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FIRST SEASON SIRE IN SPOTLIGHT AT BOOK 3



Lot 1090, the Sweynesse filly that topped the Book 3 session at Karaka

North Island-based first season sires were to the fore on Sunday with 179 lots going under the hammer at the Book 3 session of New Zealand Bloodstock's National Yearling Sales Series.

With 123 lots sold (69%) for a turnover of \$1,229,250, the average reached \$9,994 and the median \$7,000.

"Overall, trade is back on last year as the industry works towards improving the state of racing in New Zealand,"

commented NZB's Bloodstock Sales Manager Danny Rolston.

"Despite that, there was plenty of action on the right lots.

"We saw good clearance rates achieved for popular sires, including first season Sweynesse and The Bold One, with Sweynesse on top of the sires table and achieving the highest price of the day.

Within the first half hour of trading, Lot 1090, the

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Sweynesse filly out of Tavistock mare Happy Endings, entered the sale ring and provided a top price of \$50,000.

The granddaughter of four-time Group One winner Snap (NZ) (Kingdom Bay) was offered through the draft of Brighthill Farm and was knocked down to the bid of international Bloodstock Agent Paul Moroney, who purchased in partnership with the New Zealand Chinese Jockey Club.

Moroney thought she was the standout yearling of the Book 3 session and was pleased to secure her for his first-time clients.

“When you see a filly like that with the pedigree she has, we try and get them bought and fortunately Alan (Fu) from the New Zealand Chinese Jockey Club was happy to back our judgment,” he said.

“They purchased her to be a prospect for the Karaka Million next year and I think she is well worthy of having been bought for that purpose because she looks like she could be like her granddam and get up and do it at two.”

Novara Park Stud’s Sweynesse topped the leading sire by aggregate table with seven yearlings sold for \$101,750.

The second highest-priced yearling today was reached with Lot 1265, a colt by Grangewilliam Stud’s resident sire The Bold One, who fetched \$28,000 from the bid of Shane Crawford’s Regal Farm Partnership operation.

Long Acres Stud were the leading vendor by aggregate, selling 100% of their draft for receipts of \$100,000, while Hallmark Stud were the leading vendor by average (three or more sold) selling all three of their lots at an average of \$15,333.

The leading sire by average (three or more sold) was Westbury Stud’s Redwood who traded six lots at an average of \$14,833. His highest price at Book 3 was set by Lot 1124, with Westbury consigning the colt who sold for \$25,000 to Greene Racing.

Overall, Dean Wiles was the leading purchaser having secured 11 lots for \$83,500 under his banner Warrior Stables. Whanganui-based trainer Kevin Myers secured eight horses for \$78,000, while Matamata-based trainer Jim Collett rounded out the top three purchasers having outlaid \$51,000 for three yearlings under his JC Thoroughbreds operation.

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KARAKA MILLION PROSPECT **TOPS SALE**

New Zealand Bloodstock's Karaka auditorium lit-up early on day seven of their National Yearling Sale, when lot 1090, the Sweynesse filly out of Tavistock mare Happy Endings, entered the sales ring.

The granddaughter of four-time Group One winner Snap (NZ) (Kingdom Bay) was offered through the draft of Brighthill Farm and quickly surged past the \$30,000 mark.

The daughter of Sweynesse was finally knocked down to the \$50,000 bid of international bloodstock agent Paul Moroney.

Moroney said he thought she was the standout yearling of the Book 3 session and he was pleased to secure her for first-time clients, The New Zealand Chinese Jockey Club.

"I selected her for The New Zealand Chinese Jockey Club, it is the first time they have used my advice to buy a horse," Moroney said.

"I think she is a cracking filly, I thought she was the standout in Book 3 without any doubt.

"Myself and my partner Catherine looked at every horse on the complex in Book 3 and she was our standout. By

the time we finished our second looks on the ones that we had uncovered, she was a fair way better than the other horses.

"When you see a filly like that with the pedigree she has got, we try and get them bought and fortunately Alan (Fu) from the New Zealand Chinese Jockey Club was happy to back our judgment and she has been secured."

Moroney said she was purchased with next year's Karaka Million 2YO (1200m) in-mind and he believes with her pedigree and physique she is a strong candidate for making it as a juvenile.

"I think she could be a chance to get up and run at two. She has got a lot of natural muscle about her, good forearms, gaskins and square-hind quarters. She has got a lot of quality about her," Moroney said.

"They bought her to be a prospect for the Karaka Million next year and I think she is well worthy of having been bought for that purpose because she looks like she could be like her granddam and get up and do it at two.

"Snap did it at two and three, she was a high-class two-year-old and trained on at three, and that is the type of filly that she strikes me as."

– NZ Racing Desk



International Bloodstock agent, Paul Moroney (Trish Dunell)





GRUNT ON TRACK FOR ALL-STAR MILE CAMPAIGN

Four-year-old **Grunt (NZ)** (O'Reilly) is prominent in All-Star Mile voting and trainer Mick Price is convinced the dual Group One winner is on track to be a force in the inaugural \$5 million race.

Grunt's Group One wins have both been over the All-Star Mile course and distance of 1600m at Flemington in last year's Australian Guineas and Makybe Diva Stakes.

His spring campaign was cut short after he put in below-par runs in the Gr.1 Underwood Stakes (1800m) and Gr.1 Turnbull Stakes (2000m) after winning the Makybe Diva, but Price is happy with how the entire is preparing for his autumn campaign.

The All-Star Mile on March 16 is his second-up target.

"I'm very confident that if he's right he can win the All-Star Mile," Price said.

"He only has to be right, and I think he is right."

Price said the horse was sent for scintigraphy, to be thorough, after his two below-par runs at the end of his spring campaign.

"Every single horse I've sent to scintigraphy comes back with a few things wrong with it. His came back and can't find anything wrong. It's the best diagnosis ever," Price said.

"So with nothing wrong with the horse, he's the one to beat (in the All-Star Mile)."

Price is bypassing two Group One weight-for-age races at Caulfield in the next three weeks with Grunt who has not been as effective at his home track and he will instead have a trial at Cranbourne.

Price plans to run Grunt first-up in the Gr.3 Shaftesbury Avenue (1400m) on March 2 at Flemington under handicap conditions and expects him to get 61.5kg.

"He'll be very fit for that race which is 14 days before the

All-Star Mile," Price said.

Grunt is currently fourth in the voting for All-Star Mile spots with the top 10 securing a berth before Racing Victoria decide four other wildcards to make up the field.

-AAP



Dual Group One winner Grunt is on target for his All-Star Mile campaign (Bruno Cannatelli)





BEACH LIFE AGREEING WITH HEPTAGON

Five-year-old gelding **Heptagon (NZ)** (Jimmy Choux) notched his sixth career victory when successful at Caulfield on Saturday, cruising to victory in the Mal Seccull Handicap (1400m).

Trainer Mick Price credits a change of environment to Warrnambool as the key to success with the Jimmy Choux gelding, who has won close to A\$240,000 and was purchased by Price from the draft of Bradbury Park as a yearling for \$150,000.

"I think everything lined up well on Saturday, but I would have to say that me training him here at Caulfield under normal circumstances, it had been difficult to get the win," Price said.

"But Matt Williams has got a great set-up down there at Lady Bay at the beach at Warrnambool. They have everything they need down there and it will probably be even better when Levy's (Beach) is open.

"I'd have to say it's (the win) a big tick for Warrnambool and it is working."

Price indicated he would be keen to expand the volume of horses he has trained from Warrnambool.

"I spoke to them this morning about boxes becoming available. I will keep my 75 boxes here at Caulfield and at the moment there might be 15 or 16 down there, but I wouldn't mind 40



Heptagon scores nicely at Caulfield (Bruno Cannatelli)

down there," Price said.

"The main thing is that the right horse goes down there. It is good for owners, good for horses and good for everyone."

The Jimmy Choux gelding out of Seven Schillings is a full brother to the session topping yearling of Friday's Book 2 Sale at Karaka, which was knocked down to Robin Tai under the banner of RT Racing for \$190,000.

Winning jockey Mark Zahra said the removal of blinkers had played a key role in the easy win.

"I begged with Mick to take the blinkers off and he listened like a good trainer does," Zahra said.

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Race	MRC Mal Seccull H. 1400m.
Winner	Heptagon (NZ) 2013
Owners	Mr C L Marks, Mr M J Davidson, Mr J D Deague, Mr C E Bell, Mr A J Oswald, Mr A Livy, Mr R Nudo, Mr J Ch'ng, Mr T Simpson, Mr R P Santilli, Mr D Santilli, Jaybeeque Racing, Mr K A Hayes, Mr J G Toll
Trainer	Mick Price (Caulfield)
Breeding	by Jimmy Choux out of Seven Schillings by O'Reilly
Breeder	Nearco Stud Limited; Waikato; NZ
Sales	National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale V: Bradbury Park \$150000 P: M G Price Racing





DOUBLE TILT AT GR.1 FOR WEXFORD STABLES

ance O’Sullivan and Andrew Scott will have horses at opposite ends of the form scale when they stage a two-pronged attack on the Gr.1 Herbie Dyke Stakes (2000m) at Te Rapa next Saturday.

The Matamata trainers will be represented in the weight-for-age event by their Melbourne Cup contender **Charles Road** (Myboycharlie) and former Hong Kong galloper **Giovanni Canaletto** (Galileo).

In his first start since his seventh in the Melbourne Cup, Charles Road was an eye-catching fourth behind the big improver True Enough (NZ) (Nom Du Jeu) over 1600m at

Pukekohe, while Giovanni Canaletto has failed to do better than fourth of eight in three starts since coming to New Zealand and tailed the field home in his latest appearance.

Charles Road had a trial going into his fresh-up run at Pukekohe and the stable was expecting a bold showing.

“He didn’t surprise me how well he went,” O’Sullivan said.

“He’s run seventh in a Melbourne Cup and not many can do that. He’s a good horse and he has been going really well.

“He had a nice quiet trial at Cambridge going into it and he’s going to be better suited over the 2000m this time.”

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Gr.1 Sydney Cup placegetter, Charles Road (Race Images – Peter Rubery)





DOUBLE TILT AT GR.1 FOR WEXFORD STABLES

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A winner of six races, including Randwick's Gr.2 Chairmans Handicap (2600m) and Ellerslie's Gr.3 City Of Auckland Cup (2400m), Charles Road was also third in last year's Gr.1 Sydney Cup (3200m) and fifth in the Gr.1 Auckland Cup (3200m), for which he is again nominated.

"We'll get through this race first before confirming his next start," O'Sullivan said.

Charles Road will be reunited next weekend with Craig Grylls, who was his regular rider at the beginning of his career through to his second in the Gr.2 Championship Stakes (2100m) at Ellerslie. Grylls had six rides on the son of Myboycharlie for two wins and three placings.

Giovanni Canaletto is also nominated for the Auckland Cup, but he needs to show big improvement on his three New Zealand starts, the latest being the Gr.2 Rich Hill Mile (1600m) at Ellerslie on New Year's Day when last.

"He has been disappointing, but we've changed a few things with him," O'Sullivan said.

"We gave him a trial a couple of weeks ago and put blinkers on him. He had not been letting go in his races.

"It'll be his first start past a mile for us and should suit him better. He's got to show something to press on for the Auckland Cup."

A seven-year-old son of Galileo, Giovanni Canaletto began his career in Ireland where he was a maiden winner over 1600m at Leopardstown in October 2014 and was a Gr.3 runner-up and third in the Gr.1 Irish Derby (2400m). He also finished fourth in the Gr.1 English Derby (2400m).

Though he has won only the one race, he went on to show some good form in Hong Kong, including a third to Werther (NZ) (Tavistock) in the 2016 Gr.1 Hong Kong Derby (2000m), and had been off the scene for two and a half years when he had his first start for O'Sullivan and Scott at Tauranga when fourth to stablemate Sleeping Beauty (NZ) (Rip Van Winkle).

The O'Sullivan and Scott's Wexford Stables also has Andoyas (Lando) entered for the Auckland Cup and he will

take a further step toward the feature with a start in the Gr.2 Avondale Cup (2400m) later this month.

Another import from Hong Kong, Andoyas won over 1600m at Avondale in September and again at Ellerslie over 2200m three months later, but finished last in the Gr.3 City Of Auckland Cup (2400m) at Ellerslie on New Year's Day.

"We got it wrong the way he was ridden last start and next time he will be ridden more positively," O'Sullivan said.

"He's still in the Auckland Cup and we're expecting him to go well in the Avondale Cup."

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JOHNNY JONES LEADS THEM A MERRY DANCE AT WINGATUI

Underrated sprinter **Johnny Jones (NZ)** (Pins) showed just what he is capable of when he pummelled a handy field of open-class sprinters over 1200m at Wingatui.

The John and Karen Parsons-trained six-year-old had scored a hollow front-running win at Gore over the same distance at his last start and he continued on in that manner on Saturday.

Sent to the front from barrier rise by apprentice Tina Comignaghi, the Pins gelding kept up a relentless gallop throughout that had his chasers struggling to get near him at any stage of the contest.

Allowed to slip clear on the corner, Johnny Jones kept going powerfully to score by three-quarters of a length from recent Gr.1 Telegraph (1200m) place-getter Signify (NZ) (Perfectly Ready) with Shaara (NZ) (Castledale) clinging gamely to third.

It was Johnny Jones' 8th career victory and third with Comignaghi in the saddle.

"It's important to not take a hold (of him) as he throws his head in the air and doesn't race properly," Comignaghi said.

"You just let him do his own thing.

"He felt really good at the top of the straight and I thought I had it."

Stable representative Vicky Ramhit



Handy sprinter Johnny Jones stretches out nicely at Wingatui (Wild Range Photography)

admitted the horse had travelled well to Dunedin from their Balcairn base which gave him plenty of confidence of a good result.

"I know him better than most people do and when I saw him at the 400m I said the race was over as he was travelling so good," he said.

"He had a good trip down here and settled well so I was pretty confident about him."

Johnny Jones is the son of more-than-useful racemare Raining (NZ) who won seven of her 21 starts and was stakes placed at Listed level. He is a full brother to multiple stakes winner Pins

'N' Needles (NZ) (Pins) who finished runner-up in the 2007 Gr.1 Thorndon Mile at Trentham.

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Race	Otago RC KB Contracting H. 1200m.
Winner	Johnny Jones (NZ) 2012
Owners	Beverley Jones Racing Ltd
Trainer	John & Karen Parsons (Balcairn)
Breeding	by Pins (AUS) out of Raining by Centaine (AUS)
Breeder	Mrs B A & S J Jones





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VIGOR WINNER PROVES POPULAR WINNER



Vigor Winner scores at New Plymouth (Race Images – Peter Rubery)

Impressive maiden winner **Vigor Winner** (Declaration Of War) defied a wide barrier to win Saturday's \$80,000 Platinum Homes Taranaki Summer Challenge (1400m) at New Plymouth and looks destined for stakes company.

Prepared at Cambridge by Lauren Brennan, the \$3 favourite put a smile on the face of punters, winning connections and the syndicate of slot owners who shared in the spoils of the unique sweepstake race.

The race was restricted to horses that were maiden gallopers on December 1, with prizemoney funded by slot-holders, modelled on the successful A\$14 million Everest (1200m) in Sydney.

"He looked like he was a little bit keen early on and Troy (Harris) was trying to get in position from the wide gate (11), but he managed to get in a nice spot, fifth and one-out, so it was not bad once he settled into it and he has certainly got a great turn of foot," Brennan said.

"Troy just said 'what did you make of that?,' with a big grin on his face. I think he was pretty impressed.

"We'll probably have a go at stakes company next time, possibly the Wellington Guineas (Gr.2, 1400m).

Brennan said she is lucky to have Vigor Winner in her stable, with the Hong Kong-owned gelding previously

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earmarked to race in the Asian racing jurisdiction before failing several vet inspections.

“He was supposed to go up to Hong Kong, but he failed the vet a number of times,” she said.

“With his x-ray issues we have to space his races a bit and look after him.”

“He’s still racing a little bit greenly, but he has only had two starts and it will come in time.

“I think he will get a mile. I don’t know if he will get much more.”

Saturday’s winning prizemoney was shared by Vigor Winner’s Hong Kong owner Johnny Tsang and slot holders Woburn Farm Syndicate, who paid \$4,500 to have a slot in the race.

Woburn Farm’s Adrian Stanley said he had brought

together a group of friends from a WhatsApp racing chat group to buy the slot.

“There are ten of us and we divided it into ten percent shares and it’s been a lot of fun,” Stanley said. “The majority were on-course at Taranaki.

“We did a spreadsheet of all the horses that would be eligible for the race – maideners or one start winners after December 1 – and this horse caught our attention.

“They declined us originally as they wanted to go to Ellerslie first for the Mongolian Khan Trophy (Gr.3, 1200m), but once they drew wide in that race they scratched and came back to us.”

The win of Vigor Winner also provided a timely update for Stanley and his partner Hannah Kettlety, who just happen to be selling the three-year-old’s yearling half-sister next week under their Woburn Farm banner.

“I’ve had him on the farm, plus we’re selling his half-sister by Iffraaj over in Sydney next week, so with the inside knowledge we had and recognising his ability we tried to secure him for the slot,” Stanley said.

Based in Cambridge, Woburn Farm also enjoyed good results selling yearlings for both themselves and clients at Karaka last week.

“We had a clearance rate of 83 percent and averaged \$180,000 and got some good returns for our owners,” Stanley said. “They were very happy. We cleared 100 percent of all of our pinhooks and made some good margins.”

– NZ Racing Desk



Race	Taranaki RC Platinum Challenge S. 1400m.
Winner	Vigor Winner (AUS) 2015
Owners	J M H Tsang
Trainer	Lauren Brennan (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Declaration Of War (USA) out of Savont (AUS) by Exceed And Excel (AUS)
Breeder	Mr RA Emery
Sales	2017 Ready to Run Sale V: Regal Farm \$50,000 P: Golden River Investments



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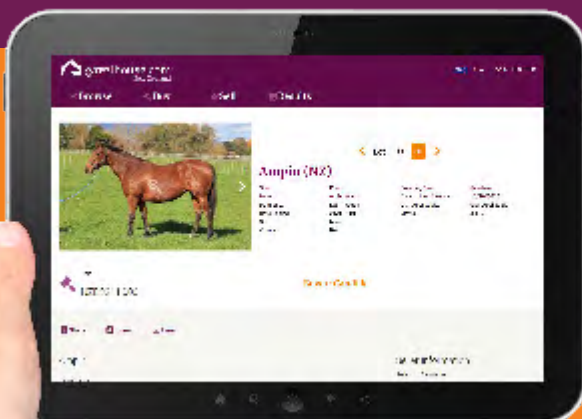
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PROMISING FILLY HAS SIGHTS ON OAKS

Kinshasa (NZ) (Tavistock) may not be as clearly focused as other horses, but that isn't stopping the promising Matamata filly from being a deserved candidate for the Gr.1 Al Basti Equiworld Dubai New Zealand Oaks (2400m) at Trentham.

"She's only partially sighted in one eye, but you would never know it if you weren't told," trainer Cody Cole said.

"That's how I got her. Justine Sclater, who owns her and set up the syndicate to race her, approached me because she wanted her in a small stable for that reason.

"Justine had to go through a lot to get her cleared for racing, but it was worth it. She's a very intelligent filly and keeps improving."

In just her third start the daughter of Tavistock cleared maiden ranks for rider Michael Coleman with a strong win when stepped up to 1600m at Hastings last week to justify her nomination for the Al Basti Equiworld Dubai New Zealand Oaks on March 16.

"There's plenty of improvement in her," Cole said. "She's definitely got a bit to learn and will want blinkers in the end.

"Mickey (Coleman) said she got there the other day then was idling. She did the same at Rotorua when she just got beaten. She cruised up to them that day then idled and the other horse (It's Doable) got her on the line."

Cole gave Kinshasa five trials before her debut fourth over 1200m at Te



Matamata trainer, Cody Cole (Trish Dunell)

Aroha on January 3 and used each one just for experience.

"We rode her cold the whole time to teach her to settle," Cole said. "She's by Tavistock from a Zabeel mare so we've looked after her and not put any pressure on. She could have won her first trial if she'd been pushed a bit."

Kinshasa is the second winner from the unraced Zabeel mare Zaire and hails from the family of the great stayer Good Lord (NZ) (Zamazaan) whose 20 wins in New Zealand, Australia and the United States included two Wellington Cups (3200m) and the Sydney Cup (3200m).

One of two winners at Hastings for Cole, Kinshasa will get her first opportunity to prove herself as a stayer in the Gr.2 Little Avondale Lowland Stakes (2100m) at Hastings

on February 27.

"The Lowland is obviously a good target before the Oaks, but I'd like to give her another 1600m between now and then," Cole said.

"If I can't find a suitable race she could even have a quiet trial at Cambridge.

"She was a bit jaded after Hastings because it was so hot, but she's bounced back. She'll keep improving."

Cole also has a black-type mission on the programme for Gr.2 winner All Roads (NZ) (Road To Rock), a newcomer to his Matamata stable.

Originally trained by Donna Logan and Chris Gibbs then Cole's father, Tony, All Roads has been off the winner's list since taking the Gr.2 Japan – NZ International Trophy (1600m) two

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years ago and the Tauranga feature is again his target.

"I'm lucky the owners have sent him to me and he's doing well," Cole said.

"I'm trying to get him to the Japan Trophy again and he'll run in the open 1200m at Ellerslie (February 16) as a lead-up. He went a nice trial at Matamata."

The seven-year-old son of Road

To Rock has won six races and almost \$250,000 in prizemoney and was runner-up in the 2017 Gr.2 Rich Hill Mile (1600m).

He also tried his luck in a three-state Australian campaign early last season, finishing third at Randwick before heading to Melbourne where his efforts included a fourth in the Gr.1 Cantala Stakes (1600m) at Flemington. He then headed to Perth for an

unsuccessful raid on two Gr.1 events.

He ended his last campaign with a fourth to Ocean Emperor (NZ) (Zabeel) in the Gr.2 Tauranga Stakes (1600m) and in his recent Matamata trial he was fourth to Island Bay (NZ) (Patapan), who went on to win at New Plymouth last Saturday.

-- NZ Racing Desk

NEWS IN BRIEF

Spring Heat passes test

Smart Matamata sprinter Spring Heat's (More Than Ready) racing career is back on track.

The More Than Ready four-year-old was expected to be a strong chance in the Gr.3 Concorde Handicap (1200m) at Ellerslie last start after winning at Matamata, but she started to buck soon after the start and lost all chance.

"She had to undergo a barrier test with raceday gear on and we did that last week," co-trainer Lance O'Sullivan said.

"She passed the test without any problems.

"At Ellerslie there wasn't much packing under the saddle and she went five or six strides before it moved and she started to buck."

Spring Heat is likely to start in an open sprint at Ellerslie next Saturday week then compete at the Auckland Cup carnival.

-- NZ Racing Desk





MATAMATA BREEDERS STAKES TARGET FOR FLYING FILLY

Progressive two-year-old filly **Bella Mente (NZ)** (El Roca) set herself up for a tilt at stakes company later this month with a determined victory at Matamata on Sunday.

The Shaune Ritchie-trained youngster had finished an unlucky third at the same venue last month when badly interfered with on the home turn.

This time there was no such drama as rider Michael Coleman provided her with a perfect run behind the pacemakers before launching an assault early in the run home. Bella Mente set out after race-favourite Killin (Snitzel), who had assumed control at that point, and in a driving finish she fought best to claim victory in the 1200m contest.

Ritchie was keen for his charge to gain some more experience at the Matamata track as he sets his sights on a tilt at the Gr. 2 J Swap Contractors Ltd. Matamata Breeders' Stakes (1200m) at the venue on February 23.

"We've been thinking about tackling the Breeders' Stakes with her so today has probably helped us make that decision," Ritchie said.

"She is a lovely filly, quite muscular but not too heavy, who can really hit the line hard.

"She has one white sock which does tend to make her action look a little exuberant, but she is a very good mover."

Ritchie had been impressed with how the El Roca filly had come through the stress of her first run after being knocked sideways during the running.

"We gave her a month off after that first run, mainly as a precaution to let her get over the experience," he said.

"As it turned out she was probably less worried about it than we were.

"She had done everything right since then so we were hopeful she could perform today.

"It was a lovely ride by Michael as he got her in a good position and when he really asked her, she put in nicely."

Ritchie is hoping a similar showing in the upcoming Matamata juvenile feature will also add significant value to the Swiss Ace half-sister that he purchased for \$100,000 from the Westbury Stud draft on day two of the National Yearling sale last Monday.

"We really like the family, so I was pleased to be able to buy the half-sister at the yearling sale," he said.

"I trained another family member (Bella Gioia) to run second in the 1000 Guineas so we know the family ability is there.

"If Bella Mente could win or place in the Breeders Stakes then it would be a great result all around."

The victory also provided Westbury Stud-based stallion, El Roca, with the first winner from his first crop of racing age.

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	Matamata RC Paper Plus 2YO Maiden S. 1200m.
Winner	Bella Mente (NZ) 2016
Owners	Marriott Thoroughbreds Ltd, J M Ewen, S J Wilcox, E Smith, P J Thompson, A P Ritchie, W J Bremner, B K Dell, L Heale & W Schoonderwoerd
Trainer	Shaune Ritchie (Cambridge)
Breeding	by El Roca (AUS) out of Joiya (AUS) by Stravinsky (USA)
Breeder	Marriott Thoroughbreds Ltd; Auckland; NZ



Speedy filly Bella Mente breaks her maiden status at Matamata (Race Images – Kenton Wright)





HILL NEWCOMER IS A CONQUEROR FIRST-UP

Punters were right on the money when late shortener **I'm A Conqueror (NZ)** (Alamosa) made every post a winning one in the \$20,000 Open Maiden Division 2 race over 1200m on Sunday.

Coming in for plenty of support to start as joint \$18 favourite with another debutant, Ka Chance (Redoute's Choice), I'm A Conqueror went on to justify the trust with a fleet-footed display that saw him romp home by two lengths from Ocean Crossing (All Too Hard) with Ka Chance third another 1 ½ lengths away.

David Hill's assistant-trainer Jason Lim said the level of confidence in the camp was relatively high given the positive signs the Alamosa four-year-old showed in his work.

"We went into the race quite confident. We know he is a good frontrunner, and with barrier one, all he had to do was lead and control the race," said Lim.

"We spent some time with him as he was keen early, even in his trials (won one and ran third from two), but we've managed to settle him down in the end.

"We put the hood on in his trials and took them off today just to keep his head cool.

"It's a horse I bought myself from New Zealand. The owners (Great Conqueror Stable) are new and it's great they've got a winner with their first buy."

Lim said the six furlongs were ideal for I'm A Conqueror first-up, but he predicted that the distance would

stretch further eventually.

"As he's a four-year-old, we had no other choice but to run him in a maiden race on debut," said Lim.

"I think he can go further, probably up to 1400m."

Race	Singapore TC Open Maiden S. 1200m.
Winner	I'm a Conqueror (NZ) 2014
Owners	Great Conqueror Stable
Trainer	David Hill (Kranji)
Breeding	by Alamosa out of Racqueteer by Lord Ballina (AUS)
Breeder	E B Smyth; Central; NZ



I'm A Conqueror wins on debut at Kranji





SACRED CROIX QUICK TO SHOW HIS WARES

Sacred Croix (NZ) (Savabeel) came with a well-timed run to down favourite Cru Bourgeois (NZ) (Burgundy) in the \$20,000 Open Maiden Division 1 race over 1200m on Sunday.

The Savabeel four-year-old slipped under the radar at his racing debut last October in a similar Open Maiden race, but run over a distance that was considered too short for him – 1000m.

Race	Singapore TC Open Maiden S. 1200m.
Winner	Sacred Croix (NZ) 2014
Owners	Raffles Racing Stable
Trainer	Mark Walker (Kranji)
Breeding	by Savabeel (AUS) out of Croix du Sud by Howbaddouwantit (USA)
Breeder	Fairdale Stud (2007) Ltd; Central; NZ
Sales	2016 National Yearling Sale - Premier Session V: Fairdale Stud \$260000 P: Raffles Dancers

But he has since shown more enterprise at his barrier trials, including winning his last one on January 22.

And over a more suitable six-furlong trip, Sacred Croix was a totally different proposition when he came off the heels of Cru Bourgeois at the 400m to unleash a withering finish towards a most impressive three-quarter length win.

“He’s by Savabeel. He’ll get better over more distance,” said winning trainer Mark Walker.

“It’s great for his owner Dato Yap (Kim San) who has been a good supporter of Singapore racing. They’re in for a good season as they have a lot of good horses coming through.

“It was a good ride from Benny (Woodworth). There is a frontrunning bias today, and they took a good sit off the lead.”

Woodworth, who will recombine with Walker aboard 2018 Singapore Horse of the Year Elite Invincible (Archarcharch) in Wednesday’s Fortune Bowl (1400m), said he had a good drag behind Cru Bourgeois and his mount got onto the bridle once

he was exposed for his run to the line.

“He jumped off fast, he had a good gate. We tracked the favourite throughout,” said the Malaysian jockey.

“The favourite was very green, he was running in and out. At the top of the straight, my horse started to quicken up nicely and went past the favourite easily.

“He ran in after the winning post. He’s still green, but he’ll improve after that first run.

“On his conformation, he’s a very big horse and the mile will be okay for him.”



Sacred Croix scores comfortably at Kranji



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NZ STALLION AWARDS

THE CENTAINE AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$9,415,015
ROAD TO ROCK	\$5,313,115
DARCI BRAHMA	\$4,634,295
O'REILLY	\$4,221,105
PINS	\$3,886,351
PER INCANTO	\$2,936,876
TAVISTOCK	\$2,690,512
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$2,499,228
SWISS ACE	\$2,358,677
OCEAN PARK	\$2,332,802

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

THE DEWAR STALLION TROPHY

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$5,686,424
O'REILLY	\$2,407,387
PINS	\$2,309,012
TAVISTOCK	\$1,548,850
RIP VAN WINKLE	\$1,531,395
DARCI BRAHMA	\$1,508,042
PER INCANTO	\$1,455,906
OCEAN PARK	\$1,323,050
RELIABLE MAN	\$1,155,975
IFFRAAJ	\$1,123,703

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

THE GROSVENOR AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$2,877,028
PINS	\$1,291,607
PER INCANTO	\$1,241,671
DARCI BRAHMA	\$987,230
RIP VAN WINKLE	\$892,730
IFFRAAJ	\$803,108
SHOWCASING	\$801,977
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$747,597
SWISS ACE	\$697,217
FASTNET ROCK	\$695,835

BEST PERFORMERS	EARNINGS
PROBABEEL	\$581,000
MADISON COUNTY	\$576,625
SANTA MONICA	\$182,250
DEE AND GEE	\$95,625
TE AKAU SHARK	\$196,875
WYNDSPELLE	\$97,625
XPRESSION	\$94,500
DANZDANZDANCE	\$282,500
MISS FEDERER	\$88,410
LONG LEAF	\$530,500

Criteria: Leading Sires by Earnings in New Zealand



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NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG JANUARY 30

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
THE SHOW (NZ) 2010 by High Chaparral (IRE) out of The Quarewan (AUS) by Supremo (USA)	Llanhennock Trust	HKJC Murray H. 1200m.	2012 National Yearling Sale - Premier Session V: Wentwood Grange \$320000 P: D Yip
EXCEPTIONAL DESIRE (NZ) 2013 by Darci Brahma out of Grace and Eva by Stravinsky (USA)	Mrs V J Fauvel; Little Avondale Trust & R A Williams; Central; NZ	HKJC Lambeth H. 1200m.	2015 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale V: Little Avondale Stud \$80000 P: John Foote B/stock

NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG FEBRUARY 2

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
TIANCHI MONSTER (HK) Formidable (NZ) 2014 by Shocking (AUS) out of Princess Biscotte (AUS) by Casino Prince (AUS)	C C E; Mrs C F; Mrs I S & J W Thompson; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Ho Sheung Heung H. 1800m.	2016 National Yearling Sale - Select Session V: Rich Hill Stud \$39000 P: KR D Racing

NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE FEBRUARY 1

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
ARARAT LADY (NZ) 2015 by Battle Paint (USA) out of Desire by Danehill Dancer (IRE)	Leanach Lodge Ltd & I H Mackay; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1100m.	2017 National Yearling Sale - Festival V: Leanach Lodge Ltd \$3000 P: CH B/stock
WHAT'S NEW (NZ) 2014 by Casino Prince (AUS) out of Pussycat Dream (GB) by Oasis Dream (GB)	Greenwich Stud Pty Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 3 H. 1400m.	2014 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale V: Hallmark Stud \$32000 P: PK Ho

NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE FEBRUARY 3

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
BIG REGARDS (NZ) 2013 by Darci Brahma out of Molly Coco by Savabeel (AUS)	New Zealand Bloodstock Leasing Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1600m.	2015 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale V: Phoenix Park \$55000 P: NZB as agent
I'M A CONQUEROR (NZ) 2014 by Alamosa out of Racquetteer by Lord Ballina (AUS)	E B Smyth; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Open Maiden S. 1200m.	
MR HOOPER (NZ) 2015 by Shamexpress out of Kate's Talent by Montjeu (IRE)	Windsor Park Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Kranji S. 1200m.	2017 Ready to Run Sale V: Woburn Farm \$50000 P: Hardwicke Racing/Waterford B/stock
SACRED CROIX (NZ) 2014 by Savabeel (AUS) out of Croix du Sud by Howbaddouwantit (USA)	Fairdale Stud (2007) Ltd; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Open Maiden S. 1200m.	2016 National Yearling Sale - Premier Session V: Fairdale Stud \$260000 P: Raffles Dancers
HYDE PARK (NZ) 2013 by Savabeel (AUS) out of Biriyani (IRE) by Danehill (USA)	NZ) 2013 by Savabeel (AUS) out of Biriyani (IRE) by Danehill (USA)	Sir Patrick & Lady Hogan; Waikato; NZ	2015 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale V: Cambridge Stud \$70000 P: S Gray



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NZ BRED WINNERS IN MALAYSIA FEBRUARY 2

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
CASTLE CHOICE (NZ) 2014 by Castledale (IRE) out of Emma's Choice by Thorn Park (AUS)	Mrs L Autridge	Penang TC Maiden 1100	Gavelhouse 2018 April (2) Sale V: Mr S Autridge \$10000 P: Mr HS Lim
MASTRO GEPETTO (NZ) 2015 by Echoes Of Heaven (AUS) out of Apache Sky by Keeninsky	Mrs J M Howard	Penang TC Class 4 H. 1100	
VALBERRY (MLY) Keepit Karma (NZ) 2012 by Iffraaj (GB) out of Qwikchik by Grosvenor	Z M Zhou	Penang TC Class 5 H. 1400	
NO NONSENSE (NZ) 2009 by O'Reilly out of Censibelle by Centaine (AUS)	Mrs M E & P J Hales	Penang TC Class 5 H. 1600	

NZ BRED WINNERS IN MALAYSIA FEBRUARY 3

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
FRANCES (NZ) 2010 by Murtajill (AUS) out of Red Tulip (AUS) by Red Ransom (USA)	Mrs S I Walker	Penang TC Class 5 H. 1400	2012 National Yearling Sale - Select Session V: Cambridge Stud \$15000 P: Mr TL Busuttin
JUST NAME IT (NZ) 2010 by Darci Brahma out of Exilio by O'Reilly	R W Potter	Penang TC Class 5 H. 1400	2012 National Yearling Sale - Premier Session V: Hallmark Stud \$100000 P: Mr CI Brown
ONE FOR ALL (NZ) 2012 by Thorn Park (AUS) out of Honey Gee (AUS) by Jeune (GB)	DVD Bloodstock Ltd	Penang TC Class 5 H. 1200	2013 National Weanling; Bloodstock & Mixed Sale V: Shelby Park \$20000 P: Michael Wallace Bloodstock 2014 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale V: Ardsley Stud Ltd \$40000 P: Michael Freedman/ Michael Wallace B/S
DUKE OF NORMANDY (MLY) Air Force One (SIN) Winchester Club (NZ) 2011 by Pentire (GB) out of Call Minder by Christmas Tree (AUS)	T O Harrison	Penang TC 51-74 1700	2013 National Yearling Sale - Select Session V: Te Runga Stud Ltd \$120000 P: Aquanita Racing
SING ENERGY (NZ) 2012 by Lucky Unicorn (AUS) out of Lady Danzero (AUS) by Danzero (AUS)	Lucky Owners Pty Ltd	Penang TC Class 5 H. 1600	

NZ BRED WINNERS IN MACAU FEBRUARY 3

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
GOLDEN FANS (MAC) Golden Organic (NZ) 2013 by Dalghar (FR) out of Extra Celestial (AUS) by Danehill Dancer (IRE)	Botsky Pty Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Macau Port Vale H. 1500m.	
SACRED CAPITAL (MAC) Rellson (NZ) 2014 by O'Reilly out of Honolulu by Savabeel (AUS)	Waikato Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Macau Spring Trophy L 1500m.	2016 Ready to Run Sale V: Waikato Stud Ltd \$580000 P: Ciaran Maher B/stock/Bruce Perry B/stock/Waterford B/stock
TRON FRIEND (NZ) 2013 by Red Giant (USA) out of Atonement by Thorn Park (AUS)	Mrs N B Redfern; Central; NZ	Macau Norwich H. 1200m.	
PEARL WIN WIN (NZ) 2014 by Zed out of Antonia Bella by Thorn Park (AUS)	J D Corcoran; Central; NZ	Macau Manchester H. 1800m.	2015 National Weanling; Broodmare & Mixed Sale V: Grangewilliam Stud \$2600 P: NZB as agent 2016 Ready to Run Sale V: Fencourt Lodge \$30000 P: Stanley Chin Stable

