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## BAKER RACING STARS CONTEST TRANS-TASMAN FEATURES



*Francaletta looks a leading chance to gain further honours for the Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman team at Awapuni tomorrow*

As is so often the case these days, Cambridge trainers Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman will be keeping watch on feature race contenders on both sides of the Tasman tomorrow.

This Saturday, it's **Jon Snow (NZ)** (Iffraaj) continuing his build-up to the Cups in Melbourne when he contests the Gr.1 Makybe Diva Stakes (1600m) at Flemington, while emerging star **Francaletta** (High Chaparral) tackles the Gr.3 Boehringer Ingelheim Metric Mile at Awapuni.

The freshly re-crowned New Zealand champion training duo of Baker and Forsman have campaigned more horses in Australia in recent years than any other domestic stable so are well versed in ensuring the planning and logistics of the exercise are fine-tuned to bring about success.

But Baker is warning success might not come Jon Snow's way this weekend, rather the Flemington weight-for-age feature providing the Gr.1 Australian Derby winner with

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# BELARDO (IRE)

*Lope de Vega - Danaskaya by Danehill*

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another important stepping stone towards more suitable targets deeper into the spring.

"We're happy with him but it's a very strong field and for him it's another step on his pathway to the Cups," Baker said.

"He's drawn well and he would have taken improvement from his run the other day [for a creditable sixth placing in the Gr.1 NZB Memsie Stakes at Caulfield]. He went very well and if he hadn't been tightened, he might have run fourth."

Iffraaj entire Jon Snow is rated an \$18 outsider for the Makybe Diva Stakes, a race which has seen Hartnell (Authorized) open a \$1.85 favourite.

"Stephen Baster rode him on Tuesday and said he felt good," Baker said.

"I wouldn't say he would be winning this, but it is a race that fits in with his programme. You've got to be running them every two weeks to get them fit. We'll decide after this race what he does next, but possibly it's the Underwood Stakes over 1800m."

Baker has won the Underwood on three previous occasions, with The Phantom (NZ) (Noble Bijou) in 1990, Lion Tamer (NZ) (Storming Home) in 2011 and Dundeel (NZ) (High Chaparral) in 2013.

Closer to home, talented High Chaparral five-year-old mare Francaletta will start favourite in the Boehringer Ingelheim Metric Mile, shooting for her sixth win from seven starts after an emphatic first-up sprint win at Hastings earlier this month.

"It's a tough ask second-up jumping from 1200m to a mile but it's a stakes race and she deserves her shot," Baker said.

"We are hoping the track doesn't get too heavy because then it becomes an even harder task. But we're happy with her. She's a good galloper and we think she's fit enough."

Baker has yet to make plans past Saturday's race for Francaletta, who is raced by Lib Petagna, crowned New Zealand's owner of the year at last Sunday's New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing Awards, but he is shying away from a tilt at the Gr.1 Livamol Classic (2040m) at Hastings on October 7.

"A lot of High Chaparral mares are best over sharper trips. Personally, I think 1600m, maybe 1400m, is her best distance, but we'll just see how she races on Saturday," Baker said.

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# TRAINER BULLISH ABOUT QUALITY 4YO'S SPRINT PROSPECTS

**M**ike Moroney doesn't buy into the argument that **Savile Row (NZ)** (Makfi) will be outpaced when he makes his Australian debut on Saturday.

The trans-Tasman trainer has been impressed by the Makfi four-year-old's demeanour ahead of the Gr.2 Bobbie Lewis Quality (1200m), in which he will be ridden by Stephen Baster.

"I'm very happy with him. He's been here a while and he's a lovely horse to have around the stable," Moroney said.

Bred and raced by Valachi Downs' Kevin Hickman, Savile Row finished runner-up last season in both the Gr.1 New Zealand 2000 Guineas (1600m) and in the Gr.1 Levin Classic (1600m).

He was also second in the Gr.1 Herbie Dyke Stakes (2000m) against the older horses and Moroney isn't

anticipating the shorter distance of the Bobbie Lewis to count against him.

"I don't think they'll be too quick for him," he said. "He's got fresh form and I'm hoping they'll run it along a bit and he can get over the top of them.

"His best trip looks as if it's a mile, but in saying that he's sharp enough and he's pretty classy.

"At this stage, we'll go through to the Toorak and he does also hold a nomination for the Cox Plate."

Meanwhile, Savile Row's stablemate and race rival **Saracino (NZ)** (Per Incanto) may be gelded if he fails to run up to expectations at Flemington.

"He's been threatened with the knife," Moroney said. "At his last start we didn't know how hard he was trying so we'll also put the blinkers on."

The Kiwi-bred four-year-old has been a multiple Group Two winner and Group One placegetter for Wellington owner Lib Petagna, but beat only one runner home when he resumed last time out in the Gr.3 The Heath at Caulfield.

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*Savile Row steps out for his first run of the new season at Flemington tomorrow*





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# KIWI PAIR EXCEL AT BENDIGO



*Cambridge Stud's Tavistock – sire of Tavistock Abbey*

A pair of New Zealand bred three-year-olds turned heads at Bendigo on Thursday as they pressed their claims for higher honours as spring racing heats up across the Tasman.

First-up was the Anthony Freedman prepared **Tavistock Abbey (NZ)** (Tavistock), a \$200,000 purchase from the Rich Hill draft during the 2016 premier session at Karaka. The showy

bay recorded his first victory at just his third start when he easily disposed of his maiden rivals by three and three-quarter lengths over 1600 metres.

Wearing the colours made famous by champion galloper Super Impose (NZ) (Imposing), rider Luke Currie had the gelding poised to strike after enjoying a soft run in transit and when he asked for an effort the response was immediate.

“He travelled nicely to the corner and just ran away from them in the end,” remarked Currie after the race.

“He always travelled like the winner and quickened nicely when I asked him. He’s a nice horse going forward.”

Stable representative Brad Taylor was quick to explain Tavistock Abbey’s last start failure as the camp indicated a tilt at the Gr. 1 AAMI Victoria Derby was on the cards.

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“We were highly disappointed last time but Mark Zahra came back and said he just didn’t handle the track or racing in tight quarters,” he explained.

“We said to Luke to get him some clear air and when he was travelling like he was on the corner he put them away pretty impressively.

“There’s going to be a Derby nomination and we’ll look to use the Derby trial at Flemington as his next start.”

Equally as impressive albeit by a much smaller margin was the Trent Busuttin and Natalie Young trained **Sully (NZ)** (Reliable Man) who also scored over 1600 metres when taking out the last race of the day.



While Tavistock Abbey had raced away from his rivals to record an easy victory, Sully was forced to produce an electric burst of speed in the closing stages as he gunned down second favourite Minoan Spirit (Bullbars) in a desperate finish despite racing erratically for much of the run home.

Rider Zac Spain could have been forgiven if he thought he was about to hurdle the inside rail such was the sharp left hand turn the Reliable Man gelding made at the 250 metre mark. Once straightened however he found his feet quickly and dashed home to score by a short head and put his name in the hat for Victoria Derby contention.

“He’s got real ability but just needs to sort out his racing manners,” noted a relieved Spain.

“He was really relaxed and I was a

little cautious about him laying in so I was waiting for it.”

Co-trainer Natalie Young admitted she had her heart in her mouth watching the closing stages of the race.

“It was a little bit scary actually and lucky there was no interference,” she said.

“We thought we had overcome the problems with some new gear including a crossover and tongue tie but he’s just so green and raw.

“I think we can overcome it if he can get a draw next time.”

Busuttin and Young purchased the gelding for owner Karl Burgess from the Karaka 2016 Select Sale draft of Wentwood Grange for \$36,000. They will now aim him for the Gr. 3 Gloaming Stakes (1800m) at Rosehill on September 23.

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<b>Race</b>	<b>Bendigo JC Orrcon Steel H. 1600m.</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Sully (NZ) 2014</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>K Burgess</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Trent Busuttin &amp; Natalie Young (Cranbourne)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Reliable Man (GB) out of Lady Winifred by Casual Lies (USA)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>G M &amp; Mrs G M Hewson; Central; NZ</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2016 National Yearling Sale - Select Session V: Wentwood Grange \$36000 P: BD Racing</b>

<b>Race</b>	<b>Bendigo JC Jarrod Larkin Concreting Maiden P. 1600m.</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Tavistock Abbey (NZ) 2014</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>A Kheir, J A Newton, Mrs G Newton, F Palazzo, C C E Thompson &amp; J W Thompson' Cedar Racing (Mgr: N Barbar), Horseshoe Investments Pty Ltd (Mgr: R N Russell)</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Anthony Freedman (Flemington)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Tavistock out of Surreal by Zabeel</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>C C E &amp; J W Thompson; Waikato; NZ</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2016 National Yearling Sale - Premier Session V: Rich Hill Stud \$200000 P: Freedman Racing</b>

*Westbury Stud's Reliable Man – sire of Sully*



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*Ecuador (NZ) (High Chaparral)*

### George Main trip to suit Ecuador

Co-trainer Adrian Bott expects the step back up to 1600 metres to suit **Ecuador (NZ)** (High Chaparral) in the Gr.1 George Main Stakes (1600m) at Randwick on Saturday.

The multiple stakes-winning eight-year-old ran fourth in the Gr.2 Tramway Stakes (1400m) on September 2 and Bott, who trains in partnership with Gai Waterhouse, is hopeful of a good run.

"He's going really well and 1600 metres is probably getting up to his preferred trip now," Bott said.

"Last start he showed he was looking for a little bit further so the step up is ideal."

Ecuador has drawn barrier five and will be ridden by Adam Hyeronimus.

Mackintosh (NZ) (Pins) will also contest the A\$500,000 race with the Chris Waller-trained five-year-old to jump from gate two for Glyn Schofield.



*Summer Passage (Snitzel)*

### Colt's programme to be locked in after Danehill

The direction of **Summer Passage's** (Snitzel) spring campaign will become clearer after Saturday's Gr.2 Danehill Stakes at Flemington.

The leading New Zealand colt will make his three-year-old debut in the 1200 metre event, in which he will be ridden by Mark Zahra.

"We'll wait and see what happens, they could be a bit too sharp for him," said Lance O'Sullivan, who trains Summer Passage with Andrew Scott. "He's \$12 in the latest market, which gives an indication of the calibre of the field. [Full story here](#)



*Chocante (NZ) (Shocking)*

### Chocante aims to stay on track for Metrop

Stephen Marsh has watched a replay of the Chelmsford Stakes several times, but not to marvel at Red Excitement's (Excites) bold breakaway or super mare Winx's (Street Cry) relentless finish.

The New Zealand trainer instead focused on the third-placed horse, a stayer who exceeded his expectations at Randwick.

**Chocante (NZ)** (Shocking) produced a Sydney debut that has the five-year-old among the frontrunners for the Gr.1 Metropolitan Handicap (2400m) on September 30.

"I thought the run was well above expectations. He's not a miler at all. It usually takes 2000 metres to show his best," Marsh said.

Chocante tackles that distance in the Gr.3 Kingston Town Stakes at Randwick on Saturday.

Marsh said Chocante struggled to figure over the mile at home and felt his Queensland campaign, highlighted by his win in the Gr.2 Brisbane Cup (2200m) in June, was the catalyst for dramatic improvement.

"He was quite an immature type and he's just strengthened up mentally and physically. He seems pretty much the complete package now," he said.

Blake Shinn rides Chocante on Saturday after his commitments in Melbourne left Rory Hutchings with the reins in the Chelmsford.

Marsh said Shinn was sought because he could ride at 55kg, the weight he anticipates Chocante will get in the Metropolitan, 4kg less than he carried at weight-for-age in the Chelmsford.



*I Am A Star (NZ) (I Am Invincible)*

### Nichols' Star on song for Let's Elope

Trainer Shane Nichols is looking for history to repeat itself when **I Am A Star (NZ)** (I Am Invincible) runs at Flemington.

Nichols has adopted a similar routine leading into Saturday's Gr.2 Let's Elope Stakes (1400m) that resulted in the mare's third-up win last campaign.

After two runs in sprint races, I Am A Star won the Kewney Stakes over Saturday's course and distance in March before being successful at Moonee Valley 13 days later.

I Am A Star has had two runs this campaign, finishing fourth over 1200m at Flemington before running seventh in the Memsie Stakes at Caulfield on September 2.

"She came off a similar prep last time," Nichols said.

"She ran second in the Rubiton, went into the Oakleigh Plate and then won the Kewney.

"This time she's had a couple of runs against the boys and now we go into the Let's Elope.

"She's going really well. It just doesn't read it on paper."

Nichols said the mare needed the outing first-up before the tempo counted against her at Caulfield but the performances point to her running well on Saturday despite having to shoulder 59kg.

"If it was a handicap the others would be getting eight and 10 kilos off her whereas now they're only getting two, three and four," he said.

"She's still got to carry it but she can still run well and finish third, fourth, fifth and still be a good chance in the Stocks Stakes."

The Stocks Stakes, for fillies and mares at weight-for-age, will be I Am A Star's next outing and will determine her future path.

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Tulip (Pierro)



Megablast (NZ) (Shinko King)



Dashper (NZ) (Redwood)

### Bowman booked for Tulip

Premier Sydney jockey Hugh Bowman has been booked to ride **Tulip** (Pierro) for the first time in the Gr.2 Tea Rose Stakes (1400m) at Randwick on Saturday.

The Lindsay Park-trained and Coolmore raced filly won the Gr.3 Magic Night Stakes (1200m) in March and is set to face 11 rivals in the A\$200,000 Group Two.

Sold through Curraghmore's 2016 NZB draft, Tulip was a last start second at Moonee Valley in August and will jump from barrier four on Saturday.

### Waller confident in Antonio's Group Three bid

Champion trainer Chris Waller has a big team set for the Gr.3 Kingston Town Stakes (2000m) at Randwick on Saturday and is confident that two gallopers in particular have their hooves on the till.

**Who Shot Thebarman (NZ)** (Yamanin Vital), Libran (Lawman) and Kinema (Galileo) are all expected to improve off the run but it is **Antonio Giuseppe (NZ)** (Shocking) and Life Less Ordinary (Thewayyouare) that Waller holds high hopes for in the A\$150,000 event.

After closing strongly last start in the Gr.2 Chelmsford Stakes (1600m) behind superstar stablemate Winx (Street Cry), Waller is bursting with confidence about 2016 Metropolitan runner-up Antonio Giuseppe, but admits that he has some obstacles to overcome.

"It's a shame he's drawn so wide because he is ready to win, this horse," Waller said.

"He's got good form coming out of a Group Two-mile race last start at weight-for-age. He's well suited by the set weights and penalties.

"He's come up really well and is up to a more suitable distance.

"He'll just need some luck from the gate."

Antonio Giuseppe holds nominations for the Epsom Handicap (1600m), The Metropolitan (2400m), the Caulfield Cup (2400m) and the Melbourne Cup (3200m).

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### Tiley happy with Megablast

**Megablast (NZ)** (Shinko King) will strip in good order for tomorrow's Gr.3 Kingston Town Stakes (2000m) at Randwick, according to trainer Nigel Tiley.

"He's done plenty of work," the Pukekohe Park horseman said. "I'd like to think he'll run well and then we can get a run in The Metropolitan and decide where we go after that."

To be ridden in his Sydney debut by Jason Collett, Megablast has won eight races and came off a two-month break to carry 60kg to victory at Ellerslie last time out.

"He was knocking up at the end, but he was entitled to," Tiley said. "He'll take natural improvement from the run on Saturday, but I'm very happy with him."



Sound Proposition (NZ) (Savabeel)

### Kiwi-bred ready for Cameron

Newcastle trainer Kris Lees isn't too perturbed by the 59kg former New Zealand Group One winner **Sound Proposition (NZ)** (Savabeel) will carry on his adopted home track in today's Gr.3 Cameron Handicap (1500m).

"He's got plenty of weight, but he is a capable horse fresh," Lees said. "It's only a small field and I think he's in for a nice preparation."

The winner of the 2016 Easter Stakes when trained by Lance O'Sullivan and Andrew Scott, Sound Proposition has been successful at Randwick in both of his starts for Lees.

### One down but two to go for local stable

Donna Logan and Chris Gibbs will mount a double strike on their home-town feature on Saturday having lost what was potentially their best chance of success.

The Ruakaka trainers were keen on the Listed Tavistock Northland Breeders' Stakes (1200m) for Not Usual Trip (Stryker), but his sale to overseas interests will see them relying on **Dashper (NZ)** (Redwood) and Not Usual Heart (Show A Heart) to fly the stable flag.

The latter is owned by Hongwei Chen and Alex Teng's Horse Feng Bloodstock, who also raced Not Usual Trip. He won races at Ellerslie and at Ruakaka last season and, in between times, finished fourth in the Listed Waikato Equine Veterinary Centre Stakes.

[Full story here](#)



Hiflyer (NZ) (Tavistock)

### Parkes flying north for Waikato star

In sacrificing what would have been a strong book of rides at Awapuni on a Group Three day, it's clear how highly Johnathan Parkes rates Te Aroha galloper **Hiflyer (NZ)** (Tavistock).

Parkes heads to Ruakaka on Saturday to continue his association with the Peter Lock-trained Tavistock five-year-old in preference to riding Boehringer Ingelheim Metric Mile day at Awapuni, where his services would have been in hot demand.

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"I think a lot of the horse and I'm making the trip to make sure I retain the ride for later on with bigger and better races in mind," Parkes said. [Full story here](#)



Waldorf (NZ) (Highly Recommended)

### Campbell on a classic quest with smart colt

Andrew Campbell has no doubt that his gifted three-year-old **Waldorf (NZ)** (Highly Recommended) can excel over more ground and, to that end, he's setting his sights on completing a notable 1600m family double with his gifted colt.

The Opaki horseman produced the slick son of Highly Recommended for a commanding performance on Wednesday to add the Listed H. S. Dyke Wanganui Guineas (1340m) to his burgeoning record.

"He'll head to the Hawke's Bay Guineas next and then Christchurch is the plan, as long as everything continues to go so well," Campbell said. [Full story here](#)



Dijon Bleu (NZ) (Burgundy)

### Filly proving a smart investment

Lisa Latta completed a smart piece of business when she parted with \$26,000 at Karaka last year to secure a daughter of Burgundy.

Named **Dijon Bleu (NZ)** (Burgundy), she was a debut winner last season for the Awapuni trainer and on Wednesday scored a hollow victory in the Listed The O'Leary's Fillies' Stakes (1200m) at Wanganui, a

meeting rescheduled after heavy rain forced its abandonment last Saturday.

After five appearances, Dijon Bleu's stake earnings are now closing in on \$60,000 with the promise of significantly more to come.

[Full story here](#)

### Sir Nate spoils favourite's party

**Sir Nate (NZ)** (Nadeem) upset the hot-pot **Beastmode** (Spirit of Boom) in the first juvenile contest of the season at Wanganui on Wednesday.

The son of Nadeem had been beaten by a wide margin when they first met at the Waverley trials last month, but he turned the tables when it mattered in the Vespa standing at Wellfield Lodge 2YO Plate (790m).

"I bought him at Karaka and syndicated him out," trainer Lisa Latta said. "Some new owners are involved so it's a great result. He's a big, strong colt and there's a heap of improvement in him."

A \$65,000 purchase earlier this year out of Little Avondale Stud's Select Sale draft, Sir Nate will now head to the paddock.

"We will probably give him a month off and we'd like to think we can get to the Karaka Million, although that's a long way off yet," Latta said.



Unusual Suspect (Unusual Heat)

### Aurets thrilled with new stallion addition

An international Group One winner is on his way to the Auret family's thoroughbred operation on the outskirts of Wanganui.

The well-performed **Unusual Suspect** (Unusual Heat) has been purchased for stud duty at Letham Thoroughbreds, where he will stand at \$5000 + GST alongside Montjeu's stakes-winning son Mettre En Jeu.

"We had been keeping an eye out for another horse and one that we could send all our mares to," Nigel Auret said. [Full story here](#)

### Parkes looking for quick improvement

Johnathan Parkes is backing **Volpe Veloce** (Foxwedge) to make the necessary



Volpe Veloce (Foxwedge)

improvement to win Saturday week's Gr.1 Windsor Park Plate (1600m) at Hastings.

The Graham Richardson and Gavin Parker-trained Volpe Veloce opened favourite for the Gr.1 Tarzino Trophy (1400m) earlier this month, but could only manage sixth, beaten 3 1/4 lengths behind upset winner Close Up (NZ) (Shinko King).

"I was pretty happy with her run. She got a bit of a shuffle up and she didn't really handle the heavy track," Parkes said.

"Graham was happy with the way she came through the race and he was happy with the run too. We think she can be a real factor in the next one."

Volpe Veloce is the \$6 third favourite on the TAB's fixed-odds market for the Windsor Park Plate behind joint \$4.50 favourites Kawi (NZ) (Savabeel) and Gingernuts (NZ) (Iffraaj).



Justlikeyasister (NZ) (Gold Centre)

### Time ticking on multiple winner

Gary Vile is hoping to make the most of his remaining opportunities with **Justlikeyasister (NZ)** (Gold Centre).

The Awapuni trainer said retirement was looming for the mare, who is in good order for the Waterforce/Farmers Transport Handicap (1550m) on her home track tomorrow.

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"We're running out of time with her, she'll be going to stud soon," Vile said. "She's very, very well though and the track will suit her."

The winner of five races, **Justlikeyasister** will also benefit from apprentice Timothy Johnson's two kilo claim.



*The Precious One (NZ) (Darci Brahma)*

### Trainer can't fault Guineas hope

Appropriately-named filly **The Precious One (NZ)** (Darci Brahma) will take another step toward a Group One goal when she runs at Oamaru today.

Bred and raced by the Dennis brothers, **The Precious One** was a runaway winner on debut last month and she has pleased trainer Claire Anderton ahead of the White Robe Lodge Handicap (1200m).

"Ideally, I would have liked to have given her a trial or a jump-out, but the tracks have been so sodden down here that it wasn't possible," she said. [Full story here](#)

### Top trainers have numbers on their side

The country's leading stable is planning a three-pronged attack on the second leg of the Triple Crown series at Hawke's Bay.

Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman will be represented by fresh runners **Mime (NZ)** (Mastercraftsman) and **Stolen Dance (NZ)** (Alamosa) in the Gr.1 Windsor Park Plate on Saturday week with **Coldplay (NZ)** (Savabeel) to complete their Hastings-bound trio.

**Stolen Dance** was to have debuted for the Cambridge trainers in the Gr.1 Tazino Trophy, but plans were scrapped due to the underfoot conditions. [Full story here](#)

### Humidor top-weighted NZ-bred

The former Johno Benner and Hollie Wynyard-trained **Humidor (NZ)** (Teofilo) is the highest-weighted New Zealand-bred in this year's Gr.1 Melbourne Cup.

Now in Darren Weir's stable, the Gr.1 Australian Cup winner was allotted 56kg behind the topweight Order Of St George (Galileo) on 58kg. Last year's Cup winner **Almandin (Monsun)** was allotted 56.5kg, a

4.5kg rise on the 52kg he carried to victory last November.

The Stephen Autridge and Jamie Richards-prepared dual Group One winner **Gingernuts (NZ)** (Iffraaj) has 55kg while Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman's Gr.1 ATC Derby winner **Jon Snow (NZ)** (Iffraaj) has 54.5kg. His dual Oaks-winning stablemate **Bonneval (NZ)** (Makfi) has 52.5kg.

Past placegetter **Who Shot Thebarman (NZ)** (Yamanin Vital) received 54kg, a kilo more than Stephen Marsh's Gr.2 Brisbane Cup winner **Chocante (NZ)** (Shocking).



*Bonneval (NZ) (Makfi)*

### Top mare Bonneval in Caulfield Cup with 52.5kg

Dual Oaks winner **Bonneval (NZ)** (Makfi) has been given 52.5kg in this year's Gr.1 Caulfield Cup.

It is the same weight carried to victory by last year's winner **Jameka (Myboycharlie)**, a four-year-old mare with a similar profile.

Trained by Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman, **Bonneval** opened her spring campaign in sizzling style last Saturday when she won the Gr.2 Dato Tan Chin Nam Stakes. **Bonneval's** stablemate **Jon Snow (NZ)** (Iffraaj) has 54.5kg in the Caulfield feature while **Lizzie L'Amour (NZ)** (Zabeel) has 51.5kg.

Te Akau's **Gingernuts (NZ)** (Iffraaj), dual Group One winner of the New Zealand Derby and Rosehill Guineas, has been allotted 55kg, the Stephen Marsh-trained **Chocante (NZ)** (Shocking) has 53kg and barn mate **Sofia Rosa (NZ)** (Makfi) has been given 52kg.

The Caulfield Cup weights are headed by Hartnell (Authorized) on 58kg.

### Ugo Foscolo home to recover

Group One winner **Ugo Foscolo (NZ)** (Zacinto) has returned to New Zealand for a period of rehabilitation.

The son of **Zacinto** impressed in two trial wins for Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott before his latest setback and connections



*Ugo Foscolo (NZ) (Zacinto)*

decided his recovery would be best managed at home.

"He's suffering from muscle soreness and we've been through this before with him," said Jonathan Scully, racing manager for part-owner Kevin Hickman. [Full story here](#)



*Getty (NZ) (Excelebration)*

### Break for Getty

A change of plan will result in the smart three-year-old **Getty (NZ)** (Excelebration) missing next month's Gr.2 Sacred Falls Hawke's Bay Guineas (1400m).

"We've decided to give him a breather after his last run, I was a bit disappointed but he has been in for a fair while," trainer Andrew Campbell said. "He's qualified so we'll be looking at the \$1 million Karaka Mile at Ellerslie for him in January."

**Getty** won his first two starts before he finished fourth behind **Bostonian (NZ)** (Jimmy Choux) in the Listed El Roca Sir Colin Meads Trophy (1200m).

### Wheeler eyes Guineas for Irish Flame

Taranaki trainer John Wheeler is looking forward to a rematch with the main protagonists from the Listed El Roca-Sir Colin Meads Trophy with his capable three-year-old **Irish Flame (NZ)** (Zed).

The showy Zed gelding caught the eye at Hastings last time out when he flashed

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home late to finish a somewhat unlucky third behind Bostonian (NZ) (Jimmy Choux) and I Got You (Hard Spun) in a grandstand finish to the event.

A Gr. 3 Phoenix Park Classic winner in his two-year-old campaign, Irish Flame was having his first run in a preparation that has Wheeler eyeing a tilt at the Gr. 1 Al Basti Equiworld 2000 Guineas later in the year.

[Full story here](#)



Don Carlo (NZ) (Per Incanto)

### Don Carlo speeding toward black type targets

Southern speed merchant **Don Carlo (NZ)** (Per Incanto) is heading for a stakes double header.

"We want to get to Cup week at Christchurch for the Pegasus and the Stewards," trainer Michael Daly said.

"I'm very happy with the horse and he's coming along well, but like a lot of other people the weather has held us up."

Raced by breeder Rod Moore, Don Carlo has won four of his seven starts and he went for a break off the back of consecutive success at Riccarton. [Full story here](#)



Rebecca Goldsbury

### Goldsbury enjoying Queensland experience

Don't expect Kiwi apprentice Rebecca Goldsbury to be rushing home the minute her three-month loan period expires with leading Queensland provincial trainer Ben Currie.

Goldsbury took the opportunity to broaden her riding experience by accepting an offer to ride for Currie from August 1 after successfully completing a three-week trial in late June. In that time, she has ridden ten provincial winners and by her own admission is having a "complete blast".

"It's really good here and I'm thoroughly enjoying myself," she said. [Full story here](#)



Qiji Phoenix (Not A Single Doubt)

### Top three-year-old sidelined

**Qiji Phoenix** (Not A Single Doubt), a stakes winning juvenile last season, has suffered an injury and will miss the spring of his three-year-old career.

Unbeaten in three starts in New Zealand for Donna Logan and Chris Gibbs, including a dominant victory in the Listed Champagne Stakes at Ellerslie, Qiji Phoenix was recently transferred to the stable of Champion Sydney trainer Chris Waller.

The son of Not A Single Doubt was set to resume in the Gr.2 Run To The Rose (1200m) won by quality colt Menari (Snitzel), but was found to have a chip in a fetlock late last week.

### Quality Waikato Stud Lots on gavelhouse.com

Waikato Stud have offered heady support to the current 43-Lot gavelhouse.com New Zealand auction with five yearling and eight broodmare entries.

Australasia's leading breeder of Group One winners in the past decade, Waikato Stud's recipe for success is evident not only on the race-track but also in the sale ring. Recognised as leading vendor at New Zealand Bloodstock's yearling sales series for the past four years, stud owner Mark Chittick has added gavelhouse.com's fortnightly online sales as another sphere they're successfully operating in.

"In the past four months Waikato Stud and our clients have traded almost \$500,000 worth of bloodstock through gavelhouse.com," he commented.

"The frequency of the online system's sales

allows us to market our product at the most opportune time of year for their type plus sell horses without the added economics of moving them off the farm,"

"I believe this way of selling is going to become an even bigger part of our business going forward."

"With big numbers on the farm at the moment, the broodmares in this sale are an opportunity for people to access families we've been developing over decades while some of the yearlings on offer could be turned into tidy pin-hooking prospects for more boutique operations."

Adding another angle to this fortnightly auction in association with Westbury Stud, who make a point of fundraising for the Cancer Society in Spring each year, the saddle-cloths from the recent Gr.1 Tarzino Trophy are up for grabs. The brightly coloured pieces worn by each horse in the race are named as well as signed by the trainer and jockey. The unique racing memorabilia can be viewed [here](#).

Bidding is set to close from 7pm on Monday 18 September with the gavelhouse.com team on hand to assist with any questions about the process via [info@gavelhouse.com](mailto:info@gavelhouse.com) or call +64 9 296 4436 [Full story here](#)

### Vale Kelly Thompson

Stakes-winning trainer Kelly Thompson died in Invercargill on Monday. He was 79.

He prepared more than 270 winners with his career highlight the 1996 victory of Old Thymmer (NZ) (Imperial Guard) in the New Zealand Cup, then a Group Two contest.

Thompson also won the Grand National Hurdles with Jack Dugan (NZ) (Haayil), the Grand National Steeplechase with Black Rhythm (NZ) (Imperial Guard) and the Stewards' with Ima Royal (NZ) (His Royal Highness).

Another top galloper he trained was Judge Obadiah (NZ) (Whistling Willie), the winner of 23 races.

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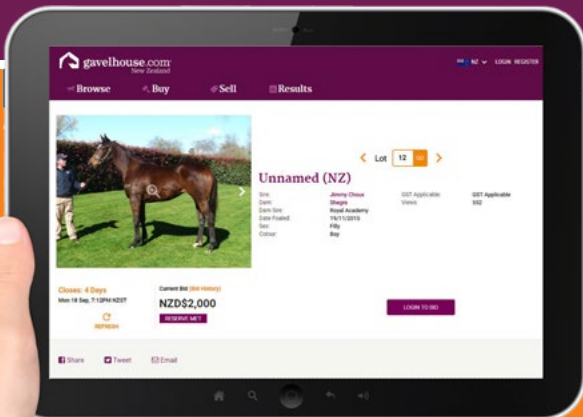
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### AUSTRALIA

**Chinese Dragon : Gorgeous Ryder (NZ) (Twizzle by Arazi) 2010;**  
09/09/2017, 1st Herbert River JC Cellarbrations Gold Cup H. 2000m  
Sold by Goodwood Stud at National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale for \$750  
Sold by Pear Tree Farm Agistment Ltd at South Island 2YO & Mixed Sale for \$5000

**Echoes of Heaven : Angelic Spirit (NZ) (Sweet Bourbon by Centaine) 2014;**  
07/09/2017, 1st Seymour RC Zurich Insurance Australia H. 1414m

**Hinchinbrook : Labrooke (NZ) (Laebeel by Zabeel) 2012;**  
08/09/2017, 1st Tuncurry Forster JC Bellevue Hotel H. 1500m  
Sold by Lyndhurst Farm at Ready to Run Sale for \$80000

**Howbaddouwantit : Paleface Ali (NZ) (Forte de Coeur by O'Reilly) 2010;**  
11/09/2017, 1st Wellington RC Congratulations Col Hodges OAM H. 1400m

**Iffraaj : Fraajmahal (NZ) (Centime by Centaine) 2009;**  
10/09/2017, 1st Muswellbrook RC Bhima Thoroughbreds H. 1750m

**Makfi : Bonneval (NZ) (Imposingly by Zabeel) 2013;**  
09/09/2017, 1st MVRC Dato' Tan Chin Nam S. Gr.2 1600m  
Sold by Westbury Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$150000

**One Cool Cat : Solas (NZ) (Keep Alight by Keeper) 2009;**  
08/09/2017, 1st Casterton RC TAC H. 1800m  
Sold by Shelby Park at National Yearling Sale for \$1000

**Pentire : Can't Refuse (NZ) (Insistant by McGinty) 2010;**  
08/09/2017, 1st Geelong RC Viatek H. 1900m  
Sold by Esker Lodge Ltd at National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale for \$85000

### HONG KONG

**Don Eduardo : Magic Moment - Inventor (H.K.) (NZ) (Magic Tryst by Magic Ring) 2011;**  
13/09/2017, 1st HKJC San Antonio H. 1650m  
Sold by Haunui Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$15000

**Mastercraftsman : Masterhorseman - Pingwu Spark (H.K.) (NZ) (Sharp Point by Point Given) 2012;**  
10/09/2017, 1st HKJC Chaozhou H. 1200m  
Sold by Blandford Lodge at National Yearling Sale for \$125000

**Thorn Park : Seven Luck (NZ) (High Tune by High Chaparral) 2012;**  
10/09/2017, 1st HKJC Zhaoqing H. 1000m  
Sold by Brighthill Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$75000

**Pins : Secret Code (NZ) (Zephyr O' by O'Reilly) 2010;**  
08/09/2017, 1st Beaudesert RC Logan and Albert Hotel H. 1400m  
Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$150000

**Reliable Man : Main Stage (NZ) (Kiri by Prized) 2014;**  
09/09/2017, 1st Kilmore TC Core Projects Maiden P. 1600m  
Sold by Kilmore Farm at Ready to Run Sale for \$150000

**Rip Van Winkle : Frozen Asset (NZ) (Mareva by Zabeel) 2012;**  
11/09/2017, 1st Wodonga TC Wodonga Prestige Maiden P. 2050m  
Sold by Pencarrow Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$200000

**Roc de Cambes : The Clash (NZ) (Aztec Queen by Gold Brose) 2011;**  
11/09/2017, 1st Wellington RC Star Turn at Vinery H. 1400m  
Sold by The Oaks Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$75000

**Savabeel : Princess Titanic (NZ) (Pins on Ice by Pins) 2014;**  
12/09/2017, 1st Pakenham RC Batteryzone Maiden P. 1600m

**Sepoy : Rioli (NZ) (Our Tigress by Tiger Hill) 2014;**  
10/09/2017, 1st Sale TC Growmaster Maiden P. 1000m

**Tavistock : Greycliffe (NZ) (Tristraad by Volksraad) 2014;**  
10/09/2017, 1st Casterton RC Heywood Stockfeeds Maiden P. 1400m  
Sold by Lyndhurst Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$250000

**Tavistock : Rene (NZ) (Pink Opal by Flying Spur) 2013;**  
07/09/2017, 1st Seymour RC Australian United Advisers Maiden P. 1200m  
Sold by Hunters Lodge at National Yearling Sale for \$40000

**Zabeel : Karakabeel (NZ) (The General's Lady by General Nediym) 2012;**  
09/09/2017, 1st BRC Country Music Raceday H. 1350m  
Sold by Regal Farm at Ready to Run Sale for \$110000

### MALAYSIA

**Edenwold : Lord of Shanghai (NZ) (Miss Moss by Grosvenor) 2011;**  
10/09/2017, 1st Selangor TC Class 4 H. 1200m

**Iffraaj : Super Bonus (NZ) (Well Kept by Dagers Drawn) 2010;**  
10/09/2017, 1st Selangor TC Class 5 H. 1200m  
Sold by Venture Thoroughbreds Ltd at Ready to Run Sale for \$26000  
Sold by Monovale Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$12000

**Lonhro : Swan Song (NZ) (Mulan Magic by King's Theatre) 2011;**  
10/09/2017, 1st Selangor TC Class 5 H. 1600m

**O'Reilly : Wow (NZ) (Rockelle by Rock of Gibraltar) 2011;**  
10/09/2017, 1st Selangor TC Class 3 H. 1200m  
Sold by Ascot Farm at Ready to Run Sale for \$120000



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## SINGAPORE

**Align : Grey Falcon (NZ) (Volta by Senor Pete) 2013;**  
08/09/2017, 1st Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1100m

**Echoes of Heaven : Countofmontecristo (NZ) (Replicate by Towkay) 2013;**  
10/09/2017, 1st Singapore TC Jumbo Jet Trophy Sgp-3 1400m  
Sold by Kiltannon Stables Ltd at Ready to Run Sale for \$57500

**Elusive City : Supernova (NZ) (Our Girl Nelson by Carnegie) 2008;**  
10/09/2017, 1st Singapore TC Captain Obvious S. 1600m  
Sold by Haunui Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$20000

**Guillotine : Grand Paris (NZ) (Quadriga by Zabeel) 2010;**  
08/09/2017, 1st Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1800m  
Sold by Curraghmore Stud at Ready to Run Sale for \$20000

**Power : Mr Clint (NZ) (Victoria Belle by Zabeel) 2014;**  
10/09/2017, 1st Singapore TC Spalato S. 1200m  
Sold by Riversley Park Ltd at Ready to Run Sale for \$95000  
Sold by Cambridge Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$52500

**Road to Rock : Steel Cutter (NZ) (Stylish Bel by Bel Esprit) 2013;**  
08/09/2017, 1st Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1400m  
Sold by Race4U Stables at Ready to Run Sale for \$2500  
Sold by Northern Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$15000

**Showcasing : Best Jade (NZ) (Halloween by Encosta de Lago) 2012;**  
08/09/2017, 1st Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1200m  
Sold by Hallmark Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$15000

**Showcasing : Siam Sapphire (NZ) (Queens Move by King of Kings) 2013;**  
08/09/2017, 1st Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1200m  
Sold by Haunui Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$125000

**Sir Percy : Hee's a Maverick (NZ) (Lionstar by Pentire) 2011;**  
10/09/2017, 1st Singapore TC Super Easy S. 1600m  
Sold by Rich Hill Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$30000

