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## MOSS 'N' DALE WINS GROUP 3 CRAVEN PLATE



*Moss 'N' Dale revelled in the wet conditions at Randwick for a comfortable victory (Bradley Photos)*

The Victorian-based Gelagotis stable has sprung another Randwick raid with **Moss 'N' Dale (NZ)** (Castledale) scoring in the Group Three Craven Plate.

The Peter Gelagotis-trained wet-tracker was virtually unchallenged on heavy turf with the six-year-old streaking to a 1-3/4 length win over Doukhan.

Apprentice jockey Jack Martin pumped his fist in triumph

as he crossed the line in the 2000m race, favourite Egg Tart (Sebring) finished third.

Stable representative Manny Gelagotis, the trainer's younger brother, said his young rider deserved a chance to build a bond with Moss 'N' Dale and shine under Saturday's cloudy skies.

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"You have to start somewhere," he said.

"This will do (Martin's) confidence the world of good. It's about loyalty with the right rider on the right horse at the right time."

Sydney's big wet suited Moss 'N' Dale after a brilliant week on the track.

"It was a big test at weight-for-age but Peter rang me during the week and said the horse couldn't have worked any better," Gelagotis said.

"We haven't seen a wet track for the poor bugger for a while. He's a gun."

Martin, who thanked the Gelagotis team for taking a chance on him in Group company, admitted to doing a figurative rain dance throughout the week despite the protests of his partner.

"He just ploughs through the ground," Martin said.

"I loved looking at the weather forecast this week. It just kept raining and raining and raining.

"My girlfriend didn't really like it. She couldn't dress up as well as she could."

Gelagotis said Sydney kept giving them cause to make the trip up the Hume Highway from Moe.

"The prize money is fantastic here. I can't wait to get here for the autumn carnival," he said.

"We are going to be here a lot more. It's a benchmark."

It was Moss 'N' Dale's third successive win after success at Moonee Valley and Morphettville last month.

-AAP

<b>Race</b>	<b>ATC Craven P. Gr.3 2000m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Moss 'N' Dale (NZ) 2012</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Mr L Russo, Mr M Russo, Mr S Salib, Mr MP Parnis, Mr J Scire, Who Gives, Mr RW Dyson, Mr PJ Smyth, Mr D Sowersby, Mr AM Harrop, Mr WD Larsen, Mr DJ Mcgaw, Mr J Furlong, Mr I Gumina, Mr L Wilkins, Mr JD Mcgaw, Mr J Scannell</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Peter Gelagotis (Moe)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Castledale (Ire) out of Hot 'n' Moss by Strategic Image (AUS)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>WD Larsen</b>



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# STAKES DOUBLE FOR CAMBRIDGE CONDITIONERS

The powerful Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman stable completed a stakes double for the day when **Nicoletta (NZ)** (Savabeel) took out the Gr.3 Rich Hill Stud Taranaki Breeders' Stakes (1400m) at Hawera.

Just over an hour after stablemate Deals In Heels (NZ) (Iffraaj) had scored in the Listed Team Wealleans Matamata Cup (1600m), Nicoletta also put her first victory at stakes level on the board after

registering a pair of Group One placings in her previous campaign.

Unsung since finishing third in the Gr.2 Travis Stakes (2000m) at Te Rapa in April, the Savabeel mare paraded in a forward condition courtesy of a pair of recent trial runs. A win in an open heat over 1200m at Cambridge last month topped her off nicely for Saturday's contest.

A positive ride from experienced

jockey Jonathan Riddell saw the mare dispute the pace throughout before easing clear entering the home straight. Despite being hotly challenged over the last 200m Nicoletta kicked back bravely to hold out the fast-finishing race favourite, Livin' On A Prayer (NZ) (Redwood) with Art Deco (NZ) (Road to Rock) also finishing powerfully to snatch third.

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*Nicoletta (centre) takes out the Gr.3 Rich Hill Stud Taranaki Breeders' Stakes (Peter Rubery, Race Images Palmerston North)*





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“We thought this race was perfect for her as she has been ready to go first up for a while now,” said co-trainer Andrew Forsman, who listened to the race in his car as he made his way home from the Matamata track.

“The only worry was the 1400m as she is better suited to the mile or beyond but being on the fresh side meant she could get away with what sounded like a very brave effort.

“We did think the race set up well as the weight-for-age conditions suited a quality mare like her who could sit handy and kick hard, which is what she did.”

Forsman is convinced his charge is

ready for a profitable spring campaign now she has put this win on the board.

“She will only get better as she steps up in distance so there is a lot to look forward to,” he said.

“The obvious plan is to pick up as much black-type as we can so I would expect to see her in some of the better races coming up. I think something like the Zabeel Classic (Gr.1 2000m) at the Ellerslie Christmas carnival is a race she could be very competitive in so we will be working out how best to get her there.”

Nicoletta races in the familiar JML Bloodstock colours of owner Lib Petagna. She was a \$90,000 purchase by

bloodstock agent Bruce Perry from the Goodwood Stud draft at the 2015 Select Sale at Karaka.

– NZ Racing Desk

<b>Race</b>	<b>Egmont RC Taranaki Breeders S. Gr.3 1400m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Nicoletta (NZ) 2013</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>JML Bloodstock Ltd (Mgr: L Petagna)</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Murray Baker &amp; Andrew Forsman (Cambridge)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Savabeel (AUS) out of Celtic Crown (USA) by Doneraile Court (USA)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Goodwood Stud Ltd</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2015 National Yearling Sale – Select Sale; V: Goodwood Stud, P: Bruce Perry Bloodstock; \$90,000</b>



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# DEALS IN HEELS SCORES FIRST STAKES SUCCESS

If ever a horse deserved to break through at stakes level it is talented mare **Deals In Heels (NZ)** (Iffraaj).

Placed on three occasions in black-type events, the Emma Evans bred and owned five-year-old finally cracked it in top company when she took out the Listed Team Wealleans Matamata Cup (1600m) on Saturday.

Trained by Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman, Deals In Heels was backing up from an unlucky run at Hastings last week where she was badly hampered in the home straight in a race won by rising talent, Te Akau Shark (NZ) (Rip Van Winkle).

Luck was back on her side this time around as she enjoyed a trouble-free run throughout in the hands of regular rider Matthew Cameron. Cameron bounced the mare out well from an inside barrier to settle on the fence in a forward position. Angled off the rail approaching the home corner, Deals In Heels sprinted quickly to hit the front before fending off the challenge of the well-favoured Demonetization (All Too Hard) with local runner Our King Sway (NZ) (Shinko King) finishing in third.

The victory vindicated the decision made by her trainers to run the mare at Matamata as opposed to trekking to the Central Districts for an alternative black-type contest.

"When we got her back from Hastings she was bucking and squealing when we took her out to the training track on Monday morning," Andrew Forsman said.

"She came through her race well so we had to make a decision about going to Matamata or tackling the Breeders' Stakes at Hawera.

"In the end we chose the Matamata option as it meant she didn't have to make the long trek to the Central Districts two weeks in a row."

Fortune also favoured the Iffraaj mare when she drew well in barrier two before substantial rain on Friday produced a Slow8 track surface.

"She had a good gate and that rain was just perfect for her," Forsman said.

"Matt rode her well and it really was a top effort when you consider she was carrying 58.5kgs and giving weight to some very promising gallopers.



*Deals In Heels holds out Demonetization to score her first win at black-type level (Trish Dunell)*

"She has been knocking on the door of a stakes win so she deserved it.

"We will play it by ear now as to where she goes next. As long as there is some rain around and give in the tracks she will be well suited as she has had a brief freshen-up after a taxing winter so there should be a few runs left in her yet."

Demonetization caught the eye when battling on bravely to finish runner-up in his second start back from an injury enforced spell while race favourite Sherrif (NZ) (High Chaparral) also impressed when charging home late for fifth.

- NZ Racing Desk

<b>Race</b>	<b>Matamata RC Matamata Cup L 1600m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Deals In Heels (NZ) 2013</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Mrs M E A Evans</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Murray Baker &amp; Andrew Forsman (Cambridge)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Iffraaj (GB) out of Fascinator by Spinning World (USA)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Mrs M E A Evans</b>





# DAWN PATROL IMPRESSIVE AT MATAMATA

**P**rogressive galloper **Dawn Patrol (NZ)** (Dawn Approach) overcame a wide run and some talented opposition to register his second win from as many starts when he scored over 1400m at Matamata.

The Frank Ritchie trained gelding had been all the talk when he stepped out at the same venue last month to register a comfortable victory over 1200m when breaking his maiden status on debut.

Nominated for next month's Gr.1 Al Basti Equiworld Dubai New Zealand 2000 Guineas (1600m) at Riccarton, the youngster relished the increase in distance to 1400m on Saturday as he

<b>Race</b>	<b>Matamata RC Fairview Motors Matamata H. 1400m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Dawn Patrol (NZ) 2015</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>RH Jensen</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Frank Ritchie (Cambridge)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Dawn Approach (IRE) out of Dazzling by Star Way (GB)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Monovale Holdings Ltd</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2017 National Yearling Sale – Select ; V: Monovale Farm, P: RH Jensen; \$20,000</b>

glided clear of his three-year-old rivals in the hands of Opie Bosson despite sitting three-wide, albeit with cover, for the entire journey.

"It was a step up as he still has a few things to learn," Ritchie said.

"We talked about it and I said (to Bosson) that I'd like to see him get a bit of cover because he can be aggressive when he is out in the open.

"It was a bit of a worry but he managed to get him cover and he got the job done."

Ritchie will now sit down and work out where he goes next with his charge with some thought being given to bypassing the 2000 Guineas in favour of a richer prize closer to home.

"I'm worried about the trip home from Riccarton, coming back by road," he said.

"It takes a bit out of your horse and you need a month off.

"He's nominated for the Karaka Million three-year-old so we'll have a think about it and work it out.

"He's still only so-so to go there (Riccarton)."

The Listed Karaka Million Three-year-Old (1600m) sports

a \$1million prize pool and will be run at Ellerslie on 26 January.

Dawn Patrol is raced by former Auckland Racing Club board member Rex Jensen who paid \$20,000 for him from the Monovale Farm draft during the Select session of the 2017 National Yearling Sale at Karaka.

– NZ Racing Desk



*Dawn Patrol cruises home for a comfortable victory at Matamata (Trish Dunell)*

