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STUNNING STRIKE RATE FROM TE AKAU'S KARAKA GRADUATES



Splurge (NZ) (Savabeel) winning the Gr.2 Kamada Park Manawatu Challenge Stakes giving Te Akau Racing their 20th stakes winner for the year (Race Images)

David Ellis has enjoyed a golden year with his Karaka-sourced army of black type success stories.

The Te Akau principal further added to his record at Awapuni on Saturday when the Stephen Autridge and Jamie Richards-trained **Splurge (NZ)** (Savabeel) triumphed in the Gr.2 Kamada Park Manawatu Challenge Stakes (1400m).

"That's the 20th Group or Listed winner we've had in this calendar year, all of which I've bought at Karaka, and that

includes wins in Sydney and in Brisbane," Ellis said.

"Steve and Jamie have trained them all, including six Group One wins."

Te Akau also made their mark in Europe with Torcedor, a son of Fastnet Rock, successful in the Gr.3 Vintage Crop Stakes (2800m) in Ireland.

On Saturday, Splurge won for the eighth time in his career

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courtesy of another polished display from rider Michael McNab.

"He's one of the most improved jockeys in New Zealand, he's in super form," Ellis said.

Splurge settled close to a good speed and when McNab asked him for an effort he quickly put the issue beyond doubt.

"He deserved that after the other day," said McNab, referring to a narrow last-start defeat in the Gr.3 Eagle Technology Stakes (1600m). "It was heart-breaking when Hiflyer caught me."

Splurge will now be prepared for the Gr.1 Harcourts Thorndon Mile (1600m) at Trentham on January 20.

His effort completed a winning double for the stable and McNab following the impressive debut performance of Sword

Of Osman (NZ) (Savabeel) in the NZ Bakels 2YO Premier (1100m).

"They are both by Savabeel and Opie Bosson rode them on Tuesday morning and he was adamant they would both win," Ellis said.

– NZ Racing Desk.

Race	Kamada Park Manawatu Challenge Stakes Gr.2 1400m
Winner	Splurge (NZ) 2012
Owners	Te Akau 2014 Breeding Syndicate (Mgr: D C Ellis)
Trainer	Stephen Autridge & Jamie Richards (Matamata)
Breeding	by Savabeel (AUS) out of Splashing Out by O'Reilly
Breeder	Waikato Stud Ltd
Sales	2014 NZB Premier Sale; V: Waikato Stud, P: Mr DC Ellis; \$500,000

NEWS IN BRIEF

Wild 'n' Famous finds form in Warwick Farm win

Wild 'N' Famous (NZ) (Fast 'n' Famous) snapped his losing streak at Warwick Farm to surprise trainer Peter Snowden. Wild 'N' Famous flashed home out wide late to gate crash a three-way battle for the lead in the Hyland Boxing Day Sprint (1200m) clocking up his first win since February last year at Doomben. The six-year-old gelding swooped to pip Bratislava (Medaglia d'Oro). Wild 'n' Famous was a \$17,000 purchase from the 2013 NZB Select draft of Waikato Stud.

NZ-bred filly continues dream run

Celebrity Dream (NZ) (Thorn Park) got her third stakes win in a row when successful in Saturday's Listed Starstruck Classic (1600m) at Ascot. The Adam Durrant-trained five-year-old won the Listed Jungle Mist Classic (1200m) in November and Listed Jungle Dawn Classic (1400m) earlier this month. Jockey Chris Parnham renewed his association with Celebrity Dream with regular rider William Pike out on suspension.

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AWAPUNI SWITCH **RICHLY REWARDED**

An afterthought proved to be a masterstroke when the lightweight **Clarify (NZ)** (Savabeel) produced a strong staying performance to defy his Gr.3 Manawatu Cup (2100m) opposition.

Trainer Peter McKay had originally planned to target the Dunstan Feeds Stayers Championship Final (2200m) at Ellerslie on New Year's Day before switching his attention to Saturday's Hotel Coachman-sponsored Awapuni feature.

It proved to be an inspired move with the son of Savabeel, in the hands of McKay's son Shaun, downing the brave topweight Blathwayt (NZ) (Colombia), who had to concede six kilos to the winner.

Clarify dropped back from the inside gate before he was off the fence going out of the straight and improved wide to be prominent 600m from home.

"It was a good ride from Shaun, we didn't want to be stuck on the rail so I told him to get off and get going early,"

McKay said.

"He let him slowly stroll forward to be in the fight on the turn. He's a tough horse and that's the way to ride him."

Bred and raced by the Smithies family of Monovale Farm, Clarify's immediate programme is yet to be confirmed, but his longer-term goal is.

"He's nominated for the Auckland Cup and we'll work our way toward that," McKay said.

His son has now partnered the five-year-old Clarify in four of his five wins.

"Down the back we were three wide with cover and I had a handful on the corner," he said. "He dug really deep."

Third home was Alinko Prince (NZ)

(Alamosa), who came from the tail of the field.

"His whole preparation is centred around the Wellington Cup," trainer Fraser Auret said.

"He only went down by a head in the Chalmers last season so we know he can run the trip and we're purposefully spacing his races."

– NZ Racing Desk.

Race	Hotel Coachman Manawatu Cup Gr.3 2100m
Winner	Clarify (NZ) 2012
Owners	Monovale Holdings Ltd
Trainer	Peter McKay (Matamata)
Breeding	by Savabeel (AUS) out of Clareta (AUS) by Pauillac (AUS)
Breeder	Monovale Holdings Ltd



A strong staying performance got Clarify (NZ) (Savabeel) the Gr.3 Hotel Coachman Manawatu Cup (Race Images)





WALLER STILL TO GET A LINE ON SCREAM PARK

Back-to-back wins have not yet given Chris Waller an accurate gauge on **Scream Park's (NZ)** (Ocean Park) capabilities as he targets a \$1 million race in New Zealand.

The New Zealand-bred three-year-old colt won his second successive race at Warwick Farm when claiming the Boxing Day at Royal Randwick Handicap (1600m) by 2-3/4 lengths but Sydney's premier trainer said it was still difficult to determine how he measured up.

"His maiden win was on a wet track and he drifted out wide, today he struck a three-horse field," Waller said.

"We do think he's got a lot of ability, it's just hard to measure against a small field and wet tracks."

Scream Park, the \$1.40 favourite, still resisted the challenge of Colesberg (Congrats) and Choice Harvest (Choisir) in encouraging fashion.

"He had to sustain quite a long sprint, it was really good to see he had a high cruising speed, then he drew away in the last bit," Waller said.

Waller had hoped for a larger field when using Saturday's race as a final tune-up for the Karaka Million 3YO Classic (1600m).

Waller picked out the January 6 meeting hours before the Warwick Farm race as a final audition for an assignment at Ellerslie in three weeks.

Koru Thoroughbreds will offer a half-brother by Dundee as lot 92 at NZB's Book 1 Sale in January



Koru Thoroughbreds NZB draft received a pedigree boost when Scream Park (NZ) (Ocean Park), a half-brother to their Dundee colt entered in the Book 1 sale, won at Warwick Farm (Bradley Photography)

Race	Boxing Day at Royal Randwick H. 1600m
Winner	Scream Park (NZ) 2014
Owners	C J Waller, Magic Bloodstock Racing (Mgr: P G Tighe), F W Cook, Mrs C M Cook, N A Greenhalgh, Mrs M T Greenhalgh, R Shrimpton, Mrs C Shrimpton, I Bruce, R Smith, P Y W Ng, K H Warriner, J T C Lake & B L Mathieson
Trainer	Chris Waller (Sydney)
Breeding	by Ocean Park out of Cassata by Viking Ruler (AUS)
Breeder	Mrs J F & K J Taylor
Sales	2016 NZB Premier Sale; V: Lime Country Thoroughbreds Ltd, P: Chris Waller Racing; \$185,000

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POWERFUL DISPLAY SETS UP TOP-FLIGHT TEST

Speed merchant **Gift Of Power (NZ)** (Power) will be set a Group One challenge against the older

Race	Mills Reef 3yo Premier 1200m
Winner	Gift of Power (NZ) 2014
Owners	Bailey Rogerson Trust, Fatesal Holdings Ltd, Lady Justine & Sir Patrick Hogan, C A Leishman, G R & Mrs M E Northcott & G A Rogerson MNZM
Trainer	Graeme & Debbie Rogerson (Tuhikaramea)
Breeding	by Power (GB) out of Capital Diamond by Lucky Unicorn (AUS)
Breeder	Sir Patrick & Lady Hogan
Sales	2016 NZB Premier Sale; Vendor: Cambridge Stud, P: Team Rogerson; \$180,000

horses in the near future, but the venue has yet to be confirmed.

The slick three-year-old showed she was primed for a tougher test when she continued her winning ways at Awapuni on Saturday in the Mills Reef Premier (1200m).

Gift Of Power was opposed by only two rivals and she had no trouble dealing with them, leading all of the way to score without being fully exerted.

She is part-owned by Bailey Rogerson, who will join her grandfather Graeme and his wife Debbie in partnership on January 1, and her mother Michelle Northcott was in charge at Awapuni.

"It will either be the Railway or the

Telegraph, we'll see what happens," she said.

She was pig-rooting and squealing this morning, she was a bit above herself."

That was reflected in Gift Of Power racing keenly in front under Chris Johnson, who had also ridden her to a runaway victory at Trentham at her previous appearance, but it didn't blunt her acceleration in the straight.

Florence Jean's (NZ) (Pins) challenge was short-lived and Gift Of Power glided clear with Blanco Belle (NZ) (Cape Blanco) the last of the trio.

"She's a lively sort of horse that just loves to run," the champion jockey said.

"We landed in front and she wanted to go harder, but she still found a kick at the 300 and she had a wee bit more left."

A daughter of Power and the Group One performer Capital Diamond (NZ) (Lucky Unicorn), Gift Of Power was bred by Sir Patrick and Justine Lady Hogan, who have remained in the ownership.

Cambridge Stud's Book 1 draft at Karaka on January 28 will feature a half-brother (Lot 88) by Per Incanto.

– NZ Racing Desk.



Gift of Power (NZ) (Power) will tackle a Group One assignment after winning at Awapuni (Race Images)





SAVABEEL'S SON PUTS RIVALS TO SWORD

A youngster bought with a staying career in mind is in contention for a massive juvenile pay day.

Sword Of Osman (NZ) (Savabeel) distanced his rivals on debut in Saturday's NZ Bakels 2YO Premier (1100m) at Awapuni to put himself right in the frame for next month's Karaka Million (1200m).

The Savabeel gelding made the running and coasted clear in the run to the post to win untouched by three lengths from Platinum Mam'selle (Fighting Sun) and Boy Next Door (NZ) (Showcasing).

"He could be racing for \$1 million in a month after he was bought as a staying three-year-old," said Jamie Richards, who trains Sword Of Osman with Stephen Autridge.

"Anything he has done today he will improve on – he could be something special."

At Awapuni, Sword Of Osman was making his first public appearance after impressing at home.

"He's a lovely horse and the Savabeels are all the go," Richards said. "Unfortunately, it went from being pretty wet to firm and we didn't want to trial him on a hard track," Richards said.

"He had impressed Opie (Bosson) in

jump-outs though."

With Bosson in action at Te Rapa, Michael McNab got the ride and he had the easiest of times aboard Sword Of Osman.

"He's a machine," he said. "Opie's had a rap on him for about a month now. I galloped him one morning during the week and it was like Melody Belle all over again."

Sword Of Osman's performance has strengthened the stable's hand to defend the Karaka Million title held by Melody Belle.

The Listed Welcome Stakes (1000m) winner Al Hasa (NZ) (Exceed and Excel) and Avantage (Fastnet Rock), who is

unbeaten in two outings, are also set to tackle the January 27 feature at Ellerslie.

– NZ Racing Desk.

Race	NZ Bakels 2yo Premier 1100m
Winner	Sword of Osman (NZ) 2015
Owners	Te Akau Great Sword Syndicate (Mgr: KW Fenton-Ellis MNZM)
Trainer	Stephen Autridge & Jamie Richards (Matamata)
Breeding	by Savabeel (AUS) out of Bunyah (IRE) by Distant View (USA)
Breeder	Mrs J L Egan
Sales	2017 NZB Premier Sale; V: Trelawney Stud, P: Mr DC Ellis; \$165,000



Sword of Osman (NZ) (Savabeel) has put himself in Karaka Million contention with a dominant performance at Awapuni (Race Images)





CUP TARGETS FOR HIGHLAD

Feature staying events beckon **Highlad** (High Chaparral), who has already made his mark at black type level.

The High Chaparral five-year-old gelding warmed up for Group racing when leading home a stable quinella in the Dunstan Feeds Championship Qualifier (2100m) at Te Rapa on Saturday for Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman with his defeat of Victory Drive (NZ) (Nom Du Jeu).

Highlad showed early potential when he won the Listed Wanganui Guineas (1340m) to earn a trip to Melbourne where he placed in the UCI Stakes (1800m).

“He was a big baby and he’s matured now and his manners are a lot better,” Forsman said.

After jumping awkwardly, Highlad settled in the trail and

once into the clear in the straight he lengthened stride to win by a length and a-half.

“It was a good effort and I was happy with the way he had to change ground to hit the line hard,” Forsman said.

“We’ll obviously look at the cup races, probably the Avondale Cup next time.”

Highlad’s rider Matt Cameron overcame an early scare before settling on the fence and rounding off strongly in the run home.

“When they jumped he had a good look at the inside and then swerved out and I lost my balance, but he got the job done. He’s a late maturing horse and he likes the sting out of the ground.”

Highlad completed a clean open handicap sweep for the stable and Cameron after Tomelilla (NZ) (Tavistock) claimed the Lodge City Rentals 1600m.

“She normally gets back and that leaves her too much to do, but she jumped well today,” Forsman said.

Tomelilla came out of the trail before the turn and mastered the pacemaker Matimba (NZ) (Perfectly Ready) to

Race	Dunstan Feeds Championship Qualifier 2100m
Winner	Highlad 2013
Owners	Scott Richardson Bloodstock Ltd
Trainer	Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman (Cambridge)
Breeding	by High Chaparral (IRE) out of My Lady’s Chamber (AUS) by Arena (AUS)
Breeder	Lomar Park Stud



score by half a length.

– NZ Racing Desk.

Highlad (High Chaparral) led home a Baker/Forsman quinella at Te Rapa beating stablemate Victory Drive (NZ) (Nom du Jeu) (TrishDunell)





O'SULLIVAN'S BEAUTY BOUND FOR BETTER AFTER GRIFFIN WIN

Trainer Paul O'Sullivan believes that **Win Beauty Win (NZ)** (Makfi) is well-placed to progress as a handy staying prospect with further maturity after the Westbury Stud graduate produced a stirring three-length win in the Griffin Trophy (1400m) for three-year-olds at Sha Tin on Saturday.

Both O'Sullivan and jockey Zac Purton credited the addition of blinkers for helping Win Beauty Win to fulfil his potential, after he idled last time out when looming as the winner.

"He was better with the blinkers today," Purton said. "Last time, he was looking around, he was very lazy and he didn't commit himself. So we put the blinkers on him and it obviously made the difference today. When I gave him that squeeze, he lengthened nicely and the best part of his race was the last little bit."

"The blinkers were the key factor, they made a big difference," O'Sullivan added. "He got a nice run in transit and it all worked out."

O'Sullivan's brother Lance spent \$75,000 at the 2016 NZB Select Yearling Sale at Karaka to purchase Win Beauty Win. First impressions for the Hong Kong-based handler, however,



Win Beauty Win takes the Griffin Trophy under Zac Purton. (HKJC)

were not impressive.

"I happened to be there the day he was broken in, they put the roller on him and he bucked like nothing I'd ever seen, he was roguish. But he trialled well at Cambridge and Simon Kwok had asked me to find a PPG for him, so he bought this bloke and the rest is history," O'Sullivan said of the horse raced by Kwok's daughter Kitty. "That's my first horse for the Kwok family, they put a lot of money into Hong Kong racing and maybe they will give me a chance to find another one for them now!

"He's still not the easiest horse," Purton concurred. "He's not easy to get to the gate and in there, he's a bit difficult. He's not straightforward, that's for sure."

It was O'Sullivan's second win in the Griffin Trophy in four years. The handler produced Line Seeker (NZ) (O'Reilly) to score in 2014 off a mark of 63, eventually progressing him to a triple-figure rating, and he thinks Win Beauty Win - who was rated 62 heading into this year's Griffin Trophy - could find himself on a similar trajectory.

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O'SULLIVAN'S BEAUTY BOUND FOR BETTER AFTER GRIFFIN WIN

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"The race is not open to all horses so you never know quite how good your opposition is," the Kiwi trainer said. "These could be horses that are bound for Class 3 and no higher. I think though you saw the best three horses race clear there, I reckon if you look in two years the form will stand up.

"I'll probably rest him now for a month or so, bring him back for the

back half of the season for a couple of runs. Six runs as a three-year-old is fairly taxing in Hong Kong. Then we'll bring him back as a four-year-old and we'll see where he goes, maybe he could be a Derby prospect for 2019, although it's a tough ask for a PPG. He's got the pedigree to go beyond a mile, though, Makfi has produced some staying types."

Race	Griffin Trophy 1400m
Winner	Win Beauty Win (NZ) 2014
Owners	Kitty Kwok Sea Nga
Trainer	Paul O'Sullivan (Hong Kong)
Breeding	by Makfi (GB) out of Mandeville (AUS) by Hussonet (USA)
Breeder	Gerry Harvey
Sales	2016 NZB Select Sale; V: Westbury Stud, P: Wexford Stables; \$75,000

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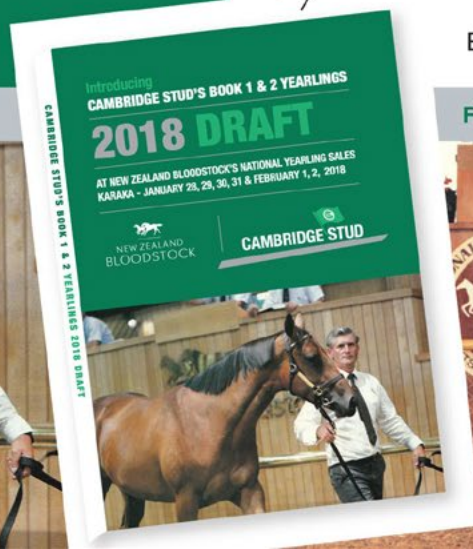
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