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## MR KNOWITALL HAS ALL THE ANSWERS AT ELLERSLIE



Zy Nor Azman has Mr Knowitall in front as they approach the winning post at Ellerslie

o-trainer Margaret Carter had two simple instructions for apprentice Zy Nor Azman when discussing tactics for stable representative Mr Knowitall (NZ) (Civics) ahead of the fourth race at Ellerslie on Saturday.

"I simply said to him to let the horse do his own thing and make sure he has a clear run when you ask him for his final effort," she explained after the nuggety Civics gelding claimed his eight career success for Carter and her husband Tim who prepare him from their Cambridge base.

"He's very well named this horse as he does think he

knows everything and will do exactly what he wants despite what the jockey might think is the plan.

"He races best when you just let him settle and have him nice and happy bowling along at his own speed. Zy did everything I asked of him and thankfully the horse did the rest."

A determined finish for third at his previous run hinted at a return to the winner's circle for the gelding who was also suited by the lack of numbers in Saturday's contest as he faced just five rivals in the rating 85 event.

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"The small field suited him as he didn't get too far off them which is an issue when he races in bigger fields," noted Carter.

"The three kilogram claim also played into our hands as he's not very big and can't really carry the bigger weights.

"His work following the Te Rapa race was very good so it was nice he could deliver on that."

The win provided some consolation for the Carter's after stable star Battle Time (NZ) (Battle Paint) had to settle for second behind Fire Jet (NZ) (Tavistock) in the previous event after finding trouble in the run home.

"He just didn't get much of a go at them in the straight and was steaming home that last bit so I guess you could say he was unlucky," said Carter. "Mind you it was a very good ride on the winner as he kept us in the pocket and we just couldn't get going until it was too late."

Both Battle Time and Mr Knowitall will now head to the Tauranga meeting on the 25th of June for their next assignments.

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Race	ARC Papatoetoe Glass H. 1200m.
Winner	Mr Knowitall (NZ) 200
Owners	Tim & Margaret Carter
Trainer	Tim & Margaret Carter (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Civics (AUS) out of Twilight by Kingdom Bay
Breeder	Mrs A M G & Est late A Parnwell; Waikato; NZ

#### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

#### Provocative not a certain Oaks runner

New Zealand filly **Provocative (NZ)** (Zabeel) is guaranteed a start in the rescheduled Queensland Oaks but could instead run in the Derby on the same day.

Tony Pike-trained Provocative was promoted into the Oaks field as the first emergency with the scratching of Beluga Blue (Lookin At Lucky).

After the wash-out of the Eagle Farm meeting on Saturday and the transfer of the Oaks to a week later, scratchings have been reinstated. But Beluga Blue has been treated for a leg injury and will not take her place.

"The Oaks and the Derby will be on the same day so I'll have a chat with the owners about which way we go," said trainer Tony Pike.

"There's a bit of water to go under the bridge yet and she'll have a gallop on Tuesday and we'll make a decision after that.

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# WINNING ROLL CONTINUES FOR STORMING THE TOWER

nderrated stayer **Storming The Tower (NZ)** (Storm Creek) continued on his winning way at Ellerslie on the weekend as he captured the time-honoured Cornwall Handicap with a dominant front-running performance.

Fresh off the back of success in the Gr. 3 Rotorua Cup at his last start, the John Bell trained galloper had to lump the topweight of 60 kilograms in Saturday's contest and did so in fine style for rider Samantha Collett who was having her first ride on the Storm Creek gelding.

Bell believes his charge has finally come of age with three wins in his last five starts ending a winless drought that

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Race	ARC Ellerslie Jewellers Cornwall H. 2200m	
Winner	Storming the Tower (NZ) 2008	
Owners	Benedict Sin & John Bell	
Trainer	John Bell (Cambridge)	
Breeding	by Storm Creek (USA) out of Midnight Dip by O'Reilly	
Breeder	Stoney Bridge Thoroughbred Ltd; Auckland; NZ	
Sales	2009 Winter Mixed Bloodstock Sale V: Twin Pines Ltd \$4200 P: New Zealand BStk Ltd	

stretched back to December 2012.

"He's always been a handy galloper but he seems to have finally hit his straps in this campaign," he said.

"He goes on most track conditions and I was feeling pretty confident when I heard the others saying they wanted a bit more rain for Saturday as I knew he would like what was on offer.

"I told Sam when I legged her up to have him handy as I didn't want him to be chasing with such a big weight although I was a little surprised when she took him to the front. She is a top rider and had watched his tapes so she knew what he was capable of and did a super job on him."

Collett used her initiative as she took up the running and dictated to her rivals throughout the 2200 metre contest before proving too tough in a decent home straight scrap with Celebrity Miss (NZ) (Civics).

Bell was delighted with the win although disappointed that a race that was once one of the pinnacle winter staying events was now languishing without black-type status.



"It's a shame to see the Cornwall now just another open handicap when it used to be one of the biggest events on the winter calendar," he said.

"This was always a race that everybody who had a good winter stayer wanted to win so it would be nice if it could somehow get back to that status one day."

Storming The Tower will now be set for the Kiwifruit Cup (2100m) at Tauranga on the 25th of June.

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Storming The Tower and Sam Collett in full flight





### LONGCHAMP IMPRESSES AT WANGANUI

njury plagued sprinter Longchamp (NZ) (Tavistock) showed what he is capable of when fully fit as he produced a dominant performance to score handsomely over 1200 metres at Wanganui on the weekend.

Placed at Group Two level as a three-year-old when third to Turn Me Loose (NZ) (Iffraaj) in the Hawkes Bay Guineas, the now four-year-old Tavistock gelding has been beset by niggling knee problems that have seen him spend considerable time on the sidelines.

Although trainer Andrew Campbell rates him as a day-to-day proposition, he does believe there is a feature race win in the gelding's future.

"He has plenty of ability and it's just a shame he has had his problems along the way as I really do rate him," he noted.

"He's a very handy sprinter who I think can get up to a mile later on but it will all depend on how we can manage him to get the best from him."

Campbell went into Saturday's rating 75 contest with plenty of confidence although that was dented early on in the piece when his charge was well back in the early running.

"I wanted him to get handy early on as they weren't winning from the back so when he was seven or eight lengths from the leaders as they came to the turn I was a little concerned," he said.

"All credit to young Tim Johnson though as he didn't panic and got him into a challenging position up the fence and the horse did the rest.

"He even pricked his ears about 100 metres off the post so he did it well in what was a pretty good field."

Campbell will now sit down with longtime stable client Tommy Heptinstall, who shares in the ownership of the gelding with a large group of friends, and discuss the possible winter options for their \$40,000 purchase from Cambridge Stud's 2013 Karaka Yearling Sale draft.

"Tommy and I will have a chat about where we should go although you won't see him again for a month as we have to space his races like that to ease the pressure on his knees," he said.

"If he could win his next start then a race like the Winter Cup at Riccarton would have to be on our radar as I think he's good enough to compete at that level."

Campbell also confirmed that stablemate Francome (NZ) (Savabeel) would now head to the spelling paddock after finishing well back in the last race of the day when failing to cope with the heavy track.

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Race	Wanganui JC Wanganui Steelformers H. 1200m.
Winner	Longchamp (NZ) 2011
Owners	T G Heptinstall, J A Barnao, D R Platt, T M Pivac, N Cruickshank, C B McDowell, W C Webb & Withonel Syndicate
Trainer	Andrew Campbell (Opaki)
Breeding	by Tavistock out of Shot at the Title (AUS) by Danehill (USA)
Breeder	Sir Patrick & Lady Hogan & Letmar Investments Pty Ltd; Waikato; NZ
Sales	2013 National Yearling Sale - Select Session V: Cambridge Stud \$40000 P: AR Campbell



Longchamp returns to the winner's enclosure at Wanganui









# AUTRIDGE CONFIDENT AHEAD OF MCGREGOR GRANT TILT

pleasing trial over the demanding
Ellerslie steeplechase circuit on Tuesday
has co-trainer Stephen Autridge
confident his charge **Brer (NZ)** (China Cat)
will be well suited when he tackles the timehonoured McGregor Grant Steeplechase at the
venue on Monday

The Electrolux sponsored prestige jumping event is the feature attraction at Ellerslie's traditional Queen's Birthday Monday raceday with Autridge keen to see his promising chaser go one better after finishing second in the Waikato Steeplechase at his last start.

"He hasn't been over the Ellerslie hill before so until you do under race conditions you don't really know how they will handle it but he did jump very nicely there on Tuesday," he said.

Autridge and training partner Jamie

Richards brought Brer up to Ellerslie last week to participate in the open school organised by the Auckland Racing Club and left well pleased with his effort.

"He jumped beautifully and loved the live fences so we were very pleased with him," he noted.

"They went about a lap and a half and only once over the hill but he just jogged along and measured his fences nicely.

"He has come on after his run at Te Rapa and I think we've just about got him spot on for the race. Like I said you don't know how they will ultimately perform until they've tackled the hill but we're very happy going into the race."



Brer (left) and Sea King in the heat of battle at Te Rapa

Autridge was also quick to note that Brer wouldn't have to battle his eventual conqueror at Te Rapa with Sea King (NZ) (Shinko King) set to contest the other major jumping event on the day, the K S Browne Hurdle.

The Kevin Myers trained Sea King will be looking to go two better than last year where he finished third to Thenamesbond (NZ) (China Cat) and Wee Biskit (NZ) (Zed) who will both be amongst his opposition again on Monday.

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## NOVA WARRIOR MAKES SHORT WORK **OF CLASSY FIELD**

bility was something that Nova Warrior (NZ) (Bachelor Duke) was always known to have in abundance, but the way he spread-eagled supposedly tougher rivals when brought back to turf racing on Sunday has suddenly cast him in a new light.

From 14 previous starts, the Bachelor Duke four-yearold, who is widely recognised more as a Polytrack expert, had run on turf only twice, and scored once (over 1200m) for his only success on that surface from his tally of six wins.

But trainer Alwin Tan



Nova Warrior makes light work of his rivals at Kranji

never ruled out a return to the grass for the Nova Racing Stable-owned galloper, especially if he was well in on weights.

And that was the case in Sunday's \$125,000 The British Club Gallop 2016, a Kranji Stakes A race over 1200m when he was weighted at only 52kgs. In the end he won like he was in a class of his own.

Tan said Nova Warrior has always shown a big heart, but he actually never really knew how big until Sunday, even if he concedes the light weight did give him wings.

"The light weight helped, but he's always been a nice horse with a big heart," said the Singaporean handler.

"We were a bit concerned he was running back-to-back this week, but when we checked on the weight he got, we thought it was a race worth going for. He was fit to race, anyway.

"It was also guite a tough field, but he showed today he

could challenge the upper class very well.

"I don't think I will test him beyond 1200m, though. 1400m is his max as I'm a bit worried about his stamina."

Nova Warrior has now taken his handy record to seven wins and three placings from 15 starts for stakes earnings in excess of \$330,000 for the Nova Racing Stable.

Race	Singapore TC British Club Gallop S. 1200m			
Winner	Nova Warrior (NZ) 2011			
Owners	Nova Racing Stable			
Trainer	HW Tan (Kranji)			
Breeding	by Bachelor Duke (USA) out of Muppy (AUS) by Snaadee (USA)			
Breeder	Mrs B L & Dr P V Rattray; Waikato; NZ Z			
Sales	2013 National Yearling Sale - Festival Sale; V: Esker Lodge, P: Makaraka Horse Company; \$11,000			









#### A FIFTH ONE FOR THE ROAD

rainer Shane Baertschiger's promising Polytrack sprinter Lincoln Road (NZ) (Swiss Ace) kept his unblemished record going when he recorded his fifth win in a row on Sunday, even if it was tougher than expected.

Caught three to four wide for most of the way and over-racing a touch, the Swiss Ace four-year-old still cornered like he was jogging and poised to blitz his 11 rivals with regular partner John Powell having a lapful of horse.

But David Hill's Secret Mission (Easing Along) proved to be a thorn in his side when he came back with a second wind at the 200m. For a second, it looked like he would succeed in ending Lincoln's Road's perfect run, but in the last couple of hops, Lincoln Road was able to preserve a neck advantage on the line.

Backed down to solid \$8 favouritism, Lincoln Road never really gave Baertschiger or Powell any anxious moments though he was caught on a limb in the early stages of the race, but did give them some doubts when Secret Mission rallied again on the rails.

"He was three to four deep and over-racing but that was because JP was trying to ease him back," said Baertschiger.

"The other horse had a fight in him, but he had only 52.5kgs while mine had 57kgs, but I couldn't be happier with that run. He's won five from five and he's done a great job.

"I think he's come on since we put the blinkers on him. We've thrown him in at the deep end and he's answered the question every time.

"He's a bit quirky around the stable but he is really switched on on raceday. I have spotted a Kranji Stakes A race over 1100m for him in three weeks' time.

"I will keep him on Polytrack for now, but I have no reason not to believe he can't go over 1200m one day. It's only because there were no 1200m race on the programme for him."

With that fifth successive win, Lincoln Road has now amassed more than \$175,000 in stakes earnings for his connections.

Race	Singapore TC Windsor Castle S. 1100m.
Winner	Lincoln Road (NZ) 2011
Owners	Lincoln Farms Stable
Trainer	Shane Baertschiger (Kranji)
Breeding	by Swiss Ace (AUS) out of Moonlight Lily (AUS) by Redoute's Choice (AUS)
Breeder	G Harvey; Waikato; NZ
Sales	2013 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Westbury Stud, P: Lisa Latta Racing Stables; \$55,000



Lincoln Road makes it five wins in a row at Kranji



## NZ STALLION AWARDS

#### THE CENTAINE AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS	
SAVABEEL	\$13,405,295	
TAVISTOCK	\$11,360,159	
PENTIRE	\$7,899,921	
O'REILLY	\$6,973,994	
ZABEEL	\$6,360,852	
PINS	\$6,308,889	
DARCI BRAHMA	\$6,092,541	
IFFRAAJ	\$5,649,789	
ELUSIVE CITY	\$4,540,649	
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$4,482,621	
Criteria: Sire whose NZ-conceived progeny have accumulated the highest stakes earnings worldwide		

THE DEWAR STALLION TROPHY

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$7,698,044
PENTIRE	\$6,600,308
ZABEEL	\$5,489,805
TAVISTOCK	\$4,743,866
DARCI BRAHMA	\$3,588,355
PINS	\$3,424,999
IFFRAAJ	\$3,385,259
O'REILLY	\$2,986,051
SHINKO KING	\$2,201,763
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$2,164,977

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

#### THE GROSVENOR AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS		
SAVABEEL	\$2,367,980		
DARCI BRAHMA	\$2,176,540		
IFFRAAJ	\$1,626,335		
PINS	\$1,317,084		
TAVISTOCK	\$1,182,415		
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$1,135,625		
PENTIRE	\$1,099,526		
ALAMOSA	\$1,059,163		
THORN PARK	\$949,833		
KEEPER	\$943,268		

BEST PERFORMERS	EARNINGS
KAWI	\$498,000
JULINSKY PRINCE	\$309,500
XIONG FENG	\$579,685
DECORAH	\$141,400
VOLKSTOK'N'BARRELL	\$238,750
VALLEY GIRL	\$254,625
XTRAVAGANT	\$461,250
STOLEN DANCE	\$267,725
RYAN MARK	\$217,400
ILLUMINATI	\$107,150

Criteria: Leading Sires by Earnings in New Zealand



#### NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG JUNE 1

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
FAITHFUL BOY (NZ) 2011 by Teofilo (IRE) out of Honor Lap by Honor Grades (USA)	Bloodstock Resources Ltd; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Mount Cameron H. 1650m.	
NEVER BETTER (NZ) 2011 by Red Giant (USA) out of Sweet Vibes (AUS) by Danehill (USA)	G Harvey; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Mount Gough H. 1200m.	
HEROIC GURU (NZ) 2010 by Gallant Guru (AUS) out of Enzed by Anziyan (USA)	B J & Mrs L E Anderton; South; NZ	HKJC Violet Hill H. 1800m.	

## NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG JUNE 5

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
GOOD FIT (NZ) 2010 by Encosta de Lago (AUS) out of Mrs. Squillionaire (AUS) by Last Tycoon (IRE)	Whakanui Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ	HKJC HKU Faculties of Dentistry H. 2000m.	2012 National Yearling Sale - Premier Session; V: Whakanui Stud Ltd, P: New Zealand BStk Ltd; \$200,000 2012 Ready to Run Sale; V: Lyndhurst Farm, P: Mr Michael Chang; \$280,000
UNIQUE JOYOUS (NZ) 2010 by Thorn Park (AUS) out of On the Board (AUS) by Spectrum (IRE)	Haunui Bloodstock Ltd & Mrs N M Leicester; Auckland; NZ	HKJC HKU Medicine & Engineering H. 1600m.	2012 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Haunui Farm, P: Prima Park BStk; \$52,000 2012 Ready to Run Sale; V: Diamond Lodge, P: Mr Manfred Man; \$270,000
LOVE SHOCK (NZ) by Shocking (AUS) out of Our Chickaroonie by Groom Dancer (USA)	McInteer Family Syndicate & G N Richardson; Waikato; NZ	HKJC HKU Business & Economics H. 1200m.	2014 National Yearling Sale – Select Session; V: Rich Hill Stud, P: Aquanita Racing; \$45,000
THE SHOW (NZ) 2010 by High Chaparral (IRE) out of The Quarewan (AUS) by Supremo (USA)	Llanhennock Trust; Waikato; NZ	HKJC HKU Architecture & Arts H. 1600m.	2012 National Yearling Sale - Premier Session; V: Wentwood Grange, P: D Yip; \$320,000



# NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE JUNE 3

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
FRENCH VINTAGE (NZ) 2011 by Roc de Cambes out of Marlena by Zabeel	The Oaks Stud; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Open Maiden S. 1400m.	2013 Ready to Run Sale; V: The Oaks Stud, P: S Baertschiger; \$100,000
NOVA STRIKE (NZ) 2012 by Red Giant (USA) out of La Panthere by Generous (IRE)	J G Simpson; Auckland; NZ	Singapore TC Benchmark 74 H. 1600m.	2014 Ready to Run Sale; V: Kiltannon Stables, P: NZB as agent; \$60,000
SUPER LINE (NZ) 2012 by Shamoline Warrior (AUS) out of Sangiovese by Chianti (IRE)	Mrs J M & T M Henderson; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Initiation P. 1000m.	2014 Ready to Run Sale; V: Emily Holmes Racing, P: Michael J Clements; \$70,000
TARAMEA (NZ) 2011 by Mastercraftsman (IRE) out of Wildcat Woman (USA) by Forest Wildcat (USA)	J N & Mrs K L Murdoch; Auckland; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1600m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale; V: Hallmark Stud, P: S Gray; \$47,500

## NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE JUNE 5

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
ELISE (NZ) 2012 by Faltaat (USA) out of Tongariro (AUS) by Nadeem (AUS)	Llanhennock Trust; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Buckingham Palace S. 1200m.	2014 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale; V: Wentwood Grange, P: WC Lim; \$32,500
LINCOLN ROAD (NZ) 2011 by Swiss Ace (AUS) out of Moonlight Lily (AUS) by Redoute's Choice (AUS)	Windsor Park Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Windsor Castle S. 1100m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Westbury Stud, P: Lisa Latta Racing Stables; \$55,000
SPECIAL FORCE (NZ) 2012 by Falkirk out of Asset by Golan (IRE)	Windsor Park Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Palace of Holyroodhouse S. 2000m.	2014 National Yearling Sale - Festival Sale; V: Windsor Park Stud, P: Shailer T/breds; \$10,000 2014 Ready to Run Sale; V: Bradbury Park, P: Perfect Racing Stable; \$34,000
NOVA WARRIOR (NZ) 2011 by Bachelor Duke (USA) out of Muppy (AUS) by Snaadee (USA)	Mrs B L & Dr P V Rattray; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC British Club Gallop S. 1200m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Festival Sale; V: Esker Lodge, P: Makaraka Horse Company; \$11,000
MASTERMIND (NZ) 2009 by Rusty Spur (USA) out of Mrs Bond by Last Tycoon (IRE)	J L Donaldson & Mrs N J Oberholster; Auckland; NZ	Singapore TC Sandringham House S. 1000m.	2011 National Yearling Sale - Festival Session; V: Totara Park Stud, P: Mr SG Crutchley; \$3,250

