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ROYAL ASCOT STILL POSSIBLE FOR KERMADEC



2015 Gr. 1 Doncaster Handicap winner Kermadec

A stud deal is imminent for Group One winner **Kermadec (NZ)** (Teofilo) who could still round out his career at Royal Ascot.

Kermadec and his Chris Waller-trained stablemate Press Statement (Hinchinbrook) both ran in Saturday's All Aged Stakes with a view to travelling to England for the famous June carnival.

While third-placed Kermadec showed a marked improvement on his last in the Doncaster Mile, Waller was reserved in his assessment of Press Statement's fifth.

"It will be up to Vinery Stud whether Press Statement goes to Royal Ascot," Waller said.

"I'm not sure what to make of his run. He was posted

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three-wide most of the way so we'll have a look at him and see how he is.

"There is a sale pending on Kermadec but he's not necessarily out of Royal Ascot."

Nominations for the Royal meeting close on Monday.

Waller believes it takes a good 1400m-horse to run the tough 1200 metres on the undulating straight courses of England and Kermadec could fit the bill.

The winner of the 2015 Gr. 1 Doncaster Mile, Kermadec hasn't won since the Gr. 1 George Main Stakes in September.

But with the exception of his Doncaster failure earlier this month, the four-year-old has been placed in three Group One races during the carnival.

He finished third in the Canterbury Stakes won by Holler (Commands) and second to stablemate Winx (Street Cry) in the George Ryder Stakes as well as his third behind English (Encosta De Lago) and Black Heart Bart (Blackfriars) in the All Aged.

AAP TURF

NEWS IN BRIEF

Calder scores in rich Macau Hong Kong Trophy

Ex-pat kiwi jockey Andrew Calder underlined his status as one of Macau's leading riders when he piloted rugged New Zealand bred gelding **Best Of Luck (NZ)** (Thorn Park) to victory in the M\$3m Gr. 1 Macau Hong Kong Trophy (1500m) on Sunday.

Calder has been based in Macau since the 2010/2011 racing season and quickly established himself on the local scene when he piloted Imabayboy (NZ) (San Luis) to win the first two legs of the Macau three-year-old Triple Crown, the Macau Guineas and Macau Derby, that season. Calder had ridden over 700 winners before making the move to Macau and is based there with his wife Natasha (nee Collett), a top rider in her own right.

Former New Zealand galloper Best Of Luck, who raced as Zabbadak from the Shane Kennedy & Anna Furlong stable before being exported, had won 3 of his 13 Macau starts before Sunday's victory which is easily the biggest win of his career.

Calder took luck out of the equation as he drove the five-year-old straight to the front from the jump and showed his rivals a clean pair of heels throughout. Allowed to coast to the line after establishing a winning break on the home turn Best of Luck scored by just over two lengths from the fast-finishing The Alfonso (Magnus).

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BATTLE TIME SHEDS MAIDEN STATUS IN STYLE

Highly rated three-year-old **Battle Time (NZ)** (Battle Paint) has finally shed his unwanted tag as the best maiden galloper in New Zealand with a comprehensive performance at Tauranga on the weekend.

Resuming after a lengthy injury enforced break the Battle Paint colt produced his customary grit and determination to hold off the stern challenges of multiple race winner Windborne (NZ) (Darci Brahma) and promising gelding Sydney's Shot (Magic Albert) to record his first career victory.

That win can now be added to his six minor placings that include finishing runner-up in the Gr. 1 Diamond Stakes as a two-year-old along with filling the same position in the Gr. 1 Two Thousand Guineas at Riccarton back in November.

It was after that run that trainers Tim and Margaret Carter discovered their charge required surgery for a bone chip on his knee, an injury that took plenty of time to heal and kept him from all of the summer age-group classics.

"He took a fair bit of time to get over that operation and was in his box for a number of weeks," noted Carter.

"We didn't really get him back until a couple of months ago and have taken him along very slowly so far.

"We knew he was good enough to win on Saturday but when the track went up a Slow 7 I did think that he could be found wanting in the final stages if it turned into a real slog."

To Carter's surprise Battle Time relished the dogfight that eventuated as he held out his rivals by a comfortable half length at the winning post.

"He is a pretty serious horse and hopefully we've got him back on the path to greater things now," he said.

"Vinnie (Colgan) came in after the race and said he felt terrific. He's still a colt but he is so laid back that Vinnie had trouble getting him on to the track on Saturday as he just wanted to wander around like he does at home.

"If he comes through this one well we will probably have one more run in the good three-year-old race at Te Rapa at the end of the month and then he can go away for a spell and get ready for Hastings in the spring."

Carter was referring to the Gr. 3 Inglis Sales Cambridge Breeders Stakes (1200m) which will be run at Te Rapa on 30 April where a top line-up is anticipated including Xtravagant (NZ) (Pentire) who was Battle Time's conqueror at Riccarton when they last clashed.

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Race	BOP RC Variety Children's Charity H. 1200m.
Winner	Battle Time (NZ) 2012
Owners	A D Hayward
Trainer	Tim & Margaret Carter (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Battle Paint (USA) out of Lady of Oakview by Diamond Express
Breeder	A D Hayward; Waikato; NZ

Battle Time asserts his superiority to score his maiden victory at Tauranga





SPEEDY SOUTHERN ICON DOMINANT IN ALL-THE-WAY VICTORY

A powerful front-running victory at Hastings on Saturday may have sealed the deal for a return trip to the same venue in the spring for Matamata galloper **Southern Icon** (Big Brown).

The free-going, four-year-old Big Brown gelding destroyed his rating 85 rivals with a dominant performance that saw him register his second win from just two starts in this campaign and the fifth of his career to date.

A series of minor niggles has restricted the Alan Tait trained gelding to just fifteen further starts since registering a victory in his first race day appearance back in May 2014. Tait has played a patient game with the gelding as he believes he has the talent to make it to the top echelon of sprinter/milers in the country.

“It has been a little frustrating along the way as we know how much ability he has but he has been hampered by a series of minor issues,” he explained.

“From the minute he won his first race as a two-year-old I thought he was a horse that we would see contest some of those good three-year-old features but we just couldn’t get him to sustain a decent preparation.

“He really has had only a handful of starts and on several occasions he hasn’t even been able to get to the trials before we’ve had to tip him out again.”

Tait is confident that maturity has played to the gelding’s advantage as he has come back with a vengeance in this preparation which saw him win in effortless fashion at Awapuni before tackling his latest task.

“He is doing all the right things at the moment and I guess as he has matured it has ironed out some of the kinks he had



Southern Icon scoots clear for another impressive front-running victory

early on,” he said.

“If you look at his record and at some of the horses he has beaten I do think he has the ability to handle stakes company in the future.

“I think we will probably give him one more run this time in and then tip him out with an eye on those Hastings features next season.

“The only problem I can really see at this stage might be getting a start as he doesn’t have the black type record that he needs to guarantee a run however I know he would be competitive if he did get in.”

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Race	Hawke’s Bay Brokerweb Risk Services H. 1400m.
Winner	Southern Icon (AUS) 2011
Owners	M A Collinson & Mrs G F Tait
Trainer	Alan Tait (Matamata)
Breeding	by Big Brown (USA) out of Cataclapse (AUS) by Catbird (AUS)
Breeder	Dartbrook Downs Thoroughbred





COUP DARCI BE **SHINES AT RICCARTON**

Popular local galloper **Coup Darci Be (NZ)** (Darci Brahma) showed just how dangerous he can be with conditions to suit as he downed his open class sprinting rivals with a late surge to score career victory number 10 in the PGG Wrightson Seeds sponsored 1000 metre dash at Riccarton on Saturday.

The now seven-year-old gelding has proven a model of consistency for his connections that include trainer Michael Pitman who prepares the horse with son Matthew at their Riccarton base.

Pitman was confident of a good performance leading into the contest as he felt the conditions of the race suited his charge down to the ground.

“Sometimes I argue with the handicappers and sometimes I agree with them however he won this race today as it was absolutely set up for him at the weights, so I was pretty confident,” he said.

“I said to Parvesh (Shaikh) before the race to just let him go to sleep early and make sure his best two hundred metres is his last two hundred.”

Shaikh followed those instructions to the letter as he settled the Darci Brahma gelding last of the eight runners in

the early stages of the contest. Still last as the field rounded the home bend Shaikh angled to the outside for his run, with race favourite Red Dirt Girl (NZ) (Align) on his inner, and stormed home to top off the consistent mare by a length in a sparkling 55.68 seconds for the 1000 metre journey.

The victory also franked Pitman’s actions on Friday at the New Zealand Bloodstock South Island Sale where he outlaid \$30,000 for a Swiss Ace colt from Eleanor Coup, a daughter of Besty Coup who is the dam of Coup Darci Be. Pitman described his purchase as one of the best colts in the sale who hails from a family that includes Gr. 1 AJC Derby winner Shamrock (O’Reilly) and Gr. 1 Auckland Cup winner Rock Diva (NZ) (Lucky Unicorn).

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Race	CJC PGG Wrightson Seed H. 1000m.
Winner	Coup Darci Be (NZ) 2008
Owners	Mrs E A & J G Carran & M R Pitman
Trainer	Michael & Matthew Pitman (Riccarton Park)
Breeding	by Darci Brahma out of Besty Coup by Justice Prevails (AUS)
Breeder	Coupwood Bloodstock Ltd; Canterbury; NZ



Apprentice Parvesh Shaikh guides Coup Darci Be home with a well timed finish at Riccarton



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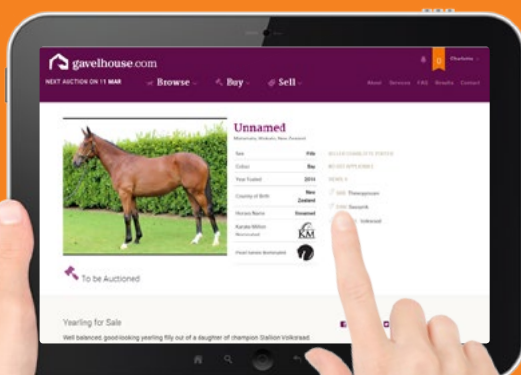
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EXPERIENCE THE KEY FOR OULAGHAN COMBINATION AT HASTINGS

When Awapuni trainer Mark Oulaghan spoke of raceday experience playing a key role in the win of stable runner **Paddy Bourke (NZ)** (Patapan) at Hastings he was also referring to his apprentice Timothy Johnson who produced a copybook ride to guide the three-year-old gelding to victory.

Victory in the Dunstan Feeds Autumn Sprint Series Qualifier (1200m) made it back to back wins for the three-year-old Patapan gelding while for Johnson it was his sixth career success in just his second full season of riding.

Oulaghan was full of praise for his apprentice who rode perfectly to instructions to get the win.

“It was a lovely ride by Tim as we talked about the fact there would be plenty of pace in the race and his best chance was just to let the horse settle back and get into a good rhythm,” he explained.

“He did that beautifully and brought him into the race at the right time where he could finish off over the top for a nice win.

“Tim has been with me since he left school and he has now starting to show the benefits of the experience he has gained over the past couple of seasons.”

Oulaghan has always felt Paddy Bourke would develop into a good performer despite some wayward tendencies that marked his early runs.

“He was very green and has taken a while to really put it all together,” he said.

“He has got better and better as he has had more time in work while he learned plenty from his first couple of runs. I’ve always thought that once he put it all together mentally he would make the grade as he has shown enough to suggest there is some good potential there.”

Oulaghan will now look for a suitable race for his charge before tackling the Sprint Series final at Trentham on the 28th of May.

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Race	Hawke’s Bay Dunstan Feeds Qualifier 1200m.
Winner	Paddy Bourke (NZ) 2012
Owners	L G & M D Haydock, R Southey, A Collins, L Hansen, S Southey, A Young, S Feekery, C Campbell, G & J Petterson
Trainer	Mark Oulaghan (Awapuni)
Breeding	by Patapan (USA) out of Hula Bar by Al Akbar (AUS)
Breeder	M K Oulaghan; Central; NZ



A determined Timothy Johnson has the big baldy white face of Paddy Bourke in front close to the winning post at Hastings



NZ STALLION AWARDS

THE CENTAINE AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$11,786,830
TAVISTOCK	\$8,382,623
PENTIRE	\$7,435,295
O'REILLY	\$6,249,482
ZABEEL	\$5,472,951
DARCI BRAHMA	\$5,314,742
PINS	\$5,119,291
IFFRAAJ	\$5,025,141
ELUSIVE CITY	\$4,051,210
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$3,440,060

Criteria: Sire whose NZ-conceived progeny have accumulated the highest stakes earnings worldwide

THE DEWAR STALLION TROPHY

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$7,120,101
PENTIRE	\$6,291,271
ZABEEL	\$4,743,742
TAVISTOCK	\$4,427,466
DARCI BRAHMA	\$3,206,280
IFFRAAJ	\$3,171,719
PINS	\$2,778,969
O'REILLY	\$2,556,606
SHINKO KING	\$1,928,850
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$1,791,022

Criteria: Sire whose progeny have accumulated the highest combined stakes earnings in Australia & New Zealand

THE GROSVENOR AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$2,137,245
DARCI BRAHMA	\$1,927,825
IFFRAAJ	\$1,455,335
PINS	\$1,178,959
TAVISTOCK	\$1,078,955
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$1,062,325
PENTIRE	\$1,018,901
ALAMOSA	\$947,898
ELUSIVE CITY	\$890,320
THORN PARK	\$876,333

BEST PERFORMERS	EARNINGS
KAWI	\$498,000
JULINSKY PRINCE	\$307,500
XIONG FENG	\$579,685
DECORAH	\$141,400
VOLKSTOK'N'BARRELL	\$238,750
VALLEY GIRL	\$254,625
XTRAVAGANT	\$417,500
STOLEN DANCE	\$267,725
PERFECT FIT	\$251,775
RYAN MARK	\$217,400

Criteria: Leading Sires by Earnings in New Zealand

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NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG

APRIL 13

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
VICTORY BOYS (NZ) 2011 by Mastercraftsman (IRE) out of La Bella Dama by Desert Sun (GB)	Miss D Ho; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Jardine's Lookout H. 1650m.	2013 Ready to Run Sale; V: Mana Park, P: M Chang; \$100,000

NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG

APRIL 16

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
NOVEL START (NZ) 2007 by Ishiguru (USA) out of Jessika by O'Reilly	Mrs B L & G W Thomas; NZ	HKJC Best Foot Forward H. 1650m.	2009 NZ National Yearling Sale - Festival Session; V: Willow Tree Farm, P: J.&I. BStk Ltd; \$18,000
HANG'S DECISION (NZ) 2011 by Postponed (USA) out of Bislieri (AUS) by Encosta de Lago (AUS)	G Harvey; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Equestrian Fun H. 1400m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Westbury Stud, P: Sanders Racing Stables; \$55,000
ROUGE ET BLANC (NZ) 2010 by High Chaparral (IRE) out of Saint Cecile by Pompeii Court (USA)	Mrs K A & N J Auret; Central; NZ	HKJC Community Team Sports H. 1800m.	

NEWS IN BRIEF

Magical Moreira at Macau

Superstar jockey Joao Moreira didn't take long to make his presence felt on the Macau Jockey Club's biggest day of the year when he took out the first event, the Macau Gr. 3 Grand Lisboa Cup, on New Zealand bred gelding **Golden Double (NZ)** (One Cool Cat).

Moreira settled his mount midfield on the fence in the early running of the 1500 metre contest before threading a path through runners to take control halfway down the home straight. The Brazilian hoop, who has taken Hong Kong racing by storm after dominating in Singapore, guided the One Cool Cat gelding to a comfortable victory on a heavy surface that saw the field well strung out as they struggled home in the rain soaked conditions.

Golden Double is a seven-year-old gelding who was bred by Valachi Downs principal Kevin Hickman. The gelding has now won nine of his 42 career starts.

Moreira was at his brilliant best later on the programme when he took out one of the day's feature events, the Macau Gr. 1 SJM Macau Derby, on Turquoise Power (More Than Ready) who came with a determined finish to down Sandtop (NZ) (Henrythenavigator) and Perfect Alloy (Big Brown).

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NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE

APRIL 15

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
JOHN DUKE (NZ) 2010 by Bachelor Duke (USA) out of Monica Mary by Riviera (FR)	F M Monopoli; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1100m.	2012 South Island 2YO & Mixed Sale; V: Kilmore Farm, P: Mr WN Lam; \$4,000
ALIBI (NZ) 2012 by Darci Brahma out of Bound to Impress by Galileo (IRE)	T R & Mrs V M Pascoe; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Restricted Maiden S. 1200m.	2014 Ready to Run Sale; V: Esker Lodge, P: Michael J Clements; \$90,000
INSOFAR (NZ) 2011 by Elusive City (USA) out of Inzabeel by Zabeel	Mrs B L & T D B Macphee; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1600m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Festival Sale; V: Lime Country Thoroughbreds Ltd, P: Ms PA Dunell; \$6,000
GOLDEN CURL (NZ) 2008 by Pentire (GB) out of Forsaken Gold (AUS) by Tierce (AUS)	Mrs A S Johnson; Auckland; NZ	Singapore TC Kranji S. 1400m.	2010 Ready to Run Sale; V: Te Runga Stud Ltd, P: Mr S Gray; \$170,000

