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LEUNG RAISES THE ROOF WITH A BEAUTY RIDE TO HONG KONG MILE GLORY



Derek Leung punches the air in triumph as he scores his biggest career win aboard Beauty Generation

The story might have been about the horse, the owner or the trainer but the tale of the HK\$23 million LONGINES Hong Kong Mile is rightly all about one man - winning jockey Derek Leung.

The 29-year-old claimed his first Group One win and became just the second home-grown graduate of the Hong Kong Jockey Club's Apprentice Jockeys' School, after Matthew Chadwick, to win an international race at the Club's flagship December meeting. He ably guided

the John Moore-trained and Patrick Kwok-owned **Beauty Generation (NZ)** (Road To Rock) to an all-the-way one-length victory in the day's third feature.

And rarely has a win been so well-received. Such is the popularity of the man who could boast just two Group Three successes before this season but whose talent always promised more.

The crowd cheered wildly for Leung, whose wife Kit is

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Embellish (NZ)
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expecting their first child within a month. The weighing room staff stood and applauded as he returned to the scales. Fellow jockeys congratulated him. A warm embrace from rival and colleague Olivier Doleuze said it all.

“I’m very, very happy,” said Leung before re-mounting his horse, with arms raised to the sky, for the official presentation. That was plain for all to see and he needn’t have said any more but, of course, he did.

“I want to thank everyone for their support, especially to the owner (Patrick Kwok) and to trainer John Moore. I was given an opportunity and I took advantage of it. I am always trying to prove myself and I am hoping there will be more international winners in the future.

“The plan was always to go forward, be in the first two and lead if that’s how it turned out. Everything did go very smoothly with a soft lead and I pressed the button at the 450 (metres) because I knew he would not stop and he didn’t. I had no worries to kick for home early and the horse ran so well,” Leung said.

Leung, who sits fifth on the jockeys’ premiership table in his most prominent season to date, had every confidence in the five-year-old son of Road To Rock. “We began the season winning a Group Three (Celebration Cup) and I knew he was a Group One horse and today we did it, he proved it,” he said.

The win was trainer Moore’s seventh Hong Kong International Races win and his third in the Mile. It was a second successive win in the race for owner Patrick Kwok after last year’s win with Beauty Only (Holy Roman Emperor), whom he races with his mother Eleanor Kwok. Beauty Only was seventh today.

It was Hong Kong’s 11th win in the 12 years since 2006 and the 10th winner, in that period, to progress from the Jockey Club Mile. Beauty Generation is the 14th Hong Kong-

trained winner since the race was accorded Group One status in 2000.

Moore said the win was “no surprise” to the stable. “He’s done everything right from day one, this horse. We saw he was a little hampered in the run last time but today he had the gun run and was able to dictate the terms of the race which always looked a possibility.

“We tried him over more ground last season and he ran well but he starts to grind a bit at the longer trips. We put some speed into him and he has a turn-of-foot at the mile (1600 metres). He’s run so well today,” Moore said.

Beauty Generation was a \$60,000 purchase from the Highden Park draft at the Select session of the 2014 NZB National Yearling Sale.

Earlier in the day another pair of Karaka 2014 graduates quinellaed one of the feature events with Mr Stunning (Exceed And Excel) taking out the Gr. 1 Longines Hong Kong Sprint (1200m) by a head from D B Pin (NZ) (Darci Brahma). Mr Stunning was a \$250,000 purchase for Magus Equine from the Lyndhurst Farm draft during the Premier session of the National Yearling Sale series while D B Pin went to the \$200,000 bid of John Foote from the Oaks Stud draft during the same session.

Race	HKJC Longines Hong Kong Mile Gr.1 1600m.
Winner	Montaigne - Beauty Generation (H.K.) (NZ) 2012
Owners	Patrick Kwok Ho Chuen
Trainer	John Moore (Sha Tin)
Breeding	by Road to Rock (AUS) out of Stylish Bel (AUS) by Bel Esprit (AUS)
Breeder	Nearco Stud Limited; Waikato; NZ
Sales	2014 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale V: Highden Park \$60000 P: Hermes Syndications





TRENTHAM TREBLE EXTENDS PREMIERSHIP LEAD FOR COLLETT

New Zealand's busiest jockey extended her lead in the National Jockey's Premiership with a winning treble at Trentham on Saturday.

Off the back of her best year to date, where she bagged a career high eighty winners in the 2016-17 season, Samantha (Sam) Collett has her foot firmly on the accelerator

as she attempts to secure her first premiership.

Collett picked up victories on the John Bary trained High Spirits (NZ) (Darci Brahma) and Smokin Oak (NZ) (Burgundy) along with another Hawkes Bay runner in Xpression (NZ) (Showcasing), which saw her extend her lead to eight over cousin Alysha Collett in the race for the title.

"It was a great start to the day and I was thrilled to ride a double for John Bary as he has been a great supporter of mine throughout my career so far," she said.

"High Spirits is a horse I seem to click with although she is a funny wee thing in that you never quite know whether she is on her game when

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Sam Collett has every reason to smile as she sits atop the National Jockey's Premiership ladder





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you get on her. On Saturday we were just plugging away and then she just seemed to kick into gear and nothing was going to stop her winning.

"John has done a great job with Smokin Oak as he can be a bit insecure. He jumped well, and I didn't want to fight him, so I let him roll along and he produced a nice kick.

"I was also thrilled for Guy Lowry, Grant Cullen and the connections of Xpression as it was a big ask backing her up after her first run just eight days ago.

"She is a lovely filly who is only going to get better as she matures so I think she has a nice future ahead of her."

Although delighted with the success she enjoyed Collett's day was tinged with some disappointment after her mount Miss Wilson (Stratum) failed to fire in the Gr. 1 Rydges Wellington Captain Cook Stakes (1600m) later on the programme.

"Things just didn't go our way in the big race, which was a shame as I think everyone was expecting a big run from her," she said.

"That's how it can pan out at times, but she is too good a mare not to bounce back from the disappointment, so I expect to see her back to winning form again pretty quickly."

Having already taken 368 rides

this season, the most of any jockey competing in New Zealand, Collett believes the work she has done on both her physical and mental fitness along with the maturity that comes with experience has been crucial in her run of success.

"I think I'm probably as fit as I've ever been which is necessity given the amount of riding I've been doing," she said.

"Being in top shape has really helped me and I also think I've definitely matured in my outlook on my riding which comes about with the more of it that you do.

"Being able to think and act instinctively about situations that come up during a race comes with experience and that is now starting to pay off for me.

"I'm also very lucky that I've managed to get on some nice horses and with winning comes confidence which is also crucial."

With the busy Christmas racing period about to start in earnest Collett's services are sure to be in hot demand although she admits she is looking forward to a new initiative at Ellerslie this Wednesday where she will compete in the Auckland Racing Club's inaugural Jockey World Cup Prelude.

"I heard about the concept about a month ago and told them I was keen

to be involved so when they formally invited me I jumped at the chance," she said.

"It will be great to compete against the Aussie jockeys who are coming, while I'm also looking forward to being part of the team with Alysha (Collett) and Danielle (Johnson).

"I've managed to get some pretty good rides including Sarabande for my dad (Jim Collett) which was a bit of a laugh when we saw the draw. He had said he had a 25 per cent chance of drawing a Collett with three of us competing, so he got his wish."

The Jockey World Cup Prelude will be held over the six races that form the twilight race card at Ellerslie on Wednesday with the twelve invited riders divided into four teams of three as follows:

New Zealand Men's team: Matt Cameron, Michael Coleman and Chris Johnson

New Zealand Women's team: Alysha Collett, Sam Collett and Danielle Johnson.

Apprentice's team: Shaun McKay, Sam Weatherley and Ben Allen (Australia)

Australian Team: Jamie Kah, Jason Collett and Damian Lane.

- NZ Racing Desk.





STRATOCASTER BACK TO WINNING FORM AT TRENTHAM

Stylish grey gelding **Stratocaster (NZ)** (Mastercraftsman) put his racing career back on track with a dominant performance at Trentham on the weekend.

The six-year-old had looked a horse of real promise when he defeated the subsequent multiple Group One winner Turn Me Loose (NZ) (Iffraaj), at just his second start at Hastings back in August 2014. He then went on to perform with credit when finishing fourth in the Gr. 2 Hawkes Bay Guineas (1400m) and fifth in the Gr. 1 2000 Guineas (1600m) before rounding out his three-year-old campaign with a disappointing effort in the Gr. 2 Avondale Guineas (2000m) behind Mongolian Khan (Holy Roman Emperor).

Multiple injuries saw the Mastercraftsman gelding

restricted to just one subsequent appearance in 2016 before returning to the track last month to recommence his career. Although finishing well back in two starts before Saturday, the signs were there that the Emma-Lee and David Browne trained galloper was ready for a forward showing which he produced in eye-catching fashion on Saturday.

Settled in a handy position against the fence by rider Darryl Bradley, Stratocaster was travelling easily as the field straightened for the run home in the Hiremaster Premier (1400m) rating 85 contest. Bradley eased his charge off the fence as the gaps appeared and they raced to a three-length lead which was comfortably maintained to the finish line in a tidy 1.23.31 for the journey.

Emma-Lee Browne was quick to acknowledge the challenges faced by her charge when questioned after the race.

"I think the ability has always been there, but he's needed a couple of runs back after having the two years off," she said.

"He's had a few injuries. He injured himself in his three-year-old year and we got him back then it all happened again.

"He's always had stacks of ability, so it was gutting when it all happened. It's just so rewarding to get him back."

Race	WRC Hiremaster H. 1400m.
Winner	Stratocaster (NZ) 2011
Owners	Very Musical Syndicate
Trainer	Emma-Lee & David Browne (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Mastercraftsman (IRE) out of Very Musical (Ire) by Green Tune (USA)
Breeder	N E & R A Schick & S J Till; Waikato; NZ
Sales	2013 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale V: Windsor Park Stud \$100000 P: McVean Rcg



Browne did admit there was enough confidence in the camp to make the long trip from their Cambridge base to tackle the Trentham assignment.

"It's a long way to go but we were pretty confident coming in," she said.

"We will see how he comes through this as you just have to take every day as it comes with him. Hopefully we can keep kicking on with him.

"We tried to stretch him out as a three-year-old, but he had his problems so we're hoping he might be able to get up over a trip this time in."

- NZ Racing Desk.

Stratocaster and Darryl Bradley cruise to the winning post at Trentham





PRE-START FIASCO

NO BARRIER FOR NORTHERN RAIDER



A bizarre pre-race incident didn't deter promising mare Seraphim who made it back-to-back victories on the weekend

Despite being one of the runners most affected by a barrier malfunction prior to the last race at Trentham on Saturday, royally bred northern visitor **Seraphim (NZ)** (Rip Van Winkle) shook off the pre-race drama to notch another highly impressive victory.

The warm favourite for the Woodridge Estate Premier (1600m) contest had co-trainer Julia Ritchie

fearing the worst as she cantered freely down the Trentham back straight after she and five other runners burst out of the starting barrier when the gates opened prematurely during the loading process.

"My heart just sank when I saw she was one of the horses that had escaped from the gates," said Ritchie.

"She can be a very headstrong

mare and I feared she might try and take control of Danielle (Johnson) if she got a fright.

"To make matters worse a riderless horse was tracking her so it had all the hallmarks of a disaster but thankfully Danielle had her under control pretty quickly and the horse stayed calm throughout."





PRE-START FIASCO

NO BARRIER FOR NORTHERN RAIDER

Ritchie believes the five-year-old daughter of Caulfield and Melbourne Cup winner Ethereal (NZ) (Rhythm) has finally matured to the point where she is able to overcome circumstances like she experienced on Saturday to deliver on her undoubted promise.

“She has been a handful to work with, but I think this time in she has come of age mentally,” she said.

“At both her last two starts she has been cool, calm and collected behind the start and in the gates and it has shown with the performance she has put in.

“We’ve known she has untold ability but the way she used to get worked up counted against her.

“Now she has worked out what

it’s all about I think she can go right through the grades.

“She really had no right to win on Saturday after what went on, but she got the job done with something in hand at the line.”

Given the mare’s blueblood pedigree, Ritchie and partner Steven Ramsay have plans to step the mare up to stakes company as she continues her current campaign.

“She had a very tough run on Saturday and was feeling it Sunday morning, so she will have a month between runs before we step her out again,” said Ritchie.

“The plan has always been to get some black-type under her belt, so we will be looking at the options coming

up next month.

“We think she will be suited stepping up in distance so the Marton Cup in early January will be a good option for her.”

The Listed Gallagher Marton Cup (2100m) is the feature event at Awapuni on 6 January.

- NZ Racing Desk.

Race	WRC Woodridge Estate H. 1600m.
Winner	Seraphim (NZ) 2012
Owners	Sir Peter Vela
Trainer	Steven Ramsay & Julia Ritchie (Maungatautari)
Breeding	by Rip Van Winkle (IRE) out of Ethereal by Rhythm (USA)
Breeder	P J & P M Vela Ltd; Waikato; NZ

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STAKES CHALLENGE BECKONS FOR PROMISING MARE



Yearn (nearest to camera) toughs it out at Ellerslie as she picks up career win number four

Progressive mare **Yearn (NZ)** (Savabeel) put her name in the frame for higher honours with a gritty performance at Ellerslie on Saturday.

Carrying the purpose-made colours of raceday sponsor, The Life Education Trust, the four-year-old Matamata galloper made it four wins from five starts in this campaign when she dealt to a handy line-up of rating 85 gallopers in the Dunstan Feeds 1500 Championship Qualifier (1400m).

Rider Trudy Thornton took advantage of the Savabeel mare's quick beginning to have her stalking the leaders throughout before issuing her challenge at the top of the straight. After hitting the front shortly after, Yearn showed

all her fighting qualities to hold out topweight Ruud Not Too (NZ) (Bernardini) by a neck with a head back to the fast-finishing Vinevale (Flying Spur) in third.

"That was a very tough win as I was worried she may have been a little fresh after her break," said trainer Karen Fursdon.

"She is such a good eater and had definitely enjoyed her time off, so I did wonder if it might trip her up in a close finish, but she went to the line strongly which was great to see.

"She came home last night and ate everything put in front of her and was singing out for breakfast on Sunday morning, so she is a very happy horse."

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STAKES CHALLENGE BECKONS FOR PROMISING MARE

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Fursdon has been amazed at the improvement the mare has shown in her campaign to date and is quick to credit the work of co-owner Mark Lupton in that regard.

“Mark had done a heap of preparation work with her before she came to me and that has really paid dividends for her,” she said.

“She went back to Mark during her short break after her run on Melbourne Cup day and she just thrived. He has always said he thought she would go right to the top and on what she has done so far you can’t fault his judgment.”

Fursdon believes Yearn is now ready to tackle elite company although exactly where that is will be a matter of deciding on the most suitable race for her in the coming weeks.

“I will sit down with Mark and work out a plan for her as we do have some options to look at,” she said.

“The Dunstan Feeds Championship Final on Boxing Day is

one possibility, but we will need to see how the handicapper treats her before we make a decision there.

“I think she will definitely get 1600 metres by the way she races so the Rich Hill Mile on the last day at Ellerslie is another to consider as she would get in on the minimum.

“We also have her nominated for both the Telegraph and the Thorndon Mile at Trentham in late January so there is plenty to think about.”

- NZ Racing Desk.

Race	ARC Dunstan Feeds H. 1400m.
Winner	Yearn (NZ) 2013
Owners	M & Mrs C R Lupton
Trainer	Karen Fursdon (Matamata)
Breeding	by Savabeel (AUS) out of Princess Uno (AUS) by Danehill (USA)
Breeder	Emblem Ltd; Waikato; NZ



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NZ STALLION AWARDS

THE CENTAINE AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$5,167,542
ROAD TO ROCK	\$3,859,633
DARCI BRAHMA	\$3,847,133
TAVISTOCK	\$3,312,070
O'REILLY	\$2,293,879
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$2,048,604
IFFRAAJ	\$1,943,302
SHOWCASING	\$1,856,846
THORN PARK	\$1,746,170
PINS	\$1,698,890

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

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STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$3,813,973
IFFRAAJ	\$1,431,888
MAKFI	\$1,296,155
DARCI BRAHMA	\$1,228,375
PINS	\$1,181,274
SHOCKING	\$1,021,913
TAVISTOCK	\$998,965
RIP VAN WINKLE	\$993,594
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$837,058
SHOWCASING	\$743,480

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

THE GROSVENOR AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$1,375,600
IFFRAAJ	\$839,544
DARCI BRAHMA	\$682,730
TAVISTOCK	\$633,006
PER INCANTO	\$496,667
RIP VAN WINKLE	\$405,209
PINS	\$381,950
SHINKO KING	\$374,265
SHOWCASING	\$367,240
ALAMOSA	\$342,298

BEST PERFORMERS	EARNINGS
EMBELLISH	\$314,060
GINGERNUTS	\$180,000
NASHVILLE	\$89,900
GOBSTOPPER	\$187,375
SHADOWS CAST	\$112,312
TE AKAU SHARK	\$45,375
ALL IN VOGUE	\$66,260
CLOSE UP	\$188,500
CARNIVAL	\$94,060
ASPEN LASS	\$53,850

Criteria: Leading Sires by Earnings in New Zealand



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NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG DECEMBER 6

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
Just Call Me Ray – YOUR THEWONFORME (H.K.) (NZ) 2011 by Sufficient out of Encantada by Black Tuxedo (JPN)	B J Wallace; Auckland; NZ	HKJC United States of America H. 1650m.	
PEACE COMBINATION (NZ) 2010 by Written Tycoon (AUS) out of Debbie's Joy by Sandtrap (USA)	Mrs D M Hume; Bay Of Plenty; NZ	HKJC Longines International Jockeys Champ H. 1000m.	2012 National Yearling Sale - Festival Session; V: Ellendene Farms, P: RA James; \$15,000
Squid Roe – FORTUNE BO BO (H.K.) (NZ) 2012 by Coats Choice (AUS) out of Blue Blond by Stravinsky (USA)	M G Houlahan; South; NZ	HKJC France H. 1000m.	

NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG DECEMBER 10

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
Montaigne – BEAUTY GENERATION (H.K.) (NZ) 2012 by Road to Rock (AUS) out of Stylish Bel (AUS) by Bel Esprit (AUS)	Nearco Stud Limited; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Longines Hong Kong Mile Gr.1 1600m.	2014 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale; V: Highden Park, P: Hermes Syndications; \$60,000
TIME TO CELEBRATE (NZ) 2013 by Per Incanto (USA) out of Silver Cent by Centaine (AUS)	M McSweeney; NZ	HKJC Maurice H. 1600m.	2015 South Island Yearling & Mixed Sale; V: Berkley Stud, P: Shailer T/breds; \$82,500



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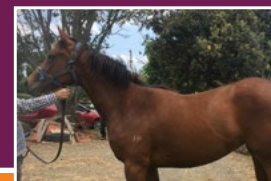
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