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RICHARDS CAUTIOUS AHEAD OF HASTINGS FEATURES



Tarzino Trophy winner Melody Belle will look to make it two Group One wins in a row when she tackles Saturday's Windsor Park Plate at Hastings

Red-hot trainer Jamie Richards isn't getting ahead of himself despite having the favourites for both feature races at Hastings on Saturday.

Richards will produce **Melody Belle (NZ)** (Commands) and stablemate **Our Abbadean (NZ)** (Lookin At Lucky) in the Gr.1 Windsor Park Plate (1600m) and **Avantage** (Fastnet Rock) in the Gr.3 Hawke's Bay Breeders Gold Trail Stakes (1200m) at Hastings as he looks to continue a phenomenal start to training on his own account.

Having succeeded Stephen Autridge at the end of last season to take up the head trainer position with Te Akau Racing, Richards has won with 11 of the 36 runners he has

produced in the first seven weeks of the new term.

Headlining those winners has been Melody Belle, who provided her conditioner with his first Group win on his own account when she claimed the Gr.2 Foxbridge Plate (1200m) at Te Rapa in August and then went one better with her triumph in the Gr.1 Tarzino Trophy (1400m) at Hastings three weeks ago.

Not to be too far outdone, Our Abbadean ran home in the quickest last 600m split of the race to snare third and Richards reported both had prepared well for this weekend's weight-for-age assignment.

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"I'm pleased with them. Everything has gone according to plan. They have both trained on nicely," he said.

TAB bookmakers have Melody Belle as a \$4.50 second favourite for the Windsor Park Plate, behind eye-catching Tarzino runner-up Hiflyer (NZ) (Tavistock) at \$4.20, while Our Abbadean is on the sixth line of betting at \$13.

Richards was again leaning to Melody Belle as the better of the stable chances.

"She's got a good barrier [gate one] and everything has gone how we've wanted with her. She's really matured this year. She's eating better and handling the racing better," Richards said.

"We'd like her to hold her position early and land at least in the trail and from there she shouldn't have to spend a penny in running.

"We had Gingernuts win this race last year after he was a bit stiff not to run closer in the Tarzino and he's a special horse to the stable but Melody Belle is right up there with the best of them and she would be a very popular winner with us."

Richards said Melody Belle would head for a spring spell after Saturday's race with summer sprint aims of the Gr.1 Sistema Railway (1200m) at Ellerslie on January 1, the Gr.1 JR & N Berkett Telegraph (1200m) at Trentham on January 19 and the Gr.1 BCD Group Sprint (1400m) at Te Rapa in February.

While Richards believes Our Abbadean will be best suited

in the Gr.1 Livamol Classic (2040m) at Hastings on October 6, he is expecting another bold run this weekend.

"She's another good chance. It was such a big run first-up which means she could be flatter second-up but the three weeks between races is ideal and she's trained on well. She just needs it genuinely run to get her best chance. She'll be at her best distance in the Livamol Classic."

Only once beaten in six starts, last season's champion two-year-old Avantage has come up a \$1.85 favourite in TAB markets for the Gold Trail Stakes, having the benefit of a trial and a Hastings exhibition gallop to fit her.

"She's good and the trip away last time really brought her on. She's ready to run a good race," Richards said.

"But she has come up short enough for mine. Xpression looks a real danger to me. She won well at Wellington last season (in the Gr.2 Wakefield Stakes) and she came from last to win at Taupo the other day, which they don't do very often."

Richards will also chase stakes spoils in the south with Quattro Katie (Zoustar) a \$10.50 fourth favourite for Saturday's Listed New Zealand Bloodstock Canterbury Belle Stakes (1200m) at Riccarton.

"We're trying to get some black-type with her. She'll get back but be running on. She's got a lot of upside but she's still a work in progress."

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CUPS QUEST CONTINUES FOR SIR CHARLES ROAD AT CAULFIELD

Matamata-trained stayer **Sir Charles Road** (Myboycharlie) will step out at Caulfield on Saturday in the Gr.3 East Malvern Bendigo Bank MRC Foundation Cup (2000m), a race where the winner gains ballot exempt status for next month's Gr.1 Caulfield Cup (2400m).

Prepared by Lance O'Sullivan and Andrew Scott, Sir Charles Road has had two runs back from a spell and impressed when lumping 60.5kgs to victory in the Reliable Man Trophy (1600m) at Hastings at the beginning of the month.

"That win probably exceeded expectations with the weight on his back," O'Sullivan said.

"Had he run fourth or fifth we would have been happy. Sam (Weatherley) gave him a very economical ride, but he still had to quicken under the weight and that was the encouraging part."

O'Sullivan said Sir Charles Road arrived in Melbourne last Sunday and has settled in well at Mike Moroney's Flemington stable.

"I'm really pleased with him. He went a little bit of even time and quickened a little bit this morning and he looks happy," he said.

"He's a tradesman-like trackworker but his action is good." Dwayne Dunn will take the ride on Saturday, with the hoop in top form at present with 16 winners from his last 107 rides.

"I had a bit of a chat to Dwayne this morning and he was going to look at the field," O'Sullivan said.

"As far as instructions go I will be leaving it up to him. He knows the opposition and knows the track."

The versatile five-year-old gelding won the Gr.2 Chairman's Quality (2600m) in autumn, and also placed in the Gr.1 Sydney Cup (3200m) but is 53rd on the order of entry for the Caulfield Cup and 47th for the Gr.1 Melbourne Cup (3200m).

"I thought if he measures up here, the Caulfield Cup would be the ideal race for him. He is a fast staying horse and probably better suited to the mile-and-a-half than the two miles.

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A victory at Caulfield tomorrow will see Sir Charles Road seal his place in next month's Gr.1 Caulfield Cup





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"I think we need to see how he performs on Saturday and how he comes through it. You'd like to see him run well. After that we will discuss it further with his owner David Archer and make a plan."

While O'Sullivan is pleased with his progressive, young team at home, he said Sir Charles Road was likely to be the stable's only runner in Melbourne this spring.

"We have some good talent coming through and hopefully in the autumn we will have a horse worthy of getting on a plane and going over to Australia.

"We want to give our owners the opportunity to run at the carnivals in Australia. It is something Andrew and I have concentrated on."

O'Sullivan also weighed-in on the changing dynamic of the

Melbourne Cup, with a glut of international raiders meaning the race no longer has the narrative that has endeared itself to so many in Australasian culture.

"It's lost its appeal to me personally. I don't know how other people feel, but only because I just don't know the horses," he said.

"Unless you are really studying the international form and following them you have no idea.

"The European horses have certainly shown in the past they can run out a strong two miles. It has changed, it is not like it was. Has it changed for the better? I don't know.

"It is certainly far more difficult these days to qualify (for the Cup) racing in New Zealand."

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STAKES RACE FOCUS **FOR PIKE TEAM**



The Tony Pike trained Wekaforce will join stablemate Luvlucy as a leading contender in the Listed New Zealand Bloodstock Canterbury Belle Stakes at Riccarton on Saturday

Tony Pike had three starters in all of August. Over the next three days, he will have 20.

The Cambridge trainer has quickly ramped up his spring team and at Taupo, Hastings, Riccarton and Pukekohe, he will present four runners in three stakes races and unleash a team preparing for an array of feature targets.

“August was extremely wet and we only had three runners but we had plenty trial up at Te Teko and Cambridge getting ready,” Pike said.

“We’ve got a big weekend ahead and while the majority of them will

improve ahead of their main spring aims, we’re expecting to see them run well. We’ve got seven in at Riccarton and we’ve just tried to split them up.”

Heading the Riccarton team are **Wekaforce (NZ)** (Showcasing) and **Luvlucy (NZ)** (Sweet Orange), who contest the Listed New Zealand Bloodstock Canterbury Belle Stakes (1200m), having chased subsequent Gr.3 Northland Breeders’ Stakes (1200m) winner Melt (NZ) (Iffraaj) at Ruakaka at their last start.

“The two fillies we’ve got down there probably wouldn’t have been quite competitive enough with

Avantage and Melt in the north so we’ve tried to target black-type down there and hopefully they can continue to improve to be Guineas contenders,” Pike said.

TAB bookmakers have installed Wekaforce a \$3 favourite for the Canterbury Belle Stakes after her second placing to Melt at Ruakaka, with Luvlucy a \$6.50 third favourite behind Emily Margaret (NZ) (Pins) at \$5.

“Wekaforce did plenty of work to get across from the wide gate but she fought well and was beaten by a very good filly. That Melt form has been

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STAKES RACE FOCUS FOR PIKE TEAM

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franked and this should be a bit easier," Pike said.

"We rode Luvlucy quietly and she closed the race off nicely. Up in distance and racing on the big roomy Riccarton track will help her. They are both bringing that Melt form and I'd be disappointed if they didn't go well."

Pike said there were several three-year-old options for both fillies to progress towards the Gr.1 gavelhouse. com 1000 Guineas (1600m) at Riccarton on November 17, provided they performed to expectations on Saturday.

The 1000 Guineas is also the target for **Stella Noire (NZ)** (Showcasing), who tackles Saturday's Gr.3 Hawke's Bay Breeders Gold Trail Stakes (1200m)

at Hastings after a mystifying last-start failure.

Asked what went wrong with the Showcasing filly's unplaced resuming run at Hastings three weeks ago, Pike said: "I have no idea. Maybe the track? She's come through the race well and her work since has been sensational with the blinkers on. She'll race in blinkers on Saturday and from a good gate, I'd expect to see a big improvement from her."

TAB bookmakers have Stella Noire a \$5.20 third favourite for the Gold Trail Stakes behind Group One winner Avantage (Fastnet Rock) at \$1.85 and impressive last-start Taupo winner Xpression (NZ) (Showcasing) at \$3.90.

"She'll probably stay up north if

she continues to improve and we'll look at the Soliloquy Stakes and the Sarten Memorial and if she's racing well enough, we'll look at taking her down to the 1000 Guineas after that," Pike said.

Pike's other stakes runner this weekend is Group Three-placed **Caricature (NZ)** (Power) in Sunday's Listed Haunui Farm Karaka Classic (1600m) at Pukekohe.

"We scratched her at Ruakaka last week knowing she'd get too far back from the wide draw and this is really the only other suitable option for the next couple of weeks. It's really just a throw at the stumps," Pike said.

"But she looks up to that class, even as only a one-win mare."

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Seabrook (NZ) (Hinchinbrook)



Hiflyer (NZ) (Tavistock)



Francaletta (High Chaparral)

Seabrook set for Golden Rose

Group One winner **Seabrook (NZ)** (Hinchinbrook) will attempt to gain more black-type when she lines-up in the Gr.1 Golden Rose Stakes (1400m) at Rosehill on Saturday.

Trainer Mick Price was content with her third-placing in the Gr.3 H.D.F McNeil Stakes (1200m) at Caulfield earlier this month but has been pleased with her progress since then and believes she is primed for Saturday.

"I think she has improved out of sight," he said. She had two trials at Cranbourne, one was average and one was okay. Her first-up run was okay.

"On the inside grass here (at Caulfield) on Saturday morning she went super and Damien (Oliver) rode her here this morning. He can be critical of them Damien, he's a very good judge, and he just got off and said she's spot on."

Meanwhile, Hiyaam (NZ) (High Chaparral) will head to Caulfield on Saturday for the the Gr.3 MRC Foundation Cup (2000m) and her trainer thinks she is better suited to that distance after disappointing when tailing the field home in the Gr.2 Dato' Tan Chin Nam Stakes (1600m) last-start.

"She's fine, I think she just wants a distance," Price said. "She either wants 2000m or 2400m, somewhere there."

"We're getting to the pointy edge of trying to get runs and she is down the order of entry in some of these bigger races, but we'll do our best."

Hiflyer primed for Group One mile

Te Aroha trainer Peter Lock is over the moon with how his talented galloper **Hiflyer (NZ)** (Tavistock) has progressed and is looking forward to lining up the six-year-old in the Gr.1 Windsor Park Plate (1600m) at Hastings on Saturday.

The Tavistock gelding finished a close runner-up to Melody Belle (NZ) (Commands) in the first leg of the Hawke's Bay triple crown, the Gr.1 Tarzino Trophy (1400m), earlier this month and Lock believes his charge is suited more to Saturday's mile distance.

"We're really happy with him. He has come through his Tarzino run very well," Lock said. [Full story here](#)



Scott Base (NZ) (Dalghar)

Otaki pair to relish Hastings mile

Otaki trainers Johno Benner and Hollie Wynyard will have two strong chances in Saturday's Gr.1 Windsor Park Plate (1600m) at Hastings, and the couple couldn't be happier with their charges heading into the mile feature.

Karaka Million 3YO Classic (1600m) winner **Scott Base (NZ)** (Dalghar) ran home strongly in the first leg of Hawke's Bay's triple crown, the Gr.1 Tarzino Trophy (1400m), while Group Two winner **Wyndspelle (NZ)** (Iffraaj) pleased connections with his sixth-placing.

"They were two of the better runs in the race I'd say," Johno Benner said. "I couldn't really fault them and 1600m looks good for both horses." [Full story here](#)

Trial benefits Francaletta

Group Three-winning mare **Francaletta** (High Chaparral) will have the opportunity to enhance her broodmare value when she lines up in Saturday's Gr.1 Windsor Park Plate (1600m) at Hastings.

The Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman-trained mare disappointed when ninth in the Gr.1 Tarzino Trophy (1400m) after an eye-catching fresh-up fourth in the Gr.2 Lisa Chittick Foxbridge Plate (1200m).

The daughter of High Chaparral had a testing trial at Cambridge last week to fit her for Saturday.

"She is going to press on to the Windsor Park Plate and Michael Coleman will ride her there," Forsman said.

"That is why we gave her a good hit-out at the trials last Thursday. She will have a couple of good gallops this week which should top her off nicely."

A stud career beckons Francaletta, who has been Group Two placed on two occasions.

"She will be covered this spring," Forsman said. "She is going to go to Savabeel."



Tavirun (NZ) (Tavistock)

Tavirun follows a well-worn stable path

The training partnership of Trent Busuttin and Natalie Young are looking to follow a

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proven spring path with one of their latest three-year-old Classic hopefuls **Tavirun (NZ)** (Tavistock).

It means the last-start Moonee Valley winner will head to Sydney to run in Saturday's Gr.3 Gloaming Stakes (1800m) at Rosehill.

The Gloaming leads into the Gr.1 Spring Champion Stakes (2000m) at Randwick two weeks later before attention is expected to turn to the Gr.1 Victoria Derby (2500m) on November 3 at Flemington.

"A couple of the Derby horses we've had have taken that path," Young said.

"Sully went to the Gloaming and the Spring Champion and Sangster followed the same sort of path.

"That Sydney form seems to hold up and we think he's going to hopefully get up over that (Derby) trip."

Sully (NZ) (Reliable Man) finished second in last year's Victoria Derby while Sangster (NZ) (Savabeel) won the 2011 Derby after contesting the Gloaming and Spring Champion during his spring campaign.

Tavirun won a Donald maiden at his second start then led all the way over 1500m at Moonee Valley last start and Young believes Saturday's race, which has a field of six, is a good spring stepping stone for the gelding.

"We'll know a bit more about him after Saturday, because he's quite a sharp Tavistock," Young said.

"Tarka is going to be hard to beat but we've got a good draw and we've got Hugh Bowman on. As long as he travels well I think he'll be hard to beat."



Night's Watch (NZ) (Redwood)

Night's Watch aiming for Caulfield Cup berth

Darren Weir is confident **Night's Watch (NZ)** (Redwood) will be highly competitive in the Gr.3 MRC Foundation Cup (2000m)

at Caulfield on Saturday, a race where the winner gains ballot exempt status for next month's Gr.1 Caulfield Cup (2400m).

Weir said Night's Watch, a son of Westbury Stud stallion Redwood, was sure to improve off his encouraging weight-for-age debut 12 days ago when third to Magic Consol (Consolidator) in the Gr.2 Dato'Tan Chin Nam Stakes (1600m) at Moonee Valley.

"He was sort of mucking around in the barrier and then he just didn't begin as cleanly as hoped, but Johnny Allen had to use him to be in a spot and then he loomed like he was going to win but then he evened out the last 100m," Weir told racing.com.

"Stepping out slow and having to use him a bit just took off that bit of brilliance late, but first go at weight-for-age I thought it was a terrific run."

"He's making the right steps for sure. I guess he has to take another step to 2000m but he's ticking along pretty well. Whether it's this year or not we'll see."



Rising Red (NZ) (Redwood)

Rising Red to put Cup ambitions on show

Rising Red (NZ) (Redwood) missed the 2017 spring carnival because of injury but his connections are hoping the New Zealand Derby runner-up can be a contender in feature staying races this year.

The Trent Busuttin and Natalie Young-trained gelding clashes with a host of other stayers trying to secure a prized ballot exemption into this year's Caulfield Cup in Saturday's Gr.3 MRC Foundation Stakes (2000m).

The New Zealand-bred and owned galloper sits equal 82nd in the Caulfield Cup ballot.

"He's just a bit low in the ratings so we've just got to try to win a decent race in his next couple of starts to get him up in the ratings," Young said.

"The end result would be nice if we could end up in the Caulfield and Melbourne Cups."

Rising Red's performance on Saturday will prove telling on where the five-year-old heads next and whether he continues towards the major spring Cups.

Rising Red finished second to Moss'n'Dale in a 1600m open handicap at the Valley last Saturday week and Young hopes the stayer gets luck in running from barrier 10 in his first Caulfield start.

"It's a very strong race but I think he'll run well," Young said.

"If he can get across early and sit midfield I think he'll hit the line nicely."



Carnival (NZ) (Showcasing)

Carnival to make Australian debut

Group Three-winning mare **Carnival (NZ)** (Showcasing) has recently joined the Flemington stable of Russell and Scott Cameron and is set to make her Australian debut in the Gr.3 Ladbrokes Odds Boost Stakes (1200m) at Caulfield on Saturday.

The five-year-old chestnut was set to race at Riccarton earlier this month for former trainers Kevin and Pam Hughes, but transport schedules hindered those plans.

"We were hoping to give her a run here the other day, but the way the transport went we couldn't give her a run," Kevin Hughes said. [Full story here](#)

Guineas mission for Xpression

Group Two-winning filly **Xpression (NZ)** (Showcasing) is set to tackle Saturday's Gr.3 Hawke's Bay Breeders Gold Trail Stakes (1200m) and has pleased trainers Guy Lowry and Grant Cullen since her successful seasonal return at Taupo last month.

On that occasion Xpression defeated Santa Catarina (NZ) (Savabeel) and stablemate Mohaka (NZ) (Nadeem), who has subsequently franked the form by placing in the Listed Wanganui Guineas (1340m).

"She's trained on well since her win the other day," Lowry said. [Full story here](#)

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Preditor (NZ) (Savabeel)



Sherrif (NZ) (High Chaparral)

Preditor hunt has evolved to Raffles Cup

Shane Baertschiger is hoping **Preditor (NZ)** (Savabeel) does not draw too close to the running rails in the S\$1 million Raffles Cup (1600m) on Sunday.

"He's much better on the outside, he's won from the middle of the pack. He doesn't quicken as well when he is on the inside," said Baertschiger.

"In the Jumbo Jet, we saw it. He had an uninterrupted run on the outside and just flew home.

"But the horse has been in great form this prep. Last year, he had excuses in the Derby and then he had a spell.

"Ever since he's won over 1400m in a Kranji Stakes A race in April, he's been very consistent. He's a typical Savabeel, a late maturer."

Baertschiger said **Preditor**, an entire he also owns, has come on further since his last start.

"All's good with him. He's done very well since his last run," he said.

Baertschiger also saddles another horse racing in his pink and red hooped colours, **Blue Swede (NZ)** (O'Reilly) in the other feature race of the day, the S\$150,000 El Dorado Classic (2000m).

Trainer cautious on Sherrif

Group Three winner **Sherrif (NZ)** (High Chaparral) will return to the races this weekend when he steps out in the Rating 82 Bay Ford NZ Punter Of The Year 6 October (1400m) at Hawke's Bay on Saturday, but Roger James, who trains in partnership with Robert Wellwood, believes the son of High Chaparral will derive plenty of improvement from the run.

"He's like a lot of our team at present having a first-up run, give us a month or six weeks and we will have a lot of nice horses ready to fire," James said.

"They're going to be vulnerable fresh-up. It's been a wet winter and I am pretty careful with them on the training track when they're rain-affected."

Guineas candidate on debut

Tony Pike is making no secret of the high regard he holds for Riccarton debutante **Sacred Quartz (Zoustar)**.

The Cambridge trainer will produce the Raffles Racing-owned Zoustar three-year-old gelding in maiden company on Saturday, the first step on a path he hopes will lead to success in November's Gr.1 Al Basti Equiworld 2000 Guineas (1600m) at the same track.

"We've got a pretty high opinion of him. On paper, he's just a maiden having his first start, but we've got him down there early with a view to getting him to the 2000 Guineas," Pike said.

"He'll have this race and then run in a three-year-old race at Riccarton in two weeks and then the Barneswood Farm Stakes at Ashburton (on October 20) before going on to the Guineas."



Mark Chittick

Waikato Stud focussed on Karaka 2019

Powerhouse Matamata breeding operation Waikato Stud have announced that their entire 2019 yearling draft will be

sold at New Zealand Bloodstock's annual National Yearling Sale at Karaka in 2019.

While the Stud, who have captured the leading vendor title at the event for the past five years, have predominantly sold their yearlings at Karaka each year they have also sent a select number to various Australian sales as well.

Next year their 108 strong draft will be one hundred per cent Karaka bound, a decision that stud principal Mark Chittick believes is recognition of the vital importance of the sale to the local breeding industry. [Full story here](#)

War Affair wins Te Rapa trial

One month after his comeback seventh in the Gr.2 Lisa Chittick Foxbridge Plate (1200m), former Singapore champion galloper **War Affair (NZ)** (O'Reilly) produced a smart performance to win an 1100m trial at Te Rapa on Tuesday.

Trained by Stephen Marsh, son of War Affair's Singapore trainer Bruce Marsh, the 2014 Singapore Horse of the Year will target the Gr.3 Red Badge Spring Sprint (1400m) at Hastings on October 6.

"His feet and his wind are good. He's ready for his second race," Bruce Marsh said.

"Stephen was very happy with that trial and said he couldn't wait to see him back on the track."

The longer term targets for War Affair are the Gr.2 Gartshore Tauranga Stakes (1600m) on November 17 and the Gr.1 Rydges Wellington Captain Cook Stakes (1600m) at Trentham on December 8.



Melt (NZ) (Iffraaj)

Options aplenty for Melt

Pukekohe trainer Nigel Tiley is pleased with the way in which **Melt (NZ)** (Iffraaj) has come through her win in the Gr.3 Cambridge Stud Northland Breeders'

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Stakes (1200m) last Saturday and her next assignment will likely be the Gr.2 Sacred Falls Hawke's Bay Guineas (1400m) at Hastings on October 6.

"I am quite keen to take the boys on in the Hawke's Bay Guineas because if she happened to step up and be superior to them, I wouldn't be averse to running in the 2000 Guineas," Tiley said.

Melt is currently rated a \$4.50 chance in the Gr.1 Gavelhouse.com New Zealand 1000 Guineas (1600m) and a \$12 chance in the Gr.1 Al Basti Equiworld Dubai New Zealand 2000 Guineas (1600m).

"The 2000 Guineas is worth half a million, whereas the 1000 Guineas is worth \$300,000, so it's an option that we've got."

Tiley said it also gave him options to run on preferred track conditions should it come up around the Dead range on the opening day of the carnival.



Verry Elleegant (NZ) (Zed)

Verry Elleegant joins leading Victorian stable

Ardmore Lodge-trainer Nick Bishara has confirmed that his talented three-year-old filly **Verry Elleegant (NZ)** (Zed) has been sold to a Trans-Tasman syndicate and will do her future racing in Australia.

"She has been sold and will be joining Darren Weir," Bishara said. "She leaves on Wednesday."

"Darren Weir's clients have taken fifty per cent, Jomara Bloodstock have taken 25 per cent and the original ownership group have retained 25 per cent." [Full story here](#)

Patient approach for Morell

Te Rapa trainer John Morell was pleased with **Florence Jean's (NZ)** (Pins) trial win on his home track on Tuesday and is aiming at starting the four-year-old in a week's time.

"I'm delighted with the way she looks at the moment," Morell said. "She is finally



Florence Jean (NZ) (Pins)

starting to mature a bit and has a nice coat on her at the moment.

"Being close and handy we thought we would see where we were with her and get a bit of a line on her.

"We're looking at going to New Plymouth for a rating 82 (1200m). If the track is too bad down there she will go to a (rating) 72 1200m at Avondale the same day."

The Pins mare has had a bit of bad luck in her career-to-date but did manage to secure black-type when runner-up to Dijon Bleu (NZ) (Burgundy) in the Gr.3 Hawke's Bay Breeders Gold Trail Stakes (1200m) last year.

"We had a few setbacks with her last year, so we're just taking it day-by-day," Morell said.

"She had issues with her front feet and she got a virus after the Gold Trail Stakes and we couldn't chase that off for a month.

"When we finally got rid of that she felt the ground. We thought we had her right to take her to Ruakaka a couple of weeks ago and then she got a stone bruise on her back foot.

"She has got a bit of ability, sometimes those Pins mares need a bit of time. She looks like she will be competitive over 1200m or 1000m even."

Vance faces lengthy rehab

Waikato jockey Maija Vance suffered damage to five vertebrae in her fall at Rotorua on Sunday.

Vance, 27, had a four-hour operation on Monday, to stabilise her spine, and is still in the intensive care unit at Middlemore Hospital, in Auckland.

"The surgeon said the operation went really well," Vance's father, former top jockey Bob Vance, said on Wednesday.

"They inserted pins and plates, to protect the spinal cord from any further damage. It's what they call an incomplete injury but there was damage to five vertebrae and some swelling in the spinal cord.

"Her arms and hands are fine and she has had good movement, in her knee and ankle, in her right leg," he said.

"I haven't seen any movement in her left leg yet, but she has had some sensation there and it's a bit too early to know [what the outcome will be]. Hopefully she will keep improving.

"She also has multiple broken ribs, at the back of her ribcage, so with that and the operation, she's in a lot of pain. She will probably be in hospital for two weeks and then get transferred to the spinal unit for rehab. It's going to be a long road."

Vance's mount, Zedsational (NZ) (Zed), fell at the second-last fence in a maiden hurdle at Rotorua. She was taken to Rotorua Hospital before being airlifted to Middlemore on Sunday night.

Lowland Stakes upgraded

The Little Avondale Lowland Stakes (2100m) at Hastings has been upgraded from Group Three to Group Two status and the Partners Life Soliloquy Stakes (1400m) at Ellerslie has been promoted from Listed to Group Three. Both races are confined to fillies. Meanwhile, the Shaw's Wires Ropes Uncle Remus Stakes (1400m), a three-year-old race run at Ellerslie on Boxing Day, has been upgraded to Listed status.

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GLOBAL NZ BRED WINNERS

13/09/2018 - 19/09/2018

AUSTRALIA

All Too Hard : De Little Sister (NZ) (Arapaho Miss by Danehill Dancer) 2015;

13/09/2018, 1st MRC (Mornington) Cleo White P. 1000m
Sold by Westbury Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$100000

Bachelor Duke : Arthur Porrit (NZ) (Deebee Donna by Prized) 2013;

17/09/2018, 1st Corowa RC Canns Bus Lines H. 1600m
Sold by Seaton Park Ltd at Ready to Run Sale for \$15000

Dalghar : Shadow Prince (NZ) (Out of the Shadows by Black Minnaloushe) 2013;

13/09/2018, 1st Clarence River JC AGM 14 November H. 1710m
Sold by Esker Lodge at National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale for \$11000
Sold by Glen Hall Farms at National Yearling Sale for \$22000

Guillotine : Ultimate Eagle (NZ) (Missraad by Volksraad) 2013;

13/09/2018, 1st Clarence River JC Racecourse Function Centre Maiden P. 1710m
Sold by Mapperley Stud Ltd at National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale for \$20000
Sold by Kilgravin Lodge at Ready to Run Sale for \$45000

I am Invincible : I Am a Star (NZ) (Star Band by Dixieland Band) 2013;

15/09/2018, 1st VRC Let's Elope S. Gr.2 1400m
Sold by Rich Hill Stud at National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale for \$12000

I am Invincible : I am Impinge (NZ) (Impinge by Generous) 2014;

19/09/2018, 1st BRC Turner Freeman Lawyers H. 1350m

Jimmy Choux : Heptagon (NZ) (Seven Schillings by O'Reilly) 2013;

15/09/2018, 1st SAJC Happy 60th Birthday Cathy H. 1400m
Sold by Bradbury Park at National Yearling Sale for \$150000

O'Reilly : Grunt (NZ) (Ruqqaya by Van Nistelrooy) 2014;

15/09/2018, 1st VRC Makybe Diva S. Gr.1 1600m
Sold by Trelawney Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$220000

MALAYSIA

Alamosa : Asprey (NZ) (Bond Street by Pentire) 2011;

16/09/2018, 1st Penang TC Class 5 H. 1300m
Sold by Canterbury Park Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$20000

Danroad : Our Friendly Diva (NZ) (Pearly Gates by Kashani) 2007;

16/09/2018, 1st Penang TC Class 5 H. 1100m

Danske : Baby Polo (NZ) (Film by Fuji Kiseki) 2009;

16/09/2018, 1st Penang TC Class 5 H. 1300m

Elusive City : Elusive Genius (NZ) (Hermitage by Generous) 2011;

16/09/2018, 1st Penang TC Class 5 H. 1300m
Sold by Lime Country Thoroughbreds Ltd at Ready to Run Sale for \$100000
Sold by Martindale Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$13000

O'Reilly : Rasmee (NZ) (Darya Ye Noor by Al Samer) 2014;

16/09/2018, 1st Penang TC Maiden S. 1300m

Redwood : Discretely Red (NZ) (Scarlet Queen by Fasliyev) 2013;

16/09/2018, 1st Penang TC Class 4 H. 1200m
Sold by Valachi Downs at National Yearling Sale for \$30000

O'Reilly : Brutal (NZ) (Alberton Princess by Golan) 2015;

15/09/2018, 1st VRC Antler Luggage P. L 1400m
Sold by Mapperley Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$220000

Ocean Park : Bouwmeester (NZ) (Happy Forever by Dr Fong) 2014;

15/09/2018, 1st Armidale JC Dynamic Fire Maiden P. 1400m
Sold by Carraghmore Stud at National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale for \$80000
Sold by Lyndhurst Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$180000

Ocean Park : Karlu Dreaming (NZ) (Spirit of Karlu by Dubawi) 2014;

16/09/2018, 1st Taree RC XXXX Gold Maiden H. 1400m

Pins : Purple Sector (NZ) (Eden Valley by Zabeel) 2015;

18/09/2018, 1st Illawarra TC Bomaderry BC Metro & Provincial Maiden H. 1500m
Sold by Trelawney Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$60000

Rip Van Winkle : Awake in Grinzing (NZ) (Trephina by Last Tycoon) 2013;

15/09/2018, 1st SAJC AAMI H. 1400m
Sold by Windsor Park Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$100000

Savabeel : Jimmy Hoffa (NZ) (Sentura by Volksraad) 2010;

15/09/2018, 1st Mareeba TC Mareeba Cup 2000m

Savabeel : Austin (NZ) (Elusive Elle by Elusive Quality) 2012;

16/09/2018, 1st Dubbo TC Showcase Picnic Championship P. 1400m

Thewayyouare : Disturbance (NZ) (Zafonique by Bigstone) 2013;

16/09/2018, 1st Dubbo TC Dubbo Gold Cup 1600m
Sold by Haunui Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$65000

Zabeel : Balestrand (NZ) (Parfore by Gold Brose) 2012;

16/09/2018, 1st Devonport RC HOY Willby Rules P. 1150m

SINGAPORE

Per Incanto : Longhu (NZ) (Sacred Steps by Elusive City) 2012;

14/09/2018, 1st Singapore TC Kranji S. 1200m

Pins : No Fun No Gain (NZ) (J'Lo by Unbridled's Song) 2015;

14/09/2018, 1st Singapore TC Restricted Maiden S. 1200m
Sold by Rich Hill Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$130000

Pins : Satellite Warrior (NZ) (De Lago Lady by Encosta de Lago) 2014;

14/09/2018, 1st Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1400m
Sold by Anzac Lodge at Ready to Run Sale for \$60000
Sold by Mapperley Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$20000

Showcasing : Brilliant One (NZ) (Clavarias by Candy Stripes) 2013;

14/09/2018, 1st Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1700m
Sold by Diamond Lodge at Ready to Run Sale for \$92500
Sold by Grangewilliam Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$45000



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