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FIFTH BMW HONG KONG DERBY FOR MOORE AS WERTHER TRIUMPHS



Werther is given full bore by Hugh Bowman as he heads to the line to score in the HK Gr. 1 BMW Hong Kong Derby

The winning margin in this year's HK\$18 million HKG1 BMW Hong Kong Derby (2000m) was a mere head, yet the race was not the type of close contest most had envisaged and that included winning trainer John Moore, who celebrated a second Derby quinella from the last three runnings, this time with the triumphant **Werther (NZ)** (Tavistock) and recurrent place-getter, **Victory Magic (NZ)** (Savabeel).

"It's just amazing," said the trainer, after welcoming back his record-tying fifth Derby winner. "We've pulled off the big one and we've pulled it off in a big way. I thought this was going to be a really close Derby, I didn't expect the margin

to be what it was between second and third. I reckoned there'd be a length between four or five of them. But the result in the end was conclusive."

Werther and Victory Magic, in replicating the 2014 Moore one-two of Designs On Rome (Holy Roman Emperor) and Able Friend (Shamardal), drew two and three quarter lengths clear of the field, with the late-closing Giovanni Canaletto (Galileo) staying on for third.

"The horses have peaked at the right time," continued Moore. "Werther did everything right leading into the race and the 2000 metres wasn't a worry, whereas it was to others. Victory Magic, we knew he was a prolific place-

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getter and he's run out of his shoes today. I thought he was going to run past when he really got into him in the straight."

Werther, already proven at beyond 2000m prior to his import from Australia, went into this afternoon's four-year-old classic, his fourth Hong Kong start, having finished a narrow second behind Sun Jewellery (Snitzel) in both the HKG1 Hong Kong Classic Mile and HKG1 Hong Kong Classic Cup (1800m) this year. Sun Jewellery was a never dangerous seventh today.

"I didn't really put him to the grind for the Classic Cup, he wasn't cherry ripe, because the aim was always the Derby, so I was pleased with his Classic Cup run," said Moore. "We just put the finishing touches to him and when my retained riding boy, Thomas Yeung, got off him and said 'he's never been better, I knew I had him peaking at the right time."

"I was a bit worried in the early stages – I let him stride out of the barriers and then he wanted to get on with it," said rider Hugh Bowman, for whom this was a first G1 win outside of Australia. "I just had a little bit of a wrestle but once he settled into a rhythm, from about the mile, we were in business then and it was just a case of waiting until I got a bit of room and the horse certainly didn't let me down."

Switched out on the turn for home, Werther rolled past the toiling King Genki (Arcano) and Eastern Express (Fastnet Rock) – an all too brief leader – and powered for home. His run was matched by Victory Magic – second in four of his previous five starts and yet to pass the post first – who arrived at the fore off a dream rail run under Zac Purton. But once the pair came together for a close-quarters battle at around the 200m mark, there was only one winner. Werther dug in and Bowman celebrated. The winning time was 2m 01.76s.

For Bowman, it was a standout moment in an already excellent career. "This is my first Group 1 winner outside of Australia and it gives me great pleasure that it's here in Hong Kong – it's the highlight of my career," he said.

Moore is now looking towards open company and the G1 Audemars Piguet Queen Elizabeth II Cup at the course and distance on 24 April, the same path he trod successfully with Designs On Rome.

"He'll go QEII for sure," he said. "He'll 100 percent be able to mix it with those horses. We'll see what the Japanese send over but from my point of view he's another star in the making. He's done everything right, so let's progress on to the QEII and the Champions & Chater Cup (2400m)."

Bowman believes Werther might thrive in elite all-age company, although he has reservations about the Tavistock gelding's suitability for a solid-tempo 2400m race.

"I think we've got a top-class mile or 10 furlongs horse on our hands," said the Australian. "I thought today's pace was moderate, to say the least, and if he got into a fast-paced 2000 metres then we'd see the best of him. I do have a doubt about a mile and a half but I'm sure John might be able to work his magic if he wants to go that direction."

The result was a coup for the New Zealand racing and breeding industry with the first two past the post bred in New Zealand. Werther did his early racing from Andrew Campbell's Opaki stable and recorded four wins from 13 starts with two of those coming at Group Two level. Victory Magic was prepared by Cambridge couple Trent Busuttin and Natalie Young under the name Atmosphere where he was runner-up in both the Listed UCI stakes at Flemington and Gr. 2 Dilmah Vase at Moonee Valley before finishing midfield in the 2014 Gr. 1 Victoria Derby.

Race	HKJC BMW Hong Kong Derby HK-1 2000m.
Winner	Werther (NZ) 2011
Owners	Johnson Chen
Trainer	John Moore (Sha Tin)
Breeding	by Tavistock out of Bagalollies (AUS) by Zabeel
Breeder	C D Allison; CV & J A Barnao; A R Campbell; T G Heptinstall; T M Pivac & D R Platt; Central; NZ





RISQUE TO RUN IN **VINERY STUD STAKES**

Former New Zealand filly **Risque (NZ)** (Darci Brahma) will be given her first test beyond 1600 metres when she runs in the Vinery Stud Stakes.

Saturday's 2000m-Group One race for fillies at Rosehill will determine whether Risque steps up to the 2400 metres of the ATC Australian Oaks or comes back to 1600 in either the Doncaster Mile or the Queen Of The Turf Stakes.

Risque joined the Lindsay Park operation late last year and will be having her third start for trainers David Hayes and Tom Dabernig.

The daughter of Darci Brahma was an impressive first-up winner over 1200m at Caulfield last month before looming as the likely winner of the Australian Guineas on March 5.

The filly tired late in the race, finishing third behind

Palentino (Teofilo) and Tarzino (NZ) (Tavistock), little more than half a length from the winner.

"She looked like she needed the run the other day," Hayes said.

"She got there a fraction early and just failed to run it out, but was still good."

Hayes said he would have liked to have given the filly an extra run between her first and second starts, but had run out of time.

She won three of her six starts in New Zealand, including the Group One NZ 1000 Guineas at Riccarton in November.

"She was racing in November in New Zealand, so she was still racing pretty late," Hayes said.

"She had to have a bit of a break before she started her

autumn because she's got a big Sydney ahead and a big four-year-old career after that."

Bred by the Oaks Stud, the home of her sire Darci Brahma, Risque was bought by Seymour Bloodstock and Neil Werrett after her Group One win.

AAP TURF

New Zealand 1000 Guineas winner Risque has some big Sydney assignments on the horizon



AS AT 9/3/16. COMPARING STALLIONS AT THE SAME STAGE IN THEIR CAREER WORLDWIDE

	RUNNERS	WINNERS	WINS	STAKESWINNERS	STAKES PLACED	G1 WINNERS
DARCI BRAHMA	72	34	55	3	6	-
PER INCANTO	70	24	35	3	5	1
SAVABEEL	70	20	24	3	1	-
TAVISTOCK	46	18	30	3	5	-





JACKSSTAR CAUSES UPSET IN TRENTHAM ST LEGER

Although discarded as a winning chance by most punters before the start of the Lincoln Farms New Zealand St Leger (2500m) at Trentham, rugged stayer **Jacksstar (NZ)** (Zed) proved he was the toughest on the day when he scored a narrow victory in the Listed feature.

The Gary Vile prepared four-year-old had finished last in his final lead-up run before Saturday's contest but turned that form on its head when he found plenty of reserves to see off a spirited challenge by the well fancied **Five To Midnight (NZ)** (Domesday) in a home straight battle that went right down to the wire. The pair slugged it out over the closing stages with Jacksstar prevailing in a driving finish by a bare half head at the line.

Vile was all smiles after the race where he reserved special praise for the ride of northern jockey Cameron Lammas.

"It was a champion ride as he did exactly what I told him," he explained.

"He put him to sleep on the fence and when he presented him he simply outstayed them."

Vile can see plenty of upside for the



gelding by Zed who was scoring his third win from just 17 starts to date.

"He's a lovely stayer in the making as he's only a four-year-old, so he's got a hell of a future," he said.

"We had him nominated for both the Wellington and Auckland Cup but we pulled the pin as we thought it was just a year too soon for him.

"As it turned out we maybe should have gone to the Auckland Cup but we have next season to really look forward to now."

– NZ Racing Desk

Jacksstar (Orange & Chocolate) holds out the determined bid of Five To Midnight (Black & White checks) in a driving finish at Trentham on Saturday

Race	WRC New Zealand St Leger L 2500m.
Winner	Jacksstar (NZ) 2011
Owners	Mrs C A & P M Algie, A J Brown, C & R Wilkie
Trainer	Gary Vile (Awapuni)
Breeding	by Zed out of Star Guest by Pentire (GB)
Breeder	Mrs C A & P M Algie; Central; NZ





NEVER SAY DIE ATTITUDE GETS IRISH MOON HOME AT TE RAPA

The grit and determination that has epitomized the career of top sprinter **Irish Moon (NZ)** (O'Reilly) was to the fore again on Saturday when he captured the Team Wealleans sponsored Open sprint at Te Rapa.

Surprisingly it was the six-year-old's first win of this campaign and came after arguably his worst performance when he beat only a handful home in the Gr. 3 Darley Plate at Ellerslie. Trainer Ken Kelso, who prepares the O'Reilly gelding with wife Bev, wasn't concerned about that result and was confident of a good showing from his charge.

"He just didn't get any luck at Ellerslie as he had to work overtime from a bad draw," he explained.

"Michael (Coleman) came back in and said just forget the run so we were happy to press on as he had bounced back well in his work.

"He had a bad draw again on the weekend and was carrying a big weight but he loves it at Te Rapa so we were expecting him to go a good race."

Kelso was full of praise for his charge who has now won seven races and finished in a dividend bearing place in fourteen of his 21 career starts.

"He has been a model of consistency throughout and has a terrific record for a horse that had a wind operation before he had his

first start," he said.

"That consistency has made it tough for him though as he has had to carry big weights in most starts but you know when he is right he is a tough horse to roll.

"He looked beaten coming to the line but you can always rely on him to give you his all so he managed to get his nose in front when it mattered."

Kelso will now wait to see how the gelding comes through the race before deciding on whether he has another start in this preparation before heading to the spelling paddock.

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	Waikato RC Team Wealleans H. 1200m.
Winner	Irish Moon (NZ) 2009
Owners	Spyglass Hill Racing Syndicate
Trainer	Ken & Bev Kelso (Matamata)
Breeding	by O'Reilly out of Moonstrummer by Stravinsky (USA)
Breeder	G F Gimblett & Little Avondale Trust; Central; NZ



Irish Moon is about to nab Goldminer (inner) as they hit the line at Te Rapa





FLYING START FOR BAKER FORSMAN COMBINATION HIGHLIGHTED BY TWO-YEAR-OLD VICTORY

On a day that promised much on both sides of the Tasman, the powerful Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman stable made a flying start when they picked up victories at both New Zealand venues early on Saturday.

Class mare Charmont (High Chaparral) got the ball rolling with an emphatic performance in the first race of the day at Trentham and was quickly followed by impressive three-year-old Okanagan (NZ) (Testa Rossa) who made it two wins from three starts with a victory in the opening event at Te Rapa. However it was the performance of Written Tycoon filly **Luna Rossa (NZ)** that caught the eye as she powered home off a wide run to break her maiden status in the two-year-old event at Trentham.

Luna Rossa had established her credentials as favourite for the event after finishing an unlucky fifth in the Gr. 2 Matamata

Breeders' Stakes at her last start however her supporters would have been feeling a little uneasy when the filly was still several lengths of the flying pacemaker, Royal Fashion (Snitzel), halfway down the Trentham home straight.

Rider Mathew Cameron didn't panic though and with a couple of huge bounds Luna Rossa levelled up and drove to the front in the shadows of the post to score a narrow but impressive victory.

"The worry was always how far back she was going to get but she actually got into a very good spot early on," noted co-trainer Andrew Forsman after the race.

"The biggest problem was the second horse kicked on well but she knuckled down and got the job done."

Pressed on the immediate plans for the filly, Forsman was cautiously optimistic about a return to stakes company in the near future.

"She just keeps impressing us with everything she does so we will see how she pulls up after this before we look at her next start," he said.

"There's a stakes race in the South Island we had earmarked a little way out so if she could get some black type her pedigree will make her a very valuable filly."

Race	WRC Richardsonracing.co.nz 2YO S. 1200m.
Winner	Luna Rossa (NZ) 2013
Owners	Jomara Bloodstock Ltd
Trainer	Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Written Tycoon (AUS) out of Wild Promises (AUS) by More Than Ready (USA)
Breeder	Jomara Bloodstock Ltd; Auckland; NZ



Sadly for the stable they couldn't continue their early momentum with second favourite Mime weakening to finish fourth in the Gr. 1 New Zealand Oaks after making most of the pace while Turn Me Loose (NZ) (Iffraaj) and Mongolian Khan (Holy Roman Emperor) were also out of the money in their Group One assignments in Sydney.

– NZ Racing Desk

Promising filly Luna Rossa (outer) storms home to score her maiden victory in stunning fashion





RYAN JIM IMPRESSES WITH WINNING DEBUT

While he has a massive task in front of him to match the deeds of his half brother Ryan Mark (NZ) (Thorn Park), Te Rapa maiden winner Ryan Jim (NZ) (Align) can boast an early victory over his older sibling.

The John Morell trained three-year-old opened his account on the weekend with a winning debut, something that Gr. 1 Railway Stakes winner Ryan Mark couldn't achieve when he kicked off his career at the same age. While Ryan Mark went on to win his next six starts and post his first Group One success this year, Morell is simply happy to savour another win from the last foal of his star broodmare Annalee (NZ) (Kingdom Bay) who passed away in 2014.

"It's been a super family and to have another winner is a very satisfying result," he said.

"This guy is a lot like his dam in that the grey colouring is a little more prominent although they all go grey as they get older.

"We've been patient with him as he has taken a little time to figure it all out but when we saw the field for Saturday we decided to run rather than take him back to the trials."

Unplaced at his first trial back in December the Align gelding improved to run second in his next outing at Cambridge in February before stepping out at Te Rapa to register an impressive performance in victory.



Taupiri trainer John Morell

"Michael Coleman rode him at the trials and taught him plenty although I was a little worried about how he would take to raceday as he's always gawking around and messing about in his work," noted Morell.

"I was pleasantly surprised to see him perform so professionally and when Craig (Grylls) came back in he was very happy and said he did it fairly easily.

"He settled nicely and when he asked him to go there was an instant response. He will learn a lot more from that run so I'm hopeful he can go on with it in the future."

Morell will let the dust settle before examining any future options for his charge although he did express doubts

on the gelding's ability to handle a rain affected surface which could see him head to the spelling paddock should the tracks worsen over the next few weeks.

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	Waikato RC Go to the Melbourne Cup Maiden S. 1200m.
Winner	Ryan Jim (NZ) 2012
Owners	J C Morell & Mrs A M Phillips
Trainer	John Morell (Te Rapa)
Breeding	by Align (AUS) out of Annalee by Kingdom Bay
Breeder	J C Morell & Mrs A M Phillips; Waikato; NZ





THE WIND BLOWS RIVALS AWAY

Low-profile jockey Benny Woodworth is not normally the sort to bask in the limelight, but he had a bit more time for the cameras for his latest winner **The Wind (NZ)** (Gorky Park) on Sunday.

Woodworth, who usually just heads straight to the weigh-in scale and the jockeys' room after he hops off a winner, was all smiles as he took time to pose for the photographers with the winning owner, Mr and Mrs Teo Peng Seng who own one of Singapore's oldest outfits, the Trend Stable.

"Mr Teo has been a good supporter of mine from Day One. He gave me either my first or second winner as an apprentice jockey," said the 42-year-old hoop.

"This is a horse I've been riding for them and we came close at his last start (second to Royal Easter). It's great we finally got him to win his maiden race.

"With his natural gate speed, I had no problem leading and nothing came to bother us from behind. At the top of the straight, I knew we were home.

"I just looked at the giant screen to make sure there was nothing running on late. He won easily."

Winning trainer Leslie Khoo said he would have been disappointed with anything less than a win from the Gorky Park three-year-old, whom he



The Wind breezes home at Kranji on Sunday

bought himself as a yearling, but not quite the spanking he gave his seven rivals.

"He was fit and well but I really didn't expect him to win by such a big margin," said the Singaporean handler.

"He's a horse I bought myself as a yearling. He is by a sire I've never heard before but I liked the way he looked and was prepared to take a chance on him and paid only \$5,000 for him.

"He showed a lot of speed in his work but he only really improved when the blinkers came on.

"It's great for the owner Mr Teo who has supported me for a long time now,

even during the time I was a jockey. He won the Gold Cup with Trend Defy who was ridden by the late A John."

Race	Singapore TC Initiation P. 1400m.
Winner	The Wind (NZ) 2012
Owners	Trend Stable
Trainer	L Khoo (Kranji)
Breeding	by Gorky Park out of Centaureilly by O'Reilly
Breeder	H Smit; Waikato; NZ
Sales	2014 National Yearling Sale - Festival Sale V: Paxton Park \$5000 P: NZB as agent



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NZ STALLION AWARDS

THE CENTAINE AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$7,422,355
PENTIRE	\$7,058,775
O'REILLY	\$5,561,535
DARCI BRAHMA	\$4,743,959
PINS	\$4,666,868
TAVISTOCK	\$4,598,796
IFFRAAJ	\$4,418,841
ZABEEL	\$4,157,112
ELUSIVE CITY	\$3,644,442
KEEPER	\$2,976,442

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

THE DEWAR STALLION TROPHY

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
PENTIRE	\$6,085,223
SAVABEEL	\$4,350,844
ZABEEL	\$3,591,889
DARCI BRAHMA	\$2,975,630
IFFRAAJ	\$2,939,459
TAVISTOCK	\$2,910,746
PINS	\$2,472,179
O'REILLY	\$2,314,153
THORN PARK	\$1,609,097
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$1,546,782

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

THE GROSVENOR AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$2,020,010
DARCI BRAHMA	\$1,797,865
IFFRAAJ	\$1,393,175
PINS	\$1,067,209
TAVISTOCK	\$1,015,390
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$982,675
PENTIRE	\$938,726
ALAMOSA	\$869,566
THORN PARK	\$839,483
COLOMBIA	\$812,300

BEST PERFORMERS	EARNINGS
KAWI	\$498,000
JULINSKY PRINCE	\$287,500
XIONG FENG	\$579,685
DECORAH	\$141,400
VOLKSTOK'N'BARRELL	\$238,750
VALLEY GIRL	\$254,625
XTRAVAGANT	\$417,500
STOLEN DANCE	\$267,725
RYAN MARK	\$217,400
ADDICTIVE HABIT	\$376,750

Criteria: Leading Sires by Earnings in New Zealand



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NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG

MARCH 16

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
OCTAL LUCK (NZ) 2011 by Bachelor Duke (USA) out of Lim's Rainbow (AUS) by Rory's Jester (AUS)	S C Allan & K Mihaljevich; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Pottinger H. 1000m.	2013 Ready to Run Sale; V: Highland Park Equine, P: MK Lai; \$18,000
OCEAN ROAR (NZ) 2008 by Towkay (AUS) out of Crystal Jet by Clay Hero (AUS)	W Ng; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Pedder H. 1000m.	
Upham – BASIC TRILOGY (H.K.) (NZ) 2011 by Mastercraftsman (IRE) out of Gold Class by Gold Brose (AUS)	W Pegg; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Finance Street H. 1800m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale; V: Wentwood Grange, P: Moody Rcg; \$100,000

NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG

MARCH 20

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
HAPPY COOPERATION (NZ) 2011 by Elusive City (USA) out of Dolly Disaster (AUS) by Twenty Four Karat (USA)	Mrs J M F Gould & Est late J A Glazebrook; Canterbury; NZ	HKJC Fay Fay H. 1200m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Festival Sale; V: Lime Country Thoroughbreds Ltd, P: J & I BStk; \$15,000
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 BMW Centenary H. 2000m.	
PRECISION KING (NZ) 2008 by Towkay (AUS) out of Quasi Stellar (AUS) by Catrail (USA)	Highview Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Viva Pataca H. 1400m.	2010 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Highview, P: Baker Rcg; \$60,000
Raise the Bar – LUCKY EVER (H.K.) (NZ) 2011 by Keeper (AUS) out of Mumtaz by Cape Cross (IRE)	M P Kuklinski; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Akeed Mofeed H. 1200m.	
WERTHER (NZ) 2011 by Tavistock out of Bagalollies (AUS) by Zabeel	C D Allison; C V & J A Barnao; A R Campbell; T G Heptinstall; T M Pivac & D R Platt; Central; NZ	HKJC BMW Hong Kong Derby HK-1 2000m.	

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NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE

MARCH 18

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
REMEMBER ME (NZ) 2011 by Iffraaj (GB) out of Midnight Madam by Kaapstad	W H & Est late T M Hurlstone; Auckland; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1400m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Haunui Farm, P: LK Laxon; \$50,000
KATAGAS (NZ) 2010 by Any Suggestion (AUS) out of Mathilda (AUS) by Last Tycoon (IRE)	Mrs I C Gibb; Phuttocks End Ltd & Mrs L Williscroft; South; NZ	Singapore TC Kranji S. 1200m.	2011 National Weanling; Broodmare & Mixed Sale; V: Curraghmore Stud, P: New Zealand BStk Ltd; \$18,000 2012 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Curraghmore Stud, P: Shailer Tbred; \$14,000
ZAC COMMAND (NZ) 2007 by Ishiguru (USA) out of Dominica by Cape Cross (IRE)	Chequers N.Z. Ltd; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1400m.	2009 NZ National Yearling Sale - Festival Session; V: Chequers Stud, P: Court Co Rcg Ltd; \$16,000

NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE

MARCH 20

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
DAMON (NZ) 2011 by O'Reilly out of Pretty by Pins (AUS)	Waikato Stud 2001 Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Kranji S. 1600m.	
THE WIND (NZ) 2012 by Gorky Park out of Centaureilly by O'Reilly	H Smit; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Initiation P. 1400m.	2014 National Yearling Sale - Festival Sale; V: Paxton Park, P: NZB as agent; \$5,000
THE JEUNEYMAN (NZ) 2011 by Mettre en Jeu out of Tad Irish by Omnicorp	Letham Stud Ltd; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Kranji S. 1600m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Festival Sale; V: Letham Thoroughbreds, P: SG Crutchley; \$2,000
HONEST TRUTH (NZ) 2006 by Hussonet (USA) out of Straight Lake (USA) by Salt Lake (USA)	Ms M E Kent; NZ	Singapore TC Kranji S. 1000m.	

NEWS IN BRIEF

Walker stable flying again

After a subdued start to the season, Singapore champion trainer Mark Walker looks to have finally hit top gear as he extended his recently newfound lead with an early race-to-race double in the first two races on Sunday.

Favourite **Damon (NZ)** (O'Reilly) duly obliged in the opener, the \$38,000 Kranji Stakes D Division 1 race over 1600m before recent stable transfer Star Genius (Starcraft) blew away her rivals at her first start for Walker in the \$65,000 Initiation race over 1000m.

A win is a win, but Walker was far from 100% happy with \$14 favourite Damon's win in the first race.

"He looked a special on paper, but it didn't look it in the end," he said.

"He's still work in progress. There is still a lot of improvement to come out of him.

"I think he'll get better over more ground – 2000m would be his go."



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