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CHAMPIONS MILE WIN PUTS BEAUTY GENERATION IN HORSE OF THE YEAR FRAME



Beauty Generation and Zac Purton defy the chasing pack as they land another Group One Hong Kong feature

Beauty Generation (NZ) (Road To Rock) put himself into the picture for Hong Kong Horse of the Year honours after confirming his place as the best 1600m horse in town with victory in the Gr.1 Champions Mile (1600m) at Sha Tin on Sunday.

The win in the HK\$18 million feature was the John Moore-trained Beauty Generation's third Group One score of the season, following his wins in December's Hong Kong Mile and the Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup over 1400m in February.

In completing the Hong Kong Mile-Champions Mile double, Beauty Generation joined an elite group of horses: Good Ba Ba (Lear Fan), Able Friend (Shamardal) and Maurice (Screen Hero) were the only three to have achieved the feat before today.

"I'm not sure I'd put him in the same group as those horses, but he is a good horse and he has done everything right," said Moore, who claimed his sixth Champions Mile this decade and his seventh overall.

"If he is able to get to the front, he is a real grinder at the

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very highest level. What more can he do than win races? He's not brilliant like Able Friend, but he's a top horse in his own way."

Sent off the odds-on favourite in the field of eight, Beauty Generation jumped cleanly from gate one. Out of the barriers, though, rider Zac Purton had to hustle Beauty Generation along to assume his favoured front-running role with Pingwu Spark (NZ) (Mastercraftsman), Singapore Sling (Philanthropist) and Southern Legend (Not A Single Doubt) all eyeing off the lead early.

"It wasn't ideal that he didn't really muster out of the gates like he normally does," Purton said.

"He didn't really dwell, he just wasn't that quick. I actually thought Pingwu Spark had the speed to cross me early and he was going to cross, but as he was coming, he seemed to spot something and shy and he lost his momentum. That allowed me to roll back underneath him and take control.

"That was a crucial part of the race and I feel that is where we won it. It meant that I could dictate from there, and I was always going to be hard to run down when I got out on the speed. He doesn't really quicken but he lengthens and that's when he's hard to run down."

Lengthen he did, with Beauty Generation putting up a break on the chasing pack and sustaining a length margin to the line. The John Size-trained Western Express (Encosta de Lago) finished second in a repeat of the Hong Kong Mile one-two, with Caspar Fownes' Southern Legend prevailing for third, a length and three-quarters from the winner.

Moore indicated that future plans for Beauty Generation

are yet to be determined, but said they will be geared towards attaining the Horse of the Year title. Possible options include a big step up in trip for the Gr.1 Standard Chartered Champions & Chater Cup (2400m) or the HK\$9m Kranji Mile in Singapore – both scheduled for the last weekend in May – or he could be put away for the rest of the season.

"Coming into today, you'd have thought it was a close call between Time Warp and Beauty Generation for Horse of the Year," Moore said.

"Pakistan Star might have entered the conversation today, too, but Beauty Generation has won three Group 1 races and done it against international company, so he might just be the best horse in town."

Beauty Generation commenced his career in Australia under the name Montaigne where he had seven starts that produced two wins along with a runner-up finish in the Gr. 1 Rosehill Guineas behind Tarzino (NZ) (Tavistock) before finishing fourth to Preferment (NZ) (Zabeel) in the Gr. 1 The BMW.

He was a \$60,000 purchase from the Highden Park draft at the Select session of the 2014 NZB National Yearling Sale.

Race	HKJC Champions Mile Gr.1 1600m.
Winner	Montaigne - Beauty Generation (H.K.) (NZ) 2012
Owners	Patrick Kwok Ho Chuen
Trainer	John Moore (Sha Tin)
Breeding	by Road to Rock (AUS) out of Stylish Bel (AUS) by Bel Esprit (AUS)
Breeder	Nearco Stud Limited; Waikato; NZ
Sales	2014 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale V: Highden Park \$60000 P: Hermes Syndications



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KINGSGUARD DELIVERS ON EARLY PROMISE WITH HAWKESBURY CUP VICTORY

Former New Zealand galloper **Kingsguard (NZ)** (Rip Van Winkle) delivered on his undoubted promise for his patient connections when he raced away with the Gr.3 Hawkesbury Gold Cup (1600m) on Saturday.

Co-bred and raced by Windsor Park Stud, the five-year-old Rip Van Winkle gelding had looked a horse with plenty of potential during his early career in New Zealand. Although unable to secure a victory in six starts here he had been close-up behind some talented rivals including a runner-up finish to Gr.1 2000 Guineas (1600m) winner Xtravagant (NZ) (Pentire) during the 2015 Ellerslie Christmas Carnival.

Transferred to the powerful Hawkes family stable in Sydney, Kingsguard broke his maiden status at Canterbury in November 2016 and had registered a further three victories before Saturday's first in stakes company.

"He had shown us plenty in his early days here in New Zealand," said Windsor Park Stud Manager Rodney Schick.

"He pushed Xtravagant hard at Ellerslie and then ran third behind Mackintosh and Raghu at his next start.

"He probably just wasn't strong enough at that stage to round things off but once he got to Sydney he really started to develop and has gone from strength to strength."

Schick admitted there was plenty of confidence in the Hawkes camp that the horse could turn an indifferent form line around in Saturday's contest.



Kingsguard wins the Gr.3 Hawkesbury Gold Cup

"On paper his form was pretty scratchy, but he hadn't had a lot of luck in his last few runs," he said.

"The stable had set him for this race and once he drew a good barrier they were confident of a good performance.

"He got a lovely run in transit and proved too good for them in the run home. It was a great reward for all the people involved with him as they are a good bunch and deserved to have him win a good race like that."

Schick is unsure of where the horse would be aimed next but didn't discount a trip north to the Queensland Winter Carnival.

"We haven't really thought about

where to go next but I'm sure the Hawkes team will come up with a plan in the next few days," he said.

"There is plenty of good money around in his home state but there are also some races that look like they would suit up in Brisbane so a trip to their Winter Carnival is definitely an option that will be considered."

The victory capped a memorable day for Kingsguard's sire Rip Van Winkle who had earlier enjoyed a winning double in New Zealand with Princess El Jay (NZ) successful at Te Rapa and Lubaya (NZ) saluting at Hastings.

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VOLPE VELOCE READY FOR QUEENSLAND EXPEDITION

Co-trainer Graham Richardson couldn't be happier as he gets set to send his star mare **Volpe Veloce** (Foxwedge) to Queensland later in the week.

This season's Gr.1 Sistema Railway winner looked a picture of health as she tuned up for her upcoming Brisbane assignments with a gritty run for second under a 60kg impost at Te Rapa on Saturday.

It was the mare's first run since finishing midfield in the Gr.1 Telegraph at Trentham in late January and one that Richardson was keen to get under the mare's belt before she embarks on her trans-Tasman campaign.

"We had her pretty close to the mark on Saturday although she definitely needed the run before she gets on the plane to Brisbane," he said.

"It was a tough ask with 60kgs on her back, but I was delighted the way she hit the line behind a smart mare in Love Affair.

"We just got a little too far off the pace and had to angle out in the straight which cost her in the end. She tried hard and probably ran the quickest last 600m sectional so all in all I was happy with the run."

Co-trainer Gavin Parker will travel to Brisbane with the mare who will have her first start in the Gr.1 Darley Kingsford Smith Stakes (1300m), formerly known as the BTC Cup, at Eagle Farm on 26 May.

"We are going to try and space her races out, so she will have her first run in the Kingsford Smith Stakes on 26 May," said Richardson.

"We will nominate her for the Stradbroke on the 9th of June but might miss that in favour of the Tatts Tiara, which is for the fillies and mares a week later. The Tatts Tiara is the main aim, but we will keep our options open with her as you just don't know what can happen."

The Tattersall's Tiara (1400m) is the final Group One event of the Queensland Winter Carnival, with Richardson looking forward to the chance to test his charge against some quality Australian opposition.

"It's been quite a few years since I was in Brisbane for the winter so I'm really looking forward to going back with a mare that we think is right up to the best of them," he said.

"Gavin is going across to be with her on a daily basis and I will pop across a few days before each race.

"It's going to be a massive challenge but one that we are going to give our best shot."

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Volpe Veloce and regular rider Jake Bayliss head to the start at Te Rapa





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TOTAL EXCESS MAKES STYLISH DEBUT AT HASTINGS

After witnessing a stylish win by two-year-old **Total Excess** (Delago Deluxe) at Hastings on the weekend, co-trainer Stephen Autridge admitted his thoughts immediately turned to Riccarton in the spring.

A \$200,000 purchase by Te Akau Racing boss David Ellis at the 2017 Karaka Ready To Run Sale, Total Excess was making his raceday debut for Autridge and co-trainer Jamie Richards in Saturday's 1200m contest.

Sent straight to the front by rider Lisa Allpress, the Delago

Race	Hawkes Bay Karaka May Sale 2YO Maiden S. 1200m.
Winner	Total Excess (AUS) 2015
Owners	Te Akau Total Excess Syndicate (Mgr: Karyn Fenton-Ellis MNZM)
Trainer	Stephen Autridge & Jamie Richards (Matamata)
Breeding	by Delago Deluxe (AUS) out of Avail (AUS) by Exceed And Excel (AUS)
Breeder	Newhaven Park Stud
Sales	2017 Ready to Run Sale V: Regal Farm \$200,000 P: Mr DC Ellis

Deluxe gelding never looked in danger as he comfortably held his rivals at bay to register a decisive victory.

"He's a very nice horse and that win was pretty impressive stuff," said Autridge.

"He's got a great attitude and we thought he would be prominent on what he's shown at home, but you never know until they get under pressure on raceday.

"He looked like he was doing it well all the way and had them covered a long way out.

"All I was thinking about when they hit the line was how good would he look at Riccarton in the spring."

Autridge was referring to the gelding taking his place in the 2018 edition of the Gr.1 New Zealand 2000 Guineas (1600m), a race where the powerful Te Akau operation has figured prominently in recent years including providing the quinella in 2017 with Embellish (NZ) (Savabeel) and Age of Fire (Fastnet Rock).

"He looks to me like a natural 2000 Guineas type and that is where we will be aiming him next season," he said.



"The team will get together on Monday and have a talk about what we do with him next which will make for an interesting discussion.

"We don't really know if he will handle a wet track and that's what we are going to strike from now on.

"We like to get the horses we have earmarked for races like Riccarton back in work in May so it could be a good time to send him to the paddock now but that is a decision the team will make when we have looked at all the options for him."

- NZ Racing Desk

Total Excess cruises to the line at Hastings





BEACH HOLIDAY WORKS

THE ORACLE FOR GALAXY MISS

A week away at Karioitahi beach proved the key to unlock the best from top sprinter **Galaxy Miss (NZ)** (Tavistock) who powered away with the last race at Te Rapa on Saturday.

Trainer Danica Guy had been concerned that the six-year-old mare appeared disinterested in her last few starts which had resulted in some sub-par efforts. Guy took the decision to send the mare to the beach environment for a week and she returned refreshed and raring to go for Saturday's rating 85 1400m contest.

"She just wasn't putting in the effort like we know she can, so we decided to change a few things around," said Guy.

"We sent her off to Karioitahi beach for a week and it really turned her attitude around. She came back with a spring in her step, so I thought she could go a good race on Saturday."

Positioned outside the speed throughout by rider Jasmine Fawcett, Galaxy Miss dominated her rivals in the closing stages to record her seventh career victory and 4th at Te Rapa.

"Jasmine rode her perfectly to instructions and she did the job nicely," said Guy.

"Some moisture on the day helped her although they still ran good time so the track obviously wasn't that badly affected."

Guy is now keen to see the Tavistock mare add some black type to her record with the Gr.3 ISCL Rotorua Stakes (1400m) at Rotorua in a fortnight her immediate target.

"This could potentially be her last season racing so she deserves to get some black type to her name before she heads to the matron's paddock," she said.

"The race at Rotorua looks a natural fit for her so, as long as she can get

out of the barrier like she did on Saturday, she would have to be pretty competitive.

"Safely through that we will look at some more open handicaps over the winter and then her owners will decide on what they want to do with her after that."

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Race	Cambridge JC Harness Jewels at Cambridge H. 1400m.
Winner	Galaxy Miss (NZ) 2011
Owners	Eleven Over One Syndicate
Trainer	Danica Guy (Matanata)
Breeding	by Tavistock out of Kiss in Vain (AUS) by Vain (AUS)
Breeder	Miss K Fawcett & E S Wright; Waikato; NZ



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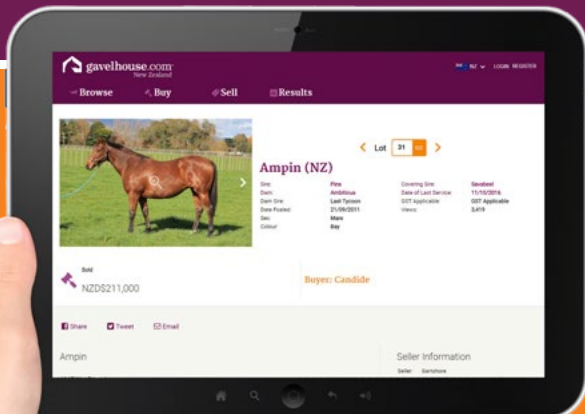
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THE CENTAINE AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$11,174,501
DARCI BRAHMA	\$9,131,503
ROAD TO ROCK	\$7,263,407
TAVISTOCK	\$5,820,051
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$5,794,686
O'REILLY	\$5,767,606
PER INCANTO	\$4,481,984
SHOWCASING	\$3,605,197
PINS	\$3,598,293
NOM DU JEU	\$3,433,727

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

THE DEWAR STALLION TROPHY

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$7,233,472
DARCI BRAHMA	\$2,732,496
O'REILLY	\$2,699,582
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$2,490,684
PINS	\$2,404,334
TAVISTOCK	\$2,228,277
IFFRAAJ	\$2,213,882
PER INCANTO	\$1,992,134
MAKFI	\$1,957,715
YAMANIN VITAL	\$1,912,624

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

THE GROSVENOR AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$3,239,555
DARCI BRAHMA	\$1,582,089
IFFRAAJ	\$1,509,694
FASTNET ROCK	\$1,401,085
TAVISTOCK	\$1,340,905
PER INCANTO	\$1,223,334
ALAMOSIA	\$1,140,358
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$1,135,260
PINS	\$1,064,565
ROC DE CAMBES	\$961,245

BEST PERFORMERS	EARNINGS
EMBELLISH	\$466,310
DEVISE	\$157,750
GINGERNUTS	\$180,000
AVANTAGE	\$742,370
GOBSTOPPER	\$188,375
SHADOWS CAST	\$154,812
STOLEN DANCE	\$131,450
SAINT EMILION	\$218,300
PACKING PINS	\$122,750
VIN DE DANCE	\$623,500

Criteria: Leading Sires by Earnings in New Zealand



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NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG **APRIL 25**

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
GOLD VELVET (NZ) 2013 by Savabeel (AUS) out of Girls on Top by O'Reilly	Waikato Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Daejeon H. 1650m.	2015 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale; V: Waikato Stud Ltd, P: NZB as agent; \$260,000
MERRYGOWIN (NZ) 2012 by Castledale (Ire) out of Sweet Fascination (AUS) by Irgun (USA)	C J & Mrs K B Webber; Auckland; NZ	HKJC Daegu H. 1650m.	
Squid Roe – FORTUNE BO BO (H.K.) (NZ) 2012 by Coats Choice (AUS) out of Blue Blond by Stravinsky (USA)	M G Houlahan; South; NZ	HKJC Korea RA Trophy H. 1000m.	
Ryan Jim – THE JUDGE (H.K.) (NZ) 2012 by Align (AUS) out of Annalee by Kingdom Bay	J C Morell & Mrs A M Phillips; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Daegu H. 1650m.	
CHEERFUL JET (NZ) 2013 by Darci Brahma out of Bright Abyss (USA) by Royal Academy (USA)	Mrs H G & W G Bax; Waikato; NZ		2015 National Yearling Sale - Select Session V: Blandford Lodge P: NZB as Agent; \$30,000

NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG **APRIL 29**

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
RIGHT CALL (NZ) 2011 by Darci Brahma out of Sweet Caroline by Lake Coniston (Ire)	Llanhennock Trust; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Crystal H. 1400m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Wentwood Grange, P: John Foote B/stock; \$110,000
MIDNITE PROMISE (NZ) 2010 by Librettist (USA) out of La Luciole (AUS) by Last Tycoon (IRE)	Killarney Bay Bloodstock Ltd; Auckland; NZ	HKJC Piguet Royal Oak Offshore H. 1800m.	
Montaigne – BEAUTY GENERATION (H.K.) (NZ) 2012 by Road to Rock (AUS) out of Stylish Bel (AUS) by Bel Esprit (AUS)	Nearco Stud Limited; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Champions Mile Gr.1 1600m.	2014 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale; V: Highden Park, P: Hermes Syndications; \$60,000

NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE **APRIL 27**

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
DYNAMIC EAGLE (Sing.) (NZ) 2013 by Showcasing (GB) out of Spanish Fling (AUS) by Iglesias (AUS)	Porotene Trust; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Forever Young S. 1200m.	2015 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale; V: Bradbury Park, P: NZB as agent; \$42,500
DISTINCTIVE DARCI (NZ) 2013 by Darci Brahma out of Distinctive Lass (AUS) by Orientate (USA)	Nearco Stud Limited; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Merlion Trophy L 1200m.	2015 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale; V: Curraghmore Stud, P: Te Akau Racing; \$100,000
GREEN STAR (NZ) 2013 by Iffraaj (GB) out of Princess Prospero (AUS) by Honour and Glory (USA)	Lena Ang; NZ	Singapore TC Thundering Jet S. 1200m.	

