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CLASS FILLY SENSATIONAL IN SOLILOQUY STAKES



Media Sensation cruises home at Ellerslie (Trish Dunell)

he Peter and Dawn Williams trained **Media Sensation**(I Am Invincible) cemented her claims for next month's
Gr.1 Gavelhouse.com New Zealand 1000 Guineas
(1600m) at Riccarton with a stylish victory at Ellerslie.
Backing up just a week after scoring in an open three-year-old contest at Rotorua, the I Am Invincible filly was sent

out a warm favourite in Saturday's Gr.3 Partners Life Soliloquy Stakes (1400m).

After jumping brilliantly from an inside barrier Media Sensation and rider Michael Coleman controlled the tempo outside pacemaker Queen Of The Air (I Am Invincible) before booting clear in the run home to defeat Rocket Fuel (Smart Continued on page 3







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Missile) and Annie Okay (NZ) (Battle Paint), who both chased gamely in the straight.

Co-trainer Dawn Williams had expressed confidence that her charge would handle the quick turnaround from Rotorua due to her being more settled in her racing manners.

"She's had a few niggly problems with seasonal complaints but it has worked in her favour as we've realised she can relax in her races," she said.

"She has come through her last run well although she has to get a little bit harder if we want to take her down to Riccarton.

"Michael was thrilled with her today as he said she just wanted to relax the whole way and wasn't at all worried about the other filly that was up with her.

"Even in the straight he said she was just doing her own thing and he had plenty of horse left under him at the finish.

"After that it is now onwards and upwards to the 1000 Guineas."

Bookmakers reacted to the win by tightening Media Sensation in to a clear \$5 third favourite on their Fixed Odds market for the 1000 Guineas behind Xpression (NZ) (Showcasing) (\$2.60) and Melt (NZ) (Iffraaj) (\$3.80).

There was sensation before the race with leading rider Opie Bosson replaced on the warmly favoured Queen Of The Air after injuring his foot in a barrier accident in the preceding race.

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Race	ARC Soliloquy S. Gr.3 1400m
Winner	Media Sensation (AUS) 2015
Owners	Barneswood Farm Ltd for S C Green & G C Beemsterboer
Trainer	Peter & Dawn Williams (Byerley Park)
Breeding	by I Am Invincible (AUS) out of Different To by High Chaparral (IRE)
Breeder	Mrs L Huddy
Sales	2017 National Yearling Sale – Premier Session; V: Lime Country Thoroughbreds Ltd, P: G C Beemsterboer; \$425,000







DARK PRINCESS PREVAILS IN TRENTHAM FEATURE



Dark Princess scoots clear to register her first stakes success (Race Images (Peter Rubery))

rogressive mare **Dark Princess (NZ)** (Cape Blanco) continued her rise up the ranks with her first victory at stakes level when successful in Saturday's Gr.3 Gee & Hickton Thompson Handicap (1600m) at Trentham.

The Cape Blanco five-year-old caught the eye with a barnstorming finish to win at Hastings over the same distance at her last start.

That convinced punters to send her out as a \$5.30 favourite in Saturday's contest where she dashed clear over the final 100m in the hands of Lisa Allpress to down gallant

topweight Dolcetto (NZ) (Per Incanto) with former Australian galloper Raw Impulse (Makfi) closing off nicely to snatch third.

"She's still a work in progress but she's got a touch of class about her," trainer Jeff Lynds said.

"The little bit of rain on the track helped her but we did think she was up to the class now that she has fully matured.

"As long as she comes through this run well we will be able to look at some more ambitious targets but at this stage I don't really have a firm plan."

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DARK PRINCESS PREVAILS IN TRENTHAM FEATURE

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Earlier in the day the Stephen Marsh trained first starter **Exuberant (NZ)** (Savabeel) made a winning debut with a gritty victory in the Listed Hanley Formula Wellesley Stakes (1000m).

Sporting the familiar colours of syndication specialist, Go Racing, the Savabeel colt was a \$160,000 purchase by Albert Bosma from the Book 1 draft of Waikato Stud at the National Yearling Sale earlier in the year.

A stylish win at the Ruakaka trials earlier in the month had the showy youngster regarded as a leading chance in the two-year-old feature and he didn't disappoint when he prevailed in a thrilling finish with fellow Cambridge raider Last Sight (NZ) (Showcasing).

"To do that at your first start, to come to a Listed race and take it out shows he is a pretty classy animal," Marsh stable representative Todd Pollard said.

"They are fantastic, Albert and the team, they do a great job and we've had quite a few nice ones for them so it's great to have them in the stable.



Exuberant scores a stakes win on debut (Race Images (Peter Rubery))

"He's a gorgeous horse, not overly big but he looks like he could be quite a classy customer."

Exuberant is the second foal of ill-fated O'Reilly mare Merrily and hails from a family that includes the brilliant Black Caviar (Bel Esprit) in his extended pedigree.

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Race	WRC Thompson H. Gr.3 1600m
Winner	Dark Princess (NZ) 2013
Owners	J G Snaddon
Trainer	Jeff Lynds (Awapuni)
Breeding	by Cape Blanco (IRE) out of Game Duchess (AUS) by Montjeu (IRE)
Breeder	Sir Patrick & Lady Hogan
Sales	2015 National Yearling Sale – Select Sale; V: Cambridge Stud, P: JR Lynds; \$46,000

Race	WRC Wellesley S. L 1000m
Winner	Exuberant (NZ) 2016
Owners	Go Racing On High Syndicate (Mgr: Albert Bosma)
Trainer	Stephen Marsh (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Savabeel (AUS) out of Merrily by O'Reilly
Breeder	Waikato Stud Ltd
Sales	2018 National Yearling Sale – Book 1; V: Waikato Stud Ltd, P: Go Racing; \$160,000

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TE AKAU IN TUNE AT RICCARTON

e Akau Racing capped off a strong day at Riccarton on Saturday with a brave win by

Swing Note (Encosta De Lago) in the Listed Christchurch Casino Spring Classic (2000m).

The tangerine and blue colours had been prominent throughout the day, with Wide Awake (NZ) (Savabeel) and Remington (NZ) (Darci Brahma) winning their respective races before Swing Note secured her first stakes victory.

She settled off the pace for in-form hoop Shafiq Rusof, before looming wide on the turn. Despite looking all out with 200m to go, Swing Note surged again to beat home the Kevin Hickman-owned pair of Zentessa (NZ) (Zed) and The Heiress (NZ) (Redwood) by a neck.

"It was a good tough win, she looked beaten half-way down the straight, but kicked back so we're very pleased with that," trainer Jamie Richards said.

Swing Note's last-start fifthplacing over a mile at Timaru was disappointing for Richards, but he said he was pleased with her two previous wins this campaign and was buoyed by the feedback from Te Akau's South Island team, headed by his father Paul.

"We were just a little bit disappointed with the run," he said. "She was probably looking for 2000m already and she was sort of tripped up by the wet track.

"We have put a line through that and the team in the South Island have been very pleased with her and that gave us a bit of confidence to push on."

Swing Note is currently nominated for the Gr.2 Coupland's Bakeries Mile (1600m) and Gr.3 Christchurch Casino New Zealand Cup (3200m) at Riccarton next month, but her staying ability has her team leaning towards testing her over the two-mile distance.

"We'll just give her a couple of days, but there are more black-type races through the carnival for her," Richards said.

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Swing Note lands victory in a desperate finish at Riccarton (Race Images South)





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"She's still in the New Zealand Cup and the Coupland's, if we wanted to freshen her up and drop her back. But I'd say by the way she is racing she looks like she is going to stay well this year, so there are plenty of options for her."

Meanwhile, the Cambridge stable of Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman will have another strong contender for next month's Gr.1 Al Basti Equiworld Dubai New Zealand Two Thousand Guineas (1600m) after **The Chosen One's (NZ)** (Savabeel) dominant victory in the Listed Zacinto Stakes (1600m).

The unbeaten son of Savabeel went into the mile feature as a dominant \$2.80 favourite after winning on debut at Waverley earlier this month, and won accordingly.

He was pushed forward from the jump by jockey Matt Cameron and was able to dictate terms throughout, winning by two and a quarter lengths over In A Twinkling (Fastnet Rock).

"It was a very good run, he won quite easy," Baker said. "I thought he was a chance from what he has shown."

The Chosen One will now head towards next month's Two Thousand

Guineas where he will be joined by fellow Baker-Forsman runners Madison County (NZ) (Pins) and Qiji Express (NZ) (Shamexpress).

"We'll probably go to the Two Thousand Guineas, but it's a much stronger class," Baker said. "It is only his

Race	CJC Spring Classic H. L 2000m
Winner	Swing Note (AUS) 2014
Owners	Te Akau Jazz Syndicate (Mgr: D C Ellis)
Trainer	Jamie Richards (Matamata)
Breeding	by Encosta De Lago (AUS) out of Andallthatjazz (AUS) by Bianconi (USA)
Breeder	Ramsey Pastoral Co Pty Ltd

second start, so he should improve a bit."

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Race	CJC Zacinto S. L 1600m
Winner	The Chosen One (NZ) 2015
Owners	R L Bonnington, A G, C P, G, K J, Mrs P A & P R Dennis, Miss J L Dunlop, D G Forde, P M Jeffares, P Johnstone, G R Miller, G J Popham, Ravelston Stud Ltd, G R Redington, T V Rider, Mrs N C Robertson & N van Schaik
Trainer	Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Savabeel (AUS) out of The Glitzy One (AUS) by Flying Spur (AUS)
Breeder	A G; K J; M C & P R Dennis



The Chosen One remains unbeaten after a smart win at Riccarton (Race Images South)



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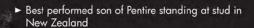
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ZAWARI AT THE DOUBLE WITH BLACK QUAIL

bold front running ride from in-form apprentice jockey Zawari Razali saw the Mark Walker-trained Black Quail (NZ) (Coats Choice) pinch the \$45,000 Class 4 Non Premier race over 1400m with some authority on Friday night.

Zawari, who had earlier saluted aboard \$249 longshot CloudBurst (also prepared by Walker) in the \$20,000 Open Maiden Division 1 race over 1400m, rated Black Quail to perfection, taking up the running as soon as the gates opened, giving his mount a breather mid-race before going for broke at the top of the straight.

Favourite, Loving You did give the impression he would easily assert his superiority when he came off heels at the 300m to mow him down, but his turn of foot lacked the punch to put the race away.

Black Quail kept working home solidly to outsprint Loving You by half-a-length with the well-backed Allegro chiming in late for third place, another gap of 2 1/4 lengths away. The winning time was 1min 23.54secs for the 1400m on the Long Course.

"This horse (Black Quail) is a strong frontrunner and that's the way to ride him," said Zawari who rode the five-year-old to his only other win at Kranji back in December in identical

"He led easily, but he was always on the bit. In the straight, I asked him to go, and even though the other horse (Waialae) came up to us, he went again.

"I actually didn't see the favourite coming at us in the last bit. My horse just kept going."

With that second win in 13 starts, along with his six



Black Quail holds off Loving You to claim Race 8 on Friday (Singapore Turf Club)

placings, Black Quail has taken his stakes earnings close to the \$110,000 mark for the Natuzzi Racing Stable.

Walker said that Black Quail was an honest galloper who is always a threat if left alone upfront.

"He's a consistent and honest horse who deserved the win tonight," said the Kiwi handler.

"The second horse was probably unlucky, but that's racing."

MONDAY

Race	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1400m
Winner	Black Quail (NZ) 2013
Owners	Natuzzi Racing Stable
Trainer	Mark Walker (Kranji)
Breeding	by Coats Choice (AUS) out of Sefidi by Bigstone (IRE)
Breeder	A W Jones & Mrs E W Morris
Sales	2015 National Yearling Sale – Festival Session; V: Berkley Stud, P: Richards Racing; \$20,000

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