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WILY VETERAN SNATCHES UPSET AT NEW PLYMOUTH



Veteran galloper Taurus looms up alongside Galaxy Miss near the finish at New Plymouth on Saturday

eteran galloper **Taurus (NZ)** (No Excuse Needed) showed there was still plenty of fight left in the old dog when he thrust his nose in front at just the right moment to snatch victory in the open sprint at New Plymouth on the weekend.

Fresh from a frustrating campaign at Riccarton during the recent Grand National carnival, the evergreen nine-year-old gained a deserved reward as he downed Matamata visitor

Galaxy Miss (NZ) (Tavistock) with an undeniable finishing burst in the hands of rider Jonathan Riddell.

Riddell, who has been aboard the No Excuse Needed gelding for five of his 11 career victories, provided his mount with a picture-perfect run behind the pacemaking Galaxy Miss throughout the contest. Briefly snookered in the home straight, he waited for the gap one-off the fence to appear

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JAKKALBERRY Champion

- Leading First Season Sire combined 2017 Premier and Select NZB Yearling Sale – Averaging \$163,500
- Leading Sire overall by average at 2017 NZB Select Yearling Sale
- Yearlings Sold up to \$440,000
- Jakkalberry has stamped his progeny.
 They are full of quality, balance and athleticism.
- Applications for 2017 Breeding season now open -Limited Service Nominations
- Champion 2010 (IT.) Champion 2011 (IT.) Champion 2012 (GB.)
- Group One winner of the Gran Premio Di Milano beating Getaway (two times G1 winner), and Campanologist (four times G1 winner).
- Winner of the American St Leger in track record time.
- Turn of foot fastest last 600 metres in Melbourne Cup since sectionals were introduced (33.53 secs).
- **Temperament -** winner or performer in England, Italy, USA, Dubai, Australia.
- Winner of 12 races and over \$2,774,000,00.
- An early maturing classic family with six siblings winning at age two.
- A prepotent family first sibling to breed has already produced two stakes winning Group One performers.
- Timeform rated 125 after 2012 Melbourne Cup ahead of Green Moon and Fiorente, who both received 124.
- Dam is one of the best broodmares in the world still breeding today.
- In the 2017 NZB Premier and Select Catalogue Sire References, Jakkalberry was the only sire of eighteen first season sires with one dam on the page.











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before driving Taurus to the lead at exactly the right moment to grab the win.

Co-trainer JJ Rayner, who prepares Taurus with her father Evan, admitted it was heart-in-mouth stuff as she waited for the final result to be posted.

"I was listening to the commentator and when he said he got it I just erupted," she said.

"Next minute they said the judge was studying the photo and I just about had a heart attack. He is so brave and really deserved the win after being unlucky of late so when they said he finally had won I was relieved as much as I was excited."

Rayner admitted there was confidence in the camp after the horse had returned in fine fettle from his foray to Riccarton.

"He tried his heart out down at Riccarton and didn't get a lot of lucky with the sticky track he struck on both days.

"He travelled back extremely well and was really bright going into Saturday. We knew if he got the right run he would be in the thick of things and Jonathan made sure he put him where he needed to be to get it done.

Rayner was full of praise for Riddell's effort and will wait to

see where the now Cambridge based hoop would be riding in a fortnight before confirming the next target for her charge.

"Jonathan told me Taurus is a real favourite of his so we are keen to keep him on board wherever we start next," she said.

"There is an option at either Ellerslie or at home at Wanganui in a fortnight so I will wait to see where Jonathan is riding before we confirm where he will start."

If that target comes at Ellerslie Taurus will accompany stablemate Mr Mor (NZ) (Corrupt) north as the dual Wellington Steeplechase winner tackles the Irvines Great Northern Steeplechase in what will most likely be his final raceday appearance.

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| Race | Taranaki RC ITM PSP H. 1300m. |
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| Winner | Taurus (NZ) 2008 |
| Owners | Starry Eyed Syndicate |
| Trainer | Evan & JJ Rayner (Whanganui) |
| Breeding | by No Excuse Needed (GB) out of Stars in Her Eyes by Jetball (AUS) |
| Breeder | Mrs J C Hewitt; Central; NZ |







FORSMAN EXCITED ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR DEALS IN HEELS



Deals In Heels (outer) impressed at the recent Avondale trials

comfortable victory at the recent Avondale trials has co-trainer Andrew Forsman excited about the prospects of promising mare **Deals In Heels (NZ)** (Iffraaj) as she gets ready to kick off a new campaign this weekend.

The winner of two from three starts in a brief winter campaign, Deals In Heels hadn't been seen since finishing third on a bog track at Ellerslie back in June. The four-year-old Iffraaj mare lined up in the third open heat over 1000 metres at Avondale and was all

class as she eased to a three quarters of a length victory over the former European and Australian galloper Chance To Dance (Teofilo) with 10 lengths back to the remaining four runners.

"It was good to see her back as she looked very promising in that first campaign and has done a treat since then," said Forsman, who prepares the mare with training partner Murray Baker.

"She needed a decent break after her run at Ellerslie on a very

heavy track and you can see she has strengthened noticeably since her time away.

"We think she has the ability to reach a good level however we are going to be patient with her and just make our way through the grades early on. Ultimately obtaining some black-type is the main goal so we will see how she progresses and then make some more concrete plans for her."

Forsman said a decision would be made early in the week whether

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the mare heads north to Ruakaka for her resumption or joins several of her stablemates at the first day of the Hawkes Bay Spring carnival at Hastings.

"There are suitable races for her at both Hastings and Ruakaka so we will need to make a decision where we go with her," he advised.

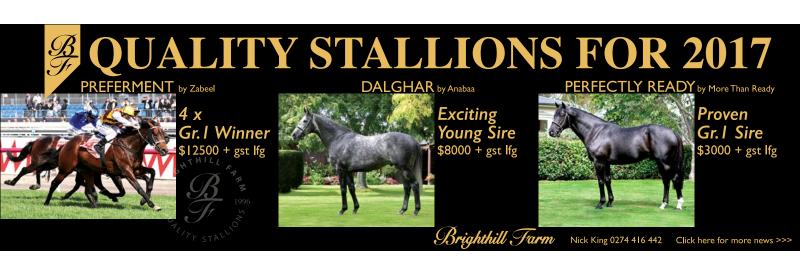
"We have Honey Rider set for the same race at Hastings so that could factor into the decision but we will wait and see how the nominations play out before we make a final choice. Last season's leading trainer's will have a big team engaged at Hastings with three runners set to contest the Gr. 1 Tarzino Trophy while promising three-year-old I Got You (Hard Spun) may line up in the Listed El Roca-Sir Colin Meads Trophy.

"At this stage, we have Luna Rossa, Coldplay and Stolen Dance in the Tarzino and they will all start," said Forsman.

"Stolen Dance and Luna Rossa will be going in fresh and we are pleased with where they are both at. "Coldplay didn't get much of a crack at them in the Foxbridge Plate which may be a blessing in disguise as she didn't end up having a gut-buster on the very heavy track. She has come through the race well and will have taken benefit from the outing she did have.

"I Got You looked good at Taupo so we will see how he measures up to the better ones at Hastings with some raceday fitness on his side."

- NZ Racing Desk





MYRCELLA STEPS UP AT ELLERSLIE

sharp rise in grade wasn't enough to deter progressive mare **Myrcella (NZ)** (Makfi) who provided jockey Michael Coleman with the first leg of a familiar winning double at Ellerslie on the weekend.

The Peter and Dawn Williams trained mare, who was still eligible for the Rating 65 ranks, bolted home in Rating 85 company when she took out the Aircon Services Ltd 1200. Handled confidently by Coleman the mare burst clear of her higher ranked opposition in the closing stages of the contest to provide conclusive proof she deserves a shot at higher honours in the future.

Co-trainer Peter Williams was pleased the mare was back on track after a couple of hiccups that affected her form after she put successive wins on the board back in May.

| Race | Pakuranga HC Aircon Services H. 1200m. |
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| Winner | Myrcella (NZ) 2012 |
| Owners | NZ Thoroughbred Holdings Ltd |
| Trainer | Peter & Dawn Williams (Byerley Park) |
| Breeding | by Makfi (GB) out of Decipher (AUS) by Timber Country (USA) |
| Breeder | G Harvey; Auckland; NZ |

"In her first three starts, everything went well then things just went wrong for her in her next couple of runs," he explained after the race.

"Michael was back on her this time and he seems to have a bit of an affinity with her as she seems to travel well for him."

The Makfi mare took her record to two wins from as many starts at Ellerslie with Williams keen to bring her back to the venue in a fortnight provided he can find a suitable race.

"It's nice to be racing back at Ellerslie," he said.

"If there is something available for her then we will be back in a fortnight. We will see how she comes through this one but if there is something that suits then she will be back."

Coleman, who had been aboard the mare for her first two wins back in May, was impressed with the mare's effort to handle the sharp rise in grade.

"She was jumping well out of her grade today being 65 rated but she has good ability on this sort of track," he noted.

"Down in the weights she had to be a big chance and she proved that.

"She's a progressive type on this sort of ground and keeps



getting the job done."

Coleman could have been excused for feeling a strong sense of déjà vu on the day as both Myrcella and Megablast (NZ) (Shinko King) provided him with a winning double at Ellerslie back in May when he was seeking to achieve the elusive 2000-win mark and he combined with that pair again on Saturday for the same result.

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A sharp step up in grade was no obstacle for handy mare Myrcella at Ellerslie



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MIDWEEK DECISION PAYS DIVIDENDS FOR CRAWFORD

decision to bypass a run at Tauranga during the week paid dividends for Cambridge trainer Shane Crawford when lightly raced four-year-old **Swiss Military (NZ)** (Swiss Ace) took out the opening event at New Plymouth on Saturday.

Crawford had openly said he would forego the Tauranga race in favour of the better prizemoney on offer at New Plymouth, a statement that punters interpreted as a positive sign for the Swiss Ace gelding as they installed him a warm favourite for the rating 65 1200 metre contest.

Despite carrying a hefty 59.5kilogram impost, along with the weight of punter expectations, Swiss Military never looked like buckling as he strode to the front halfway down the home straight to win as he liked by a dominant three-quarters of a length margin.

Crawford was full of praise for rider Troy Harris who had extricated the horse from a tricky position during the middle

stages of the race.

"We certainly had the right man on top," he said.

"He was nice and patient and didn't panic on him."

Crawford also believed the horse had shown the benefit of a brief break he had given him following a tough effort to finish third at Waipa back in June.

"He strengthened up and I was really happy with him going into the race," he noted.

"He definitely needed the break when he had it.

Swiss Military provided his supporters with a comfortable victory on the weekend

"We're not going to get ahead of ourselves with him and just take it race by race. He should make it to the next grade easily enough but I'm not looking forward any further than that at this stage."

The victory was the second for Swiss Military in just six career starts to date after scoring on debut at Rotorua back in March.

- NZ Racing Desk

| Race | Taranaki RC ITM Toolware H. 1200m. |
|----------|--|
| Winner | Swiss Military (NZ) 2013 |
| Owners | CT Chan |
| Trainer | Shane Crawford (Cambridge) |
| Breeding | by Swiss Ace (AUS) out of Encosta de Nacre (AUS) by Encosta de Lago (AUS) |
| Breeder | G Harvey; Auckland; NZ |
| Sales | 2015 National Yearling Sale V: Westbury Stud Ltd \$120000 P: Regal Farm |





METALLOCENE EXPLODES ONTO THE SCENE SECOND-UP

he withdrawal of the two fancied candidates in Sunday's \$75,000 Restricted Maiden race over 1200m may have assisted the winning chances of **Metallocene** (NZ) (Darci Brahma) but trainer Shane Baertschiger was still impressed with his ward's superlative performance.

Conatus G (Husson), who was well in the market, was withdrawn earlier before new nominal favourite and impressive two-time trial winner My Gold (Globetrotter) had to be taken out at the gates.

The race was suddenly thrown wide open, but it was Metallocene who went on to stamp his authority in the reduced 10-strong field, coming off a cosy run in fifth on the rails to shoot clear to a 3 ¼-length win from Basilisk (NZ) (Battle Paint) with Gallant Eclipse (NZ) (Ocean Park) third another short head away. The winning time was 1min 11.24secs for the 1200m on the Short Course.

Baertschiger said that the Darci Brahma three-year-old had largely benefitted from his debut in a similar event when he hung out at the top of the straight and still plodded on for a four-length fifth despite being very green for Matthew Kellady.

The wayward Tianzhou Stableowned galloper still gave jockey John Powell a bit of a wrestling match in the home straight this time, but his gross raw ability luckily came to the fore in the end.

"He was very green at his first



Metallocene bags his first win at Kranji

run. He was in the one-out one back position and he hung out when one horse carried him off the fence," said Baertschiger.

"He was on the fence today and he couldn't hang, but he's still got a funny running action. But he won easily and was even eased out in the end.

"No doubt the favourites were taken out, but he still won well and I think he could have still won with them in the race. He's a Darci Brahma and will get more ground."

Powell jumped off with a big smile but said the pathway between Metallocene's brains and his legs was still a bit out of whack even if there was definitely a nice engine in there.

"He's a gangly horse who doesn't

want to be a racehorse right now. His legs don't match his heart," said the Australian jockey.

"I tried to come off the fence and he had other ideas. When he hit the front, he did it again. He's still very green but he has a lot of ability."

| Race | Singapore TC War Affair S. 1200m. |
|----------|--|
| Winner | Metallocene (NZ) 2014 |
| Owners | Tianzhou Stable |
| Trainer | Shane Baertschiger (Kranji) |
| Breeding | by Darci Brahma out of Glam Girl (AUS) by Galileo (IRE) |
| Breeder | T W Archer Trust; Auckland; NZ |
| Sales | 2016 Ready to Run Sale V: Spring Gate Stables \$75000 P: Dan Meagher Racing |





DELLORTO GETS THAT GOLDEN FEELING AGAIN

omeback jockey Pregasam Dellorto went a long way in erasing the memory of a horror trackwork fall in 2015 after he rode his first winner since that mishap on Sunday.

The 30-year-old Malaysian rider steered **The Golden Goat (NZ)** (Per Incanto) home for his new boss James Peters in the \$35,000 Open Maiden race over 1200m, ending a long dry spell that had been dragging since September 2015.

Previously indentured to Kiwi trainer Stephen Gray, the Kajang native was over the moon at the winner's circle,

| Race | Singapore TC Open Maiden S. 1200m. |
|----------|--|
| Winner | The Golden Goat (NZ) 2012 |
| Owners | Waterford Stable |
| Trainer | James Peters (Kranji) |
| Breeding | by Per Incanto (USA) out of Seebright by Anziyan (USA) |
| Breeder | Mrs S Oomen; Central; NZ |
| Sales | 2014 Ready to Run Sale V: S. Dougan \$15000 P: NZB as agent |

and understandably so, as at one time, he was facing an uncertain future even after he recovered from his fractured left collarbone.

"I'd like to thank my trainer James and his assistant Micky (Lockett) as well as the owners of this horse," said Dellorto.

"This is excellent. I'm very happy as I've been working very hard in the last 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ years.

"I know this horse well as I rode him twice and I know he doesn't like the whip. I also didn't want to lead and just wait for the straight for a clear run."

Sent out as the \$15 favourite, The Golden Goat, who was Dellorto's only ride of the day, settled in fourth position behind leader Six Empire (Big Brown) before opting for the widest path home in the straight. Though he took a while to warm up, once he did, he rallied strongly to post a 1 ¼-length win from Majulah (NZ) (Postponed) with Six Empire hanging on for third place another short head away. The winning time was 1min 11.95secs for the 1200m on the Polytrack.

Peters said Dellorto puts in the hard yards ever since he

joined his stable and richly deserved that first win under his payroll.

"Dellorto is a hard worker and I hope that first win can only motivate him to keep working hard," said the English handler.

"This horse has been very consistent although he often has found two or three better than him. A big thank you to the owner (Waterford Stable) who has been a good supporter of mine."

The Waterford Stable is better remembered as the owners of Magnum (NZ) (Per Incanto), who was recently sent back to New Zealand to continue his racing career.

The Golden Goat storms to victory at Kranji



PER INCANTO

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time to boast

NZ's **Leading Sire** of Individual 2YO Winners 2014-15

NZ's Leading Sire of Individual 3YO Winners 2015-16

3rd on 3YO Sire for Individual Winners 2016-2017

4th on General Sires List for Individual Winners 2016-17 behind Savabeel - oldest are 10YO's.

Darci Brahma - oldest are 8YO's, Iffraaj - oldest are 7YO's.

Per Incanto's oldest crop are 4YO's

Per Incanto - Grable Filly topped Karaka Select \$300k purchased by John McArdle Melbourne

2017 yearlings averaged \$81k

2017 weanlings sold up to \$90k



1. Per Incanto - Star Guest c \$250,000 \$170,000 2. Per Incanto - Da Vinci Code c \$300,000 3. Per Incanto - Grable f \$90,000 4. Per Incanto - Roseario f 5. Per Incanto - Inertia c (weanling) \$90,000



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NZ STALLION AWARDS

THE CENTAINE AWARD

| STALLIONS | EARNINGS | |
|--|-----------|--|
| SAVABEEL | \$475,785 | |
| DARCI BRAHMA | \$299,377 | |
| PINS | \$294,523 | |
| RIP VAN WINKLE | \$244,280 | |
| IFFRAAJ | \$193,133 | |
| O'REILLY | \$183,165 | |
| SHOWCASING | \$173,709 | |
| RAISE THE FLAG | \$155,959 | |
| ISTIDAAD | \$139,816 | |
| ALAMOSA | \$138,940 | |
| Criteria: Sire whose NZ-conceived progeny have accumulated the highest stakes earnings worldwide | | |

THE DEWAR STALLION TROPHY

| STALLIONS | EARNINGS |
|------------------|-----------|
| SAVABEEL | \$341,454 |
| PINS | \$267,500 |
| DARCI BRAHMA | \$255,160 |
| RIP VAN WINKLE | \$208,805 |
| RAISE THE FLAG | \$146,250 |
| IFFRAAJ | \$141,156 |
| ISTIDAAD | \$132,019 |
| O'REILLY | \$126,924 |
| NO EXCUSE NEEDED | \$120,875 |
| SHOCKING | \$119,474 |

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

THE GROSVENOR AWARD

| STALLIONS | EARNINGS |
|------------------|-----------|
| DARCI BRAHMA | \$134,310 |
| NO EXCUSE NEEDED | \$120,875 |
| EL HERMANO | \$109,810 |
| ZED | \$109,448 |
| YAMANIN VITAL | \$106,350 |
| IFFRAAJ | \$103,997 |
| SHINKO KING | \$86,200 |
| NOM DU JEU | \$69,850 |
| SWISS ACE | \$64,945 |
| BACHELOR DUKE | \$64,335 |

| BEST PERFORMERS | EARNINGS |
|-------------------|----------|
| NASHVILLE | \$82,500 |
| IRISH EXCUSE | \$28,475 |
| UNDERTHEMOONLIGHT | \$62,500 |
| KINA WIN | \$20,500 |
| UPPER CUT | \$45,375 |
| LAAFFAIRE | \$17,250 |
| MONARCH CHIMES | \$30,000 |
| LUKE | \$31,650 |
| SHELLEZ ACE | \$18,750 |
| PHILIPA CHARLOTTE | \$29,560 |

Criteria: Leading Sires by Earnings in New Zealand



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NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE AUGUST 25

| HORSE & BREEDING | BREEDER | RACE | SALES DETAILS |
|--|--|-----------------------------------|---|
| PRATT STREET (NZ) 2012 by Bel Esprit (AUS) out of Blue Quail (AUS) by Bluebird (USA) | T O Harrison; Auckland; NZ | Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1200m. | 2014 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale; V: Te Runga Stud, P: Waikato B/stock; \$100,000 2014 Ready to Run Sale; V: Kilgravin Lodge, P: Lincoln Farms; \$140,000 |
| MR FATKID (NZ) 2013 by Mettre en Jeu out of Celtic Legacy by O'Reilly | Letham Stud Ltd; Central; NZ | Singapore TC Class 3 H. 1400m. | |
| ECLIPSE SPLASH (NZ) 2013 by Showcasing (GB) out of Beach Dance by Carnegie (IRE) | S E McGiffert; Canterbury; NZ | Singapore TC Class 3 H. 1400m. | 2015 South Island Yearling & Mixed Sale; V: Three Valleys, P: E Sullivan; \$22,000 |
| JUSTICE LIGHT (NZ) 2013 by Darci Brahma out of Amaryllis by Red Ransom (USA) | Pencarrow Thoroughbreds Ltd; Waikato; NZ | Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1200m. | 2015 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale; V: Pencarrow Stud, P: Te Akau Racing; \$120,000 |

NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE AUGUST 27

| HORSE & BREEDING | BREEDER | RACE | SALES DETAILS |
|--|------------------------------------|--|--|
| METALLOCENE (NZ) 2014 by Darci Brahma out of Glam Girl (AUS) by Galileo (IRE) | T W Archer Trust; Auckland; NZ | Singapore TC Restricted Maiden S. 1200m. | 2016 Ready to Run Sale; V: Spring Gate Stables, P: Dan Meagher Racing; \$75,000 |
| THE GOLDEN GOAT (NZ) 2012 by Per Incanto (USA) out of Seebright by Anziyan (USA) | Mrs S Oomen; Central; NZ | Singapore TC Open Maiden S. 1200m. | 2014 Ready to Run Sale; V: S. Dougan, P: NZB as agent; \$15,000 |
| CAORUNN (NZ) 2013 by Showcasing (GB) out of Molly's Dolly by Bertolini (USA) | Mrs V A & W K Pike; Waikato; NZ | Singapore TC Hello Melbourne S. 1400m. | 2015 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale; V: Longlands Stud, P: NZB as agent; \$60,000 |

