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HUMIDOR COMPLETES DAMIAN'S BOUNCE BACK WITH DOMINANT MAKYBE DIVA WIN



Humidor strides away from hot favourite Hartnell to win the Makybe Diva Stakes at yesterday's Flemington meeting.

Jockey Damian Lane yesterday bounced back from a fall to claim a Group race double at Flemington, including the Group One Makybe Diva Stakes on **Humidor (NZ)** (Teofilo).

Lane and his mount Limestone (Helmet) escaped injury when falling in the final stages of the fifth event, the Danehill Stakes, before the jockey came out to win the Group Two Let's Elope Stakes and Makybe Diva Stakes in consecutive races.

Coming from the tail of the field, Humidor, a drifter in betting from \$12 to \$17, scored by 3¼ lengths from the \$1.70

favourite Hartnell (Authorized), with \$9 third favourite Black Heart Bart (Blackfriars) a half length away third.

Lane thought his day may have been over when he crashed with Limestone.

"For a few moments there I thought I'd definitely be missing the rest of the day," Lane said. "But I gave it five or ten minutes and I felt good to go.

"I'm lucky to have escaped with no injury."

A winner of the Group One Australian Cup at Flemington in the autumn after a four-from-nine career in New Zealand

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*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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had culminated in a second in last year's Group One Livamol Classic, Humidor firmed to \$5 favourite for the Caulfield Cup after yesterday's win and into \$13 second favourite for the Melbourne Cup.

Lane described Humidor as a great talent who is starting to put it all together.

"He lobbed along out the back and travelled up underneath me turning for home," he said. "I thought I was the winner a long way out.

"He's come such a long way since he came into the stable."

Trainer Darren Weir said the ex-Kiwi was tracking well towards his spring target of next month's Caulfield Cup.

He said the five-year-old was likely to head to the Turnbull Stakes at Flemington on October 7.

"He's always promised to do that but it's been a matter of getting him right and the team have worked hard trying to get his manners better," Weir said.

"It's clear at his last two starts that it's working.

"He's paraded a lot better and Damian's done a lot of the

hard yards, going to Casterton and Coleraine doing all his trackwork."

After winning the P B Lawrence Stakes at Caulfield last month, Hartnell was expected to add yesterday's Group One race to his record and, after enjoying a good run behind the leader, jockey Kerrin McEvoy expected a better finish from the Godolphin gelding.

"He finished off OK but the winner showed more dash than me there today," McEvoy said.

– AAP TURF

Race	VRC Makybe Diva S. Gr.1 1600m
Winner	Humidor (NZ) 2012
Owners	Forest Lodge Racing, Jomara Bloodstock Ltd, Steeplechasers Flat Synd, M Krauser, Dr P Goel, Mrs P Adams, B Shannon, T Ginnane, D O'Connor, B Sokolski, Walker Racing, Bloodstock, Royjohn Racing and H Bastone
Trainer	Darren Weir (Warrnambool)
Breeding	by Teofilo (Ire) out of Zalika by Zabeel
Breeder	Jomara Bloodstock Ltd



STALLIONS 2017

CHARM SPIRIT <i>Invincible Spirit - L'Enjoleuse by Montjeu</i>	\$18,000*
TURN ME LOOSE NEW <i>Iffraaj - Indomitable by Danehill</i>	\$15,000*
SHAMEXPRESS <i>O'Reilly - Volkrose by Volksraad</i>	\$12,500*
MONGOLIAN KHAN <i>Holy Roman Emperor - Centaite by Centaine</i>	\$10,000*

RIP VAN WINKLE <i>Galileo - Looking Back by Stravinsky</i>	\$10,000*
RAGEESE NEW <i>Street Cry - Rabsha by Dehere</i>	\$8,000*
VANBRUGH NEW <i>Encosta de Lago - Soho Secret by Lucky Owners</i>	\$6,000*
FALKIRK <i>Tale Of The Cat - Madam Valeta (Palace Music)</i>	\$4,000*

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DOLCETTO TOO TOUGH IN METRIC MILE

Exceptional five-year-old **Dolcetto (NZ)** (Per Incanto) yesterday took his career to another level at Awapuni where he comfortably put away a talented field of black-type hopefuls.

The son of multiple Listed winner

Our Shiraz (NZ) (Nediym) opened his stakes account with victory in the Group Three Boehringer Ingelheim Metric Mile and, in doing so, stretched his winning sequence to five.

"I'm absolutely thrilled," said Sylvia Kay, who proudly wears three hats as the co-breeder, part-owner and trainer of Dolcetto.

She was also delighted to see her pride and joy successful in his first outing beyond 1400 metres.

"I'm pleased to see him get the extra distance," Kay said. "It's been hard because he's had sore feet, but he's a tough beggar and he had been

working really well."

Dolcetto was ridden on the pace by regular jockey Samantha Collett and followed the well-supported Francaletta (NZ) (High Chaparral) before angling wider for the better part of the track.

"He was brilliant today and Sam had the winning plan," Kay said.

Dolcetto ambled up to challenge 300 metres from home then forged clear for his seventh win from ten appearances.

"We'll get over today and see how he is and then go from there," Kay said.

The multiple Group One

Race	Marton JC Metric Mile Gr.3 1550m
Winner	Dolcetto (NZ) 2012
Owners	Dr H M & Dr W J Bishop and P J & Mrs S L Kay
Trainer	Sylvia Kay (Levin)
Breeding	by Per Incanto (USA) out of Our Shiraz by Nediym (Ire)
Breeder	Dr H M & Dr W J Bishop and P J & Mrs S L Kay



placegetter Authentic Paddy (NZ) (Howbaddouwantit), who gave the winner four kilos, was once again brave in finishing runner-up.

Last-start Rating 75 winner Rosewood (NZ) (Redwood) rushed home for third, and an all-important black-type credit, ahead of Our Bandit (Bushranger) and Francaletta, who led at the top of the straight.

With Samantha Collett keeping him up to his work, Dolcetto has gained an advantage on the game topweight Authentic Paddy as he nears the line in Marton's Metric Mile.





PROM QUEEN THE STAR OF THE KENNY, LISA AND KRYSTAL SHOW AT RUAKAKA

Dashing filly **Prom Queen (NZ)** (Super Easy) yesterday capped a dream home meeting for her trainers when she once again proved too slick for her rivals.

Prepared at Ruakaka by Kenny and Lisa Rae and their daughter Krystal Williams, her victory in the Group Three Tavistock Northland Breeders' Stakes followed earlier wins by her stablemates Kaharau and Inanna.

Undoubtedly, it was Prom Queen who was the star of the show and the three-year-old has now won seven of her eight starts and is unbeaten in both of her new season's outings.

"This is marvellous, she's a freak of a horse," Kenny Rae said. "She's had her knockers off and on saying she won't go any further but how many times does a horse have to win to prove herself."

Prom Queen was quickly into stride for rider Alysha Collett to sit outside the leader and responded positively in the straight to sprint clear for a two-and-a-half length victory.

"She'll have her next run in the Soliloquy Stakes at Ellerslie or in the John Grigg Stakes at Ashburton," Rae said.

"It will depend on the weather. I don't want to run her on a heavy track and I still want to have a go at the Thousand Guineas. Maybe she won't get the mile; we'll see."

Prom Queen was chased home by the stablemates Aim Smart (Smart Missile) and Felton Road (NZ) (Pins), with their

trainer Tony Pike getting his wish to see both horses hitting the line well.

"Aim Smart needs a bigger, roomier track as he's got a big action," Pike said. "I didn't want to trial him on a heavy track and he will take plenty of improvement from this."

Aim Smart trailed fourth on the fence and finished his race off encouragingly while Felton Road came from last. Both horses are nominated for the Group One New Zealand Two Thousand Guineas at Riccarton on November 11.

Race	Whangarei RC Northland Breeders' S. Gr.3 1200m
Winner	Prom Queen (NZ) 2014
Owners	R H Bishop, R L Hancox, F O Hansen, D P McHugh, K I Rae, G R Smith and H & S J Whitehead
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



Alysha Collett has time to give Prom Queen an affectionate pat as they complete a clear-cut win in the Northland Breeders' Stakes.





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HOGAN DOU **DOMINATE OPEN SPRINT**

The familiar colours of Cambridge Stud dominated the finish of yesterday's open sprint at Ruakaka, although the result went an unexpected way.

Race	Whangarei RC NZ Bloodstock Finance H. 1200m
Winner	Ronchi (NZ) 2012
Owners	Lady Justine & Sir Patrick Hogan, I Wanna Race Syndicate, D Lukas and B J Wallace
Trainer	Bruce Wallace & Allan Peard (Byerley Park)
Breeding	by Stravinsky (USA) out of Rose of Tralee (AUS) by Sadler's Wells (USA)
Breeder	Sir Patrick & Lady Hogan

The stud bred and retain an ownership interest in Hiflyer (NZ) (Tavistock), who was sent out a warm favourite in the New Zealand Bloodstock Finance Handicap only to bow to **Ronchi (NZ)** (Stravinsky), another product of Sir Patrick Hogan's powerhouse nursery.

Trained by Bruce Wallace and Allan Peard, Ronchi went into the event off the back of an unplaced run when resuming on the course earlier this month.

"Last time out he got blocked so it was a good run and we expected him to go forward and be very competitive," Peard said.

Rider Grant Cooksley took Ronchi to the front for the five-year-old to make the running then hold all challengers at bay in the run home.

"Very happy with that," Peard said. "He'll go to Hawke's Bay next; there's a 1400 metre race there for him."

Hiflyer was making his first appearance since finishing runner-up in the Group Two Easter Stakes at Ellerslie in April.

At Ruakaka, he was lost for early speed and settled at the tail of the field before rider Johnathan Parkes urged him closer near the turn and the gelding ran home generously for second.

"Instead of trialling him on heavy ground we decided to come here for the better track," trainer Peter Lock said. "He'll improve a ton."

The Te Aroha horseman said he has set Hiflyer for the Group Three Thompson Handicap at Trentham at the end of next month.



The Hogan colours are to the fore as Ronchi (green cap) holds out the late charge of Hiflyer.





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ATHLETICA ADDS TO ANDREW'S ARSENAL

Andrew Campbell promises to be a trainer to be reckoned with come Group One time in Christchurch in November.

The Opaki horseman has the dual stakes winner Waldorf (NZ) (Highly Recommended) on a path toward the New Zealand Two Thousand Guineas and stablemate **Athletica (NZ)** (Tavistock) yesterday launched his classic bid in impressive style at Awapuni.

Campbell rates the colt highly and it was easy to see why after he triumphed on debut in the 1200 metre Carrfields Livestock/CP Wool 3YO Maiden.

"He shouldn't really be running over 1200 – he's out of a Zabeel mare and he's a late foal," Campbell said. "We've always had a good opinion of him and looked after him."

Athletica kept in touch with the pace in a small field and, once balanced on straightening, finished determinedly to open his career in perfect style.

"He's by Tavistock so he's bred to get over more ground," Campbell said. "It will be good to see him up to a mile. He's nominated for the Two Thousand Guineas and that's his aim."

The stable later completed a winning double when **Gobstopper (NZ)** (Tavistock) distanced his rivals in the CR Grace Ltd/Marsh Insurance Brokers Handicap, over 2100 metres.

"I've always liked the horse and we'll look toward the New Zealand Cup with him," Campbell said of the brother to the multiple Group One winner Werther (NZ).



Athletica (pink cap) scores on debut for Lisa Allpress, claiming Satin Belt close to home as the luckless Scott Base makes a late dab on the outer.

Athletica was a trial winner at Foxton last month in the hands of Johnathan Parkes, but his decision to ride at Ruakaka handed the mount to an appreciative Lisa Allpress.

"I saw him at the trials and watched the replays and he's a very nice horse,"

she said. "The ground is pretty testing and he kept going well."

Pacemaker Satin Belt (NZ) (Power) kicked strongly for second while the favourite Scott Base (NZ) (Dalghar) finished an unlucky third. The strapping chestnut was pocketed on the turn and unable to find clear air in the straight until too late.

Race	Marton JC Carrfields Livestock Maiden S. 1200m
Winner	Athletica (NZ) 2014
Owners	T G Heptinstall, J A Barnao, T M Pivac, D R Platt, A Campbell, C V Barnao, C D Allison, N Cruickshank and Withonel Syndicate
Trainer	Andrew Campbell (Opaki)
Breeding	by Tavistock out of Limbea by Zabeel
Breeder	G Harvey
Sales	2016 National Yearling Sale, Select Session; V: Westbury Stud, P: A R Campbell; \$150,000

Race	Marton JC CR Grace H. 2100m
Winner	Gobstopper (NZ) 2012
Owners	C D Allison, C V & J A Barnao, A R Campbell, T G Heptinstall, T M Pivac and D R Platt
Trainer	Andrew Campbell (Opaki)
Breeding	by Tavistock out of Bagalollies (Aus) by Zabeel
Breeder	C D Allison, C V & J A Barnao, A R Campbell, T G Heptinstall, T M Pivac and D R Platt



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KENNY UNVEILS HIS **GUINEAS BACK-UP**

Kenny Rae is covering a Group One base with **Inanna (NZ)** (Jimmy Choux), who showed she could be a future black-type contender with a breakthrough performance on her home track.

The Ruakaka horseman, who trains with his wife Lisa and their daughter Krystal Williams, produced

the filly to upset a competitive line-up in yesterday's 1400 metre Happy Retirement Keith Detman Maiden.

The stable also struck gold later in the programme with **Kaharau (Ad Valorem)**, who nosed out Greencast (NZ) (Iffraaj) to win the Celebrating 40 Years Patrons Cup, and then took out the day's feature with their flying filly Prom Queen.

The Group Three New Zealand Cup at Riccarton is a likely spring target for Kaharau, while Inanna is nominated for the Group One New Zealand One Thousand Guineas.

"I've got her in just in case Prom Queen doesn't look like she'll get the mile," Rae said.

The stable star Prom Queen has

been a multiple stakes winner but has yet to race beyond 1200 metres while Inanna's Ruakaka performance provided a strong argument that she won't be at all troubled by more ground.

She sat outside the leader to the turn and when Sam Spratt asked her for an effort on straightening she rounded off strongly to open her winning account at her sixth appearance.

"She's a lovely filly and she's finally grown up," Rae said. "I told Sam to ride her right on the pace."

Raced by Rae and long-time stable supporter Lars Pearson, who bred the filly, Inanna had enough in reserve to hold off the late run of the

Race	Whangarei RC Happy Retirement K Detman Maiden S. 1400m
Winner	Inanna (NZ) 2014
Owners	L V Pearson and K C Rae
Trainer	Ken & Lisa Rae & Krystal Williams (Ruakaka)
Breeding	by Jimmy Choux out of Heart's Delight (Aus) by Show a Heart (Aus)
Breeder	L V Pearson



favourite and Group One New Zealand Two Thousand Guineas prospect Ohceedee (NZ) (Power).

Debutante Danzdanzdance (NZ) (Mastercraftsman) settled well back in the field and turned in an eye-catching finish for third.

"We've got a huge opinion of her but she's not quite there mentally yet," said Chris Gibbs, who trains in partnership with Donna Logan. "We'll probably put her aside now. She'll be better in the autumn."

Inanna makes her case for inclusion in One Thousand Guineas conversations by beating the well-performed colt Ohceedee at Ruakaka.





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PREMIERE OPENS UP **WITH A FLYER**



Premiere too swift at Sha Tin.

The Champion Griffin award – given to the best of the season’s young gallopers not to have raced pre-import – traditionally celebrates the most promising youngsters in Hong Kong and last season’s recipient **Premiere (NZ)** (Dylan Thomas) showed himself to be on the right track after taking the Class 2 Chinese Recreation Club Challenge Cup Handicap over 1000 metres at Sha Tin’s Saturday meeting.

One of five winners for Joao Moreira on the ten-race card, the John Size-trained Premiere had won three races over 1000 metres at Happy Valley as a three-year-old last season but had remained winless in five attempts over the Sha Tin straight 1000 metre course.

Yesterday, though, he bounced straight to the lead and couldn’t be caught, holding solid Class 2 benchmarks Archippus (NZ) (Keeper) and Country Melody (Written Tycoon) at bay by a length and a quarter.

“It was good to see him do it at Sha Tin,” Moreira said. “We knew he could do it at Happy Valley but there was still that query about the Sha Tin thousand metres. However, he feels like a different horse now, he’s strengthened up a bit – his

trials had indicated that – and that will take him a long way.

“When he started, his first step was awkward and he also shifted out a bit and bumped the horse on his inside and got a little bit unbalanced. However, once he balanced up and got to the lead, I could feel he was going to finish off because he was just travelling so strongly but kindly, too.”

It was a first win this season for reigning champion trainer Size, who is seeking to win his tenth trainers’ title and his third in a row.

– Hong Kong Jockey Club

Race	HKJC Chinese Recreation Club H. 1000m
Winner	Premiere (NZ) 2013
Owners	DTFU Principal Syndicate
Trainer	John Size (Hong Kong)
Breeding	by Dylan Thomas (Ire) out of More Than Sum (USA) by More Than Ready (USA)
Breeder	Calder Bloodstock Ltd, Octagon Bloodstock Ltd and W J Thurlow
Sales	2014 National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale; V: Lime Country Thoroughbreds Ltd, P: NZB as agent; \$13,000

