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## COSY RUN ON THE RAILS AT A DISTANCE SHE FANCIES GETS MIME HOME IN TRAVIS



*Mime (red and yellow colours) runs out a strong 2000 metres to take yesterday's Travis Stakes at Te Rapa.*

Quality mare **Mime (NZ)** (Mastercraftsman) yesterday staked her claim for a trip to Queensland next month in her quest for a first victory at the highest level.

The genuine four-year-old trumped her rivals in the group Two Travis Stakes at Te Rapa with a performance that will have gone a long way toward convincing her connections that she deserves a crack at a Group One feature in Brisbane.

"The Doomben Cup in three weeks' time will be up for discussion," said Michael Wallace, the bloodstock and racing

manager for owners the China Horse Club. "She hasn't done anything wrong and been there or thereabouts since we acquired her."

The Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman-trained mare opened her current preparation with a close second in the Group Two Westbury Classic before she finished third in the Group One New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes.

"Murray and Andrew have been saying that they couldn't

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wait to get her up to 2000 metres and she's proved them right today," Wallace said.

Mime settled three back on the rails for rider Craig Grylls and he had to bide his time until the field fanned out into the straight.

"I didn't want to be on the fence, that wasn't the plan, but I ended up there and she was always travelling very well," he said.

"I had to wait for a gap to open up and then she kicked and won really nicely. She got through the ground well enough but she wouldn't want it bottomless.

"She's been a model of consistency and she's been duly rewarded."

Mime got the decision by a long neck from the longshot

Endean Rose (NZ) (Savabeel), who gave an excellent account of herself, with a nose back to Sofia Rosa (NZ) (Makfi), who came on well from the back.

The pacemaker China Star (NZ) (Chinese Dragon) boxed on bravely to take fourth money ahead of Thee Auld Floozie (NZ) (Mastercraftsman).

<b>Race</b>	<b>Cambridge JC Travis S. Gr.2 2000m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Mime (NZ) 2012</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>China Horse Club Racing Pty Ltd</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Murray Baker &amp; Andrew Forsman (Cambridge)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Mastercraftsman (Ire) out of Maidjeu by Montjeu (Ire)</b>
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# MAGNATE TARGETS **TEN THOUSAND**

**E**xpat-Kiwi trainer Bjorn Baker sees no reason why **Music Magnate (NZ)** (Written Tycoon) can't successfully defend his Doomben Ten Thousand crown after a confidence-boosting win in the 1200 metre Group Two Victory Stakes at Eagle Farm yesterday, the Warwick Farm-based trainer saying he was relieved to see his Group One sprinter back to his winning ways.

The \$2.50 favourite, Music Magnate strolled to the front and was never headed as he held off local hope Hopfgarten (Mossman) by 1¼ lengths with another local in Miss Cover Girl (Monashee Mountain) another 1¼ lengths back in third.

It was a much-needed confidence booster after Music Magnate had been well beaten in two successive Group One sprints on heavy tracks in Sydney.

"His run in the Canterbury Stakes wasn't too bad but his run in the Galaxy just wasn't him and it was a little bit of a worry," Baker said.

"It is a relief he has won the Victory. That is the race that for me really signals the start of the carnival and I have had a lot of luck in recent years in Queensland."

After a sit and steer job by Jeff Lloyd, the jockey said he was sure Music Magnate would benefit from the run, his first since March 18.

"I think a few horses who ran on that track today will know they have been in a race tomorrow. It was nice to be on a horse which travelled so well and he was able to kick away in the straight," he said.

*Music Magnate in his Doomben Ten Thousand-winning form... on track to score again after yesterday's Eagle Farm success.*

Baker insists Music Magnate will be tough to toss in the Ten Thousand, given his preference for dry tracks rather than yesterday's soft surface.

"He is going to be extremely competitive. He wants a good track, the drier the better, and Doomben suits him beautifully," he said.

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<b>Race</b>	<b>BRC Victory S. Gr.2 1200m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Music Magnate (NZ) 2011</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Bjorn Baker Racing (Mgr: B Baker), Cobbitty Lodge Stud &amp; Stables (Mgr: Dr J G Morris), Written Tycoon Racing (Mgr: B F Bernhardt), S W Britton, D R Frampton, D R S McEvoy, C J Milton, W J Williams, G A Quinn, T M Sullivan and S J Billingsley</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Bjorn Baker (Warwick Farm)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Written Tycoon (Aus) out of Concert Girl (Aus) by Danehill Dancer (Ire)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>NZ Thoroughbred Holdings Ltd</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2013 National Yearling Sale, Select Session; V: Westbury Stud, P: Bjorn Baker Racing; \$45,000</b>





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# FIRM GOING SUITS SHILLELAGH

With the spate of wet Sydney tracks seemingly over, the Chris Waller-trained **Shillelagh (NZ)** (Savabeel) showed what she's capable of when storming to victory in the \$A175,000 Group Three Godolphin Crown at Hawkesbury yesterday.

Shillelagh made a name for herself during the Melbourne spring carnival, winning at Caulfield for New Zealand trainers Stephen Autridge and Jamie Richards, but her arrival in Waller's yard coincided with a wet autumn and she had been beaten a combined 24 lengths in three starts for the leading trainer.

"She's been a pretty talented mare right throughout and she came across from New Zealand in good order," Waller said. "But she lost her way a bit because of the wet.

"There's been a lot of horses in the same boat and I'd expect she won't be the last to turn her form around with the tracks starting to firm up."

Shillelagh vindicated Waller's expectation of an improved run as Tye Angland brought her from the tail of the field in the 1300 metre event to reel in the leaders over the latter stages.

"That was very good. She's got some turn of foot," Angland said.

"She jumped okay. I would have liked to be a tad closer but I had to deal with the cards I was dealt and it was a matter of timing the run.

"She surprised me how strong she was late. I gave her a little quicken and she responded but the last hundred metres was first rate."

Well supported to firm from an opening \$16 quote to \$11, Shillelagh defeated the heavily backed \$2.70 favourite Daysee Doom (Domesday) by three-quarters of a length with another 1¼ lengths back to the Godolphin runner Kinshachi



On her preferred firm going, Shillelagh continues a strong gallop through the finish line of Hawkesbury's Godolphin Crown.

(Commands) in third.

Waller said it is likely Shillelagh would now head to Scone for the Group Three Dark Jewel Classic, over 1400 metres, in two weeks before a possible Brisbane campaign.

"Scone is the logical step and now that she's got that Australian Group win next to her name maybe we could look for something higher," he said. "But realistically it's a nice race for her.

"I'm looking towards the Tatts Tiara, which is a long, long way away, but you try and throw a Group One in for the breeders."

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<b>Race</b>	<b>Hawkesbury RC Godolphin Crown Gr.3 1300m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Shillelagh (NZ) 2011</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>C R Grace &amp; Mrs S Grace</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Chris Waller (Rosehill)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Savabeel (Aus) out of Trocair (Aus) by Flying Spur (Aus)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>C R Grace</b>





# EMPHATIC RETURN FOR SWEET LEADER



*Sweet Leader (yellow and black colours) outfinishes Honey Rider (rails). Between them, O'Rachael fights on into fourth.*

Question marks over the well-being of **Sweet Leader (NZ)** (O'Reilly) following surgery and a rain-affected track were yesterday answered in emphatic fashion.

In his first appearance since a spring campaign was cut short, the lightly raced colt thundered home from the tail of the field to down a competitive line-up of three-year-olds in the Group Three Inglis Sales Cambridge Breeders' Stakes at Te Rapa.

"It's great for all the team at home," said Lance O'Sullivan, who trains Sweet Leader with Andrew Scott. "He's a pretty smart horse and we were looking at the Two Thousand Guineas for him but he had to have a wind operation so this is a great thrill.

"The operation went well but you

never really know with these things until they are put under the pressure of a race."

Sweet Leader further complicated his comeback by missing the kick under Craig Grylls and then they were in tight quarters at the back 700 metres from home.

"Things didn't look great at that particular point but we said to Craig to be patient and it was a great ride," O'Sullivan said.

Sweet Leader and Grylls were able to take advantage of the gaps when the field broke up and the horse finished far too well for Honey Rider (NZ) (Pins) and Flamingo (NZ) (Pins).

"It all opened up in front of me and after he changed leg 200 metres out he really let down," Grylls said. "He's got a bit of class about him."

Sweet Leader has now won three of his five starts but plans for him to further that record have yet to be confirmed.

"Andrew and I set the horse for this race so we're not sure where to from here," O'Sullivan said. "We'll talk to the owners in Hong Kong; there's Brisbane but I'm not sure just yet."

<b>Race</b>	<b>Cambridge JC Cambridge Breeders' S. Gr.3 1200m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Sweet Leader (NZ) 2013</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Y T Cheung, C K Ho, T W Wong and S S Yang</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Lance O'Sullivan &amp; Andrew Scott (Matamata)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by O'Reilly out of Sweet Lady (Aus) by Encosta de Lago (Aus)</b>
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# AMARULA'S WIN PROMPTS BOLD PLANS

**P**eter McKay has a lofty goal in mind for the next visit to Hawke's Bay by **Amarula (NZ)** (Thorn Park), where the four-year-old yesterday successfully signed off his season.

The Matamata trainer, who races the gelding with his wife Kim, produced the capable son of a Group Three-placed juvenile of a decade ago in Shortblackmini (NZ) (Black Minnaloushe) to win the Livamol Autumn Stakes and is now keen on a return for the Group One Makfi Challenge Stakes.

"I'll put him in the paddock now and bring him back up for the early spring," McKay said.

"He goes on an off track so we'll have a crack at the Makfi."

Amarula had previously showed his liking for the Hastings circuit when he won the Group Two Hawke's Bay

Guineas as a three-year-old.

Yesterday, he jumped smartly and settled in the trail before McKay's son Shaun angled him off the fence 700 metres from home.

"There was plenty of speed early and he's used his head and eased back and then got off the rails," McKay senior said.

"He rode him well and I'm very pleased they got there."

They were hotly challenged in the run home by Packing Tycoon (Danehill Dancer), who looked to have got the upper hand before Amarula rallied for a hard-earned half-head decision.

"It was a really game effort," Shaun

<b>Race</b>	<b>Hawkes Bay Livamol Autumn S. 1400m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Amarula (NZ) 2012</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Mrs K &amp; P N McKay</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Peter McKay (Matamata)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Thorn Park (Aus) out of Shortblackmini by Black Minnaloushe (USA)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Kaihere Bloodstock Ltd</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2014 National Yearling Sale, Premier Session; V: Esker Lodge, P: P N &amp; K McKay; \$80,000</b>



McKay said. "Halfway down the straight he was battling a bit but when that other horse came alongside us he pinned his ears back."

Profile (NZ) (Volksraad) ran on for third without threatening the first two and the frontrunner Southern Icon (Big Brown) wilted to fourth.

*Amarula (#2) and Packing Tycoon fight out a tooth-and-nail finish to the open sprint at Hastings.*







# LANCIATO CONTINUES **WINNING WAYS**



Lanciato (nearest camera) comes with a whirlwind finish to nose out fellow-Kiwi Liapari at yesterday's Hawkesbury meeting.

**L**anciato (NZ) (Per Incanto) was the only last start winner in yesterday's Blakes Marine Benchmark 85 Handicap at Hawkesbury and emerged victorious again for rising trainer Mark Newnham.

More than two months since winning second-up at Rosehill, Lanciato, sent out a \$5 equal favourite, swooped down the outside of the Hawkesbury straight – a sight not commonly seen at the tight provincial circuit – to prevail in a photo finish.

The gelding defeated the Chris Waller-trained Liapari (NZ) (Nom du Jeu) by a half head, while long-time leader Il Mio Destino (Nadeem) finished another nose away in third.

The first two home both began their careers in New Zealand, Lanciato winning twice from seven starts last season out of the Stephen Marsh stable and Liapari winning his maiden race as an early three-year-old then racing consistently in a handful of starts for Karen Zimmerman.

Lanciato holds a special place in the Newnham stable, being one of the first runners to step out for the Warwick Farm trainer after he took out a licence early last year.

"I got him only about a month after I started training," Newnham said.

"I've got to thank the owners Derek Tam and Peter Coffey for entrusting me with him. It's nice to repay.

"When you're establishing your stable you need horses

like this to get you started and they came on board straight away."

Like many Sydney-trained horses, Lanciato had been crying out for a dry surface following the city's autumn deluge.

"From where he was drawn, he was always going to have to give them a start but the key to this horse is the dry track," Newnham said.

"His finishing sectionals are terrific and Tommy Berry timed it well."

After yesterday's 1300 metre win, Newnham said he would consider running Lanciato in next month's 1600 metre Scone Cup, a Group Three event.

"His best form is up to a mile. We might have a look at the Scone Cup now and he would get in with a light weight," he said.

"A big roomy track like Scone will suit him."

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<b>Race</b>	<b>Hawkesbury RC Blakes Marine H. 1300m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Lanciato (NZ) 2012</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>L T D Tam &amp; P Coffey</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Mark Newnham (Warwick Farm)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Per Incanto (USA) out of Surreptitious by O'Reilly</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>JML Bloodstock Ltd and Little Avondale Trust</b>





# HE EKSCELS APPRECIATES BLINKERS

**A** Brisbane trip is on the cards for **He Ekscls (NZ)** (Ekraar) after the gelding shed his maiden status with a commanding victory in yesterday's Ern Jensen Funerals Handicap at Caulfield.

Ridden by Dwayne Dunn and sporting blinkers for the first time, the \$9 chance scored by 3¼ lengths from Red Right Hand (Ilovethiscity) with topweight Soju Warrior (New Approach) three-quarters of a length away third in the 1800 metre event for three-year-olds.

Trainer Richard Laming said He Ekscls was likely to head north, but whether he raced in Brisbane during

the winter carnival depended on how he came through yesterday's race.

"He'll probably go there to spell and whether we run him or not we'll see," Laming said.

"There's plenty of three-year-old races up there and the horse is going to get a distance."

Laming had resisted applying blinkers to He Ekscls but after he galloped in the headgear on Tuesday the trainer was quick to make the change.

"I didn't like the tempo coming out of the race as I thought it would be a sprint home which wouldn't suit," he said, "but the blinkers kicked in and

did their job."

He Ekscls was having his fifth career start yesterday, having run four placings, and Laming admitted he should have put the blinkers on before the gelding's last-start third in maiden grade at Sale as the \$2.40 favourite.

– AAP TURF

<b>Race</b>	<b>MRC Ern Jensen Funerals H. 1800m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>He Ekscls (NZ) 2013</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Assured Bloodstock (Mgr: S J Davoren)</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Richard Laming (Cranbourne)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Ekraar (USA) out of Serendipity by Honor Grades (USA)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Assured Assets Pty Ltd</b>



He Ekscls runs away from his rivals in the opening event on yesterday's Caulfield card.





# ODEON STRENGTHENS DERBY CLAIMS

The Mathew Ellerton and Simon Zahra-trained three-year-old **Odeon (NZ)** (Zacinto) yesterday stamped his South Australian Derby credentials with a strong 2000 metre win against older horses at Caulfield.

Sent out the \$4.80 favourite in the Rating 84 handicap, the gelding didn't disappoint, confirming his Derby plans with a 1¼ length win over the Chris Waller-trained Hursley (NZ) (Makfi), with Overberg (NZ) (Pentire) completing a Kiwi-bred trifecta another 2¾ lengths away.

Since being gelded after the spring, Odeon has won three of his four autumn starts, his only defeat coming in the Port Adelaide Guineas on April 8, when his jockey that day, Jamie Mott, lodged an unsuccessful protest after going down by a narrow margin.

The Flemington trainers decided Odeon's best Derby lead-up was to remain home in Melbourne to run yesterday rather than make another interstate trip to South Australia for the 2030 metre Chairman's Stakes.

"I thought he might have been a bit fresh with the three weeks between runs but there was a good, strong tempo and he raced really well," Ellerton said.

"We resisted the temptation to go back to Adelaide today and raced on our home deck. Hopefully he's cherry ripe in a fortnight.

"He raced well in the spring as a rowdy boy. And his form has been impeccable as a gelding. It has done the trick, that's for sure."

Odeon settled midfield for stand-in rider Katelyn Mallyon before chiming



Odeon takes time to glance at the camera as he strides away from Hursley and confirms a Derby start.

in on the outside rounding the home turn. He hit the front passing the 200 metre mark and drew clear of Hursley late.

Ellerton said the luxury of clear running room allowed the three-year-old to show his best.

"He's still a bit immature in the head and he's a lot better when he's in clear room," he said, confident that Odeon will handle the 2500 metres of the Derby at Morphettville.

"He ran through the line pretty well there and he's a natural athlete," he said.

"He's a big striding horse and Katelyn rode him well. He was maybe a pair further back than we anticipated but he was in open air and he relaxed beautifully.

"He had a chequered run last time in Adelaide and the winner gave him a

good bump on the corner but he was in the right spot today and he did it well."

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<b>Race</b>	<b>MRC Sky High Mt Dandenong H. 2000m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Odeon (NZ) 2013</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>H H Wee, M J Bracchi, Mrs E M Bracchi, J Kovacevic, Mrs O Kovacevic, D W Franklin, KW Franklin, S D Kempster, Mrs A Kempster, R Hafner, Mrs D Hafner, Leacra (Mgr: J M Rayner), R M Crook, Mrs T L Crook and T R Pocock</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Mathew Ellerton &amp; Simon Zahra (Flemington)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Zacinto (GB) out of Theatre Buff (USA) by Theatrical (Ire)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>K J Hickman</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2015 National Yearling Sale, Select Session; V: Valachi Downs, P: APS Racing; \$77,500</b>



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# CASE FOR KILLARNEY **NO BLARNEY**

**R**oger James is confident that **Killarney (NZ)** (O'Reilly) can make his mark in top company over the next couple of seasons.

The Cambridge trainer has long held the four-year-old in high regard and he gained a good degree of satisfaction from the winning performance by the son of Group Two Concorde winner Irish Colleen (NZ) (Shinko King) in the Harness Racing Waikato Premier at Te Rapa yesterday.

Killarney has now been successful in four of his seven starts and will be turned out to allow him more time to strengthen.

"He's been a big, gangly horse and I think there is a big race in him," James said.

"I've got a lot of faith in him and had he done things more correctly today he could have been more decisive.

"He'll go out now and be even better as a five and six-year-old. He'll get a mile and that gives us a lot of options.

"As he gets more professional he could go for an undercard race in Australia."

Killarney settled at the back of the field under rider Matt

Cameron, who drew the gelding wide on the home turn and the horse produced a sustained finish.

"He's a very good horse who lacks ringcraft," Cameron said, "but once in the clear he got the job done."

Thatsforsure (NZ) (Tavistock) had dashed clear 200 metres from home and a canny Michael Coleman ride only came up a long head short with Nailed It (NZ) (Don Eduardo) an encouraging first-up third.

The well-backed Let Her Rip (NZ) (Rip Van Winkle) finished fifth after being shut out of a gap on straightening.

<b>Race</b>	<b>Cambridge JC Harness Racing Waikato H. 1400m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Killarney (NZ) 2012</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>R S Baulcomb, G J Jones, D E &amp; E Y Nakhle and J B Struthers</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Roger James (Cambridge)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by O'Reilly out of Irish Colleen by Shinko King (Ire)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>D E &amp; E Y Nakhle and Waikato Stud Ltd</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2014 National Yearling Sale, Select Session; V: Waikato Stud Ltd, P: R A James; \$115,000</b>



*Killarney's late surge takes him past Thatsforsure in the rating 85 sprint at Te Rapa.*





# JIMMY CHOUX'S BOYS **DOING HIM PROUD**

**J**immy Choux (NZ) (Thorn Park) found fame and fortune at Hastings during his racing days with several notable victories and in recent weeks his old home course has proved to be a successful stage for two of his talented sons.

The Rich Hill Stud-based stallion posted Group One wins in the Spring Classic and the Windsor Park Plate and also took out the Group Two Hawke's Bay Guineas during an illustrious career that saw him crowned New Zealand's Horse of the Year in 2010/11.

Jimmy Choux's son Bostonian (NZ) is now spelling after remaining unbeaten in two appearances, the last of them at Hawke's Bay where yesterday **Jimmy Lincoln (NZ)**

produced a tidy performance to win at the first time of asking in the Prodrive Golf Wellington Maiden.

From an inside alley, the colt made the running and then showed admirable fighting qualities to hold his rivals at bay in the straight.

"He jumped and ran and kept out of trouble," said trainer Lisa Latta, who paid \$150,000 at Karaka for the horse on behalf of John Street's Lincoln Farms Bloodstock.

The Awapuni horsewoman hinted that Jimmy Lincoln may now go for a break.

"We got a nice track today but we're heading into the wetter tracks and he's a bit better than that," she said.

After clearing the gates quickly, Jimmy Lincoln travelled comfortably on the fence and he held a strong gallop under Masa Tanaka to beat Come In Spinner (NZ), another son of Jimmy Choux, and Van Halen (NZ) (Rock 'N' Pop).

"He's still quite green and gawked around," Tanaka said. "I thought I was going to get caught but he fought really well to the line."

Debutant Smokin' Oak (NZ) (Burgundy) came in for inspired support but the money was in trouble a long way out after the favourite was posted three wide. He dropped out to tail the field home.



<b>Race</b>	<b>Hawkes Bay Prodrive Golf Wellington Maiden S. 1200m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Jimmy Lincoln (NZ) 2014</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Lincoln Farms Bloodstock Ltd</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Lisa Latta (Awapuni)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Jimmy Choux out of Musigny (Aus) by Reset (Aus)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Nearco Stud Limited</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2016 National Yearling Sale, Select Session; V: Curraghmore, P: Lisa Latta Racing Stables; \$150,000</b>

*Jimmy Lincoln holds the lead he'd established early to win the Hastings juvenile event.*

