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RICHARDSON HAS TARZINO TROPHY FAVOURITE RIGHT WHERE HE WANTS HER



Volpe Veloce winning the Gr. 2 Eight Carat Classic at Ellerslie

Matamata trainer Graham Richardson was feeling good about his decision to bypass a start at Te Rapa on the weekend with Gr. 1 Tarzino Trophy favourite **Volpe Veloce** (Foxwedge) as he watched a host of the mare's potential rivals slog it out in the tough, rain-soaked conditions present on the day.

As the field for Saturday's Gr. 2 Lisa Chittick Foxbridge Plate went in to battle, Volpe Veloce was safely tucked up at home after enjoying a pleasing work-out earlier in the day on

her home track.

"We decided at the start of her preparation to bypass the Foxbridge as we felt it was just too close to Hastings in case she struck a very heavy track and that's exactly what happened on Saturday," explained Richardson.

"I think a number of those who went around will be feeling a little weary today as the track looked pretty testing and a few of them had some tough runs.

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“Our mare goes best on the fresh side and we just thought a possible gut-buster could be her undoing so I’m pretty happy we bypassed this one.”

Richardson believes he has his charge on target for her Hastings assignment after the mare completed a comfortable track gallop under the stewardship of Michael Coleman on Saturday morning.

“Mickey rode her for me and he was very complimentary of how she went,” he reported.

“We weren’t looking to break any records but she did

exactly what we wanted and was very keen to get on with the job.

“With just 13 days to go she will most likely have one or two more serious hit-outs and then it will be all on.”

Despite feeling confident about how their campaign has unfolded to date, Richardson is acutely aware that there is plenty of water left to flow under the bridge before potentially claiming a Group One title.

“So many things have to go right to win a race like this so we aren’t taking anything for granted at all,” he said.

“We need the right build-up, the right track conditions, luck in the running and a great ride. That’s not much to ask for, is it?”

“Seriously though we will need to be right at the top of our game judging by what I saw on Saturday. Kawi was simply enormous and I thought Coldplay was very unlucky as well.

“It is going to be a super race with a red-hot field so it is nice just to have one good enough to compete in it.”

A comprehensive fresh-up victory on a firmer Te Rapa surface a fortnight ago has seen Volpe Veloce shoot to the top of TAB Fixed Odds market for the Tarzino Trophy at a \$3 quote with Saturday’s third placegetter Kawi (NZ) (Savabeel) sitting at \$3.50, followed by Underthemoonlight (NZ) (El Hermano) who has firmed to \$10 after her convincing Foxbridge Plate victory.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Impressive sale result for Windsor Park shuttle stallion

Windsor Park shuttle stallion, **Charm Spirit**, has enjoyed success on the second day of the Arqana Yearling Sale at Deauville with a colt by the three-time European Group One winner selling for 500,000 euros.

Out of stakes placed Rainbow Quest mare, Kartica, the colt was knocked down to the bid of Shadwell Farm France who purchased the youngster from the Haras du Cadran Stud draft.

“He is a very nice individual by a late maturing but very good racehorse,” Shadwell’s Angus Gold said. “Charm Spirit is an exciting young stallion. This colt is a half-brother to a top-class filly and I liked him more every time I saw him.”

Charm Spirit commenced stud duties at Windsor Park in 2015, with his first crop of yearlings set to go through the sale ring at Karaka in 2018. The son of Invincible Spirit raced nine times for six wins, with his three Group One victories, including the Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Ascot, coming in his last three starts.

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STALLIONS 2017

CHARM SPIRIT <i>Invincible Spirit - L'Enjoleuse by Montjeu</i>	\$18,000*	RIP VAN WINKLE <i>Galileo - Looking Back by Stravinsky</i>	\$10,000*
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SHAMEXPRESS <i>O'Reilly - Volkrose by Volksraad</i>	\$12,500*	VANBRUGH NEW <i>Encosta de Lago - Soho Secret by Lucky Owners</i>	\$6,000*
MONGOLIAN KHAN <i>Holy Roman Emperor - Centafit by Centaine</i>	\$10,000*	FALKIRK <i>Tale Of The Cat - Madam Valeta (Palace Music)</i>	\$4,000*

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HIGHLAD BACK IN FINE STYLE AT TE RAPA

Enigmatic performer **Highlad** (High Chaparral) kicked off his four-year-old campaign in emphatic fashion on the weekend when he dished out a beating to his rating 75 rivals at Te Rapa.

The rangy High Chaparral gelding was making his first appearance since concluding a topsy-turvy three-year-old season that saw him win the Listed Wanganui Guineas early in his campaign before performing below his best in feature events on both sides of the Tasman.

Common to those failings was his propensity to do things wrong at crucial stages during the running, a trend that Saturday's pilot Matt Cameron believes he may well have grown out of with some time on the side lines.

"To be fair he couldn't have been any worse than last season," joked Cameron after the race.

"He's grown up a hell of a lot and was quiet before the start and settled going into the gates and during the run.

"He got a nice drag into it and has kicked away like the good horse he is."

Cameron's report confirmed the ease of the victory which was achieved in a no-nonsense style despite Highlad having to sit wide throughout the 1400 metre contest. Settled into a nice rhythm beyond midfield the pair bided their time before surging into contention approaching the home bend.

Enigmatic galloper Highlad powers away from his opposition on the weekend

Such was the speed of his assault, Highlad was in front as the field straightened up and he maintained a powerful gallop to the line where he was two and half lengths to the good of Wildflower (NZ) (Keeper) and Swinging Skirts (NZ) (Swiss Ace) who fought out the minor placings.

"It was a good race today and although he covered a bit of ground that was the place to be," commented co-trainer Murray Baker.

"He's come back well and we will just take him through the grades now with the hope he can get to open company."

Baker was philosophical when questioned about the performance of the stable's runners in the Gr. 2 Lisa Chittick Foxbridge Plate that had been run a race earlier, with both Mime (NZ) (Mastercraftsman) and Coldplay (NZ) (Savabeel) finishing out of the money.

"Mime faded a bit and we may not have had her ready enough," was his blunt assessment.

"Coldplay didn't get much of a go as she was bolting turning for home. What we do know is that they will both improve from the run."

Despite finishing unplaced Coldplay remains one of the well supported runners at \$14 on the TAB Fixed Odds market for the first Group One contest of the new season, the Tarzino Trophy that will be run at Hastings on the 2nd of September.

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Race	Waikato RC BCD H. 1400m.
Winner	Highlad (AUS) 2013
Owners	Scott Richardson Bloodstock Ltd
Trainer	Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman (Cambridge)
Breeding	by High Chaparral (IRE) out of My Lady's Chamber (AUS) by Arena (AUS)
Breeder	Lomar Park Stud





BRESLIN SET FOR HASTINGS WITH KING COUGAR

A date with a special conditions race on the first day of the Hastings spring carnival is on the dance card for impressive Tauherenikau winner **King Cougar** (NZ) (Alamosa).

The Mike Breslin trained four-year-old created a good impression when he raced to a seven-length maiden victory late last month and continued where he left off that day with another comprehensive performance on the weekend.

Handled astutely by Johnathan Parkes, the Alamosa gelding bounced smartly from a wide barrier to dispute the pace, albeit in a four-wide position throughout. Parkes didn't panic as he sat quietly before easing his charge even wider on the point of the home turn. From there it was up to King Cougar's rivals to chase him down, a task that proved beyond them as he held out all challenges to win nicely by just over a length at the line.

"He was pretty impressive on debut but I thought it was an even better display on Saturday," noted Breslin

"He went up in class and weight and had to do it tough on the speed so to win like he did speaks volumes for his ability. Johnathan came back and said he had it under control all the way, with something still in hand, so it does augur well for his future."

Breslin, who prepared the gelding's mother Red Cougar for the same connections, has always had time for his charge despite having to delay his racetrack debut after he had been successful at the trials back in September last year.

"We knew he could gallop but he just didn't train on after he won at the trials so I had to back off him to let him mature," he explained.

"He has strengthened up nicely and is ready to go on with it. We never saw the best of his mother who was a very promising type but was plagued by bone-chips that ended her career.



It's plain sailing for King Cougar and Johnathan Parkes as they lead home the chasing pack at Tauherenikau

"I think this guy has inherited all of her ability so it would be nice to think he could develop into a pretty handy horse.

"We have had the special conditions maiden on the first day at Hastings in mind for him so that's where he will be going next. I had thought about taking him straight there after his maiden win but he's still very green so this run will have taught him a little more and should have him spot on for the race."

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Race	Wairarapa RC South Wairarapa Vet Services H. 1000m.
Winner	King Cougar (NZ) 2013
Owners	M J Morton, Pee Gee & W J Bloodstock Ltd & R W Potter
Trainer	Mike Breslin (Awapuni)
Breeding	by Alamosa out of Red Cougar (AUS) by Lion Heart (USA)
Breeder	M J Morton; Pee Gee & W J Bloodstock Ltd & R W Potter; Central; NZ





PHELAN ROLL CONTINUES WITH KIPKEINO

The red-hot run of northern jumps jockey Shaun Phelan continued when he guided accomplished hurdler **Kipkeino (NZ)** (Sunray) to a comfortable victory at Wanganui.

Phelan, who took out the Grand National Steeplechase on Upper Cut (NZ) (Yamanin Vital) last weekend, was seen at his patient best as he lobbed along towards the rear of the

field on Kipkeino throughout much of the race. With testing conditions underfoot, Phelan conserved plenty of energy on the ten-year-old gelding before making a sweeping run to challenge on the point of the home turn.

Relishing the deep footing Kipkeino took over as he liked and cleared the two home straight fences in efficient fashion before dashing away to record a big victory from a gallant Thatz David (NZ) (Stark South), who rallied bravely after drifting off the pace with 1000 metres to run.

Phelan was pleased with the effort of the Hawkes Bay Hurdle winner as he looks forward to a potential start in the Great Northern Hurdles at Ellerslie next month.

“He was perfectly placed at the weight today and just out-stayed them,” he admitted after the race.

“That’s probably the best field he could have faced down the line here so hopefully he keeps going forward and can make the step up to the Northern.”

Trainer Lucy de Latour confirmed the Great Northern Hurdles was foremost in her mind as she waited for a post-race report from Phelan.

“The loose track helped him today,” she said.

“He’s going really well and looked quite happy out there.

“We will see how he pulls up and then think about the Northern.”

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Race	Wanganui JC Lowe Schollum & Jones Hurdle 3000m.
Winner	Kipkeino (NZ) 2007
Owners	Mrs L C & W B de Lautour
Trainer	Lucy de Latour (Waipukurau)
Breeding	by Sunray out of Awesome Annie by Gold Brose (AUS)
Breeder	Profile Bloodstock Ltd; NZ
Sales	2009 South Island Sale V: Willow Glen \$5500 P: Mr & Mrs WB de Lautour

Shaun Phelan guides Kipkeino over the last fence at Wanganui



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Rich Hill Stud's John Thompson with **Haunui Farm** principal **Mark Chitty** at the Haunui Farm stallion parade



Meanwhile at **Haunui Farm** new arrival **Belardo** was a star attraction





APPRENTICE IN CHARGE **ON HONGCHEN**



Apprentice Nurshahril Nordin wins on Hongchen

Nurshahril Nordin is a name we don't hear very often but it was back in the news in a big way at Kranji on Sunday.

The four-kilo claiming apprentice jockey does not get as many opportunities as his fellow rookies, but from the way he drove **Hongchen (NZ)** (Fully Fledged) to a thrilling win in the opener, the \$35,000 Class 5 race over 1100m, the nods for rides may go up a notch from now on.

Nurshahril, who was at his only ride of the day, was smiling like a kid in a candy store as he tipped the weighing scales for correct weight.

"It's been a bit stressful not to have ridden winners for so long, but I never lost my confidence," said the Singaporean.

"A big thank you to Saimee for the support. I ride a bit of trackwork for him in the morning and he also gives me a lot of advice.

"My boss Alwin Tan supports me and gives me advice, too. I don't get as many riding opportunities, but jockeys like Danny Beasley, Noh Senari and Tengku Rehaizat have been helping me with my riding.

"They have improved a few things, especially my whip technique. It has given me more confidence in my riding."

A seven-year-old by Fully Fledged,

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APPRENTICE IN CHARGE ON HONGCHEN

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Hongchen, who was first prepared by Mok Zhan Lun and Bruce Marsh, was at his first start for Saimee Jumaat and was bringing up his fifth win for stakes earnings closing in on the \$200,000 mark for the Phan Nee No 3 Stable.

Saimee said he obviously did not know the horse well, but from the videos he watched, he had a nice gut-feel what could do the trick, not to mention of Nurshahril whom he thought had improved a lot.

"I saw the horse was over-racing a bit with the blinkers on, and that's why I decided to drop the blinkers and put a crossover noseband on so the jockey can still control him," said the former Singapore eight-time champion jockey.

"Nurshahril has improved a lot in his riding and he rides a lot of trackwork for me. I've already given him a few rides like Evil Speedo who ran third last Sunday.

"I told him to put this horse quite close to the speed and he's followed the instructions and rode him very well."

Race	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1100m.
Winner	Higher - Hongchen (Sing.) (NZ) 2010
Owners	Phan Nee No. 3 Stable
Trainer	Saimee Jumaat (Kranji)
Breeding	by Fully Fledged out of High Tea by High Chaparral (IRE)
Breeder	Mrs W M Morton; Central; NZ



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Leave Waikato Stud at 11.10am to arrive at
- 11.25AM MAPPERLEY STUD
Parading Puccini, Contributor, Complacent, and He's Remarkable
Leave Mapperley Stud at 12.10pm to arrive at
- 12.30PM RICH HILL STUD
Parading Vadamos, Pentire, Proisir, Jimmy Choux and Shocking (LUNCH PROVIDED BY NZTBA WAIKATO BRANCH)
Leave Rich Hill Stud at 1.45pm to arrive at
- 2.15PM BRIGHTHILL FARM
Parading Preferment, Dalghar and Perfectly Ready
Leave BRIGHTHILL Farm at 3.00pm to arrive at
- 3.15PM CAMBRIDGE STUD
Parading Tavistock, Power, Burgundy and Keeper (AFTERNOON TEA PROVIDED)

SUNDAY 27TH AUGUST

(Coffee Cart provided from 9.30am.)

- 10.00AM HIGHVIEW STUD
Parading Wrote and Bullbars
Leave Highview Stud at 10.30am to arrive at
- 11.00AM WINDSOR PARK STUD
Parading Rageese, Turn Me Loose, Vanbrugh, Mongolian Khan, Charm Spirit, Shamexpress, Rip Van Winkle and Falkirk
Leave Windsor Park Stud at 12.30pm to arrive at
- 12.45PM THE OAKS STUD
Parading Niagara, Roc De Cambes and Darci Brahma (FOLLOWED BY LUNCH PROVIDED BY NZTBA WAIKATO BRANCH)
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- 2.00PM CHEQUERS STUD
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NZ STALLION AWARDS

THE CENTAINE AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$287,215
DARCI BRAHMA	\$262,353
PINS	\$211,062
IFFRAAJ	\$153,001
RAISE THE FLAG	\$150,903
RIP VAN WINKLE	\$145,612
SHOWCASING	\$126,761
KING'S CHAPEL	\$121,512
FALTAAT	\$119,176
ZABEEL	\$110,808

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

THE DEWAR STALLION TROPHY

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
DARCI BRAHMA	\$220,800
PINS	\$196,750
SAVABEEL	\$168,684
RAISE THE FLAG	\$141,375
RIP VAN WINKLE	\$118,305
KING'S CHAPEL	\$112,450
IFFRAAJ	\$111,856
EL HERMANO	\$108,199
ZABEEL	\$103,560
YAMANIN VITAL	\$96,799

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

THE GROSVENOR AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
DARCI BRAHMA	\$107,000
EL HERMANO	\$106,435
YAMANIN VITAL	\$89,625
IFFRAAJ	\$77,397
ZED	\$74,063
NO EXCUSE NEEDED	\$71,125
LUCKY UNICORN	\$47,513
TAVISTOCK	\$43,750
NOM DU JEU	\$42,275
REMIND	\$40,625

BEST PERFORMERS	EARNINGS
NASHVILLE	\$82,500
UNDERTHEMOONLIGHT	\$62,500
UPPER CUT	\$45,375
OUR VENTURA	\$14,060
KINA WIN	\$20,500
IRISH EXCUSE	\$24,975
THIRD TIME LUCKY	\$24,013
GOBSTOPPER	\$18,750
BEE TEE JUNIOR	\$18,750
THE GORDONIAN	\$29,125

Criteria: Leading Sires by Earnings in New Zealand



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NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE AUGUST 18

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
HIDDEN PROMISE (NZ) 2012 by Postponed (USA) out of Promissory by Zabeel	G Harvey; Auckland; NZ	Singapore TC Kranji S. 1600m.	2014 Ready to Run Sale; V: Westbury Stud, P: DC Ellis/JW Richards; \$65,000
ALARANCH (NZ) 2012 by Alamosa out of Ranch (AUS) by Rancher (AUS)	Inglewood Stud (N.Z.) Ltd; Canterbury; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1000m.	
UNSURPASSED (NZ) 2012 by Exceed and Excel (Aus) out of Alamantra (AUS) by Elusive Quality (USA)	R A Emery; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1100m.	
SIAM SAPPHIRE (NZ) 2013 by Showcasing (GB) out of Queens Move (AUS) by King of Kings (Ire)	Frantic Bloodstock Ltd & Haunui Bloodstock Ltd; Auckland; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1200m.	2015 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale; V: Haunui Farm, P: Michael Freedman/Michael Wallace; \$125,000

NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE AUGUST 20

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
Higher - HONGCHEN (Sing.) (NZ) 2010 by Fully Fledged out of High Tea by High Chaparral (IRE)	Mrs W M Morton; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1100m.	
COUNTOFMONTECRISTO (NZ) 2013 by Echoes of Heaven (AUS) out of Replicate by Towkay (AUS)	B F; Mrs H J & P J Crofskey; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Benchmark 97 H. 1200m.	2015 Ready to Run Sale; V: Kiltannon Stables Ltd, P: Vermair Racing; \$57500

NEWS IN BRIEF

New Zealand mourns passing of legendary All Black Sir Colin Meads

Sir Colin Meads, one of the most respected men ever to grace an All Black jersey, has passed away after a long battle with pancreatic cancer.

Along with his numerous rugby exploits Meads, who played 133 games for the All Blacks, was also well-known in recent years for his enthusiastic support of thoroughbred racing through participation as an owner in a large number of prominent gallopers.

Meads and his wife Verna were members of several syndicates put together by Albert Bosma's Go Racing operation and enjoyed success with handy performers such as Tennessee (NZ) (Per Incanto), Charlestown (NZ) (Myboycharlie) and Billy Mojo (NZ) (Mastercraftsman). Their greatest moment came in 2013 when the Stephen Marsh trained two-year-old Ruud Awakening (Bernardini) completed a notable double for the Go Racing Almighty Dawn Syndicate in taking out the rich Karaka Million along with the Gr. 1 Diamond Stakes at Ellerslie.

Meads was a regular visitor to the annual New Zealand Bloodstock Yearling Sale series at Karaka and a familiar figure on New Zealand racecourses as he and his wife travelled around the country to support their horses.

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