

### KATE REPAYS ADRIAN & HARRY'S FAITH WITH WINTER CUP WIN ON NASHVILLE



Kate Cowan brings Nashville with a well-timed finish to claim the Winter Cup.

ate Cowan repaid the faith placed in her by Adrian and Harry Bull when she guided **Nashville (NZ)** (Darci Brahma) to another feature race victory at Riccarton. The 24-year-old is now apprenticed to the Hunterville trainers and she made the most of her opportunity with victory aboard the veteran galloper in yesterday's Group Three eStar Winter Cup, gaining the first black-type win of her fledgling career. The daughter of former leading jumps jockey turned Group One-winning trainer Alex 'Snooky' Cowan, she is in only her second season of riding and was hugely appreciative of the chance she had been given.

"This is such a special moment and I want to take the opportunity to thank Adrian and Harry," she said.

"These things don't happen to apprentices but they are very loyal and I am so lucky."



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#### **PER INCANTO** (Street Cry - Pappa Reale)



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Nashville has been an outstanding servant of the Bull stable as a two-time winner of the Group One Haunui Farm Classic and at Riccarton he has past successes in the Group Two Coupland's Bakeries Mile and the Group Three Canterbury Gold Cup.

"He's a fantastic horse and I'm lucky to be part of this," Cowan said.

They settled well back in the field before she found clear air with the gelding who then produced a sustained finish to hit the front a hundred metres from home and sail clear to score by two and a half lengths.

Cowan also paid tribute to the part played in the victory by former top jockey David Walsh.

"I walked the track with him yesterday and that was very important," she said. "I felt like I had an ear-piece in and he was coaching me all of the way." Doiknowyou (NZ) (Kashani) was given a cosy run in the trail by Lisa Allpress and they took second money ahead of pacemaker New York Minute (NZ) (Iffraaj) and last year's runner-up Platinum Command (NZ) (Red Giant) in an all-North Island finish.

Race	CJC Winter Cup Gr.3 1600m
Winner	Nashville (NZ) 2008
Owners	A M & Mrs R E Bull
Trainer	Adrian & Harry Bull (Hunterville)
Breeding	by Darci Brahma out of Royal Kiss (IRE) by Royal Academy (USA)
Breeder	Chesterfields Ltd
Sales	2010 Ready to Run Sale; V: Chesterfields Ltd, P: Beamish Bloodstock; \$40,000

#### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

#### Vadamos on parade

Rich Hill Stud will hold an open day today.

The farm will parade new addition Vadamos (Monsun) as well as resident sires Shocking, Proisir, Pentire and Jimmy Choux. Vadamos was one of Europe's best milers, winning the Group One Prix du Moulin as well as stakes races at age three, four and five. He will stand his debut season at \$15,000 + GST.

All interested parties are invited to view the line up with the parade starting at 1pm at the Walton property. For directions click here <<u>http://www.richhillstud.co.nz/contact></u>



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### VOLPE VELOCE IN STUNNING RETURN

olpe Veloce

(Foxwedge) will head to Hastings in fine fettle in her quest for a full house of stakes victories.

A star turn from last season with Group Two, Group Three and Listed successes, she will attempt to complete her black-type box set in the Group One Tarzino Trophy on September 2 after yesterday warming up for the opening leg of the Hawke's Bay Triple Crown series with an effortless win in the Distinction Hamilton Hotel 1200 at Te Rapa.

"We're absolutely over the moon," said Graham Joh Richardson, who trains Volpe Veloce with Gavin Parker. "It's a great result and she's on target."

Up against the open sprinters, Volpe Veloce jumped smartly to race outside the leader and regular rider Johnathan Parkes allowed her a little more rein to hit the front at the top of the straight.

The Wanganui jockey was afforded the luxury of several glances over his shoulder as he let the four-year-old coast to the line.

"We wanted to ride her positively and take bad luck out of the equation," Parkes said.

"She was pretty much bolting at the 600 and I just had to hold her up.



Johnathan Parkes signals to the Volpe Veloce team that the mare is "back big time".

She gave me a super feeling on the turn – she's back big time."

Volpe Veloce was out on her own by two and a half lengths at the post from II Cavallo (Choisir), who finished well after racing three wide toward the back of the field.

Close Up (NZ) (Shinko King) came from last under his topweight of 60kg for third money and is now likely to return in a fortnight for the Group Two Lisa Chittick Foxbridge Plate.

"I've never really considered him a weight-for-age horse, but with the big weights he's getting in handicaps we might as well have a go," co-breeder, part-owner and trainer Shelley Hale said.

Race	Waikato RC Distinction Hamilton Hotel H. 1200m
Winner	Volpe Veloce (Aus) 2013
Owners	D & C Adams, H Allender, K Anderson, M Chubb, P Dixon, R Featherstone, G Mackin, G Richardson, K & L Robinson, M Skilling, P Spiers, B Wong and K Woodmass
Trainer	Graham Richardson & Gavin Parker (Matamata)
Breeding	by Foxwedge (Aus) out of Bardego (Aus) by Barathea (Ire)
Breeder	Mr N Vass
Sales	2015 National Yearling Sale, Premier Session; V: Lyndhurst Farm, P: richardsonracing.co.nz; \$240,000



# YOGI RAISES THE FLAG FOR WHITE ROBE

tago's White Robe Lodge had a moment to savour at Flemington yesterday when two sons of their stallion Raise The Flag fought out the 2500 metre Oliver Street Plate.

On a day designated as National Jockey Celebration Day, **Yogi (NZ)** made jockey John Allen earn every cent of his riding fee when winning from his stablemate Chequered Flag

Race	VRC 1 Oliver St P. 2500m
Winner	Yogi (NZ) 2012
Owners	Australian Thoroughbred Bloodstock Pty Ltd (Mgr: D P Dance), Brittain Racing (Mgr: P L Brittain), Mangan Racing (Mgr: T G Mangan), D R Wagner, O F Kelly, S N Davidson, M E Basile, T J Little, M L Byrne, A G Cid, B R Fellows and S M Frost
Trainer	Darren Weir (Ballarat)
Breeding	by Raise The Flag (GB) out of Malozza (Aus) by Grand Lodge (USA)
Breeder	D G & H A Voice
Sales	2014 South Island Yearling & Mixed Sale; V: D G & H A Voice, P: W G Coles; \$1000

(NZ), scoring by a short half head after a titanic home-straight battle.

Irishman Allen, equally at home on the flat as he is over the jumps, was hard at work before the home turn on the Darren Weir-trained easing \$3.20 favourite and was still pushing hard into the home straight as Chequered Flag hit the front.

Allen kept driving and Yogi responded, lifting in the final strides to edge Chequered Flag, a firmer from \$3.60 to \$3.30, with outsider Kawabata (Encosta de Lago) making up ground for third, a further two lengths away.

It was the first win at Flemington for Allen, who said the five-year-old was a relaxed individual.

"He's a real laid-back character which in some ways is hard for me but it's good for him as he saves his energy," Allen said.

"We rolled along at a good tempo and we were spread out a bit.

"We had to make a long run around them. I always thought I was going to get there but we did only just.

> "Thank God he put his head down and picked up for me."

Yogi finished runner-up last time out over 2100 metres at Sandown and Allen said the step up in trip suited the ex-South Islander.

"He travelled into it pretty well but I had to put some pressure on him 600 metres out," Allen said.

"Once we got to the outside in the straight I always thought he was going to get there.

"Fair play to the runner-up, he really found when I came to him and really made my horse work to get past him." – racenet.com.au

Two ex-Kiwi stayers, both by Raise The Flag and now stablemates, locked in combat on the Flemington turf. At the post, Yogi (nearest camera) had managed to inch ahead of Chequered Flag by a short half head.





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### RHYTHM TO SPARE **BACK IN FORM**



Rhythm To Spare (gold cap) has burst clear of his opposition at Flemington and races away to a 2½ length victory.

rainer Mike Moroney is hopeful a fitness edge will allow **Rhythm To Spare (NZ)** (Pins) to pick up a better-class race during the early stages of the Melbourne spring carnival, the eight-year-old regaining winning form yesterday after a patient ride by Patrick Moloney in the John and Denise Cobcroft Recognition Handicap at Flemington.

Backed from \$9 to \$7.50, Rhythm To Spare scored by 2½ lengths from \$5 shot Amovatio (Al Maher) with \$101 outsider Magnapal (Magnus) a short half-head away third.

Moroney said Rhythm To Spare had been a consistent money spinner for the stable, winning ten of his 42 races, with yesterday's win taking his prizemoney to just shy of \$A650,000.

He said the veteran lost form last preparation and was delighted to see him land his second win from six starts this campaign.

"We lost him a bit last preparation but he's back now and we'll go further into the spring," Moroney said.

"He's going to have a fitness edge on some of them.

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"Last time he was running fourth and fifth in weaker races but he's going much better this time around."

Moroney praised the ride of Moloney, saying the gelding can be tricky to handle and it was important to gain cover and then time his run.

"The horse has only got a short run and Patrick waited before going for him," he said.

"It worked out perfectly."

- AAP TURF

Race	VRC John & Denise Cobcroft H. 1600m
Winner	Rhythm to Spare (NZ) 2009
Owners	R & C Legh Racing (Mgr: R P Legh), G G Syndicate Ltd (Mgr: G G Peterson), J O'Neill, Carty Racing (Mgr: B Carty), A Dunne, M & Mrs J Pejic, G Devonport, B D Nettlefold, G Murray and Miss K Murray
Trainer	Michael Moroney (Flemington)
Breeding	by Pins (Aus) out of Stanica by Zabeel
Breeder	P J & P M Vela Ltd
Sales	2011 National Yearling Sale, Premier Session; V: Pencarrow Stud, P: Paul Moroney Bloodstock; \$100,000



# SWEYNESSE

# Sweynesse is a chip off the old block

Darren Beadman

Sweynesse, is a son of former champion racehorse and super sire Lonhro. Beadman rode Lonhro in most of his 26 wins and he gets to work with many of that horse's sons and daughters at Godolphin.

- A multiple Group One performer (2nd G1 Randwick Guineas, 3rd G1 Spring Champion) beating some of the best 3YO Group One winners in Australia including Kermedec, Preferment, Hampton Court, Shooting To Win, First Seal.
- Winner of first four starts including dual Group 3 wins in the Spring Stakes and Gloaming Stakes.
- A winner at only start as a 2YO.
- A top 3YO Timeform rating of 122 makes Sweynesse one of the top Australian 3YO colts of his year.
- By Lonhro -The Champion 3YO, the Champion miler, the Horse of the Year, and now a Champion sire. Lonhro set a new Australian record of 160 individual winners in a season. His son Pierro, unbeaten juvenile Triple Crown winner, was rated the best juvenile colt in Australia since 1977.
- Out of the multiple winning mare Swansea by Champion Sire Singspiel (5xG1 Winner and sire of 98SW).
- Sweynesse is a magnificent individual. He stands 16.2 hh. He has a powerful hind quarter, a strong shoulder and a great athletic walk. He is very correct.
- Sweynesse is syndicated amongst many of New Zealand's top breeders who are strongly supporting him at stud.







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## BIG OPAL EYES GN AFTER KORAL CRUISE

he Big Opal (NZ) (Storm Creek) has unfinished business at Riccarton and the Kevin Myerstrained jumper is in exactly the right order to seal the deal in seven days' time.

The gelding went into last year's Grand National Steeplechase as a warm favourite off the back of his win in the Koral Steeplechase, only for rider Matt Gillies to lose his irons 1200 metres from home and horse and rider subsequently parted company at the final fence.

The Big Opal, with Shaun Fannin replacing a sidelined Gillies, will again start at short odds in next weekend's feature after he was untroubled yesterday to defend his NZI Koral title. "He measured his fences well and relaxed and got into a good rhythm so it's all looking good," Fannin said.

"He makes up a lot of ground at his fences and he's got that flat speed to increase the tempo and push the issue when we need him to."

The Big Opal coasted in front and when Fannin urged him along 800 metres from home they quickly had their rivals under pressure.

Well clear over the final two flights, they cruised to the line with five and a half lengths to spare from Kina Win (NZ) (Zed) with Tai Ho (NZ) (Winning Boy) third.

"He's had a different preparation to last year and he can be quite a bullish horse but he settled nicely in front today," Fannin said.

"Everything I asked of him he did so it's very positive for next weekend."

The Big Opal has been cut from \$2.80 to be an even money favourite for the National ahead of last year's winner Upper Cut (NZ) (Yamanin Vital), who is at \$5.50 after his fourth placing in the Koral.

Race	CJC NZI Koral Steeplechase 4250m
Winner	The Big Opal (NZ) 2008
Owners	A J & Mrs D I Dravitzki
Trainer	Kevin Myers (Wanganui)
Breeding	by Storm Creek (USA) out of Opal Desire by The Commander
Breeder	A J, B G & Mrs S M Dravitzki



The Big Opal and Shaun Fannin make a fine study in competence as they take a fence on their way to a repeat win in the Koral Steeplechase.



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### GONZO TO GO GO ON WEDNESDAY



With the jumping over, Hamish McNeill has Go Go Gonzo galloping strongly to the line in the Sydenham Hurdles.

**o Go Gonzo (NZ)** (Golan) will cap his quick rise through the jumping ranks with a crack at one of the country's most sought-after prizes on Wednesday.

A dominant winner of yesterday's Racecourse Hotel Sydenham Hurdles at Riccarton, his performance left owner-trainer Sean Cameron with no choice but to give the eight-yearold his chance in the Grand National Hurdles.

"He's only in his first year of jumping and he's come a long way in a short time but we've got to have a go now," he said.

Go Go Gonzo took top honours in the Sydenham by a widening eight

and a half lengths from Heistheone (NZ) (Istidaad) with last year's winner Ngario (NZ) (Captain Rio), who then went on to also claim the National, a disappointing third.

Ngario enjoyed a cosy run near the pace and when he shouldered into the clear 600 metres from home the expectation was that he would assert his superiority. Instead, he was under pressure soon after and only plugged to the line.

By contrast, Go Go Gonzo was full of running after taking control at the top of the straight and he forged clear under a kind ride from Hamish McNeill.

The son of Golan had won two of his past three starts and at his most



recent appearance had finished sixth at Timaru.

"He got taken on in front there and made a couple of mistakes," Cameron said. "That took the stuffing out of him and you never know what that can do to their confidence. But he's won really well today."

Race	CJC Racecourse Hotel & Motor Lodge Hurdle 3100m
Winner	Go Go Gonzo (NZ) 2009
Owners	S L Cameron
Trainer	Sean Cameron (Waiuku)
Breeding	by Golan (Ire) out of Crazie Punt by Straight Strike (USA)
Breeder	D F J Burns

# NOTHING MODEST IN HUMBLE PIE'S WIN

he inexperience of warm favourite **Humble Pie (NZ)** (Sakhee's Secret) was well and truly overshadowed at Riccarton by his natural talent.

The gelding had left the rest of the field struggling in his wake soon after straightening yesterday before he shied and veered out sharply at the sight 100 metres off the post of the large infield television screen.

Race	CJC New Zealand Bloodstock H. 1200m
Winner	Humble Pie (NZ) 2014
Owners	A M & Mrs R E Bull
Trainer	Adrian & Harry Bull (Hunterville)
Breeding	by Sakhee's Secret (GB) out of Eagle Feather (Aus) by Quest for Fame (GB)
Breeder	J Hendrickson and Miss S J & S J Munro
Sales	2016 National Yearling Sale, Festival Session; V: Jamieson Park, P: K T Myers; \$25,000

However, the Adrian and Harry Bull-trained tyro was quickly brought under control again by rider Rosie Myers and they strolled away with the New Zealand Bloodstock 3YO by seven and three-quarter lengths.

"Obviously he's still got a bit to learn," she said. "He's a bit cheeky but he had plenty of petrol left in the tank.

"He just cruises along nicely and I don't see any reason why he won't go on with it."

Humble Pie had been a trial winner last season before he was unplaced on debut at Otaki in June and earlier this month he went back to the trials at Waverley where he finished second.

His Hunterville connections elected to remove the blinkers at Riccarton and he jumped straight to the front. When Myers asked him for an effort 400 metres from home he lengthened



stride to quickly be out on his own.

"He's always worked well and I really like the horse," Myers said.

Second favourite Ajay Tee (NZ) (Foxwedge) ran on late to finish a distant second with Platinum Edition (NZ) (Bullbars), who raced with the leader, weakening to third.

Wearing colours that later in the day came to the fore in the Winter Cup, Rosie Myers guides a wayward Humble Pie home in the three-yearold sprint.





### ANCIENT WARRIOR FIGHTS OFF INQUIRY

he sparingly raced **Ancient Warrior (NZ)** (Iffraaj) took his career record to three wins and two placings in ten starts after he landed the \$S60,000 Class 4 race over 1200 metres at Kranji on Friday night then kept the win in the stewards' room.

The son of Nuance (NZ) (Star Way), a handy three-year-old filly in the 1999/00 season, looked home and hosed when he burst clear of the pack at the 300 metre mark but suddenly rolled out when jockey Shafiq Rizuan pulled his whip to his left hand. In doing so, he bumped the fast-finishing Southern Spur (Northern Meteor), who took a check and couldn't make up the deficit, one length at the post.

Southern Spur's confident-looking jockey Vlad Duric marched straight to the hearing room on dismounting but his objection was overruled.

Trainer Mark Walker acknowledged there was interference between the two favourites – Southern Spur marginally favoured by bettors ahead of Ancient Warrior – but firmly believed his horse was never going to get beaten either way.

"He is very green, that's for sure. Last time on Polytrack he shifted in and that's why Shafiq had his whip in his left hand," he said. "But tonight, on turf, he did the opposite, shifting out when Shafiq hit him with his left hand. So he's a hard horse to work out.

"Vlad never stopped pushing after



Ancient Warrior is first past the post at Kranji on Friday night . . . with advocacy to come.

that, which means it did not really take his momentum, and my horse was always hitting the line strongly."

To Walker, Ancient Warrior was a late bloomer who is finally realising his true potential at Kranji. At this stage, he said, he was still a bit of a rough diamond, especially with his tendency to hang in and out under pressure, and it was his raw ability that has seen him come to the fore.

"He is lightly raced and weighs around 580kg. He's a big horse who's taken a while to come together," he said. "He is owned by Greg McCarthy who sits on the New Zealand Racing Board and wanted to race a horse in Singapore. He bred this one and he has certainly had some success with him." – Singapore Turf Club

Race	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1200m
Winner	Ancient Warrior (NZ) 2012
Owners	G J McCarthy
Trainer	Mark Walker (Kranji)
Breeding	by Iffraaj (GB) out of Nuance by Star Way (GB)
Breeder	G J McCarthy



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## CRAIG GRYLLS OPENS KRANJI ACCOUNT



It took longer than he'd hoped but Craig Grylls' first Kranji win is about to be delivered by Uncle Lucky.

t has taken fifteen rides, probably a little longer than he would have liked, but on Friday New Zealand jockey Craig Grylls was finally able to notch his first winner in Singapore.

Based at Kranji since the third week of July, the son of former leading Kiwi jockey Gary Grylls – who rode in Bukit Timah in the late 1980s – did not have much luck at his first four meetings with a third place aboard favourite Enhancement (Invincible Spirit) at his second meeting his best result.

But the support has since improved, with a book of seven rides this weekend, including the plum ride aboard former Singapore Horse of the Year War Affair (NZ) (O'Reilly) in the Chairman's Trophy for fellow New Zealander Bruce Marsh on Sunday. It was that same Marsh who supplied him with the ride that proved to be his ice-breaker – **Uncle Lucky (NZ)** (Showcasing) in Friday's opening race, the \$S35,000 Class 5 over 1100 metres.

One of the best away in the twelve-horse field, Uncle Lucky overcame a wide gate to easily settle on the steel for Grylls. The rest was just a matter of giving the five-year-old a breather mid-race and as economical a run as possible up front before letting him loose at the top of the straight.

Uncle Lucky immediately bounded away, was cut back late by Lucky Boy (Red Arrow) but the half-length margin at the wire showed the jockey had timed his run to a nicety. "It's a great opportunity to come over here and ride. I'm

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# CRAIG GRYLLS OPENS KRANJI ACCOUNT

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really happy I got that first winner out of the way as the quality of rides wasn't quite there in the first couple of weeks," said the 27-year-old Matamata jockey.

"Bruce was very confident that this horse goes well every time he drops in class. I tried to save him as much as I can but he still got a bit tired in the end, though I knew he would be hard to beat when he kicked clear."

Marsh, who in his jockey days rode against Grylls' grandfather Johnny, was happy to see the grandson bring home one of his charges.

"Craig rode him very well. This horse is a free-running sort and has the early speed to come across," said Marsh. "At the top of the straight, he opened up a big break and was just too good."

Singapore Turf Club

Race	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1100m
Winner	Uncle Lucky (NZ) 2012
Owners	Silver Spoon Stable
Trainer	Bruce Marsh (Kranji)
Breeding	by Showcasing (GB) out of Starry Angel by Shinko Forest (Ire)
Breeder	Hallmark Stud Ltd
Sales	2014 National Yearling Sale, Festival Session; V: Hallmark Stud, P: M F Rogers; \$16,000

#### CENTRAL DISTRICT Thoroughbred Breeders'



#### MANAWATU/WAIRARAPA BREEDERS BIG DAY OUT 2017

#### Sunday 13th of August is the NZ Thoroughbred breeders association Central districts branch 'Breeders big day out'.

Meeting at Wellfield Lodge at 9am to view yearlings by Fastnet Rock, Snitzel and Redoutes Choice to name just a few. We'll then board a coach to Kamada park to have a freshly ground coffee and tour of their state of the art facilities.

Then over the hill to Little Avondale Stud where a stud tour of top class yearlings and leading stallions Per Incanto and Nadeem will be presented.

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