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## ROBERT'S CAPTAIN COOK CALL COMES UP TRUMPS AS AIDE MEMOIRE DRAWS CLEAR



Robert Hannam yells encouragement at Aide Memoire as the mare closes in on victory in yesterday's Captain Cook Stakes at Trentham.

**A** tough decision for yesterday's Trentham meeting had a Group One reward for Robert Hannam, where his judgement ultimately proved impeccable.

The popular Awapuni jockey settled on **Aide Memoire (NZ)** (Remind) as his mount in the Rydges Wellington Captain Cook Stakes and they accounted for Authentic Paddy (NZ) (Howbaddouwantit), the ride he passed over.

"She's the new kid on the block and while Paddy has been

a great horse to me, I had to look to the future," Hannam said.

The 50-year-old bounced Aide Memoire out of the gates to be upsides with the pacemaker before dropping back to the fence.

"The plan was to sit outside the leader but they were going hard so I slotted into the trail and put her to sleep," he said.

When a gap presented itself between the front-runner

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# SWEYNESSE



- **A winner at his only start at two and winner of his first four starts** including Dual Group 3 wins in the Spring Stakes and Gloaming Stakes.
- **A multiple Group One performer** (2nd G1 Randwick Guineas, 3rd G1 Spring Champion) beating some of the best 3YO Group One winners in Australia including Kermedec, Preferment, Hampton Court, Shooting To Win, First Seal.
- **One of the top Australian 3YO colts of his year with a top Timeform rating of 122.**
- **By Lonhro -The Champion 3YO, the Champion miler, the Horse of the Year, the Champion sire.** Lonhro set a new Australian record of 160 individual winners in a season. His son the unbeaten juvenile Pierro was rated the best Colt in Australia since 1977.
- **Out of the multiple winning mare Swansea by Champion Sire Singspiel** (Sire of 98SW).
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# ROBERT'S CAPTAIN COOK CALL COMES UP TRUMPS AS AIDE MEMOIRE DRAWS CLEAR

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Battle Time (NZ) (Battle Paint) and Aide Memoire's stablemate Julinsky Prince (NZ) (Darci Brahma) soon after straightening, the lightly tried five-year-old needed little persuasion from Hannam to take her chance.

"She really kicked well in the straight," Hannam said. "You can't beat a Group One – they are the pinnacle of horse racing."

Aide Memoire drew clear to score by a length and a quarter from Authentic Paddy with Ringo (NZ) (Fastnet Rock) taking third from Scapolo (NZ) (Bachelor Duke) and Big Dreamer (NZ) (No Excuse Needed). The multiple Group One winner Volkstok'n'barrell (NZ) (Tavistock) was tardily away and made ground stylishly to finish sixth.

The winner is trained at Marton by Fraser Auret, who was also represented by Julinsky Prince but last year's winner

uncharacteristically dropped out in the straight under Johnathan Parkes to tail the field home.

"I had a quick word with Johnathan and he said the horse was just a bit quiet today," Auret said. "But this girl hasn't put a foot wrong since day one.

"Robert and I go back a long way and he rode my first winner. This is very special, just massive."

<b>Race</b>	<b>WRC Captain Cook S. Gr.1 1600m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Aide Memoire (NZ) 2011</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>M J Askew, M I Deans, D Garraway, C J Gerbs, A Groves and D E Tuffery</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Fraser Auret (Marton)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Remind (USA) out of Explain by Success Express (USA)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>A Groves, I C Gunn and Hedwood Thoroughbreds Ltd</b>



## STALLIONS 2016

<b>CHARM SPIRIT</b> <i>(Invincible Spirit – L'Enjoleuse by Montjeu)</i>	<b>\$22,500*</b>
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<b>SHAMEXPRESS</b> <i>(O'Reilly – Volkrose by Volksraad)</i>	<b>\$12,500*</b>
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# BAILEY'S GOT THE HORSE-SPOTTING GIFT

**Gift Of Power (NZ)** (Power) continues to deliver the goods to all those connected with the unbeaten filly, in particular Bailey Rogerson, the two-year-old yesterday completing a hat-trick of wins with another determined performance in the Group Two Wellington Seamarket Wakefield Challenge Stakes.

"Right from day one she's been so professional," the fifteen-year-old granddaughter of Gift Of Power's trainers Graeme and Debbie Rogerson said. "She's so relaxed and she only really got on the toe when she came into the parade ring."

Rogerson, who has an amateur rider's licence, signed for Gift Of Power following her \$180,000 purchase at Karaka earlier this year.

"She liked her and bought her," proud grandfather Graeme said. "I thought she paid too much but she's cheap now."

A first crop daughter of Cambridge Stud's Power, Gift Of Power was offered by the leading nursery, whose principals Sir Patrick and Lady Hogan have retained a racing interest.

"We couldn't be more thrilled, she's a lovely filly," Sir Patrick said. "Power is doing marvellously well in the Northern Hemisphere and it's good to see him going so well here."

Gift Of Power provided Power with his first Australasian winner when she successfully debuted at Wanganui in September and she then added the Listed Wellesley Stakes at Trentham to her record.

She was ridden in her first two starts by Craig Grylls who was again in the saddle yesterday.

Settling behind the leading pair but close enough to hold the inside running, Gift Of Power came through along the fence to hit the front 150 metres from home.

"She travelled really well and she had a good look around and got a bit lost, but when the other horse came at her she dug in," Grylls said. "She got the bob in and she's developing all the time."

The leading Karaka Million contender, who is the first foal of the Group One performer Capital Diamond (NZ) (Lucky Unicorn), beat the fast-finishing Hasahalo (NZ) (Savabeel) by a nose.



<b>Race</b>	<b>WRC Wakefield Challenge S. Gr.2 1100m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Gift Of Power (NZ) 2014</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Bailey Rogerson Trust, Fatesal Holdings Ltd, Lady Justine &amp; Sir Patrick Hogan, C A Leishman, G R &amp; Mrs M E Northcott and G A Rogerson MNZM</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Graeme &amp; Debbie Rogerson (Tuhikaramea)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Power (GB) out of Capital Diamond by Lucky Unicorn (Aus)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Sir Patrick &amp; Lady Hogan</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2016 National Yearling Sale, Premier Session; V: Cambridge Stud, P: Team Rogerson; \$180,000</b>

*Craig Grylls keeps Gift Of Power's mind on the job close to home in the Wakefield Challenge Stakes.*





# NATUZZI'S CONCORDE **CAPS A DREAM DAY**

The connections of **Natuzzi (NZ)** (Coats Choice) are happy to let the sprinter have the final say on the direction of his current campaign, the eight-year-old yesterday showing he was still more than a match for his younger short-course rivals when he powered home to win the Group Three J. A. Russell Ltd Concorde Handicap at Ellerslie.

"He's got a nomination for the Railway but we'll get him home and see how he pulls up. He'll tell us what to do," said Peter Williams, who prepares the veteran with his wife Dawn and Paul Richards.

The Byerley Park trainers enjoyed a dream day at Ellerslie where they won earlier races with Marciano (NZ)

(Faltaat), Night's Watch (NZ) (Redwood) and Symphonic (NZ) (O'Reilly) to follow on from the success of their stablemate Gravano (NZ) (Roc De Cambes) in the closing event on the course seven days earlier.

"The team's flying at the moment and we've got great staff," Williams said.

Natuzzi, who had finished fourth when resuming at his previous start, customarily settled off the pace and dived between runners close to home for rider Vinnie Colgan.

They accounted for the game frontrunner Irish Moon (NZ) (O'Reilly) as the winner's stablemate Fire Jet (NZ) (Tavistock) ran third.

"He's doing well and in the last six

weeks he's really come to it," Williams said of the winner.

"He needed that run at Te Rapa and he's gone super here. I'm very happy for the connections. I said to Vinnie not to go around them, go through them and it's great to see the horse back."

<b>Race</b>	<b>ARC Concorde H. Gr.3 1200m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Natuzzi (NZ) 2008</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>J W &amp; Mrs S D Duell</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Peter &amp; Dawn Williams &amp; Paul Richards (Byerley Park)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Coats Choice (Aus) out of Monsanto by Kilimanjaro (GB)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>S E &amp; Mrs S J McGiffert</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2010 South Island 2YO &amp; Mixed Sale; V: Three Valleys, P: Mr L R Beckett; \$9000</b>



Not in the call until fifty metres from the line, Natuzzi has burst through the pack to take the Concorde and give Vinnie Colgan the feature-race double at Ellerslie.



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# STARLIGHT WIN ENDS KURO'S DRY SPELL

**M**ore than eighteen months after his last win, **Kuro (NZ)** (Denman) has vindicated his trainer's faith with victory in the Listed Starlight Stakes at yesterday's Rosehill meeting.

Twice placed at Group One level as a three and four-year-old, Joe Pride's five-year-old gelding hadn't saluted since May 2015, when winning a Listed 1200 metre event at Doomben.

In the previous two runs of his current campaign, Kuro had finished runner-up when carrying big weights, yesterday dropping

to 55.5kg for the Starlight Stakes and meeting his last-start conqueror Princefamous (NZ) (Fast 'n' Famous) four kilos better for a 1½ length defeat.

"He'd been gradually improving and it's just great to get him back in the winner's circle," Pride said.

The Warwick Farm trainer admitted he'd thought about scratching Kuro from the 1100 metre sprint because of his wide barrier of 10 in the twelve-horse field.

"I'm glad I didn't. It's taken a long time and it's so good to see him back. He's a very talented horse.

"It was a great ride by Jay from the wide barrier – just put him in the spot. The race was there to be lost at the 200 metres when Nieta loomed up and I just loved the way he fought."

A \$7.50 equal third favourite, Kuro held off the \$3.80 favourite Nieta (Nicconi) by three-quarters of a length with the other third favourite Princefamous holding down third, a further half length away.

"He's in a really happy place at the moment," rider Jay Ford said.

"That's been shown by his two runs back this prep. He really responded gamely when Nieta challenged him and he was actually pulling away late on the line."



*Kuro (#5) keeps up a strong gallop to hold off the favourite Nieta in the Starlight Stakes as Princefamous (#12) fights on well for third.*

Pride is likely to press on through the Sydney summer sprints with Kuro, suggesting the Razor Sharp and Canterbury Classic as two potential options.

"He'll creep up in the weights again so it might get to a point where we just put him aside and concentrate on something in the autumn with him," Pride said. "But there are no grand plans."

Kerrin McEvoy was happy with the run of Princefamous. "A good run today," he commented. "He just didn't settle as well as last time but still toughed it out."

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<b>Race</b>	<b>ATC Starlight S. L 1100m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Kuro (NZ) 2011</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Champion Thoroughbreds (Mgr: J E Abrahams), Tab Rewards (Mgr: B Martin), Nearco Stud Ltd (Mgr: G R Tomlinson), Mrs H M Horton, D Yates, D W Willis, A J Gordon, B S Audet, Sedgewyn (Mgr: J E Abrahams), Birdworld (Mgr: M Horton), D H Long, Mrs S Denny, Ms C J Bailey and S Thatcher</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Joseph Pride (Warwick Farm)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Denman (Aus) out of Distinctive Lass (Aus) by Orientate (USA)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Nearco Stud Limited</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2013 National Yearling Sale, Premier Session; V: Curraghmore Stud, P: Champion Thoroughbreds; \$170,000</b>





# AUSSIE'S ELLERSLIE DUO **DERBY-BOUND**



*Arguably the most impressive winner on yesterday's Ellerslie card, Romancer enters Derby discussions as he puts away a field of progressive three-year-olds in the Mufhasa Stakes.*

OTI Racing's Terry Henderson might have been on the other side of the world but that didn't stop him from watching events unfold at Ellerslie.

The Australian-based operation's colours were carried to victory yesterday by Vinnie Colgan aboard **Romancer (NZ)** (Redwood) in the Listed Schneider Electric Mufhasa Stakes and by Mark Du Plessis on **Night's Watch (NZ)** (Redwood) in the Laser Group Services Maiden.

"I'm over in France at the moment but I got up to watch both the races," said Henderson, who runs OTI with former Australian cricket international Simon O'Donnell.

Both Romancer and Night's Watch, who are by the Westbury Stud-based sire Redwood, are held in high regard and will be on paths toward the \$1 million Group One New Zealand Derby on March 4.

Prepared by Donna Logan and Chris Gibbs, Romancer was a horse

Henderson took a shine to as a yearling.

"I was the under-bidder when Donna bought him at Karaka and we got the chance to buy into him whereas with Night's Watch we only acquired a stake in him about six weeks ago," Henderson said.

"We are buying a lot more horses from New Zealand and I'll be at Karaka next year."

In a genuinely run affair, Romancer got back in the early stages then

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# AUSSIE'S ELLERSLIE DUO **DERBY-BOUND**

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lengthened stride strongly to beat Royal Mojito (NZ) (Darci Brahma) and I Am Gracie (I Am Invincible).

"He was impressive and I didn't really expect that," Logan said. "Bring on the Derby in March."

Night's Watch, who is prepared by Peter and Dawn Williams and Paul Richards, was slow to get into stride on debut before he came widest on the turn and finished off powerfully for an easy win in the hands of Du Plessis.

"I said to Mark to let him work into it and give him clear air," Peter Williams said. "He's got a really nice stride and his mission is the Derby."

<b>Race</b>	<b>ARC Mufhasa S. L 1300m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Romancer (NZ) 2013</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Mrs A Gibbs, J A Gibbs MNZM, Mrs D M Logan, D &amp; K Milliken, OTI Management Pty Ltd, Stirling Bloodstock Ltd and Mrs L A Warwick</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Donna Logan &amp; Chris Gibbs (Ruakaka)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Redwood (GB) out of Romantically (Aus) by Foreplay (Aus)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>NZ Thoroughbred Holdings Ltd and Whangateau Thoroughbreds Ltd</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2015 National Yearling Sale, Select Session; V: Westbury Stud, P: D M Logan Racing Stables; \$110,000</b>

<b>Race</b>	<b>ARC Laser Group Services Maiden S. 1200m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Night's Watch (NZ) 2013</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>NZ Thoroughbred Holdings Ltd &amp; OTI Management Pty Ltd</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Peter &amp; Dawn Williams &amp; Paul Richards (Byerley Park)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Redwood (GB) out of Glory Run (Aus) by Exceed and Excel (Aus)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>G Harvey</b>



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# RELUCTANT STARTER **A SERIOUS WINNER**

Jamie Richards, desperately wanting to avoid another missed opportunity with **Royal Success (NZ)** (Savabeel), was on edge when the gelding broke through the gates and dumped rider Matt Cameron before the opening event at Trentham yesterday.

Once jockey and horse were reunited, Royal Success was reluctant to reload for the Wallaceville Estate Premier but the starting



*Nova Swiss continues his winning ways.*

crew eventually won that argument and the four-year-old subsequently ran out an impressive winner.

“He’s a serious horse in the making and we wanted to get him going,” said co-trainer Richards, referring to a false start seven days ago when the Wanganui meeting was abandoned.

“Obviously his form last preparation was very good and his work at home had been very strong.”

Fifth on debut in the autumn, Royal Success then reeled off wins at Pukekohe, Otaki and Te Rapa before he was put aside.

His immediate mission will now be the Dunstan Feeds Rising Stars Championship over 1500 metres at Ellerslie on Boxing Day.

“He probably won’t have another run before that,” Richards said. “He’s got a few little issues and we won’t be racing him on rock hard tracks.”

Royal Success settled behind the pace on the fence before Cameron came away from the rail across the top and the horse finished stoutly in the run home to down the pacemaker Henree Winkler (NZ) (Rip Van Winkle).

“He’s got all the ability,” Cameron said. “He can be a bit difficult and he still tends to run around a bit; he’s still a big baby.”

A protest from the connections of the third-placed Mr Luigi (NZ) (Darci Brahma) against the winner was subsequently dismissed.

<b>Race</b>	<b>WRC Wallaceville Estate H. 1400m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Royal Success (NZ) 2012</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Te Akau Royal Success Syndicate (Mgr: D C Ellis)</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Stephen Autridge &amp; Jamie Richards (Matamata)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Savabeel (Aus) out of Royal Show by Deputy Governor (USA)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>J W Campin</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2014 National Yearling Sale, Premier Session; V: The Estate of J W Campin, P: D C Ellis; \$130,000</b> <b>2014 Ready to Run Sale; V: Lyndhurst Farm, P: D C Ellis / J W Richards; \$250,000</b>

