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ALOISIA, EN ROUTE TO THE VRC OAKS, SCOOPS UP THE THOUSAND GUINEAS



Aloisia has put a margin on her rivals as she approaches the winning post in yesterday's One Thousand Guineas at Caulfield.

ith an impressive run in the Thousand Guineas at yesterday's Caulfield meeting, **Aloisia (NZ)** (Azamour) has provided trainer Aaron Purcell, who took over the horses of suspended trainer Ciaron Maher two weeks ago, with his first Group One win.

Ridden by Luke Nolen, the \$14 chance scored by 1¹/₄ lengths from \$4.40 second favourite Shoals (Fastnet Rock), with \$2.15 favourite Alizee (Sepoy) three-quarters of a length away in third.

Warrnambool-based before taking over Caulfield-based Maher's team, Purcell's biggest success was in the 2008 Grand Annual Steeplechase, alongside wins at Group Two level on the flat.

"But it's obviously good to get a Group One next to my name," he said.

"The whole experience of being at Caulfield and taking over the Maher team of great horses, great staff and great owners has been fantastic.



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"Ciaron deserves a pat on the back. He's done most of the work and I've been there towards the finish."

Aloisia is aimed at next month's VRC Oaks at Flemington with Maher, before his suspension, picking out a carefully planned programme.

"We came here expecting her to run well but her aim has always been towards the Oaks," Purcell said. "We'll keep pushing on."

OTI Racing manager Terry Henderson said the filly might start against Winx (Street Cry) in the Group One Cox Plate at Moonee Valley, saying Aloisia needed a start over the 2040 metre distance on her way to the Oaks' 2500 metres.

"We'll talk about the Cox Plate seriously," Henderson said. "It will be either that race or the Vase on the same day."

Nolen said he was grateful to get back into Group Onewinning form.

"She did get the perfect run so I hope I continue to keep the ride this prep," he said.

From the only Southern Hemisphere crop of the ill-fated Azamour, who stood at Brighthill Farm, Aloisia is out of the former smart juvenile Queen Boudicca (NZ) (Perfectly Ready), a two-year-old winner at Ellerslie who also finished third in the Group Two Matamata Breeders' Stakes and sixth in the Karaka Million. Aloisia was bred by her original trainer Jason Price, his wife Kelly and her brother Michael Hall.

Price prepared Aloisia to finish fifth on debut before she rattled home to finish second at Trentham behind subsequent Group One performer Belle du Nord (NZ) (Reliable Man).

The talented filly caught the eye of respected bloodstock agent Phill Cataldo, who negotiated her private sale to Terry Henderson's OTI racing operation.

Transferred to the Caulfield stable of Ciaron Maher, Aloisia was an impressive winner at Flemington on her Australian debut last May before finishing a luckless second in the Group One J J Atkins Stakes over 1600 metres at Doomben.

- AAP TURF

Race	MRC Thousand Guineas Gr.1 1600m
Winner	Aloisia (NZ) 2014
Owners	OTI Racing (Mgrs: T Henderson & S Driscoll), S & Mrs S Layton, J & Mrs J Spence, L Webb, Ms D McKeown, Ms M Webb, D & Mrs D Miller, J Boyd, Mrs L Dodd, R Koch, JJAGG Synd, Carte Blanche Racing, Two State Synd, 2W Syndications, Three Hand Racing, Hair Ruffle Capital and Uthmeyer Racing
Trainer	Aaron Purcell (Caulfield)
Breeding	by Azamour (Ire) out of Queen Boudicca by Perfectly Ready (Aus)
Breeder	M Hall and J A & Mrs K A Price

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CHARM SPIRIT Invincible Spirit - L'Enjoleuse by Montjeu	\$18,000*	RIP VAN WINKLE Galileo - Looking Back by Stravinsky	\$10,000*
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MONGOLIAN KHAN Holy Roman Emperor - Centafit by Centaine	\$10,000*	FALKIRK Tale Of The Cat - Madam Valeta (Palace Music)	\$4,000*
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MICHAEL SHOCKS ON MIGHTY BOSS



Michael Walker pushes the flamboyantly colourful Mighty Boss along the rails to down Godolphin's colt Kementari in the Caulfield Guineas.

n the colours worn by former Caulfield Guineas winner and champion sire Redoute's Choice, **Mighty Boss** (Not A Single Doubt) has scored a shock win in the \$A2 million classic for three-year-olds.

The Mick Price-trained colt was an emergency for yesterday's 1600 metre event and gained a start following two scratchings.

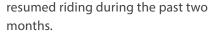
Sent off the \$101 rank outsider under Michael Walker, Mighty Boss got up on the inside to score by a neck from Godolphin's \$5.50 second favourite Kementari (Lonhro), with the \$4.40 favourite Catchy (Fastnet Rock) a length further away in third. Price parted with \$180,000 for the colt at New Zealand's Premier yearling sale and was able to keep ten per cent of the ownership.

"If you look at the horse he's a bit blond and a bit flashy and I thought all the good judges won't be liking that," the locally based trainer said.

Price always held Guineas ambitions for Mighty Boss, right from when successful in a Sale maiden in July.

For Walker the Group One win was the result of hard work after being sidelined through injury for a large part of the year.

He required a back operation and



"Over the last two or three years I've had six months on, two months off, with operation after operation," the expat-Kiwi jockey said.

"My weight got out of control when that happened but my body's strong at the moment. I'm light and I'm hungry."

Walker has been riding work at Caulfield every Tuesday since his comeback.

After winning on Main Stage (NZ) (Reliable Man) at Flemington last week, he walked past Price asking if there was a chance of getting a ride on a good horse in his stable.

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"He said, 'I don't have any', but I said don't worry, I'll keep turning up every Tuesday," Walker said.

"This is a huge thrill. Whenever I've had lean times he's always been a great supporter."

Price purchased Mighty Boss from the Curraghmore draft at the 2016 New Zealand Bloodstock Premier Yearling Sale.

"He and Tulip were among the annual group of yearlings that we chose to bring over from Coolmore to offer in our draft at Karaka," Curraghmore's Gordon Cunningham said. (Continued from page 4)

"He was a horse with plenty of natural strength and I was very happy to secure him for our draft. I'm delighted for Mick Price, who has trained a number of horses from our farm with great success."

Price has trained seven stakes winners sourced from Curraghmore, including fellow Group One winner Velocitea (NZ) (Volksraad) and Alister Clark Stakes winner and VRC Derby placegetter Pre Eminence (Encosta de Lago).

- AAP TURF

Race	MRC Caulfield Guineas Gr.1 1600m
Winner	Mighty Boss (Aus) 2014
Owners	Teeley Assets Ltd (Mgr: Ms I F O'Farrell) and M G Price
Trainer	Mick Price (Caulfield)
Breeding	by Not A Single Doubt (Aus) out of Bullion Mansion (Aus) by Encosta de Lago (Aus)
Breeder	Cobra Bloodstock
Sales	2016 National Yearling Sale, Premier Session; V: Curraghmore, P: M G Price Racing & Breeding; \$180,000

NEWS IN BRIEF

Opie impressed with Gingernuts

Gingernuts (NZ) (Iffraaj) and Chance To Dance (Teofilo) yesterday furthered their preparations for the Group One Livamol Classic with a spin around their home track, the Stephen Autridge and Jamie Richards-trained pair galloping between races at Matamata ahead of the Hawke's Bay feature, rescheduled to October 22.

Last-start 1600 metre Group One Windsor Park Plate winner Gingernuts was partnered by his regular jockey Opie Bosson while Chance To Dance was ridden by Leith Innes, who guided him to success at Pukekohe last month in the1600 metre Listed Karaka Classic.

"It would have been a month between runs by the time we get back to Hastings, so they were out for a look around and they both went well," Richards said. "Opie was particularly happy with Gingernuts. He attacked the line strongly and Chance To Dance is an older stayer and doesn't do too much until raceday comes around, but we're certainly pleased with the way both horses are going.

"They will be stepping to 2000 metres for the first time in this campaign and it was a great opportunity to get a bit more work into them than what they would do in the morning, so we're very pleased and thanks to the club for letting us."

After the Livamol, for which he is the \$2 favourite, Gingernuts will head to Australia for the \$A1.5 million Group One Emirates Stakes at Flemington on the final day of the Melbourne spring carnival.

"He's flying," Bosson said. "I gave him a click at the 200 metres and he just went whoosh."

Innes was satisfied with the work of Chance To Dance, with whom he will continue his association in the Livamol.

"He worked well and was good through the line," he said, "but the other horse worked exceptionally."



FRANCALETTA ADDS BLACK TYPE TO CV

uality mare **Francaletta** (High Chaparral) has added performance to her impressive pedigree with a priceless victory at Hawera, the half-sister to the European stakes winner Asset (Marju) soaring to another level when winning yesterday's Group Three Rich Hill Stud Taranaki Breeders' Stakes.

"The only thing we were a bit worried about was the track," said Andrew Forsman, who prepares the five-year-old with Murray Baker. "She was drawn in and they were getting off the fence but thankfully it's all worked out.

"I'm not sure how many more starts she might have this time in, but now she's won a stakes race we can sit back a bit and pick and choose."

Any fears about the going were quickly allayed when rider Michael Coleman bounced Francaletta, raced by prominent owner Lib Petagna, away quickly to get outside the leader Aide Memoire (NZ) (Remind).

"I got a spot outside the one I thought would be the horse to

beat and she was travelling like the winner all the way," he said.

"I went a bit soon as she can be prone to hit a flat spot but she was just travelling so well."

After a brief tussle, Francaletta got the better of Aide Memoire to win for the sixth time in her eight-start career.

"She's a good mare and it's lovely to get some black type for her," Coleman said.

Aide Memoire fought on gallantly nearer the rail to finish runner-up with last year's winner Underthemoonlight (NZ) (El Hermano) a distant third ahead of Let Her Rip (NZ) (Rip Van Winkle).

Race	Egmont RC Taranaki Breeders S. Gr.3 1400m
Winner	Francaletta (Aus) 2012
Owners	JML Bloodstock Ltd (Mgr L Petagna)
Trainer	Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman (Cambridge)
Breeding	by High Chaparral (Ire) out of Snow Peak (GB) by Arazi (USA)
Breeder	Raffles Dancers (NZ) Pty Ltd



With perfect timing, Michael Coleman gets Francaletta past the gallant pacemaker Aide Memoire in the Taranaki Breeders' Stakes at Hawera.



MATAMATA CUP TO **BEV'S 'BEST MARE'**

mproving mare Cote d'Or (NZ)

(Makfi) yesterday claimed her first black type credit and her trainers are confident it won't be her last.

The Ken and Bev Kelso-trained five-year-old powered home from the back of the field to win the Listed Team Wealleans Matamata Cup.

"She got a long way off them and I was a bit concerned," Ken Kelso said. "It was a big effort.

Race	Matamata RC Matamata Cup L 1600m
Winner	Cote d'Or (NZ) 2012
Owners	Sir Peter Vela
Trainer	Ken & Bev Kelso (Matamata)
Breeding	by Makfi (GB) out of Our Echezeaux by Zabeel
Breeder	P J & P M Vela Ltd

"Bev made the comment the other day that she could be the best mare we've had."

Successful when resuming over 1200 metres at her previous appearance, Cote d'Or settled in the last four in yesterday's 1600 metre event before mounting a run across the top and she rounded off strongly in the run home.

"She's very, very smart," Kelso said. "She's just little, but she's a bulldog. She's very competitive."

Kelso is unsure where the mare will head next and said he would discuss her immediate future with owner Sir Peter Vela's racing manager Garry Cossey.

Bred on the same Makfi-Zabeel

cross as the multiple Group One winner Bonneval (NZ), Cote d'Or completed a winning double for Sir Peter Vela following the earlier success of Sleeping Beauty.

Cote d'Or's regular rider Danielle Johnson was full of praise for her mount, whom she believed can make her mark at the top level.

"They left us quite flat-footed but we got on the back of the three-wide train and she finished off really well. She's good and she's still got so much to learn as well."

Longshot Big Dreamer (NZ) (No Excuse Needed) ran home strongly from midfield to finish runner-up ahead of Tessastock (NZ) (Tavistock)

> while Eleonora (NZ) (Makfi) made an encouraging return with her effort for fourth.

> Last season's Group Three Ethereal Stakes winner at 2000 metres and Group One VRC Oaks placegetter over 2500 metres was having her first start since claiming the 2100 metre Group Three Sunline Vase in March.







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EGMONT CUP TO WAIT A SEC – MAY TRY G1 LIVAMOL ON WAY TO BIG TWO-MILER

n-form Hawke's Bay stayer **Wait A Sec** (**NZ**) (Postponed) may find himself in Group One company on the way to his main spring target.

He won for the sixth time in his last eight starts when he arrived late to claim the 2100 metre Kaponga Hotel Egmont Cup at Hawera yesterday and serious thought will now be given to a crack at the 2040 metre Livamol Classic on his home track on Sunday week.

"It's going to be very tempting," said Grant

Cullen, who trains in partnership with Guy Lowry. "We'll wait and see how he pulls up but it's on the cards."

Wait A Sec got well back in the running and was forced to cover extra ground when circling runners near the turn and a sustained finish in the

Race	Egmont RC Egmont Cup 2100m
Winner	Wait A Sec (NZ) 2010
Owners	I M & P D Henderson
Trainer	Guy Lowry & Grant Cullen (Hastings)
Breeding	by Postponed (USA) out of Security by Grosvenor
Breeder	I M Henderson, G D Innes and K R Whitehouse



straight earned him a slender victory.

"It was a similar run to when he won at Hastings two starts ago," Cullen said. "He was four wide down the back and then they put the brakes on so he's done well.

"He's a really happy horse and he always wants to please. He's doing a great job."

Wait A Sec holds a nomination for next month's Group Three New Zealand Cup and rider Johnathan Parkes believes the 3200 metre Riccarton feature is an ideal race for



the gelding.

"That's his main goal and he's looking good for it," he said. "It was a really good effort today, he had 59kg and they went slowly. He had to go around the field and he was doing his best work on the winning post."

Itsallbelt (NZ) (Handsome Ransom) came through strongly nearer the fence to finish a close second and Blathwayt (NZ) (Colombia) responded well to the addition of blinkers to run third.



LANCE TO CHALLENGE **SLEEPING BEAUTY**

he immaculate run of form by **Sleeping Beauty (NZ)** (Rip Van Winkle) this preparation has the well-related mare in line for a new challenge.

The Sir Peter Vela-raced five-year-old stretched her winning sequence to four at Matamata when she coasted away with the 1200 metre Russell & Yvonne Green Memorial and trainers Lance O'Sullivan and Andrew Scott are now understandably keen to test her in black type company.

"We'll have a look through and see if we can find a suitable race for her," O'Sullivan said. "She's a pretty handy mare who can go further."

Race	Matamata RC Russell & Yvonne Green Memorial H. 1200m
Winner	Sleeping Beauty (NZ) 2012
Owners	Sir Peter Vela
Trainer	Lance O'Sullivan & Andrew Scott (Matamata)
Breeding	by Rip Van Winkle (Ire) out of Kailey Princess (Aus) by Danehill (USA)
Breeder	P J & P M Vela Ltd

From the family of the multiple Group One winner Racing To Win (Encosta de Lago), Sleeping Beauty was quickly into stride and was cruising under Sam Weatherley on the turn.

"Sam rated her well and got away with a couple of cheap sectionals," O'Sullivan said. "She's gone to another level, she's only been out of the first two a couple of times."

Sleeping Beauty was clear on straightening and held a strong gallop to the wire to beat Kitaya (Lawman) by twoand-a-half lengths with the favourite Deals In Heels (NZ) (Iffraaj) making ground from the back for third.

"She's flying this horse, she just keeps stepping up," Weatherley said. "She came back nicely under me and finished off really well. There's a black type race in her for sure."

The 18-year-old was to have boarded a plane for Algiers after the Matamata meeting, but visa difficulties scuppered plans for him to compete in the HH Sheikha Fatima Bint Mubarak World apprentices' championship.

> Apprenticed to O'Sullivan, Weatherley would have been the first New Zealand jockey to compete in the series after New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing was earlier this year accepted into the International Federation of Horse Racing Academies.

Sleeping Beauty gives Sam Weatherley the first of his three winning rides at Matamata with a runaway victory in the Rating 85 sprint.



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SHARK TO PUT THE BITE ON GUINEAS

e Akau Shark (NZ) (Rip Van Winkle) has displaced his stablemate Embellish (NZ) (Savabeel) as the pre-post favourite for the opening classic of the season.

The Stephen Autridge and Jamie Richards-trained son of Group Three Waikato Gold Cup winner Bak Da Chief (NZ) (Chief Bearhart) was cut to \$6 for the Group One New Zealand Two Thousand Guineas in the wake of his runaway victory in yesterday's 1400 metre Fairview Motors Matamata 3YO.

He is now unbeaten in two appearances while Embellish, who is the \$8 second fancy for the November 11 Riccarton feature, was placed in one outing last term and resumed in style when successful at Ruakaka earlier this month.

Te Akau Shark covered extra ground at the back of the field at Matamata but it made no difference to the chestnut, who came widest on the turn before letting down impressively in the run home.

"Both times he's won he's gone around them and made them look second-rate," Autridge said.

"He's certainly a horse going forward. He didn't relax too well down the back and was caught three wide, but he certainly quickened when he was asked to."

> After a luckless run in transit, Te Akau Shark and Opie Bosson race away with Matamata's three-year-old 1400 metre race and into favouritism for the Two Thousand Guineas.

Te Akau Shark strode to the front 200 metres from home and forged clear to win by two-and-a-half lengths.

"It wasn't a pretty ride and I was lucky I had such a good horse underneath me," rider Opie Bosson said.

"He's got a lot of ability and he's still learning, the best is yet to come from him."

Te Akau Shark was purchased by David Ellis out of Lyndhurst Farm's 2016 Ready to Run Sale draft for \$230,000 with rugby league star Paul Gallen, captain of the Cronulla Sharks, involved in the ownership.

Charli Rose (NZ) (Pierro) came home well, but without threatening, to finish runner-up and Astor (NZ) (Iffraaj), who got worked up before the race, weakened to third after making the pace.

Race	Matamata RC Fairview Motors Matamata H. 1400m
Winner	Te Akau Shark (NZ) 2014
Owners	Te Akau Shark Syndicate (Mgr: D C Ellis)
Trainer	Stephen Autridge & Jamie Richards (Matamata)
Breeding	by Rip Van Winkle (Ire) out of Bak Da Chief by Chief Bearhart (Can)
Breeder	D B Hollinshead
Sales	2016 Ready to Run Sale; V: Lyndhurst Farm, P: D C Ellis; \$230,000





SKY ROCKET LIGHTS UP KRANJI

he famous tangerine and blue colours of Sabah-based owner Patrick Lau, one of Singapore's leading owners a decade or so ago, were back in the spotlight at Kranji on Friday night when debutant **Sky Rocket (NZ)** (Darci Brahma) scored in the \$S65,000 Initiation over 1200 metres.

"Patrick wants to make a comeback, not in a big way but enough to go around, and he's looking for either tried horses or horses out of trials," said trainer Stephen Gray.

"My agent Gary Carvell spotted this horse and bought him out of a trial at Avondale. He was meant to go to Hong Kong but didn't pass a vet test because

of his stifle, but our vet said it was not a serious issue and that's how we were able to get him.

"As it turned out, he showed ability from day one. I gave him a grass gallop on Monday and Glen Boss was very happy with him.

"It's always an advantage to have Glen on these young horses. He looks after them and gives you very good feedback.

"What the horse did tonight was very

Sky Rocket makes a winning debut at Kranji on Friday night.

impressive as they ran fast sectionals and the second horse (Black Quail) is very good and stayed with him everywhere – which shows my horse is pretty high class, too.

"He showed natural speed and will improve lengths on that first run."

Boss can take more than just the credit of being the one warming the saddle on the Gray newcomer.

"He's a really nice horse. He trialled up nicely and Steve suggested we trial him again," he said. "I told him to take him to the races instead. Win, draw or lose, he will learn more than from a trial.

"He went real hard at first, broke 24 in the first two furlongs, but he came back well for me.

"He did a very good job to finish it off the way he did. I think Steve's got a nice horse here."

Singapore Turf Club

Race	Singapore TC Initiation P. 1200m
Winner	Sky Rocket (NZ) 2013
Owners	Lau Hieng Ung
Trainer	Stephen Gray (Kranji)
Breeding	by Darci Brahma out of Ruppertsberg by Montjeu (Ire)
Breeder	L K Laxon & Pencarrow Thoroughbreds Ltd
Sales	2015 National Yearling Sale, Select Session; V: Pencarrow Stud, P: Chequers NZ Ltd; \$25,000





AWESOME RETURN BY WILD CHILD NOH

omeback kid Noh Senari brought an agonisingly long wait of three years to an end with a masterful winning ride aboard longshot **Awesome (NZ)** (Showcasing) on Friday night.

The naturally gifted 25-year-old rider was nearly lost to racing, not because the previous winner of 44 races had lost his skills, but simply because the hot-headed youngster was often his own worst enemy.

After finishing a close second to A'Isisuhairi Kasim in the 2014 apprentice title, he suddenly went down a slippery slope, falling out with his master Michael Freedman



Awesome (#3) relaunches the riding career of Noh Senari at Kranji's Friday night meeting.

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and finding rides and wins drying up. Six months in New Zealand didn't help and just when Noh was about to hit rock bottom, one of his idols, eight-time Singapore champion jockey Saimee Jumaat, in the running for a trainer's licence, threw him a lifeline and a fresh apprentice jockey's licence was issued on October 1.

After coming close with a third place aboard favourite Sahaba (NZ) (Stravinsky) at his first ride last Friday, Noh did not let his second chance slip away.

Riding Awesome in the night's feature, the \$S80,000 Class 3 over 1200 metres, Noh exuded the trademark confidence of his heyday.

Though caught three wide, Noh had Awesome travelling comfortably on the bit without overreaching at any stage, just in keeping with the steady clip set by Marine Treasure (Manhattan Rain), ridden by fine judge of pace John Powell. In a tight finish, Awesome denied Draco (NZ) (Falkirk), who had tracked him from the 600 metre mark, by a head.

"It's a good feeling, it's good to be back riding a winner," said an emotional Noh. "The horse was drawn 10. Saimee told me not to worry about that as he is a horse who needs momentum, I just listened to his instructions and it's paid off." Saying the night belonged to Noh, Saimee was also pleased with his horse.

"His last run was not too bad, better than what it showed. He got squeezed at the start and still let down quite well even if he finished ninth."

Previously trained by Sonny Yeoh, for whom Saimee had been assistant trainer, the five-year-old was notching up his fifth win from sixteen outings for stakes earnings that have now topped the \$S200,000 mark.

- Singapore Turf Club

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Race	Singapore TC Class 3 H. 1200m
Winner	Awesome (NZ) 2012
Owners	ATL Stable
Trainer	Saimee Jumaat (Kranji)
Breeding	by Showcasing (GB) out of Hermitage by Generous (Ire)
Breeder	W J Stewart
Sales	2014 National Yearling Sale, Select Session; V: Martindale Stud, P: NZB as agent; \$9000 2014 Ready to Run Sale; V: Phoenix Semper Farm, P: Perfect Racing Stable; \$32,500

