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EL PESCADO PROVIDES CLASS REMINDER AT ROTORUA



Classy customer El Pescado cruises home under the guidance of Cameron Lammas

Injury plagued galloper **El Pescado (NZ)** (El Hermano) provided a timely reminder of his undoubted ability as he trounced his open handicap rivals over 1400 metres at Rotorua on Saturday.

Despite being unsighted since an unplaced run in the Gr. 2 Rich Hill Mile on New Year's Day, the El Hermano five-year-old was sent out favourite in the Warren Stinton Sprint and didn't disappoint as he looped his rivals with 700 metres to run before jogging to the line untouched to win by a conservative

five length margin.

Rider Cameron Lammas barely moved on his charge and was rightly impressed with the effort that provided him with his 600th career riding victory.

"He was the best horse in the race and he was travelling all the way so I just let him do his own thing," he said.

"If something had challenged him I could have let him throttle back but he was just far too good for them."

Part owner Frank Drummond mixed delight with a great

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deal of relief after the race as he discussed the future plans for the gelding.

“He’s a lot of fun but he has had problems with his feet and I thought he was very vulnerable today,” he admitted.

“I’m very relieved to see him do that as we didn’t know whether he would handle the ground but we had to have a run somewhere.

“We got a bit ambitious and put in some big nominations for him at Hawkes Bay so hopefully now we can go there with some confidence.”

Drummond and wife Faye race the gelding who they bred from their stallion El Hermano who stands at the couple’s

Cheval Park base. The victory was El Pescado’s fifth from a 15 start career to date and sees him currently placed in 24th position in the order of entry for the first Group One event of the new season, the Makfi Challenge Stakes at Hastings on the 27th of August.

- NZ Racing Desk

Race	Taumarunui RC Warren Sinton Sprint H. 1400m.
Winner	El Pescado (NZ) 2010
Owners	Mrs F I & FT Drummond
Trainer	Stuart Manning (Tauranga)
Breeding	by El Hermano out of Annchips by O’Reilly
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HAWKES TAKING TIME WITH ENTIRELY PLATINUM



Entirely Platinum will try to snare an elusive Group One win during the upcoming Melbourne spring carnival

The highly talented **Entirely Platinum (NZ)** (Pentire) is gearing up for another spring carnival in the hope he can snare an elusive Group One win.

Entirely Platinum hasn't won a race since August 2014 but has been placed three times since then at the highest level.

The gelding took part in an 800m jump-out at Flemington on Friday and senior trainer John Hawkes said he was

likely to have another hit-out before his racetrack return.

"He's still a few weeks away from having a run," Hawkes, who trains in partnership with sons Michael and Wayne, said.

"We'll see how he pulls up and then look for another jump-out for him and then in the later part of the month he should be ready to go."

Entirely Platinum missed a Group One win by just a short head when

second to Boban (Bernardini) in last year's Memsie Stakes, a race which could again be on the agenda.

"The Memsie could be a possibility, but we'll just see how he progresses in the next week or so," Hawkes said.

"Those sorts of races are there but they're not easy to win."

Entirely Platinum hasn't raced since finishing fifth in the Neville Sellwood Stakes at Rosehill in March.

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MAYBE MIAMI READY FOR HOME TRACK FEATURE

A comprehensive five length victory at Ashburton on the weekend has **Maybe Miami (NZ)** (Iffraaj) set to start one of the top local hopes in Saturday's 119th running of the Gr. 3 eStar Winter Cup at Riccarton.

Trainer Kevin Hughes, who prepares the rising five-year-old with wife Pam at their Riccarton base, is convinced he has the Iffraaj gelding peaking at just the right time for his biggest test to date.

"I was hoping he would show me he was ready to take the

next step up and I think we got the right answer with the ease of his win," he noted.

"He has always shown a lot of promise but was inclined to do a few things wrong in his early days. He is far more settled with some age on him and he's really come on in this preparation

"It was only a small field on Saturday so I wanted him to dominate if he could. Chris (Johnson) said he did it very easily and he just sat on him for the last part of the race.

"Funnily enough when Chris was easing him down after the line the horse caught sight of one of the placegetters charging after him so he picked up the bit and took off again, nearly dropping Chris in the process."

Hughes has had his eyes on the feature flat race at Riccarton's winter carnival for his charge throughout his current campaign.

"We've always thought he was good enough to tackle a race like the Winter Cup so we've spaced his races this time in to try and get him in at his peak," he said.

"At first I did have some concerns he wouldn't get past

1200 metres but he has matured nicely so I don't think the mile is beyond him.

"Even if he gets a penalty for this latest win he will still get into the race on a nice light weight so we are looking forward to the weekend.

"The weather looks like it will be quite settled and we haven't had that much rain so it could be quite a decent track. He handles most surfaces so that won't be an issue for him."

TAB bookmakers have Maybe Miami at \$21 on the Fixed Odds market for the race with the Lisa Latta trained Platinum Command (NZ) (Red Giant) the current favourite at \$5.

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	Ashburton RC RD Petroleum H. 1400m.
Winner	Maybe Miami (NZ) 2011
Owners	B C Thomas
Trainer	Kevin & Pam Hughes (Riccarton Park)
Breeding	by Iffraaj (GB) out of Miami by Waikiki Star (USA)
Breeder	A W Jones & Mrs E W Morris; Canterbury; NZ
Sales	2013 National Yearling Sale - Select Session V: Berkley Stud \$31000 P: NZB as agent 2013 Ready to Run Sale V: Regal Farm \$20000 P: BC Thomas



Chris Johnson has an armchair ride as Maybe Miami crushes his Ashburton opposition



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SOMERVELL ENJOYS A WINNING WEEKEND DOUBLE

Trainer Lee Somervell picked up a winning double on the weekend however it was the performance of two-year-old **Impulsive Habit (NZ)** (Echoes Of Heaven) in Saturday's Listed Courtesy Ford Ryder Stakes at Otaki that put the icing on the cake for the Cambridge conditioner.

Progressive three-year-old **No Need (NZ)** (No Excuse Needed) got Somervell's day off to the best possible start when he blitzed his age-group rivals over 1400 metres at Rotorua before maiden **Rich Habit (NZ)** (Zed) shed that status in the third event at Otaki. Despite a failure by consistent mare **Celebrity Miss (NZ)** (Civics) in the Gr. 3 Taumarunui Cup later in the day at Rotorua, Impulsive Habit delivered a rousing performance to run third behind Manhattan Street (Manhattan Rain) in the Ryder Stakes that has Somervell convinced he has a rising star on his hands.

"That was his biggest test to date and he did all we could ask of him and more," he said with obvious delight.

"He is just so immature and is doing it all on just his raw ability at this stage. Even though he was well beaten he ran home very strongly after suffering a decent check at the 800 metre mark.

"Once he strengthens up I think he could well develop into a very classy customer."

Somervell will now tip the gelding into the paddock for three weeks before bringing him back for the Gr. 2 Hawkes Bay Guineas on the last day of the Hawkes Bay Spring Carnival.

Somervell was quick to pay credit to rising apprentice talent Viktoria Gatu after No Need had started the day on a winning note for the stable.

"I thought Viktoria rode a lovely race on our fellow to get that win," he noted.

"I asked her to ride him handy and give him a whack at the 600 mark to try and put the pressure on them. She told me afterwards she didn't need to do that as he was travelling so sweetly she thought he had the race well under control at that stage.

"He has taken a while to find his feet but I've got him in the right shape now and he is thriving. He will have a couple of quiet days and then we'll look for a nice race in his grade as



No Need scores the first leg of a winning double for trainer Lee Somervell

he handles the winter tracks like a toff and I don't think he's finished winning yet.

"On the other hand Celebrity Miss just found it too tough with topweight on that deep going. She can have a fortnight off before we start to get her ready for the last two days at Hastings."

Somervell also advised that stable star Addictive Habit (NZ) (Colombia) would have a further scan on his injured tendon on Monday however he was confident the rising seven-year-old was on the road to recovery although he wouldn't be seen back at the track until next autumn.

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	Taumarunui RC Maketu Gentlemens Club H. 1400m.
Winner	No Need (NZ) 2012
Owners	Mrs J M McGiven & Dr J D O'Flaherty
Trainer	Lee Somervell (Cambridge)
Breeding	by No Excuse Needed (GB) out of Sheza Gamble by Montjeu (IRE)
Breeder	Mrs J M McGiven & Dr J D O'Flaherty; Waikato; NZ





PROMISING APPRENTICE TO HAVE FIRST RIDE AT RICCARTON

Promising North Island apprentice Ryan Elliot will add a new experience to his riding resume when he ventures to Riccarton for the first time this Saturday.

Elliot will kick off his second full season in the saddle when he takes three mounts for his boss Graeme Rogerson at Riccarton this weekend as he and wife Debbie send a strong team south to contest the three days of Riccarton's Grand National Carnival.

The three-kilogram claimer has attracted attention with his rapid development over the past few months in a season where he tallied 21 wins to place him in the top 15 apprentices on the national premiership table.

"I think he has a very big future in front of him and this year he could end up as the leading apprentice," advised Rogerson.

"He is just getting stronger all the time and that has shown in the way he has developed with his riding.

"He reminds me so much of Rory (Hutchings) at a similar stage of his career and you've seen what he has gone on to do.

"We've got three good rides for him

on Saturday while he could also pick up one or two for outside stables as there have been a few calling to see if he was coming down with our team."

Rogerson also advised that ex-pat kiwi Richard Cully would fly in from his Australian base to take the ride on Zenocoin (NZ) (Zenno Rob Roy) in the NZI Koral Steeplechase on Saturday.

"Zenocoin has thrived since his win at Wellington so he will line up in the Koral on Saturday with Richard coming over to ride him," he said.

"Provided he comes through the race okay he will start in the Grand National on the last day where Richard will take the mount again."

- NZ Racing Desk



Promising apprentice Ryan Elliot with his boss, Graeme Rogerson





MR SPIELBERG BOOKS HIS TICKET FOR CHAIRMAN'S TROPHY

Promising stayer **Mr Spielberg (NZ)** (Pentire) is a confirmed starter in the Sgp Group 2 Chairman's Trophy (1800m) next Sunday after he took out the \$100,000 War Affair 2013 Stakes, an Open Benchmark 97 race over 1600m, at Kranji on Sunday.

Delighted with the way Mr Spielberg has rebounded from his unlucky fourth in the Emirates Singapore Derby (2000m) three weeks ago, trainer Laurie Laxon straightaway said he would back up the Pentire four-year-old for the feature race he has won a record five times in the past.

Jockey Glen Boss, who was at his second success aboard Mr Spielberg, was seen at his patient best aboard the Oscar Racing Stable-owned gelding.

Boss paid huge compliments to Mr Spielberg's run as he thought he came in a little underdone, and would derive a great deal of benefit from the hit-out ahead of his next Group assignment.

"He needed a blowout today as Laurie has been pretty soft on him since the Derby," said the Australian hoop.

"I thought they would go slower today but it was a pretty decent tempo and that suited him down to the ground.

"He's a horse who is improving all the time and the further the better for

Mr Spielberg scores comfortably in the hands of Glen Boss

him. That race will definitely tighten him up for the Chairman's Trophy next Sunday."

Laxon said Mr Spielberg was a horse he had long held in high regard, more so when he first cast his eyes on his family tree.

"He's a half-brother to Goliath, who was a very good Polytrack horse that I used to train," said the nine-time Singapore champion trainer.

"He had some heart fibrillation issues last year, but he's put that behind him now as you can see from the way he's running these days.

"The Chairman's Trophy is his next race. I actually wanted to get this one over first before committing to anything, but it's all decided now, he will run again next Sunday.

"I'm not sure what would be for him next as races like the Kranji Mile and the Gold Cup are still some time away. One step at a time."

With that sixth win from 20 starts, Mr Spielberg has now amassed more than \$310,000 in stakes money for the Oscar Racing Stable.

Race	Singapore TC Ghozi S. 1400m.
Winner	Mr Spielberg (NZ) 2012
Owners	Oscar Stable
Trainer	Laurie Laxon (Kranji)
Breeding	by Pentire (GB) out of Beautiful Reward (FR) by Diesis (GB)
Breeder	Mrs H G & W G Bax & Go Bloodstock New Zealand Ltd; Waikato; NZ
Sales	2013 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale; V: Blandford Lodge, P: LK Laxon; \$85,000





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RODD SAYS MAGSTOCK HAS A TOUCH OF CLASS

Trainer Cliff Brown is giving progressive galloper **Magstock (NZ)** (Tavistock) a well-deserved break after he recorded back-to-back wins on Sunday.

Once considered among a bunch

Race	Singapore TC Mexican Rose S. 1800m.
Winner	Magstock (NZ) 2012
Owners	Magstock Stable
Trainer	Cliff Brown (Kranji)
Breeding	by Tavistock out of Magravine (AUS) by Last Tycoon (IRE)
Breeder	Sir Patrick & Lady Hogan; Waikato; NZ
Sales	2014 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale; V: Cambridge Stud, P: Shailer T/breds; \$20,000 2014 Ready to Run Sale; V: Bradbury Park, P: Cliff Brown Racing; \$50,000

of handy three-year-olds from the Australian's stable, the Tavistock three-year-old was clearly overshadowed by stablemate Debt Collector (NZ) (Thorn Park) – just like the other three-year-olds – but has really hit his straps since eased back in lower grade.

Magstock unleashed an electric turn of foot (which was not far behind Debt Collector's in the spectacular stakes) at his last start in a Kranji Stakes D race over 1600m. Stepped up to 1800m in the \$60,000 Mexican Rose 2009, Magstock again lived up to his favourite tag, albeit the manner of the win was a little less flashy.

But jockey Michael Rodd who has now partnered him at all his three wins still saw plenty of merit in the way he came from the rear to wear down bold leader Remember Me (NZ) (Iffraaj)

from the 200m mark.

"He was all class again today," began the Australian jockey's glowing post-race report.

"Nothing went right for him. He was caught three deep and the race was developing into a sprint home.

"But he still won in the end. He's definitely on the way up."

If more is to come from Magstock, it will be verifiable only after a break.

"He's a nice horse but I will give him a break now," said Brown.

"He's had a tough campaign and won two tough races. I'll bring him back in a few weeks' time.

"He was one of my best three-year-olds but unfortunately, he also had Debt Collector and Fitzroy for company, but he's still done a good job.



"He's still a big baby. I would say he's six months away. He should come back a much better horse once he matures."

That third win has now pushed Magstock's prizemoney total over the \$130,000 mark for the Magstock Stable.

Magstock (outer) grinds out another powerful win in the hands of Michael Rodd.



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TAVISTOCK	\$11,793,570
PENTIRE	\$8,566,958
O'REILLY	\$7,487,483
ZABEEL	\$7,204,743
DARCI BRAHMA	\$7,151,644
PINS	\$7,065,532
IFFRAAJ	\$6,069,153
ELUSIVE CITY	\$5,216,312
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$5,107,899

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

THE DEWAR STALLION TROPHY

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$8,190,502
PENTIRE	\$7,037,852
ZABEEL	\$6,257,823
TAVISTOCK	\$4,980,914
PINS	\$3,962,589
DARCI BRAHMA	\$3,900,556
IFFRAAJ	\$3,578,855
O'REILLY	\$3,256,595
SHINKO KING	\$2,495,886
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$2,478,232

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

THE GROSVENOR AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$2,472,800
DARCI BRAHMA	\$2,367,670
IFFRAAJ	\$1,776,321
PINS	\$1,384,719
TAVISTOCK	\$1,335,880
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$1,200,965
ALAMOSA	\$1,129,213
PENTIRE	\$1,116,726
KEEPER	\$1,112,653
ELUSIVE CITY	\$1,013,485

BEST PERFORMERS	EARNINGS
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XIONG FENG	\$579,685
DECORAH	\$141,400
VOLKSTOK'N'BARRELL	\$238,750
VALLEY GIRL	\$254,625
STOLEN DANCE	\$267,725
XTRAVAGANT	\$461,250
ILLUMINATI	\$125,900
PERFECT FIT	\$251,775

Criteria: Leading Sires by Earnings in New Zealand



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NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE

JULY 29

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
TERMS OF REFERENCE (NZ) 2012 by Per Incanto (USA) out of Myladys by Kingfisher Mill (USA)	Little Avondale Trust; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1600m.	
MOON CHARM (NZ) 2012 by Onceuponatime out of Melaka (IRE) by Marju (IRE)	D M Hill & G E Teo; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Initiation P. 1600m.	
SPEED CRAFT (NZ) 2011 by Mastercraftsman (IRE) out of Velvet and Satin by Carnegie (IRE)	P J & P M Vela Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1900m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale; V: Pencarrow Stud, P: DC Ellis; \$40,000
A LOT IN HAND (NZ) 2011 by Mr. Nancho (ARG) out of A Little Attitude by Seven Figures (USA)	Willow Park Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1100m.	2013 Ready to Run Sale; V: Riverview Farms, P: Stanna B/stock; \$7,000
THE JEUNEYMAN (NZ) 2011 by Mettre en Jeu out of Tad Irish by Omnicorp	Letham Stud Ltd; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1400m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Festival Sale; V: Letham Thoroughbreds, P: SG Crutchley; \$2,000

NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE

JULY 31

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
MR SPIELBERG (NZ) 2011 by Pentire (GB) out of Beautiful Reward (FR) by Diesis (GB)	Mrs H G & W G Bax & Go Bloodstock New Zealand Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Ghozi S. 1400m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale; V: Blandford Lodge, P: LK Laxon; \$85,000
Boodles - LIM'S SHOWCASE (Sing.) (NZ) 2012 by Showcasing (GB) out of Molly's Dolly by Bertolini (USA)	Mrs V A & W K Pike; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Mr Big S. 1200m.	
CHEETAH KING (NZ) 2010 by Towkay (AUS) out of Jabeske by Prized (USA)	Mrs A J; J T E; M J & Mrs T H Gilbert; Central;	Singapore TC Gingerbread Man S. 1600m.	2012 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Little Avondale Stud, P: Prima Park BStk; \$47,500 2012 Ready to Run Sale; V: Diamond Lodge, P: Mr Dean Wiles; \$50,000
MAGSTOCK (NZ) 2012 by Tavistock out of Magravine (AUS) by Last Tycoon (IRE)	Sir Patrick & Lady Hogan; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Mexican Rose S. 1800m.	2014 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale; V: Cambridge Stud, P: Shailer T/breds; \$20,000 2014 Ready to Run Sale; V: Bradbury Park, P: Cliff Brown Racing; \$50,000
PALTROW (NZ) 2011 by Thorn Park (AUS) out of Tessica (AUS) by Johannesburg (USA)	C K Phua; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Vegas Star S. 1200m.	
CASING ROYAL (NZ) 2012 by Showcasing (GB) out of Icy Bubbles by One Cool Cat (USA)	Nearco Stud Limited; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Why Be S. 1400m.	2014 South Island Yearling & Mixed Sale; V: Highden Park, P: DR Wiles; \$1,000

