premier race over 1200m was a wise one.

Especially when the Darci Brahma four-year-old looked like he would be gobbled up by the fast-finishing Taro San (NZ) (All American) inside the last 50 yards.

But Teetan, who had rated Hyde Park in front to perfection, somehow, got his mount to lunge on the line to prevail by the proverbial pimple from Taro San.



Hyde Park hangs on for dear life as Taro San comes wearing him down in Race 5

"It's good to get a win for Paul (Hickman, owner of Hyde Park) as he's a good friend of mine," said Teetan.

"The horse got to the front pretty easy. I had so much horse under me that I was actually surprised he won by such a short margin.

"I think he needed company when he hit the front on his own at the top of the straight. If the other horse had drawn level earlier, he would found another length earlier and would have won by a bigger margin."

Gray was delighted the judge's call went his way after admitting the stable has struggled to really take off this season and was only at his 11th success this year when he is at least at a figure twice that amount at this time of the year.

"We've had seven individual seconds lately, which tells me the horses are running well. But we've had no luck in general, the horses are high in class, injury, bad draws, your name it," Gray said.

"Karis rated Hyde Park very well. We didn't want to lead, but I told Karis this horse has enough speed to go forward and let them chase him.

"That would be his only way to win and that's exactly how it panned out. At the 200m, I couldn't look and when I saw the other horse coming, I thought we'd lose, but he hung on."

Hyde Park has now taken his record to two wins from five starts for Hickman's St George Stable.

-STC

Race	Cash Luck 2013 Stakes 1200m
Winner	Hyde Park (NZ) 2013
Owners	St George Stable
Trainer	Stephen Gray (Singapore)
Breeding	by Darci Brahma out of Femmebot by Stravinsky (USA)
Breeder	Sir Patrick & Lady Hogan
Sales	2015 National Yearling Sales – Select Sale; V: Cambridge Stud, P: Mr S Gray; \$70,000





BADEL KEEPS VISITING JOCKEYS' WINNING RUN FLOW WITH RIVER GOLDEN

French jockey Alexis Badel made sure he was not the only visiting jockey not to get on the scoresheet at Kranji after he drove **River Golden (NZ)** (No Excuse Needed) to a spirited win in the S\$80,000 Better Life 2012 Stakes, a

Class 3 Division 2 race over 1200m on Saturday.

Favourite Yulong Xiongyin (Footstepsinthesand) was being hailed the winner when he opened up to a comfortable lead down the straight, but Badel was working overtime on the wayward River Golden at the back.

The Hong Kong-owned No Excuse Needed five-year-old was hanging in badly under pressure and did not look like he would give the Frenchman that first Kranji win.

But the son of former top jockey Alain Badel and trainer Myriam Bollack-Badel showed he had riding in

his genes with a breathtaking riding display inside the last furlong.

River Golden kept digging deep under Badel's typical gallic riding style, eventually laying down the law to gather Yulong Xiongyin by half-a-length.

"It's fantastic to ride a winner here in Singapore," said Badel, a regular visitor in Hong Kong during the off-season in France.

"The horse gave me a pretty good race. We had the perfect draw and he ran relaxed in midfield.

"He was hanging in badly, but he showed a good turn of foot to catch

the leader."

Local trainer Mok Zhan Lun said all the credit should go to Badel as he thought his ward was not making much headway at the 300m.

"The jockey gave the horse a tough ride. All credit should go to him – he won the race," said Mok.

"It's fantastic to have a winner on such a big day."

River Golden (\$40) was bringing up his fourth win from 23 starts for prizemoney that has now edged closer to the S\$180,000 mark for owner Ho Pui Kim.

- STC

Race	Better Life 2012 Stakes 1200m
Winner	River Golden (NZ) 2012
Owners	Ho Pui Kim
Trainer	Mok Zhan Lun (Singapore)
Breeding	by No Excuse Needed (GB) out of Peggylee by Danasinga (AUS)
Breeder	Mrs B A & T G Spriggins



River Golden wears down Yulong Xiongyin to take out Race 6





MUD LOVER HAWERA FANCY

Time Bomb (NZ) (Towkay) has got the stable nod for Hawera on Sunday.

He will be one of two representatives for Janelle Millar in the Sandfords Rural Carriers 1600m with the New Plymouth trainer also starting **Effectav (NZ)** (Tavistock).

“He’ll handle the track better than the mare and with the lighter weight I’d go for him,” she said.

Time Bomb was a solid third when resuming from a spell at Awapuni last month and then finished sixth on his home track under 59kg.

“The weight got to him, but he has been working really well since and he loves heavy going.”

The winner of four races, all on rain-affected going, Time Bomb will benefit on Saturday by Wiremu Pinn’s four kilo claim.

While Effectav’s three victories have all been on dead surfaces, Millar is hopeful she can cope at Hawera.

“She has been galloping really well,” she said. “She’s older now and she’s got a bit of wear and tear in her joints.

“We’re hoping she can get away with it on a heavy track, it would be nice to get another win with her.”

Effectav was unplaced last time in an open handicap at New Plymouth, but the Tavistock mare did have a valid excuse.

“She went into a hole 600m from home and Masa (Tanaka) said he nearly came off her,” Millar said. “She has come through the race well though.”

– NZ Racing Desk.



Time Bomb ticking over well for Hawera (Race Images)

