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## SHELLEY'S IN SEVENTH HEAVEN WITH BROODMARE GEM'S EASTER WINNER



Grant Cooksley brings *Seventh Up* (striped sleeves) with a late dash to snatch the Easter Stakes from *Hiflyer* (outer) and *Let Me Roar*, with *Scapolo* (inner) running on for fourth.

An emotional Shelley Hale again savoured success in three racing roles at Ellerslie when **Seventh Up (NZ)** (Shinko King) powered to victory in yesterday's Group Two Easter Stakes.

The Cambridge horsewoman celebrated as the co-breeder, part-owner and trainer of the well-related galloper, who took top honours in the Manco-sponsored feature under veteran

jockey Grant Cooksley.

"Wow, I just wish it was still a Group One as I think he is a Group One horse," Hale said.

"I'm thrilled to bits and quite overcome by it all. He's a neat horse and it's just lovely to see him get such a good win."

Seventh Up is a son of the Exploding Prospect mare

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Regelle (NZ), who won four races herself but it is as a broodmare that she has made a more serious mark.

Seven of her eight foals to race have won and they include Seventh Up's brothers Thumbs Up, a Group Two winner and Group One placegetter in Hong Kong, and Sum Up, a multiple winner and a Group performer.

"She's been a gem of a mare for us," Hale said.

The latest family star Seventh Up settled off the pace and when the field fanned out in the straight he hit top gear for Cooksley and, appropriately, powered to the seventh win of his sixteen-start career.

"He jarred up at Riccarton in the spring so we missed races like the Rich Hill Mile and the Thorndon, but they are races we will be looking at next time around," Hale said.

Seventh Up was having his fourth start since his disappointing southern venture and had showed himself to

be on target for the Easter with his lead-up success in an open sprint at Tauranga.

"He won comfortably, it took nothing out of him and he bounced through the week so I knew he was ready," Hale said.

The talented Hiflyer (NZ) (Tavistock) ran second ahead of the previously unbeaten Let Me Roar (NZ) (Rip Van Winkle) with Scapolo (NZ) (Bachelor Duke) fourth in front of last year's winner Sound Proposition (NZ) (Savabeel).

<b>Race</b>	<b>ARC Easter S. Gr.2 1600m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Seventh Up (NZ) 2010</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Miss S A Hale, Noel &amp; Alison Johnstone Family Trust &amp; R M Stent</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Shelley Hale (Cambridge)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Shinko King (Ire) out of Regelle by Exploding Prospect (USA)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Miss S A Hale, N W Johnstone and R M Stent</b>

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Peter pipped at the post – almost

Moe trainer Peter Gelagotis and apprentice Jack Martin combined to celebrate their first wins in Sydney, an experience slightly tarnished by having to share the spoils.

The Victorian duo were on the brink of winning a Benchmark 78 race at yesterday's Randwick meeting with \$6 chance **Moss 'N' Dale (NZ)** (Castledale) but the Peter and Paul Snowden-trained Roaring to Win (Northern Meteor) lunged on the line to grab a dead-heat.

"It's a bit of a numb feeling but it's deemed a win isn't it?" Gelagotis said. "I'm very grateful, though. It's my first win in New South Wales."

Sent to Gelagotis after placings in Te Awamutu and Cambridge trials as a juvenile two years ago, Moss 'N' Dale has been a consistent performer in three campaigns, racking up five wins from eleven starts going into yesterday's race, the sixth win taking his stake earnings past the \$A150,000 mark.

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# TAVIDREAM BOOKS TICKET TO BRISBANE

**D**onna Logan and Chris Gibbs are looking forward to the winter and with good reason after the performances at Ellerslie of two of their Brisbane-bound representatives.

The two-year-old Qiji Phoenix maintained his unbeaten record with victory in yesterday's Listed Diamond Lodge Champagne Stakes before **Tavidream (NZ)** (Tavistock) added the Group Two Valachi Downs Championship Stakes to his burgeoning record.

The former has the Group One J.J. Atkins at Eagle Farm on June 10 on

his programme while Tavidream has a Group One date a week later.

"He's definitely Queensland Derby bound," said Chris Gibbs. "The Derby here just came up too soon for him so we backed off and he's rewarded us today so it's onwards and upwards."

Tavidream has now won four races at Ellerslie and five overall and the gelding's progression has been closely monitored by offshore interests.

"Each time he wins the more the offers come in," said Gibbs, who shares in the ownership syndicate with his father Jim, a former top trainer.

Ridden by Alysha Collett, Tavidream enjoyed a perfect run one off the rail in fourth spot and went clear 200 metres from home and held out by a head the late surge of Charles Road (Myboycharlie).



*Alysha Collett has Tavidream (#2) all out to hold off the late charge by Charles Road in yesterday's Championship Stakes at Ellerslie.*

"He had to step up again and there were a lot of good horses here," Gibbs said. "Charles Road gave him a run and it was nice to see our horse fight like that."

The pacemaker Camino Rocosco (NZ) (Shocking) was three lengths back in third spot with the winner's stablemate Jake The Muss (NZ) (Postponed) next home.

<b>Race</b>	<b>ARC Championship S. Gr.2 2100m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Tavidream (NZ) 2013</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>C &amp; J Gibbs, A Goodwin, D Wintle, D &amp; A Conder, P McIntyre, B Trimmer, S Graham, M Darroch, R Dickey and Tav A Steiny Syndicate</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Donna Logan &amp; Chris Gibbs (Ruakaka)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Tavistock out of Cinnadream (Aus) by King of Kings (Ire)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>R S Tomlinson</b>







# TOMMY TUCKER EATS WRONG SUPPER AFTER CANTERBURY GOLD CUP WIN



Ageless performer Tommy Tucker and Jacob Lowry keep up a strong gallop to stave off Bloodstream's challenge in the Canterbury Gold Cup.

Celebrations after the victory by **Tommy Tucker (NZ)** (Gallant Guru) in the Group Three Canterbury Gold Cup at Riccarton yesterday were a little muted by an unfortunate post-race incident.

"We had a bit of trouble when he ate some straw in the swab box and half-choked, but hopefully he'll be all right," said co-breeder and part-owner Brian Anderton, who trains the veteran galloper with his son Shane.

"He's going out for a good spell now anyway and we'll get him back again. He's coming up to nine, but he doesn't know that."

Tommy Tucker's success in the Coca-Cola-sponsored event capped an excellent campaign for the gelding,

who had previously posted Listed wins in the Timaru and Easter Cups and finished runner-up in the Group Three White Robe Lodge Handicap.

The chestnut was ridden as usual at Riccarton by Anderton's grandson Jacob Lowry and he brought the horse with a well-timed finish from back in the field.

"It's a great win and a nice rider and the horse has never let anyone down," Anderton said.

"It's been a kind race to us. We won it twice with Inferno and Burton, Random Chance and Flight Point won it.

"Dozen Roses, who I owned and leased out to my friend the late Ned Thistoll, also won it and she was by

Random Chance."

Tommy Tucker won the latest edition of the Cup by a long head from Bloodstream (NZ) (Duelled) and they finished clear of Benzini (Tale Of The Cat) and Saint Kitt (NZ) (Keeper).

<b>Race</b>	<b>CJC Canterbury Gold Cup Gr.3 2000m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Tommy Tucker (NZ) 2008</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>B J Anderton ONZM, Mrs L E Anderton and I J Nichol</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Brian &amp; Shane Anderton (Wingatui)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Gallant Guru (Aus) out of Lady Vital by Yamanin Vital</b>
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# QIJI ROMPS HOME IN CHAMPAGNE

New Zealand's prospects of defending their Group One two-year-old title at the Queensland winter carnival received a major boost when **Qiji Phoenix** (Not A Single Doubt) showed he was on target for the J.J. Atkins at Eagle Farm on June 10 by romping home in yesterday's Listed Diamond Lodge Champagne Stakes at Ellerslie.

The Donna Logan and Chris Gibbs-trained youngster is unbeaten in three appearances and the Brisbane feature, famously won in 2005 by Darci Brahma (NZ) (Danehill) and then last year by the Tony Pike-trained Sacred Elixir (NZ) (Pour Moi), has long been on his radar.

"He's the real deal and we were quietly confident with him today," Logan said. "As long as he comes out of this race okay he'll be going to Brisbane."

Qiji Phoenix jumped well to race on the pace and was coasting on the turn with rider Leith Innes afforded the luxury of looks to either side at the top of the straight.

"I said to Leith that he could lead or, if something else wanted to, then let them go and he rode the horse perfectly,"

Logan said.

Qiji Phoenix ambled to the front soon after straightening then cruised to the line to comfortably account for Weather With You (Teofilo) and the central districts visitor Scott Base (NZ) (Dalghar).

While he is primarily sprinting-bred, there are high hopes that Qiji Phoenix will next season develop into a classic contender.

"He's a really relaxed horse," Logan said. "He could be a Derby type."

<b>Race</b>	<b>ARC Champagne S. L 1600m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Qiji Phoenix (Aus) 2014</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Mr F Niu</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Donna Logan &amp; Chris Gibbs (Ruakaka)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Not A Single Doubt (Aus) out of No Mistaking (Aus) by Testa Rossa (Aus)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Mr G Briscoe</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2016 National Yearling Sale, Select Session; V: Phoenix Park, P: Messrs Y Niu &amp; F Niu; \$75,000</b>



A relaxed Leith Innes guides Qiji Phoenix to a comprehensive win in the Champagne Stakes.





# NIKITA PUTS STALLION ON THE MAP

**N**ikita (NZ) will forever hold a special place in the hearts of

Bluegables Farm principals Monty and Judy Henderson.

They bred and part-own the filly who yesterday credited their resident stallion Shamoline Warrior, a Group Three-winning son of Shamardal, with his first black-type winner when she was successful in the Listed New Zealand Bloodstock Warstep Stakes at Riccarton.

“That was excellent and we’ve also got a full-sister here,” Monty Henderson said.

“We sold a half-sister by Mastercraftsman to John Sargent, the mare’s got a Niagara yearling and she’s in foal to Super Easy.”

Henderson bought the dam Springburn (Soviet Lad) in Sydney and subsequently the mare’s daughter Happy Hippy (Shamardal) became a multiple stakes winner and was Group One placed.

“The grand-dam Lady Violet holds the Australasian record of having had seventeen foals in a row,” he said.

Nikita would have been sold but for suffering a back injury just before the New Zealand Bloodstock National Yearling Sale at Karaka in 2015 and the Hendersons now race her with Victorian syndicator Kirk Devers, who enjoyed a racing share in Shamoline Warrior.

Nikita is trained for them by Shaune Ritchie, who sent her south to finish



Nikita (red and white colours) and Sam Collett reach the line a neck ahead of Tuilana (outer) with Showemup third in the Warstep Stakes.

fourth in the Listed NZB Airfreight Stakes a fortnight ago.

Yesterday she settled in behind the pace for rider Samantha Collett, who was hard at work on the filly at the top of the straight and she responded valiantly to beat Tuilana (NZ) (Showcasing) and Showemup (NZ) (Showcasing).

<b>Race</b>	<b>CJC Warstep S. L 2000m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Nikita (NZ) 2013</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Mrs J M &amp; T M Henderson and KRD Racing Pty Ltd</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Shaune Ritchie (Cambridge)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Shamoline Warrior (Aus) out of Springburn (Aus) by Soviet Lad (USA)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Mrs J M &amp; T M Henderson</b>

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Supernova still shining

A close three-way finish saw old-timer **Supernova (NZ)** (Elusive City) get the verdict by the barest of margins in a \$560,000 Class 4 1700 metre race at Kranji on Friday night.

Trainer Bruce Marsh’s only runner for the night, Supernova was bringing up his ninth win in fifty starts for stakes earnings that have now tipped over the \$5500,000 mark for the Tudor Lodge Racing Stable – a great return for a horse bought out of the Festival Session of the 2010 National Yearling Sale for \$20,000.

The win came at Supernova’s second try over 1700 metres, the first ending with a disappointing last place in October. Marsh had a good hunch the second attempt would be a vast improvement on the first.

“He’s been ridden quiet over 1400 metres and finished strong,” said the expat Kiwi. “So I was quite confident he could get the trip. Not to mention he is also a good Poly horse. Think that’s his seventh win over the Polytrack.”

– Singapore Turf Club





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# TANNHAUSER IMPRESSIVE AGAIN

In another impressive display, exciting three-year-old **Tannhauser (NZ)** (Tavistock) made mincemeat of his rivals at Kranji on Friday night.

Backed down to start at prohibitive odds of five-to-one on, the son of Group Three-placed juvenile Foxette (NZ) (Entrepreneur) was considered over the line if he managed to reproduce the devastating form that saw him come close to breaking the 1100 metre course record when quitting maidens two weeks ago.

He could and in another awe-inspiring performance left his nine rivals reeling in the Polytrack 1200 metre Novice.

While Tannhauser led throughout last time, he had a less cushy run this time around when Bear Witness (Star Witness) kicked up on the rails to keep him on the outside.

Jockey Vlad Duric was unfazed, though. With the first 400 metres covered in just over 24 seconds, he knew he was within his comfort zone and just let Tannhauser stride along a neck ahead of Bear Witness before cutting the ribbons once they swung for home.

The last 300 metres proved a carbon copy of his previous win. Bursting clear with blistering acceleration, he then needed Duric to take corrective action to keep his mind on the job. But that raw power was lethal enough to see him romp home by just under seven lengths from longshot Farees (Foxwedge) with Aotearoa (NZ) (Sakhee's Secret) third, another length away.

The Singapore Guineas on May 14 has been dangled as a juicy carrot since his maiden win but trainer Michael Clements preferred to sit on the fence.

"He was again very wayward turning for home," he said, "but once Vlad got stuck into him, he got down to business.

"The time was not so good tonight but he still won well. I wished there was another horse who could go with him up the straight so he can learn as he progresses to another level.

"We'll see how he pulls up. The Guineas is three weeks away but it's not the ideal prep for such a race. At this stage, I



*A flying Tannhauser is well clear in his Friday night Kranji win.*

would say it's fifty/fifty."

Duric said he never had any anxious moments even when he was caught one-off punching the breeze.

"It didn't matter if he was three or four deep. I was prepared for that," said the Australian. "I let him use his action where he was but he was just as lost as the other day when he quickened up at the top of the straight.

"But he was very impressive again. He's a very talented horse and has got a bit of a future here; he should get 1400 metres and a mile."

– Singapore Turf Club

<b>Race</b>	<b>Singapore TC Novice S. 1200m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Tannhauser (NZ) 2013</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Jubilant Racing No 4 Stable</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Michael Clements (Kranji)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Tavistock out of Foxette by Entrepreneur (GB)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Sir Patrick &amp; Lady Hogan</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2015 National Yearling Sale, Premier Session; V: Cambridge Stud, P: Michael J Clements; \$115,000</b>







# RED DAWN RISES EARLY

Resuming after a break of 140 days following his last-start win in a 1000 metre dash in December, **Red Dawn (NZ)** (Align) lived up to his good first-up record to spring a mini-upset in the \$580,000 Class 3 race over 1100 metres on Polytrack at Kranji on Friday night.

Last year the five-year-old began his campaign with an all-the-way win after a four-month break but the opposition looked meatier this time round and when favourite Nova Missile (I Am Invincible) hit the front at the 300 metre mark it looked like he would hang on, even if he was not pulling away as is his habit.

Refusing to accept defeat, jockey Matthew Kellady threw everything at his mount inside the last 100 metres,

his efforts rewarded as Red Dawn gradually wore down Nova Missile to get the upper hand by half a length.

"He won impressively at his last start and I then gave him a spell," said trainer Shane Baertschiger. "He's come back in good form and trialled well.

"He was a funny horse in his early days. We put the blinkers on and he would not go on. He even threw John Powell in the bushes but he's matured and is more sensible now.

"He's improved at every prep and can go on to become a Class 2 horse."

Kellady agreed with Baertschiger that Red Dawn has turned into a much-improved individual overall with the bonus his versatility.

"Shane has done a good job with him," he said. "He hit the line strongly and ran good time, too.

"In his early days he was quite tricky but now you can ride him back, midfield or forward. He has matured a lot and can win more races."

With his latest win, Red Dawn brought his record to six wins

and seven placings from 28 starts for prizemoney totalling close to \$5320,000.

– Singapore Turf Club

<b>Race</b>	<b>Singapore TC Class 3 H. 1100m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Red Dawn (NZ) 2011</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Auric Stable</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Shane Baertschiger (Kranji)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Align (Aus) out of Danness by Danske</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>M G Treloar</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2012 National Weanling, Broodmare &amp; Mixed Sale; V: Curraghmore Stud, P: Mr S O &amp; Mrs K C Engelbrecht; \$21,000</b>
	<b>2013 Ready to Run Sale; V: Westbury Stud, P: S Baertschiger; \$170,000</b>



*Red Dawn is too tough for Nova Missile at Kranji.*

