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# LATTA FINALLY GETS A GROUP ONE WITH STABLE FAVOURITE



Rugged veteran Authentic Paddy leads all the way to snatch a deserved Group One victory

isa Latta enjoyed one of the most satisfying wins of her training career when the veteran **Authentic Paddy (NZ)**(Howbaddouwantit) claimed a Group One victory on Boxing Day.

The Awapuni trainer produced the stable favourite for an upset win in the Cambridge Stud Zabeel Classic (2000m) after five previous placings at the highest level, two of them in past editions of the Ellerslie weight-for-age feature.

"It's just an absolute buzz," Latta said. "He's a lovely horse and he so deserved that. It's been a great day for us."

She was on course at Awapuni where she celebrated a winning treble with That's Amore (NZ) (Onemorenomore), Lincoln's Gal (I Am Invincible) and Denny's Lincoln (Denman).

Latta also pulled off a masterstroke by engaging Trudy Thornton to partner the eight-year-old Authentic Paddy.

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"He needs a strong rider and Trudy does exactly what she's told," she said.

Thornton got away with easy sectionals in front and Authentic Paddy did the rest, comfortably holding the challenge of Lizzie L'Amour (NZ) (Zabeel) at bay in the straight to score by a length and a-quarter.

Volkstok'n'barrell (NZ) (Tavistock) claimed third ahead of the defending champion Consensus (NZ) (Postponed) and Benzini (Tale Of The Cat).

"It's amazing, he knows his job and he's a pleasure to ride," Thornton said. "I just want to thank Lisa and the owners for the ride."

With Thornton able to dictate a sit and sprint race on the Howbaddouwantit gelding, the favourite Hiflyer (NZ) (Tavistock) had no chance from back in the field and he ran eiahth.

The Zabeel Classic also marked the final appearance of the Gr.1 Australian Oaks (2400m) winner Sofia Rosa (NZ) (Makfi). There was no fairy-tale end for the mare, who is in foal to Savabeel, and she finished seventh.

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Race	ARC Zabeel Classic Gr.1 2000m.
Winner	Authentic Paddy (NZ) 2009
Owners	Mrs J E Berry, C, P J & T Gray & M Tepaa
Trainer	Lisa Latta (Awapuni)
Breeding	by Howbaddouwantit (USA) out of Authentic Cross by Cape Cross (IRE)
Breeder	D H Robinson; Central; NZ



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### **CONTESSA VANESSA UPSETS IN EIGHT CARAT CLASSIC**

he Graeme & Debbie Rogerson trained Contessa Vanessa (NZ) (Bullbars) has upset predictions with a narrow victory in the Gr. 2 Cambridge Stud Eight Carat Classic (1600m) at Ellerslie.

Despite finishing an eye-catching third behind Savvy Coup (NZ) (Savabeel) in the Gr. 3 Eulogy Stakes (1550m) at her most recent run, the three-year-old Bullbars filly was overlooked as a winning prospect with attention focussed primarily on lightly raced Matamata filly Spring Heat (More Than Ready) and Gr. 1 1000 Guineas (1600m) winner Hasahalo (NZ) (Savabeel).

Those who took the short odds on Spring Heat were feeling confident as rider Jake Bayliss had a lapful of horse as he angled for a run at the 300-metre mark. Things quickly turned to custard for the favourite as the gap slammed shut and she was badly checked, losing all momentum before running on again to finish fourth.

Just as Bayliss was having his chances extinguished, rider Ryan Elliot was experiencing a similar feeling on Contessa Vanessa who had worked up a full head of steam at the 200-metre mark.

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Contessa Vanessa thrusts her head in front at the right time to defeat gallant grey filly Kapoor





# CONTESSA VANESSA UPSETS IN EIGHT CARAT CLASSIC

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Inconvenienced behind a wall of horses, Elliot searched for a gap that magically appeared at just the right time. Elliot remained calm as he drove his mount through one off the fence to grab a narrow victory from perennial bridesmaid Kapoor (NZ) (Reliable Man) who had to settle for her fifth runner-up finish in her last six starts.

"Halfway up the straight I had nowhere to go but she got the split and really lifted through it," said Elliot.

"She's a quiet filly who you just have to ask, and she will do it for you."

Co-trainer Graeme Rogerson was relieved to finally strike some good fortune with the filly who had been unlucky at several starts during this campaign.

"She's just had no luck," he said.

"Chris Johnson said she should have run second in the 1000 Guineas and Ryan thought she should have won her last start.

"I think she'd have been very unlucky if she hadn't won today."

Rogerson will now back the filly up on New Year's Day where she will tackle the Gr. 2 Stella Artois Royal Stakes (2000m).

"I think she can win the Royal Stakes," he said.

"The sad thing is Ryan won't be available to ride her as he's out, so Chris will be back on her."

The Royal Stakes is one of six black-type features to be held at Ellerslie on 1 January with the Gr. 1 Sistema Railway (1200m) heading the programme.

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Race	ARC Eight Carat Classic Gr.2 1600m.
Winner	Contessa Vanessa (NZ) 2014
Owners	B W Amies, D W Lake, G A Rogerson MNZM, L H M Salvidge & D Wenham
Trainer	Graeme & Debbie Rogerson (Tuhikaramea)
Breeding	by Bullbars (AUS) out of Di Lusso (AUS) by Lonhro (AUS)
Breeder	Robhar Breeding & Racing; Waikato; NZ
Sales	2016 National Yearling Sale - Select Session V: Highview \$50000 P: Team Rogerson





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#### FEATURE SPRINT GOES RIGHT TO THE WIRE



Despite the deceptive angle, Savile Row (yellow colours) arrives in time to deny Passing Shot (inner) victory at Ellerslie

thrilling finish to the Listed
Hallmark Stud Handicap
(1200m) saw the Ellerslie judge
take an eternity before declaring

Savile Row (NZ) (Makfi) the narrowest
of winners.

Just as Passing Shot (NZ) (Swiss Ace) looked like he had done enough to snatch a gritty victory, the Mike Moroney and Pam Gerard trained Savile Row arrived from the clouds, along with race favourite Chambord (NZ) (Zabeel), to force a three-way photo for the final decision.

Several minutes passed before Savile Row got the nod by the barest of noses from Passing Shot with Chambord a half head away in third.

Co-trainer Mike Moroney, back from Australia for the meeting, was delighted to see the Makfi fouryear-old find his best form after a disappointing three-start spring campaign in Australia. Sent home after finishing well back at Caulfield in late October, Savile Row was having his first start, after a brief let-up, in the Ellerslie event.

"His manners weren't very good in Australia and we just couldn't work out why he raced so badly," he said.

"It was just the way they ran their races that saw him pulling hard and over-racing. We tried a few things to settle him down, but it didn't work, however I do think he's a far wiser horse now for having had that Australian trip.

"He's far more relaxed than he was as a three-year-old."

Despite the victory over 1200 metres, Moroney is not convinced that the horse is primarily suited to sprint distances.

"I don't know about that," he said when questioned about the horse as a

pure sprinter.

"We're heading towards the Thorndon Mile as his main aim, but it's good to see he has enough dash to win a 1200 metre race.

"He's been beaten a nose in mile and mile and a quarter races so we're pretty sure he can get those sorts of distances."

- NZ Racing Desk

Race	ARC Newmarket H. L 1200m.
Winner	Savile Row (NZ) 2013
Owners	K J Hickman
Trainer	Mike Moroney & Pam Gerard (Matamata)
Breeding	by Makfi (GB) out of Fleece (GB) by Daylami (IRE)
Breeder	K J Hickman; Canterbury; NZ
Sales	2015 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale V: Valachi Downs \$120000 P: Bryce N Heys Ellerslie Lodge





# HAZLETT STAKES WIN SETS STARVOIA ON TELEGRAPH MISSION

alcairn trainers John and Karen Parsons may be tempted to test star mare **Starvoia** (Starcraft) against the best after her Listed Allied Security Hazlett Stakes (1200m) win.

The Starcraft mare overcame the outside gate to claim Boxing Day's Wingatui feature in a nail-biting finish.

Man-of-the-moment Chris Johnson had ridden North Island-bound winners Sensei (Dream Ahead) and Patrick Erin

Race	Otago RC Mosgiel S. L 1200m.
Winner	Starvoia (AUS) 2013
Owners	I G Broderson, K N Denton, O K Giddens, N Hullen, N Jennens, E L King, A S Maloney, D L McClelland, G McDonald, B J Satterthwaite & D Thompson
Trainer	John & Karen Parsons (Balcairn)
Breeding	by Starcraft out of Savoia (AUS) by Charge Forward (AUS)
Breeder	Ms K Picton-Warlow

(NZ) (Gallant Guru) to success earlier on the card in stirring finishes and added another on Starvoia.

He had their supporters on the edge of their seats as outsider Timy Tyler (NZ) (No Excuse Needed) flew home from the rear to push the \$2.80 shot to a nose.

Mr Typhon (Redoute's Choice) claimed third with topweight Signify (NZ) (Perfectly Ready) battling bravely for fourth after being forced wide throughout.

Johnson settled Starvoia back from her outside gate and was forced wide when making his challenge around the bend.

The big, strong 4-year-old kept on giving to gain her sixth win from 12 starts, running the distance in 1:13.06 on a track affected by heavy pre-race showers.

"She's won on all types of going so the rain wasn't too much of a concern but she's definitely better on top of the ground," Karen Parsons said.

Her six wins have all come in the South Island and include

three from three since returning from a spell in November.

Her black type success was well deserved after being placed several times at that level last season and she has earned her connections nearly \$150,000 in stakes.

The trip away to Trentham for the Gr. 1 Telegraph (1200m) on January 20 isn't concerning her trainers.

"She's been down to Dunedin, to Cromwell and Invercargill so the trip won't bother her," Parsons said. "She's a good traveller and is easy to do anything with.

"She had to win this race to keep the Telegraph on the radar and that's the plan now."

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FIREMECH)

Starvoia (inner) holds out a desperate bid from Timy Tyler to claim stakes success at Wingatui





#### AGE OF FIRE STRIKES AT ELLERSLIE

determined late run has carried talented three-year-old **Age Of Fire** (Fastnet Rock) to victory in the Shaws Wires Ropes (1400) at Ellerslie.

The Stephen Autridge and Jamie Richards trained three-year-old was having his first run since finishing second in the Gr. 1 2000 Guineas (1600m) at Riccarton in November. Among his six rivals was stablemate Embellish (NZ) (Savabeel), who won the Riccarton feature, and Ever Loyal (Sebring) who had finished off into third that day.

Punters expected the trio to feature prominently once again and that was the case although shortly after the start the scenario looked less likely with both Age Of Fire and Embellish settled at the rear of the field as Ever Loyal set a moderate speed out in front. Allowed to dictate throughout, Ever Loyal looked to have stolen a victory when he kicked hard into the home straight and established a break on the field.

Rider Matt Cameron angled Age Of Fire towards an inside gap and set out after the pacemaker while Opie Bosson on Embellish chose to loop the field and make his run out wide. Former top juvenile filly Belle du Nord (NZ) (Reliable Man) had also joined the Te Akau Racing pair chasing Ever Loyal and the trio quickly closed on the leader who had begun to drift towards the centre of the track.

Despite his wayward tendencies Ever Loyal looked home for all money until several huge bounds carried Age Of Fire alongside and into the lead as the pair hit the finish line.

Cameron was quick to praise the Fastnet Rock colt's effort after the combination had experienced some difficulties shortly after the start.

"We weren't brilliantly out of the gates as he stumbled a little bit," he said.

"They didn't go overly quick and the second horse was a bit wayward when we got the split up the fence. It was a good run and he backed up his form from his last start.

"He's a nice horse and well behaved for a colt, he's going to be a lovely Derby horse."

Co-trainer Jamie Richards was of a similar mind after the race.

"It was a lovely ride although he probably ended up a little further back than we wanted," he said.

"The leader got it soft in front, which was the place to be, so it was a good effort."



All but obscured, Age Of Fire (tangerine hood) does enough to deny Ever Loyal a win at Ellerslie

Richards outlined the likely path for his stable pair after the race including another tilt at a Group One contest for Age Of Fire.

"He will go straight to the Levin Classic now where the mile will suit him," he said.

"He's not eligible for the Karaka Million 3YO Classic so Trentham is his target.

"I thought Embellish ran well, he got back further than we wanted and had to come wide and stuck to it well.

"He will be seen in the Karaka Classic with a set of shades on and hopefully ridden a little closer to the speed."

The Gr. 1 Grant Plumbing Levin Classic (1600m) is the feature event at Trentham on 13 January with the \$1m Karaka Million 3YO Classic (1600m) run at Ellerslie on 27 January.

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	ARC Shaws Wires Ropes H. 1400m.
Winner	Age Of Fire (AUS) 2014
Owners	Te Akau 2016 Sydney Breeding Syndicate No.2 (Mgr: D C Ellis)
Trainer	Stephen Autridge & Jamie Richards (Matamata)
Breeding	by Fastnet Rock (AUS) out of Dragon's Tail (AUS) by Galileo (IRE)
Breeder	Roncon



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#### BLINKERED APPROACH REWARDED

gear addition has brought out the very best in **Livin' On A Prayer (NZ)** (Redwood).

The Redwood four-year-old has won three of her last four starts, the latest of them a defeat of a competitive line-up in the Dunstan Feeds Championship Final (1500m) at Ellerslie on Boxing Day.

"Since we put the blinkers on she hasn't looked back," trainer and partowner Wayne Hillis said.

Livin' On A Prayer had to overcome a wide run from an outside gate and she did that in style, bursting to the front 200m from home for a comfortable victory.

"We'll try and get some black type

with her now," Hillis said. "We'll look for fillies and mares' races, possibly the Cuddle Stakes at Trentham."

A daughter of the Group One winner It's My Sin (Success Express), Livin' On A Prayer was ridden as usual by Cameron Lammas.

"She's a tough horse and was a bit naughty when she first started," he said.

Livin' On A Prayer settled near the pace and she accelerated quickly half-way down the straight to put the issue beyond doubt.

"She jumped well and we were three wide, but with cover," Lammas said. "She travelled beautifully today and when I asked her to go she went whoosh."

Livin' On A Prayer had a length and a-half on King's Cross (NZ) (Shinko King) at the finish with Monrecour (NZ) (Zacinto) getting home well for third ahead of the topweight Brighton (NZ) (Buffalo Man).

- NZ Racing Desk.

Race	ARC Dunstan Feeds Final H. 1500m.
Winner	Livin' on a Prayer (NZ) 2013 Row (NZ) 2013
Owners	Mrs S M Hare, W P Hillis & J F Marks
Trainer	Wayne Hillis (Matamata)
Breeding	by Redwood (GB) out of It's My Sin (AUS) by Success Express (USA)
Breeder	Mrs S M Hare; W P Hillis & J F Marks; Waikato; NZ



Despite having to endure a wide run throughout, Livin' On A Prayer bolts away at Ellerslie





# PATRICK ERIN BRILLIANT IN WELLINGTON CUP WARM-UP

he Gr. 3 Wallaceville Estate
Wellington Cup (3200m)
is the focus for **Patrick Erin (NZ)** (Gallant Guru) after an
impressive Boxing Day win at
Wingatui.

The Gallant Guru gelding unleashed a breath-taking finishing burst under top jockey Chris Johnson to confirm a trip to Trentham.

Trained at Wingatui by Brian and Shane Anderton, the six-year-old has an impressive 10 wins from 20 starts record.

Motorbike Mike (NZ) (Perfectly Ready) was in full flight and apparently heading for victory while Patrick Erin was caught in traffic with around 150m to the winning post in the KB Contractors Handicap (2200m).



South Island stayer Patrick Erin books a date with the Gr. 3 Wallaceville Estate Wellington Cup (3200m) at Trentham next month

Johnson didn't panic, hooking off heels and setting off in pursuit.

"When he got clear he sprinted well," Shane Anderton said. "It was good to see.

"He'll go straight to the Cup now and Chris (Johnson) said he was pretty strong to the line and he had trouble pulling him up."

Johnson is expected to stick with Patrick Erin for the Trentham feature on January 20 with TAB odds-setters tightening him from \$9 into \$8.

Sensei (Dream Ahead) confirmed plans for bigger assignments with his win under Johnson in the Speight's 2&3YO (1200m).

The Michael and Matthew Pitman-trained three-yearold son of Dream Ahead over-raced early in the race before settling. The handsome colt knuckled down in the straight to reel in and move clear of The Sparkle (NZ) (Darci Brahma) with Kiwi Ida (Squamosa) closing hard late for third.

The winner of four from 11 will now head north for the Gr. 1 Grant Plumbing Levin Classic (1600m) on January 13 or the Gr. 1 JR & N Berkett Telegraph (1200m) a week later.

- NZ Racing Desk.

Race	Otago RC KB Contractors H. 2200m.
Winner	Patrick Erin (NZ) 2011
Owners	A C & G J Handisides, Miss J P, Mrs J R & P E Smith
Trainer	Brian & Shane Anderton (Wingatui)
Breeding	by Gallant Guru (AUS) out of Mega Babe by Personal Escort (USA)
Breeder	P E Smith; Canterbury; NZ



#### BLACK TYPE GOALS FOR SMART FILLY

tella Noire (NZ) (Showcasing) isn't in contention for New Zealand's richest two-year-old race with Group One honours instead the target for the precocious youngster.

The daughter of Showcasing showed her raw talent at Ellerslie on Boxing Day with a perfect debut performance to defeat the experienced pair of Nirvana In Fire (NZ) (Showcasing) and Beastmode (Spirit Of Boom) in the Auckland Co-Op Taxis 2YO (1100m).

"She's not Karaka Million eligible so we'll probably get her home and give her some time to recover and then look toward the Sires' Produce races," trainer Tony Pike said.

An impressive trial winner earlier this month, Stella Noire jumped well from the inside gate to trail and she finished well once rider Leith Innes angled her into the clear.

"It's a big effort to come to Ellerslie off one barrier trial and win," Pike said. "We've always held her in high regard, she's a very promising filly.

"She probably got to the front early enough and her

ears were pricked, she was having a good look around."

A half-sister to the multiple winner and Group performer Woodsman (NZ) (Mastercraftsman), Stella Noire had a short neck to spare at the post on the Lance O'Sullivan and Andrew Scott-prepared Nirvana In Fire, who sat outside the leader and kicked strongly in the straight.

He was a winner first time out at Pukekohe earlier this month and this placing will book his spot in the Listed Karaka Million (1200m) on January 27.

The Andrew Campbell-trained Beastmode will still have work to do to gain entry following his late finish for a close third. He was tardily away and came from last on the turn.

- NZ Racing Desk.

Race	ARC Auckland Co-Op Taxis 2YO H. 1100m.
Winner	Stella Noire (NZ) 2015
Owners	Annette Habraken, Tony Habraken, Sue McCarrison, Bruce McCarrison & K J Donovan
Trainer	Tony Pike (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Showcasing (GB) out of Silkwood by Grosvenor
Breeder	A M & Mrs A P Habraken; Auckland; NZ



Exciting youngster Stella Noire scores on debut at Ellerslie





# NOONAN'S MATURE RIDE GETS NETHERFIELD HOME

ockey Jake Noonan has become an integral part of trainer Mick Price's stable.

The pair combined with

Netherfield (NZ) (Darci Brahma)
to win the Alan Wicks Handicap at
Caulfield on Tuesday following a ride
Price described as mature and cool.

Noonan has been with Price over the past two years and believes he's ridden more winners for the trainer than any other, but knows he won't always get the pick of the crop.

Settling the \$2.70 favourite at the tail of the field, Noonan allowed Netherfield to work into the race before straightening and he went on to score a 1-1/4 length win from Andrea Mantegna Giant's Causeway) with Hot Ruby (Magnus) a neck away third.

Price described Noonan as a toiler who rides well, but can't ride below 55kg.

"He would have had a lettuce leaf yesterday to ride at 55 and was a half-kilo over which I was happy with," Price said.

"When Dale Smith went off selling houses there was a little spot open and he rides a lot of work and trials on a Saturday and a Tuesday.

"He's a toiler but a good jockey and we put him on when we can.

"He's a good part of the team."
Price intends to take advantage
of the \$120,000 prize money on
offer for races at 2000m and beyond
at Melbourne Saturday and public
holiday metropolitan races with
Netherfield.

"In Victoria with these 2000-metre

\$120,000 races he's got a lot of options in front of him for a 74 or 75 rated horse, so we'll find the right races," Price said.

"The return for the ownership group should be good.

"I think 2000 metres will be good for him as you can't do a great deal with him, but I think if we can space his runs and be kind to him, he'll do the rest."

Two races later promising mare Addison (NZ) (Jimmy Choux) headed home a New Zealand-bred trifecta over 1600m as she downed Winkelmann (NZ) (Rip Van Winkle) and So Splendid (NZ) (Savabeel) to register her third win from just 4 career starts.

Race	MRC Allan Wicks H. 1800m.
Winner	Netherfield (NZ) 2013
Owners	Mr C L Marks, Mrs J L Bromley, Mr S M Bromley, Mr B J Clohesy, Mr J Dowers, Mr R James, Mr J P Henderson, Mr W G Moore, Mr J Rutman, Mr D O Tankard, Mr T J Tuxworth, Mr M D Wizel, Ms J Crewes, Mr J Ch'ng, Miliori Amici
Trainer	Mick Price (Caulfield)
Breeding	by Darci Brahma out of Upstaged (Aus) by In the Wings (GB))
Breeder	The Oaks Stud; Waikato; NZ
Sales	2015 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale V: The Oaks Stud \$75000 P: Moody Racing

Netherfield races to victory at Caulfield

