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DUAL SUCCESS FOR REDWOOD

Redwood (High Chaparral) was the toast of Ellerslie on Saturday with two winners who look headed for greater heights.

Night's Watch (NZ) and Romancer (NZ) are both from the Westbury Stud sire's first crop and the three-year-olds have Group One assignments in their sights.

Both were in the 2015 yearling sale draft until things turned slightly pear-shaped according to Westbury Stud's general manager Russell Warwick.

"Redwood had three stand out colts and they were two of them," he recalled. "Then the Glory Run - which became Night's Watch - scoped with an infection in his throat."

With time running out the decision was made to withdraw the colt and take him through to the next stage themselves. He was gelded, broken-in and, as Night's Watch, found his way into the Byerley Park stables of Peter and Dawn Williams and Paul Richards.

"He had three trials and every trial he showed ability," Warwick said after the gelding's debut win. "He's still got a bit to learn but Mark [du Plessis] said he is getting better all the time."

Night's Watch carries the familiar colours of OTI Management after agent Phil Cataldo negotiated a half-share in the horse after he won his final trial.

"We are happy OTI got involved and he will stay with Peter Williams until after the Derby," Warwick said. "The New



Westbury Stud resident stallion Redwood

Zealand Derby is worth \$1 million this season and Redwood could potentially have two or three runners."

The first foal of the Exceed and Excel mare Glory Run, Night's Watch carries a nomination to the Derby and after his debut win over 1200m is at \$26 in the fixed odds market.

At shorter odds is Redwood's other Ellerslie winner, Romancer, who backed up his maiden win with success in the Listed Schneider Electric Mufhasa Stakes over 1300m. The

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G1 PLACED	3	4
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DUAL SUCCESS **FOR REDWOOD**

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Donna Logan-Chris Gibbs trained gelding is at \$10 for the Derby.

Romancer is the first foal from the unraced Romantically (Foreplay), a half-sister to the dual Group One winner Sirmione (Encosta De Lago), with Logan paying \$110,000 for him at the 2015 Select sale.

“He was, in my view, the pick of the colts. He was athletic and was always going to sell well,” Warwick said. “I was talking to Donna in the marquee after the sale and asked what she was going to do with him and she said she would probably syndicate him.”

Romancer races for a cast of plenty and, like Night’s Watch, in the colours of OTI, who purchased a half-share. Making up the ownership group is Craig Dawson’s Stirling Bloodstock, Donna Logan, mother and daughter Deb and Kate Milliken, Jim and Ann Gibbs and Russell Warwick’s wife Lesley.

“I told Donna at the sales that if I sold a filly I had in on the last day then I would take a share as a birthday present for Lesley,” Warwick said. The filly made \$60,000 and, as Warwick rather wryly pointed out, has gone on to earn a Group One placing in the gavelhouse.com NZ 1000 Guineas racing as

Bella Gioia (NZ) (Swiss Ace).

The third standout colt from that 2015 Westbury draft was a half-brother to Sound Journey (Good Journey) from the unraced O’Reilly mare Written by Sound. “He was knocked down to Liam Birchley for \$200,000 and after winning his maiden race at the Sunshine Coast headed to the Group One Golden Rose where he finished three and half lengths behind Yankee Rose,” Warwick said.

Birchley is no stranger to targeting races at Ellerslie, having claimed the Karaka Million two-year-old event with Sister Havana (NZ) (General Nediym) and Hardline (NZ) (Showcasing). Chamalu is eligible for the Karaka Million three-year-old race and is also nominated for the Vodafone New Zealand Derby.

Warwick is hoping Redwood’s current run of success continues leading into the yearling sales. “If he can get a Group One or Two winner then obviously it will be a help at the sales,” he said.

“It’s exciting, he’s owned by New Zealanders, he lives in New Zealand, he can leave a type and they can run.”

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I AM A STAR HAS AUTUMN GROUP ONE AIMS



Smart filly I Am A Star in winning action

The \$3 million Doncaster Mile is among the many big-race options for Group One-winning filly **I Am A Star (NZ)** (I Am Invincible) who is about to return to stable life.

I Am A Star lived up to her name during the spring with the Shane Nichols-trained filly winning the Quezette Stakes first-up in August and ending her campaign with victory in the Group One Myer Classic on October 29.

She has had a five-week break and Nichols is eagerly awaiting her return.

"I'm like a kid on Christmas Eve, ready to open the present," Nichols said.

"We'll take nine or 10 weeks to get her ready for her first start back. And then away we go."

Nichols says I Am A Star looks "awesome".

"She's strengthened up a lot and put on a lot of condition," he said.

"She's spelled much better this time than her previous prep."

She is likely to return in the Rubiton Stakes on February 11 at Caulfield then run in the Group Two Angus Armanasco Stakes (1400m), a race Nichols says will be pivotal in her preparation.

"We'll then decide whether she runs in the Australian Guineas at Flemington or goes straight up to Sydney," he said.

The Group One Coolmore Classic for fillies and mares in Sydney is a week after the Guineas with the weight-for-age Queen Of The Turf Stakes another race Nichols has in mind against her own sex.

The Doncaster Mile is also on the radar.

"Three-year-old fillies have got a good record in it," Nichols said.

"She will certainly be nominated, and if she happened to win a nice race during the preparation then that will obviously up the sights a bit on a race like the Doncaster.

"She's already a Group One winner and a Group One placegetter, so there's not a lot to lose by running in as many Group Ones as we can.

"She's a very valuable filly and we'll target her at the top of the tree."

Nichols says the Guineas is appealing because I Am A Star is unbeaten at Flemington while the Sydney weather will also be a consideration because she was well beaten on a heavy track at Randwick during spring.

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FIVE TO MIDNIGHT READY FOR NEXT CHALLENGE

Promising stayer **Five To Midnight (NZ)** (Domesday) showed he was ready to step up to greater challenges over the coming weeks with a comprehensive victory at Trentham.

The Lisa Latta trained galloper has been nominated for the major northern staying features over the summer months. On Saturday he put his rivals on notice with a brutal home straight sprint that carried him two and a half lengths clear at the finish of the Vale Bill Skelton MBE Premier open handicap (2100m).

Although the four-year-old gelding started a warm favourite in the event, owner Kevin Pratt had some doubts about his fitness after he missed a start

in last week's Wanganui Cup due to the abandonment of the meeting.

"I was really worried as he needed the run last week," said Pratt after the race.

"I was pretty frustrated actually. We've got to get something done about these tracks as we've had six cancelled meetings."

Pratt also admitted he had some fleeting doubts when rider Darryl Bradley looped the field to issue

his challenge on the home bend after enjoying a lovely run throughout the race.

"I was thinking Darryl, don't let me down Darryl, when he was four wide turning for home," he laughed.

"But he did it well and he is a good horse."

Pratt will now firm up plans with Latta as to the gelding's path for the rest of the summer.

"I'm not sure where Lisa's going but we did talk about going to Auckland at one stage," he said.

"I think it will maybe be back to Manawatu and then on to Auckland and the Avondale Cup."

In a fitting tribute to champion rider Bill Skelton, whose funeral was

held at Trentham on Friday, all jockeys riding on Saturday assembled in the birdcage for a minute of silence prior to the event that was named in his honour.

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Race	WRC Vale Bill Skelton MBE H. 2100m.
Winner	Five to Midnight (NZ) 2012
Owners	Kamada Racing
Trainer	Lisa Latta (Awapuni)
Breeding	by Domesday (AUS) out of Fastnet Lady (AUS) by Fastnet Rock (AUS)
Breeder	The Oaks Stud; Waikato; NZ
Sales	2014 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale V: The Oaks Stud \$165000 P: Lisa Latta Racing



Darryl Bradley and promising stayer Five To Midnight





BLUE-BLOOD MARE UNDERLINES HER POTENTIAL WITH POWERFUL VICTORY

A narrow but powerful victory by blue-blood mare **Echezeaux (NZ)** (Encosta De Lago) capped an up and down day for the Stephen Autridge and Jamie Richards training partnership at Trentham on Saturday.

The day started well when outstanding prospect Royal Success (NZ) (Savabeel) scored in the first race, despite some pre-race shenanigans, however it took until the last race before they added a second win to the tally with Echezeaux. In between times they had to settle for third with two-year-old filly Melody Belle (NZ) (Commands) in the Gr.2 Wakefield Challenge Stakes while Abidewithme (NZ) (Redoute's Choice) ran on late to finish midfield in the Gr. 1 Captain Cook Stakes.

Race	WRC Hanley Formula H. 1600m.
Winner	Echezeaux (NZ) 2011
Owners	Sir Peter Vela
Trainer	Stephen Autridge & Jamie Richards (Matamata)
Breeding	by Encosta de Lago (AUS) out of Grand Echezeaux by Zabeel
Breeder	P J & P M Vela Ltd; Waikato; NZ

Echezeaux is a five-year-old Encosta De Lago mare and is the daughter of multiple Group One winner Grand Echezeaux (NZ) (Zabeel), making her a half sister to champion galloper Darci Brahma (NZ) (Danehill). Much was expected from her when she first stepped onto the racetrack however the slow maturing type took awhile to hit her straps.

"She has been very slow to develop and really still has some maturing to do," explained Autridge.

"When she first stepped out she battled a bit and people started to write her off but we knew she just needed some time.

"She won her first race at her fourth run but has now won three of the next six so her record is starting to shape up. I think with another six months on her she is going to prove to be a very handy galloper."

Autridge was delighted with Saturday's performance that saw the mare settle nicely off the speed before producing an irresistible late run to snatch victory in the Hanley Formula sponsored rating 75 mile.

"It was a good run as she put her head on her chest for

most of the trip but really put in when Matt (Cameron) asked her in the run home," he said.

"She rounded it off like a mare that is looking for more ground which is what we wanted to see. She can get a bit dour so a middle distance will suit and that's likely to be her next assignment.

"There's a nice race for her at Ellerslie on Boxing Day so I think that will be her next start. After that we will reassess as she does hold a nomination for some of the Cup races later in the summer.

"Whether we can get there in this prep is a question but I have no doubt she will at some stage of her career."

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Blueblood mare Echezeaux scores in a driving finish at Trentham





ELLERSLIE SPRINT FEATURE AN OPTION FOR VOLKS LIGHTNING

Consistent mare **Volks Lightning (NZ)** (Volksraad) could be headed back to Ellerslie on New Year's Day for a Group One challenge after she gained a deserved victory at the venue on the weekend.

The four-year-old mare powered home to defeat a quality line-up of rating 75 rivals over 1200 metres in one of Saturday's qualifying heats for Ellerslie's new Boxing Day feature, the Dunstan Feeds Rising Stars Championship.

Stakes placed twice at Group Three level as a three-year-old, Volks Lightning was registering just her second career win. However co-trainer Graeme Rogerson, who prepares the mare in partnership with wife Debbie, believes she is now ready to further enhance her record over the summer.

"She has been wonderfully consistent but I think she has come of age now," he said.

"Her owners have been very patient as she has needed the time but Debbie and I both think she is a good horse.

"She ran sixth in a hot field at Te Rapa last time in the Listed sprint and didn't really cop the track that day. She needs good ground to show her best and she got that on Saturday.

"It was great ride by the young boy (Ryan Elliot) and she went a good time so we think she can be competitive at the higher levels."

That opportunity could come around on New Year's Day with the mare nominated for the Gr. 1 Sistema Railway although Rogerson acknowledged she would need to



Progressive mare Volks Lightning could return to Ellerslie for the Gr. 1 Sistema Railway next month

secure another victory before then to strengthen her chances of gaining a start in the feature event.

"We've got her nominated for both the Railway and the Telegraph but she probably wouldn't make either field on her rating at this stage," he said.

"We're hoping we can get another win before then so we might sneak into the Railway field. There have been plenty of upset results in that race so we could be another if she can get a start."

Rogerson also advised Saturday's Gr. 2 Wakefield Challenge Stakes winner, Gift of Power (NZ) (Power), would be heading for a week long break at Cambridge Stud before returning to the stable in preparation for a tilt at the Gr. 3 Barneswood Farm

Eclipse Stakes (1200m) at Ellerslie on New Year's Day.

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Race	ARC Dunstan Rising Stars H. 1200m.
Winner	Volks Lightning (NZ) 2012
Owners	Mrs J Crawford, L Cullen, Earthwide Ltd, B Heys, B B McCullum, C Monaghan, Mrs A & R Robinson & S Skelton
Trainer	Graeme & Debbie Rogerson (Tuhikaramea)
Breeding	by Volksraad (GB) out of Next Century by Stravinsky (USA)
Breeder	Windsor Park Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ
Sales	2014 Ready to Run Sale V: Windsor Park Stud \$60000 P: Vermair Racing





WHAT A DIFFERENCE A WEEK MAKES

Cambridge trainer Shaune Ritchie was a nervous man as the field for Saturday's PDL Iconic sponsored 1400 metre event entered the starting gates at Ellerslie.

Ritchie admitted he had thought long and hard before deciding to start his enigmatic galloper, **Sultan Of Swing (NZ)** (Bachelor Duke), after he had finished an unlucky seventh at the venue just a week earlier. A wide barrier only added to the tension however, in the end, there was no cause for concern as an outstanding ride by apprentice Sam Weatherley helped guide the Bachelor Duke gelding to a narrow but convincing victory.

"I'm not a fan of running them week-to-week, especially as he was fresh up last time," explained Ritchie.

"When he was bouncing around

on Monday I started to think about it though as he didn't even get off the bridle in that first run.

"Of course when the barrier draws came out it made it an even tougher decision but he was just so well that we decided to have a throw at the stumps with him.

"As it turned out Sam rode him perfectly from the wide draw and had him one-out with cover before they'd gone 200 metres. He produced him at just the right time in the straight and we got the job done."

The victory was particularly satisfying for Ritchie as the gelding had caused him no end of frustration with his performances since transferring from the Donna Logan and Chris Gibbs stable during the winter.

"He obviously has plenty of talent

but we just couldn't get him right for his first couple of runs with us," he said.

"We decided to geld him and I think that has made a massive difference. He is more settled and doesn't have the various aches and pains that an entire can have.

"Now we've got him right I think he can get through the grades pretty smartly."

Ritchie also advised that his classy three-year-old filly Bella Gioia (NZ) (Swiss Ace) would be out for the summer after having a bone chip removed from her fetlock.

"We found she had the problem after her 1000 Guineas run so we've had it removed," he said.

"I will be informing the authorities today and it means she won't be able to race through the summer which was a doubtful prospect anyway.

"The break will do her the world of good and we will have her back for the autumn when the tracks have some give in them which will suit her perfectly."

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Race	ARC PDL Iconic H. 1400m.
Winner	Sultan of Swing (NZ) 2012
Owners	IDL Racing Ltd
Trainer	Shaune Ritchie (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Bachelor Duke (USA) out of Queen Cha Cha by High Chaparral (IRE)
Breeder	IDL Racing Ltd; Waikato; NZ

A heady ride by Sam Weatherley saw Sultan Of Swing return to the winner's circle on Saturday





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THE CENTAINE AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$3,926,200
THORN PARK	\$2,857,064
DARCI BRAHMA	\$2,565,065
PINS	\$2,272,574
O'REILLY	\$2,195,387
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$1,678,148
ELUSIVE CITY	\$1,648,787
TAVISTOCK	\$1,554,714
KEEPER	\$1,433,331
PER INCANTO	\$1,236,504

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

THE DEWAR STALLION TROPHY

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$2,662,406
PINS	\$1,529,724
DARCI BRAHMA	\$1,105,095
TAVISTOCK	\$1,099,055
O'REILLY	\$986,373
SHOCKING	\$885,165
PENTIRE	\$869,488
ZABEEL	\$820,103
THORN PARK	\$725,879
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$715,997

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

THE GROSVENOR AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$988,185
DARCI BRAHMA	\$560,784
TAVISTOCK	\$498,880
IFFRAAJ	\$434,485
ALAMOSA	\$398,682
PINS	\$362,986
PER INCANTO	\$362,030
KEEPER	\$360,932
ZACINTO	\$350,475
FASTNET ROCK	\$349,180

BEST PERFORMERS	EARNINGS
KAWI	\$250,000
PERSUASIVE	\$33,000
NYMPH MONTE	\$97,500
THE SOULTAKER	\$52,000
ASPEN LASS	\$51,010
REILLY LINCOLN	\$90,250
SARACINO	\$62,500
BEL SORRISO	\$42,625
UGO FOSCOLO	\$312,500
RINGO	\$109,750

Criteria: Leading Sires by Earnings in New Zealand



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NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG NOVEMBER 30

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
Furuvik – PEARL FURU (H.K.) (NZ) 2011 by Fully Fledged out of I'llthinkaboutit by Howbaddouwantit (USA)	M P Baker; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Lomond H. 1800m.	
LUCKY DAY (NZ) 2009 by Coats Choice (AUS) out of Amadi's Express by Success Express (USA)	G M Fahey; Canterbury; NZ	HKJC St Andrew's Challenge Quaich H. 1200m.	

NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG DECEMBER 4

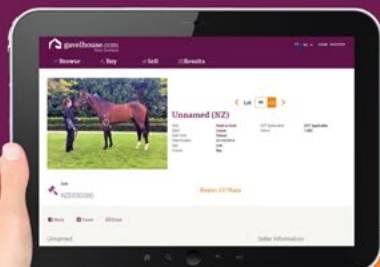
HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
SLEDGE HAMMER (NZ) 2008 by Align (AUS) out of Seniorita Rosay by Senior Pete (USA)	Megastar Thoroughbreds Ltd; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Ashley H. 1200m.	
FOREVER ACCURATE (NZ) 2010 by Magic Albert (AUS) out of Quiet Please by Kaapstad	T W Archer Trust; Auckland; NZ	HKJC Carnarvon H. 1200m.	2012 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Totara Park Stud, P: John Foote BStk; \$70,000
D B PIN (NZ) 2012 by Darci Brahma out of Pins 'n' Needles by Pins (AUS)	Mrs K N & W E Calder; Waikato; NZ	HKJC The Peninsula Golden Jubilee Cup H. 1000m.	2014 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale; V: The Oaks Stud, P: John Foote B/stock; \$200,000
WORLD RECORD (NZ) 2012 by Savabeel (AUS) out of Run Brony Run (AUS) by Redoute's Choice (AUS)	Goodwood Stud Ltd; Central; NZ	HKJC Middle H. 1400m.	2014 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale; V: Goodwood Stud, P: NZB as agent; \$200,000
ARCHIPPUS (NZ) 2010 by Keeper (AUS) out of Sara Ann by Stravinsky (USA)	Sir Patrick & Lady Hogan & A T Kelly; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Salisbury H. 1200m.	2012 National Yearling Sale - Premier Session; V: Cambridge Stud, P: Hong Kong Jockey Club; \$150,000



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NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE DECEMBER 2

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
The Dark Knight – UNCLE LUCKY (Sing.) (NZ) 2012 by Showcasing (GB) out of Starry Angel by Shinko Forest (IRE)	Hallmark Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1100m.	2014 National Yearling Sale - Festival Sale; V: Hallmark Stud, P: MF Rogers; \$16,000
AUSPICIOUS ACE (NZ) 2013 by Alamosa out of Tad Infitum by Traditionally (USA)	Te Akau Infitum Syndicate; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Restricted Maiden S. 1000m.	
MILLION ROUND (NZ) 2011 by Edenwold (CAN) out of Sparks Will Fly by Almutawakel (GB)	A W Jones & Mrs E W Morris; Canterbury; NZ 2/12/2016	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1200m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Festival Sale; V: Berkley Stud, P: B McDonald; \$4,000
SATCHMO (NZ) 2010 by Strategic Image (AUS) out of Ellington by Express Duke (AUS)	Mrs P A Dunell; Auckland; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1100m.	
RED DAWN (NZ) 2011 by Align (AUS) out of Danness by Danske	M G Treloar; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1000m.	2012 National Weanling; Broodmare & Mixed Sale; V: Curraghmore Stud, P: Mr So & Mrs KC Engelbrecht; \$21,000 2013 Ready to Run Sale; V: Westbury Stud, P: S Baertschiger; \$170,000

NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE DECEMBER 4

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
DANIEL (NZ) 2010 by Guillotine out of Tina by Danasinga (AUS)	C K Phua; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Colonial Chief S. Sgp-3 1700m.	
ELUSIVE EMPEROR (NZ) 2011 by Elusive City (USA) out of Race Empress (AUS) by St. Petersburg (AUS)	E M C Hwang; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1200m.	

