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TARZINO WIN MAKES CLOSE UP THE PIN-UP OF SHELLEY'S MIGHTY BREED



Mark du Plessis glances to his right and knows he's been caught by Grant Cooksley as the two horses with the best runs in the race, Close Up and Aide Memoire, cross the line together in yesterday's Tarzino Trophy.

Shelley Hale's previous success with the family of **Close Up (NZ)** (Shinko King) was yesterday trumped at Hastings where the eight-year-old came off the ballot to triumph in the Group One Tarzino Trophy.

The Cambridge horsewoman has enjoyed an outstanding run with the progeny of the Exploding Prospect mare Regelle (NZ), who has produced seven winners from eight foals to race.

"All the breed has been wonderful," an emotional Hale said. "Unfortunately, the mare died three months ago."

Regelle's offspring also includes Close Up's brother Thumbs Up (NZ), who was a Group Two winner and Group One performer in Hong Kong, while fellow siblings Seventh Up (NZ) won Hale a Group Two Easter Stakes and Sum Up (NZ) was also a Group placegetter. The trio are by Shinko King.

However, as a co-breeder, part-owner and trainer it is yesterday's victory that takes pride of place for Hale.

"This is just incredibly special," she said. "This little horse can't run in summer, his joints can't hack it, so we picked a path through winter into this. It's just magic."

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Runner-up in the Group Two Foxbridge Plate at Te Rapa at his previous appearance, Close Up is now likely to return to Hawke's Bay for the Group One Windsor Park Plate, over 1600 metres, in three weeks' time.

"He's only had one other go at a mile and that was on a bog track at New Plymouth so we'll be coming back here," Hale said.

Close Up sat in behind the leading pack before veteran rider Grant Cooksley drove him between runners in the straight to beat a gallant Aide Memoire (NZ) (Remind) by half a neck with Underthemoonlight (NZ) (El Hermano) charging late for third.

The favourite Kawi (NZ) (Savabeel) didn't help his cause by beginning tardily and he finished gamely on the fence for fourth while Gingernuts (NZ) (Iffraaj) got home powerfully from the back to be next in.

Race	Hawkes Bay Tarzino Trophy Gr.1 1400m
Winner	Close Up (NZ) 2009
Owners	Miss S A Hale, Noel & Alison Johnstone Family Trust and R M Stent
Trainer	Shelley Hale (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Shinko King (Ire) out of Regelle by Exploding Prospect (USA)
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OPTIONS APLENTY **FOR BOSTONIAN**

Tony Pike won't be rushed into any decision on the immediate future of the well-related **Bostonian (NZ)** (Jimmy Choux).

The Cambridge trainer was pleasantly surprised by the three-year-old's hard-fought victory, which kept his unbeaten record intact, in the Listed El Roca Sir Colin Meads Trophy at Hastings yesterday.

"It was a good, tough effort and I thought he might have been a bit short on condition," Pike said. "He was coming in without a trial and he will improve a lot.

"There's a lot of options so we'll get him home and see how he pulls up and then work out a programme."

The winner of both of his juvenile outings, the gelding also put a spring back into the step of his breeder-owner David Archer, whose Group Three winner Charles Road (Myboycharlie) could earlier beat only one runner home when resuming at Ruakaka.

By Jimmy Choux out of a half-sister to Archer's multiple Group One winner Mufhasa (NZ) (Pentire), Bostonian sat close to the pace then rounded off strongly to nab I Got You (Hard

Spun) on the post.

"I watched the replay and thought he had got the bob in," Pike said. "He's not a big, robust type of horse but he is genuine with a good will to win."

Pike was also satisfied with the effort of Bostonian's stablemate Sacred Rebel (Sepoy), who was unplaced in his season's opener.

"He just needs to get on a good track and he'll be fine," he said.

Irish Flame (NZ) (Zed) ran home generously from the tail of the field to take third ahead of the previously unbeaten Getty (NZ) (Excelebration), who wilted after setting the pace.

Race	Hawkes Bay El Roca Sprint H. L 1200m
Winner	Bostonian (NZ) 2014
Owners	Archer Equine Investments Ltd
Trainer	Tony Pike (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Jimmy Choux out of Keepa Cheval by Keeper (Aus)
Breeder	Archer Equine Investments Ltd



In the day's closest finish, Bostonian (gold cap) noses out I Got You (green colours) with Irish Flame's big finish carrying him into third, a short neck away, in the three-year-old feature.





FRANCALETTA TO CHASE **BLACK TYPE**

With the broodmare paddock beckoning, the race is on in earnest for talented mare **Francaletta** (High Chaparral) to achieve higher honours.

“She’s meant to be served by Savabeel, but we’ll see what happens,” said Bruce Perry, who manages owner Lib Petagna’s bloodstock interests.

“She needs black type and hopefully she can get it this time before we pull up stumps.”

Trained by Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman, Francaletta yesterday warmed up for sterner assignments with a comfortable first-up victory in the Telperion Trophy at Hastings.

The half-sister to the multiple European stakes winner and Group One placegetter Asset (Marju) has now won five of her six starts.

“Murray and Andrew think she is a Group One or Group Two mare,” Perry said.

Francaletta was smartly away from the barrier to sit on the leader’s quarters and when rider Michael Coleman asked her for a serious effort 250 metres from home she quickly put the issue beyond doubt.

Miss Wilson (Stratum) chased gamely, but she was a length and a quarter astern at the post with third



money earned by the pacemaker Ferrando (NZ) (Fast ‘N’ Famous).

“She bounced cleanly and I was a little bit closer than I thought I would be and she travelled sweetly all the way,” Coleman said.

The senior jockey, who also rode the mare to a winning carnival double at Hastings last year, believes Francaletta can make her presence felt at the elite level with conditions to suit.

“If there’s a bit of give in the ground she can win a Group One somewhere,” he said. “She’s a talented mare and still untapped.”

Francaletta gives Michael Coleman an armchair ride as she scores her fifth win from six starts.

Race	Hawkes Bay Telperion Trophy H. 1200m
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



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KIWI STAYER IN METROPOLITAN FRAME

Chris Waller's search for Metropolitan-class runners has identified **Up 'N' Rolling (NZ)** (Castledale) as a potential lightweight contender for the Group One feature

at the end of the month, the five-year-old gelding yesterday making his case at Randwick when scoring on his city Saturday debut as the \$1.40 favourite for the 2000 metre National Jockeys Trust Handicap.

Now four races into his Australian racing career after clearing maidens in his homeland for Matamata trainer Toby Autridge, the New Zealand stayer finished off strongly in the Benchmark 84 event to overhaul pacesetter Plymouth Road (NZ) (Tavistock) on straightening then going on to win by a length and a quarter from the useful staying mare Wahng Wah (Casino Prince).

Waller was impressed with Up 'N' Rolling's progress since joining the stable in January but was cautious about his Metropolitan prospects.

"We're in spring, you keep dreaming and keep dreams alive," Waller said.

"I think he'll get through to it as a lightweight chance; whether he's good enough to win on the day is another thing.

"I thought going through the grades would be no problem.

"It's just a bit of strength he needs. Whether he's got enough strength to win a Group One race this prep is a big call."

Jockey Kerrin McEvoy thought Up 'N' Rolling was a capable Metropolitan candidate.

"He's doing it quite soft. There's no reason he can't compete in better races over a little bit further than that," McEvoy said.

"I can't see why it's not the next step for him. I'd be surprised if he can't stay 2400 metres."

Australian bookmakers agreed with connections, shortening Up 'N' Rolling's Metropolitan price from \$15 to \$11 after yesterday's win.

– AAP TURF

Race	NSW Tatt's RC National Jockeys Trust H. 2000m
Winner	Up 'N' Rolling (NZ) 2012
Owners	Bromfield Park Pty Ltd Syndicate (Mgr: W C Pearce), A M Muollo, M G Dominello, M Pejic, P Zavec, P Biviano and F Giuffre
Trainer	Chris Waller (Rosehill)
Breeding	by Castledale (Ire) out of Elianto by Desert Sun (GB)
Breeder	Y L Lam



Up 'N' Rolling races into Metropolitan contention with a strong win against the intermediate stayers at yesterday's Randwick meeting.





WAIT A SEC GETTING ON WITH WINNING

Time has brought out the best in **Wait A Sec (NZ)** (Postponed) with the seven-year-old in the form of his life to tackle upcoming stakes challenges.

The Hastings galloper posted the fifth win from his last six starts when he came from the tail of the field to claim yesterday's Bostock New Zealand Spring Carnival Handicap on his home track.

"He's matured now and he's a very happy horse; he's going really well," said Guy Lowry, who trains Wait A Sec with Grant Cullen.

"He'll run in the open 2000 on the second day of the meeting and then the Livamol in preparation for the New Zealand Cup."

Wait A Sec settled well back in the running but a hot speed was always going to be in his favour and the gelding wound up powerfully over the closing 300 metres under rider Lisa Allpress.

"The pace was on and they all came back to him," Lowry said. "To be fair, the others were carrying a fair bit more weight than us on 53.5kg."

Allpress has now won three times on Wait A Sec, although she hasn't been aboard the horse in his recent racing.

A flying finish by Wait A Sec (#9) takes him to a long head win over the grey Woodsman with King Krovanh also getting into the action between them.

"He's been a good horse to me and I was glad to get back on," she said. "I thought he would be a good chance."

Runner-up Woodsman (NZ) (Mastercraftsman) strode to the front 650 metres from home and fought on bravely in the run home while King Krovanh (Fastnet Rock) turned in his best run for some time with his effort for third.

Nymph Monte (NZ) (Tavistock), another Group One Livamol Classic hopeful, found the line strongly for fourth ahead of Amarula (NZ) (Thorn Park), who was sound under the topweight of 60kg.

Race	Hawkes Bay Bostock NZ Spring Carnival H. 1600m
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





PROM QUEEN'S DASH **STUNS KENNY**

Kenny Rae was yesterday left stunned by the performance of **Prom Queen (NZ)** (Super Easy) on her home track.

The Ruakaka trainer had doubts before the Bear Morgan at Harcourts Bream Bay, but the diminutive filly monstered her three-year-old rivals with an outstanding display to win in a canter.

"I'm in a state of shock. I honestly thought she was vulnerable today," said Rae, who trains Prom Queen with his wife Lisa and their daughter Krystal Williams.

"Last Saturday I gave her a good gallop and she blew too much for my liking. She's got a lot of improvement in her so how good is she?"

Prom Queen was quickly into stride and sat outside the leader to the turn before rider Alysha Collett asked her to sprint and they exploded clear to win easing down by six lengths from Bombard (NZ) (Dalghar).

"If she had drawn one she would have won by ten lengths," Rae said.

Prom Queen already has Listed successes from last season in the Welcome Stakes and Champagne Stakes at Riccarton and she will be back in black type company for her next start.

"She'll probably run in the Northland Breeders' Stakes here," Rae



A bright-eyed Prom Queen puts a smile on Alysha Collett's face as she strides home six lengths clear of her fellow three-year-olds at Ruakaka.

said. "After that she may go down to Ashburton for the John Grigg Stakes or to Ellerslie for the Soliloquy. I'll space her races out, she's only little."

Prom Queen's major three-year-old target is the Group One New Zealand One Thousand Guineas and Rae remains confident she can master 1600 metres at Riccarton.

"She relaxes when she's in front and that was the first time she's been outside the leader and she looked today like she could run a lot further," he said.

Race	Whangarei RC Bear Morgan at Harcourts H. 1000m
Winner	Prom Queen (NZ) 2014
Owners	K I Rae, G R Smith, R L Hancox, R H Bishop, H & S Whitehead, F O Hansen and D P McHugh
Trainer	Ken & Lisa Rae & Krystal Williams (Ruakaka)
Breeding	by Super Easy out of Finishing School (Aus) by Royal Academy (USA)
Breeder	P Sells & Windsor Park Stud Ltd



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CLASS AND TRIP CAN'T STOP KRATOS

Class riser **Kratos (NZ)** (Guillotine) surprised trainer Cliff Brown when he overcame a tough trip to account for a stronger lot at Kranji on Friday.

Last successful in a Class 4 race

Race	Singapore TC Class 3 H. 1000m
Winner	Kratos (NZ) 2013
Owners	Olympian Stable
Trainer	Cliff Brown (Kranji)
Breeding	by Guillotine out of Finishing School (Aus) by Royal Academy (USA)
Breeder	Alchemy Family Trust and Windsor Park Stud Ltd
Sales	2015 National Yearling Sale, Select Session; V: Windsor Park Stud, P: L R Beckett; \$20,000

over 1000 metres, when he stamped his authority from barrier rise, the four-year-old grey was this time testing himself against Class 3 gallopers in a similar scamper worth \$580,000.

When he could not win the early speed battle over Nova Warrior (NZ) (Bachelor Duke), with Unsurpassed (NZ) (Exceed And Excel) forming a line of three abreast, the expectation was that Kratos would crumble in the run home.

But well ridden by lightweight jockey Barend Vorster, Kratos raised another effort once he swung into the straight and comfortably held off a couple of late challenges, saluting with a length to spare.

"This horse has done a really good

job. To be honest, I thought he would struggle against class three horses but he surprised me," said trainer Cliff Brown. "It's true he had a light weight, which is what you get when you go up in grade. That's the positive."

Vorster said his intention was to take the race by the scruff of the neck from the start but had to change tack with Nova Warrior's insistence to hold the front.

"I wanted to lead but I was surprised when the other horse kicked up on my inside," said the South African. "Anyway, he was always travelling on the bridle, even though he was on the outside, and at the top of the straight he gave a very good kick.



"It was a nice step-up in grade and he just took it all in his stride. Sometimes, it comes down to the type of running you get and things just worked out good today."

– Singapore Turf Club

Kratos handles a rise in class with ease at Kranji's Friday meeting.





DESPITE POOR TRIALS, **TUN'S A WINNER**



Tun O'Reilly makes a winning debut at Kranji.

Newcomer **Tun O'Reilly (NZ)** (O'Reilly) defied the average impression he had left at the barrier trials by winning in brilliant fashion at Kranji on Friday when having his first raceday start.

The strapping three-year-old had run second at his first trial, but in a slow time, and was a distant seventh at his second outing, going some way to explaining his lukewarm nine-to-one odds in the \$575,000 Restricted Maiden over 1100 metres.

On face value, a few more runs before showing form could be expected, but both trainer Shane Baertschiger and jockey John Powell had an inkling there could be more to those nondescript hit-outs.

"He actually trialed good. At his second, he was drawn ten out of ten and had to drop back and work around horses to come home," said Baertschiger.

"He's 550 kilograms and definitely needs more ground but the fast pace played into his hands. I've always had a high opinion of him.

"Every piece of work he's done, every gallop he does, he just keeps improving."

Being aboard Tun O'Reilly at the two barrier trials, Powell had a hunch he could unlock his potential.

"He wants more ground. At his first trial, there were only six horses and they didn't run time, and at his second he was drawn wide," said the Australian.

"He's got big strides and I just took him back. It looked average but I think he learned a lot from the second trial because he didn't get any kickback and was less field-shy.

– Singapore Turf Club

Race	Singapore TC Restricted Maiden S. 1100m
Winner	Tun O'Reilly (NZ) 2014
Owners	Ma Racing Stable
Trainer	Shane Baertschiger (Kranji)
Breeding	by O'Reilly out of Winsome Kash by Kashani (USA)
Breeder	Gillovic Bloodstock Ltd and Waikato Stud Ltd

