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HAMISH JUMPS IN ON THURSDAY WORK – HAS OVERS ON UNDERTHEMOONLIGHT



Through driving rain, Underthemoonlight and Cameron Lammas gain recompense for an unlucky run in last year's Lisa Chittick Foxbridge Plate with a clear-cut win in this year's edition.

Hamish McQuade has unwavering belief in the ability of **Underthemoonlight (NZ)** (El Hermano) to foot it at the elite level and he's opened his wallet to back his judgement.

The confidence of the co-breeder and part-owner of the mare, who is trained by his wife Karyn, was given a further boost yesterday when she won the Group Two Lisa Chittick Foxbridge Plate at Te Rapa.

"After her work on Thursday I was so pleased that she was at \$26 for the Tarzino – I was on that," McQuade said.

Underthemoonlight has now been trimmed to \$10 for the Group One Tarzino Trophy in a fortnight's time at Hawke's Bay.

"She won't have a problem at Hastings as long as there's give in the ground," McQuade said.

Underthemoonlight was one runner at Te Rapa who relished the downgrading of the track to a Heavy 10 and

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she came from the tail of the field with an undeniable finish to erase memories of her unlucky run in the event twelve months ago.

She was badly held up in the straight before regular rider Cameron Lammas was able to get her into the open and they flew home late for fourth.

"I still reckon she could have run second but Cameron is adamant she would have caught Saracino," McQuade said.

From a wide gate yesterday, a plan was made to give their charge plenty of time to settle and it was perfectly executed by Lammas.

He improved from the tail of the field across the top and Underthemoonlight produced a sustained finish to take the thick end of the \$100,000 purse.

"I wanted to be midfield but Hamish told me to let her drift out," Lammas said. "She just kept giving and she's strengthened up this time in. She's a tough mare and always gives 110 per cent."

Close Up (NZ) (Shinko King) also made ground from off the pace for second as did the six-time Group One winner Kawi (NZ) (Savabeel) for third.

Race	Waikato RC Foxbridge P. Gr.2 1200m
Winner	Underthemoonlight (NZ) 2011
Owners	H & K McQuade and C Solomon
Trainer	Karen McQuade (Matamata)
Breeding	by El Hermano out of Midnight Dip by O'Reilly
Breeder	H G W & Mrs K L McQuade

NEWS IN BRIEF



Eilish McCall . . . off to a dream start at Te Rapa.

Promising start turns spectacular

Eilish McCall's first day of race riding started promisingly and finished spectacularly.

The 24-year-old apprentice acquitted herself well on debut at Te Rapa yesterday when she guided Jochen Rindt (NZ) (Ishiguru) into fourth in the Jorja's 14th Birthday Handicap and then she struck gold in the closing event on the card.

Aboard Blackmagicwoman (NZ) (Shocking) for her employer Shaune Ritchie, McCall kept a cool head after a tardy start and getting back in the field.

She bided her time before picking up ground and then came underneath runners in the straight for a length and three-quarter victory in the DIC – Driver in Control 1600.

"I'm so grateful to Shaune for putting me on; he's helped me out a lot," McCall said.

"We didn't get a very good run and got pushed around a lot so I stayed where I was. On the turn I had a lot in hand and off she went and hit the line well!"

Ritchie stable representative Noel Waddell said it was appropriate that McCall was able to open her winning tally on Blackmagicwoman.

"It's a really good result; she does a lot of the work on the mare so it's a fitting result. All credit to her, she didn't panic and let the horse slide along."





MIKE RAISES SIGHTS **WITH RHYTHM**



With the winning post in sight, Rhythm To Spare clings grimly to his lead against a quality line-up of milers at yesterday's Caulfield meeting.

Mike Moroney plans to press on into spring with eight-year-old gelding **Rhythm To Spare (NZ)** (Pins), who erased his trainer's pre-race concerns at Caulfield by winning again.

Rhythm To Spare won over 1600 metres at Flemington two weeks ago and Moroney admitted he started to panic before yesterday's Ramlegh Springs On Clyde Handicap, over the same distance, that he had been too easy on the gelding in the lead-up.

But apprentice Brandon Stockdale settled the \$4.40 favourite in midfield and then was able to get a nice run between horses in the first half of the straight before edging past leader Foundry (Galileo) to win by a short neck.

Yesterday's race was Rhythm To Spare's seventh of this preparation and his third win of the campaign.

"To keep him going to where we'd like to get him, I've just kept him fresh," Moroney said.

"I thought he might have been a bit fresh and I was starting to panic that I'd done the wrong thing, but it worked out well.

"I think there's another similar race for him coming up at Flemington.

"But at some stage during the spring, at a mile, we'll throw him in the deep end and just see where he ends up."

Another crack at the Toorak Handicap is a possibility.

Rhythm To Spare finished fifth in the race in 2014 then was among the tailenders in the Group One handicap a year later.

– AAP TURF

Race	MRC Ramlegh Springs on Clyde 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





ETHAN AND HERE TO THERE END JOURNEY FROM THE ALICE TO CAULFIELD WITH WIN

The victory of **Here To There (NZ)** (Good Journey) has given Ethan Brown his greatest thrill in racing, the apprentice finding it hard to believe his good fortune in guiding the eight-year-old home a winner in Thebigsscreencompany.com.au Handicap at yesterday's Caulfield meeting.

Apprenticed to Mick Kent at Cranbourne, Brown first started working with horses in Alice Springs.

It was there that he came across Here To There at the stables of Greg Connor.

Then a 14-year-old, Brown began his apprenticeship with the Alice Springs horseman and Here To There was the horse he first learned to ride on.

"I learned my horsemanship skills with this horse," Brown said.

After four starts in the Northern Territory, Here To There found his way to Adelaide before joining the Caulfield stable of Ciaran Maher in 2015.

"The way it has all worked out is unbelievable," Brown said.



Ethan Brown reunites with his old mate Here To There to win the last at Caulfield.

"That would have to be one of the biggest buzzes I've ever got out of a win.

"It's a great feeling getting back with the old horse, especially here at Caulfield."

Backed from \$10 to \$6, Here To There scored by a neck from rank outsider By The Grace (God's Own) with Ozie Choice (Denman), the \$4.40 favourite, a nose away third.

– AAP TURF

Race	MRC Bigsscreencompany.com.au H. 1400m
Winner	Here To There (NZ) 2009
Owners	Mrs C Warwick, K B Agent, Ms N J Ernest, M G Anceschi, B S Donnison, G Mickelborough, Ms D M Anceschi and Northern Lodge Thoroughbreds (Mgr: C R Smith)
Trainer	Ciaran Maher (Caulfield)
Breeding	by Good Journey (USA) out of Zsa Zsa Gabeel by Zabeel
Breeder	Sir Patrick & Lady Hogan
Sales	2011 National Yearling Sale, Select Session; V: Shelby Park, P: Mr R M Donnison; \$48,000



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FELTON ROAD ON A GUINEAS PATH

Hot three-year-old prospect **Felton Road (NZ)** (Pins) has opened his classic season in perfect style with trainer Tony Pike now plotting a path for the colt toward a Group One feature.

The lightly tried youngster resumed in yesterday's Doug Hawkings 50th Birthday 1100 at Te Rapa, where he overcame a testing track to post the third win of his fledgling career.

Felton Road sat at the back of the small field and when a gap one off the fence presented itself in the closing hundred metres he was through in a flash to beat Ohceedee (NZ) (Power).

"I thought it was going to get a bit ugly; there wasn't much room there for a while," Pike said.

"It was good to see him come back

so well. He relaxed nicely and it was good to see him sprint so well on such a wet track."

Felton Road, whose major spring target is the Group One New Zealand Two Thousand Guineas, will make his next appearance in the Listed Northland Breeders' Stakes on September 16.

"We'll look at Ruakaka in a month's time and then take the Guineas races as they come along and as long as his form continues we'll be looking at Riccarton," Pike said.

A two-time winner last season and third in the Karaka Million, Felton Road has been ridden in all of his starts by Leith Innes.

"The horse is going great but didn't really enjoy the track," Innes said. "I was surprised how well he sprinted; it's

pretty heavy out there."

Ohceedee followed up a tidy trial second earlier this month with another solid effort to head off the genuine Socially Excited (NZ) (Falkirk) for second money.

Race	Waikato RC Doug Hawkings 50th Birthday S. 1100m
Winner	Felton Road (NZ) 2014
Owners	R Bell, S Doull, T Gillespie, N Greenhaigh, R Mulcaster, E Smythe, P Talyancich, Platinum Events, Sales & Sponsorship Ltd, T Pike and Frontier Bloodstock
Trainer	Tony Pike (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Pins (Aus) out of Rose Red by O'Reilly
Breeder	Waikato Stud Ltd
Sales	2016 National Yearling Sale, Select Session; V: Waikato Stud Ltd, P: Botswana Bloodstock; \$20,000



Leith Innes brings Felton Road with a late run, one off the rails, to open his three-year-old season with a win at Te Rapa.





DOLCETTO DIGS IN AT TAUHERENIKAU

Sam Collett won't be letting win machine **Dolcetto (NZ)** (Per Incanto) out of her sights after continuing her outstanding association with the rising star at Tauherenikau.

The Tirau-based jockey has been happy to travel far and wide to ride the gifted five-year-old and yesterday they combined to claim victory in the Johnson Brothers Open 1400.

The 27-year-old has now partnered the Sylvia Kay-trained galloper seven times for five wins and two runner-up finishes.

"He makes my job very easy," Collett said. "He's still a young horse in terms of starts as well."

Dolcetto was steadied to take a sit behind Longchamp (NZ) (Tavistock) and the gelding looked to be under pressure to stay in touch with the last-start Listed Opunake Cup winner near the turn.

"He's kept improving and what I like most is that while he struggled in the ground across the top, he really loves a fight," Collett said.

"I gave him a dig and he pulled alongside Longchamp and we got there."

Dolcetto will now be aimed at undercard racing on the last two days of the Hawke's Bay carnival, also the next port of call for a brave Longchamp, who gave six kilos to Dolcetto.

Longchamp has been set for the Group One Tazino Trophy on the first day of the meeting on September 2 by Andrew Campbell, who last Thursday confirmed he would be leaving his Opaki base of the last 23 years.

Dolcetto (blue cap) is all-out to hold off Longchamp in their home-straight battle at Tauherenikau.

The Group One-winning trainer has purchased a Waikato property and Longchamp will be one of the fourteen horses he will be relocating to his new Cambridge base.

Among those heading north will be **Gobstopper (NZ)** (Tavistock), an impressive front-running winner of the Liquorland Masterton 2050.

"He's got ability and I keep saying it, but with time on his side he's strengthened," said Campbell, who guided the early career of his outstanding brother Werther (NZ).

He was a dual Group Two winner for Campbell and following the gelding's sale he has since added three Group One victories in Hong Kong to his record.

Race	Wairarapa RC Johnson Brothers H. 1400m
Winner	Dolcetto (NZ) 2012
Owners	Dr H M & Dr W J Bishop and P J & Mrs S L Kay
Trainer	Sylvia Kay (Levin)
Breeding	by Per Incanto (USA) out of Our Shiraz by Nediym (Ire)
Breeder	Dr H M & Dr W J Bishop and P J & Mrs S L Kay





BEATEN BY THE WET, BUT AIDE MEMOIRE HAS NOT FORGOTTEN HOW TO GALLOP



Aide Memoire in winning mode in the Captain Cook Stakes.

Fraser Auret was happy in defeat at Tauherenikau, where his Group One winner **Aide Memoire (NZ)** (Remind) gave a strong account of herself after a lengthy break.

The Marton trainer, like most of his counterparts, has been frustrated by recent wet weather and his hand was forced to give the mare an outing in The Hits Handicap.

In her first start since she triumphed in the Group One Captain Cook Stakes in December of last year, Aide Memoire was in or near the lead throughout for stable apprentice Madan Singh.

The six-year-old was in front on straightening and boxed on well under 63.5kg in the worst part of the track to finish a brave runner-up.

By contrast, the winner Sir Kingwood (Excites) sat back and made the most of his nine-and-a-half kilo pull in the weights to come down the outside of the course under rider Sam Collett.

"She's been six months off the scene after she jarred up a bit back when she won at Trentham so it was nice to see her back," Auret said.

"I'm over the moon with that. It's just been so wet everywhere and today was just about giving her a good hit-out.

"We thought about the Taupo trials on Friday, but decided it was better to come here and give her a run under raceday conditions.

"Quite obviously she is going to improve an awful lot now."

Auret said he will monitor Aide Memoire's condition in the coming week before he confirms a start in the Group One Tarzino Trophy at Hastings on September 2.

"It's a long season ahead and if she's not quite at her peak then we'll wait for the second one at Hawke's Bay, the Windsor Park Plate."





MANOEL'S HAPPY REUNION **WITH SIAM**

Manoel Nunes pulled the wrong rein when he picked **Siam Sapphire (NZ)** (Showcasing) over eventual winner Mystic Master (Snippetson) in Singapore's 2016 Juvenile Championship but that did not mean he had consigned him to the bin, with a happy reunion just over a year later leading to a smashing win at Kranji on Friday night.

Recently transferred from James Peters to Michael Clements, the now four-year-old gave the three-time Singapore champion jockey the same familiar feeling that got him to plump for him in the two-year-old feature when

he came with a withering run from the 400 metre mark of the \$560,000 Class 4 over 1200 metres.

Never far from the leading bunch, Siam Sapphire immediately looked the winner when he loomed large at the top of the straight and while favourite Legendary Sun (More Than Ready) did offer some resistance, once Nunes asked for the supreme effort the race was over.

"I remember the horse very well when he was a baby with James Peters. I knew he had a lot of ability and I even jumped off Alwin Tan's horse to ride him in the Juvenile Championship," said Nunes.

"It did not work out and he had some issues after that but I'm pleased I got back on him tonight. They took off the blinkers and he won very impressively."

Siam Sapphire's new trainer was also delighted with success coming at his very first outing for him.

"I've watched his early runs and we knew he was a strong, well-put-together horse," Clements said.

"He showed promise as a two-year-old and I remember he

ran in very good company.

"He's done really well from an outside barrier tonight and I think he will get seven furlongs and up to a mile."

– Singapore Turf Club

Race	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1200m
Winner	Siam Sapphire (NZ) 2013
Owners	Pupetch Racing Stable
Trainer	Michael Clements (Kranji)
Breeding	by Showcasing (GB) out of Queens Move (Aus) by King of Kings (Ire)
Breeder	Frantic Bloodstock Ltd and Haunui Bloodstock Ltd
Sales	2015 National Yearling Sale, Select Session; V: Haunui Farm, P: Michael Freedman/Michael Wallace; \$125,000



Siam Sapphire recaptures his best form at Kranji's Friday night meeting.





ALARANCH DOUBLES UP OVER 1000M

Sticking to a 1000 metre scamper paid off for **Alaranch (NZ)** (Alamosa) who brought up her second win in a row at Kranji on Friday night.

The Alamosa mare recorded her first win in a similar Class 5 race over the same distance three weeks ago and when trainer Kuah Cheng Tee decided to have another go he was well rewarded with a gutsy all-the-way win.

One of the best away, Alaranch was hustled up from her outside draw to easily take up the running before having a breather midrace and rallying again for a strong run to the line.

The five-year-old did hang out under pressure but the decisive break she had taken on her rivals proved unassailable in the end.

Backed down to favouritism, Alaranch won by 1¾ lengths from Castle Queen (NZ) (Thewayyouare) with D'Don (Exceed And Excel) third another length away.

"She shied away from the lights in the straight," said Kuah. "She's a very nervous mare and that's why she wears pacifiers.

"But they have also improved her a lot and I think dropping her back in trip to a thousand metres also did the trick.



Alaranch scores her second consecutive 1000 metre win at Kranji on Friday night.

"I would still like to step her back up to 1200 and 1400 metres in the future."

Jockey Ng Choon Kiat was having his first ride on Alaranch but said she was pretty much bombproof from the way she sprang the gates to settle on the rails.

"It's my first time riding her, whether it's a race or in trackwork, but she is an easy mare to ride. She jumped good and landed in front quite easily," said Mark Walker's

apprentice.

"She has really improved and she didn't have a tough race, even if she was hanging out badly. She's a very fit horse and won very well."

– Singapore Turf Club

Race	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1000m
Winner	Alaranch (NZ) 2012
Owners	Song Yew Chye
Trainer	Kuah Cheng Tee
Breeding	by Alamosa out of Ranch (Aus) by Rancher (Aus)
Breeder	Inglewood Stud (NZ) Ltd

