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BENNER HOT ON SCOTT BASE



Scott Base is ready to deliver a big performance in Saturday's Gr.1 Livamol Classic

Johno Benner has no doubt he is taking a horse to the races capable of winning Saturday's Gr.1 Livamol Classic (2040m) at Hastings.

Benner and his partner Holly Wynyard will saddle **Scott Base (NZ)** (Dalghar) and **Wyndspelle (NZ)** (Iffraaj) for the weight-for-age feature, confident the pair possess the ability to upset \$2.10 favourite Savvy Coup (NZ) (Savabeel).

While Scott Base has chased home Savvy Coup in the Gr.1 Tazino Trophy (1400m) and Gr.1 Windsor Park Plate (1600m) at Hastings in recent weeks, he had lowered the Canterbury filly's colours when winning the \$1 million Karaka Million 3YO Classic (1600m) at Ellerslie last season.

"I'm very happy with Scott Base. You can never underestimate what he's capable of. I've had unwavering faith in this horse and I think he can win, even with Savvy Coup in the field," Benner said.

"He's been a victim of the way the track has played on the first two days and he's cost himself by being a bit tardy coming from the barriers. It's been no fault of Vinnie's [jockey Vinnie Colgan] but he hasn't been able to get clear at the right time.

"But if this horse can get clear air, and as long as they are able to come wide to swoop and win with the way the track is

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playing, then I won't be worried if he does get back. He's got an amazing turn of foot.

"He's a class act and I'm absolutely thrilled with the work he's had. He's moving great and looks terrific. He's absolutely primed for Saturday."

TAB bookmakers rate Scott Base as the main danger to Savvy Coup and have the Dalghar four-year-old as a \$7.50 second favourite, with Wyndspelle on the fifth line of betting at \$12.

"Everything is good with him, though the barrier draw is a severe blow," Benner said of Wyndspelle drawing the outside barrier of 14.

"The 59 kilos for a small horse drawn out there makes it a bit tough but he's got the right man [Jason Waddell] on board and it's good to have him in our corner.

"Both his runs on the first two days have been perfect. Going on to a decent track on Saturday will be better again. We'd have just loved to have drawn an inside barrier and got a softer trip."

Safely through Saturday's race, five-year-old Iffraaj entire Wyndspelle could drop back to 1600m for Trentham races such as the Gr.3 Thompson Handicap on October 27, the Gr.1 Rydges Wellington Captain Cook Stakes on December 6 and Gr.1 Harcourts Thorndon Mile on January 19.

A bold performance on Saturday could secure Scott Base a trip to Melbourne for the Gr.1 Cantala Stakes (1600m) at Flemington on November 3, with the Gr.1 Mackinnon Stakes (2000m) at the same track a week later also a possible target.

"But the horse needs to prove himself first. He needs to put his hand up on Saturday," Benner said.

The stable's other runner at Hastings on Saturday is Devine Love (NZ) (Dalghar) in the Dan D'Esposito Memorial (1200m), with Waddell booked to ride.

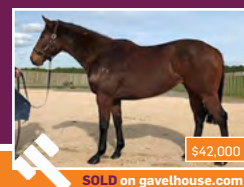
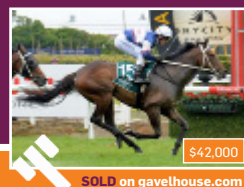
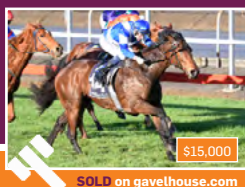
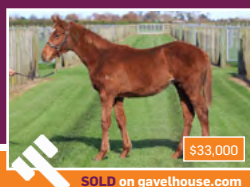
"She's a good quality mare and she's been set for this race," Benner said.

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BOSSON EXCITED FOR HASTINGS RETURN

Everything's apples with Opie Bosson ahead of his comeback to race-riding at Hastings on Saturday.

The champion hoop had just finished his daily workout and was munching on an apple when New Zealand Racing Desk caught up with him on Thursday.

It's clear Bosson is ripe for his return, he's eating properly and has lost 10 kilograms in the past five weeks after admitting he let his weight get away on him during his winter recess.

He attributes his return to riding weight to the encouragement of David Ellis, the boss of Te Akau Racing, to whom Bosson is a retained rider.

"After Melody Belle won on the first day at Hastings, I met with Dave and we sat down and sorted out a programme," Bosson said.

"So now I'm riding trackwork then working out with a personal trainer and then working on the farm during the day. I'm eating properly and I've lost 10 kilos from that first day. I'm feeling really good."

Bosson admits it was frustrating watching Te Akau's glamour mare Melody Belle (NZ) (Commands) win the Gr.1 Tarzino Trophy (1400m) and the Gr.1 Windsor Park Plate (1600m) at Hastings without him aboard but at the same time was rapt for successful jockey Shafiq Rusof.

"It was a little frustrating because it would have been me had I not let my weight go but it was good to see



Opie Bosson will make his return to the riding ranks at Hastings on Saturday where he will attempt to snare another Group One with the Jamie Richards trained mare *Our Abbadean*

Shafiq get those wins. He's a top-class rider and he deserves every success," Bosson said.

A winner of 60 Group One races, Bosson heads to Hastings to ride the Jamie Richards-trained **Our Abbadean (NZ)** (Lookin At Lucky) in the Gr.1 Livamol Classic (2040m) and his most recent Group One winner **Sword Of Osman (NZ)** (Savabeel) in the Gr.2 Sacred Falls Hawke's Bay Guineas (1400m).

"I thought *Our Abbadean* was one of the runs of the race [for fifth in the Windsor Park Plate]. She came from last and got held up making her run," Bosson said.

"Stepping up to 2000m now is ideal. I've been riding her in work and she's been working well. She's bounced through that last race really well."

Bosson said *Sword Of Osman's* trackwork gallops have been even better.

"He's working outstanding but we just don't know about his last run. He was too disappointing to be true so we'll just have to see how he goes on Saturday."

Bosson has taken two other rides at Hastings, **Quaff (NZ)** (Darci Brahma) and **Irish Flame (NZ)** (Zed), both for New Plymouth trainer John Wheeler.

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CURTAIN COMES DOWN ON STELLAR CAREER

The curtain has come down on the outstanding racing career of dual New Zealand Horse of the Year **Bonneval (NZ)** (Makfi) and a change in ownership looks likely in the near future.

The Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman-trained mare has given her owners Alastair Lawrence, Terry Jarvis and John Rattray a great thrill during her racing career, but the decision has been made to retire her after her two disappointing unplaced runs in Melbourne this spring.

“We have taken that decision to retire her,” Lawrence said. “It has been a very hard decision to make, particularly given that we had such high hopes for her this spring because she is now a fully mature mare.

“I think that it’s apparent to us now that her heart is no longer in it. It looks like she has lost the will you need to compete at that level.

“It’s a tough call to make, but it is the right thing to do for the horse and we are pretty happy that she goes out 100 percent healthy and sound.”

The trio of owners purchased the five-year-old daughter of Makfi out of Westbury Stud’s 2015 New Zealand Bloodstock Premier Yearling Sale draft for \$150,000 and she has given them great enjoyment on the track, winning seven of her 14 starts, including three Group One races.

“We are really proud of her efforts,” Lawrence said.

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Multiple Group One winner Bonneval showed her class when she downed a star-studded line-up in the Underwood Stakes at Caulfield last year





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“She’s won three Group Ones and a great highlight was her demolishing them in the Australian Oaks (Gr.1, 2400m).

“Another highlight was her winning the Underwood (Gr.1, 1800m) last year. Stepping up against the boys, that was pretty exceptional.

“The winners list for the Underwood is just a roll call of great Australasian horses and she beat the best there. Winx was the only one not there that day and she beat the best of the rest. I think she has the second fastest time recorded (in the race) so you’d have to be pretty proud of that.

“She has given us the thrills of a lifetime and we’ve been very fortunate to be a part of it.”

Lawrence said it has been a great pleasure to own a horse of Bonneval’s quality and her owners have enjoyed the journey she has taken them on in her four seasons of racing.

“Being able to take a horse to Australia and compete on that stage against the best, that has to be the pinnacle for a New Zealand owner. You have to be pretty good to get on that stage.”

Although her connections have enjoyed their time racing Bonneval, it is looking inevitable that she will be sold in the near future, with her current owners not particularly keen to join the breeding ranks.

“We are just working through our options at the moment,” Lawrence said. “None of us (owners) are breeders, so we are working our way through it.

“I’ve just got off the plane, but apparently there has been a lot of interest expressed in her since the rumours of her retirement surfaced.

“The sale is a possible route we will take because we’re not in that game (breeding) and that’s a specialist game.

“It’s very tempting obviously with a mare of her quality but being in the breeding game with only one mare carries with it a different set of risks.

“We have enjoyed going to the sales every year and trying to pick something out and we have had a bit of fortune with that along the way. So we will stick with that format I suspect.”

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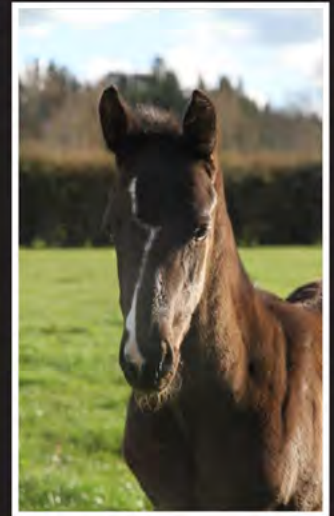
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Grunt (NZ) (O'Reilly)

Turnbull assignment next for Grunt

Dual Group One winner **Grunt (NZ)** (O'Reilly) will meet Winx (Street Cry) in Saturday's Gr.1 Turnbull Stakes (2000m) at Flemington in what will be a rehearsal for their next meeting, the Gr.1 Cox Plate (2040m) at Moonee Valley.

Caulfield trainer Mick Price has chosen to enter the O'Reilly four-year-old for Saturday's 2000m feature after his disappointing performance when sixth in the Gr.1 Underwood Stakes (1800m) at Caulfield last Saturday.

"His form at Caulfield is woeful with the worst three runs of his life at the track," Price told Racing.com.

"On the other hand his best three runs (and wins) have been at Flemington so we're looking forward to getting him back there even if it means we'll run into Winx.

"We have now had to cancel out going to Caulfield but we're still intent on going to the Cox Plate and if I don't run on Saturday, you are forced to run again at Caulfield."



Five To Midnight (NZ) (Domesday)

Latta well represented at Hastings

Lisa Latta has a strong hand to play at Hastings on Saturday with a team of eight entered for the premier meeting, including **Authentic Paddy (NZ)** (Howbaddouwantit)

and **Five To Midnight (NZ)** (Domesday) in the Gr.1 Livamol Classic (2040m).

Latta can't fault Five To Midnight, who heads in to the feature race having won the Fasttrack Insurance 2000m open handicap at Hastings at his last start.

"He's definitely come up a lot stronger this year," Latta said. "We didn't give him that long off out in the wet and his summer coat is there now. He just looks amazing but it's going to be a big step up to weight-for-age for him." [Full story here](#)



Danzdanzdance (Mastercraftsman)

Rain to boost confidence in Ruakaka camp

Chris Gibbs is keeping an eye on the Hawke's Bay weather reports leading up to his stable's two-pronged attack on the Gr.1 Livamol Classic (2040m) on Saturday.

Gibbs and his Ruakaka training partner, Michelle Bradley, have **Danzdanzdance** (Mastercraftsman) and **Hello It's Me (NZ)** (Darci Brahma) set for the \$250,000 feature and another four stable representatives bound for the premier meeting, including Gr.3 Red Badge Spring Sprint (1400m) candidate Vinevale (Flying Spur).

Gibbs is confident both Danzdanzdance, a Group One placegetter, and Hello It's Me, a Group Two winner, are ready to acquit themselves well in the Livamol Classic but would like to see some easing of the ground for both. [Full story here](#)

Kiwi import on trial for Weir

Champion Victorian trainer Darren Weir has little expectation of recent stable addition **Verry Elleegant (NZ)** (Zed).

The winner of two of her three starts in New Zealand for trainer Nick Bishara, Weir is pleased with the daughter of Zed and is hoping to get a guide as to where she is at when she tackles the Gr.2 Edward Manifold Stakes (1600m) at Flemington on Saturday.

"She looks a nice stayer," Weir said.



Verry Elleegant (NZ) (Zed)

"We recently purchased her from New Zealand and the previous owners stayed in which is terrific.

"She came over and there's not a lot of her, but she has got a great action and she is doing really well in the feed bin, which is the important thing.

"She has probably got off the plane very tucked-up so we have been able to work her, but not hard.

"We're not going there with any expectations on Saturday other than to have a look at her and see where she fits in, but to me she looks a really good stayer for the future."

Weir was drawn to the filly, who holds a nomination for the Gr.1 VRC Oaks (2500m), by the way in which she closed-off in her victories at Ruakaka and at Matamata.

"The owners were backing their product and were more than happy to stay in, so that is a big plus from our perspective."

Verry Elleegant has drawn well in gate two in the 16-horse field and will be ridden by John Allen.



Stephen Marsh

Gosford double for Marsh

Cambridge trainer Stephen Marsh made a flying visit to Gosford, just outside of

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Sydney, on Thursday to saddle a pair of maiden gallopers and walked away with the lion's share of prizemoney.

Four-year-old mare Campari was successful over 1100m, with the stakes-placed daughter of O'Reilly coming from back in the field to round up her rivals and win going away.

"She had a few issues and had been off the scene for a long time and came over off the back of one quiet trial," Marsh said.

"Class takes them a fair way and I thought she was labouring a little bit coming into the straight, but she picked up nicely in the end and was strong late.

"I think she will benefit a lot from the run. If she keeps fronting up, we will stay here for as long as we can."

A race later Group Two-placed Pins mare Mark Two broke her maiden as expected over 1600m.

"A mile is just her warm-up distance and you could see she was on and off the bit, but that's just her," Marsh said.

"She will go straight from a mile up to 2000m at least and she will carry on stepping up from there."

Both mares sport the colours of New Zealand syndication company Go Racing and both were ridden by Kiwi jockey James McDonald.



Aloisia (NZ) (Azamour)

Aloisia ready for return at Flemington

Quality mare **Aloisia (NZ)** (Azamour) will be kept to shorter distances during a spring campaign which begins at Flemington.

The Ciaron Maher and David Eustace-trained mare will resume in Saturday's Gr.2 Blazer Stakes (1400m) for fillies and mares and carry top weight of 59kg.

Aloisia has been given a steady build-up for her return and was given the green light to resume after a gallop at Caulfield on Sunday.

"She's going good," Eustace said.

"She galloped here on Sunday morning and worked really well so we're really happy with her.

"She's had two trials at Cranbourne and we thought her second one was pretty sharp.

"She's not a horse that trials that well but her work has been pretty solid.

"She'll run well on Saturday for sure and we're definitely going to be keeping her to shorter trips this time."

Eustace said the Gr.1 Myer Classic (1600m) at Flemington on November 3 was Aloisia's spring goal.



King Louis (NZ) (Equiano)

Bary to launch on local carnival

Hastings trainer John Bary is pleased with the talent in his yard at present and is looking forward to showcasing some of it on the final day of the Hawke's Bay Spring Carnival on Saturday.

"We've had three winners from seven runners this season already, a few nice placings and a couple fronting up so we are pretty happy with where we are at," Bary said.

"We train 30-35 and normally about 10 percent of those would be black-type performers, but I reckon I have at least five or six that will feature in those kind of races this season."

Bary believes his talented three-year-old **King Louis (NZ)** (Equiano) will be a factor in the Gr.2 Sacred Falls Hawke's Bay Guineas (1400m), with an inside draw (3) beneficial for the on-speed runner. [Full story here](#)

Tiley looking forward to Guineas challenge

Trainer Nigel Tiley is pleased with high class three-year-old **Melt (NZ)** (Iffraaj) and is looking forward to the challenge in Saturday's Gr.2 Sacred Falls Hawke's Bay Guineas (1400m), which has attracted a strong field of 16 runners.



Melt (NZ) (Iffraaj)

Group One-placed at two, Melt has won both of her starts this season including an impressive victory in the Gr.3 Northland Breeders' Stakes (1200m) at Ruakaka last month.

"I'm really happy with her," Tiley said. "Those first few runs have really brought her on.

"They were relatively soft runs. She had good barrier draws and last start she got a nice run through.

"She hasn't had a lot of pressure put on her, so I think the trip down to Hawke's Bay will tighten her up nicely. Bring it on, I'm looking forward to it."

Tiley said he expected Melt to be midfield in Saturday's contest, for which the daughter of Iffraaj has drawn barrier 9.

Melt is \$4.50 second favourite for the Gr.1 gavelhouse.com New Zealand 1000 Guineas (1600m), while she is also the \$8 second favourite for the Gr.1 Al Basti Equiworld New Zealand 2000 Guineas (1600m).



Crack Me Up (NZ) (Mossman)

Crack Me Up in Group One lead-up

Queensland Horse of the Year **Crack Me Up (NZ)** (Mossman) will have at least two runs before tackling his main Group One mission for the spring carnival

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The first will be Saturday's Listed Paris Lane Stakes (1400m) at Flemington for which he is the 60kg topweight.

Trainer Liam Birchley is aiming Crack Me Up at the Gr.1 Cantala Stakes (1600m) at Flemington on November 3.

"He will need one more run after the Paris Lane but I haven't decided which one," Birchley said.

Crack Me Up won the Gr.2 Villiers (1600m) at Randwick and the Gr.3 Liverpool City Cup (1300m) also at Randwick last season.

His 1600m-form also includes a win in the Gr.3 Sunshine Coast Guineas and the Tatt's Mile at Doomben.

"He has shown he likes 1600 metres so this looks the right race for him in Melbourne," Birchley said.

Bussutin, Young 3YOs chase Vic Derby start

The Turnbull Stakes meeting at Flemington shapes as a defining day for a number of spring aspirants.

Saturday's Listed UCI Stakes (1800m) for three-year-olds is regarded as D-day for a number of potential stayers aimed at the Gr.1 Victoria Derby (2500m) at Flemington in four weeks.

Just as they did 12 months ago, partners Trent Busuttin and Natalie Young will saddle three runners in Saturday's 1800m contest.

[Full story here](#)

Ruakaka duo primed for Hastings

Ruakaka trainers Chris Gibbs and Michelle Bradley are taking a strong team down to Hastings for the last day of the Hawke's Bay carnival, but their biggest chances may be in the Bay Ford NZ Punter of the Year 2200.

The newly formed training partnership will line-up last-start winners **Amazing Az (NZ)** (Azamour) and **Los Angeles (NZ)** (Rock 'n' Pop) in the 2200m undercard and they believe both four-year-olds are strong chances in the race.

"They are very exciting horses from a staying point of view," Gibbs said. "Especially Amazing Az, he's an untapped talent."

"Los Angeles surprised me a bit last time. I thought she might have felt the ground a touch, because they were running to time that day, but she let down and won quite impressively."

"She cemented her trip down to Hastings and we have got some owners involved in her down in Hastings, so it will be nice for them."



Ugo Foscolo (NZ) (Zacinto)

Marsh looking for improvement

Cambridge trainer Stephen Marsh will be hoping that **Ugo Foscolo (NZ)** can recapture his black-type form in the Gr.3 Red Badge Sprint (1400m) at Hastings on Saturday.

The Group One-winning son of Zacinto ran third fresh-up over 1200m at Ruakaka last month before winning an 1100m trial at Te Rapa and Marsh is hopeful of a solid performance from the five-year-old.

"We gave him a good hit-out at the trials," Marsh said.

"Unfortunately he's drawn out wide (barrier 12), but he's going to go forward, that's his racing pattern."

"He's going to go in fit and ready, so we are hoping he can show his best there."



Beauty Generation (NZ) (Road To Rock)

Kiwis quinella Hong Kong feature

Quality New Zealand-bred gallopers **Beauty Generation (NZ)** (Road To Rock) and **Ping Hai Star (NZ)** (Nom Du Jeu) picked up where they left off last season when they quinellaed the Gr.3 Celebration Cup Handicap (1400m) at Sha Tin on Monday.

Beauty Generation, last year's Hong Kong Horse of the Year, sat on the speed throughout before he distanced his rivals in the home straight to win by two and

a quarter lengths over his fast-finishing compatriot.

The three-time Group One-winner will now be set to defend his title in the Gr.1 Hong Kong Mile (1600m) in December.

Meanwhile, the connections of fellow Highden Park graduate and last season's Hong Kong Derby (2000m) hero Ping Hai Star were delighted with his runner-up performance.

"It was a great return, he ran a cracker, he did everything perfectly – he left the gate well and he relaxed for me," jockey Sam Clipperton said.



Botti (NZ) (Jakkalberry)

Botti wins Australian debut

The Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman-trained **Botti (NZ)** (Jakkalberry) is one step closer to the Gr.1 VRC Derby (2500m) after winning at Geelong over 1755m on Monday.

The son of ill-fated stallion Jakkalberry is a close relation to the Baker-trained 2010 Gr.1 Victoria Derby winner Lion Tamer (NZ) (Storming Home) and his trainers are attempting to replicate that result this year with Botti.

Baker was pleased to see Botti win his Australian debut at his third career start as he said he needs to boost his prize money to try to get into better races later in the spring.

"He hit the line well," Baker told racing.com. "He's a staying horse so we'll keep our fingers crossed."

Jockey Damian Lane said Botti had the right attributes heading towards a Derby.

"He's got a good attitude. He relaxes and he's going to get over further," Lane said.

"I guess the next couple of starts will tell when he steps up in grade."

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Little Giant scores after long break

After 12 months on the sidelines, former Kiwi galloper **Little Giant (NZ)** (Swiss Ace) made a long awaited return to the track at Sha Tin on Monday, cruising to victory over 1200m.

The Swiss Ace gelding has suffered foot issues and had only raced in Hong Kong on three prior occasions for two wins.

However, the patience shown by his connections paid off on Monday.

"Hopefully the foot problems are behind him now and we'll have a serious think about what we can do," trainer David Hall told the SCMP

"I'm still not sure what his peak distance will be, obviously he can sprint like that over 1200m and I'm sure he can get to 1400m and he might have a mile distance in him."

Little Giant raced as Blackcrown in New Zealand when trained by Lisa Latta and boasts a win over subsequent multiple Group One winner Humidor (NZ) (Teofilo) in a Tauherenikau maiden.



Namjong Plus (NZ) (Zacinto)

Namjong has sweeping success at Happy Valley

Jockey Keith Yeung broke a frustrating run of outs with his victory on **Namjong Plus (NZ)** (Zacinto) in the Class 3 Kwoon Chung Macau Express Handicap (1800m) at Happy Valley on Wednesday night.

His win on the Me Tsui-trained Namjong Plus was his first victory since April – although the 30-year-old jockey said that he felt the six-month gap was overstated.

"When it comes to a race, all you can do is make as few mistakes as possible. For the most part, I've been riding well and so I knew my luck would turn around, it always does, but it's a matter of waiting for that to happen."

The win of Namjong Plus was also bittersweet for Yeung, as the Zacinto five-year-old was one horse who had been

transferred away from his former mentor Almond Lee when the trainer's licence was withdrawn at the end of last season.

"It was nice and not nice at the same time," Yeung said. "It hurts me a little bit, of course, because I am close to Almond, but the work he did with this horse had him ready to progress this season. I owe a lot to Almond, both professionally and personally."

Namjong Plus showed his trademark turn-of-foot late to defeat Dynamic Eagle (NZ) (Guillotine) by a neck.

Two-year-old impresses at Ruakaka

Two-year-old Showcasing filly **Last Sight (NZ)** made the perfect start to her racing career with a debut win in the Burgundy @ Cambridge Stud 2YO (900m) at Ruakaka on Wednesday.

The Roger James and Robert Wellwood-trained juvenile finished runner-up in her 630m trial at Cambridge last month and has improved since that run according to her trainers.

The Kevin Hickman-owned filly overcame her outside barrier on Wednesday to trail the leader turning for home and quickened through near the rail to win by half a length over Tappy's One (NZ) (Proisir).

"She was a little bit green but hit the line really well in her trial and she's improved," Wellwood said.

"It was a good win and she got a bit of luck through the run."

Luckless Hasabro leaves trainer pondering

Trainer Stephen McKee is weighing up his options as to how progressive three-year-old **Hasabro (NZ)** (Savabeel) proceeds to the Gr.1 VRC Derby (2500m) on November 3.

The son of Savabeel finished a luckless second at Geelong on Monday in a maiden 1755m, where he was held up in the straight before charging home.

"I was pleased with how he went, but it was a bit disappointing as he should have won," McKee said. "As a result he has not gone up in the ratings and he hasn't got much more prizemoney in the bin, so it just leaves us in the cart a little bit as to where we go from here. [Full story here](#)

Young gun to cross Tasman

Talented Te Awamutu trainer Joe Waldron is set to relocate to Victoria at the end of the month.

The 26-year-old has made a favourable



Joe Waldron

impression in his 18 months training in his own right, sending out seven winners from his small team, while enjoying good success rejuvenating older tried gallopers.

Waldron, who has worked full-time with horses since the age of 17, was in the New Zealand High Performance Eventing Squad before switching his focus to thoroughbred racing. [Full story here](#)



Brutal (NZ) (O'Reilly)

Brutal to miss Coolmore

Exciting O'Reilly three-year-old **Brutal (NZ)** will miss the remainder of the spring after he suffered a minor hock injury.

The unbeaten colt was one of the favourites heading into the Gr.1 Coolmore Stud Stakes (1200m), but will now be set for an autumn return.

"He just hurt himself in the box and the end result is he's not 100 per cent so he is heading to the paddock," co-trainer Wayne Hawkes told Racing.com.

"We've said it all along, unless he's 100 per cent we wouldn't hesitate to put him in the paddock, and it's his first racing preparation.

"We are disappointed because he'll be out for the spring but that's the way it is.

"The end result is it's not life threatening and we've always been looking forward to the autumn with him."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

20 for Charm Spirit

The stocks of hot young first season sire **Charm Spirit** continued on an upward trajectory when True Hero became his sires 20th individual 2YO winner for the season in England this week.

Reminiscent of the determination shown by his sire, True Hero's unflinching performance comes hard on the heels of Kick On winning at Newmarket for Charm Spirit and the success of his daughter Epistrophy at Chantilly earlier this week.

The brilliant start made with his first-crop runners, that also includes recent English Group winner Yourtimeisnow, has positioned Charm Spirit among the leading

division on the European First Season Sires list by both individual winners and prizemoney won.

Charm Spirit is Invincible Spirit's highest earning son and comes from the distinguished stallion producing family of champion Australian sires Encosta De Lago and Flying Spur.

He shuttles to Windsor Park Stud, Cambridge where he has commenced his fourth southern hemisphere breeding season.

Racing set to resume at Otaki

Racing is set to resume at the Otaki racecourse on October 22 after it withstood

a track test on Wednesday where 18 horses worked on the renovated track over a variety of distances from the inside rail.

"The track looked a picture and performed in accordance with its appearance," stipendiary steward Neil Goodwin said. "The surface was very consistent the whole way around the course."

Several riders, including Rosie Myers, Buddy Lammas and Zinjite Moki, also expressed their approval.

There has been no racing at Otaki since early February and a drainage project has since been completed, in addition to the annual track renovation programme.



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GLOBAL NZ BRED WINNERS

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AUSTRALIA

Alamosa : Our Girl Silke (NZ) (Dawn Ghost by Pyrus) 2013;
03/10/2018, 1st Ballarat TC Hygain Winner's Choice H. 1200m

Bullbars : Ruthless Agent (NZ) (Starnet by Last Tycoon) 2013;
28/09/2018, 1st Moruya JC Suez Recycling & Recovery H. 1425m
Sold by Highview at National Yearling Sale for \$55000

Gallant Guru : Patrick Erin (NZ) (Mega Babe by Personal Escort) 2011;
29/09/2018, 1st ATC Metropolitan H. Gr.1 2400m

I am Invincible : I Am a Star (NZ) (Star Band by Dixieland Band) 2013;
28/09/2018, 1st MVRC WH Stocks S. Gr.2 1600m
Sold by Rich Hill Stud at National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale for \$12000

Iffraaj : If by Chance (NZ) (Alannah Jo by Black Minnaloushe) 2012;
29/09/2018, 1st Clermont RC QTIS Maiden P. 1200m

Iffraaj : Own Sweet Way (NZ) (Exquisite Choice by Redoute's Choice) 2014;
03/10/2018, 1st Ballarat TC Evergreen Turf Maiden P. 1400m
Sold by Trelawney Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$110000

Jakkalberry : Botti (NZ) (Lioness by Generous) 2015;
01/10/2018, 1st Geelong RC IGA Liquor H. 1755m
Sold by Novara Park at National Yearling Sale for \$100000

Lonhro : Staying Black (NZ) (Pamina by Keeper) 2015;
28/09/2018, 1st SCTC Auscredits Maiden H. 1300m
Sold by Riversley Park Ltd at Ready to Run Sale for \$100000
Sold by Wentwood Grange at National Yearling Sale for \$65000

O'Reilly : Tigeen (NZ) (Knocknacree by Green Desert) 2014;
27/09/2018, 1st Bendigo JC Big Screen Company H. 1600m
Sold by Little Avondale Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$220000

O'Reilly : Mahalangur (NZ) (But Beautiful by Pivotal) 2014;
03/10/2018, 1st ATC ANZ Bloodstock News H. 1300m
Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$200000
Pentire : Pollinator (NZ) (Charlotte Russe by Red Ransom) 2014;
01/10/2018, 1st Geelong RC Elephant & Castle Hotel H. 2460m
Sold by Westbury Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$45000

Per Incanto : Louisiana (Belle) (NZ) (Dancing Daze by Dance Floor) 2014;
30/09/2018, 1st Mungery APRC Zoo FM Maiden P. 800m
Sold by Little Avondale Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$40000

Road to Rock : Dale Doback - Earl da Vinci (Aust.) (NZ) (Heineken Lass by Golan) 2011;
30/09/2018, 1st TRC Aust Trainers Association H. 1400m
Sold by Wellfield Lodge at National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale for \$4500

Savabeel : Jimmy Hoffa (NZ) (Sentura by Volksraad) 2010;
29/09/2018, 1st Cairns JC Corey Machan Sheetmetal H. 1600m

Shamoline Warrior : Korodon (NZ) (Centennial Star by Centaine) 2013;
03/10/2018, 1st GCTC Honto & Oo Bar H. 1800m
Sold by Bluegables Farm at Ready to Run Sale for \$36000

Tartan Bearer : Eclair Calling (NZ) (Pink Pier by Galileo) 2013;
30/09/2018, 1st MRC Catanach's Jewellers H. 1400m
Sold by Hallmark Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$525000

Tavistock : Stripping Royalty (NZ) (Cousin Katerina by Stravinsky) 2015;
27/09/2018, 1st Bendigo JC Reece Plumbing Maiden P. 1400m
Sold by Cambridge Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$6000

Tavistock : Tavonian (NZ) (Singalong by Danasinga) 2012;
28/09/2018, 1st Benalla RC Comfort Inn H. 2046m
Sold by Regal Farm at Ready to Run Sale for \$100000

Testa Rossa : Spy Decoder (NZ) (Decipher by Timber Country) 2010;
29/09/2018, 1st Pooncarrie RC Pooncarrie Cup 1550m

Zacinto : Ritmico (NZ) (I've Got Rhythm by Mossman) 2015;
29/09/2018, 1st Newcastle JC Sharp Electronics Group Maiden H. 1200m
Sold by Inglewood Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$120000



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Any Suggestion : Shrug - Flying Force (H.K.) (NZ) (Cross Examine by Cape Cross) 2011;
03/10/2018, 1st HKJC Kwoon Chung Zhuhai Express H. 1200m
Sold by Whareroa Farm at National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale for \$5000

Makfi : Fresh Power (NZ) (Bannisters by Redoute's Choice) 2013;
01/10/2018, 1st HKJC Shenyang H. 1400m

Red Giant : Superich (NZ) (Daly Charm by Best Western) 2014;
01/10/2018, 1st HKJC Shanghai H. 1200m
Sold by Westbury Stud at Ready to Run Sale for \$44000

Rip Van Winkle : Vanderkemp - Green Energy (H.K.) (NZ) (Medrano by General Nediym) 2012;
01/10/2018, 1st HKJC Tianjin H. 1400m
Sold by Haunui Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$250000

Road to Rock : Montaigne - Beauty Generation (H.K.) (NZ) (Stylish Bel by Bel Esprit) 2012;
01/10/2018, 1st HKJC Celebration Cup Gr.3 1400m
Sold by Highden Park at National Yearling Sale for \$60000

Swiss Ace : Blackcrown - Little Giant (H.K.) (NZ) (Princess Carolina by More Than Ready) 2012;
01/10/2018, 1st HKJC Beijing H. 1200m

Thewayyouare : Full of Chances (NZ) (Suzie Temple by Mellifont) 2013;
01/10/2018, 1st HKJC Xian H. 1800m

Zacinto : Namjong Plus (NZ) (Volkara by Volksraad) 2013;
03/10/2018, 1st HKJC Kwoon Chung Macau Express H. 1800m

MACAU

Darci Brahma : Lucky Pearl (NZ) (Vendemiaire by Perfectly Ready) 2015;
28/09/2018, 1st Macau Welsh Pageant H. 1050m

Lord of Warriors : My Dream (NZ) (Miss Maradona by Felix the Cat) 2008;
28/09/2018, 1st Macau Western Australia H. 1510m
Sold by Selwyn River Stud at Selwyn River Dispersal Sale for \$500

Redwood : Stadium (NZ) (Concert Girl by Danehill Dancer) 2013;
28/09/2018, 1st Macau Tourbillion H. 1050m

MALAYSIA

Darci Brahma : Once a Thief (NZ) (Star of Flight by Marscay) 2013;
30/09/2018, 1st Selangor TC Class 5 H. 1200m
Sold by The Oaks Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$18000

Guillotine : Premium Stars (NZ) (Royal Cashel by Royal Academy) 2011;
30/09/2018, 1st Selangor TC Class 4 H. 1400m
Sold by Windsor Park Stud at Ready to Run Sale for \$40000

Niagara : Rant and Rave (NZ) (More Than Sum by More Than Ready) 2014;
30/09/2018, 1st Selangor TC Class 5 H. 1200m
Sold by Stanley Park at Ready to Run Sale for \$30000

SINGAPORE

All American : Ameridon - Taro San (Sing.) (NZ) (Celadon by Danehill) 2014;
28/09/2018, 1st Singapore TC Penang Turf Club Trophy 1000m
Sold by Haunui Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$140000

Pins : (Our) Pinnacle (NZ) (Red Delicious by No Excuse Needed) 2014;
28/09/2018, 1st Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1400m
Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale for \$16000

Tavistock : Cash is King (NZ) (Half Irish by Half Iced) 2014;
28/09/2018, 1st Singapore TC Perak Turf Club Trophy 1600m
Sold by Kilmore Farm at Ready to Run Sale for \$47500



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