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RITCHIE RUNNER SECURES DERBY TICKET AT ELLERSLIE



Formidable and Leith Innes capture an impressive victory at Ellerslie

A moment of Leith Innes magic has seen race favourite **Formidable (NZ)** (Shocking) snatch a last gasp victory in the Listed Auckland Age Concerns 3YO Salver (2100m) at Ellerslie.

The Shaune Ritchie trained Shocking gelding was having his first start since clearing maiden company over 1600 metres at Avondale in late November and was warmly supported off the back of that impressive victory.

Facing just the six rivals, Formidable settled last in a compact field as Unnameable (Pour Moi) and Eitilt (NZ)

(Choisir) set a steady pace out in front. Proceedings began to get serious as the field approached the home bend with Innes finding himself in an awkward position as several rivals swept around the outer to have Formidable last and blocked behind a wall of runners.

Innes didn't panic as he searched for a gap that finally came at the 150-metre mark as Formidable dived between runners before dashing to the front in the shadows of the post. Second favourite, The Boy Wonder (NZ) (Cape Blanco),

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Embellish (NZ)
became the
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NZ 2000 Guineas.

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fought hard to finish a neck away in second with Secret Ambition (NZ) (Jimmy Choux) losing no admirers as he closed hard out wide for third.

"No one rides Ellerslie quite as well as Leith," said Ritchie after the race.

"He never seems to go wide and always seems to find a run. I guess we were lucky when he was only a couple of lengths from the leader but last at the 200m, but he knew he had a horse under him and he did the job right."

Ritchie has made no secret of his Gr. 1 Vodafone New Zealand Derby (2400m) ambitions with his charge and once again confirmed those aspirations after the win.

"That's what you like to see when you are pressing forward to the big dance in March," he said.

"He's now got his ticket I guess on that win.

"He just keeps improving as he hasn't got it right each time and has made mistakes, but he's just got better and better.

"That's what you want to see when you have them heading over ground.

"He will go to the paddock for ten days now then we will find a mile for him before tackling the Avondale Guineas.

"He does hold a nomination for the Karaka Mile, so we could pop the blinkers on him and sharpen him up for that. It might be a little short for him but it's a million-dollar race, so you have to have a go don't you."

The Listed \$1m Karaka 3YO Classic (1600m) will be run at Ellerslie on 27 January followed by the Gr. 2 Electrolux Avondale Guineas (2100m) three weeks later, on 17 February.

– NZ Racing Desk

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| Race | ARC 3YO Salver L 2100m. |
| Winner | Formidable (NZ) 2014 |
| Owners | KRD Racing Pty Ltd, A Arena, C Pintaudi, M S & T R Dalzell, & S F Ritchie |
| Trainer | Shaune Ritchie (Cambridge) |
| Breeding | by Shocking (AUS) out of Princess Biscotte (AUS) by Casino Prince (AUS) |
| Breeder | C C E; Mrs C F; Mrs I S & J W Thompson; Waikato; NZ |
| Sales | 2016 National Yearling Sale - Select Session V: Rich Hill Stud \$39000 P: KRD Racing |

NEWS IN BRIEF

Gold Coast aim for Night's Watch

Progressive stayer **Night's Watch (NZ)** (Redwood) will be given his chance to earn a start in the \$1 million Magic Millions Trophy (2200m) on the Gold Coast in January.

The Darren Weir-trained four-year-old recorded an impressive victory two starts ago at Sandown in which he defeated subsequent Caulfield winner Guizot (Tertullian) before he finished a luckless fourth as an odds-on favourite in the \$100,000 Werribee Cup (2000m).

OTI Racing Director Terry Henderson said Night's Watch would need to qualify for the Magic Millions Trophy by winning the Listed Shoot Out Quality (2200m) at Doomben on December 30.

"He needs to win to get into the race but Darren Weir thinks the horse is flying," Henderson said.

"He was most unlucky at Werribee last start but has come through the run very well."

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NZ DERBY START A CHANCE FOR PERSIAN EMPIRE

Trainers Trent Busuttin and Natalie Young are eyeing off their home town Derby with lightly raced three-year-old **Persian Empire (NZ)** (Savabeel).

After running second at Moonee Valley earlier this month, Persian Empire is enjoying a short break before being prepared for the Gr. 1 Vodafone New Zealand Derby (2400m) at Ellerslie on March 3.

Busuttin and Young, who now train at Cranbourne, finished second in this year's New Zealand Derby with Rising Red (NZ) (Redwood) who split Gingernuts (NZ) (Iffraaj) and Jon Snow (NZ) (Iffraaj).

Gingernuts went on to win the Rosehill Guineas and Jon Snow the Australian Derby in Sydney during the autumn carnival.

Busuttin says Persian Empire still has to earn his way into the race.

"He has to step up," Busuttin said.

"He ran well last time at Moonee Valley over 2040 metres but got pipped on the line by an older horse, so he fits the profile.

"He's by Savabeel so will get over a Derby trip and the race is worth a million dollars."

Busuttin said Persian Empire would run over 2040m at Moonee Valley at the start of February.

He said if he could win that race it would all but confirm a start in the Derby for the three-year-old.

Busuttin described Persian Empire and Rising Red as similar types.

Rising Red had won over 2100m at Sandown 10 days before contesting the Derby to confirm his spot.

Persian Empire has raced five times, winning a Sale maiden over 1717m and racking up a further three placings.

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Trent Busuttin and Natalie Young (pictured) have a Vodafone New Zealand Derby target in store for Savabeel three-year-old Persian Empire





PRELUDE WIN SETS UP FEATURE ATTEMPT FOR BOXACHOCOLATES



Boxachocolates scores an easy victory at Awapuni

Local runner **Boxachocolates (NZ)** (Alamosa) indicated he will be one of the horses to beat in this Saturday's Gr. 3 Hotel Coachman Manawatu Cup (2100m) after registering a comprehensive victory in the major lead-up event at Awapuni on the weekend.

The Mike Breslin trained gelding enjoyed a perfect run in transit before dashing away in the run home to notch a comfortable two-length

victory in the Japac Homes Manawatu Cup Prelude (2000m). Rider Rosie Myers had a lapful of horse throughout the race and had the luxury of easing her mount down in the concluding stages as she held out the late runs of Itsallbelt (NZ) (Handsome Ransom) and Blathwayt (NZ) (Colombia), who filled the minor placings.

Breslin has always held a high opinion of the Alamosa five-year-old who has proven a model of

consistency throughout his career to date with four wins and seven minor placings from just 20 starts.

"Rosie has ridden him a treat," he said.

"It was his first run over ground for a little while as we've had to wait for him as a five-year-old. He's still got maturing to do but he's now strong enough to get over a trip which we knew he would be good at once we asked him to."

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PRELUDE WIN SETS UP FEATURE ATTEMPT FOR BOXACHOCOLATES

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Breslin was keen to see his charge find a place in the Group Three staying feature this coming weekend as he believes he has the ability to make his presence felt.

“Hopefully we are still on the minimum for the race as if the horse does well during the week that is his target,” he said.

“The idea today was to see if he was

good enough to run in the Manawatu Cup and I think he answered that.”

The victory secured Myers a winning treble on the day that took her to 32 wins for the season and seventh on the National Premiership table behind current leader Samantha Collet who is eight clear of her nearest rival on 48 wins.

– NZ Racing Desk

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| Race | Manawatu RC Manawatu Cup Prelude 2000m. |
| Winner | Boxachocolates (NZ) 2012 |
| Owners | Stoney Creek No 1 Syndicate |
| Trainer | Mike Breslin (Awapuni) |
| Breeding | by Alamosa out of Boxapins by Pins (AUS) |
| Breeder | Stoney Creek No 1 Syndicate; Waikato; NZ |

NEWS IN BRIEF

Goldsbury suspended on handling charge

Former New Zealand apprentice Rebecca Goldsbury has been suspended for a second time this year on a handling charge.

Stewards opened an inquiry into Goldsbury's ride on Occhilupo (Exceed And Excel) at Toowoomba on December 2 but adjourned it to allow her to get further evidence.

At a reconvened inquiry stewards charged Goldsbury with breaching the rule which states a jockey must take all reasonable and permissible measures to ensure a horse is given full opportunity to win or run its best place.

Goldsbury pleaded not guilty but stewards found against her and suspended her for two months starting Saturday night.

Stewards noted she had only recently resumed from a suspension for a breach of the same rule.

She is expected to seek an internal review.

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FLYING FERRANDO BOOKS RAILWAY DATE

A bold front-running victory at Te Rapa on Saturday has booked a start in the Gr. 1 Sistema Railway Stakes (1200m) on New Year's Day for capable sprinter **Ferrando (NZ)** (Fast 'n' Famous).

The Graeme and Debbie Rogerson-trained four-year-old relished the firm track conditions on the day as he dominated proceedings throughout before stopping the clock in a rapid 1.09.30 for the 1200 metre journey of the rating 85 contest.

A pick-up ride for Matt Cameron, after original pilot Opie Bosson was stood down for the day after his ride in the previous race, Ferrando has long been held in high regard by his trainers as a horse with a big race win in him.

"I think he's a pretty good sprinter," said Graeme Rogerson.

"He had 60 kilos, but he wants a firm track. He didn't handle the track at Pukekohe or here last time but when he got a good track at Trentham he ran 1.08 and change.

"He will go to Ellerslie now as long as they don't water."

Rogerson also revealed he was hopeful of adding his grand-daughter Bailey as an official member of the Rogerson training team later this week.

"Bailey is going to be my training partner and she loves this horse," he said.

"We're hoping her license will come through this week. She will join Debbie and I and wants to train a Group One winner in January."

The pinch-hitting Cameron produced a polished display on the Fast 'n' Famous entire, who he believes is a chance in the 1 January feature at Ellerslie.

"He's pretty easy to ride as he jumps and puts himself in the race," he said.

"He has to be a chance in the Railway as he puts himself there and it's a race that can get a bit messy. If he can do what he has been doing and

we know he can run 1.08, then he has to be a chance."

– NZ Racing Desk

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|-----------------|---|
| Race | Waikato RC Lowe Schollum & Jones H. 1200m. |
| Winner | Ferrando (NZ) 2013 |
| Owners | Fatesal Holdings Ltd, D E & Mrs E M Olsen, R R Ratcliffe, Redbank Pty Ltd (Mgr: P Favretto), G A Rogerson MNZM, G N Wealleans & G R Wilson |
| Trainer | Graeme & Debbie Rogerson (Tuhikaramea) |
| Breeding | by Fast 'n' Famous (AUS) out of Rio Nugget by Captain Rio (GB) |
| Breeder | Mrs E A Cowell & Killarney Bay Bloodstock Ltd; Auckland; NZ |
| Sales | 2015 Ready to Run Sale V: Ohukia Lodge Ltd \$40000 P: NZB as agent |



Ferrando, with substitute rider Matt Cameron in the saddle, cruises to the line at Te Rapa





SYMPHONIC PROVES PRE-RACE CONFIDENCE RIGHT ON THE MARK

Promising mare **Symphonic (NZ)** (O'Reilly) lived up to the pre-race confidence of co-trainer Peter Williams when she provided a polished display to land her fourth career victory at Te Rapa on the weekend.

Williams had advised he was pleased with the progress that the O'Reilly mare had made since a last-start victory at Pukekohe and although he felt she would benefit with a little more distance than the 1600 metres on offer, the mare was primed to go a bold race.

Those comments were right on the mark as Symphonic produced a powerful staying performance to capture the Lodge Real Estate Premier (1600m) rating 85 contest. Given a perfect run in transit by regular pilot Mark Du Plessis, Symphonic was

angled into the clear early in the run home to issue her challenge. The five-year-old was resolute as she chased down pacemaker Arraignment (NZ) (Nom Du Jeu) before holding out a late run from L'Escalier Rose (NZ) (Starcraft) in the final few strides.

Although pleased with the positive outcome, Williams admits he and wife Dawn are in a quandary as they look to qualify the mare for the final of the Dunstan Feeds Stayers Championship final at Ellerslie on 1 January.

"She's gone well and we had kept her fresh for the trip today," he said.

"We've been aiming for the Dunstan final at Ellerslie, but we've been having trouble qualifying her as her preparation has been held up by the wet tracks.

"I want to give her a run over

distance before the final and if I don't run she won't qualify, but we're running out of time so it's a bit of a no-win situation."

Williams was quick to praise the effort of Du Plessis although he jokingly admitted the rider hadn't followed their pre-race plan to the letter.

"He rode her well although he did say before the race he would be in the one-one position and he wasn't," he said.

"I'm going to have to have words about that!

"I think she may have just dwelt a little at the start but she's a mare who has really come into her own this year and I think over the next two years she could turn into a real nice staying type."

– NZ Racing Desk



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| Race | Waikato RC Lodge Real Estate H. 1600m. |
| Winner | Symphonic (NZ) 2012 |
| Owners | Barneswood Farm Ltd for S C Green & G C Beemsterboer |
| Trainer | Peter & Dawn Williams (Byerley Park) |
| Breeding | by O'Reilly out of Chorus by Danasinga (AUS) |
| Breeder | Waikato Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ |
| Sales | 2014 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale V: Waikato Stud Ltd \$330000 P: GC Beemsterboer |

Promising stayer Symphonic is in a battle against time to make the final field for the Dunstan Feeds Stayers Championship final at Ellerslie



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(meaning: world champion)



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BEEFEATER GETS THE JOB DONE AT AWAPUNI

Progressive galloper **Beefeater (NZ)** (Alamosa) registered the first win of his summer campaign with a gritty effort to open the day at Awapuni on Saturday.

The Alamosa five-year-old lumped topweight of 60 kilograms to victory as he outlasted pacemaker Stephenstihls (NZ) (Smart Missile) in a dour home-straight battle to score by a long neck in the rating 85 1550 metre event.

The Roydon Bergerson trained gelding was having his first run back since finishing fifth in the Gr. 2 Coupland's Bakeries Mile at Riccarton in November and looked to be vulnerable in the closing stages after hitting the front early in

the run home. Rider Rosie Myers didn't panic as she got the best from her charge to notch the first of a winning treble on the day.

"It was a good ride by Rosie as she used her initiative to pop off the fence down the back straight and not get caught in behind them," said Bergerson.

"It was a good strong win as he carried a big weight."

Bergerson indicated Beefeater would be back in action on his home track for his next assignment before setting his sights on the Trentham summer carnival in late January.

"I'll have to have a chat with his owners, Mr and Mrs Grace, but I think the better option will be to come back here for the Summer Cup and then go to Wellington," he said.

Myers was pleased with the winning effort despite her charge displaying some wayward tendencies.



Beefeater (outer) returns to winning form at Awapuni

"Roydon said he had the 60 kilos so to put him on the speed as he couldn't really sprint with that weight," she said.

"He's a big kid really as he gets to the front then gawks around, but he has all the ability in the world."

The win was the fifth in a 21-start career for Beefeater who races in the familiar colours of owner and breeder, Christopher Grace QSM.

– NZ Racing Desk

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| Race | Manawatu RC Landmark Homes H. 1550m. |
| Winner | Beefeater (NZ) 2012 |
| Owners | C R Grace QSM |
| Trainer | Roydon Bergerson (Awapuni) |
| Breeding | by Alamosa out of Karaka by Kings Island (IRE) |
| Breeder | C R Grace; Central; NZ |



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NZ STALLION AWARDS

THE CENTAINE AWARD

| STALLIONS | EARNINGS |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| SAVABEEL | \$5,594,598 |
| DARCI BRAHMA | \$3,986,839 |
| ROAD TO ROCK | \$3,876,900 |
| TAVISTOCK | \$3,362,586 |
| O'REILLY | \$2,480,770 |
| MASTERCRAFTSMAN | \$2,093,412 |
| PER INCANTO | \$2,003,769 |
| IFFRAAJ | \$1,987,804 |
| SHOWCASING | \$1,897,327 |
| PINS | \$1,812,733 |

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

THE DEWAR STALLION TROPHY

| STALLIONS | EARNINGS |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| SAVABEEL | \$4,016,998 |
| IFFRAAJ | \$1,457,633 |
| MAKFI | \$1,328,351 |
| DARCI BRAHMA | \$1,284,050 |
| PINS | \$1,263,869 |
| SHOCKING | \$1,075,562 |
| RIP VAN WINKLE | \$1,051,019 |
| TAVISTOCK | \$1,042,405 |
| O'REILLY | \$866,783 |
| MASTERCRAFTSMAN | \$865,430 |

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

THE GROSVENOR AWARD

| STALLIONS | EARNINGS |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| SAVABEEL | \$1,507,330 |
| IFFRAAJ | \$861,959 |
| DARCI BRAHMA | \$726,165 |
| TAVISTOCK | \$663,021 |
| PER INCANTO | \$522,992 |
| RIP VAN WINKLE | \$436,584 |
| PINS | \$423,910 |
| ALAMOSA | \$413,173 |
| SHOWCASING | \$396,015 |
| SHINKO KING | \$394,325 |

| 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 |
| ASPEN LASS | \$53,850 |
| CARNIVAL | \$94,060 |
| CLOSE UP | \$188,500 |

Criteria: Leading Sires by Earnings in New Zealand



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NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG DECEMBER 13

| HORSE & BREEDING | BREEDER | RACE | SALES DETAILS |
|---|--|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Burgundian – GOLDEN GLORY (H.K.) (NZ) 2010 by Patapan (USA) out of Victoria Bay by Kingdom Bay | Mrs M Trubshaw; G F & Mrs V R Williams; Central; NZ | HKJC Dandelion H. 1200m. | |

NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG DECEMBER 17

| 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 Lukfook Jewellery Pt Graceful 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 |
| EASY GO EASY WIN (NZ) 2014 by Savabeel (AUS) out of Tootsie by Pins (AUS) | G J Chittick; Waikato; NZ | HKJC Lukfook Jewellery Pt Bridal Collect. H. 1200m. | |
| ENJOY LIFE (NZ) 2013 by Falkirk out of Sorbello by Golan (IRE) | Windsor Park Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ | HKJC Lukfook Jewellery Love Forever H. 1600m. | |
| NEW ELEGANCE (NZ) 2012 by High Chaparral (IRE) out of Karmann Ghia by Volksraad (GB) | Windsor Park Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ | HKJC Lukfook Jewellery Cup 1600m. | 2014 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale; V: Windsor Park Stud, P: Gai Waterhouse Racing; \$320,000 |
| PICK NUMBER ONE (NZ) 2014 by Darci Brahma out of Extra Explosive by Ekraar (USA) | Explosive Breeding Ltd; Central; NZ | HKJC Lukfook Jewellery Convergence of Love H. 1200m. | |
| Masterhorseman – PINGWU SPARK (H.K.) (NZ) 2012 by Mastercraftsman (IRE) out of Sharp Point (USA) by Point Given (USA) | Mrs H G & W G Bax & Windsor Park Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ | HKJC Lukfook Jewellery Beloved Collection H. 1400m. | 2014 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale; V: Blandford Lodge, P: Peter KS So; \$125,000 |