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CHABAUD ADDS SOUTH AUSTRALIAN WINTO TASMANIAN OAKS – NEXT STOP QUEENSLAND



The well-travelled Chabaud gets a deserved win in the South Australian Fillies Classic.

he durability shown by Chabaud (NZ) (Lookin At Lucky) has earned her a trip to Queensland following a gritty victory in yesterday's Group Three South Australian Fillies Classic over 2500 metres at Morphettville.

"She's in form and they are only three once so we'll likely head up for the Queensland Oaks," trainer Robert Smerdon said after Chabaud defeated Ashlee Marie (Face Value) by 1½ lengths.

"She had to do a bit of work early but she toughed it out

well all the way to the line.

"The whole scenario was tough. The plan was to get some black type, as you do with the fillies, and we got that in the Tasmanian Oaks.

"We sent her to Sydney for the Oaks and she had a hell of a hard run on a very heavy track. So what do you do? We just kept going and we turned up here."

Smerdon praised the constitution of Chabaud, who since

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- A winner at his only start at two and winner of his first four starts including Dual Group 3 wins in the Spring Stakes and Gloaming Stakes.
- A multiple Group One performer (2nd G1 Randwick Guineas, 3rd G1 Spring Champion) beating some of the best 3YO Group One winners in Australia including Kermedec, Preferment, Hampton Court, Shooting To Win, First Seal.
- One of the top Australian 3YO colts of his year with a top Timeform rating of 122.
- By Lonhro -The Champion 3YO, the Champion miler, the Horse of the Year, the Champion sire.
 Lonhro set a new Australian record of 160 individual winners in a season. His son the unbeaten juvenile
 Pierro was rated the best Colt in Australia since 1977.
- Out of the multiple winning mare Swansea by Champion Sire Singspiel (Sire of 98SW).
- Sweynesse is the highest rated stallion from the Zabeel sire line to begin stud duties in New Zealand since Savabeel.



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December has raced ten times in three states.

"She's very tough and you'd think she was possibly beyond her best but she's coped well today and we'll certainly think about Queensland in two weeks," he said.

"The travel doesn't affect her and three-year-olds racing against their own age, they can do it."

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Race	SAJC South Australia Fillies Classic Gr.3 2500m
Winner	Chabaud (NZ) 2012
Owners	The Estate of P S Sly
Trainer	Robert Smerdon (Caulfield)
Breeding	by Lookin at Lucky (USA) out of Rockadubai (Aus) by Fastnet Rock (Aus)
Breeder	Whakanui Stud Ltd

NEWS IN BRIEF

Rory outrides his claim

It's been tough going at times but apprentice Rory Hutchings has been rewarded for his hard work with a milestone day at Rosehill, the expat-Kiwi claiming a double yesterday to outride his claim and tighten his vice-like grip on the Sydney apprentices' title.

The three junior premierships he won in New Zealand meant little when Hutchings came to Australia to try to make it in Sydney. In between suspensions for weight issues and careless riding, Hutchings admitted he thought it might be all too hard. But with his master Chris Waller helping him out with a health and fitness regime and rewarding him with rides, the 21-year-old is now enjoying life.

Hutchings celebrated the occasion with a victorious first-pump as he crossed the line on the Waller-trained Tsaritsa (Dane Shadow) in the Pat Hyland Handicap, earning a \$200 fine from Racing NSW Stewards.

"That was more relief than anything," Hutchings said.

He'd set up the winning double after getting the best out of another Chris Waller runner, Dance Of Heroes (Danehill Dancer), in the Leilani and Luskin Star Handicap.

Waller's racing manager Charlie Duckworth is also Hutchings' riding agent and says he will be keeping a close eye on his charge. He is also keen for Hutchings to spread his wings further than Rosehill.

"Rory will be riding out for Gai and John Sargent at Randwick on Monday," Duckworth said. "We are keen to get him out to a few more stables."

His season tally now stands at 27 Sydney wins and although he can no longer claim, Hutchings has until June 14 to increase his lead.

"I've still got three or four weeks until I'm out of my time so hopefully I can build on the total and keep the momentum going," he said.

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I AM A STAR AN EASY WINNER IN ADELAIDE

Am A Star (NZ) (I Am Invincible) completed a long-term plan early with a comfortable victory in yesterday's Group Three National Stakes at Morphettville.

Jockey Steven King took advantage of barrier one at the 1200 metre start and parked behind the speed to the home turn before allowing I Am A Star to accelerate clear, going on to defeat Bangs (Snippetson) by three lengths with One Blink (Beneteau) a short head away third.

Trainer Shane Nichols explained the aim had been to achieve stakes form with I Am A Star.

"She's owned by Matthew Sandblom, who is a prominent breeder, and the plan was to get some black type with her," Nichols said. "She was going to win a long way out. Once she settled where she did, I thought she was always going to be strong. I would have been disappointed if she had been rolled."

Nichols said he is likely to send the two-year-old to the spelling paddock.

"There's nothing really for her here now and it's a big ask to go to Queensland," he said.

"Today we thought was a softer option than waiting till the spring in Melbourne to get some stakes form. Now that we've got that out of the way we can look at the fillies races in the spring."

Nichols said he felt I Am A Star will have no trouble coping with some extra distance.

"I had her sister Band On The Run

and thought she'd run a mile and this filly is a better horse than her," he said.

"We'll aim high and see how we go. This is a pretty good filly. I don't know how good but we'll find out in the spring."

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Race	SAJC National S. Gr.3 1200m
Winner	I Am A Star (NZ) 2013
Owners	M B Sandblom
Trainer	Shane Nichols (Mornington)
Breeding	by I Am Invincible (Aus) out of Star Band (USA) by Dixieland Band (USA)
Breeder	Eales Racing Pty Ltd
Sales	2014 National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale; V: Rich Hill Stud, P: Llanhennock Trust; \$12,000



I Am A Star has no trouble racking up a three-length win against the juveniles at Morphettville.





RISE TO OPEN COMPANY AN EASY STEP FOR MARE-ON-THE-MOVE AIDE MEMOIRE

ide Memoire (NZ)
(Remind) coped
admirably with a
sharp rise in class to strike
the first stakes-winning
blow of her fledgling career
yesterday, the four-year-old
taking on open company for
the first time in the Listed
James Bull Rangitikei Gold
Cup and passing the test
with flying colours for the
fifth win of her eleven-start
career.

"It was a big step up for her but she only had the 53kg," Marton trainer Fraser Auret said.

Aide Memoire had won her previous start at Otaki, where she carried five and a half kilos more to a runaway victory against Rating 75 company.

The mare has only once failed to earn a cheque, an unplaced effort on a heavy Awapuni track last winter.

"She didn't handle it then but she is much bigger and stronger now," Auret said.

Ridden by Robert Hannam, Aide Memoire raced in second place to the turn before she took control on straightening.

"It was her first time at a mile but she has been very good to the line over 1400 metres so I didn't think it would be much of a concern," Auret said.

Anniesstar (NZ) (Zed) pinched ground inside runners from the 800 metre mark and she finished off bravely for second with Endure (NZ) (Keeper) coming from the back to claim the third prize from Cassie Anne (NZ) (Castelli).



Robbie Hannam has a strong hold on Aide Memoire as she comfortably strides home in the Rangitikei Gold Cup.

The disappointment of the race was Spoke To Carlo (Hailing), who settled at the tail of the field and failed to make any impression in the run home.

Race	Rangitikei Gold Cup L 1600m
Winner	Aide Memoire (NZ) 2011
Owners	M J Askew, M I Deans, D Garraway, C J Gerbs, A Groves and D E Tuffery
Trainer	Fraser Auret (Marton)
Breeding	by Remind (USA) out of Explain by Success Express (USA)
Breeder	A Groves, I C Gunn and Hedwood Thoroughbreds Ltd



PUNTERS WEREN'T READY FOR EDDIE

nheralded hurdler **Ready Eddie (NZ)** (Yamanin Vital)
showed he was on target for
one of the country's major winter
prizes after upstaging a number of
better-performed jumpers at Te Rapa
yesterday.

The Awapuni visitor took punters by surprise when he triumphed in the Porritt Sand Waikato Hurdles at odds of 28-1 for trainer and part-owner Laura Knight.

"It's very exciting and we didn't really know what to think with so many decent jumpers in the race," she said, when asked what her expectations had been.

Ready Eddie arrived at Te Rapa with two flat runs and a Wanganui hurdles outing to fit him for a return to toplevel jumps racing and a campaign focused on the Grand National Hurdles at Riccarton in early August.

The seven-year-old was successful over fences at the carnival last year and he also won his maiden on the flat at Riccarton when trained by Mark Oulaghan.

The Awapuni trainer prepared Ready Eddie to win his first hurdle race in 2013 before a tendon injury sidelined the gelding for a year and he subsequently transferred to Knight, who races the seven-year-old with her father, former All Black prop Gary Knight.

Ready Eddie was ridden by Shaun Fannin, who was happy to sit back in the early stages of the race.

"I was following San Pedro – I thought he was the one to beat – and at the 800 I went to go around him and he kicked up so I was a bit worried," Fannin said. "But this is a very tough horse and he jumped well."

Ready Eddie challenged three flights from home and led over the last two fences to beat San Pedro (NZ) (Colombia) by a length with Nancho Lass (NZ) (Mr Nancho) taking third money.

Race	Porritt Sand Waikato Hurdle 3200m
Winner	Ready Eddie (NZ) 2008
Owners	G A & L Knight
Trainer	Laura Knight (Palmerston North)
Breeding	by Yamanin Vital out of Tawnce by Personal Escort (USA)
Breeder	B J & Mrs L E Anderton
Sales	2010 South Island 2YO & Mixed Sale; V: White Robe Lodge, P: Miss L Knight; \$15,000



Shaun Fannin looks relaxed in his work as Ready Eddie clears the last a half length in front of San Pedro, whose rider Aaron Kuru seems a touch anxious about the outcome of the Waikato Hurdles.





SEA KING DOUBLES UP IN WAIKATO 'CHASE TO COMPLETE SUPER SATURDAY FOR SHAUN

op jumper Sea King (NZ) (Shinko King) successfully defended his Waikato Steeplechase crown to complete a super Saturday at Te Rapa for Shaun Fannin.

The nine-year-old had no trouble shouldering 70kg for consecutive victories in the Warren Storm Lifebrokerssponsored feature in the hands of Fannin, who also partnered Ready Eddie to triumph in the Waikato Hurdles.

"This makes all those early mornings worthwhile," the twenty-year-old said.

The Kevin Myers-trained Sea King raced in the body of the field before Fannin urged him to pick up ground on the gelding's front-running stablemate Krase (NZ) (Ekraar) 1000 metres from home.

"I let him jump his way into it down the back straight," Fannin said. "He started to hang out a bit but he caught the last fence best and that was the winning of it."

They accounted for Brer (NZ) (China Cat), who was in

receipt of five kilos, by three and a half lengths with Krase third ahead of the outsiders Old Redfeather (NZ) (Generous) and Marvon Downs (NZ) (Stark South).

Sea King has now won three times over the big fences, including the Mosstrooper Steeplechase at Bendigo last winter, as well as nine wins over the smaller jumps, with an Australian Grand National Hurdles success taking pride of place on his CV.

Runner-up Brer gave a strong account of himself after he had finished fifth when sent out a hot favourite on the opening day of the meeting.

"He improved a lot with that run after plenty of long, slow work following a couple of years off," said Jamie Richards, who prepares the seven-year-old with Stephen Autridge.

Brer was sidelined by injury after he won a lower grade steeplechase at the 2014 Grand National carnival at Riccarton.



Race	Waikato Steeplechase 4000m
Winner	Sea King (NZ) 2006
Owners	S M Harty and C O'Reilly
Trainer	Kevin Myers (Wanganui)
Breeding	by Shinko King (Ire) out of Ocean Princess by Prince of Praise
Breeder	Mrs S M Harty

Sea King (gold cap) is spotting Brer a length as they take this homestraight obstacle in yesterday's Waikato Steeplechase.







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SPIETH SENSATIONAL SAYS SAM AS BRYCE STAMPS HIMSELF AS A TRAINER TO WATCH

oung trainer Bryce Heys stamped himself as one to watch, as did his three-year-old Spieth (NZ) (Thorn Park), when the colt made a mess of his rivals in yesterday's 1100 metre Merman and Sydeston Handicap at Rosehill.

Spieth was sent out the \$2.80 favourite on the back of a recent five length romp in a 1200 metre Class 1 race at Kembla Grange but was up in class and coming back in distance.

That mattered little after a fast pace was set up and jockey Sam Clipperton had the lightly raced galloper travelling sweetly back on the rails before angling clear turning for home.

There were a few anxious moments at the top of the straight, but once Spieth found the gap and balanced up, it was a

matter of finding your bookmaker, Spieth winning untouched by 1¾ lengths from the Gerald Ryan-trained Kings Troop (Redoute's Choice) with Chris Waller's Pioneering (Sebring) a further length away.

"Sensational. Couldn't have been more impressive," Clipperton said. "He handled himself really well. Bounced out and got into a good rhythm.

"He didn't take a backward step when I had to push out. He took fifty metres to wind up and then he was off and gone."

Heys has only eight horses in work at his Warwick Farm base but with more than six years of experience as John O'Shea's right-hand man looks a trainer of the future.

"I need more horses but all you can do is place them like this and get them to win," Heys said.

"He's got a vicious turn of foot. That's going to hold him in brilliant stead going forward.



Spieth lives up to his reputation with a demolition job on the three-year-old sprinters at yesterday's Rosehill meeting.

"He's a horse who's improving with racing. The run will bring him on. He's not a horse you can work hard at home so he does need the racing."

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Race	ATC Merman and Sydeston H. 1100m
Winner	Spieth (NZ) 2012
Owners	M W O'Keeffe, Ms V J King, Emmaroo Bloodstock (Mgr: Mrs C J Murray), G K Lawler, J R Braham, P J C Murphy, S J Conroy, P J Townsend and C R Hamilton
Trainer	Bryce Heys (Warwick Farm)
Breeding	by Thorn Park (Aus) out of Stella Livia (GB) by Titus Livius (FR)
Breeder	Trelawney Thoroughbred Ltd
Sales	2014 National Yearling Sale, Premier Session; V: Trelawney Stud Ltd, P: Ellerslie Lodge; \$200,000





EPROUVEZ OUTGUNS THREE-YEAR-OLDS TO SPREAD THE CHEER A HUNDRED WAYS

raham Richardson didn't let his extensive support crew down at Te Rapa, where he produced **Eprouvez** (NZ) (Thewayyouare) to down a competitive line-up of three-year-olds.

The Matamata horseman wasn't short of company after the \$17,000 Karaka purchase was successful in the opening event on yesterday's card, the Hamilton Caterers at Te Rapa 1200.

Race	Waikato RC Hamilton Caterers Te Rapa S. 1200m
Winner	Eprouvez (NZ) 2012
Owners	Richardson Racing Stables His Syndicate
Trainer	Graham Richardson (Matamata)
Breeding	by Thewayyouare (USA) out of Earnout by Danasinga (Aus)
Breeder	E C & Mrs M White
Sales	2014 National Yearling Sale, Festival Session; V: Blackbridge Park Ltd, P: Richardson Racing; \$17,000

"It's a great result after we bought this horse for the His Syndicate to get people into racing who didn't think they could afford it," Richardson said.

"There's a hundred shares in him and they've all gone berserk here – it's just fantastic."

Although Eprouvez was unplaced at his previous start behind Xtravagant (NZ) (Pentire) in the Group Three Cambridge Breeders' Stakes at Te Rapa, Richardson was upbeat about his prospects on a return to the Hamilton course.

"It was a pretty good run last time out, he just got too far back from the wide draw," he said.

Craig Grylls was able to slot Eprouvez in behind the pace yesterday and the son of Thewayyouare proved too strong for the favoured duo of Windborne (NZ) (Darci Brahma) and Mongolian Empire (NZ) (O'Reilly) in the run home.

"That was a strong effort against a very, very good field," Richardson said.

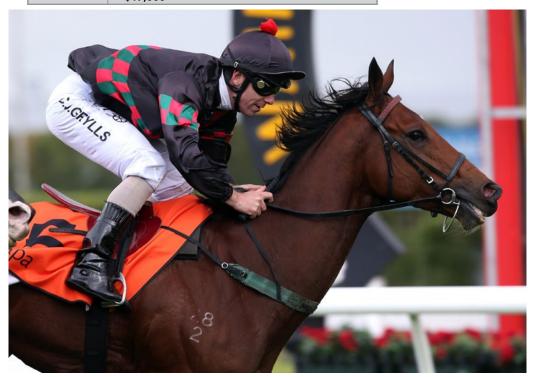
"I was going to tip him out but I'll see how he comes through this and we might look at something back here again at the next meeting."

Meanwhile, Eprouvez's highly regarded stablemate Volpe Veloce (Foxwedge) is preparing for a trip to the central districts.

"She'll go down for the Castletown Stakes at Wanganui next month," Richardson said.

The filly was an impressive debut winner at Matamata in late March before a minor setback forced her to miss the Listed Hamilton Vets Equine Stakes earlier this month.

"She had a stone bruise but she's fine now." Richardson said.



Eprouvez may not have been popular with punters in the opening event at Te Rapa but was cheered to the echo by his large band of owners.









ALLAN MARKS MIHAUL FOR STABLE-STAR ROLE BUT RICH OFFERS HARD TO RESIST

llan Sharrock might have a battle on his hands to keep hold of the talented two-year-old **Mihaul (NZ)** (Iffraaj), who will go to the spelling paddock with his unbeaten record intact.

The New Plymouth trainer said overseas interest is sure to intensify in the wake of the youngster's latest win at Awapuni yesterday, but he is hopeful any offers will be knocked back.

"The phone has already been ringing and now he's qualified for Hong Kong it's going to be hard to turn the money down, but I really like this horse and he might just replace Kawi when he retires," the New Plymouth trainer said.

With Kawi (NZ) (Savabeel) already a triple Group One winner, Mihaul has a long way to go to match the stable star but he has made a lightning start.

The juvenile was a first-up winner on a good track at Hastings last month and he was able to overcome testing conditions at Awapuni to claim the JB Ware Transag Centre Handicap.

"He wasn't happy out there but he got the job done and he'll go out now," Sharrock said. "He's a big horse with a lot of strength and he can only get better."

Mihaul raced in second spot to the turn and was able to get the better of the game front-runner Jimmy Vital (NZ) (Jimmy Choux) in the closing hundred metres with another debutant in Morethanlucky (NZ) (Per Incanto) in third place.

"It was just his class that got him there. He's a lovely animal and time is going to be his friend," rider Jonathan Riddell said. "He was floundering in the ground on the bend so it was a bit of a slog."



Jonathan Riddell earns his riding fee as he gets Mihaul, talented but unhappy in the going, home in the first at Awapuni.

Race	Rangitikei RC JB Ware & Transag Centre 2YO H. 1200m
Winner	Mihaul (NZ) 2013
Owners	Mrs K M Stanley
Trainer	Allan Sharrock (New Plymouth)
Breeding	by Iffraaj (GB) out of Lol by General Nediym (Aus)
Breeder	Goodwood Stud Ltd
Sales	2015 National Yearling Sale, Select Session; V: Goodwood Stud, P: S A Sharrock; \$40,000





PREPARATION LESS THAN IDEAL BUT DERBY PATH NOW MAPPED OUT FOR WELL DONE



Well Done races clear at Kranji.

hings had not quite gone to script of late in the Singapore Derby plans for Well Done (NZ) (Falkirk) but a resounding win in Friday night's \$\$80,000 Class 3 race over 1700 metres at Kranji has put him back in the spotlight for the 2000 metre July 10 showpiece.

Trainer David Kok had locked in a Benchmark 83 race over 1600 metres on turf last Sunday as the ideal guide to his Derby credentials but had to look elsewhere when the race was canned. Kok then picked Friday's event on Polytrack, reckoning it was better than the horse staying in his box.

Another spanner was thrown in the works when Well Done's regular partner Manoel Nunes phoned to say he'd been felled by kidney stones and was out for the night. Kok had to scramble for a replacement jockey and luckily obtained an able pair of hands in Michael Rodd.

The Australian rode Well Done as if he had been on at every start. Settled in the rear as is his customary style, the bold chestnut was a late arrival in the home straight battle but the moment Rodd angled towards the outside the issue

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PREPARATION LESS THAN IDEAL BUT DERBY PATH NOW MAPPED OUT FOR WELL DONE

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was quickly put beyond doubt, the result a comfortable two-length victory from Felarof (Tale Of The Cat) with English-bred favourite Zeus (Excellent Art) holding on for third, another two lengths away.

As Well Done returned to scale for his fifth win from only fifteen starts, Kok was hopeful he had the credits to open the Derby door.

"It wasn't the race I would have preferred for a Derby prep but it was still an impressive win," he said. "He should get enough points to make it to the Patron's Bowl now."

The Sgp-Group One Patron's Bowl, over 1600 metres, is the second leg of the Singapore Four-Year-Old Challenge and will be run on June 19, the perfect prelude to the Derby.

"We'll see how he pulls up. If everything's okay, he will go straight to the Patron's Bowl and will skip the Stewards' Cup next Sunday.

"I think this horse is improving with every run. I was a bit worried about the change of jockey but then I remembered he won with Nooresh Juglall as a late replacement at his first win. "We were also lucky we got Michael to ride him. He's shown his class tonight and Michael was also impressed with him."

A clearly won over Rodd came back telling Kok and owner Jason Goh they would have a lot of fun with their horse. Whether he meant a Derby kind of fun remains to be seen.

"He travelled so well for me at the back. It took twenty strides for him to get going but, once he did, he just put it away so easily."

Well Done has now amassed prizemoney in excess of \$\$250,000.

- Singapore Turf Club

Race	Singapore TC Class 3 H. 1700m
Winner	Well Done (NZ) 2011
Owners	Well Done Stable
Trainer	David Kok (Kranji)
Breeding	by Falkirk out of Gold Cloud by Truly Vain (Aus)
Breeder	Windsor Park Stud Ltd
Sales	2013 Ready to Run Sale; V: Windsor Park Stud, P: New Zealand Bloodstock, as agent; \$90,000





BARRIER BOTHER DOESN'T FAZE INSOFAR

rainer Michael Clements thought the race was as good as over when **Insofar (NZ)** (Elusive City) broke through the barriers before the start on Friday night but was glad the mare proved him wrong in the end.

The starter was about to push the button for the eleven-horse field in the \$S60,000 Class 4 race over 1600 metres, when both Insofar and the Irish-bred favourite En Civil (Elusive City) jumped the gun and forced through their gates.

While En Civil had to be scratched, the toey Insofar was reloaded and again Clements had his heart in his mouth when the Graham Mackie-owned mare thrashed out of her gate squeezing three runners on her inside, including stablemate Giorgio (NZ) (Duke of Marmalade).

But the five-year-old was able to right all those wrongs when she got her mind back on the job and by the first turn was in the lead. Pratt Street (NZ) (Bel Esprit) settled in second spot while new favourite Any Rumour (NZ) (Any Suggestion) took the drop in an ideal spot on the rails.

The order did not change much until the field swung for home with Insofar still the pilot and Any Rumour making ground rapidly on the inside for what looked like a foregone conclusion. But to the surprise of all, including her handler, Insofar was anything but a spent force when headed, despite her early barrier antics.

Under Saifudin Ismail's hard riding the gallant mare responded with a

late surge to claw her way back and gain an incredibly determined victory, scoring by half a length from Any Rumour while Giorgio flashed home late and failed by just a neck to give Clements a most unlikely quinella.

"Normally when horses do that, it spells the end," said Clements at the winner's circle. "She did play around in the past but has settled a lot better now. I'm not sure what triggered that tonight.

"But she won a tough race. The Elusive Citys are doing very well and she is out of a Zabeel mare, which means she is looking for more ground. She's a big mare and it's taken some time for her to find her legs but she is eventually getting there."

Saifudin said he was not unsettled by the fracas at the gates and the mare never gave any trouble in the running.

"She came out awkwardly and

again went sideways at the start but once she led she was always travelling well for me," said the Malaysian jockey. "I thought she'd get beat but she kicked again for a very tough win."

Insofar was recording her second success in eight starts for prizemoney that has now risen to around \$560,000 for her New Zealand owner.

- Singapore Turf Club

Race	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1600m
Winner	Insofar (NZ) 2011
Owners	Graham Christopher Mackie
Trainer	Michael Clements (Kranji)
Breeding	by Elusive City (USA) out of Inzabeel by Zabeel
Breeder	Mrs B L & T D B Macphee
Sales	2013 National Yearling Sale, Festival Session; V: Lime Country Thoroughbreds Ltd, P: Ms P A Dunell; \$6000



Insofar comes again to snatch victory in the Class 4 mile on Friday night.

