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BONNEVAL'S OAKS GIVES MURRAY TWENTY OZ G1 WINS AND UNIQUE SYDNEY DOUBLE



The winning break established by Bonneval is so decisive that, as he nears the post, Hugh Bowman has time to sit up and signal his pride in the filly.

A supreme staying performance from **Bonneval (NZ)** (Makfi) in the Australian Oaks at Randwick has given her trainers a unique Sydney classic double.

The Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman-trained filly was forced to chase hard from back in the field in yesterday's 2400 metre Oaks to get to bold frontrunner Lasqueti Spirit (Beneteau) and the trailing Perfect Rhyme (Poet's Voice).

But last month's New Zealand Oaks winner was up to the

task and drew away over the final hundred metres to defeat Perfect Rhyme by 4½ lengths with Lasqueti Spirit holding third, another long neck away.

It was a first Australian Oaks for Baker and his twentieth Australian Group One win, a record for a New Zealand-based trainer.

Bonneval's win came a week after her stablemate Jon Snow (NZ) (Iffraaj) claimed the \$A2 million Australian

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Derby. The last trainer to win the Derby-Oaks double was Clarry Conners, who won both classics in 1989 with the filly Research (Imperial Prince).

"It's a big thrill," Baker said. "I love coming to Australia. The racing's fantastic and the stakes are good.

"I was a bit worried about the ground but the horse is in terrific order. There are two tracks at Cambridge so the way of going wasn't an issue.

"I hope she might be a weight-for-age horse and we will have to have a look at something for her in the spring maybe but it's a long way away," Baker added.

Lasqueti Spirit rolled to the front to assume her customary role at the 1600 metre mark and made it a genuine staying test as she had when leading all the way in the VRC Oaks last spring. Bonneval was spotting her a big start at the 600 metre point before jockey Hugh Bowman got to work on the \$4.20 equal favourite.

Bonneval had many lengths to make up but not long after Perfect Rhyme got to Lasqueti Spirit, 200 metres from the finish, Bonneval was quickly on the scene and then surged clear.

"She showed her true staying ability because it was a

real test. I think she'll certainly make her presence felt in the springtime on that performance," said Bowman, who won the first of his four Oaks in 2009 on the Garry & Mary Chittick-owned, Kevin Gray-trained Daffodil (NZ) (No Excuse Needed).

"It was a funny race; I had to make a few decisions today. I expected to be first four with Lasqueti Spirit out in front.

"When it was slow away I thought, what do I do here? Do I press on or do I just be patient? That's exactly what I did and this filly didn't let me down.

"I was humming on the turn, but I did have a good hundred and fifty metres to make up and, I don't care what level you are at, that's hard to do. But she had it made up by the hundred metre mark so I could enjoy the ride with everyone else for the last few strides."

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<i>Race</i>	ATC Australian Oaks Gr.1 2400m
<i>Winner</i>	Bonneval (NZ) 2013
<i>Owners</i>	T W Jarvis, A R Lawrence and J A Rattray
<i>Trainer</i>	Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman (Cambridge)
<i>Breeding</i>	by Makfi (GB) out of Imposingly (Aus) by Zabeel
<i>Breeder</i>	City Bloodstock Ltd
<i>Sales</i>	2015 National Yearling Sale, Premier Session; V: Westbury Stud, P: Baker Racing; \$150,000



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CHARMONT SETS THE **GROUP ONE TABLE**

The decorated partnership of Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman yesterday savoured a double dose of Group One glory in double quick time.

The Cambridge trainers produced **Charmont** (High Chaparral) to win the Fiber Fresh New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes at Te Rapa and a little more than ten minutes later stablemate Bonneval romped home in the Australian Oaks at Randwick.

"That's twenty Group One races in Australia now for Murray and his record in travelling horses to win big races is fantastic," said Forsman, who was in Sydney seven days ago to

celebrate the Group One Australian Derby victory by Jon Snow.

Charmont has been another consistent black-type performer for the operation in recent seasons and Forsman said she was a worthy Te Rapa winner.

"She really deserved that. She's been Group One placed before and she's competed well in black-type

aces all of her career."

Ridden by Matt Cameron, the Bob Emery-bred and raced Charmont settled behind the pace and once a gap presented itself in the straight the five-year-old finished powerfully to collar the favourite Thee Auld Floozie (NZ) (Mastercraftsman).

"I'm rapt for Bob and I just wish he was here – he's at home a bit crook," Forsman said. "He's a great owner and he's just let us do our own thing with the mare."

Future plans have yet to be confirmed for Charmont and her stablemate Mime (NZ) (Mastercraftsman), who hit the line well for third, although the Group Two

Travis Stakes on April 29 is an obvious option.

"We'll see how they come through this race and then talk to the owners," Forsman said.

"Mime might have been a bit dour second-up and she's possibly looking for 2000 metres now."

Race	Te Aroha JC New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders S. Gr.1 1600m
Winner	Charmont (Aus) 2011
Owners	R A Emery
Trainer	Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman (Cambridge)
Breeding	By High Chaparral (Ire) out of Martique (Aus) by Danehill
Breeder	R A Emery



The canary and red hoops of owner Bob Emery, carried with distinction two decades ago by his great mare Champagne, are again to the fore as the dual Group One winner and Melbourne Cup runner-up's grand-daughter Charmont outfinishes a gallant Thee Auld Floozie in yesterday's New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes.





STAKES WIN ENHANCES FLO JO'S REP

A lengthy trip to Wellington by **Mangaroa Flo Jo (NZ)** (High Chaparral) has been rewarded with racing's ultimate prize for a mare, a black-type victory, the Cambridge six-year-old posting the sixth win of her career in the Group Three L.J. Hooker Sales Team Manawatu Breeders Stakes.

"It's the fittest she's ever looked and we were chasing black type," said Graham Thomas, who prepares the mare with Nick Smith. "This was as good a chance as she was ever going to get."

Mangaroa Flo Jo was ridden by Anna Jones and they settled off the pace before picking up ground with 800 metres to run. They challenged soon after straightening and the mare held a strong gallop to the post for a comfortable victory.

Mangaroa Flo Jo had finished at the tail of the field at her previous appearance under apprentice Jordan Nason when resuming after a break, but Thomas said there were viable reasons for the run.

"That was on a good track at Te Rapa and she couldn't keep up early," he said. "When Jordan let her go she nearly got put over the fence so she had an excuse."

Trentham runner-up Classic Touch (NZ) (Guillotine) was allowed to stride to the front 800 metres from home and fought on gallantly in the run home.



A determined pair in Anna Jones and Mangaroa Flo Jo close in on the Manawatu Breeders Stakes at Trentham.

Bella's Delight (NZ) (Castelli) took third and the well-supported Wildflower (NZ) (Keeper) was doing her best work late for fourth.

Race	WRC Manawatu Breeders S. Gr.3 2000m
Winner	Mangaroa Flo Jo (NZ) 2010
Owners	E J Wood
Trainer	Graham Thomas & Nick Smith (Cambridge)
Breeding	by High Chaparral (Ire) out of No Fibs by Casual Lies (USA)
Breeder	E J Wood

NEWS IN BRIEF

Per Incanto fee unchanged

Little Avondale Stud has announced that the 2017 service fee for their leading sire Per Incanto (Street Cry) will remain at \$15,000 plus GST.

New Zealand's leading sire of individual three-year-old winners in 2015/16, defeating Savabeel for the title, currently lies second to the Waikato Stud colossus for the same honours in 2016/17.

Per Incanto's popularity with breeders and buyers was in evidence at Karaka in 2017 where he was leading sire by average at the Festival session and third at the Select session, the 21 yearlings to sell by the group-winning sprinter averaging \$81,000.





SHOWEMUP'S WIN 'SOMETHING SPECIAL'

Well-travelled jockey Kevin Kalychurun celebrated a career best result at Riccarton yesterday when he earned his first win at black-type level.

Now based at Riverton, the 31-year-old made the breakthrough aboard the Sally McKay-trained **Showemup (NZ)** (Showcasing) in the Listed New Zealand Bloodstock Airfreight Stakes.

"It's something special to me and for the trainer and connections as well. I know the filly and she's been close before so it's a well-deserved victory," said Kalychurun, referring to Listed placings in the Gore and Dunedin Guineas.

Kalychurun said he had been a little worried earlier in the week by Showemup's barrier, but any concerns were erased as soon as racing got under way.

"We were drawn one and on a heavy track they often need to be wide but it was a different racing pattern

here and the fence was the place to be. "We were in behind the leader who rolled off and my filly was too good."

Showemup won by three-quarters of a length to the northern filly Grand Soleil (NZ) (Savabeel) with Dontpokethetiger (Beneteau) third.

A native of Mauritius, Kalychurun began his New Zealand career in the north and had spells with Graeme Rogerson, Donna Logan and John Wheeler before establishing himself in the southern ranks.

Meanwhile, **Tommy Tucker (NZ)** (Gallant Guru) gave weight and a sound beating to his rivals in the Listed Christchurch Casino Easter Cup.

The Brian and Shane Anderton-trained eight-year-old made light of his topweight of 60kg to account for Bloodstream (NZ) (Duelled), who was in receipt of seven kilos.

Tommy Tucker was ridden as usual by Jacob Lowry and tracked the leaders near the fence before dashing clear in the closing 200 metres.

Race	CJC New Zealand Bloodstock Airfreight S. L
Winner	Showemup (NZ) 2013
Owners	D J & S Mullally
Trainer	Sally McKay (Ascot Park)
Breeding	by Showcasing (GB) out of Quizzical by Carnegie (Ire)
Breeder	Mrs I O'Shea and Waikato Stud Ltd
Sales	2014 National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale; V: Waikato Stud Ltd, P: Clayview Farm; \$2250

Race	CJC Easter Cup L 1600m
Winner	Tommy Tucker (NZ) 2008
Owners	B J Anderton ONZM, Mrs L E Anderton and I J Nichol
Trainer	Brian & Shane Anderton (Wingatui)
Breeding	by Gallant Guru (Aus) out of Lady Vital by Yamanin Vital
Breeder	B J & Mrs L E Anderton and Mrs G I & Est late T A Nichol



Showemup and Kevin Kalychurun take advantage of an inside run to hold out the northern filly Grand Soleil in Riccarton's New Zealand Bloodstock Airfreight Stakes.





NO DOUBTS **ABOUT LOVE AFFAIR**

It would seem just a matter of time and finding a suitable track for the exciting three-year-old **Love Affair (NZ)** (Savabeel) to make her mark at stakes level, the powerful filly again showing her quality when making

short work of her age group rivals in yesterday's Toves Insurance Brokers 1400m at Te Rapa.

"She'll go a long way and she's definitely got black type ability," said Andrew Forsman, who trains the filly with Murray Baker. "She's got quite a big action so she will need reasonable ground."

Bred and raced by Waikato Stud's Garry Chittick, Love Affair has now won three of her four starts with the only blemish coming at Matamata, where she was unplaced off a wide run. A post-race veterinary check also

revealed a poor rate of recovery with elevated heart and respiration rates.

"She's very smart and always showed us a lot of ability," Forsman said. "She's only been beaten once and that wasn't her fault."

Love Affair settled toward the back of the field, but once rider Opie Bosson made his move she ambled to the front 300 metres from home.

"She's a lovely, big filly and she's got plenty of gears," he said.

"I didn't want to move on her too early and I had a lapful of horse turning for home."

Race	Te Aroha JC Toves Insurance Brokers S. 1400m
Winner	Love Affair (NZ) 2013
Owners	G J Chittick
Trainer	Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Savabeel (Aus) out of Romancing by O'Reilly
Breeder	G J Chittick



Love Affair cruised to the post with three and a half lengths to spare on Miss Dalghar (NZ) (Dalghar) with Justacanta (NZ) (Per Incanto) third ahead of the disappointing Mystery Show (NZ) (Sakhee's Secret), who had every chance.

At 3½ lengths, the widest margin of the day at Te Rapa was recorded by Love Affair, winner of the three-year-old sprint.





ROBBIE RACKS UP NZ WIN ONE THOUSAND

Robert Hannam's successful riding career has been founded on a mix of self-belief and determination.

He had to overcome the slowest of starts to become an established senior jockey and yesterday his hard work was rewarded when he finally posted his one thousandth New Zealand winner aboard Artaxerxes (NZ) (Keeper) at Trentham.

One of the most popular members of the jockeys' room, Hannam had got to within one of his milestone victory aboard Classic Touch (NZ) (Guillotine) at Hastings a month ago.

"I've had thirty-odd rides since then so I'm so happy to have got there," he said. "To be able to get a thousand is unbelievable – I just wish I could bottle it. I'm proof that dreams do come true!

"Even though I rode only six winners during my four years as an apprentice I was never going to give up. Most people would have but I love riding and I'm still so passionate about it."

Hannam, who served his apprenticeship at Otaki with Anton Koolman and Steven Dennett, has five Group One successes to his credit – the Avondale Cup and International Stakes with Greene Street (NZ) (Zabeel), the Otaki WFA Classic with Iamishwara (NZ) (Keeninsky), the Levin Classic with Distill (NZ) (Volksraad) and the Captain Cook Stakes with Aide Memoire (NZ) (Remind).



Robert Hannam punches the air in delight as he records his one thousandth New Zealand victory... maiden winner Artaxerxes joining in the occasion with a proud pose of his own.

"They are obvious highlights but they are so few and far between," he said.

"It's often the little things that are special – like working with a trainer who has set a horse for a win, no matter how small the race is, and it comes off.

"I'm very, very grateful for all the support I've had from everybody all over the country, all the trainers and owners.

"I'd like to give a special shout out to Lisa Latta though, I've ridden more than a hundred winners for her so that's a tenth of my total."

Hannam, who also rode with success in India during the early 1990s, said he has no plans to retire just yet.

"I'm loving it, my weight's good and I'm still getting more than six hundred rides a season. I'll do at least another couple of years yet."





TANNHAUSER NOW IN GUINEAS TALK

Tannhauser (NZ) (Tavistock) stamped himself as an exciting late addition to the Singapore three-year-old mix when, at only his second start, he came close to breaking the Kranji 1100 metre record with an outstanding win.

Making Friday night's run even more remarkable was the fact that the tyro galloper went under the knife twice after his debut fifth last November – being gelded and undergoing a respiratory operation.

Looking at the way Tannhauser spreadeagled his ten rivals in the \$575,000 Restricted Maiden as he clocked a sizzling 1:04.34 for a new class record, only 0.07 seconds outside Easy Man's course record, there is no doubt he has come back a much better individual.

The performance gave trainer Michael Clements a legitimate right

to have designs on the Singapore Guineas, third and final leg of the Singapore Three-Year-Old Challenge, which he already has a strong foothold in, having snared the first leg with the undefeated Countofmontecristo (NZ) (Echoes Of Heaven), who will try to double up in the second leg next Friday.

"For a maiden to win like that, break the class record at only his second run and after a wind op and gelding op, it's looking good for his future," said Clements.

"I wasn't sure he could win like that tonight as a wind operation does have a degree of risk but he showed he had come on a lot even if he was still green. He was all over the place and even looked like he shied from the giant screen but Vlad was able to steady him and point him in the right direction.

"I've definitely had thoughts about

the Guineas for a while. I'll see how he pulls up and hopefully we can get a run in between and set him for that race."

The Singapore Guineas will be run on May 14 and will certainly be spiced up if Tannhauser makes the field, even if both Clements and winning jockey Vlad Duric see him furnishing into a better four-year-old.

"He was doing zig-zags up the straight tonight. He was a little green and lost with the lights for the first time but he is of a very high standard," said the Australian.

"He has the right attributes to become a good horse. He's big and strong and has a lovely temperament and I think he will become a cracking four-year-old.

"It doesn't matter if he misses the three-year-old series as he's got a long career ahead of him."

– Singapore Turf Club



Race	Singapore TC Restricted Maiden S. 1100m
Winner	Tannhauser (NZ) 2013
Owners	Jubilant Racing No 4 Stable
Trainer	Michael Clements (Kranji)
Breeding	by Tavistock out of Foxette by Entrepreneur (GB)
Breeder	Sir Patrick & Lady Hogan
Sales	2015 National Yearling Sale, Premier Session; V: Cambridge Stud, P: Michael J Clements; \$115,000

Tannhauser streets 'em at Kranji on Friday night.

