

CRACKERJACK CAMPAIGN CONTINUES AS COLDPLAY COOLLY CAPTURES CAL ISUZU



Coldplay cruises home for Craig Grylls in the Cal Isuzu Stakes.

 oldplay (NZ) (Savabeel) hasn't missed a beat this season and she's now in line to show she belongs on
the Group One stage.

The last-start Group Three Eagle Technology Stakes winner yesterday added the Group Two Cal Isuzu Stakes at Te Rapa to her record, twelve months to the day since she claimed the Group Three Eulogy Stakes.

"She's a typical Savabeel who has come of age as a fouryear-old," said Andrew Forsman, who prepares the mare with Murray Baker.

"What she did as a three-year-old last season was on raw ability alone. She's much stronger and mature now."

Given a cosy run behind the pace by Craig Grylls, Coldplay was angled into the clear in the straight and proved too strong in the closing hundred metres.

Her next assignment has yet to be confirmed, but it's a fair bet that it will be a Group One challenge.

"That's all that is missing for her," Forsman said. "It's just a



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matter of finding the right one. It could be the Zabeel Classic to see whether she runs 2000 metres and then maybe freshen her up for the Thorndon."

Rising Shot (NZ) (Red Giant) acquitted herself extremely well in jumping from a previous Rating 75 victory to finish runner-up ahead of her stablemate Stolen Dance (NZ) (Alamosa), who led 300 metres from home and peaked on her run in her first appearance for almost four months.

Coldplay completed an outstanding time for her stable, which earlier won the Waikato Cup with Lizzie L'Amour and the Wentwood Grange 2YO with Caesour's Dream.

"It's been a very good day," Forsman said. "We thought

Bonneval would have gone closer in the first race, but she'll keep – she's a good filly."

Coldplay is part-owned by Waikato Stud, who in January will be offering her sister as Lot 170 during the Premier Session of the National Yearling Sale at Karaka.

| Race | Waikato RC Cal Isuzu S. Gr.2 1600m |
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| Winner | Coldplay (NZ) 2012 |
| Owners | G J Chittick and G D Wallace |
| Trainer | Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman (Cambridge) |
| Breeding | by Savabeel (Aus) out of Forty Two Below by O'Reilly |
| Breeder | G D Wallace |





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LIZZIE L'AMOUR WORTH PLENTY MORE

he wellrelated Lizzie L'Amour (NZ) (Zabeel) yesterday pushed her value skyward with a successful open class debut at Te Rapa.

The progressive four-year-old took a sharp rise in class in her stride when she was untroubled to triumph in the Group Three Skycity Hamilton Waikato Cup in the hands of regular rider Matt Cameron.

"We ran her out of her grade because

she's by Zabeel and we all wanted black type for her," said Murray Baker, who trains the mare at Cambridge with Andrew Forsman.

Making just her eighth raceday appearance, Lizzie L'Amour, who is out of a Sadler's Wells mare, was stepping up from a most-recent fifth in Rating 75 company.

"I knew she would get the 2400 metres because Matt covered that trip on her at her last start at Ellerslie!" Baker said.

Lizzie L'Amour settled three back on the fence before she was into the clear to improve near the turn and she



Close to home in the Waikato Cup and lightweight Lizzie L'Amour has the trophy in safe keeping.

rounded off strongly in the straight.

"She was as good as we could get her today and she had no weight," Baker said.

Lizzie L'Amour may now make her next appearance in the Group Three City of Auckland Cup at Ellerslie on New Year's Day.

That race is also likely to be on the programme of the runner-up Snow Secret (NZ) (Sakhee's Secret), who was one of the few runners to make ground from the back.

Consistent competitor Megablast (NZ) (Shinko King) turned in another solid performance to take third

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with Candle In The Wind (NZ) (Darci Brahma) the next to cross the line. The favourite Chenille (NZ) (Pentire) was last with 800 metres to run and made little impression thereafter, beating only two runners home.

| Race | Waikato Cup Gr.3 2400m |
|----------|---|
| Winner | Lizzie L'Amour (NZ) 2012 |
| Owners | G J & Mrs L M Moore |
| Trainer | Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman (Cambridge) |
| Breeding | by Zabeel out of Sabia (Fr) by Sadler's Wells (USA) |
| Breeder | Mrs L M Moore |



MILE NO PROBLEM FOR VOLPE VELOCE

 Iying filly Volpe Veloce (Foxwedge) showed a mile held
no fears for her when she added the Group Three Eulogy Stakes at Awapuni to her perfect record.

The only possible question mark over the three-year-old before yesterday's Lawnmaster-sponsored feature could have been the trip, but she answered positively with a strong closing 150 metres to stretch her winning sequence to five.

"I was a little bit worried halfway up the straight," trainer Graham Richardson said. "She looked a bit flat-footed before she really wound up.

"That might be good sign that she could possibly get to a mile and a half."

Volpe Veloce was given the perfect run one out and one back by Johnathan Parkes and once she hit top gear in the run home she drew out to win by a length and a half from Rip Into Ghia (NZ) (Rip Van Winkle) and Storytime (NZ) (Savabeel).

Richardson said he would monitor the filly in the coming days before deciding on her next start.

"I'm undecided at the moment. There's the Eight Carat

at Te Rapa their stablemate Los Vargas (NZ) (Fast 'N' Famous) claimed the Lowe Schollum & Jones Premier.

Los Vargas has now won six races and is in line for a black type start at her next appearance.

"I have to talk to the owners but she'll go to Ellerslie for the Newmarket or the Railway," Richardson said.

| Race | Manawatu RC Eulogy S. Gr.3 1600m |
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| Winner | Volpe Veloce (Aus) 2013 |
| Owners | D & C Adams, H Allender, K Anderson, M Chubb, P Dixon, R Featherstone, G Mackin, G Richardson, K & L Robinson, M Skilling, P Spiers, B Wong and K Woodmass |
| Trainer | Graham Richardson (Matamata) |
| Breeding | by Foxwedge (Aus) out of Bardego (Aus) by Barathea (Ire) |
| Breeder | Mr N Vass |
| Sales | 2015 National Yearling Sale, Premier Session; V: Lyndhurst Farm, P: richardsonracing.co.nz; \$240,000 |

at Ellerslie or we could go to Trentham for the Levin Classic. It will be one of those two races."

Volpe Veloce completed a hattrick at Awapuni for Richardson, who had earlier produced Wildflower (NZ) (Keeper) to win the Speights Ale House Handicap and Pure Lorde (NZ) (Darci Brahma) the Dunstan Feeds Qualifier while

> Volpe Veloce runs out a strong 1600 metres to win the Eulogy Stakes and add Group Three black type to her unbeaten record.





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FLOOZIE'S SPRINT A STROLL IN THE PARK

he main protagonists in yesterday's feature sprint at Te Rapa look set to challenge for higher honours over the holiday period.

| Race | Waikato RC J Swap Contractors Sprint H. L 1400m |
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| Winner | Thee Auld Floozie (NZ) 2011 |
| Owners | P D Craighead, L G Ford, S B Marsh, M C Roughead, Two Fat Cows Syndicate and J G & Mrs S K Young |
| Trainer | Stephen Marsh (Cambridge) |
| Breeding | by Mastercraftsman (Ire) out of Thee Auld Hussie by Spinning World (USA) |
| Breeder | J G Young |

Thee Auld Floozie (NZ)

(Mastercraftsman) beat her stablemate Seize The Moment (NZ) (Pins) and Hasselhoof (NZ) (Tavistock) in the Listed J Swap Contractors 1400, with the trio all set for Group features in the coming weeks.

"I thought both of my horses ran out of their skins," trainer Stephen Marsh said. "The Rich Hill Mile now looks a perfect race for Thee Auld Floozie."

She settled three back on the fence under rider Danielle Johnson and, under a minimum of urging, ambled to the front 300 metres from home then forged clear for the eighth win of her 25-start career. "You really didn't want to be on anything else," Marsh said. "She just jogged up to them."

Thee Auld Floozie was making her first appearance since finishing fifth in last month's Group Two Coupland's Bakeries Mile.

"The track was just a wee bit too firm for her down here," Marsh said.

Seize The Moment also found the Riccarton ground against him in the Coupland's, but his effort showed he was on target for the Wellington Cup meeting in January.

"He doesn't go right-handed," Marsh said. "We'll be looking at the Anniversary Handicap and Thorndon Mile for him."

> Hasselhoof showed he was closing in on winning form with his late finish for third.

> "He was vulnerable at the trip and he'll go to the Zabeel Classic next," said Chris Gibbs, who trains in partnership with Donna Logan.

Hasselhoof is also expected to improve with the outing after he missed a planned run in last week's Group One Captain Cook Stakes with a foot problem.

"He shifted a plate and stood on it so he was a little bit lame, but you have to put a line through those things and move on," Gibbs said.

The Auld Floozie gives Danielle Johnson an armchair ride to the line in the Listed sprint at yesterday's Te Rapa meeting.





CAESOUR'S DREAM AN ULTRA FORERUNNER

he New Zealand arm of Sean Buckley's extensive Australasian racing and breeding operation is making its presence felt.

Under his Ultra Thoroughbreds banner, he was successful with the Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman-trained Street Ranger (Street Cry) at Hastings on Thursday and stablemate **Caesour's Dream (NZ)** (Nicconi) followed suit with victory in yesterday's Wentwood Grange 2YO Premier at Te Rapa.

"We've got horses in Sydney and Melbourne and a big base in Adelaide with Phillip Stokes," Ultra Thoroughbreds' general manager Toby Koenig said.

"The focus is on New Zealand as our international base. It's been a super week and things are really starting to click for us."

They also have Coerced Witness, a Star Witness mare who won four races from Stokes' stable, with Baker and Forsman.

"We'll be looking for some black type for her before she goes to stud next year; she'll be going to Savabeel," Koenig said. "We've got half a dozen mares we're now breeding from at Waikato Stud.

"We'll be selling at Karaka as well with colts by Shamus Award and Savabeel, who were foaled at Waikato, in the Bradbury Park draft."

Caesour's Dream had been placed at her first two starts before leading all the way to open her account.

"She did everything right after she raced greenly the other day at Otaki," Baker said.

"She's a lovely filly and we might look at a stakes race at Ellerslie for her over Christmas but she will be even better in the autumn."

Buckley is no stranger to Group One success in New Zealand. He won the 2009 New Zealand Bloodstock Breeders'



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Wearing colours becoming more familiar on New Zealand racecourses, Michael Coleman guides Caesour's Dream to a solid win in the juvenile event at Te Rapa.

Stakes with the Lee Freedman-trained Dane Julia (Caesour) and plans are afoot for a crack at another feature.

"Captain Duffy is nominated for the New Zealand Derby," Koenig said. "We're fielding some offers from Hong Kong for him, but if he isn't sold he'll go over."

Trained by Stokes, Captain Duffy (King Cugat) has won two of his nine starts including a front-running victory over 2200 metres in the Listed Geelong Classic.

| Race | Waikato RC Wentwood Grange 2YO S. 1100m |
|----------|---|
| Winner | Caesour's Dream (NZ) 2014 |
| Owners | Ultra Thoroughbred Racing Pty Ltd |
| Trainer | Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman (Cambridge) |
| Breeding | by Nicconi (Aus) out of Caesour's Promise (Aus) by Rock of Gibraltar (Ire) |
| Breeder | Ultra Thoroughbred Racing Pty Ltd |



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