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DAMIAN LANE CHASING SYDNEY GROUP ONE WITH RISQUE



Jockey Damian Lane believes Risque is set for a big run in tomorrow's Gr. 1 Vinery Stud Stakes at Rosehill

Jockey Damian Lane has taken confidence out of the Australian Guineas placing of **Risque (NZ)** (Darci Brahma) and expects the filly will handle a rise in distance in the Vinery Stud Stakes.

Risque is just being shaded by Jameka (Myboycharlie) for favouritism in Saturday's Group One Vinery at Rosehill in what will be the former New Zealand-based three-year-old's first try at 2000m.

"She's a filly that has impressed me from the first time I rode her and I think she's only improved," Lane said.

"I also think she's still got improvement in her and I think she'll be no worries at the 2000 metres."

Risque raced to the front at the 200m in the Australian Guineas and kept fighting to the line but was denied by quality colts Palentino (Teofilo) and Tarzino (NZ) (Tavistock).

"She was wide and I had to go earlier than I wanted to because of Tivaci circling the field," Lane said.

"Just how strong she was to the line in that race gives me confidence that she'll get the 2000.

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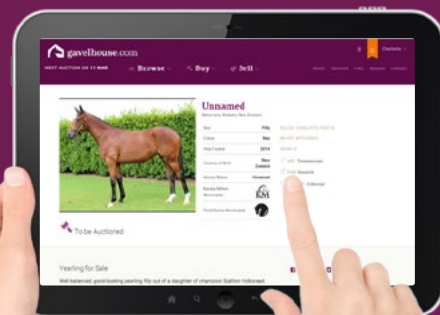
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“Off that run you’d be pretty confident she will run well.”
VRC Oaks winner Jameka finished fifth in the Guineas before heading to Sydney where she was third to Tarzino in the Rosehill Guineas.

While Lane has won two Group One races in Victoria, the jockey will be after his first in Sydney on Saturday.

Risque won the Group One New Zealand 1000 Guineas earlier this season and will be having her third Australian start on Saturday since joining the David Hayes and Tom Dabernig stable.

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PREDATOR EYES DERBY RUN IN TULLOCH STAKES

Lightly raced New Zealand gelding **Predator (NZ)** (Savabeel) will need to win the Tulloch Stakes to get a shot at upsetting Tarzino (NZ) (Tavistock) in the ATC Australian Derby.

Trainer Trent Busuttin said the form from the New Zealand Derby, where Predator finished seventh, bodes well for his horse going in to Saturday's Group Two contest at Rosehill.

"He'll definitely run well. We'll find out a bit more about the horse on Saturday," Busuttin said.

If that extra information proves to be a win, the Derby would become irresistible.

"If he won it would be hard not to pay the late entrance fee into the Derby," Busuttin said.

Predator is on the fifth line of betting for the Tulloch at \$13, with the market headed by Godolphin horse Old North (Lonhro) at \$3.80 and the Gai Waterhouse-trained River Wild (Fastnet Rock) at \$4.40.

Busuttin said his gelding handled the travel well after arriving in Sydney on Wednesday night.

"He's been eating up and we've done a bit of quiet cantering," Busuttin told AAP.

Tarzino is an odds-on favourite for the Australian Derby at Randwick, but outside of him Busuttin believes this year's three-year-old crop is evenly matched.



New Zealand galloper Predator will attempt to force his way into Australian Derby contention at Rosehill on Saturday

The stable's other Derby hope Tavago (NZ) (Tavistock) will travel to Australia next week after a luckless sixth in the New Zealand Derby.

"He got flattened going out of the straight, was three lengths last and flew home," Busuttin said.

"He arguably should have won the race."

This will be the last time Busuttin has to launch an assault on the Sydney carnival from across the Tasman.

Busuttin and partner Natalie Young will close their Cambridge stables when they move to Cranbourne in July.

"We've got a good team of owners and some nice young horses, both two-year-olds and yearlings," Busuttin said.

The duo will initially have 40 boxes at Cranbourne with an option to increase that number.

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NEWS IN BRIEF



Mabeel (NZ) (Savabeel)

Mabeel flying ahead of Tauranga feature

Looming heavy track conditions for Tauranga on Saturday have dented Cambridge trainer Trent Busuttin's confidence with emerging galloper **Mabeel (NZ)** (Savabeel).

Busuttin and his partner Natalie Young have Mabeel entered for the Gr.2 Windsor Park Stud Japan-New Zealand International Trophy (1600m) and with a good track would have headed to Tauranga with high expectations of a win.

While Busuttin was leaning towards pressing ahead with a start despite wetter conditions than he would have preferred, he said he would leave that decision to owner Deborah Ho.

"Going into the race earlier this week, we were thinking the only thing that could beat him was a wet track," Busuttin said. [Full story here.](#)



Gobstopper (NZ) (Tavistock)

Gobstopper on trial for another Group test

Gobstopper (NZ) (Tavistock) has a long way to go to match the deeds of his older brother, but a bold showing on Saturday would give him the chance to draw level on one score.

The Tavistock three-year-old will run in the Tui Lager Handicap at Tauherenikau with victory to earn him a return north on April 23 for a crack at a Group Two event won

by his sibling Werther (NZ) (Tavistock) last season.

"If he does win on Saturday then we'll have a look at Eilerslie and try and do it again," trainer Andrew Campbell said. [Full story here.](#)



Rangipo (Stryker)

Queensland on radar for Pike 3yos

The Tony Pike-trained duo of **Rangipo** (Stryker) and **Raghu (NZ)** (Showcasing), who finished first and third respectively in the Gr.1 New Zealand Derby, are likely to head to Queensland this winter.

Hong Kong-owned Raghu will be head to the Sunshine State prior to ultimately being relocated to his owner's homeland.

"Raghu's coming back into work on Monday," Pike said. "He had a fortnight out after the Derby.

"I'm going to sit down with the owners and contemplate Queensland. Obviously last week's Hong Kong Derby winner Werther went to Queensland before he went to Hong Kong last year so we should have plenty of time to do that." [Full story here.](#)



Mongolian Khan (Holy Roman Emperor)

Khan building to peak fitness ahead of BMW

Murray Baker is pleased with the progress of triple Group One winner **Mongolian Khan** (Holy Roman Emperor) heading into Saturday's Gr.1 The BMW.

Undeafated over 2400m, Mongolian

Khan is the highest rated runner in the \$1.5 million feature and improved markedly from his first up run in the Chipping Norton, when 11th of 12, to a hard fought fifth in the Ranvet Stakes.

"It's just been a case of getting the miles into him, but we were very pleased with his run in the Ranvet," Baker said.

"I think he's improved again from the run, and he's thriving here in Sydney and enjoying plenty of time in the pool. There was nothing wrong with the way he hit the line last week and he only missed third by inches."



Motorbike Mike (NZ) (Perfectly Ready)

Stayer chasing further cup honours

Motorboat Mike (NZ) (Perfectly Ready) looks well-placed at Riverton on Saturday to add to his collection of silverware.

The seven-year-old is in career best form with wins in the Invercargill Gold Cup and the Gore Cup to his credit this season and he is showing no signs of training off.

"He has been working up really well and coming through his races better than he ever has," trainer Sophie Price said.

Motorboat Mike will be reunited with Racha Cuneen, who was aboard in both cup victories, in the Listed Carriers Arms Hotel Riverton Cup, in which they will carry 59.5kg.

"It's a little bit of a concern and he has to give quite a bit of weight away to those on the minimum, but in saying that he carried 59kg to win the Invercargill Cup so he should cope okay," Price said. [Full story here.](#)

Doncaster rider yet to be confirmed

The connections of **Volkstok'n'barrell (NZ)** (Tavistock) have yet to decide on a replacement rider for the four-year-old in the \$A3 million Gr.1 Doncaster Handicap at Randwick.

Craig Williams had been booked to

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Volkstok'n'barrell (NZ) (Tavistock)

partner the multiple Group One winner, but an 11 meeting suspension has ruled him out of the opening day of The Championships on April 2.

"It's a shame as it would have been nice to have got somebody who knew the horse," part-owner Garry Cossey said.

Williams rode Volkstok'n'barrell to victory in last season's Gr.1 Rosehill Guineas.

NZB launch on-line auction site

New Zealand Bloodstock have relaunched the on-line selling platform gavelhouse.com.

"Our acquisition of gavelhouse.com in 2014 was our first foray into the on-line space as a specific trading tool for horses," NZB Managing Director Andrew Seabrook said. "The timeliness factor of an on-line auction has driven us to take this different direction with the site.

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Former NZB employee Haylie Martin has been appointed as head of sales and marketing.

The first catalogue will be launched at 7pm on Monday 18 April, with the auction being conducted from 7pm on Monday 25 until the auction closes on Thursday 28 April.

Spalato not bypassing Kranji Sprint anymore

In a surprise turnaround, **Spalato (NZ)**

(Elusive City) will run in next week's \$200,000 Group 3 Kranji Sprint (1200m) after all.

Connections promptly declared after his last win in the first Leg of the Singapore Sprint Series, the Group 2 Merlion Trophy (1200m) on March 6, that their champion miler would skip the second Leg and go straight to the grand final, the Group 1 Lion City Cup (1200m) on April 24.

The reason invoked was the handicap terms of the Sprint would probably see Singapore's second-highest rated horse (120) giving weight all round.

But after a rethink, trainer John O'Hara and owner Graham Mackie have decided to give the Elusive City six-year-old a run to keep him "ticking over" until the Lion City Cup, a race which saw its \$500,000 purse swell to \$800,000 this year. [Full story here.](#)



Preferment (NZ) (Zabeel)

No excuses for Preferment in BMW

Chris Waller has put three-time Group One winner **Preferment (NZ)** (Zabeel) on notice ahead of the \$1.5 million BMW at Rosehill.

"Saturday is going to tell me a lot. If he doesn't win he'll never be tried over 2400 metres again," Waller said.

The trainer is in jockey Hugh Bowman's corner in questioning whether the 2014 Victoria Derby winner can go the distance as an older horse.

"I'm not convinced," Waller said. "I don't care how the race is run.

"Whether it is run at break-neck speed or as a sit and sprint.

"He'll get his chance. He's got a beautiful gate and he's in Group One-winning form."

Waller rates Our Ivanhowe (Soldier Hollow) and Caulfield Cup winner Mongolian Khan (Holy Roman Emperor) as genuine threats to Preferment but he can also make a case for his handicap stayers Who Shot Thebarman (NZ) (Yamanin Vital) and Grand Marshal (Dansili) as they take

another step towards the Sydney Cup.

"If Who Shot Thebarman and Grand Marshal are going to be winning a Sydney Cup they are going to have to run well in a BMW, which I think they can," he said.



Capella (NZ) (Rip Van Winkle)

Danica Guy chases Australian G1 glory

Danica Guy is preparing to saddle up her first Australian runner with **Capella (NZ)** (Rip Van Winkle) in the Group One Vinery Stud Stakes at Rosehill on Saturday.

Guy said the filly had settled in well after arriving in Sydney on Monday night.

The Vinery Stud is the first leg of Capella's Australian tour, with the main target the \$1 million Australian Oaks.

"It's not the grand final, but it would be encouraging to see her race well to see that she's travelled across well," Guy said.

Opie Bosson will be on Capella in the Vinery Stud in which she is rated a \$15 chance.

VRC Oaks winner Jameka (Myboycharlie) is the \$3.60 favourite while former New Zealander Risque (NZ) (Darci Brahma) is on the next line of betting at \$3.80.

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Dukedom (NZ) (Bachelor Duke)

Group One winner sold to Hong Kong

Gr.1 Levin Classic winner **Dukedom (NZ)** (Bachelor Duke) has been sold to Hong Kong interests and will join the stable of Dennis Yip.

Trainer Steven Cole, who part-owned the Bachelor Duke gelding with his father David, confirmed the sale.

"The money talks and what we got offered is far more than what we could win in New Zealand, so it has to be done," a philosophical Steven Cole said.

"I've been very lucky to get a horse of his calibre so early on in my training career," the 24-year-old added.

Cole is confident the three-year-old will be suited to the cauldron environment of Hong Kong.

"He's a very laid-back horse, so being confined to a box up there won't be an issue.

"He'll be ideally suited by a mile to 2000 metres and I know they have bought him with intentions of running in the Hong Kong Derby next year."

Hawtin confirms move to Cambridge

Brendon Hawtin is looking forward to a new chapter in his training career.

He has confirmed he will be opening a second stable in Cambridge, which will also result in a return to a partnership with his father Keith.

"It's been in the pipeline for six months or so and it's all done and I've let all my owners

know," Hawtin said.

"I'll be taking over Trent Busuttin and Natalie Young's place, as they're heading to Australia, from July 1.

"It's too good an opportunity to turn down and Trent will be leaving quite a few horses behind and he's been good enough to put in a good word with his owners for me."

Hawtin said he expected to have a full stable at the new property of 26 boxes and 10 paddocks. [Full story here.](#)

Plan B in play for Prince

Multiple Group One winner **Julinsky Prince (NZ)** (Darci Brahma) will round off his current preparation at home.

Trainer Fraser Auret and breeder-owner John Bromley had been keen to venture to Australia with the six-year-old, but a lack of suitable races has resulted in a rethink.

"We've scoured the calendars and most of the races are handicaps, which clearly won't suit him," Auret said.

"There are a couple of Group Ones, such

as the Doncaster, but that's not what we're after.

"Ideally, we wanted Group Two or Three races at weight-for-age over a mile, but unfortunately there's not a lot there."

Auret said Plan B with Julinsky Prince is a pair of domestic targets to round off a lucrative campaign that has netted Group One victories in the Windsor Park Plate and the Captain Cook Stakes. [Full story here.](#)

Aerovelocity out of Group One

Outstanding New Zealand-bred sprinter **Aerovelocity (NZ)** (Pins) has been denied the opportunity to defend his title in the Gr.1 Takamatsunomiya Kinen at Chukyo in Japan.

A bout of colic has forced the Pins seven-year-old, a multiple international Group One winner, out of Sunday's race.

"Aerovelocity had got to the point where we needed to treat him or things could have got very serious," trainer Paul O'Sullivan said. "It was an easy decision to make."



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AUSTRALIA

Denman : Neapolitan (NZ) (Viennetta by Pins) 2013;
19/03/2016, 1st SAJC Steve Davis 2YO H. 1000m

Guillotine : Carton (NZ) (Leeu by Volksraad) 2010;
23/03/2016, 1st Ipswich TC Sirromet 5 Star Winery H. 1350m
Sold by Windsor Park Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$60000

Lonhro : Loncava (NZ) (Prospering by Fusaichi Pegasus) 2010;
19/03/2016, 1st SAJC Adelaide Galvanising H. 1950m

O'Reilly : Poly Oreos (NZ) (Polly's Pocket by Pirate's Bounty) 2011;
19/03/2016, 1st Canberra RC Holcim P. 2000m

O'Reilly : Crichton (NZ) (Wait a Minute by Centaine) 2011;
20/03/2016, 1st Tatura RC Complete Equipment Sales Maiden P. 1400m
Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$50000

Pentire : Duck Dynasty (NZ) (Double Babu by Centaine) 2011;
20/03/2016, 1st Tatura RC Hazel Park Stud H. 1600m
Sold by Ardsley Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$100000

Pins : Society Man (NZ) (Baileys on Ice by O'Reilly) 2008;
19/03/2016, 1st Bendigo JC Bendigo Trophy 1100m

Roc de Cambes : Consommateur (NZ) (Consumer by Zabeel) 2012;
20/03/2016, 1st Yarra Valley RC Croydon Hotel Maiden P. 1500m
Sold by The Oaks Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$30000

Savabeel : Koka (NZ) (Primera Dama by Danzero) 2010;
17/03/2016, 1st Warrnambool RC Swintons Furniture Highweight H.
2027m
Sold by Curraghmore Stud at National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed
Sale for \$90000
Sold by Curraghmore Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$240000

Tavistock : Tarzino (NZ) (Zarzino by Zabeel) 2012;
19/03/2016, 1st ATC Rosehill Guineas Gr.1 2000m
Sold by Cambridge Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$45000

Thorn Park : Rainbow Park (NZ) (Calgary by Danasinga) 2012;
19/03/2016, 1st Illawarra TC Catholic Development Fund Maiden P.
2000m
Sold by Mapperley Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$55000

Zabeel : Present Arms (NZ) (Juncture by Commands) 2009;
17/03/2016, 1st Bunbury RC RTW Steel Fabrication H. 1675m
Sold by Cambridge Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$250000

HONG KONG

**Elusive City : Happy Cooperation (NZ) (Dolly Disaster by Twenty
Four Karat) 2011;**
20/03/2016, 1st HKJC Fay Fay H. 1200m
Sold by Lime Country Thoroughbreds Ltd at National Yearling Sale for
\$15000

**High Chaparral : Rouge et Blanc (NZ) (Saint Cecile by Pompeii
Court) 2010;**
20/03/2016, 1st HKJC BMW Centenary H. 2000m

**Keeper : Raise the Bar - Lucky Ever (H.K.) (NZ) (Mumtaz by Cape
Cross) 2011;**
20/03/2016, 1st HKJC Akeed Mofeed H. 1200m

**Mastercraftsman : Master Viking (NZ) (Code Black by O'Reilly)
2011;**
23/03/2016, 1st HKJC Hawthorn H. 1200m
Sold by Windsor Park Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$80000

**Mossman : Burnt Orange - Happy Journey (H.K.) (NZ) (Oh So Royal
by Danzero) 2010;**
23/03/2016, 1st HKJC Holly H. 1650m

Pentire : Go-Getter (NZ) (Vel Canto by Danasinga) 2010;
23/03/2016, 1st HKJC Holly H. 1650m
Sold by Lyndhurst Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$105000

Tavistock : Werther (NZ) (Bagalollies by Zabeel) 2011;
20/03/2016, 1st HKJC BMW Hong Kong Derby HK-1 2000m

Towkay : Precision King (NZ) (Quasi Stellar by Catrail) 2008;
20/03/2016, 1st HKJC Viva Pataca H. 1400m
Sold by Highview at National Yearling Sale for \$60000

MACAU

Captain Rio : Rayden (NZ) (On Top by Generous) 2010;
19/03/2016, 1st Macau Star River Windsor Arch Charity Trophy H. 1000m

Captain Rio : Golden Spiritual (NZ) (Myadehl by All Glory) 2007;
19/03/2016, 1st Macau Macau Race Horse Owners Association Charity
Trophy H. 1500m
Sold by Hallmark Stud at NZ National Yearling Sale for \$4000

**Sufficient : Brooklyn Bay - Kelowna Star (Mac.) (NZ) (Middlebrook
by Royal Academy) 2011;**
19/03/2016, 1st Macau Macau Guineas L 1500m
Sold by Highview at Ready to Run Sale for \$40000



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MALAYSIA

Align : Xavio (NZ) (Macanudo by Kingdom Bay) 2008;
20/03/2016, 1st Penang TC Highland Myth H. 1100m

Keeper : Bowen Boy (NZ) (Fritzzy by Hermitage) 2009;
19/03/2016, 1st Penang TC Santorini H. 1600m
Sold by Phoenix Park at National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale for \$36000
Sold by Ascot Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$46000

Mr. Nancho : Goodfellas (NZ) (Dutowin by Danasinga) 2011;
19/03/2016, 1st Penang TC Breakthrough S. 1400m

Shinko King : Justintime - Sea Queen (Mal.) (NZ) (Sharpasatac by Pins) 2010;
19/03/2016, 1st Penang TC Another Bob H. 1600m
Sold by Paxton Park at Ready to Run Sale for \$35000

SINGAPORE

Any Suggestion : Katagas (NZ) (Mathilda by Last Tycoon) 2010;
18/03/2016, 1st Singapore TC Kranji D S. 1200m
Sold by Curraghmore Stud at National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale for \$18000
Sold by Curraghmore Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$14000

Gorky Park : The Wind (NZ) (Centaureilly by O'Reilly) 2012;
20/03/2016, 1st Singapore TC Initiation P. 1400m
Sold by Paxton Park at National Yearling Sale for \$5000

Hussonet : Honest Truth (NZ) (Straight Lake by Salt Lake) 2006;
20/03/2016, 1st Singapore TC Kranji C S 1000m

Iffraaj : Remember Me (NZ) (Midnight Madam by Kaapstad) 2011;
18/03/2016, 1st Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1400m
Sold by Haunui Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$50000

Ishiguru : Zac Command (NZ) (Dominica by Cape Cross) 2007;
18/03/2016, 1st Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1400m
Sold by Chequers Stud at NZ National Yearling Sale for \$16000

Mette en Jeu : The Jeuneyman (NZ) (Tad Irish by Omnicorp) 2011;
20/03/2016, 1st Singapore TC Kranji D S 1600m
Sold by Letham Thoroughbreds at National Yearling Sale for \$2000

O'Reilly : Damon (NZ) (Pretty by Pins) 2011;
20/03/2016, 1st Singapore TC Kranji D S 1600m

