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RUGGED STAYER GETS DESERVED BIG RACE VICTORY AT TE AROHA

Chocolate Fish (NZ) (Colombia) proved his credentials as an out and out stayer when he out-toughed his rivals in Sunday's Irvines Great Northern Steeplechase (6300m) at Te Aroha.

Traditionally run over the famed Ellerslie hill this year's edition of the great race was transplanted to Te Aroha due to the extensive track renovations recently completed at the premier Auckland venue. That move did not detract from what is a marvellous spectacle of determination, skill and stamina over the ultimate distance, qualities that the Shane Brown trained winner has in spades.

Brown had tasted disappointment at the recent Grand National meeting at Riccarton where Chocolate Fish could only manage a well beaten third in the signature steeplechase contest after starting favourite for the event.

Any regrets were quickly cast aside this time as the Colombia nine-year-old put on a proficient display of jumping in the hands of rider Shaun Phelan to capture his biggest career victory. Allowed to track the speed throughout Phelan decided to put the acid on his rivals as he urged his mount to the front with two fences to run.

Race favourite Perry Mason (NZ) (Zed) went with him, as did Grand National winner Shamal (NZ) (Zabeel), but they were both left trailing in his wake as Chocolate Fish called on all his reserves to forge clear in the run to the post.

"We're always the bridesmaid but this time the horse just gave all day and he just keeps going," Phelan said.

"He put himself there today which was really good as usually he drops out, switches off and it takes me a round to wind him up.

"I was happy that I was following Thenamesbond the whole way although I did get a little bit of panic when they swept around me at the 600m and didn't give me a lot of room.



Chocolate Fish clears a fence on his way to victory (Trish Dunell)

"I thought bugger it I will just ride him ugly and pull him out wide as when he gets open space he runs. My only worry was hitting the front to soon as he can shy and look around, but he was just too good."

Brown was trying hard to keep his emotions in check as he waited for his charge to return to the birdcage.

"That's fantastic," he said.

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SWEYNESSE

Stunning first foals

*Sweynesse is a chip
off the old block*

Darren Beadman

Sweynesse, is a son of former champion racehorse and super sire Lonhro. Beadman rode Lonhro in most of his 26 wins and he gets to work with many of that horse's sons and daughters at Godolphin.

- A multiple Group One performer (2nd G1 Randwick Guineas, 3rd G1 Spring Champion) beating some of the best 3YO Group One winners in Australia including Kermedec, Preferment, Hampton Court, Shooting To Win, First Seal.
- Winner of first four starts including dual Group 3 wins in the Spring Stakes and Gloaming Stakes.
- A winner at only start as a 2YO.
- A top 3YO Timeform rating of 122 makes Sweynesse one of the top Australian 3YO colts of his year.
- By Lonhro -The Champion 3YO, the Champion miler, the Horse of the Year, and now a Champion sire. Lonhro set a new Australian record of 160 individual winners in a season. His son Pierro, unbeaten juvenile Triple Crown winner, was rated the best juvenile colt in Australia since 1977.
- Out of the multiple winning mare Swansea by Champion Sire Singspiel (5xG1 Winner and sire of 98SW).
- Sweynesse is a magnificent individual. He stands 16.2 hh. He has a powerful hind quarter, a strong shoulder and a great athletic walk. He is very correct.
- Sweynesse is syndicated amongst many of New Zealand's top breeders who are strongly supporting him at stud.



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The field pass the packed grandstand on the first lap of the Irvines Great Northern Steeplechase (Trish Dunell)

“I thought we had the best stayer so I said to Shaun to put him in the race and he will out-tough them.

“A lot of people said he was a bit of a ‘gunna’ but he’s just a genuine stayer who will go all day.

“He’s a nine-year-old that’s only had twenty-five starts but he won his maiden (steeplechase) race first-up and has been up against the big guns ever since.

“It’s huge to have won the Northern, I’m just rapt for the horse as he deserved that.”

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	ARC Great Northern S/chase 6300m.
Winner	Chocolate Fish (NZ) 2009
Owners	Miss A S Ames-Durey, Go Again Syndicate, D P & E M Oliver
Trainer	Shane Brown (Woodville)
Breeding	by Colombia out of Saveur (Gb) by Ardross (IRE)
Breeder	N G Amey; Central; NZ





SOUTHERNER PREVAILS IN SENSATIONAL GREAT NORTHERN HURDLE

Jackfrost (NZ) (Gallant Guru) claimed a special double when he outlasted his rivals to win an action-packed running of the Schweppes Great Northern Hurdle (4200m) at Te Aroha.

Scenes of unbridled jubilation from his large group of owners greeted the Brian and Shane Anderton trained eight-year-old as he made his way back to the winner's enclosure after adding the biggest hurdle event in the north to his Grand National Hurdles title at Riccarton last month.

Supporters of jumps racing couldn't have asked for a better spectacle as the capacity field put on an enthralling contest from start to finish. Free-goer Banbury Lad (NZ) (Woodbury Lad) set up a hectic pace in front as he strung the field out by up to thirty lengths in the early stages of the prestige event.

Jackfrost and rider Buddy Lammas, who gained the mount after regular pilot Stuart Higgins was suspended for his ride on the horse in the Grand National, bided their time at the rear of the field as they conserved energy for a final charge.

Former Sydney Cup winner Gallante (Montjeu) and local favourite Laekeeper (NZ) (Keeper) split the field wide open when they dashed clear with 1200m to run with the Paul Nelson trained Second Innings (NZ) (Yamanin Vital) stalking them as they approached the home turn. By this time Lammas had Jackfrost humming as he closed in on the trio before issuing his challenge at the second to last fence.

Second Innings hit the front but botched the two remaining jumps to succumb to the inexorable charge of

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Jackfrost parades before his adoring owners at Te Aroha





SOUTHERNER PREVAILS IN SENSATIONAL GREAT NORTHERN HURDLE

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Jackfrost who went clear in the run to the post as he sent owners, the Frosty's Shoutin The Beers Syndicate, into a joyous delirium.

"It was a wonderful training effort by Brian and Shane and we are indebted to their tremendous ability," said syndicate member Michael House after the race.

"It's a great thrill and I don't think I've ever yelled so much. They are a great bunch of weirdos (the syndicate) that just love racing and I'm indebted to their friendship on this journey.

"He's only a little slight horse but he has a tremendous staying ability. He was a race fit horse who was handling it well and seeing his fences better with each one he got to.

"Brian Anderton said a couple of years ago this horse would make a great jumper even though he wasn't training him at the time.

"He's ended up in his stable because of that vision."

Lammas, who was having his first ride on the Gallant Guru gelding, was remarkably calm after claiming the prestigious event.

"We were a bit far back from where I wanted to be but when I popped out he just cruised up to them," he said.

"He travelled up nicely and when the front-runner mucked up the last couple we caught them quite easily then.

"He's a lovely horse and I'm grateful for the ride although sorry for Stuart who couldn't ride him."

It was the second major jumping victory for Lammas in less than a month after he claimed the time-honoured Grand National Steeplechase (5600m) on Shamal (NZ) (Zabeel) at Riccarton recently.

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	ARC Great Northern Hurdle 4200m.
Winner	Jackfrost (NZ) 2010
Owners	Frosty's Shoutin The Beers Syndicate
Trainer	Brian & Shane Anderton (Wingatui)
Breeding	by Gallant Guru (AUS) out of Vital Note by Yamanin Vital
Breeder	B J & Mrs L E Anderton; South; NZ



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BITTERSWEET DAY FOR YOUNG RIDER AT WANGANUI

Promising apprentice Wiremu Pinn experienced the ups and downs of the thoroughbred racing game at Wanganui on Saturday with a winning double on the day tempered by a careless riding suspension that will cost him some time on the side-lines.

Pinn copped the seven riding days suspension for his effort on classy mare **Art Deco (NZ)** (Road To Rock) who he guided to success over 1200m in the third race on the card.

Settled on the fence in the early stages of the race Art Deco travelled comfortably before running

into a pocket behind the leaders approaching the home bend. Pinn extricated the Road To Rock mare into clear running at the 450m mark, in the process hampering the fourth-placed Shadows Cast (NZ) (Per Incanto), before charging clear to win comfortably.

Trained by Pinn's boss, Allan Sharrock, Art Deco has the Gr.3 Boehringer Ingelheim 1550 at Awapuni next weekend on her radar and looks on target for a bold performance.

"She's flying at the moment and it was a great ride by the kid," Sharrock

said. "He got off the fence rather than getting pocketed and showed a bit of maturity so I'm really happy.

"It was a nice run to get her ready for the metric mile at Awapuni.

"I've only backed her up once before and she won so that's the plan."

Pinn was again in the thick of the action three races later when he struck success on durable mare **Strolling Vagabond (NZ)** (Darci Brahma) in the open 2040m event.

In virtually a carbon copy version of his ride on Art Deco, Pinn hugged the rail throughout before easing into the clear at the 600m mark. Strolling

Vagabond quickly claimed the lead in the run home and kept up a powerful gallop to register her eighth career victory.

"She's such a consistent and honest little performer and is in the money more than she is out of it," trainer Gerald Innes said.

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Art Deco and Wiremu Pinn head to the winning post at Wanganui





BITTERSWEET DAY FOR YOUNG RIDER AT WANGANUI

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"I was thrilled with the ride by the young fella as it was the winning of the race. He rode her a treat

"She's had a couple of weeks in the paddock after her last run at Christchurch, so this race was tailor made for her.

"We might go to the Taranaki Breeders (Stakes) with her next and try and get some black type."

The Gr.3 Rich Hill Stud Taranaki Breeders Stakes (1400m) will be run at Hawera on October 13.

– NZ Racing Desk



Strolling Vagabond records her eighth career victory with a comprehensive win at Wanganui

Race	Wanganui JC Coro Angel Syndicate H. 1200m.
Winner	Art Deco (NZ) 2012
Owners	Pee Gee & W J Bloodstock Ltd
Trainer	Allan Sharrock (New Plymouth)
Breeding	by Road to Rock (AUS) out of Something Special (AUS) by Bletchingly (AUS)
Breeder	Pee Gee & W J Bloodstock Ltd; Central; NZ

Race	Wanganui JC St Johns Club H. 2040m.
Winner	Strolling Vagabond (NZ) 2012
Owners	R Fibbes, D F Greenlees, G D Innes, T D Martin, P McKenna, P J Ryan, R D & S Southey, R White & A J Wilkinson
Trainer	Gerald Innes (Opaki)
Breeding	by Darci Brahma out of Bella Rosalia (GB) by Singspiel (IRE)
Breeder	JML Bloodstock Ltd; Central; NZ

NEWS IN BRIEF

Valachi Downs principal enjoys winning weekend

The Valachi Downs colours were to the fore on Saturday at Riccarton, when four-year-old mares **Lake Chalice (NZ)** (No Excuse Needed) and **Zentessa (NZ)** (Zed) both scored commanding fresh-up wins.

The standout gold silks and navy blue cap of owner Kevin Hickman were carried to victory by Kate Cowan, a scholarly apprentice with a good affinity at Riccarton, and thriving from her new base at Pukekohe.

Trained on the course by Shane Kennedy & Anna Furlong, both made light work of their tasks. Lake Chalice, who ended her previous campaign in April, following a first and third, angled widest from seventh at the 400m and powered clear over the final furlong to win the Pryde's Easifeed (1000m) by 2 ¾ lengths.

Similarly, Zentessa, who had also been freshened since winning in July, travelled handily in the Zacinto at Valachi Downs (1600m) before racing away to win by three lengths.

Hickman finished off his weekend in style when the Karen & John Parsons **Delacroix (NZ)** (Zabeel) scored in the Diet Coke Steeplechase (3500m) at Te Aroha on Sunday.

– NZ Racing Desk





LOCAL FILLY SET FOR **PROFITABLE SPRING**

South Island filly **Emily Margaret (NZ)** (Pins) announced her candidacy for some of the bigger spoils on offer in the coming months with a stunning last to first performance at Riccarton on Saturday.

Placed in two starts as a juvenile, the Pins filly was having her first run for the season off the back of a stylish trial win at Rangiora last month. Despite taking on a field that included a number of race winners, the Kevin and Pam Hughes trained galloper was confidently expected to feature prominently in the finish.

Settled well back in the early stages of the 1000m scamper by visiting North Island apprentice Jasmine Fawcett, Emily Margaret bided her time until well into the home straight. Hooked to the outside by Fawcett, the filly swept to the front as she cruised clear to win untouched by two lengths from race favourite William James (NZ) (Ocean Park).

“You never like to be too confident heading into a race, but I really thought she was a big winning chance,” Kevin Hughes said.

“She had been working up with our good sprinter Carnival and they were flying.

“We had given her a little break after she had run third back in June and she just thrived. She’s filled out nicely and we think she could be in for a very good campaign.”

Hughes will now set his sights on some upcoming local features with the filly who is owned by long-time stable client Rodger Finlay and his wife. Finlay purchased Emily Margaret for \$55,000



Stylish grey filly Emily Margaret breaks her maiden status at Riccarton

from the Trelawny Stud draft during the Select session of the 2017 New Zealand Bloodstock National Yearling Sale at Karaka.

“Rodger has had horses with us for a number of years and we would like to win a good race for him,” Hughes said.

“Her immediate aim is the Canterbury Belle Stakes back here in a fortnight and safely through that she will have a run over 1400m before we hope to get her into the 1000 Guineas at Cup Week.

“She is from a good sprinting family but the way she relaxes in her races I think she is quite capable of getting the mile of the Guineas comfortably.

“She will have to keep improving to foot it with the good ones that will target that race, but it’s on her home patch and we think she is up to it.”

The Listed New Zealand Bloodstock Canterbury Belle Stakes (1200m) is the feature event at Riccarton on September 22 with the Gr.1 Gavelhouse.com New Zealand 1000 Guineas (1600m) raced on the final day of the New Zealand Cup Carnival on November 17.

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	CJC NZ Bloodstock 3YO H. 1000m.
Winner	Emily Margaret (NZ) 2015
Owners	Mr & Mrs Rodger Finlay
Trainer	Nigel Tiley (Pukekohe Park)
Breeding	by Pins (AUS) out of Seven Schillings by O’Reilly
Breeder	Archer Equine Investments Ltd; Waikato; NZ
Sales	2017 National Yearling Sale - Select V: Trelawney Stud Ltd \$55000 P: RJ Finlay





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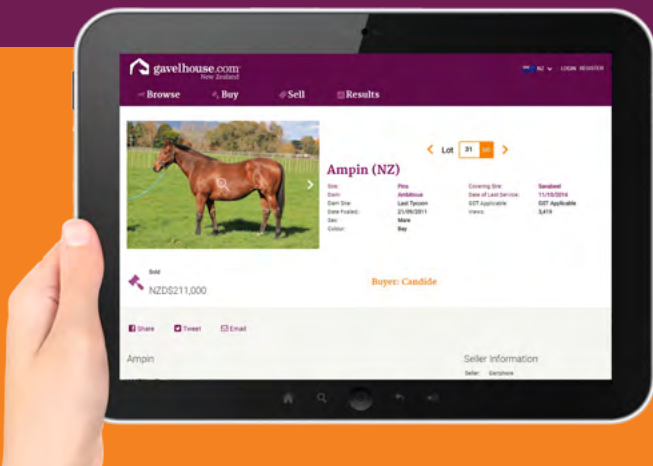
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THE CENTAINE AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$1,226,404
O'REILLY	\$656,236
DARCI BRAHMA	\$416,336
RIP VAN WINKLE	\$354,833
TAVISTOCK	\$336,549
ZED	\$335,935
IFFRAAJ	\$329,853
RED GIANT	\$327,635
OCEAN PARK	\$313,466
REDWOOD	\$299,276

Criteria: Sire whose NZ-conceived progeny have accumulated the highest stakes earnings worldwide

THE DEWAR STALLION TROPHY

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$458,636
O'REILLY	\$379,710
ZED	\$328,998
RIP VAN WINKLE	\$284,400
TAVISTOCK	\$284,130
REDWOOD	\$261,025
IFFRAAJ	\$227,486
DARCI BRAHMA	\$224,508
PINS	\$212,522
PER INCANTO	\$211,575

Criteria: Sire whose progeny have accumulated the highest combined stakes earnings in Australia & New Zealand

THE GROSVENOR AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
ZED	\$289,088
COMMANDS	\$187,500
SWISS ACE	\$130,247
PER INCANTO	\$123,660
IFFRAAJ	\$114,501
RED GIANT	\$113,640
GALLANT GURU	\$98,100
DARCI BRAHMA	\$94,213
ROAD TO ROCK	\$81,215
AZAMOUR	\$80,555

BEST PERFORMERS	EARNINGS
PERRY MASON	\$42,500
MELODY BELLE	\$187,500
JULIUS	\$41,875
MAUNA KEA	\$38,275
MELT	\$15,626
PLATINUM COMMAND	\$66,775
JACKFROST	\$57,625
STROLLING VAGABOND	\$24,725
ART DECO	\$28,875
HARTLEY	\$29,685

Criteria: Leading Sires by Earnings in New Zealand



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NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG **SEPTEMBER 5**

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
UNIVERSAL GO GO (NZ) 2014 by Azamour (IRE) out of Love Blooms by Kaapstad	T Stakemire; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Repulse Bay H. 1200m	2015 National Weanling; Broodmare & Mixed Sale V: Brighthill Farm \$21000 P: NZB as agent

NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG **SEPTEMBER 9**

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
HAPPY SOUND (NZ) 2012 by Thewayyouare (USA) out of Striking Sneek by Straight Strike	Mrs K A & N J Auret; Central; NZ	HKJC Zhaoqing H. 1000m.	

NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE **SEPTEMBER 7**

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
PER IMPOWER (NZ) 2015 by Per Incanto (USA) out of Saint She Ain't by Kinjite	Little Avondale Trust; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Restricted Maiden S. 1200m.	2017 National Yearling Sale – Select Session V: Little Avondale Stud \$40,000 P: Little Avondale Stud
BILLY BRITAIN (NZ) 2009 by One Cool Cat (USA) out of Zatiger by Zabeel	Pee Gee & W J Bloodstock Ltd; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1800m.	
WONDERFUL PAINT (NZ) 2014 by Darci Brahma out of The Grey Storm by Red Ransom (USA)	L Williams; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Open Maiden S. 1600m	2016 National Yearling Sale - Select Session V: Sanderston Park \$20000 P: SY Chew
LADRONE (NZ) 2011 by Nicconi (AUS) out of Betchacan (AUS) by King Cugat (USA)	C J & Mrs K B Webber; Auckland; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1100m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Select Session V: Jamieson Park \$35000 P: Michael Hickmott B/stock

NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE **SEPTEMBER 9**

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
SIAM BLUE VANDA (NZ) 2015 by Echoes of Heaven (AUS) out of I'm a Wag (IRE) by Lahib (USA)	Linwood Park Stud Ltd; Auckland; NZ	Singapore TC Novice P. 1200m.	2017 Ready to Run Sale V: Kiltannon Stables Ltd \$40000 P: Waterford B/stock
WHAT'S NEW (NZ) 2014 by Casino Prince (AUS) out of Pussycat Dream (GB) by Oasis Dream (GB)	Greenwich Stud Pty Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1600m.	
NOWYOUSEE (NZ) 2014 by O'Reilly out of Fabulist by Savabeel (AUS)	Waikato Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 3 H. 1100m.	2016 Gold Coast Yearling Sale V: Sledmere Stud \$170000 P: Theo Kieser

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