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BIG GOAL AHEAD **FOR ELLERSLIE WINNER**



Kachhi and Danielle Johnson combine for victory at Ellerslie

A comprehensive winning performance at Ellerslie has promising mare **Kachhi (NZ)** (Showcasing) on the path to an ambitious target next month.

Co-trainer Chris Gibbs has made no secret of the high regard he holds for the Showcasing four-year-old and he was delighted his charge had backed up those thoughts in Saturday's Real Time Accounting sponsored rating 65 1600m contest.

"We've nominated her for the Avondale Cup, which I know

is a big call, but we have a huge opinion of her," he said.

"I told her owners she would have to win today and then she will have to win her next start, but I think she is good enough to do that.

"She is just a beautiful mare."

The win certainly would have helped eased any pain owners Mark and Shelley Treweek were feeling after their race favourite Magic Chai (Magic Albert), was pulled up after

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just 300 metres in the previous race when rider Leith Innes mistakenly thought a false start had been declared in the event.

No such drama unfolded for Kachhi who was given a peach of a ride by Danielle Johnson, another rider who had featured in the earlier debacle when dislodged from her mount shortly after the start. Johnson had Kachhi relaxed and travelling easily throughout, albeit well off the steady speed that was being set up front.

Considered unlucky at her previous start when denied clear racing room in the final stages, this time Johnson had Kachhi off the rail and moving into a challenging position early in the run home. The gaps appeared as Johnson punched the go button with Kachhi producing an irresistible finish to nail runner-up Lady Shabeel (NZ) (Howbaddouwantit) just short of the finishing line.

"I was a little bit worried as the leader had kicked, but then she started to find the line like she did last time," said Gibbs.

"She's got such a huge stride and Danielle did a great job."

Johnson was at her cheeky best when questioned about her racing fortunes on the day.

"It's been a bit of a mixed emotion day," she said.

"I jumped off the last one and won the one before that. The

track is quite firm out there under your butt, so I don't want to feel it again."

On a more serious note she was taken by the effort of her mount who was notching her second victory at just her 5th raceday appearance.

"She's just going to keep getting better once she gets over more ground," she said.

"It's been a tough win as she got back a bit, but I got all the splits I needed so we had a bit of luck too.

"She's probably a class above them in the way she won so there's more in store for her."

The win will garner valuable rating points for the mare as she looks to gain a start in the Gr. 2 Laser Plumbing Te Puke Avondale Cup (2400m) which will be run at Ellerslie on 1 January.

- NZ Racing Desk

Race	ARC Real Time Accounting H. 1600m.
Winner	Kachhi (NZ) 2013
Owners	M A & Mrs S L Tweek
Trainer	Donna Logan & Chris Gibbs (Ruakaka)
Breeding	by Showcasing (GB) out of Barija (USA) by Phone Trick (USA)
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SWEEPSTAKE BACK TO HER BEST WITH WHANGANUI WIN

Progressive mare **Sweepstake (NZ)** (Per Incanto) returned to the sort of form that saw her place at Group One level last season with a brilliant front-running performance at Whanganui on Saturday.

The Per Incanto four-year-old had promised plenty when running third to La Diosa (NZ) (So You Think) in the 2016 Gr. 1 1000 Guineas at Riccarton before having her season ended prematurely when finishing well back at Trentham at her next start.

A vet examination revealed a bone chip needed to be removed which put her on the easy list as trainer Mike Breslin and connections gave her an extended break. After a patient build-up the mare made her racetrack return at Rotorua in late October.

“Once they’ve had an operation like that you are never too sure just how well they can come back from it,” said

Breslin.

“She had trialled nicely before we stepped her out at Rotorua but she half-pie ran off that day when finishing near last, so I was worried she might still have an issue.

“She didn’t seem to be too bad, so we pressed on and she went nicely at Awapuni last start before we lined her up on Saturday.”

Plagued by wide barriers at her first two starts, Sweepstake drew wide once again on Saturday which had Breslin resigned to seeing her settle well back in the early stages of the contest. A lightning beginning and positive ride from Rosie Myers saw that scenario turned on its head as the mare dictated proceedings from in front before dashing away in the home straight to win untouched by four and three-quarter lengths.

“Once she drew wide again I

thought we would be heading back at the start, so I told Rosie to take a sit where she could,” said Breslin

“She actually jumped brilliantly so Rosie took her to the lead where nobody really wanted to take a look at her. She got a pretty soft lead and found a great kick in the run home to do it easily in the end.”

The win was a relief for Breslin who believes his charge has what it takes to compete at the highest level.

“She is group quality so we will be looking to get her a start at that level during this preparation,” he said.

“The difficulty is there really isn’t that much around for her at present so she will likely have one more run in her grade and then a wee break before we lift our sights with her.

“I think she is good enough for a race like the Gr.1 New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders Stakes in the autumn so that is most likely where we will aim her when she comes back from a break.” - NZ Racing Desk



Race	Wanganui JC Wanganui Steelformers H. 1340m.
Winner	Sweepstake (NZ) 2013
Owners	M P Breslin, C R Grace QSM, A L Morris, Pee Gee Bloodstock & A J Porter
Trainer	Mike Breslin (Awapuni)
Breeding	by Per Incanto (USA) out of Lottery by Carnegie (IRE)
Breeder	C R Grace; Central; NZ
Sales	2015 Ready to Run Sale V: E. L. Holmes \$60000 P: MP Breslin

Sweepstake is well clear after running her rivals ragged at Whanganui





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PRINCESS RIHANNA FINDS HER WINNING GROOVE



Classy three-year-old filly Princess Rihanna returns to winning form at Ellerslie

Quality three-year-old filly **Princess Rihanna (NZ)** (Showcasing) finally found her way back to the winner's enclosure when she demolished a handy field of older horses in the rating 75 Dunstan Feeds 1500 Championship Qualifier (1400m) at Ellerslie.

Successful on debut as a two-year-old, the Showcasing filly had failed to greet the judge in six subsequent appearances before Saturday's contest.

Those statistics fail to tell the whole story however, as the Lance O'Sullivan and Andrew Scott trained runner had competed with distinction in rich company throughout her two-year-old campaign including running fourth in both the Listed Karaka Million (1200m) and the Gr. 1 Manawatu Sires Produce Stakes (1400m).

A fresh-up third in the Gr. 3 Hawkes Bay Breeders Gold Trail Stakes (1200m) was followed by an indifferent run

for seventh in the Listed Partners Life Soliloquy Stakes (1400m) before she contested Saturday's event.

Plagued by a tendency to begin slowly in her races, Princess Rihanna turned that form on its head as she bounced brilliantly from a midfield barrier to dispute the early speed before taking a sit in behind the leaders for rider Sam Weatherley.

Weatherley took the initiative

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rounding the home bend as he dashed the filly to a clear lead from where she comfortably held her rivals at bay to win by a length and a quarter at the line.

Co-trainer Andrew Scott admitted that things hadn't quite gone to plan during the race.

"Funnily enough we had talked about riding her back a bit seeing it was her first go against the older horses," he said.

"To his credit Sam took the initiative once she jumped so well and decided to put her in the fight early on which has worked out for us.

"She showed a really nice turn of foot when he asked her to go which augurs well for what she has coming up."

Plans before Saturday's event

had been to have the filly contest the Gr. 3 Lawnmaster Eulogy Stakes (1550m) at Awapuni on 16 December however Scott was keen to see how his charge came through the race before confirming that assignment.

"Lance and I had talked about the Eulogy for her, but we will just have to wait and see how she pulls up before we make that commitment," he said.

"We will have a chat later in the week but her performance on Saturday does provide plenty of food for thought about how she might cope over a little more distance in her races.

"We've mainly thought she was a sprinting type, being quite a nuggety individual, but the way she relaxes does give you confidence she could get over further.

"If they are going to do that

sometimes it is when they are up against their own sex and age so there are plenty of opportunities coming up for her over the summer."

- NZ Racing Desk

Race	ARC Dunstan Feeds Qualifier H. 1400m.
Winner	Princess Rihanna (NZ) 2014
Owners	H Y S, T P Y & W Leung, C P P Lo & O Yeung
Trainer	Lance O'Sullivan & Andrew Scott (Matamata)
Breeding	by Showcasing (GB) out of Magic Tryst by Magic Ring (IRE)
Breeder	G J F Castle & Haunui Bloodstock Ltd; Auckland; NZ
Sales	2016 National Yearling Sale - Select Session V: Haunui Farm \$24000 P: Wexford Stables



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CLARIFY FINDS WINNING FORM AT ELLERSLIE

Last season's Dunstan Feeds Stayers Championship Final (2200m) winner **Clarify (NZ)** (Savabeel) finally bounced back to winning form when he took out one of the qualifying events for this year's championship at Ellerslie on Saturday.

The Peter McKay trained stayer had found success hard to come by in the intervening eleven months since his January 1 victory despite performing with credit in most assignments in the interim. A run of two minor placings in his last three starts augured well for Saturday and so it proved as the Savabeel five-year-old produced his best as he looks to defend his Dunstan crown next month.

A change of tactics that saw rider Shaun McKay sit Clarify just behind the early pace paid dividends as the pair loomed into contention early in the run home before finishing best to win by a stylish three length margin.

Race	ARC Dunstan Feeds Stayers Qualifier H. 2100m.
Winner	Clarify (NZ) 2012
Owners	Monovale Holdings Ltd
Trainer	Peter McKay (Matamata)
Breeding	by Savabeel (AUS) out of Clareta (AUS) by Pauillac (AUS)
Breeder	Monovale Holdings Ltd; Waikato; NZ

Trainer Peter McKay had been confident before the race that he had his charge back to his best after he had missed an opportunity to start in the Gr. 3 Christchurch Casino New Zealand Cup (3200m) last month.

"I had been working him over ground but the Saturday before we were meant to head south he tied up on me, so we decided it might be time to back off him slightly," he said.

"We've freshened him up and hopefully he can go towards the Dunstan now.

"He's had a mixed preparation as his first three runs were all at Hawkes Bay on the off tracks which he didn't seem to like. He then went to Wellington where he went a nice race but things went wrong after that."

The race wasn't without its drama as the protest siren sounded shortly after the runners passed the winning post following a slightly bizarre incident at the start. Rider Danielle Johnson was dislodged from her mount Pearlescence (NZ) (Bullbars) shortly after the barriers opened as the bridle came loose on the horse. Leith Innes, who was riding race favourite Magic Chai (Magic Albert), was slowly away and saw both the fall and the Ellerslie Clerk of the Course attempt to catch the riderless horse immediately in front of him.

He also heard race commentator George Simon mention it

could be a false start which saw him pull up his mount as the field in front of him rounded the bend out of the home straight.

Following the race, a request for a ruling was filed by stipendiary stewards as to whether Pearlescence and Magic Chai were prevented from taking an effective part in the race. After viewing films and hearing submissions the Judicial Committee declared both horses to be non-starters.

Clarify's victory provided further celebrations for Cambridge's Smithies family who scored a race-to-race double with former Hong Kong galloper King's Cross (NZ) (Shinko King) winning over 1200 metres in the previous event, a horse they share in the ownership of with trainer Stephen Marsh. - NZ Racing Desk

Clarify wins an incident packed heat of the Dunstan Feeds Stayers Championship on the weekend



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NZ STALLION AWARDS

THE CENTAINE AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$4,948,027
DARCI BRAHMA	\$2,899,748
O'REILLY	\$2,204,373
TAVISTOCK	\$2,143,713
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$1,949,320
IFFRAAJ	\$1,876,549
THORN PARK	\$1,677,581
PINS	\$1,641,466
SHOWCASING	\$1,603,491
PER INCANTO	\$1,577,098

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

THE DEWAR STALLION TROPHY

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$3,604,814
IFFRAAJ	\$1,393,963
MAKFI	\$1,272,365
PINS	\$1,126,304
DARCI BRAHMA	\$1,117,900
SHOCKING	\$957,688
TAVISTOCK	\$943,075
RIP VAN WINKLE	\$941,894
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$804,423
PER INCANTO	\$693,157

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

THE GROSVENOR AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$1,203,805
IFFRAAJ	\$811,144
DARCI BRAHMA	\$654,930
TAVISTOCK	\$599,086
PER INCANTO	\$483,892
SHINKO KING	\$373,865
RIP VAN WINKLE	\$372,309
PINS	\$343,085
ALAMOSIA	\$322,698
ZED	\$296,848

BEST PERFORMERS	EARNINGS
EMBELLISH	\$314,060
GINGERNUTS	\$180,000
NASHVILLE	\$89,900
GOBSTOPPER	\$187,375
SHADOWS CAST	\$112,312
CLOSE UP	\$188,500
TE AKAU SHARK	\$45,375
ALL IN VOGUE	\$66,260
ASPEN LASS	\$53,850
ZEDEEDUDADEEKO	\$77,500

Criteria: Leading Sires by Earnings in New Zealand



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NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG

NOVEMBER 29

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
NUMERO UNO (NZ) 2009 by Towkay (AUS) out of Mulensky by Stravinsky (USA)	Highview Stud Ltd & R C Y Hui; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Kowloon City H. 1200m.	2011 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Highview, P: John Foote BStk Pty Ltd; \$60,000
CHEERFUL JET (NZ) 2013 by Darci Brahma out of Bright Abyss (USA) by Royal Academy (USA)	Mrs H G & W G Bax; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Kowloon City H. 1200m.	2015 National Yearling Sale - Select Session V: Blandford Lodge P: NZB as Agent; \$30,000
PERPETUAL JOYANCE (NZ) 2012 by Red Giant (USA) out of Make Me Strong (AUS) by Danehill (USA)	G Harvey; Auckland; NZ	HKJC Ho Man Tin H. 1200m.	2014 National Yearling Sale - Select Session V: Westbury Stud P: Mr G Hennessy; \$70,000

NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG

DECEMBER 3

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
UGLY WARRIOR (NZ) 2014 by Swiss Ace (AUS) out of Ugly Betty (AUS) by High Yield (USA)	G Harvey; Auckland; NZ	HKJC Carnarvon H. 1200m.	2016 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Westbury Stud, P: NZB as agent; \$150,000 2016 Ready to Run Sale; V: Regal Farm, P: Me Tsui; \$210,000
SKY TREASURE (NZ) 2013 by Stravinsky (USA) by Inzabeel by Zabeel	Mrs B L & T D B Macphee	HKJC Ashley H. 1200m.	2015 National Yearling Sale - Select Session V: Lakeview Farm P: Waikato Bloodstock; \$79,000
SPARKLING DRAGON (NZ) 2014 by O'Reilly out of Shining Light by Star Way (GB)	Mapperley Stud Ltd & Waikato Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Granville H. 1400m.	2016 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Prima Park, P: NZB as agent; \$85,000
Artic Wolf – FURIOUS PEGASUS (H.K.) (NZ) 2011 by Keeper (AUS) out of Pyrate Princess by Pyrus (USA)	K W & Mrs L M Oddy; Auckland; NZ	HKJC Hankow H. 1800m.	
FLYING GODSPELL (NZ) 2013 by Per Incanto (USA) out of Godspell (AUS) by Xaar (GB)	D K Woodhouse	HKJC Carnarvon H. 1200m.	

NEWS IN BRIEF

Two winners for Patrick Moloney in NZ

Patrick Moloney's rushed trip to New Zealand has paid dividends with a winner at each of the two meetings he rode at including Gr. 1 Vodafone New Zealand Derby (2400m) hopeful **On the Rocks (NZ)** (Alamosa) at Ellerslie.

The Victorian jockey gave a polished display on Saturday aboard the Mike Moroney and Pam Gerard-trained three-year-old with a front-running ride in the Listed Trevor Eagle Memorial (1500m) a day after he rode stablemate Bocce (Foxwedge) to win at Otaki.

Moloney is trans-Tasman trainer Moroney's stable jockey in Australia and delayed a holiday to travel instead to New Zealand to fill in for suspended Victorian apprentice Jake Bayliss who is riding there for six months.

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NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE DECEMBER 1

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
INFANTRY ECLIPSE (NZ) 2013 by Per Incanto (USA) out of Tender Poison (AUS) by Palace Music (USA)	Spyglass Hill Syndicate; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Open Maiden S. 1400m.	2015 Ready to Run Sale; V: Anzac Lodge, P: I Hartono; \$110,000
RED RIDING WOOD (NZ) 2013 by Redwood (GB) out of Dreamcatcher by Stravinsky (USA)	Mrs B & M Griffin; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1800m.	
HOWL (NZ) 2013 by Showcasing (GB) out of Trouville (AUS) by Hurricane Sky (AUS)	Llanhennock Trust; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Maiden S. 1200m.	2015 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale; V: Wentwood Grange; P: J Ong; \$45,000
ELUSIVE EMPEROR (NZ) 2011 by Elusive City (USA) out of Race Empress (AUS) by St. Petersburg (AUS)	E M C Hwang; Waikato; NZ E M C Hwang; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 3 H. 1200m.	
BE BEE (NZ) 2014 by Showcasing (GB) out of My Other Woman (AUS) by Fusaichi Pegasus (USA)	Mrs N M Leicester; Auckland; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1200m.	2016 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Haunui Farm, P: Glen Harvey B/stock; \$220,000

NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE DECEMBER 3

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
BLACK QUAIL (NZ) 2013 by Coats Choice (AUS) out of Sefidi by Bigstone (IRE)	A W Jones & Mrs E W Morris; Canterbury; NZ	Singapore TC Initiation P. 1200m.	2015 National Yearling Sale - Festival Session; V: Berkley Stud, P: Richards Racing; \$20,000
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. 1600m.	
SKYWALK (NZ) 2013 by Battle Paint (USA) out of Daystar by Danasinga (AUS)	Mrs L J & W L Sullivan; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Kranji S. 1200m.	2015 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale; V: Sedgmore Farm, P: Regal Farm Partnership; \$32,000 2015 Ready to Run Sale; V: Regal Farm. P: China Horse Club; \$100,000
SHOQEET (NZ) 2013 by Showcasing (GB) out of Twentyfirstcentury (GB) by Sadler's Wells (USA)	Windsor Park Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Kranji S. 2000m.	2014 National Weanling; Broodmare & Mixed Sale; V: Windsor Park Stud, P: Chequers Stud; \$4,000
NOVA STRIKE (NZ) 2012 by Red Giant (USA) out of La Panthere by Generous (IRE)	J G Simpson; Auckland; NZ	Singapore TC Colonial Chief S. L 1700m.	2014 Ready to Run Sale; V: Kiltannon Stables P: NZB as agent; \$60,000
TANNHAUSER (NZ) 2013 by Tavistock out of Foxette by Entrepreneur (GB)	Sir Patrick & Lady Hogan; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 3 H. 1000m.	2015 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale; V: Cambridge Stud, P: Michael J Clements; \$115,000
REALLY CAPABLE (NZ) 2012 by Handsome Ransom (AUS) out of Finissima (AUS) by Fasliyev (USA)	G W Carvell; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1400m.	

