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COLLETT IN HUNT FOR FIRST GROUP ONE

ormer champion New Zealand apprentice Jason Collett has designs on a successful Group One homecoming on Saturday.

The 25-year-old will chase his first success at the highest level when he teams up with the Stephen Ramsay and Julia Ritchietrained **Rasa Lila (NZ)** (Darci Brahma) in the Windsor Park Plate.



"I've had four Group One seconds so it would be great to get one," Collett said. "She looks like she's going to be a good chance. I had a look at her form and she was pretty impressive at the latter end of her last preparation."

Collett said he accepted the ride on Rasa Lila, extended by owner Sir Peter Vela's Director of Racing Lee Freedman, after an unfortunate injury to one of his regular Sydney rides.

"I had a filly called Honesty Prevails who I was going to ride in the Flight Stakes, but in the first race of the Princess series she had a problem with her knee so she's gone out.

"I didn't have any strong commitments this weekend in Sydney so I accepted the offer."

Collett will also be aboard Rasa Lila's stablemate Silver Eclipse (NZ) (Darci Brahma) in the L I Redshaw Memorial and Graham Richardson's Babe (NZ) (O'Reilly) in the Gr.3 Hawke's Bay Breeders' Gold Trail Stakes.

His first ride will be Boxachocolates (NZ) (Alamosa) for Mike Breslin in the Stella Artois 1400 and his book is completed by the John Wheeler-trained Pentathlon (NZ) (Pentire) in the AON Insurance Brokers 2000.

Collett served much of his time with his father Richard at Pukekohe before he won a scholarship for a stint in Sydney in 2011 with leading trainer Chris Waller.

He returned home to be the champion apprentice of the 2011-12 season, but had made enough of an impression on Waller to be lured back for another spell and Collett is now firmly established in the senior riding ranks there.

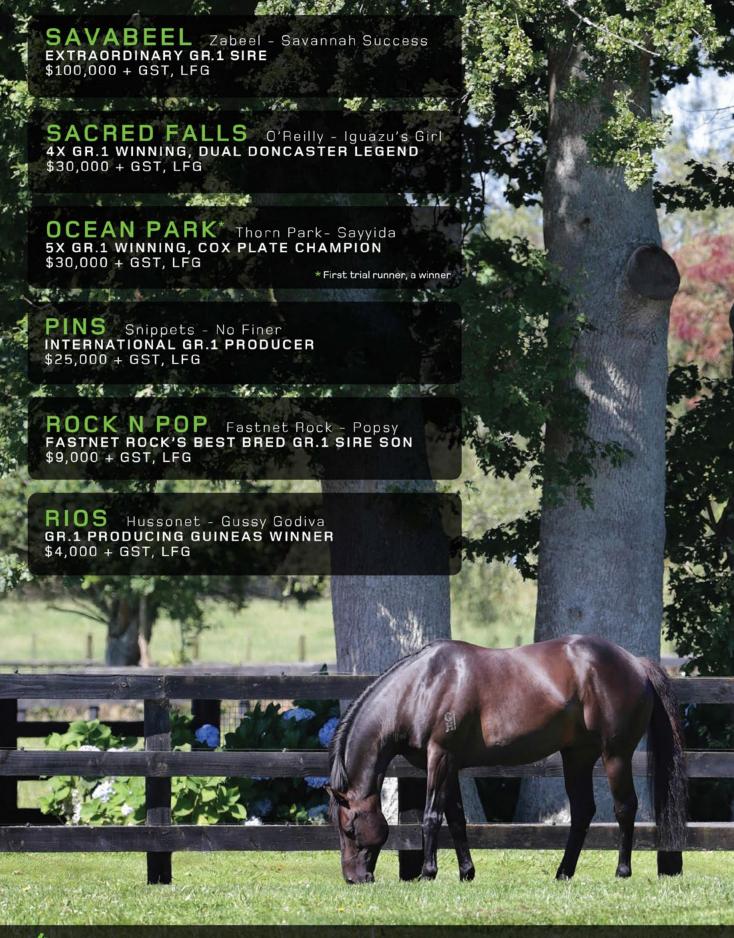
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Jason Collett will look to snatch his first Group One win as a rider on impressive mare Rasa Lila at Hastings tomorrow.











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El Pescado (NZ) (El Hermano)

El Pescado in prime condition for Kawi rematch

El Pescado (NZ) (El Hermano) is in top order ahead of a return visit to Hastings on Saturday, according to his trainer Stuart Manning.

The lightly-tried six-year-old will again take on Kawi (NZ) (Savabeel) in the Gr.1 Windsor Park Plate after finishing runner-up to the country's star weight-for-age performer in the Gr.1 Makfi Challenge Stakes

"I think he's better now, I couldn't be any happier with him," Manning said. "He's all good, but then I suppose all the others will be too."

He will also be over the moon if the rain forecast for Hawke's Bay arrives. Full story



Awoke (NZ) (Rip Van Winkle)

Waller fillies to clash in Tea Rose

Chris Waller can't split his two Gr.2 Tea Rose Stakes contenders **Awoke (NZ)** (Rip Van Winkle) and Foxplay (Foxwedge).

When the fillies last clashed, Foxplay finished 14 lengths ahead of Awoke in the Gr.2 Furious Stakes (1200m) but Waller believes there were extenuating circumstances for the latter.

"She just seemed to labour in the ground and struggle a bit," Waller said.

"I'm willing to forgive it. We gave consideration to not running and going for the Reginald Allen Stakes next Saturday instead but I thought, 'no I'll stick to my guns' and give her the benefit of the doubt.

With Randwick currently rated a Soft 5 and warm conditions forecast, Awoke is likely to run on a much firmer surface than the heavy (8) ground she struck last start.

"A better track will be the key for her. She just didn't cope the other day. I'm not going to throw my hands up in the air after one run," Waller said.



Preferment (NZ) (Zabeel)

Better surface key to Preferment

Chris Waller's four-time Group One winner, **Preferment (NZ)** (Zabeel) will be treading a similar path to last year when he lines up in Saturday's Gr.2 Hill Stakes (2000m) at Randwick.

The entire improves out of sight when second-up from a spell, and although he was eight lengths from race rival Hartnell (Authorized) when not suited by the heavy conditions in the Chelmsford Stakes, he can turn that around – and has done so before.

"It's a race that he won last year at his second-up run," Waller said. "He will be competitive and the better the track, the better his chances. On a firmer track he is one of the best horses in the country."

Fellow NZ-bred and stablemate **Who Shot Thebarman (NZ)** (Yamanin Vital) is also
expected to relish the step up in ground as
he gets closer to his preferred distance.

Group assignment for Torgersen

Four-year-old Pins entire **Torgersen (NZ)** has drawn barrier seven in Saturday's Gr.3 Bill Ritchie Handicap and will be ridden by Christian Reith.

The Chris Waller trained Torgersen will be running in Group class for the first time since his third here in mid-April behind He's Our Rokkii (NZ) (Roc De Cambes) in the Gr.3 Frank Packer Plate (2000m).

He has been progressing nicely in easier company this campaign including a last start second to Burning Passion (Northern Meteor).

"He's well out of his grade but he's got a

light weight and should be considered a rough chance," Waller said.

Stablemate Lady Le Fay (NZ) (Thorn Park) will be running fresh up and has drawn wide in barrier 11.

"She's come back well and will be one to follow once up over a mile and further," Waller said.



Amexed (NZ) (Pentire)

Gollan aiming Amexed at Newcastle Cup

Premier Brisbane trainer Tony Gollan is hoping to fire his first shot in the spring carnival with **Amexed (NZ)** (Pentire) in the Gr.3 Newcastle Gold Cup on Friday.

Gollan said there was not much for Amexed in Queensland.

The now six-year-old won the Gr.3 Rough Habit Plate as a three-year-old and returned to form when he won the Listed Caloundra Cup and the Ipswich Stayers Final in the winter.

Amexed resumed at Eagle Farm two weeks ago in an open handicap over 1600m, finishing sixth after casting a shoe in the race.

Also in the race is New Zealand Group One performer Sacred Master (NZ) (Mastercraftsman) who will be out to go one better after he ran second in the Wyong Cup last start.

Sacred Master won six races from Tony Pike's Cambridge stable and ran third in this year's Gr.1 Auckland Cup before moving to the stable of Chris Waller.

The Gai Waterhouse/Adrian Bott trained Dee I Cee (NZ) (Istidaad) rounds off the trio of New Zealand bred horses in the Newcastle Cup.

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Replique (NZ) (Darci Brahma)

Replique back on track

Replique (NZ) (Darci Brahma) will make her Australian debut for Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott in the Gr.3 Tibbie Stakes at Newcastle today.

The former Nick Wigley-trained daughter of Darci Brahma won two of her five starts last season, including a Listed success in the Southland Guineas.

"I think the further she goes the better she'll be, but she's really impressed me as I've increased her workload and I'm looking forward to her running on Friday," Waterhouse said.



Bella Gioia (NZ) (Swiss Ace)

Ritchie banking on race fitness for Gold Trail edge

Trainer Shaune Ritchie is hoping his filly Bella Gioia (NZ) (Swiss Ace) will have a fitness edge over her rivals in the Gr.3 Hawke's Bay Breeders' Gold Trail Stakes.

"Most of the top fillies either haven't had a run or just one, whereas she has had two this time in," Ritchie said.

"She's had one at 1200 and one at 1100 metres and she's probably looking for 1400 metres already.

"We're keen to dodge the colts because they look strong this year and the Gold Trail will give us a good line."

The only down side is the Swiss Ace filly, who is a half-sister to the stakes winner Niki Piki Milo, will have to jump from a wide gate with the responsibility to overcome that handicap to rest with Danielle Johnson.

"The form around her is sound enough," Ritchie said. "We'd like to target the 1000 Guineas and she goes best with her races spaced so she would only have one more after Hawke's Bay."



Babe (NZ) (O'Reilly)

Gold Trail to determine racing programmes

A Group Three test at Hastings this Saturday will define the three-year-old paths of a trio of Matamata stablemates.

Trainer Graham Richardson will make firm plans for the unbeaten pair of Babe (NZ) (O'Reilly) and Volpe Veloce (Foxwedge) and Tesia (NZ) (Pins) after the Hawke's Bay Breeders' Gold Trail Stakes.

"I'll decide which direction they take after Saturday," he said.

The Waikato Stud-bred and owned Babe hasn't raced since she made a successful debut at Te Rapa last month.

"I'm very happy with her, she's done really well and the Gold Trail's going to be a very hot field – it will give us a really good guide on her," Richardson said. Full story here.

Titanium ready to fire away first-up

In-form trainer James Peters is looking to keep his momentum on the upswing this Sunday with the resuming **Titanium** (NZ) (Tavistock) contesting the SIN G3 Committee's Prize (1600m).

The SIN G2 Stewards' Cup winner went for a well-earned break after his unplaced effort in the Emirates Singapore Derby.

Titanium, a six-time winner between 1200m and 1800m, has again drawn well (2) in the Committee's Prize, but the English handler said it was the Long Course which struck more of a chord with him this time.

"It doesn't really matter where he is drawn. He will be ridden quietly, but it's the Long Course that is more to his advantage," said Peters.

Ex-pat kiwi trainer Bruce Marsh is represented by Bourbon Goldman (NZ) (Gallant Guru) and Cheetah On Fire (NZ) (One Cool Cat) in the feature, while El Padrino (NZ) (Mr Nancho), Affleck (NZ) (Battle Paint) and NZ 2000 Guineas runner up Rockfast (Fastnet Rock) also take their place.



Starvoia (Starcraft)

Starvoia ready to fly in Canterbury Belle

North Canterbury trainers John and Karen Parsons will give exciting three-year-old filly **Starvoia** (Starcraft) a chance of early black type when she lines up in Saturday's Listed New Zealand Bloodstock Canterbury Belle Stakes (1200m) at Riccarton.

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Unbeaten in two starts Starvoia is on trial for a tilt at the Gr.1 Gavelhouse 1000 Guineas.

"We couldn't be any happier with her," Karen Parsons said.

A strong pointer to her chances this weekend comes from rider Chris Johnson, who turned down the opportunity to ride Rasa Lila (NZ) (Darci Brahma) in the Gr.1 Windsor Park Plate at Hastings in order to stay with Starvoia, who reeled off a 33.21-second final 600m in winning at her last start.



Hasselhoof (NZ) (Tavistock)

Cameron banking on 'the Hoof'

Holding off on committing to another runner in case **Hasselhoof (NZ)** (Tavistock) started has cost leading rider Matthew Cameron a mount in Saturday's Gr.1 Windsor Park Plate at Hastings but he's optimistic 'the Hoof' can make up for it on Sunday.

The two-time premiership winning rider will be out to ensure he has a leading mount for the third leg of the Hastings triple crown when Hasselhoof has his leadup run to the Gr.1 Livamol Classic (2040m) at Hastings on October 1 in Sunday's Listed Haunui Farm Karaka Classic (1600m) at Pukekohe.

"It was up in the air whether he was going to go to Hastings or not. There were thoughts of going there, just to go that way around again before the Livamol Classic, but he's staying closer to home and racing at Pukekohe now," Cameron said.

"It's the easy option going to Counties, rather than travelling down to Hastings

again. The travel took a bit out of him last time."



Hall Of Fame (NZ) (Savabeel)

Guineas plan to be locked in after Taupo Hall Of Fame's (NZ) (Savabeel) path to his Group One target will become clearer after today's Taupo meeting.

The Sothys NZ 2000 Guineas contender will step out in the www.bloodstockauction. com 1300 and his connections will then confirm his route to Christchurch.

"He's going to Taupo because we were a little bit worried that it might get a bit wet at Ellerslie on Saturday week for the Bonecrusher," said Jamie Richards, who prepares the Savabeel three-year-old with Stephen Autridge.

"He's a very good horse - he's not that big, but he is strong and he needs good tracks. We'll get this race out of the way and then make a plan, he's one who could go to the South Island a bit earlier." Full story here.

Injury forces retirement of Pike's top mare

Tony Pike's Melbourne spring carnival hopes have suffered a blow with the forced retirement of his Group One winner **Provocative (NZ)** (Zabeel).

The Cambridge trainer had high hopes for the Zabeel mare, who was being aimed at the Gr.1 Caulfield Cup.

"Unfortunately, a scan has showed she's got a little tear in her tendon and there's a fair bit of rehabilitation involved so after discussions with the owners the decision has been made to send her to stud," Pike said.

"She only had the eight starts and she did



Provocative (NZ) (Zabeel)

a super job, you could only think that she was going to get better. It's a great shame, but these things happen and you have to plug on."

A \$250,000 yearling at Karaka, Provocative won four races for owners Robin Peel-Walker and Mark Wyborn with her victory in last season's Gr.1 Queensland Oaks the highlight of her brief career.

Champion mare Let's Elope dies

The spring carnival of 1991 is one jockey Steven King will never forget, thanks to the deeds of **Let's Elope (NZ)** (Nassipour).

The Caulfield and Melbourne Cups winner has died at the age of 29 and King has paid tribute to the champion mare.

"It's sad, because she was such an important part of my career," King said.

"She did everything I could possibly ask of her.

"You just look at it and go, `you don't find those sorts of horses."

Let's Elope was Australia's champion racehorse for the 1991/92 season, winning seven consecutive feature races in the care of the late Bart Cummings. Full story here.

Top mare to visit Savabeel

Suavito (NZ) (Thorn Park) will return to New Zealand to begin the second phase of her career.

The dual Group One-winning daughter of Thorn Park has been purchased by Waikato

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Suavito (NZ) (Thorn Park)

Stud and she will be served by resident stallion Savabeel in the coming weeks.

"She is one of the toughest fillies or mares I have dealt with," said trainer Nigel Blackiston, who prepared her to win the Futurity and C. F. Orr Stakes.

Suavito won eight of her 24 starts and she earned more than \$A1.3 million.

Miller opens stable doors in South Korea

Kiwi horseman David Miller is open for business in South Korea.

"I'm the first New Zealander to train here," he said. "I've started to get horses into the stable now and I've got 24 boxes and it won't be hard to fill them.

"The hardest part is getting the quality, there's no problem with quantity.

"They aren't a bad block of stables and they are on the track with swimming pools and walkers as well."

Miller is based at the Busan racecourse, which opened in 2005, with meetings every Friday and Sunday. Full story here.



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Bachelor Duke: Heza Ripper (NZ) (Galejade by Rory's Jester) 2011; 10/09/2016, 1st SAJC Hyland Race Colours H. 1200m

Choisir : Wayside (NZ) (Jeanetta Cochrane by Sadler's Wells) 2010; 10/09/2016, 1st Carnarvon RC Carnarvon Cup 2000m Sold by Pencarrow Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$180000

Danroad: The Mighty Smash - Junah (Aust.) (NZ) (Senorita Rosay by Senor Pete) 2009;

10/09/2016, 1st Kilmore TC Core Projects H. 1450m

Elusive City: Joranda Falls (NZ) (Kapilas by Carnegie) 2007; 12/09/2016, 1st Wodonga TC Ryan & McNulty Sawmills H. 1590m

Golan : Golan Power (NZ) (Cape City by Kaapstad) 2009; 09/09/2016, 1st Canberra RC Illuminating Solutions H. 1600m Sold by Windsor Park Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$60000

High Chaparral: Chaquinta (NZ) (La Quinta Gold by Encosta de Lago) 2011:

14/09/2016, 1st ATC Tab.com.au H. 2400m Sold by Cambridge Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$120000

Makfi: Mulinello (NZ) (Hurricane Mist by Spinning World) 2012; 08/09/2016, 1st Hawkesbury RC EHI Australia & Mitavite Maiden H. 1800m Sold by Haunui Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$150000

Mastercraftsman: Master Dame (NZ) (British Dame by Black Minnaloushe) 2013;

10/09/2016, 1st GCTC Garrards Horse and Hound Maiden P. 1800m Sold by Windsor Park Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$40000

Per Incanto: Saracino (NZ) (Bella Daniela by O'Reilly) 2013; 10/09/2016, 1st VRC Danehill S. Gr.2 1200m

Pins : Thunder Connection (NZ) (Bazelle by Zabeel) 2011; 08/09/2016, 1st MRC (Mornington) Window Warehouse H. 1500m Sold by Brighthill Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$140000

Pins: Legless Veuve (NZ) (Hyades by O'Reilly) 2013;

11/09/2016, 1st Sale TC Brief Affair 3YO Maiden P. 1200m Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$150000

Pins: Mackintosh (NZ) (Lolly Scramble by Generous) 2012;

10/09/2016, 1st ATC Theo Marks S. Gr.2 1300m Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale for \$11000

Raise the Flag: Broadside (NZ) (Anam Cara by Straight Strike) 2011; 10/09/2016, 1st Illawarra TC Kevin Robinson Memorial Cup 1600m

Savabeel: Savvy Bandit (NZ) (Blanchard by Kaapstad) 2012; 09/09/2016, 1st Geelong RC Bet365 Maiden P. 2000m Sold by Windsor Park Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$170000

Shinko King: Melodies Way (NZ) (Tuscan Sun by Tuscany Flyer) 2008; 10/09/2016, 1st Kilmore TC Northern Health Foundation H. 1200m

Shocking: Antonio Giuseppe (NZ) (Crystalthecowgirl by High Chaparral) 2012;

10/09/2016, 1st ATC Schweppes H. 1800m Sold by Beltana at National Yearling Sale for \$97500

Tavistock: Curragh (NZ) (Shock by Keeper) 2012; 11/09/2016, 1st Sale TC Laugh at Life H. 1400m Sold by Blandford Lodge at National Yearling Sale for \$21000

Zabeel: Jupiter Palm (NZ) (Arena Pride by Nassipour) 2009; 10/09/2016, 1st Esk JC Club Hotel Sporting & Social Club H. 1750m Sold by Brighthill Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$250000

HONG KONG

Coats Choice: Lucky Day (NZ) (Amadi's Express by Success Express)

11/09/2016, 1st HKJC Chinese Recreation Club Challenge Cup 1200m

Iffraaj: Sky Hero (NZ) (Jabot by Green Perfume) 2011; 11/09/2016, 1st HKJC Zhuhai H. 1200m

Perfectly Ready: Al Strada - Twin Delight (H.K.) (NZ) (Penny Arcade by Straussbrook) 2010;

11/09/2016, 1st HKJC Kwangtung Cup 1400m Sold by Brighthill Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$22500

Thorn Park: Good for You (NZ) (La Serenissime by Machiavellian) 2012;

11/09/2016, 1st HKJC Foshan H. 1400m Sold by Little Avondale Stud at National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale for \$55000 Sold by Ascot Farm at Ready to Run Sale for \$70000

Thorn Park: Rewarding Flyer (NZ) (Monte Karlo by Montjeu) 2012; 11/09/2016, 1st HKJC Shantou H. 1400m Sold by Windsor Park Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$260000



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KOREA

Sandtrap: Super Jockey (NZ) (Pennies in Heaven by Pompeii Court) 2008:

11/09/2016, 1st Seoul Korea Sprint L 1200m

MALAYSIA

Danske: Baby Polo (NZ) (Film by Fuji Kiseki) 2009; 11/09/2016, 1st Penang TC Class 4 H. 1200m

SINGAPORE

Darci Brahma : Archer Company (NZ) (Magical Moment by Sadler's Wells) 2012;

09/09/2016, 1st Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1200m Sold by Mana Park at Ready to Run Sale for \$50000

Per Incanto: Longhu (NZ) (Sacred Steps by Elusive City) 2012; 09/09/2016, 1st Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1200m

