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SALE RING INVESTMENT PROVES A WISE MOVE WHEN EMBELLISH WINS GUINEAS



Embellish gives Opie Bosson his seventh Two Thousand Guineas success while Te Akau stables notch their sixth win in the event, the obscured Ever Loyal narrowly preventing Age Of Fire and Te Akau Shark completing the trifecta for the Matamata operation.

Hopes of a lucrative life after racing for **Embellish (NZ)** (Savabeel) were significantly boosted at Riccarton yesterday when he added a further top-flight victory to his family's roll of honour.

The expensive yearling emulated his sister Diademe by winning at the highest level in the Group One Al Basti Equiworld New Zealand Two Thousand Guineas and in doing so the classy colt significantly lifted his stallion profile.

"I've always liked him, he had raw ability as a two-year-old and I knew as a three-year-old he would be a top-class colt,"

successful rider Opie Bosson said.

A son of Waikato Stud's champion sire Savabeel and the O'Reilly mare Bling, Embellish was purchased out of the Matamata farm's 2016 Premier Sale draft at Karaka by Te Akau principal David Ellis.

He was secured with a stallion career in mind and Embellish, whose relative Espumoso earlier maintained his unbeaten record with victory at Te Rapa, is now on the way to fulfilling that intention.

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- Nahema: last 4 starts, 2 wins and 2 2nds in Australia

THEY JUST KEEP GETTING BETTER WITH AGE





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"He's a very valuable colt and we would love to think that he will be standing at stud in the future," Ellis said.

The Stephen Autridge and Jamie Richards-trained Embellish trailed Ever Loyal (Sebring) throughout and, when he came off the leader's back into the straight, the handsome brown three-year-old quickly asserted his superiority to draw clear.

"I was in the perfect position and tracked Ever Loyal all the way and I knew I had him covered at the 600," Bosson said.

He has now won the Guineas seven times and it was the sixth for the powerful Te Akau operation.

"It's a stallion-making race and this bloke has a top future," Richards said. "Opie gave him a super ride in the trail."

The stable also produced the runner-up Age Of Fire (Fastnet Rock) and the fourth placed Te Akau Shark (NZ) (Rip Van Winkle), a perfect result spoiled only by the effort of the

Tony Pike-trained Ever Loyal to hold third money.

"Everybody was asking me before the race which was the best one but I couldn't tip one and all three have gone very well," Richards said.

"It's a great result for everyone, the staff here and at home and for David Ellis, who bought all three horses."

Race	CJC New Zealand Two Thousand Guineas Gr.1 1600m
Winner	Embellish (NZ) 2014
Owners	Te Akau 2016 Breeding Syndicate (Mgr: K W Fenton-Ellis MNZM)
Trainer	Stephen Autridge & Jamie Richards (Matamata)
Breeding	by Savabeel (Aus) out of Bling by O'Reilly
Breeder	Waikato Stud Ltd
Sales	2016 National Yearling Sale, Premier Session; V: Waikato Stud Ltd, P: DC Ellis; \$775,000

NEWS IN BRIEF

Injury puts a halt to Gingernuts' Emirates Stakes bid

Yesterday's Group One Emirates Stakes at Flemington was marred by Kiwi star Gingernuts (NZ) (Iffraaj) breaking down. The start of the 2000 metre contest was delayed by ten minutes after the gelding suffered a freak injury, pulling up lame while trotting to the barrier.

Vets bandaged Gingernuts' leg before a horse float took the triple Group One winner off the track.

Jockey Michael Dee said the only good thing was the timing of the injury.

"At least it happened before the race, not during the race," Dee said. "He was going to the barriers nice and collected but something went amiss there."

"I definitely felt it happen. Straight away I pulled him up and got off as quick as I could."

Racing Victoria vet Dr Grace Forbes said, "Gingernuts was walked onto the float and has been transported to the University of Melbourne Veterinary Clinic in Werribee for further assessment."

A stewards' statement later announced that Gingernuts had been diagnosed with a non-life-threatening fractured pastern on his near foreleg and the New Zealand star will have an operation on Monday.

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SAVAPINSKI COMPLETES **GAI'S WEEK**

Trainers Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott have continued their excellent Melbourne Cup carnival, collecting more success on the final day.

Lining up for just her seventh race start, **Savapinski (NZ)** (Savabeel) led throughout to claim yesterday's Group Two Matriarch Stakes, the victory providing the Waterhouse/Bott stable with their fifth win for the carnival, all in stakes races, with a winner on each of the four days at Flemington.

Cismontane (NZ) (High Chaparral) started the ball rolling in the Lexus Stakes last Saturday, followed by a double on Tuesday before Pinot, by Pierro from the Zabeel mare Dizelle, gave Waterhouse her first VRC Oaks on Thursday.

Ridden by Brenton Avdulla, Savapinski was well supported from \$5.50 to \$4.80 yesterday before scoring by 2¾ lengths from \$10 chance Payroll (Not A Single Doubt) with outsider Token Of Love (Al Maher) a length away third.

"She's a mare on the rise," Waterhouse said.

"I just felt this race would be a nice target which I've had for her for a while and I thought she'd be hard to beat.

"I knew if she used her speed they would not run her down.

"She just skipped away from them. She was like a little bunny rabbit."

Avdulla said he gained confidence knowing Savapinski would be fit for yesterday's race, saying the mare was one-paced but suited by getting out to the 2000 metre journey.

"She's so tough and honest and I just let her run," Avdulla said.

"Gai and Adrian's horses are flying at the moment and that gives you the confidence to ride them like fit horses and she wasn't going to stop.

"It's her first preparation and there's still plenty of improvement to come.

After taking the lead 1600 metres from home and being a couple of lengths clear thereafter, Savapinski is out on her own at the business end of Flemington's Matriarch Stakes.

"She lacks a turn of foot, but as Gai always used to tell me, she's had plenty of good horses that were one-paced, and a classic example is this little girl!"

– AAP TURF

Race	VRC Matriarch S. Gr.2 2000m
Winner	Savapinski (NZ) 2013
Owners	Dynamic Syndications Racing (Mgr: D Watt), D Batchelor, Mrs K Batchelor, M Davey, D Wilton, Triquetra Spirit (Mgr: S O'Shea), C Sheehan, E Fuller, R McKay, I Middleton, Ms A Bradley, Dr M Purcell, Mrs M Stocks, L Oades, Tiding (Mgr: T Buckley), R Bravington, B Miles, J Naumovski, N Earl and R Wray
Trainer	Gai Waterhouse & Adrian Bott (Randwick)
Breeding	by Savabeel (Aus) out of Swarovski by Pins (Aus)
Breeder	Waikato Stud Ltd
Sales	2015 National Yearling Sale, Select Session; V: Waikato Stud Ltd, P: Dynamic Syndications/Gai Waterhouse Racing; \$70,000





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LADY LUCK TURNS UP FOR ASPEN LASS

Local mare **Aspen Lass (NZ)** (Alamosa) belatedly turned her racing fortunes around on her home turf yesterday with a commanding performance that earned her a first stakes success.

Prepared by Riccarton trainer Terri Rae, the five-year-old was kept out of trouble at the back of the field before unwinding in the straight to claim the Listed Redwood Metropolitan Trophy.

“She got back and was really relaxed and she got home easily over the top of them,” rider Alysha Collett said.

“She’s got a good mentality and was off the bit all the way.”

Aspen Lass had been a minor player in her two previous runs at Timaru and

Riccarton, the latter occasion when runner-up in the Listed Spring Classic over 2000 metres, and both times striking trouble in the running.

“She’s been one of the unluckiest horses you would come across,” stable representative Ryan Thistoll said. “Bad luck seems to follow her wherever she goes.”

However, it was turned around in the Metropolitan in which she was opposed by only six rivals.

“The small field helped her and she’ll go to the paddock now for a well-earned break,” Thistoll said.

Aspen Lass accounted for the stablemates Imperium (NZ) (Encosta de Lago) and Grazia (NZ) (Savabeel) with the pair at \$6 and \$10

respectively for next Saturday’s Group Three New Zealand Cup.

The fourth runner home was Bee Tee Junior (NZ) (Nom du Jeu), whose \$14 price is likely to be trimmed if there is an easing of the track.

Race	CJC Metropolitan Trophy H. L 2500m
Winner	Aspen Lass (NZ) 2012
Owners	G & Mrs L Causer
Trainer	Terri Rae (Riccarton)
Breeding	by Alamosa out of Tief by Viking Ruler (Aus)
Breeder	Whakanui Stud Ltd
Sales	2014 National Yearling Sale, Select Session; V: Wellfield Lodge, P: Phill Cataldo Bloodstock; \$5000 2014 Ready To Run Sale; V: Bradbury Park, P: P A Willetts; \$25,000



A late rush has Aspen Lass and Alysha Collett comfortably home first in yesterday’s Metropolitan at Riccarton.





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UNTAMED DIAMOND'S TE RAPA WIN HAS RICHARD PLANNING FOR THE RAILWAY

Untamed Diamond (Snitzel) yesterday gained an invaluable black-type victory at Te Rapa and connections will now raise their sights with the mare.

The daughter of dual Morphetville Listed winner Made of Diamonds (Made of Gold) capitalised on a cosy run to down a competitive line-up in the Listed Legacy Lodge Sprint in the hands of Trudy Thornton.

"It was a nice effort," trainer Richard Collett said. "She was all the better for her first-up run.

"She'll definitely be nominated for the Railway now and I'll go home and work out how we get her there.

"She drew well and relaxed nicely and got the job done well."

Collett had originally intended to send Untamed Diamond south for next Wednesday's Group Three Stewards' Stakes at Riccarton but had

a change of heart after her first-up run, an unplaced effort when resuming in the Group Three Sweynesse Stakes at Rotorua last month.

"She looked a bit rough changing legs and I was bit perturbed about going down there to run on a firm track so we stayed closer to home and it's worked out well," he said.

Untamed Diamond has now won seven races, three of them in Sydney, and has a runner-up finish in the Listed Bright Shadow Stakes at Doomben.

Race	Waikato RC Sprint H. L 1200m
Winner	Untamed Diamond (Aus) 2012
Owners	A O Avis, W Bryson, G J Burke, Mrs R Chojnacki, R D Collett, M J Conlon, M J Gilmore, N J Markwick, B M Mollet and A K & K A Stove
Trainer	Richard Collett (Pukekohe)
Breeding	by Snitzel (Aus) out of Made Of Diamonds (Aus) by Made of Gold (USA)
Breeder	Arrowfield Pastoral Pty Ltd



Untamed Diamond produces a solid performance for Trudy Thornton, heading off Speech Craft (nearest camera) and the pacemaking Ferrando, to win yesterday's open sprint at Te Rapa.



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ENZO KICK STARTS **PITMAN PROJECT**

Michael and Matthew Pitman have a black-type sprinting double on their home track in their sights.

The Riccarton trainers bagged the

opening leg yesterday when **Enzo's Lad** (Testa Rossa) produced a career-best performance to win the Listed Yesberg Insurance Pegasus Stakes, over 1000 metres.

The five-year-old isn't in Wednesday's Group Three Lindauer Stewards' Stakes, over 1200 metres, in which the stable will rely on Kinagat (Street Cry) and the last-start Ashburton winner Flying Ibis (Nadeem).

Enzo's Lad executed a long-term plan when he collected his fourth win in eighteen appearances.

"In the autumn we were thinking that he would be a lovely spring horse

so we put him away," Matthew Pitman said.

"We've always had a high opinion of him and he's obviously come up really well this time."

A potential contender for January's Group One Telegraph at Trentham, Enzo Lad was guided to victory by champion jockey Chris Johnson.

"He travelled like a winner and I got a gap halfway down the straight before it closed and with no weight on his back he was too good for them," he said.

"I really like him. He's lightly raced and getting better with age."

Enzo's Lad speared between runners to beat Don Carlo (NZ) (Per

Incanto) and Signify (NZ) (Perfectly Ready) with the winner's barnmate Kinagat overcoming a chequered passage to finish fourth.

"He's gone a really nice race," Pitman said. "At the top of the straight he got into a bit of trouble and got going again."

Race	CJC Pegasus H. L 1000m
Winner	Enzo's Lad (Aus) 2012
Owners	N P Beban, P G Bentley, K N Bradley, S W Grant, J Jacobsen, P Murphy, M R Pitman and I & Mrs L Vibert
Trainer	Michael & Matthew Pitman (Riccarton)
Breeding	by Testa Rossa (Aus) out of Sheerama (Aus) by Catbird (Aus)
Breeder	Reavill Farm Management



The third of Chris Johnson's four winners on the card, Enzo's Lad is far too swift for the sprinters in the thousand metre dash at Riccarton.



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THIS ONE'S ON ME, SAYS ESPUMOSO

Some might say there's no such thing as a free lunch but in the case of the unbeaten two-year-old **Espumoso (NZ)** (Pins) it rings true.

The Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman-trained youngster made a winning debut at Te Aroha last month and yesterday at Te Rapa he struck again with a dominant display to bag the thick end of the stake in the Team Wealleans 1000.

Espumoso's Australian connections are heavily involved in the thoroughbred industry across the Tasman and it's their business that fuels their precocious young talent.

"His owners manufacture our horse feed and we ship it over from Australia," Forsman said.

A son of Pins, Espumoso was a \$50,000 purchase out of Waikato Stud's Premier draft at the New Zealand Bloodstock Yearling Sale earlier this year and is now a serious contender for the Karaka Million at Ellerslie in late January.

"That's why we ran him today and he got the job done," Forsman said. "We'll talk to the owners and I think he could have a few weeks in the paddock now and then set him for that race."

Espumoso enjoyed a handy run one off the fence and he lengthened stride in the straight to win by a comfortable length and a half.

"He's not big but he has got a big action," Forsman said. "He trialled up on a very bad track at Avondale and finished second but didn't handle it. He needs good ground."

The Graeme and Debbie Rogerson-trained debutante Simogramor (NZ) (Fastnet Rock) raced up to her pedigree with a bold showing off the front to finish runner-up.



Michael Coleman steers Espumoso to his second success while Simogramor makes a sound debut in making the unbeaten gelding work for his win.

She is a grey daughter of Katie Lee (Pins), who created New Zealand racing history nine years ago when she became the first horse to win both the Group One New Zealand Two Thousand Guineas and the Group One New Zealand One Thousand Guineas.

Race	Waikato RC Team Wealleans 2YO H. 1000m
Winner	Espumoso (NZ) 2015
Owners	R G & D R Seldon and J F van den Nieuwber
Trainer	Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Pins (Aus) out of Sparkling by O'Reilly
Breeder	Waikato Stud Ltd
Sales	2017 National Yearling Sale, Premier Session; V: Waikato Stud Ltd, P: Pamsel Investments; \$50,000





AMAZING RUN GETS THE MAN HOME

A charmed run along the rails saw **Amazing Man (NZ)** (Keeper) burst through at the top of the straight en route to an easy win at Kranji on Friday night.

The one-time winner over 1200 metres in lowly Class 5 company last year has been pretty much around the mark this campaign without obliging for his new trainer Saimee Jumaat.

But a textbook handling by jockey A'Isisuhairi Kasim in the \$560,000 Super Easy 2011 Stakes, a Class 4 race over 1700 metres on Polytrack, coupled with an unimpeded run during the crucial stages of the race, eventually panned out into a three-length victory at the expense of favourite Captain Jamie (Captain Sonador) with Billy Britain (NZ) (One Cool Cat) third, another two lengths away.

"He had the right weight (51kg) and was drawn in one. What more can you ask?" said Saimee.

"His last run was full of merit; he just couldn't get a run against some quality contenders. He has improved since.

"He was well ridden by Harry. There was a nice pace as he sat behind the leaders scraping paint, just waiting for the opening and he got the job done."

A'Isisuhairi said he went into the race brimming with confidence even if Captain Jamie was a tough nut to crack.

"He was very unlucky at his last run; he couldn't get out," said the Malaysian, well known to Kiwi racegoers as Harry Kasim.

"Tonight, he was travelling beautifully throughout. The pace was nice and steady and he was also handling that surface very well.

"He gave a nice kick and took a big break. I kept looking at the screen

as something from behind could still come up, like Captain Jamie, but luckily we were safe in the end."

– Singapore Turf Club

Race	Singapore TC Super Easy S. 1700m
Winner	Amazing Man (NZ) 2012
Owners	ATL Stable
Trainer	Saimee Jumaat (Kranji)
Breeding	by Keeper (Aus) out of Mumtaz by Cape Cross (Ire)
Breeder	M P Kuklinski
Sales	2014 National Yearling Sale, Select Session; V: Cambridge Stud, P: NZB as agent; \$21,000 2014 Ready To Run Sale; V: Kiltannon Stables, P: Perfect Racing Stable; \$40,000



Amazing Man completes his three-length win at Kranji on Friday night.

