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TAVI BAY ARRIVES IN QUEENSLAND FOR OAKS MISSION



Trainer Henry Dwyer has Tavi Bay set on a Queensland Oaks mission

Oaks hopeful **Tavi Bay (NZ)** (Tavistock) has arrived in Queensland and her trainer believes the filly is still on an upward spiral heading towards her Group One target.

Tavi Bay was flown from Melbourne on Thursday night to prepare for Saturday week's Group One Queensland Oaks after booking her trip with a 2000m-win at Caulfield.

She joins stablemate Precious Gem (Econsul) in Queensland with the latter in the catalogue for the broodmare sale at the Gold Coast on June 1.

Precious Gem holds an entry for the Group One Stradbroke Handicap on June 11 and Dwyer is keeping her up to the mark in case her new owners choose to keep her racing.

The Dwyer-trained Sonntag (Teofilo) won the 2014 Queensland Derby after claiming the corresponding race at Caulfield won by Tavi Bay.

The Caulfield trainer was impressed by the closing stages of Tavi Bay's win.

"She was going to run second or third at the 200 metre

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mark and was going to run second or third at the 50," Dwyer said.

"It was only really the last 20 metres that she really attacked the line and showed a good will to win, and

obviously good staying ability.

"The extra distance in the Oaks is going to be no dramas with her and she's clearly on the up."

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RICHARDSON KEEN FOR SOME RICCARTON REVENGE

Trainer Graham Richardson has his eye on a major road trip for promising sprinter **Los Vargas (NZ)** (Fast 'N' Famous) following the mare's gritty winning performance at Te Rapa on the weekend.

The dominant display by the lightly raced four-year-old made it an early double for the popular Matamata conditioner after Eprouvez (NZ) (Thewayouare) had scored at outside odds in the first race on the card.

Richardson had felt confident about the chances of Los Vargas leading into the Nabby's Boxing Gym sponsored 1200 metre contest until the rain arrived on Friday which saw the

Race	Waikato RC Nabby's Boxing Gym H. 1200m.
Winner	Los Vargas (NZ) 2011
Owners	Brown Thoroughbreds Ltd & Fusion Thoroughbreds Ltd
Trainer	Graham Richardson (Matamata)
Breeding	by Fast 'n' Famous (AUS) out of Just Diamonds by No Excuse Needed (GB)
Breeder	Brown Thoroughbreds Ltd & Fusion Thoroughbreds Ltd; Bay Of Plenty; NZ

Te Rapa track come up a Slow9 on race morning.

"I thought she looked the main winning chance on paper when the fields first came out as I knew I had her in good shape but when the rain came it did dent my confidence a little," he admitted.

"I said to her owners before the race that it would only be the track that would beat her but thankfully she handled it okay and proved too good for them."

Handled to perfection by apprentice Shaun McKay, Los Vargas bounced straight to the lead from the barriers and led her pursuers a merry chase throughout the contest. Angled to the middle of the track the mare found a good kick in the run home and dashed away to win untouched by five lengths in a comfortable 1.12.16 for the 1200 metre journey.

"I had said to Shaun to try and steer her into the better going in the straight but he had already walked the track and knew exactly where he wanted to be," said Richardson.

"She definitely doesn't like it wet but being at Te Rapa the surface is so good when it rains that she got through it okay."

Richardson is undecided about the mare's immediate

future however he does have plans for a trip south in the spring.

"We had her ready to go to Riccarton during Cup Week last year but she wouldn't get on the plane," he said.

"She went off and managed to injure herself so we had to put her away for a few months.

"Thankfully it wasn't anything too serious but it did have some benefit as she really grew up during the break and is a lot better these days. She still is a very tough customer but she has matured to the point where she is a lot more manageable now.

"I'm dead keen to take her back to Christchurch in the spring however this time she will be going by road. Getting her black type is our main aim and those sprint features during Cup Week will definitely be to her liking."

– NZ Racing Desk



Los Vargas and Shaun McKay are all business as they run away from their opposition at Te Rapa





LET ME ROAR MAINTAINS HER UNBEATEN RECORD

Promising three-year-old filly **Let Me Roar (NZ)** (Rip Van Winkle) will head to her winter spelling paddock with a perfect four-from-four winning record after putting up her most impressive performance to date on the weekend.

The talented Rip Van Winkle filly made light work of a hefty 59 kilogram impost against a tidy field of rating 75 rivals at Te Rapa as she strode to a deceptive long neck victory. The performance delighted co-trainer Andrew Forsman as he and senior training partner, Murray Baker, look towards a profitable spring with their charge.

“We weren’t really too sure how she would cope on Saturday as she still has a lot of maturing to do and she was carrying a decent weight for any filly,” noted Forsman.

“She still looks like a spring three-year-old and not the rising four-year-old that she is. To get away with the win was very pleasing and does give you plenty of reasons to look forward to next season where she should come back a far more powerful individual.”

Positioned beautifully just off the early speed by rider Matthew Cameron, Let Me Roar looked momentarily to be in some trouble when asked for her effort at the top of the home straight. Looks can be deceiving though as she found top gear in a handful of strides and dashed to a clear advantage with 200 metres to run.

Runner-up Maestro Tom (NZ) (Patapan) made a determined bid in the shadows of the winning post but the filly had him covered as she held out his challenge by a long neck to the relief of punters who installed her as the \$1.70 favourite for the event.

“She didn’t really cope with the track so it was her class that got her home,” said Forsman.

“They did get close to her but even when they were pulling up nothing could get past her so she is a filly with plenty of ticker.



Impressive filly Let Me Roar makes it four from four as she dashes clear on the weekend

“Her breeding suggest that she will only improve as she matures so we do think she will be just as competitive when she steps up to a mile or further.”

Let Me Roar is a half-sister to the Baker stable’s ill-fated VRC Derby and Turnbull Stakes winner Lion Tamer (NZ) (Storming Home) and races in the colours of her co-breeders, Windsor Park Stud.

The Baker Forsman combination made it a double when Bowie (NZ) (Iffraaj) and Cameron combined to take out the last race on the day’s card, a victory that puts the Cambridge stable just seven adrift of the Stephen Autridge and Jamie Richards stable who currently lead the Trainer’s Premiership ladder with 93 wins.

-NZ Racing Desk

Race	Waikato RC ANZ at Te Rapa H. 1400m.
Winner	Let Me Roar (NZ) 2012
Owners	Windsor Park Stud Ltd
Trainer	Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Rip Van Winkle (IRE) out of Lioness by Generous (IRE)
Breeder	D J Phillips & Windsor Park Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ





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APPRENTICE JOSH OLIVER **KEEN FOR MORE**

Trainer Ben Currie will do his best to keep stablemates stayers Honey Toast (Redoute's Choice) and Col 'N' Lil (Bradbury's Luck) apart during the Brisbane winter carnival.

The Toowoomba trainer decided not to run Honey Toast in the Doomben Cup with tiny mare Col 'N' Lil carrying the stable's banner to win a benchmark race over 2000m at Saturday's meeting to set herself up for stakes races.

But the real star from the Currie stable to come out of the meeting could be Col 'N' Lil's rider, apprentice Josh Oliver.

Oliver has ridden 50 winners since joining Currie last year from New Zealand but Col 'N' Lil was his first Saturday metropolitan success.

"Josh can ride light and he has a three kilogram claim," Currie said.

"He has ridden a lot of winners around the provincial tracks and I would expect him to be in real demand from now on."

Oliver said he was hoping to get more city rides and it had been a great thrill to win for Currie.

"I got my indentures extended to stay here and it is starting to pay off," he said.

Currie said the Brisbane Cup (2400m) is a target for Honey Toast who will probably have a lead-up run in Saturday's Premier's Cup at Doomben.

"I really want to keep them apart. I will have to look at the race programs and see what we can do," Currie said.

"Col 'N' Lil was strong at the end of 2000 metres and she would appreciate the 2400 of the Cup."

"But there are other races for her such as the Ipswich Cup."

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Kiwi apprentice Josh Oliver



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FANNIN CAPS REMARKABLE WEEKEND WITH GREAT WESTERN SUCCESS

Central Districts jumps jockey Shaun Fannin capped the weekend of his riding life when he combined with race favourite **Cecil (NZ)** (Istidaad) to take out the 110th running of the Great Western Steeplechase at Riverton on Sunday

Twenty-year-old Fannin had scored a Prestige jumping race double on Saturday when he guided Ready Eddie (NZ) (Yamanin Vital) and Sea King (NZ) (Shinko King) to victory in the Waikato Hurdles and Steeplechase respectively at Te Rapa before trekking to the deep south for the ride on the Kelly Thompson trained Cecil.

Although only five runners greeted the starter in the Riverton feature the race provided excitement from go to whoa as the contestants battled a gusty southerly and driving rain throughout the 3900 metre event. With around 1000 metres to run it was down to a three horse war in front as firstly Confused (NZ) (Bertolini) dropped his rider at the start of the second lap and then last year's Grand National Steeplechase winner High Forty (NZ) (Danzighill) began to labour and dropped away from the leading three.

Gargamel (NZ) (Sunray) was the next to make a mistake as he stumbled on landing at the third last jump and lost his

winning chance while The Fox (NZ) (Desert Fox) dropped rider Hana Bognuda at the next to leave Cecil clear in the lead. The favourite never looked in any danger as he strolled over the final fence to win by a conservative 55 lengths at the finish from Gargamel who rallied for second.

Such was the margin of his victory Cecil had crossed the finishing line before the third placed finisher, High Forty, had even jumped the last fence. The eight-year-old Istidaad gelding has now made it two wins from just the three steeplechase starts after winning twice on both the flat and over hurdles earlier in his career.

Despite the treacherous conditions Fannin was always confident of his winning chances.

"Kelly had him rock hard fit and while he probably would have appreciated the track being a little better he coped with the heavy ground fairly well," he said.

"He jumped beautifully throughout and had them covered most of the way. It got pretty competitive there for awhile but when I got left in front at the second last we were travelling better than them at that stage so I wasn't too worried.

"He's beaten some nice jumpers in his last two wins so I think Kelly may be looking at bigger targets later in the winter with him now."

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	Riverton RC DT Kings Transport S/chase 3900m.
Winner	Cecil (NZ) 2007
Owners	Miss A G Clearwater, Mrs P M Gare, T B McLaughlin, J B McLean, T W Nicholson, K W R Thompson & T M White
Trainer	Kelly Thompson (Ascot Park)
Breeding	by Istidaad (USA) out of Waitui Pearl by Royal Academy (USA)
Breeder	T W Nicholson; NZ



Cecil and Shaun Fannin fly the last at Riverton on Sunday



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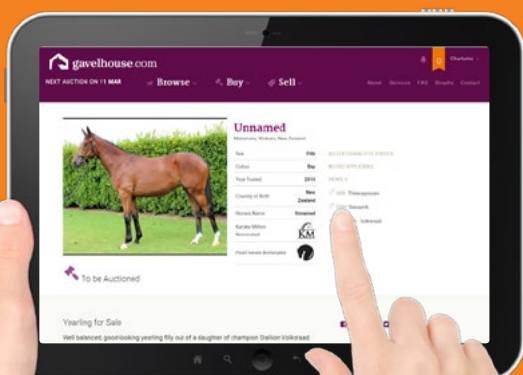
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DRAGON BEAUTY

BACK TO HER BEST ON FAMILIAR TURF

Versatile performer **Dragon Beauty (NZ)** (Keeninsky) showed just what a force she can be with conditions to suit as she powered home to record her first victory in a new winter campaign on the weekend.

It was the seventh career success for the Keeninsky mare with six of those wins coming on her home turf at Awapuni. Plenty of rain in the lead-up to Saturday's meeting saw the track come up as a testing Heavy11 surface which was just what the Gary Vile prepared mare was looking for.

"She's a very handy galloper when she can strike a track that suits her so when we got the rain that loosened things up I did think she would be hard to beat," admitted Vile.

"Mind you I also had a couple of runners later in the day that I thought would be right at home on it and they never fired a shot."

"Chris (Johnson) did a nice job on her as

he had her relaxed and lobbing along throughout the early running and brought her into contention at just the right time.

"She doesn't mind a fight and was in the right part of the track so it was a nice win in the end."

Vile will take a patient approach with the mare as he looks towards some of the better winter staying events over the next few months.

"We haven't really got a plan for her just yet but a race like the Cornwall Handicap at Ellerslie is one we might have a go at," he said.

"Once she strikes form she is a pretty consistent type so I think she will be competitive in most events she lines up in."

Vile is pleased with his stable stocks for the winter months which will be headed by consistent sprinter Miss Appleton



A muddied Chris Johnson gets the best out of consistent mare Dragon Beauty

(NZ) (Align) who has won four and been placed on 12 occasions in her career to date.

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	Rangitikei RC Waterforce H. 2100m.
Winner	Dragon Beauty (NZ) 2009
Owners	G R Vile, A J Vincent, D & P Woodhead
Trainer	Gary Vile (Awapuni)
Breeding	by Keeninsky out of Cape Rose by Cape Cross (IRE)
Breeder	S K K Goh; Central; NZ





BOSS AND KHOO **SHOW WHO'S THE CHIEF**

Top Australian jockey Glen Boss seems to have struck a solid bond with trainer Leslie Khoo after the pair combined to win for the second time this year.

The three-time Melbourne Cup-winning jockey drew a blank from his three rides on Friday but did not wait too long to show his wares two days later. After an unplaced ride in the first race, Boss was right on the money when he teamed up with Khoo again.

Riding \$11 favourite **Mongolian Chief (NZ)** (Alamosa) in the \$65,000 Initiation race over 1200m, Boss dropped the Alamosa three-year-old at the rear before improving through the field and parting company with the small field (down to seven after two scratchings) at the 200 metre mark for a two-length win from joint-favourite Lim's Control (NZ) (Coat's Choice).

Dragon Kingdom (NZ) (O'Reilly) ran third another 2 ¾ lengths away. The winning time was 1min 12.51secs for the 1200m on the Polytrack.

"We form a good team. It's a pleasure to ride for Leslie," said Boss.

"It's good to get a winner early to my six-month contract. Hopefully the momentum keeps going.

"This horse wants 1400m to a mile. He is better than this class for sure."

Khoo, who has a share in Mongolian Chief, said he had no hesitation in booking Boss when he knew he was available for rides starting from this week.

"I always try and get good riders and Bossy doesn't get any better than that, especially for this horse, who I felt needs a strong rider," said Khoo, himself a former top jockey.

"He's had two good runs for me and he showed he was on the improve when he won his barrier trial two weeks ago (May 5).

"I bought this horse as a trial winner back in New Zealand. The fast

pace suited him and Bossy rode him very well."

<i>Race</i>	Singapore TC Initiation P. 1200m.
<i>Winner</i>	Mongolian Chief (NZ) 2012
<i>Owners</i>	Mongolian Chief Stable
<i>Trainer</i>	Leslie Khoo (Kranji)
<i>Breeding</i>	by Alamosa out of Lady of Miracles by Rock of Gibraltar (IRE)
<i>Breeder</i>	Anzac Breeding Partnership Joint Venture; Central; NZ
<i>Sales</i>	2013 National Weanling; Broodmare & Mixed Sale V: Wellfield Lodge \$22,500 P: Ascot Farm 2014 Ready to Run Sale V: Ascot Farm \$40,000 P: Australian B/stock



Mongolian Chief and Glen Boss dash clear at Kranji



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NZ STALLION AWARDS

THE CENTAINE AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$13,158,599
TAVISTOCK	\$11,071,477
PENTIRE	\$7,815,341
O'REILLY	\$6,776,879
ZABEEL	\$6,293,870
PINS	\$6,019,921
DARCI BRAHMA	\$5,889,307
IFFRAAJ	\$5,606,364
ELUSIVE CITY	\$4,464,047
THORN PARK	\$4,319,699

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

THE DEWAR STALLION TROPHY

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$7,542,215
PENTIRE	\$6,535,535
ZABEEL	\$5,430,017
TAVISTOCK	\$4,653,931
DARCI BRAHMA	\$3,472,570
IFFRAAJ	\$3,366,934
PINS	\$3,221,019
O'REILLY	\$2,841,036
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$2,059,877
SHINKO KING	\$2,028,413

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

THE GROSVENOR AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$2,356,755
DARCI BRAHMA	\$2,103,390
IFFRAAJ	\$1,610,735
PINS	\$1,294,134
TAVISTOCK	\$1,130,780
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$1,121,325
PENTIRE	\$1,097,076
ALAMOSA	\$1,034,663
ELUSIVE CITY	\$935,795
THORN PARK	\$925,508

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
PERFECT FIT	\$251,775
RYAN MARK	\$217,400

Criteria: Leading Sires by Earnings in New Zealand



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NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG

MAY 18

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
Magic Moment - INVENTOR (H.K.) (NZ) 2011 by Don Eduardo out of Magic Tryst by Magic Ring (IRE)	G J F Castle; Miss R Clubb; S A Ironside; J G & Mrs J L McLintock; Auckland; NZ	HKJC Kam Tin River H. 1650m.	
OCEAN ROAR (NZ) 2008 by Towkay (AUS) out of Crystal Jet by Clay Hero (AUS)	W Ng; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Shan Pui River H. 1000m.	

NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG

MAY 22

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
REGENCY DARLING (NZ) 2011 by Guillotine out of Alleyrun by Volksraad (GB)	A J & Est late A M Bishop; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Housemaster H. 1200m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Mapperley Stud Ltd, P: NZB as agent; \$30,000 2013 Ready to Run Sale; V: Diamond Lodge, P: Manfred Man; \$180,000
BEAUTY LOVE (NZ) 2012 by Dylan Thomas (IRE) out of Mon Beau Cheval by Montjeu (IRE)	Mrs C A & C C Chamberlain; Mrs H M & M J Moran; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Packing Winner H. 1600m.	2014 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale; V: Windsor Park Stud, P: DT O'Donnell; \$190,000



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NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE

MAY 20

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
INSOFAR (NZ) 2011 by Elusive City (USA) out of Inzabeel by Zabeel	Mrs B L & T D B Macphee; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1600m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Festival Sale; V: Lime Country Thoroughbreds Ltd, P: Ms PA Dunell; \$6,000
DANNY (NZ) 2007 by Elvstroem (AUS) out of Zino Belle by Success Express (USA)	P J & P M Vela Ltd; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1700m.	2009 NZ National Yearling Sale - Premier Session; V: Pencarrow Stud, P: Mr LK Laxon; \$50,000
WELL DONE (NZ) 2011 by Falkirk out of Gold Cloud by Truly Vain (AUS)	Windsor Park Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 3 H. 1700m.	2013 Ready to Run Sale; V: Windsor Park Stud, P: NZB as agent; \$90,000
CHOPIN'S NOCTURNE (NZ) 2012 by Pins (AUS) out of Etoile Centieme by Danasinga (AUS)	Waikato Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1200m.	2014 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale; V: Waikato Stud Ltd, P: Michael Wallace B/stock; \$115,000 2014 Ready to Run Sale; V: Prima Park, P: Michael J Clements; \$150,000

NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE

MAY 22

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
MONGOLIAN CHIEF (NZ) 2012 by Alamosa out of Lady of Miracles by Rock of Gibraltar (IRE)	Anzac Breeding Partnership Joint Venture; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Initiation P. 1200m.	2013 National Weanling; Broodmare & Mixed Sale; V: Wellfield Lodge, P: Ascot Farm; \$22,500 2014 Ready to Run Sale; V: Ascot Farm, P: Australian B/stock; \$40,000
FALKIRK LEAD (NZ) 2011 by Falkirk out of Enchanted by Volksraad (GB)	J G & S J Beatson; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Kranji S. 1200m.	2013 Ready to Run Sale; V: Beatson Stables Ltd, P: Miss Cheng Chih Hua; \$35,000
GUILTLESS (NZ) 2011 by Guillotine out of Wedding Band (AUS) by Quest for Fame (GB)	Windsor Park Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1100m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Festival Sale; V: Sanderston Park Ltd, P: Cypress Point; \$7,000 2013 Ready to Run Sale; V: Cypress Point Stables, P: S Baertschiger; \$60,000
Higher - HONGCHEN (Sing.) (NZ) 2010 by Fully Fledged out of High Tea by High Chaparral (IRE)	Mrs W M Morton; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Kranji S. 1600m.	

