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BJORN HOPEFUL ADDICTIVE NATURE CAN BE LIKE MURRAY'S MING DYNASTY CHAMP



Addictive Nature clings to his lead in yesterday's Ming Dynasty Handicap at Rosehill.

Export-Kiwi trainer Bjorn Baker has gone back in time to predict a bright future for gutsy colt **Addictive Nature** (Savabeel).

The three-year-old produced further evidence of his potential as a Group One-class horse when he held on to claim yesterday's Group Three Ming Dynasty Quality at Rosehill by a short head, justifying his \$3.10 favouritism in the 1400 metre feature by withstanding a withering burst from Assimilate (Sebring).

Baker's father Murray won the Ming Dynasty in 2010 with Lion Tamer (NZ) (Storming Home), who went on to achieve Group One success in the Victoria Derby.

Warwick Farm-based Baker made a comparison between the pair as he aimed Addictive Nature towards the Group Two Stan Fox Stakes, to be run over 1400 metres at Randwick, after his successful black-type debut.

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"I was here with Lion Tamer and he went on to very good things," Baker said.

"I'd like to think this guy is the same sort of calibre. He's got the ability."

Rapt with Addictive Nature's second win in three starts, Baker said there was plenty of scope for improvement for a horse now rated as a \$15 chance for the 1400 metre Group One Golden Rose on September 23.

"He's still doing things a little bit upside down but he's got untapped potential," he said. "We're yet to see the best of him."

"For a Savabeel, he's just about got too much speed, so there's a little bit of a question in terms of what we do and where we go."

Jockey Tim Clark thought Addictive Nature had Group One potential after a "courageous" effort.

"He got attacked the whole way," he said. "He was working the whole race and for him to be able to kick and hang on are signs of a top liner."

Addictive Nature, who was bred by Little Avondale Stud,

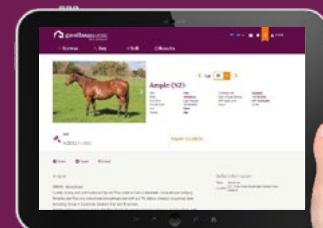
Anna and Ben Petro and Kerry and Amanda Wilkins, was bought from the Little Avondale Stud draft at the 2016 Karaka Premier Sale by Toby Koenig for \$775,000 on behalf of Sean Buckley's Ultra Thoroughbreds.

The colt is a full brother to Group Two-winning Australian three-year-old Savvy Nature, also bred by the same connections.

– AAP TURF

Race	ATC Ming Dynasty H. Gr.3 1400m
Winner	Addictive Nature (Aus) 2014
Owners	P S Buckley, A Kheir and Dr T J Koenig
Trainer	Bjorn Baker (Warwick Farm)
Breeding	by Savabeel (Aus) out of Generous Nature (Aus) by Carnegie (Ire)
Breeder	Little Avondale Stud, A & B Petro and K & A Wilkins
Sales	2016 National Yearling Sale, Premier Session; V: Little Avondale Stud, P: Ultra Thoroughbred Racing; \$775,000

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DEE I CEE SHOWS **STAYING PROWESS**

Dee I Cee (NZ) (Istidaad) has claimed an upset but timely first win for Tulloch Lodge in the Listed Premier's Cup at Rosehill as he heads to the Metropolitan Handicap.

The winner of two races in New Zealand in 2015 as a three-year-old, Dee I Cee went to Randwick trainer Gai Waterhouse with high expectations.

He ran second in last year's Newcastle Cup before running eighth in the Group One Metropolitan Handicap, a path he will follow again.

Ridden by Rachel King and unwanted in the betting as the \$41 rank outsider, Dee I Cee was strong to the line in yesterday's 1900 metre race, overhauling race leader and \$3.40 favourite Classic Uniform (Al Maher) to win by 2¼ lengths.

"He didn't really come up last time in the autumn," co-trainer Adrian Bott said. "But he had had the grounding for a race like this. He has no early speed but Rachel rode him perfectly.

"He will probably follow the same path as last year to the Newcastle Cup and Metropolitan and hopefully he can improve on what he did last year."

King said the secret to Dee I Cee was to have him in the right frame of mind.

"I just tried to keep him happy," she said.

"He travelled like a stayer today and I was confident he was fit and well.

Ignored by punters, Dee I Cee takes the Premier's Cup like an odds-on pop.

"He's got a lot of ability but he's a bit older now and if he gets knocked around he's not going to want to give for you and he definitely gave everything today."

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Race	ATC Premier's Cup L 1900m
Winner	Dee I Cee (NZ) 2011
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Breeding	by Istidaad (USA) out of Smashed All Night by Night Shift (USA)
Breeder	Mrs B L & G W Thomas
Sales	2012 National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale; V: Willow Tree Farm, P: Diamond Lodge; \$1000 2013 Ready to Run Sale; V: Diamond Lodge, P: K T Myers; \$7000





BIGGER TARGETS **IN STORE FOR BONNY**

A winning return from **Bonny O'Reilly (NZ)** (O'Reilly) has trainer Bjorn Baker once again looking at bigger targets for the mare.

Having her first start since her failure in the Group One Tattersall's Tiara at Doomben in June and despite carrying 59.5kg, she was sent out the \$3.90 favourite in yesterday's 1200 metre Benchmark 95 race and won convincingly by three-quarters of a length from No Doubt (Not A Single Doubt).

"We will look at the Group Three Sheraco Stakes in two weeks," Baker said. "I thought this might be a soft enough race for her return even with the big weight."

"She's a very special mare to me. She has won eight from twelve now."

Bonny O'Reilly was the stable's second winner on the programme with Addictive Nature taking out the Group Three Ming Dynasty, both ridden by Tim Clark.

Although thrilled to have won the Ming Dynasty, Clark had special words for the mare.

"Bonny by name, bonny by nature," he said. "She is a lovely mare and I was lucky to ride her because Jason Collett is suspended."

"She drew the right gate and did a good job under the big weight. She'll improve off the run as well. What you see is what you get with her."

– AAP TURF & racenet.com.au

Race	ATC FIIG H. 1200m
Winner	Bonny O'Reilly (NZ) 2012
Owners	Bjorn Baker Racing, B C Micalizzi, Mrs G James, L L James, W J Kelly, L W Stewart, Ms C Munnich, A Alexiou, Dr T P Clarke, I Y Hui, P G Wildermuth, E J Scott, J E Fox, L Galvin, D J Moylan and R C Horrocks
Trainer	Bjorn Baker (Warwick Farm)
Breeding	by O'Reilly out of Pretty by Pins (Aus)
Breeder	Waikato Stud Ltd
Sales	2014 National Yearling Sale, Premier Session; V: Waikato Stud Ltd, P: Bjorn Baker Racing; \$100,000



Despite being topweight and lacking recent racing, Bonny O'Reilly has no trouble beating the Benchmark 95 sprinters at Rosehill.





BASTER BAGS ANOTHER FOR GAI



Cismontane has them strung out in the Moonee Valley home straight.

The association of Gai Waterhouse and Stephen Baster may not be one of the most successful in Australian racing but it has been enduring.

Baster combined with training partners Waterhouse and Adrian Bott in guiding **Cismontane (NZ)** (High Chaparral) to victory in the 2500 metre McMahon's Dairy Handicap at Moonee Valley yesterday.

"I've been riding for Gai for a long time and it's great that we get these rewards along the way," Baster said.

Sent off the \$3.50 equal favourite, Cismontane fought back to score by a short-head from Super Haze (High Chaparral) with Loesho (Halling) 3¼ lengths away third.

Waterhouse took Cismontane to Moonee Valley on Tuesday for a gallop in which he was ridden by Baster.

The jockey said the gallop was decisive.

"He shied at everything here the other day and had a good look around," Baster said.

"He had the rail today and it wasn't wet. It's turned out to be his day."

The Waterhouse and Bott stable's Melbourne foreman Roger Elliot said he wasn't sure what the team had in store for the stayer.

"He keeps improving and tries very hard," Elliot said.

"Gai and Adrian will no doubt sit down and have a talk about him."

– AAP TURF

Race	MVRC McMahon's Dairy H. 2500m
Winner	Cismontane (NZ) 2012
Owners	Glenvalen Investments Pty Ltd Syndicate (Mgr: F L Li), D H Kobritz, J B Bongiorno, D W Lilley, C Tognolini, S D Gorman and Ms K Waterhouse
Trainer	Gai Waterhouse & Adrian Bott (Flemington)
Breeding	by High Chaparral (Ire) out of Viviane by Volksraad (GB)
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Sales	2014 National Yearling Sale, Premier Session; V: Windsor Park Stud, P: Gai Waterhouse Racing; \$200,000



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OLD-TIMER AMANOOD'S **STILL GOT IT**

Amanood Lad (NZ) (Germano) might be in the twilight of his racing career but the sprightly veteran is still more than a match for the best jumpers in the country, the 13-year-old proving that again at Ellerslie yesterday when he lumped 71kg to claim The Tractor Centre Pakuranga Hunt Cup.

“He’s done it in style and with a lot of weight,” trainer Paul Nelson said. “He loves Ellerslie and he loves jumping; he’s a pleasure to have.”

A fourth start in the Great Northern Steeplechase in a fortnight’s time now beckons Amanood Lad, who reserves his best for the Auckland course.

The 2014 champion and two-time placegetter has also twice won the McGregor Grant Steeplechase at Ellerslie and two placings in the Hunt Cup preceded yesterday’s brave victory.

“I thought he may have been a bit underdone with five weeks between races and he still looked a bit fresh,” Nelson said. “I wondered if we had done enough work with him.”

However, last month’s Wellington Steeplechase winner revelled in his



At the last fence in yesterday’s Pakuranga Hunt Cup . . . Amanood Lad lands marginally in front of Tizza Secret (centre) and Ngatira Gold with Wise Men Say obscured behind them.

work in or near the lead throughout the 4900 metres.

“He was a bit keener than his previous races and he was going well on the top of the hill the last time,” rider Aaron Kuru said.

Amanood Lad took control of the race shortly after and he stayed on strongly to score by a length and a half from the favourite Wise Men Say (NZ) (Yamanin Vital) with Tizza Secret (NZ) (Zed) completing an all central districts finish.

“He probably got to the front a bit early, really,” Kuru said. “He’s got a big heart and he tries his hardest every time. That’s all you can ask for.”

Race	Pakuranga Hunt Cup 4900m
Winner	Amanood Lad (NZ) 2004
Owners	J D & Mrs S A Blair
Trainer	Paul Nelson (Hastings)
Breeding	by Germano (GB) out of Anood Dash by Alleged Dash (USA)
Breeder	J D & Mrs S A Blair





MONARCH'S UNBEATEN **RECORD INTACT**

Jumping newcomer **Monarch Chimes (NZ)** (Shinko King) sounded another ominous warning to his more experienced rivals at yesterday's Ellerslie meeting.

The exciting six-year-old kept his unbeaten record over fences intact when he claimed the Harrison Lane Hurdles, the

key lead-up to the Schweppes Great Northern Hurdles in a fortnight's time.

Monarch Chimes hadn't been tested in his previous two starts over fences and, despite a scare at the final flight, he successfully handled another rise in class in the hands of rider Shaun Phelan.

"He's obviously measured up to what we thought of him and what Shaun thinks of him," said Emma-Lee Browne, who trains Monarch Chimes with her husband David.

"As long as he comes through this one well we will head to the Northern. He's loving his racing at the moment, he's just thriving."

Monarch Chimes loped along in fourth spot before he strode to the front 600 metres from home and picked himself up after botching the last fence to take top honours.

"What a horse, he keeps making the step up," Phelan said. "It was a different league today and he proved he should be there."

Monarch Chimes had a half-length to spare at the finish on El Corby (NZ) (Istidaad), who has also showed the top grade holds no fears for him. He had won three of his previous four appearances over hurdles.

Third in was Just Got Home (NZ) (Storming Home), winner of the race in 2014 and '15 and runner-up last year, ahead of the topweight and defending Great Northern Hurdles champion D'Llaro (NZ) (D'Cash).



Race	Pakuranga Hunt Hurdle 3350m
Winner	Monarch Chimes (NZ) 2011
Owners	C Fawcett and D B & Mrs P S Fullerton
Trainer	Emma-Lee & David Browne (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Shinko King (Ire) out of Chiming In (GB) by Niniski (USA)
Breeder	D B & Mrs P S Fullerton

Having botched the last obstacle in yesterday's Pakuranga Hunt Hurdle, Monarch Chimes gets a hurry-up from Shaun Phelan as El Corby launches a challenge to their inside.





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MEGABLAST GETS EXES FOR AUSSIE

A question of travel was put to **Megablast (NZ)** (Shinko King) at Ellerslie and, just as he did earlier in the year, his answer was a resounding yes to Australia.

The Nigel Tiley-trained stayer won by a big margin on the course in May ahead of a two-start Melbourne campaign and his victory in yesterday's Bridges Insurance 1600 has set up a return trip across the Tasman.

This time though, his first port of call will be Sydney, where his connections

believe the underfoot conditions will be more to the gelding's liking.

"The tracks there should suit him," Tiley said. "He copes on top of the ground but he is so much better with the cut out of it."

The Group Three Kingston Town Stakes over 2000 metres at Randwick on September 16 could be a likely starting point for Megablast.

"I'll nominate him for the Metropolitan as well and on Tuesday for the Melbourne Cup," Tiley said. "It could

be a wet spring in Melbourne, you never know."

Opposite conditions prevailed in Victoria in June when Tiley produced Megablast to finish runner-up at Moonee Valley and eighth at Flemington.

"The tracks were too firm for him," he said. "Even the day he ran second at Moonee Valley it was chipping out on top but it was really hard underneath."

Megablast showed he was in grand order for his upcoming venture when he made light of his 60kg yesterday to romp home with rider Michael Coleman the quietest of passengers.

"I had no problem with the weight; he was the best horse in the race," Tiley said. "He's got plenty of class."



Race	Pakuranga HC Bridges Insurance H. 1600m
Winner	Megablast (NZ) 2011
Owners	Mrs D M & Dr J A Bowbyes
Trainer	Nigel Tiley (Pukekohe)
Breeding	by Shinko King (Ire) out of Thirst by Desert Sun (GB)
Breeder	Mrs D M & Dr J A Bowbyes

Megablast and Michael Coleman mark their re-union with a runaway win in the open mile at Ellerslie.

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COURSE SPECIALIST TAKES INTERPROV

Mangaroa Flo Jo (NZ) (High Chaparral) again showed her liking for New Plymouth when she made a dream return to racing in the ITM Interprovincial Challenge.

The Cambridge mare had won on three of her previous visits to the Taranaki track, but despite that record she was overlooked by punters and home she rolled at forty-to-one odds.

Adding to Mangaroa Flo Jo's impressive record in the central districts is her victory in last season's Group Three Manawatu Breeders' Stakes at Awapuni.

While that performance has boosted the future broodmare value of the seven-year-old

daughter of No Fibs (NZ) (Casual Lies), herself a Group Three winner, there are no thoughts of retirement.

"John Wood bred and races her and he's keen to continue on," trainer Graham Thomas said.

Third in the contest twelve months ago, Mangaroa Flo Jo was resuming after a three-month break and had trialled well behind the Group One winner Lizzie L'Amour (NZ) (Zabeel) at Taupo earlier this month.

Partnered yesterday by regular rider Anna Jones, Mangaroa Flo Jo came from the back with a sustained finish to down Meritaggio (NZ) (Road To Rock), also runner-up last year, and She's Poppy (NZ) (Alamosa).

Thomas expects Mangaroa Flo Jo to significantly improve with the outing and over more ground.

"She always goes well fresh but she'll be better in her



Carrying the King Country colours worn in his provincial matches by legendary All Black and racing identity the late Sir Colin Meads, Mangaroa Flo Jo races to a fitting win in yesterday's Interprovincial Challenge at New Plymouth.

second and third runs," he said. "We'll look at some of the cups races."

Thomas is also looking forward to a change in his operation with former top jumps jockey Mathew Gillies to shortly join him in partnership.

"He's a very knowledgeable guy and he's going to help us a lot," he said. "I think we're in for a good season; we've got some nice young horses coming through."

Race	Taranaki RC ITM Interprovincial Challenge H. 1600m
Winner	Mangaroa Flo Jo (NZ) 2010
Owners	E J Wood
Trainer	Graham Thomas (Cambridge)
Breeding	by High Chaparral (Ire) out of No Fibs by Casual Lies (USA)
Breeder	E J Wood





HAMISH UNEARTHS ANOTHER GOOD 'UN

Highly regarded mare **Shellez Ace (NZ)** (Swiss Ace) yesterday had her moment in the sun at New Plymouth where she posted the second victory of her fledgling

career, the four-year-old temporarily stepping out of the shadow of her Group-winning stablemate Underthemoonlight (NZ) (El Hermano) to claim the thick end of the stake with a tidy performance in the ITM Firth Dricon 1400.

"I've got a lot of time for this horse," said Matamata part-owner and co-breeder Hamish McQuade, whose wife Karyn trains the mare.

"She's been slow maturing and very weak, that's why we've been putting the claimers on her and spacing her runs."

Jasmine Fawcett's three kilo claim was used to good effect and the apprentice followed her orders to the

letter when sitting on the leader's quarters before taking control at the top of the straight.

"I drummed that into her before the race and she rode her to perfection," McQuade said.

Shellez Ace was clear with 250 metres to run and she had enough in reserve to score at the expense of Crafty Jess (NZ) (Mastercraftsman) and Sea Star (NZ) (Lucky Unicorn).

"She'll probably have two more runs while it's wet," McQuade said. "She's not a firm tracker."

The stable's focus now turns to Underthemoonlight, who will take aim at next Saturday's Group One Tarzino Trophy at Hawke's Bay.

Race	Taranaki RC ITM Firth Dricon S. 1400m
Winner	Shellez Ace (NZ) 2013
Owners	H G & K L McQuade, C Solomon, B G & M Cross, M J Millar, G L & J S Smith, Amber Thoroughbreds Ltd and C Leitch
Trainer	Karyn McQuade (Matamata)
Breeding	by Swiss Ace (Aus) out of Shelly Bee by Pentire (GB)
Breeder	H G W & Mrs K L McQuade



"She's good and a bit of rain isn't going to hurt us," McQuade said.

Underthemoonlight firmed to a \$10 chance for the first Group One contest of the season following her victory seven days ago in the Group Two Foxbridge Plate.

In a close-run thing, Shellez Ace (inside) hangs on to deny the fast-finishing Crafty Jess in the Special Conditions 1400 at New Plymouth.





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CRAIG FINDS SPACE FOR THE FATKID AS CLIFF REACHES FOR A RELAXANT

Promising stayer **Mr Fatkid (NZ)** (Mettre en Jeu) overcame a slight traffic scare at the top of the straight to burst away to a terrific comeback win at Kranji on Friday night.

Unsung since the last of his three Kranji wins in mid-May, when he made light work of a Class 4 field over 1800 metres, Mr Fatkid asserted his superiority once he was set alight by first-time partner Craig Grylls in the \$580,000 Class 3 1400 metre race.

A few seconds earlier, trouble had struck when a move to pop off his rails-hugging run in search of galloping room

through a compact bunch of horses came unstuck.

Mr Fatkid even looked like he was hampered but luckily for the backers of the favourite, Grylls kept his poise and adroitly steered him back to the inside just as the leader was getting the wobbles and rolled off the fence. Grylls quickly capitalised on the gap, Mr Fatkid went through his gears and the race was all over, the four-year-old pulling away from the pack to post a 1¼-length win.

Relieved trainer Cliff Brown said he agreed with race-caller Matthew Jones that he could use a relaxant after the race.

“Matty summed it up well, even if it was a little explicit,” said the jocular Australian. “The horse needed to get out of the way and, once he saw daylight, he did a good job all the way to the line.

“He’s a nice horse and we’ll see what happens. He’s on the right road.”

Grylls, who was having his first ride for Brown, said things

did get a touch sticky at the home turn but his prayers for an opening were thankfully answered.

“Once he got a passage, he travelled through it nicely and he was running away from them in the last bit,” said the Kiwi, who was notching up his second Singapore winner.

“It was a good training effort from Cliff to get this horse to win first-up over 1400 metres. He’s a nice type with a staying future.”

– Singapore Turf Club

Race	Singapore TC Class 3 H. 1400m
Winner	Mr Fatkid (NZ) 2013
Owners	Fatboy Stable
Trainer	Cliff Brown (Kranji)
Breeding	by Mettre en Jeu out of Celtic Legacy by O’Reilly
Breeder	Letham Stud Ltd



Mr Fatkid in no danger at Kranji on Friday night.





HARRY'S GUN RIDE **ECLIPSES FAVOURITE**

Eclipse Splash (NZ) (Showcasing) turned giant-killer in the \$580,000 Class 3 Division 1 race over 1400 metres at Kranji on Friday night, the race that Michael Clements had picked for his unbeaten rising star Chopin's Fantaisie (NZ) (Pins) to make his comeback in after a forty-day layoff.

But a major upset was in the air when the hot favourite was further back than normal in the running.

Seventh for most of the way while noted frontrunner Big Man (NZ) (Alamosa) led from Eclipse Splash, Chopin's Fantaisie was still well back on cornering. Well ridden by A'Isisuhairi ('Harry') Kasim, Eclipse Splash had hit the front on the turn and continued to hold a margin

until the finish, even if stargazing a touch.

For a brief moment, a late charge from Chopin's Fantaisie looked likely to spare his blushes but Eclipse Splash still had something left and hung on with half a length to spare at the line.

Trainer Steven Burridge described Eclipse Splash as a genuine horse who has exceeded his expectations ever since

he came to him after a winning debut in Kuala Lumpur.

"He's done a very good job, he's an up-and-coming horse, very promising and with a lot of scope," said the Australian.

"The favourite was hard to beat and maybe a bit unlucky – I don't know. My eyes were on my horse. There was a strong pace and Harry just sat off it and rode him really well to the line."

A'Isisuhairi said Eclipse Splash was still a bit of a baby but certainly had plenty of upsides about him.

"I rode him at his two previous wins and he showed me again how good he is," he said.

"He's still learning but he is on his way to better things. He can gallop

and from the way he won in Malaysia I knew he could win in Class 4 and I always believed he could win in Class 3, too.

"Once he puts it all together, he will turn into a decent horse."

– Singapore Turf Club

Race	Singapore TC Class 3 H. 1400m
Winner	Eclipse Splash (NZ) 2013
Owners	Eclipse Stable
Trainer	Steven Burridge (Kranji)
Breeding	by Showcasing (GB) out of Beach Dance by Carnegie (Ire)
Breeder	S E McGiffert
Sales	2015 South Island Yearling & Mixed Sale; V: Three Valleys, P: E Sullivan; \$22,000



Eclipse Splash (#5) has enough in hand to hold out the late charge of favourite Chopin's Fantaisie.

