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DRAW FAVOURS WYNDSPELLE, GUN RIDE ADDED, WAIKATO GUINEAS WIN RESULTS



Wyndspelle puts himself forward as a genuine Derby contender with a strong win in yesterday's Waikato Guineas at Te Rapa.

An inside gate was all that was needed for **Wyndspelle (NZ)** (Iffraaj) to show that he is a match for the best of his age group.

Co-trainer Donna Logan has never lost faith in the colt, who yesterday triumphed in the Group Two Darci Brahma Waikato Guineas to post his first success since a win on the track twelve months ago.

"He deserved that," she said. "He has been unlucky on so many occasions and had a run of bad barriers.

"We were quietly confident from the draw. He got a beautiful trip and a beautiful ride and got the job done."

Runner-up in last season's Group One Diamond Stakes, Wyndspelle is now a \$9 chance for the Group One New Zealand Derby.

"We'll have a think about things but he might just go straight into the Derby," said Logan, who prepares the colt with Chris Gibbs.

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“He can switch off and show a kick and not many can do that. He’s not a big horse but he’s got a big motor and a big heart.”

Wyndspelle was settled behind the leading pack on the fence by rider Jason Waddell and when the gaps opened in the straight quickly asserted his superiority, going strongly to the post to beat the pacemaker Shocking Luck (NZ) (Shocking) by half a length with Lincoln Blue (NZ) (Savabeel) a solid third ahead of Cha Siu Bao (Smart Missile).

The Group One Levin Classic winner Hall Of Fame (NZ) (Savabeel) finished fifth and looked to have his chance while the well-supported Highlad (High Chaparral) ran seventh. He

raced keenly and can be expected to further improve with the outing, just his second since he was a respectable eighth in the Group One VRC Derby.

Race	Waikato Guineas Gr.2 2000m
Winner	Wyndspelle (NZ) 2013
Owners	J Frew, S Hanna, Jen Campin Bloodstock Ltd and N P Randles
Trainer	Donna Logan & Chris Gibbs (Ruakaka)
Breeding	by Iffraaj (GB) out of Western Star by High Chaparral (Ire)
Breeder	Mrs S D Hart
Sales	2015 National Yearling Sale, Select Session; V: Hallmark Stud, P: Phill Cataldo Bloodstock; \$75,000



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LEGLISS VEUVE OUTSPRINTS THE COLTS

Trainer Stuart Webb could stretch his three-race plan for **Legless Veuve (NZ)** (Pins) if she continues in the manner of her solid first-up 1200 metre win in yesterday's Group Three Manfred Stakes at Caulfield.

Webb has next month's Group One Australian Guineas, over 1600 metres at Flemington, in mind for Legless Veuve's main autumn target but the filly's form could prompt him to extend her campaign into the Sydney carnival.

Legless Veuve went from a Sale maiden win to a Group Two success in the 1400 metre Thousand Guineas Prelude against her own sex in the spring and yesterday was too strong for the males in the Manfred Stakes.

Like her Prelude win, Legless Veuve, almost friendless in betting at \$18, raced handy to the speed for jockey Mark Zahra before outsprinting her opposition in the straight, beating fourth favourite Into Orbit (Northern Meteor) by three-quarters of a length with second favourite Hey Doc (Duporth) third.

"The progression she has made from last preparation to this preparation has been outstanding," Webb said.

"She has really developed and I'll probably just keep her to a light prep this time because she's going to be one of the nicest four-year-old mares you will see.

"She's clean-winded, she's athletic, she has got a pedigree, she's a beautiful type and she has got a race record to prove it.

"She's a lovely big filly and she was strong through the line so she could be a weight-for-age horse as a four and five-year-old."

Zahra also had plenty of praise for the filly.



Legless Veuve, the only filly in the field, gives the boys a beating in Caulfield's Manfred Stakes.

"She was very impressive," he said. "They went steady and she actually wanted to overrace a little bit but I let her stride from the 600 and she was too good in the end. She's got a lot of improvement in her."

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Race	MRC Manfred S. Gr.3 1200m
Winner	Legless Veuve (NZ) 2013
Owners	P J Fitzgerald, B D Fitzgerald, Ms A Canal, P S Wiggs, K Hart, Mrs C M Chappell, Mrs M O Corigliano, C Hart, P W Waters, G & Mrs P L Minton, S M Roberts, G H Burge, J M Azzopardi, P Evans, N Windsor, P Aspropotamitis, P A Young and Ms T Harcourt
Trainer	Stuart Webb (Caulfield)
Breeding	by Pins (Aus) out of Hyades by O'Reilly
Breeder	Waikato Stud Ltd
Sales	2015 National Yearling Sale, Premier Session; V: Waikato Stud Ltd, P: Aquanita Racing; \$150,000





ANDERTONS SPONSOR, **QUINELLA FEATURE**

The Anderton clan celebrated a near-perfect result in their home-town feature yesterday.

Family patriarch Brian and his son Shane saddled the quinella in the Group Three White Robe Lodge Handicap at Wingatui where **Coulee (NZ)** downed Tommy Tucker (NZ).

Brian and his wife Lorraine bred and co-own both horses and they are by their resident stallion Gallant Guru, who stands at the Mosgiel property the race is named after.

"It's a pretty amazing result," Shane Anderton said. "To sponsor the race and then quinella it is special."

Coulee was given an economical passage behind the leaders on the

fence and when a gap presented itself at the top of the straight the five-year-old pounced.

"The wee mare got a beautiful run whereas Tommy Tucker had to do a bit of work," Anderton said.

"She drew well and made the most of it and was just too good on the day."

Ridden by Courtney Barnes, Coulee skipped away to win by a length and a quarter from Tommy Tucker, who gave the winner six kilos and was forced three and four wide when improving 800 metres from home.

"I knew I had to sit and wait for the gap and she flew through it," Barnes said. "I'm very thankful to the Anderton family."

Son Of Maher (Al Maher) got well back in the running and made ground strongly to take third money from Meursault (NZ) (Ekraar) with Aspen Lass (NZ) (Alamosa) next home.

Race	Otago RC White Robe Lodge H. Gr.3 1600m
Winner	Coulee (NZ) 2011
Owners	B J Anderton ONZM, Mrs L E Anderton, G W Dickson, M W Hampton, The Diamond Syndicate, White Flash Syndicate and Woolshed Wednesday Syndicate
Trainer	Brian & Shane Anderton (Wingatui)
Breeding	by Gallant Guru (Aus) out of Cherry Creek (Aus) by Monashee Mountain (USA)
Breeder	B J & Mrs L E Anderton



Tommy Tucker just gets his green-and-gold-starred head in the picture as stablemate Coulee, courtesy of a "beautiful run", skips away to win the White Robe Lodge Handicap at Wingatui.



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RESIDENTIAL HOME IN DUNEDIN GUINEAS

Residential (NZ) (Pins) crowned a big week for Waikato Stud when she trumped a stablemate in yesterday's Listed Dunedin Guineas at Wingatui, narrowly getting the better of Starvoia (Starcraft) in the Living Corporation-sponsored three-year-old feature under apprentice Gosen Jogoo, who sported the familiar monogrammed silks of the Matamata nursery.

Mark Chittick's operation enjoyed a hectic but hugely successful week at Karaka where they maintained their standing as the leading vendor by aggregate for the fourth year running, with 45 horses sold for \$8,415,000.

"The main thing for us is to sell as many as we can because we own the majority of them outright," Chittick said.

Their top lot was the daughter of Savabeel and Daffodil, which went to the \$600,000 bid of Michael Wallace on behalf of the China Horse Club.

Also the third leading vendor at the Select Sale, Waikato Stud bred Residential who is by resident stallion Pins out of the Elusive City mare



Residential (inner) holds off her stablemate and favourite Starvoia in the Dunedin Guineas.

Metropolitan. She won three races, including the Listed Canterbury Belle Stakes and finished runner-up in the Dunedin Guineas of 2009.

In this year's edition, Residential settled behind the pace on the fence and, once angled into the clear by Jogoo, rounded off strongly to down Starvoia by a nose.

"This is very special," Jogoo said. "She was always travelling well but I thought Starvoia had got it.

"My thanks go to John and Karen Parsons and all the staff who look after the filly."

Karen Parsons said Residential had

been undone by a wet track last time out in the Listed Gore Guineas.

"She's a really capable filly and she's improved a heap."

Race	Otago RC Dunedin Guineas L 1500m
Winner	Residential (NZ) 2013
Owners	Mark Ritchie, Jason Wardle, Michael Piaggi, Henry & Ron Williamson, Leslie & Ann Seaton, John & David Nixon and Waikato Stud Ltd
Trainer	John & Karen Parsons (Balcairn)
Breeding	by Pins (Aus) out of Metropolitan by Elusive City (USA)
Breeder	Waikato Stud Ltd





LA NOUVELLE VAGUE IGNORES CLASS JUMP, STRIDES AWAY TO WIN DUNEDIN GOLD CUP

The pre-race confidence of the connections of **La Nouvelle Vague (NZ)** (St Reims) wasn't misplaced at Wingatui yesterday when he took a major jump in class in his stride.

Trainers Graham and Michael Eade were expecting a top showing from the gelding in the Fire & Mechanical Dunedin Gold Cup, despite the six-year-old jumping from Rating 75 to Listed company.

La Nouvelle Vague was perfectly ridden to instructions by the central districts apprentice Leah Hemi. They set up a solid gallop in front and strode clear in the run home for a clear-cut victory.

"It's no use sitting out the back with him," Graham Eade said. "I knew that once he got to the front that he wouldn't give up. He could have done another round."

La Nouvelle Vague's immediate future is unclear with a

lack of suitable distance options.

"There's not enough decent staying races around for him," said Eade, who has the Group Three New Zealand Cup as a long-term aim.

La Nouvelle Vague was trapped wide early in the race before Hemi

pressed forward and once in the lead the horse relaxed and was coasting at the top of the straight.

He held a strong gallop in the closing 300 metres to have three and a quarter lengths on Saint Kitt (NZ) (Keeper), who closed gamely after covering extra ground, with Princess Brook (NZ) (Raise The Flag) holding third from Revelator (NZ) (Zabeel).

Race	Otago RC Dunedin Gold Cup L 2400m
Winner	La Nouvelle Vague (NZ) 2010
Owners	D D Cronin, V S Cronin, F Gianone, P D & P D Jeffreys, The Savoy Syndicate and White Flash Syndicate
Trainer	Graham & Michael Eade (Riverton)
Breeding	by St Reims out of Ballardane by Danelove
Breeder	P D & P D Jeffreys



Visiting apprentice Leah Hemi shows her delight at winning the Dunedin Gold Cup on lightweight La Nouvelle Vague.





DAL CIELO NABS **ANOTHER SYDNEY SPRINT**

Kris Lees has placed a caveat on the resurgent form of **Dal Cielo (NZ)** (Per Incanto) despite the former Kiwi yesterday notching up successive city wins at Randwick.

A Group One winner in his homeland as a two-year-old, Dal Cielo was competitive in Melbourne during the following spring but it soon became apparent that his prospects as a colt were limited, which preceded a change of stables from leading New Zealand trainer Murray Baker to Lees at Newcastle, followed by a gelding operation.

"We were quite lucky to get the horse. He had really good form as a spring three-year-old but he may have lost his way, as some colts do," Lees said.

"There are a few new owners in him and they're having a bit of fun."

Since going into Lees' Newcastle stable, Dal Cielo has rediscovered how to win, with his victory in yesterday's Chi-X Sprint coming after a Warwick Farm success last month.

Dal Cielo started a clear-cut favourite at \$2.50 but Lees said he was concerned after assessing the horse's condition in the mounting yard parade.

A delay behind the barriers when a horse had to be reshod only added to the trainer's anxiety.

"The heat is affecting all horses today but I thought he was just starting to melt a bit before the race," he said.

"And then with the delay he was just starting to get a bit stirred up."

Dal Cielo was forced to race four wide in a midfield position under Glyn Schofield but his new-found desire to

win allowed him to hold off the quality mare Denmagic (Denman) and win by a neck.

"He didn't have a great run in transit but I thought Glyn handled him very well," Lees said. "He presented him at the right time."

Lees said the days of trying to fast-track Dal Cielo into richer sprint races were long gone since the four-year-old had been gelded.

"He's got to step up a little bit to start thinking about better races," he said. "It's still summer form but we'll step him up in trip now and that will give us a good guide to where we'll get to."

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Race	ATC Chi-X Sprint H. 1000m
Winner	Dal Cielo (NZ) 2012
Owners	L Petagna, G Devonport, B Farrelly, S Hoppe, D Pringle, A Taylor, D Forward, N Henry, S Young, A Farrelly, G Matthews and K Bedford
Trainer	Kris Lees (Newcastle)
Breeding	by Per Incanto (USA) out of Cent From Heaven by Centaine (Aus)
Breeder	Little Avondale Trust
Sales	2014 National Yearling Sale, Select Session; V: Little Avondale Stud, P: Bruce Perry Bloodstock; \$95,000

Dal Cielo, in the familiar apple green and striped sleeve colours of principal owner Lib Petagna, records his second successive city 1000 metre win in Randwick's Benchmark 93 sprint.





TRAINER SURPRISED WHEN ROBIN HOOD STEALS WIN FROM FANCIED STABLEMATE

Trainer Alwin Tan saddled the quinella in the 1700 metre \$S100,000 Open Benchmark 83, main event on Friday night's card at Kranji, but not quite in the order he was expecting.

In a field whittled down to only five starters, **Robin Hood (NZ)** (Nom Du Jeu) and Casing Royal (NZ) (Showcasing) fought out a close finish to continue the momentum to Tan's flying start to the 2017 season.

"I was more confident with Casing Royal to be honest," said Tan. "Robin Hood was at his first time in Benchmark 83 company.

"But racing is unpredictable. Olivier gave Robin Hood a perfect ride and I'd say he made the difference again with his very aggressive riding style."

Wielding the whip in his usual high-handed manner, Olivier Placais set Robin Hood alight on straightening but later let on that he thought he would not be able to double up after they had combined for a last-start win in a 1600 metre Stakes C race a month ago.

"His work at home had been less good than for his last win. I really thought he was not a hundred percent tonight," said Placais. "And when he got pushed out three wide at the 600 metre mark, I thought it would be even tougher.

"But I think that move got him to raise his game. It sparked him up and he gave a very nice kick in the end."

Casing Royal looked to have the race won at the 250 metre point but his stablemate finished a touch better to outstrip him by a neck on the line. Terms Of Reference (NZ) (Per Incanto) temporarily hit the front, too, but

weakened late to run third, another 1¼ lengths away.

With his fifth win from seventeen starts, the five-year-old Robin Hood has now taken his stakes earnings over the \$S200,000 mark for the Eight Eight One Stable.

– Singapore Turf Club

Race	Singapore TC Benchmark 83 H. 1700m
Winner	Robin Hood (NZ) 2011
Owners	Eight Eight One Stable
Trainer	Alwin Tan (Kranji)
Breeding	by Nom du Jeu out of Bail Us Out by Justice Prevails (Aus)
Breeder	Goodwood Stud Ltd



Robin Hood touches off his stablemate Casing Royal in Kranji's Friday night feature.

