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SAMANTHA BEWITCHES THE OPPOSITION WITH DARING RIDE ON MISS THREE STARS



The big team associated with Miss Three Stars are unrestrained in their joy as winning jockey Samantha Wynne, trophy held aloft, is hoisted shoulder high.

Samantha Wynne's timing was faultless at Riccarton when she reined **Miss Three Stars (NZ)** (Perfectly Ready) to victory in the feature flat event.

A documentary crew from her native Ireland is in New Zealand to film the 27-year-old in action and they were on hand yesterday to capture her success in the Group Three eStar Winter Cup.

Wynne took a calculated gamble on Miss Three Stars at the top of the straight and it proved to be the winning move aboard the Tommy Beckett-trained seven-year-old.

"I took a chance coming up the inside," she said, "but I knew she would handle the mud and cutting the corner paid

dividends."

Miss Three Stars finished doggedly in the straight and the daughter of the Stark South mare Missy (NZ), a seven-time winner a dozen or so years back, including the Listed South Island Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes, was rewarded with the ninth win of her 39-start career.

"Tommy has done a fantastic job with this mare and he and the whole syndicate of owners have been very loyal," Wynne said.

"I rode the mare on the beach yesterday so I knew she was ready."

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Runner-up Platinum Command (NZ) (Red Giant) tried gamely to complete a winning treble for Lisa Latta after the Awapuni trainer had earlier produced Lincoln Bay (NZ) (Makfi) and Master Platinum (NZ) (Mastercraftsman) for undercard successes.

In the last couple early, Platinum Command finished well down the outside to get within a short head of the winner while the performance of the third placegetter Taurus (NZ) (No Excuse Needed) was again to be admired after he conceded four-and-a-half and seven kilos respectively to the

winner and runner-up.

Under topweight of 60kg in testing conditions, he fought on tenaciously after hitting the lead 300 metres from home.

Race	CJC Winter Cup Gr.3 1600m
Winner	Miss Three Stars (NZ) 2009
Owners	Three Star Syndicate
Trainer	Tommy Beckett (Ascot Park)
Breeding	by Perfectly Ready (Aus) out of Missy by Stark South (USA)
Breeder	Ms J M & M J Crooks and Mrs B R Nettleton

NEWS IN BRIEF

Country air gets Best Case back in form

A trip to the country has sparked former Group One competitor **Best Case (NZ)** (Savabeel) back to top form. The six-year-old had been well beaten at his two previous starts but yesterday landed a \$13 to \$9.50 betting move when he beat the \$3.60 second favourite Jetset Lad (NZ) (Elusive City) by 1½ lengths in the 1800 metre Wilpak Meats Handicap at Eagle Farm.

Originally trained by Anthony Cummings in Sydney, Best Case raced against some of Australia's elite in his three-year-old year, finishing third in the Group One South Australian Derby. However, he has struggled since and was sold to the Aquis Farm syndicate earlier this year and is now with their trainer Steve O'Dea, who trains from Eagle Farm and also the syndicate's property at Canungra, in the Gold Coast hinterland.

"He didn't really impress us when he was well beaten at Doomben last time so I decided to take him out to the Aquis property for a bit of country life," O'Dea said. "I also put him over the jumps to sharpen him up a bit. It seems to have done the trick."

O'Dea said he would now look for longer races in Brisbane for Best Case.

"The South Australian Derby was 2500 metres so he is looking for more ground. Unfortunately, 2200 metres is about as far as they go in Brisbane so that will have to do."

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VALLEY GIRL BACK **BIGGER AND STRONGER**



Valley Girl (#5) shows her readiness for upcoming assignments as she wears down a game Biggin Hill (black noseroll), with Hasselhoof coming home well on the outer.

Chris Gibbs might have a future as a tipster if he ever decides on a change from training thoroughbreds.

Pre-race, the Ruakaka horseman had favoured the chances of **Valley Girl (NZ)** (Mastercraftsman) over stablemate and favourite Hasselhoof (NZ) (Tavistock) in their home track clash in yesterday's Harcourts Optimize Group Open and he was right on the money as last season's Group One Herbie Dyke Stakes winner opened her four-year-old campaign in grand style with a comfortable length victory over a game Biggin Hill (NZ) (Falvelon).

"She was a touch more forward than Hasselhoof and she will still take heaps of improvement out of that," said Gibbs, who prepares the pair with Donna Logan.

"That was just outstanding and she's come back bigger and stronger. We'll go to the Makfi now and we could well be off to Australia after that."

Valley Girl was able to sit near the pace yesterday and finished off strongly under Danielle Johnson in the run home.

"That was a super effort and with the ability she's got she was able to sprint well fresh," Johnson said.

Gibbs was also more than satisfied with the performance of Hasselhoof, who kept coming to finish three-quarters of a length behind Biggin Hill, even though he was beaten for the first time in seven New Zealand appearances.

"It was a hack canter early and they sprinted off the top so to finish as close

as he did was a good effort," rider Matt Cameron said. "I'm very happy with the way he's coming up."

Another satisfied party was Te Rapa trainer David Greene, whose charge Stolen Dance (NZ) (Alamosa) finished fourth.

"She had 60kg and was down in the worst part of the track," he said. "She will be a lot better off at the weights in the Makfi."

Race	Whangarei RC Harcourts Optimize Group H. 1200m
Winner	Valley Girl (NZ) 2012
Owners	D, L & S Hawkins and Llanhennock Trust
Trainer	Donna Logan & Chris Gibbs (Ruakaka)
Breeding	by Mastercraftsman (Ire) out of Leigh Valley by Bianconi (USA)
Breeder	D, L & S Hawkins and Llanhennock Trust





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FALCON DELIVERS ON HIGH EXPECTATIONS

Making his three-year-old debut in yesterday's Harcourts Just Rentals at Ruakaka, expectations were sky high around **Mongolian Falcon** (Fastnet Rock) and the classy colt, with ambitious spring plans in place, didn't let anybody down, delivering victory in the style his trainers Donna Logan and Chris Gibbs sought.

"We've got a huge opinion of him," Gibbs said. "He'll definitely be nominated for the VRC Derby and if we take that path then he won't be hanging around in New Zealand for too long."

Mongolian Falcon was a trial winner before finishing third on debut last season then second-up he beat the subsequent Group Two Matamata Breeders' Stakes winner Gold Rush (NZ) (So You Think).

The son of the Group-performed Galileo mare Amazing Beauty then ran a close second in the Listed Reid & Harrison Slipper at Matamata before being put aside after he suffered an interrupted run when unplaced in Ellerslie's Group One Diamond Stakes.

"He spelled well and he's in beautiful order," Gibbs said. "He's still learning but did everything right today."

Mongolian Falcon bounced out well from the gates under rider Leith Innes to race on the speed and he asserted his superiority in the closing hundred metres to comfortably account for the pacemaker Matuzalem (NZ) (O'Reilly).

"We put the blinkers on for the first time because it was only a thousand metres," Gibbs said. "He's a pretty smart colt."



Mongolian Falcon is all attitude as Leith Innes brings him back to scale after the colt's easy win at Ruakaka.

Race	Whangarei RC Harcourts Just Rentals H. 1000m
Winner	Mongolian Falcon (Aus) 2013
Owners	Inner Mongolia Rider Horse Industry (NZ) Ltd
Trainer	Donna Logan & Chris Gibbs (Ruakaka)
Breeding	by Fastnet Rock (Aus) out of Amazing Beauty (Ire) by Galileo (Ire)
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DUBAIINSTYLE TOO SLICK IN THE SLOP

Another self-assured ride by Brenton Avdulla helped the Chris Waller-trained **Dubaiinstyle (NZ)** (Roc de Cambes) adapt to yesterday's testing conditions at Randwick.

Racing on a Heavy 10 surface with intermittent showers, Randwick was playing into the hands of on-pace runners which prompted Avdulla to have Dubaiinstyle up travelling in the unfamiliar position of outside the leader.

In the five previous runs of his current preparation, Dubaiinstyle had been ridden quietly near the tail of the

field, which proved no help to him at his last start, at Rosehill, where he was left cluttered behind runners in the straight before weaving a passage late to finish a luckless fourth.

But it was a different story in the Randwick slop, as the gelding – steadily backed from an opening quote of \$7 to start a \$5.50 third favourite – was afforded clear running from the outset and burst away at the top of the straight to score by a comfortable 4½ lengths.

“The horse was a little bit keen early but Brenton didn't fight him, he just let him slide and I think that's important on a track like today – to be comfortable and travelling through it,” Waller said.

“The horse has been unlucky in his last couple of runs so today might do his confidence the world of good.”

Waller was also quick to acknowledge the resilience of the Randwick track, which is never far from criticism when rain arrives in Sydney.

“I guess we are critical of the Randwick track more often than not but maybe they should get a wrap today because at least we're racing and it doesn't seem to be dangerous in any way,” he said.

Race	ATC Wallaby Cup 1600m
Winner	Dubaiinstyle (NZ) 2012
Owners	Fesen Pty Ltd (Mgr: P Pollicina), Gemstash Pty Ltd (Mgr: A Alafaci), B Pang, Dr A Pang, R R Manning, R J R Manning, G R Taylor, A B Coombe, G P Calder and B W Honeybone
Trainer	Chris Waller (Rosehill)
Breeding	by Roc de Cambes out of Likeyourstyle by Zabeel
Breeder	The Oaks Stud
Sales	2014 National Yearling Sale, Select Session; V: The Oaks Stud, P: R R Manning; \$57,500



“Sure there are different formlines coming out of the meeting but punters can work that out and we're racing which is so important.”

The winner's stablemate So Willie (More Than Ready) finished runner-up, three-quarters of a length in front of the \$4 favourite King's Officer (Domesday).

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Dubaiinstyle well clear close to home in yesterday's Wallaby Cup at Randwick.





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NGARIO MAKES NO RACE OF SYDENHAM

Shaun Fannin is hoping he gets the nod to continue his association with the exciting jumper **Ngario (NZ)** (Captain Rio) on the second day of the Riccarton carnival, guiding the Kevin Myers-trained nine-year-old to a hollow victory in yesterday's Racecourse Hotel & Motor Lodge Sydenham Hurdles in an outstanding trial for Wednesday's Grand National Hurdles.

Fannin is now unbeaten in two outings aboard Ngario, who was sent to Myers by former trainer and part-owner Sylvia Kay to be groomed for a jumping career.

"I won on him at Rotorua and he was quite impressive again today," said

Fannin, who will be a leading chance to claim the FastTrack Insurance Jumps Jockey of the Year title at New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing's Horse of the Year function in Auckland this evening.

"It's up to Kevin and I do as I'm told, but I would like to stick with him for Wednesday."

Fannin gave Ngario an economical run on the fence behind the pace before he pushed the button across the top.

They took control of the race three flights from home and romped clear to win by eight lengths from Just Ishi (NZ) (Ishiguru) and Regalo Reaal (NZ) (Ekraar).

"He was always travelling well and

did it easily," Fannin said.

While Ngario has yet to race beyond 3100 metres, the jockey is in no doubt that the gelding will be ideally suited to the 4200 metre trip of the National.

"He was strong to the line and I think he is going to relish going even further," he said.

Race	CJC Racecourse Hotel Hurdle 3100m
Winner	Ngario (NZ) 2007
Owners	A J & Mrs C Bruce, P J & Mrs S L Kay
Trainer	Kevin Myers (Wanganui)
Breeding	by Captain Rio (GB) out of Dame Ngaio by Deputy Governor (USA)
Breeder	P J & Mrs S L Kay



Ngario and Shaun Fannin fly a jump on their way to a comprehensive win in yesterday's Sydenham Hurdles at Riccarton.





TONICS FOR TONY AND MATHEW WHEN THE BIG OPAL STROLLS HOME IN KORAL

With a flawless display off the front to win the NZI Korā Steeplechase in a canter, **The Big Opal (NZ)** (Storm Creek) yesterday produced a gem of a performance ahead of next week's Grand National and completed a dream opening to Riccarton's winter carnival for Wanganui trainer Kevin Myers.

The Big Opal was partnered by Mathew Gillies and completed a clean sweep of the jumping events for Myers following the earlier successes of the Shaun Fannin-ridden duo of Ngario and Maily (NZ) (St Reims).

For Gillies, it represented a perfect return to riding after a nasty fall at Trentham last month left him sidelined with concussion.

"That was great and it was

Kevin's decision for me to ride him so well done to everybody involved," Gillies said.

The Big Opal jumped well at the head of the field and was never in danger of defeat, cruising to victory and remaining unbeaten after four steeplechase starts.

"He travelled well all the way and I had a lot of horse left under me," Gillies said.

The Myers Christchurch team is again in the capable care of Ken Harrison, who was naturally delighted with The Big Opal's effort.

"That will be a good tonic for his owner Tony Dravitzki, who's been ill, and for Mathew coming back from his stand-down from concussion," he said.

The Big Opal won by nine lengths from Upper Cut (NZ)



The Big Opal effortlessly carries Mathew Gillies over a home-straight fence on their way to winning yesterday's Korā Steeplechase.

(Yamanin Vital) with Gargamel (NZ) (Sunray) third ahead of the defending Grand National Steeples champion High Forty (NZ) (Danzighill), who made late ground from the tail of the field.

Race	CJC NZI Korā 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

