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## MELODY BELLE DOUBLES UP IN WINDSOR PARK PLATE



*Melody Belle streaks clear to the delight of rider Shafiq Rusof as she wins her second Group One at Hastings (Trish Dunell)*

Outstanding mare **Melody Belle (NZ)** (Commands) made it two Group One wins in succession as she dominated her rivals in Saturday's Windsor Park Plate (1600m) at Hastings.

Although some were prepared to question her credentials over the 1600m of Saturday's contest, the Tarzino Trophy (1400m) winner from three weeks earlier was installed a warm favourite for the second leg of the Hawkes Bay triple crown.

An inch perfect ride from Malaysian born jockey Shafiq

Rusof saw him use the four-year-old's early gas from the number one barrier draw to position beautifully on the fence behind a strong speed set by pacemakers Contessa Vanessa (NZ) (Bullbars) and Sensible Princess (NZ) (Street Smart).

Approaching the turn Rusof was giggling to himself as he peeled off heels to issue his challenge with the majority of the mare's rivals struggling to make ground at a crucial stage of the race. Sent for home Melody Belle quickly established

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a winning break before coasting to the line to score by over two lengths from Savvy Coup, Wyndspelle (NZ) (Iffraaj) and Seventh Up (NZ) (Shinko King) who all chased gamely but to no avail.

Trainer Jamie Richards, who had earlier taken out the day's other black-type feature with last season's champion two-year-old Avantage (Fastnet Rock), was quick to acknowledge the role the mare's barrier draw had played in the winning result.

"Barriers win races don't they," he said.

"She's terrific isn't she and it was a lovely ride by Shafiq.

"She had trained on beautifully and it's a big thank you to the team at home who take such good care of her.

"Outstanding."

Richards also mentioned that the mare's confidence levels were at an all time high as she remained unbeaten in three starts in this campaign.

"She loves it," he said. "She's got that real swagger about her and she prances around like she knows she's pretty good."

Purchased by Te Akau Racing boss David Ellis for \$57,500 during the premier session of the 2016 National Yearling Sale, Melody Belle is raced by the Fortuna Melody Belle Syndicate which is managed by long-time stable client, John Galvin. It is

that trio who will now decide the next steps for the mare this season although an attempt to become the first horse to win the Hawkes Bay triple crown has been ruled out by Richards.

"I think we will just look after and give her a spell now," he said.

"We'll get her ready for the Railway (Stakes) and then the Telegraph at Wellington."

Riccarton visitor Savvy Coup lost no admirers for the Gr.1 Livamol Classic (2040m) at Hastings on October 6, making up good ground after being denied a run until well into the home straight while Wyndspelle also caught the eye with his strong finishing burst.

– NZ Racing Desk

<b>Race</b>	<b>Hawkes Bay Windsor Park P. Gr.1 1600m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Melody Belle (NZ) 2014</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Fortuna Melody Belle Syndicate (Mgr: John Galvin)</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Jamie Richards (Matamata)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Commands (AUS) out of Meleka Belle by Iffraaj (GB)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Mrs N M Leicester</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2016 National Yearling Sale – Premier Session; V: Haunui Farm, P: DC Ellis; \$57,500</b>

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# NIGHT'S WATCH EARNS CAULFIELD CUP BERTH

**N**ight's Watch (NZ) (Redwood) has earned a ballot exemption into the Caulfield Cup with victory in the MRC Foundation Cup at Caulfield.

But trainer Darren Weir says the five-year-old is not guaranteed to start in the \$5 million race on October 20 after his win on Saturday.

Weir said he would wait until the gelding has his next start in the Caulfield Stakes a week before the Caulfield Cup before making a final decision.

"I love backing horses up," Weir said.

"It will be three weeks to the Caulfield Stakes and then if he runs well in the Caulfield Stakes we can back up into the Caulfield Cup.

"If it's not this year, it'll be next year.

"That's the beauty with Terry Henderson and the OTI Boys, there's no pressure."

Night's Watch entered Saturday's race equal 78th in the order of entry into the Caulfield Cup but leap-frogged his way into the race with his late surge.

Ridden by Damian Lane, Night's Watch was sent off favourite in scoring a long-neck win over Rising Red (NZ) (Redwood) with Odeon (NZ) (Zacinto) a short-head away third.

One thing concerning for Weir has been Night's Watch recent habit

of slow starts.

But he said the gelding has been a work in progress since joining his team from New Zealand over 12 months ago.

Weir pointed to his Warrnambool team of Jarrod McLean and Tyson Kermond in mending the gelding's manners.

"He's living up to the potential that he showed early days when his manners weren't right," Weir said.

"It was a good ride by Damian. He crept on the corner and put himself in striking distance but then they fanned and were everywhere.

"It's nice that he's won a decent race because he's deserved it."

Night's Watch firmed into second

favouritism at \$8 for the Caulfield Cup behind stablemate Kings Will Dream at \$4.50). -AAP

<b>Race</b>	<b>MRC Foundation Cup Gr.3 2000m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Night's Watch (NZ) 2013</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>OTI Racing, NZ Thoroughbred Holdings Ltd, Mr JB Hart, Mr MJ Davies, Mrs B Wood, Mr PN Kean, Mr A Cox, Mr TN Porter, Mr WS Pelchen, Mrs VL Pelchen, Mr JP Spence, Mrs JT Spence, Uthmeyer Racing</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Darren Weir (Warrnambool)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Redwood (GB) out of Glory Run (AUS) by Exceed and Excel (Aus)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>G Harvey</b>



*Night's Watch secured a berth in the \$5 million Gr.1 Caulfield Cup with his win on Saturday (Bruno Cannatelli)*





# CHAMPION FILLY BACK IN BUSINESS FOR TE AKAU RACING

Last season's champion two-year-old **Avantage** (Fastnet Rock) was back doing what she does best when she opened her three-year-old season with a dogged winning performance at Hastings.

The Fastnet Rock filly was only beaten once in six starts during her juvenile campaign where she captured the rich Listed Karaka Million (1200m) before going on to score at Group One level in the Manawatu Sires Produce Stakes (1400m).

Puts aside following that Awapuni triumph the Jamie Richards trained filly resumed with a quiet run at the Te Rapa trials last month before tackling Saturday's Gr.3 Hawke's Bay Breeders Gold Trail Stakes (1200m) as her season opener.

After securing the coveted one barrier draw Avantage was sent out a warm favourite by punters with the well fancied local filly Xpression (NZ) (Showcasing) expected to pose her biggest threat. That scenario played out exactly as predicted as the pair set down to a tooth and nail struggle over the final stages of the contest with Avantage putting her head in front



*Avantage (inner) gets in the deciding stride to head Xpression at Hastings (Trish Dunell)*

where it mattered most to score a narrow victory.

"She's such a racehorse and has the heart of a lion," rider Danielle Johnson said.

"There's tonnes of improvement in her with this just being her first run since her two-year-old campaign.

"She's got an exciting season ahead of her."

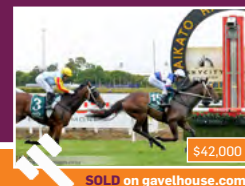
Richards cut a satisfied figure after the race as he waited

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for his charge to return to the winner's enclosure following confirmation of the final placings.

"She's a champion filly who has come back in really good order," he said.

"I had talked up the second horse all week, as I think she's a serious filly, so you've seen two promising horses.

"We were probably half a stride slow so had to use her up early which told a bit at the finish first-up but she will improve a lot from that."

Richards will now sit down with Te Akau Racing boss David Ellis to determine the path ahead for the filly who is being set for a tilt at the Gr.1 gavelhouse.com New Zealand 1000 Guineas (1600m) at Riccarton in November.

Avantage was a \$210,000 purchase by Ellis from The Oaks

Stud draft during the premier session of the 2017 National Yearling Sale at Karaka. She has now won six races for her owners, the Te Akau Avantage Syndicate and in excess of \$806,000 in prizemoney.

– NZ Racing Desk

<b>Race</b>	<b>Hawkes Bay Gold Trail S. Gr.3 1200m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Avantage (AUS) 2015</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Te Akau Avantage Syndicate (Mgr: KW Fenton-Ellis MNZM)</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Jamie Richards (Matamata)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Fastnet Rock (AUS) out of Asavant by Zabeel</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Mr W Calder &amp; Mrs K N Calder</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2017 National Yearling Sale – Premier Sale; V: The Oaks Stud, P: DC Ellis; \$210,000</b>

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Jungle Cat wins Sir Rupert Clarke Stakes

A long-range plan has come to fruition with international visitor **Jungle Cat** (Iffraaj) winning the Group One Sir Rupert Clarke Stakes at Caulfield.

UK-based Godolphin trainer Charlie Appleby has had plenty of success at Australian carnivals in the past three years and sent a team of three horses to Melbourne earlier than usual this year for early spring targets.

Jungle Cat delivered in the day's feature in the well-travelled sprinter's first Australian outing.

Racing for the first time since winning the Group One Al Quoz Sprint in Dubai in March, Jungle Cat had to pull out all stops in the straight under James Doyle to win in a three-way finish to the 1400m race.

"It was always our plan straight after the Al Quoz to come here," Appleby said.

"Group Ones over seven furlongs in Europe are few and far between and generally they are in France and the ground is usually on the easy side which doesn't suit him.



"He loves to hear his feet rattling. This was always the plan to come here and it's nice when it comes off."

It was the eighth winner for Appleby over the past three spring carnivals in Victoria and the first at Group One level in Melbourne to go with Polarisation's Group One win in the 2017 Sydney Cup.

Appleby praised the team who travel with the horses and said it was a fantastic result for everyone.

And he was thrilled for Jungle Cat who added to his Group One win in Dubai having contested a number of big sprints in Europe during his career.

"He's danced every dance back in Europe at Group One level and is always thereabouts," he said.

"He deserves his Group Ones. He's been consistent his whole life." -AAP

*Jungle Cat and connections (Bruno Cannatelli)*





# LOCAL FILLY REPELS VISITING RAIDER IN RICCARTON FEATURE

Locally trained filly **Emily Margaret (NZ)** (Pins) showed all her fighting qualities as she withstood a fierce challenge from northern visitor Wekaforce (NZ) (Wekaforce) to claim the Listed New Zealand Bloodstock Canterbury Belle Stakes (1200m) at Riccarton.

The Pins filly had entered the race as the South Island's leading hope after dealing to a handy field over 1000m on her home turf a fortnight ago. Most pundits expected her to put in a good showing although pre-race discussions centred mainly around the Tony Pike trained Cambridge raider Wekaforce,

who was sent out a warm favourite.

Those predictions appeared to be well founded with Wekaforce showing a torrent of speed to cross to the lead from the outside barrier in the early stages of the contest. The key to the race however, was the good beginning made by Emily Margaret from an inside draw with rider Jasmine Fawcett happy to post the favourite one off the rail as she held her place against the fence on her mount.

The pair went head to head for the entire 1200m journey with Emily Margaret finding a little more in the concluding stages to draw clear by half-

a-length as Wekaforce's early exertions told on her in the final 100m.

"It was a good tough win wasn't it," said co-trainer Kevin Hughes.

"It was a great ride by Jasmine as I said to her we had to use the barrier in a big field like that. With that many in the field there can be carnage when you get in amongst them so we were much better in front and out of trouble.

"I thought that Wekaforce was the one to beat and they really set down to a ding-dong battle in the home straight.

"I know how tough my filly is so I

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*Emily Margaret has the better of Wekaforce as she hits the finish line at Riccarton (Race Images South)*





# LOCAL FILLY REPELS VISITING RAIDER IN RICCARTON FEATURE

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was hoping she would see it out as she loves a scrap.”

Hughes, who prepares the filly with his wife Pam for owner Rodger Finlay, was also relieved the victory would allow him to settle on a path to the Gr.1 gavelhouse.com 1000 Guineas (1600m) under his own terms.

“I think that should just about seal a place in the 1000 Guineas for her so we can take our time and pick a path for her,” he said.

“She doesn’t mind the ground the way it was today but she also handles it with some cut in the track so if we could strike that sort of ground at

her next start it would be in her best interests.

“There is a 1400m race for the three-year-olds at Ashburton coming up but I’m more inclined to tackle a grade race instead where she should get in pretty well.

“We’ll just see how she comes through this one and then look at what is available but she will definitely step up to 1400m to get her ready to run the mile in the Guineas.”

The Gr.1 gavelhouse.com 46th New Zealand 1000 Guineas will be run at Riccarton on November 17.

– NZ Racing Desk

<b>Race</b>	<b>CJC Canterbury Belle S. L 1200m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Emily Margaret (NZ) 2015</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Mr &amp; Mrs Rodger Finlay</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Kevin &amp; Pam Hughes (Riccarton Park)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Pins (AUS) out of Seven Schillings by O’Reilly</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Archer Equine Investments Ltd</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2017 National Yearling Sale – Select Session; V: Trelawney Stud, P: RJ Finlay; \$55,000</b>



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# MOSS GIVES MARTIN FIRST STAKES SCALP

Victorian apprentice Jack Martin landed a maiden Stakes victory on Saturday when **Moss 'N' Dale (NZ)** (Castledale) destroyed his rivals in the Listed Tokyo City Cup (1800m) at Morphettville.

The Peter Gelagotis-trained six-year-old stormed down the middle of

the track to claim Danon Liberty and Temps Voleur inside the final 100m before running away to post a two-length win.

Martin, 23, said he was thrilled to reward the faith of Gelagotis, who indicated post-race the son of Castledale could now be aimed at

the next month's \$500,000 Craven Plate (2000m) at Randwick, one of the feature races on The Everest undercard.

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<b>Race</b>	<b>SAJC Tokyo City Cup L 1800m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Moss 'N' Dale (NZ) 2012</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Mr L Russo, Mr M Russo, Mr S Salib, Mr MP Parnis, Mr J Scire, Who Gives, Mr RW Dyson, Mr PJ Smyth, Mr D Sowersby, Mr AM Harrop, Mr WD Larsen, Mr DJ Mcgaw, Mr J Furlong, Mr I Gumina, Mr L Wilkins, Mr JD Mcgaw, Mr J Scannell</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Peter Gelagotis (Moe)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Castledale (Ire) out of Hot 'n' Moss by Strategic Image (AUS)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>W D Larsen</b>

*Moss 'N' Dale easily took out the Listed Tokyo cup at Morphettville on Saturday (Darryl Sherer)*

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### The Lord Mayor claims the last at Rosehill

Chris Waller trained **The Lord Mayor (NZ)** (Rock 'n' Pop) was lifted over the line in the Fugan Handicap (2000m) by James McDonald to beat a gallant Goodfella (Snitzel) in an epic contest. The win was his second from two starts this preparation.

The four-year-old was formally trained in New Zealand by Lance O'Sullivan and Andrew Scott where he won on two occasions and was placed fourth in the 2018 Gr.1 New Zealand Derby.

The Lord Mayor is a graduate of the 2016 New Zealand Bloodstock Ready to Run sale where is sold for \$52,000 through the draft of Ardsley Stud. This years Ready to Run catalogue is available now online, [www.nzb.co.nz](http://www.nzb.co.nz).

AAP

## Racing Review



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# TULIP MISSES G1 START, WINS ON UNDERCARD

**A**fter missing a start in the Group One Sir Rupert Clarke Stakes, quality mare **Tulip** (Pierro) has claimed a consolation in a race on the undercard at Caulfield.

Tulip was left stranded as fourth emergency for Saturday's Rupert Clarke so instead connections ran her in the Punters.com Living Legends Handicap for mares and she carried top weight to victory.

With apprentice Ethan Brown claiming 1.5kg off Tulip's 60.5kg, the four-year-old worked forward to sit outside the lead in the 1400m race then dug in for the fight in the straight.

Tulip edged clear of leader Shoko (Sebring) in the final 200m to win by a neck with three quarters of a length to Mamzelle Tess (O'Lonhro) third.

Co-trainer David Hayes said the win was a small consolation but he felt Tulip would have been a genuine chance had she gained a start in the day's feature.

Hayes was thrilled to see Tulip win beyond 1200m for the first time and believes as a more mature mare now she will now be able to stretch to 1600m this spring.

Hayes has the Group One Myer Classic (1600m) for fillies and mares in his

sights with Tulip with the Group Two Blazer Stakes (1400m) at Flemington an option on the way there.

"She'll be a good mare to follow I think," he said.

"I'm sure now she's a mature mare she's got another string to her bow."

—AAP

<b>Race</b>	<b>MRC Punters Living Legends H. 1400m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Tulip (AUS) 2014</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Coolmore, Cobra, Mr MJ Kirwan, Emmaroo Bloodstock</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>David &amp; B Hayes &amp; T Dabernig (Flemington)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Pierro (AUS) out of Musidora (AUS) by Rock of Gibraltar (IRE)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Orpendale</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2016 National Yearling Sale – Premier Session; V: Curraghmore, P: BBA Ireland/Lindsay Park Racing; \$400,000</b>



*Tulip easily accounted for her rivals (Bruno Cannatelli)*





# AMARULA PROVIDES CLASS REMINDER AT HASTINGS

**H**ardy sprinter **Amarula (NZ)** (Thorn Park) returned to the scene of his biggest victory when he took out the open sprint at Hastings on Saturday.

The Peter McKay trained six-year-old caused a major upset as a three-year-old when successful in the 2015 edition of the Gr.2 Hawke's Bay Guineas (1400m). The Thorn Park gelding has gone on to fashion an outstanding record with today's victory over 1200m his tenth from just 34 career starts.

Having just the second run in his current campaign, Amarula was expected

to show vast improvement from a lacklustre fresh-up effort at Ruakaka last weekend. So it proved as rider and part-owner Shaun McKay bounced him out nicely from an outside barrier to sit handy to the speed before issuing his challenge early in the run home.

Asked for a serious effort inside the final 200m, Amarula responded gamely to collar pacemaker Indecision just short of the winning post with Stratocaster finishing off nicely to snatch third.

"I think you could give his last start a miss as it was too short for him and he needed the run," McKay said.

"He jumped good and sat outside



*Amarula stretches hard to snatch victory at Hastings (Trish Dunell)*

the leader. When he's there he's got a good turn of foot.

"He's definitely the stable pet so every time he wins it's a big thrill."

McKay's father Peter was rapt with the effort as he praised the tenacity of his charge.

"He's a tough horse and when he thinks he can win he really digs in deep," he said.

"Last week they ran home in 33 seconds and left him to it but it cleaned him up nicely for today.

"We're trying to get him ready for the last day here then have a crack at the weight-for-age down at Wellington."

The Gr.3 Red Badge Spring Sprint (1400m) is one of the feature events at Hastings on October 6 with the Gr.1 Rydges Wellington Captain Cook Stakes (1600m) raced at Trentham on December 8. – NZ Racing Desk

<b>Race</b>	<b>Hawkes Bay LI Redshaw Memorial H. 1200m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Amarula (NZ) 2012</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Kim, Peter &amp; Shaun McKay</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Peter McKay (Matamata)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Thorn Park (AUS) out of Shortblackmini by Black Minnaloushe (USA)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Kaihere Bloodstock Ltd</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2014 National Yearling Sale – Premier Sale; V: Esker Lodge, P: PN &amp; K McKay; \$80,000</b>





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*Cracking Tottie races away to her first win (Singapore Turf Club)*

<b>Race</b>	<b>Singapore TC Kranji S. 1600m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Cracking Tottie (NZ) 2014</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Cracking Tottie Stable</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Cliff Brown (Kranji)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by So You Think out of Palos de Lago by Encosta de Lago (AUS)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Mrs C J; K P &amp; P H Brown; R M Fitzroy &amp; I G Hickey</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2015 National Weanling; Broodmare &amp; Mixed Sale; V: Esker Lodge, P: Devcich Bloodstock; \$65,000</b> <b>2016 National Yearling Sale V: Henley Park; P: Cliff Brown Racing \$100000</b>

-AAP





# BLINKERED DESTROYER ECLIPSE PUTS RIVALS IN THE SHADE

The James Peters-trained **Destroyer Eclipse (NZ)** (Alamosa) reaped the full benefit of blinkers for the first time with a return to winning ways in the \$60,000 Class 4 Premier race over 1200m on Friday night.

An all-the-way Polytrack winner second-up in October, Destroyer Eclipse has since been hitting around the mark without finding the line, but the application of the headgear paid instant dividends.

Backed down to \$13 favouritism, Destroyer Eclipse clocked 1min 12.08secs for the 1200m on the Polytrack, and was bringing up a

second win in 10 starts for Indonesian outfit Eclipse Stable.

"I had a chat with the owner after his last run, and we thought the blinkers would help him," said Peters.

"I was happy with his barrier trial (blinker test) the other day (September 11). He needs a strong pace and if he gets one, he will come home.

"Vlad rode him perfectly and it's also good for the owner. This horse seems to like the Polytrack and we may look for a Class 3 race over 1200m next time."

Duric, who was at his first partnership with Destroyer Eclipse, said he had to test him early given his

inclination to loaf a little down the back.

"It's my first time riding him. He's a quirky little horse, but they put the blinkers on him tonight, and he was more switched on," said the leading jockey.

"I still had to give him an early crack to get him to tack up down the back. He ran on well in the end.

"He was really well placed tonight, and he duly won."

Destroyer Eclipse has now taken his stakes earnings past the \$120,000 mark for the Eclipse Stable.

-STC



<b>Race</b>	<b>Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1200m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Destroyer Eclipse (NZ) 2014</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Eclipse Stable</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>James Peters (Kranji)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Alamosa out of Shezabeel by Zabeel</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Mrs A C Shaw &amp; Wellfield Holdings Ltd</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2016 National Yearling Sale – Select Session; V: Wellfield Lodge, P: NZB as agent; \$22,500</b> <b>2016 Ready to Run Sale V: Riverrock Farm; P: I Hartono; \$40000</b>

*Destroyer Eclipse finishes strongly (Singapore Turf Club)*

