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## BEAUTY GENERATION TUNES UP FOR G1 QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE CUP



*Beauty Generation (pink hood) will be shooting for his seventh win in succession at Sha Tin on Sunday.*

**B**eauty Generation (NZ) (Road To Rock) was all muscle tone and brash attitude after galloping along the Sha Tin turf on Thursday morning.

The six-year-old appeared primed for Sunday's Gr.1 Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup (1400m): strong-framed, free-moving and with that cock-sure, head-tossing bounce to his gait that has so often augured a masterful race-day exhibition.

"Romain (Clavreul) just came back in and said he's not showing any sign of going over the top, we're keeping him

fresh – in fact, he said that when he was coming back in Beauty Generation wanted to kick a few horses. He's full of himself: he was sizing them up to have a go!" trainer John Moore said.

That aggressive bravado came as the world's joint top-rated miler returned at a steady walk down the dirt track's back-side after working leisurely along the grass back straight. Beauty Generation clocked an easy 58.4s (30.9, 27.5) for 800m.

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Hong Kong's champion is seeking a repeat win in the weekend feature, having held fellow Karaka Sales graduate Beat The Clock (Hinchinbrook) by a head in last year's edition. That rival earned a well-deserved first Group One win in the Centenary Sprint Cup (1200m) last month and Moore views the bay and his John Size-trained stablemate Conte (Starcraft) as the big dangers.

"Beat The Clock looks like he's improved but so has Beauty Generation," Moore observed. "Beat The Clock will make a run at him, I have no doubt, we'll see which horse endures. I know Zac Purton will have to get to work on our fella this time."

Beauty Generation heads in with six straight victories under his belt, five this season. When an athlete is as dominant as the Patrick Kwok-owned gelding has become, it is natural to start looking for a chink. This time, it is the step back to 1400m from a mile.

"It's a fraction on the short side for him when you're going in against Beat The Clock and Conte – this is probably their most preferable distance. But this horse, he is who he is, and I don't think John Size will be wanting his two to take him on,

they'll sit and sprint," Moore said.

The Road To Rock gelding is a three-time winner at the distance around Sha Tin. But he is also the track record holder at 2200m and Moore confirmed that "strong consideration" had been given to contesting this Sunday's Gr.1 Citi Hong Kong Gold Cup over 2000m instead.

"There is that question as to whether or not he's lost some of his early speed," the trainer said. "Over the longer distance he'd just travel along in front, wind it up and kick and I don't think they'd catch him. But we've gone this way and he's ready for it.

"Everything has gone right to plan since his last race; there hasn't been any setback whatsoever."

Beauty Generation's major late-season target is the Gr.1 Champions Mile (1600m) on 28 April, the hope being that the New Zealand-bred might get through the entire campaign unbeaten as he closes on Viva Pataca's all-time Hong Kong prize money record. He is currently HK\$16,810,000 shy of Moore's past champion.

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# BAKER-FORSMAN TRIO ON TRIAL FOR DERBY

**H**all of Fame trainer Murray Baker has made a habit of winning Derby's in recent years and reckons he will have a good idea if he can add another one after Saturday's Gr.2 Schweppes Avondale Guineas (2100m) at Ellerslie.

Baker produced Sir Vigilant (NZ) (Sir Tristram) to win the Wellington Derby (2400m) at Trentham in 1985 then waited another 23 years for Nom Du Jeu's Gr.1 Australian Derby (2400m) at Randwick. Since then he has had Lion Tamer (NZ) (Storming Home) win the 2010 Gr.1 Victoria Derby (2400m) at Flemington, won the Gr.1 New Zealand Derby (2400m) at

Ellerslie with Mongolian Khan (Holy Roman Emperor) and Vin De Dance (NZ) (Roc de Cambes) and added further Australian Derby's with Dundee (NZ) (High Chaparral), Mongolian Khan and Jon Snow (NZ) (Iffraaj).

The Cambridge maestro and his junior training partner Andrew Forsman will saddle **Cutadeel** (Dundee), **The Chosen One (NZ)** (Savabeel) and **Bobby Dee (NZ)** (Zed) in Saturday's Avondale Guineas as a final conditioning run for the Gr.1 Vodafone New Zealand Derby on March 2.

"It will be a good race. It's a strong field and the Avondale

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Dundee gelding Cutadeel will look to cement his Gr.1 Vodafone New Zealand Derby prospects with a win at Ellerslie on Saturday





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Guineas is usually a great form race for the Derby," Baker said.

TAB bookmakers have installed Cutadeel as a \$3.20 favourite for the Avondale Guineas and have the Dundee gelding as a \$6 favourite for the Derby, while The Chosen One at \$21 and Bobby Dee at \$41 only rank as outside chances for the Baker-Forsman stable on Saturday.

"Cutadeel has won four out of six and done pretty well the whole way through," Baker said.

"His last three wins, he's done it pretty well. He's left us thinking there's more to give. He's fit and healthy and he'll have his chance."

Cutadeel has already won over 2100m at Ellerslie, taking out the Barfoot & Thompson 3yo Salver in December before dropping back to 1600m for a comfortable Rating 72 win at Pukekohe over older rivals.

And Baker, who rates Dundee as the best horse he has trained, believes he has breeding on his side.

"Dundee is going very well at stud. He's had five stakes winners already, including a Group One winner in South Africa. He's ahead of Snitzel at the same stage," Baker said.

"And Cutadeel is out of a Dylan Thomas mare and he won an Arc [Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe over 2400m]. I'm sure he'll stay."

Baker was satisfied with Savabeel colt The Chosen One's fourth placing in last Saturday's Gr.2 Waikato Guineas (2000m) at Te Rapa and felt he would be improved by that middle distance run after previously racing at 1400m.

"He raced like he was a bit on the fresh side, raced keen, and I'd say he probably needed the run. It was a funny race. Positions never changed. But he's fit and well. He's thriving at the moment," Baker said.

"He needed another run before the Derby and this suits against his own age. I expect an improved run. His mother won at 2500m so there's no reason he won't stay."

Zed gelding Bobby Dee rounds out the Baker-Forsman Guineas trio.

"He's got to shape up a bit, but we think he will stay," Baker said.

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# PATRICK ERIN ON CUPS PATH

Expat New Zealand trainer Chris Waller will have six runners in the Gr.2 The Star Apollo Stakes (1400m) at Randwick on Saturday, including glamour mare Winx (Street Cry) and Group One winners **Patrick Erin (NZ)** (Gallant Guru) and **Unforgotten** (Fastnet Rock).

While Winx is expected to continue her winning ways on Saturday, Waller said the race is also a good stepping stone for his other runners.

New Zealand-bred galloper Patrick Erin broke through at elite level last year when winning the Gr.1 Metropolitan (2400m) and is being set on a cups path this year.

“He is a very good stayer and he will be getting home well over

the last 200m,” Waller said.

“He is on a path towards the BMW (Gr.1, 2400m), I would say he will almost definitely head on a Sydney Cup (Gr.1, 3200m) path following that and then we will be looking at the Melbourne Cup (Gr.1, 3200m) in the spring with him, all going to plan.”

New Zealand Bloodstock graduate Unforgotten will also line-up in the race.

“She has come back very well and should be in for a good autumn and in normal years you would say she would be a genuine chance of winning the race, so don’t discount her,” Waller said.

Waller, who purchased Unforgotten

out of Curraghmore’s 2016 New Zealand Bloodstock Premier Yearling Sale draft for \$360,000, is hoping she can gain a berth into the All Star Mile (1600m), along with stablemate Egg Tart (Sebring).

“Unforgotten and Egg Tart shouldn’t be discounted in the All Star Mile and we would be hoping with one of these two horses that we pick up a wild card should we decide to head down that path,” he said.

“If not, obvious races like the Doncaster which carries Group One status is a little more important for them.”

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*New Zealand-bred galloper Patrick Erin contests the Gr.2 The Star Apollo Stakes at Randwick on Saturday*





# CAMERON PUMPED AHEAD OF SATURDAY

Cambridge jockey Matt Cameron thinks he has a very good chance of adding another black-type victory to his tally at Ellerslie on Saturday when he rides **Mongolian Marshal (NZ)** (High Chaparral) in the Gr.2 Coca-Cola Avondale Cup (2400m).

The in-form hoop will be reunited with the four-year-old gelding after Sydney-based jockey James McDonald rode him in his last-start runner-up effort in the Karaka Cup (2200m) at Ellerslie last month.

Cameron won the Gr.3 Waikato Cup (2400m) aboard the son of High Chaparral in December and is hoping for a repeat performance on Saturday.

"He is a model of consistency, he always seems to be in the first three," Cameron said.

"His last start was a super run and he's really finding the line. He has got a bit of a wide draw (barrier 13) to contend with, but he's a horse that can jump and put himself on the pace.

"He's got a brilliant turn of foot, so if we can wait for as long as possible and produce him at the right time, he should be hitting the line well."

Mongolian Marshal will carry 54.5kg and Cameron thinks his charge is well placed in the weights, with Chance to Dance (Teofilo) and Five to Midnight (NZ) (Domesday) carrying 59kg.

"The two older horses above him



*Consistent performer Mongolian Marshal steps out in the Gr.2 Coca-Cola Avondale Cup at Ellerslie tomorrow*

have got to carry weight and the ones below him are carrying a couple of kilos less than him, but I think he comes into the weights perfectly considering his form and the cups races he has won," Cameron said.

"54.5kg is no problem at all. I have been riding at 53kg the last few weeks and I'm 53kg on Rocanto for Stephen Marsh on the weekend, so my weight is really good."

Cameron is bullish about **Rocanto's (NZ)** (Per Incanto) chances on Saturday

in the Dunstan Feeds 1200 and rates him as one of his better rides on the day, outside Mongolian Marshal in the Avondale Cup and **Cutadeel** (Dundeel) in the Gr.2 Schweppes Avondale Guineas (2100m).

"I like Rocanto, he's dropping back in grade and has got a light weight," Cameron said. "I think he is ready to pounce and ready to go a better race than what he has been."

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Aloisia (NZ) (Azamour)

### Aloisia set 'daunting' task in WFA Apollo

They train Winx's (Street Cry) unraced baby sister Courchevel (Snitzel), but family links will mean little at Randwick on Saturday when Ciaran Maher and David Eustace saddle up **Aloisia (NZ)** (Azamour) against the champion.

Eustace can't recall the stable having had a runner against Winx before and has mixed feelings about Aloisia becoming the first when she resumes in the Gr.2 Apollo Stakes (1400m) at Randwick.

"Exciting might be the wrong word. Daunting is probably closer to the mark," Eustace said.

"And I don't think I'd really want to be there if we were to beat Winx because I don't think we'd be very popular.

"But that is highly unlikely."

While Eustace is resigned to Aloisia finishing in Winx's wake, he said the Apollo is a perfect starting point for the Group One winner, who has been freshened since finishing second to Sky Boy (Pendragon) in the Gr.2 Villiers Stakes (1600m) in December.

"She had 10 days in the paddock and then prepped up down at the beach at Balnarring," Eustace said.

"She's had an official trial in Sydney, trialed nicely and we think she's in good nick."

The Gr.1 Coolmore Classic (1500m) at Rosehill on March 16 will be the immediate goal for Aloisia, who will be ridden by Tim Clark on Saturday.

### Light Fingers for Melt

Multiple stakes-winning filly **Melt (NZ)** (Iffraaj) will have her first start for new trainer Chris Waller on Saturday, when she contests the Gr.2 Light Fingers Stakes (1200m) at Randwick.

A dual Group Three winner, Melt won four of her eight starts for trainer Nigel Tiley and



Melt (NZ) (Iffraaj)

finished second to Avantage (Fastnet Rock) in the Gr.1 Manawatu Sires' Produce Stakes (1400m) as a juvenile.

"Melt has been with us for the last few months and has settled in very well," Waller said.

"She trialed nicely and comes to Australia with some very good New Zealand form over these shorter distances.

"I am sure she is going to acquit herself well and from the good draw, with Glyn Schofield in the saddle, she should be able to settle up near the pace."



Glory Days (NZ) (Red Giant)

### Thurlow chases Cup glory

Waverley trainer Bill Thurlow has his doubts that **Glory Days (NZ)** (Red Giant) can win Saturday's Gr.2 Coca-Cola Avondale Cup (2400m) at Ellerslie but he's confident the race will ensure that his talented staying mare is at her peak for next month's Gr.1 Barfoot & Thompson Auckland Cup (3200m).

Glory Days announced herself as an Auckland Cup contender in the early summer with comprehensive wins in the Waverley Cup (2200m) and Listed Wanganui Cup (2040m) before a luckless run in the Gr.3 Manawatu Cup (2200m) at Awapuni prompted a Christmas break.

She returned with a fast-finishing

second in last week's Listed Wairarapa Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes (1600m) at Tauherenikau, a performance that convinced Thurlow he had the mare on the right track for Ellerslie. [Full story here](#)

### Tolemac building to Derby crescendo

Trainer Paul Jenkins is pleased with the progress of promising young stayer **Tolemac** (Camelot), who will warm up for the Gr.1 Vodafone New Zealand Derby (2400m) on March 2 when he tackles the Gr.2 Schweppes Avondale Guineas (2100m) at Ellerslie on Saturday.

Jenkins, who has been back and forth between New Zealand and his Sunshine Coast base, said Tolemac showed good improvement from his first-up eighth in the Gr.2 Auckland Guineas (1600m) when closing well for third over a mile at Ellerslie last start, while also suffering some interference over the concluding stages from relegated first-past-the-post *Prise De Fer* (NZ) (Savabeel).

"We have been pleased with both of his runs in New Zealand," Jenkins said. [Full story here](#)



Surely Sacred (NZ) (Rock 'n' Pop)

### Pike's Derby prospects eyeing Guineas spoils

Cambridge trainer Tony Pike will use the Gr.2 Schweppes Avondale Guineas (2100m) at Ellerslie on Saturday as a testing ground ahead of the Gr.1 Vodafone New Zealand Derby (2400m) next month.

He will line-up two runners in the race and is hoping **Surely Sacred (NZ)** (Rock 'n' Pop) can add another Classic scalp to his record after taking out the Gr.2 Auckland Guineas (1600m) at Ellerslie on New Year's Day.

"Surely Sacred has been competitive in all the strong three-year-old races-to-date," Pike said. [Full story here](#)

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*My Pendant (NZ) (Pins)*

### My Pendant faces stakes test in Vanity

Trainer Danny O'Brien expects to learn a lot more about the autumn prospects of **My Pendant (NZ)** (Pins) when the up-and-coming filly is tested at stakes level for the first time in the Gr.3 The Vanity (1400m) at Flemington.

My Pendant has risen through the grades with three straight wins during the late spring and early summer and she returns from a let-up on Saturday.

"Her last couple of wins at Moonee Valley and Flemington were both very impressive and the obvious next step is to step up into stakes grade," O'Brien said.

"She's had a nice little freshen up over summer and she seems to be in good shape so I'm looking forward to testing her against better horses on Saturday.

"I think she can hold that form from the summer and I'm obviously hoping that form is good enough to be competing against the fillies who were the best fillies in the spring.

"We'll all know a bit more about her on Saturday, but it looks the right time to test her."

From barrier 10 with Damian Lane onboard, O'Brien expects My Pendant to be ridden off the pace in her usual pattern before trying to utilise her turn of foot which the trainer believes is one of the filly's main assets.

"That's the exciting part about her, she relaxes very well in her races and she has the ability to really sprint at the finish," he said.

### Air Max on track for Guineas clean sweep

Riccarton trainer Lance Robinson can't fault **Air Max (NZ)** (Nadeem) ahead of Saturday's Listed ILT Ascot Park Hotel Southland Guineas (1600m) in Invercargill.

The southern feature race is the third and final leg of the Southland Guineas series, of



*Air Max (NZ) (Nadeem)*

which Air Max won the first two legs, the Listed Gore Guineas (1335m) and the Listed Dunedin Guineas (1500m).

"He's come through in fantastic order and we're really happy with him," Robinson said.

[Full story here](#)



*Ever Loyal (Sebring)*

### Sydney beckoning Ever Loyal

Group One performer **Ever Loyal** (Sebring) is a strong chance in the Dunstan Feeds 1200 at Ellerslie on Saturday according to trainer Tony Pike after his recent performance at the Auckland track.

The four-year-old gelding finished runner-up to Ardrossan (Redoute's Choice) in the Gr.3 Concorde Handicap (1200m) last month and he could be set for an Australian campaign if he performs well on Saturday.

"He was very impressive fresh-up in the Concorde," Pike said. "He was off the scene for 12 months and I couldn't be happier with his run.

"We are just using Saturday's race really just to make sure he is at the top of his game. If he runs well again on Saturday, there's a chance he could head to Sydney.

"There's a nice race there called the Liverpool City Cup, a Group Three 1300m race at the end of the month."

One person that will be pleased to see him cross the Tasman is his Sydney-based owner,

Rob Ferguson.

"Rob Ferguson, who is based in Sydney, he owns the horse and he is quite keen to take him over there for the carnival, or possibly Brisbane should he come up well," Pike said.



*Wekaforce (NZ) (Showcasing)*

### Wekaforce primed for resumption

Promising three-year-old filly **Wekaforce (NZ)** (Showcasing) will make her raceday return in the Superfence 1200 at Ellerslie on Saturday after impressing in her trial at Cambridge on Tuesday.

The daughter of Showcasing, who hasn't been seen since her unplaced run in the Gr.1 New Zealand 1000 Guineas (1600m) in November, won her 935m Open Catchweight heat by a length and trainer Tony Pike thinks the stakes performer will appreciate the step back to 1200m on Saturday.

"She was very gallant in the Guineas, at a distance that was just a touch too far for her," he said.

"She has trialled up super today. Back to the 1200m on Saturday really suits, so she is going to be extremely competitive."

Wekaforce will be joined in Saturday's race by stablemate Lismore Diamond (NZ) (O'Reilly). The three-year-old daughter of O'Reilly won her last start over 1200m at Hastings and Pike believes she will be competitive on Saturday.

"Lismore Diamond is coming off a midweek maiden win and she did that nicely," he said.

"She's a progressive mare. She's a lot stronger this preparation and while they are a step up in company, she will be hitting the line strongly late."

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More Wonder (NZ) (Mossman)



Consensus (NZ) (Postponed)



Volpe Veloce (Foxwedge)

### Derby assignments for More Wonder

Graeme Rogerson thinks a lot of three-year-old gelding **More Wonder (NZ)** (Mossman), so much so that he is thinking of setting him the ultimate challenge, a clash with Winx (Street Cry) in the autumn.

The son of Mossman has shown a lot of promise at elite level this season and Rogerson, who trains the gelding in partnership with wife Debbie and granddaughter Bailey, believes he is talented enough to break through at that level this term.

More Wonder continued his preparation at the Cambridge trials on Tuesday, where he won his 1200m heat effortlessly by four lengths. [Full story here](#)



Hasahalo (NZ) (Savabeel)

### Savabeel siblings make a pleasing return

Savabeel siblings **Hasahalo (NZ)** and **Hasabro (NZ)** made a pleasing return to the track on Tuesday for Ardmore trainer Stephen McKee at the Cambridge trials.

Group One-winning mare Hasahalo hasn't been sighted on raceday since her unplaced run in the Gr.1 New Zealand Oaks (2400m) last year and McKee is keen to make up for lost time with his mare.

"Hasahalo hasn't raced for about 11 months now, apart from a trial in the spring," McKee said. [Full story here](#)

### Consensus needed on Australian campaign

Ardmore trainer Stephen McKee is setting his Group One-winning mare **Consensus (NZ)** (Postponed) a black-type target this month, he is just unsure where yet.

The seven-year-old mare made it back-to-back Group wins last start when taking out the Gr.3 Taranaki Cup (1800m) and McKee is keen to add more black-type to her record before she heads to the broodmare paddock.

McKee is weighing up between starting his mare in the Gr.1 Haunui Farm WFA Group One Classic (1600m) at Otaki, which she finished runner-up in last year, on February 23 or send her across the Tasman to line-up in the Gr.2 Peter Young Stakes (1800m) at Caulfield on the same day.

"It will either be Saturday-week for the Haunui Classic or the Peter Young Stakes at Caulfield, that's over 1800m and is two weeks before the Australian Cup (Gr.1, 2000m).

"She could go with one of those two options. We are pretty much keeping our options open at this stage."

### Mile target next for Volpe Veloce

**Volpe Veloce** (Foxwedge) will head south later this month to contest the Gr.1 Haunui Farm WFA Group One Classic (1600m) at Otaki after her luckless fourth-placing in the Gr.1 BCD Group Sprint (1400m) at Te Rapa on Saturday.

The Graham Richardson and Gavin Parker-trained mare ran home late from the back of the pack to pick up her minor placing and her connections were pleased with their charge's efforts.

"She just got way too far back and had a bad draw," Richardson said. "From last to run as close as she did was a massive effort. She needs a mile now."

That mile test will come in the form of the Haunui Classic and Richardson said she has pulled up well after Saturday's race, despite the tough run.

"She certainly ate well and she was stretching out well this morning," he said. "It doesn't seem to have knocked her around as much as I thought it might, because it was a hard run.

"All going well, that is where we will go, the Haunui Classic.

"I then really want to work back from the Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes in April at Te Aroha. That is the perfect race for her."

### Otaki assignment for Ladies First

Gr.1 Auckland Cup (3200m) winner **Ladies First (NZ)** (Dylan Thomas) will be on a Group One path at Otaki later this month in a further lead-up toward a Sydney campaign.

The six-year-old thrilled trainer Allan Sharrock with her first-up solid-finishing sixth behind Flamingo (NZ) (Pins) in last week's Listed Wairarapa Thoroughbred Breeders Stakes (1600m) at Tauherenikau and will start next in the Gr.1 Haunui Farm WFA Group One Classic (1600m) at Otaki on February 23.

"She went massive first-up and she looks outstanding," Sharrock said. "The Otaki race will still be too short for her, but she might run a nice fifth or sixth. She needs it to get ready for the Sydney Cup.

"After that she will possibly go to Ellerslie for the Bonecrusher and if she gets a shower of rain there she could run a place. She won't be peaking until she gets to Sydney."

After the Gr.1 Bonecrusher New Zealand Stakes (2000m) at Ellerslie on March 9, Ladies First will use the Gr.2 Chairman's Quality (2600m) at Randwick on April 6 as a final lead-up to the Gr.1 Sydney Cup (3200m) on the same course a week later.

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*On The Rocks (NZ) (Alamosa)*



*Tee Cee Coup (NZ) (Swiss Ace)*



*Craig Thornton (right)*

### Australian raid possible for On The Rocks

Multiple stakes winner **On The Rocks (NZ)** (Alamosa) may head across the Tasman in the coming months in a bid to boost his stallion prospects.

The Michael Moroney and Pam Gerard-trained entire was victorious in the Gr.1 Herbie Dyke Stakes (2000m) at Te Rapa on Saturday and his connections are keen to add to that tally, with the Gr.1 Doncaster Mile (1600m) a likely target.

"I would like to start him in the Bonecrusher, but obviously still being an entire, Mike had thoughts of maybe going straight to the Doncaster. But we are just unsure of how good he is and that is a big step up and it's a hard race," Gerard said.

"There are plenty of options for him over the next few months, we can do a number of things. We'll just get him through this week and we'll make a plan from there."

Gerard, who recorded her first Group One victory as a trainer with Saturday's win, said On The Rocks has pulled up well after the win.

"He seemed quite happy in the paddock the next day," she said.

"He ate up and was bouncing around the paddock like he hadn't had a run. He went up and had a bit of a trot this morning and I really couldn't fault him."

### Black-type target next for Pitman three-year-old

Three-year-old Swiss Ace filly **Tee Cee Coup (NZ)** will be set to compete in the Listed NZB Insurance Stakes (1400m) at Wingatui next month after taking out the Punters Challenge 6 April – Enter Now Three-Year-Old (1200m) at Riccarton on Thursday.

However, punters were left to catch their breath on Thursday after the Michael and Matthew Pitman-trained runner only just

managed to get up after being sent out a \$1.60 favourite.

Tee Cee Coup looked beaten down the home straight when headed by stablemate Alonzo (NZ) (Testa Rossa) but managed to call on all her reserves to get up by a short-head over Devious (NZ) (Per Incanto), with a half-head back to Alonzo in third.

"She's a lovely filly," Michael Pitman said. "I thought she would lead and win easily, but she just missed the kick. But that's actually a positive, that she can be ridden off the pace."

"She's as green as a billiard table and was never going to win the race, but she has got that competitive spirit."

"She's a lovely filly, we think a lot of her."

Tee Cee Coup will now be set for her first tilt at black-type level at Wingatui next month before possibly heading towards the Gr.3 Valachi Downs South Island Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes (1600m) at Riccarton.

"She's going to head to Dunedin, that was always going to be her next start. We will see how we go there," Pitman said.

"There's a fillies and mares Group Three here, where a three-year-old filly would get in with a real luxury weight, with the allowance."

"There's a long time between Dunedin and the next fillies race here at Riccarton, so we will just see."

### China the next step for Thornton

Craig Thornton will begin a new chapter of his life in China this week.

A highly regarded international jumps jockey in his past, Thornton has trained the winners of more than 100 races in New Zealand in a career spanning 17 years.

However, most recently Thornton has endured a 16-month hiatus from hands-on horsemanship following the sale of his

Cambridge-based property to Andrew Campbell in October 2017. [Full story here](#)

### Young gun apprentice quits racing

Highly talented Taranaki apprentice Wiremu Pinn has walked away from a potentially exciting career in the saddle.

The 20-year-old, who successfully competed at the Barfoot & Thompson Jockeys' World Cup meeting at Ellerslie last December as part of the winning Young Guns squad, has decided to end his apprenticeship.

He was found guilty of serious careless riding aboard Misha's Star (NZ) (Echoes Of Heaven) at New Plymouth earlier this month and incurred a 16-day suspension, ruling him out until after racing on Thursday, February 28. [Full story here](#)

### Group One disappointment for Browne pair

The David and Emma-Lee Browne-trained duo of **Belle du Nord (NZ)** (Reliable Man) and **Stratocaster (NZ)** (Mastercraftsman) were disappointing in their respective back-type performances at Te Rapa last Saturday and their connections are planning their next steps with the pair.

Belle du Nord tailed the field home in the Gr.1 Herbie Dyke Stakes (2000m), while Stratocaster finished unplaced in the Gr.1 BCD Group Sprint (1400m).

"They were a little disappointing," Emma-Lee Browne said.

"I think the run didn't go quite to plan for Belle du Nord and we'll just have to write that one off. We are just in the stage of planning where we go next with her."

"Stratocaster has pulled up fine. He's had quite a bit of racing lately, so we are just giving him a little freshen-up after that run and we'll see after two weeks out in the paddock where we head to next with him."





# TREASURE FIND FOR CAMBRIDGE BREEDER

Cambridge based breeder Sue Westend, was devastated when she lost her mare My Amnesia (Elvstroem) foaling in 2015 and vowed to get herself another mare from that family.

“My Amnesia was a half-sister to the former champion Australian two-year-old Fashions Afield (Redoute’s Choice),” Westend said. “I said to my husband Peter when we lost her that I would love to get back into that family.”

It took a wee while but scrolling through the Gavelhouse website in late 2017, she found a close relation in Eleesha, an unraced mare by Encosta de Lago out of Modellista, a two time winning sister to Fashions Afield and half-sister to My Amnesia, and purchased her for \$2,000.

That mare is the dam of Imelda Mary (NZ) (Ferlax) the current favourite for the Gr.1 Al Basti Equiworld Dubai New Zealand Oaks (2400m) next month and the leading contender for the NZB Filly of The Year, following her recent victory in the Gr.2 Sir Tristram Fillies Classic (2000m) at Te Rapa.

It was her second victory at Group Two level having

previously won the Royal Stakes (2000m) at Ellerslie.

“She’s not bad for a first foal,” Westend said.

“What’s even better is that she came out of the Festival Sale, where so many horses originate from. She sold for \$3,500 and has now won two Group Two races and over \$168,000 in stakes.

Imelda Mary is the first foal of Eleesha and is by the ill-fated stallion Ferlax. The winner of the Gr.1 Australian Guineas (1600m), the son of Pentire stood at Haunui Farm for three seasons before dying following a paddock accident. Imelda Mary was bred by Jonathan Munz’s GSA Bloodstock, who originally raced Ferlax.

She returned to Ferlax again on two occasions but failed to get in foal. The Westend’s had more luck and now have a striking Sweynesse colt foal from Eleesha and the mare, who has recently been on-sold via Peter Jenkins, is now in foal to Tarzino.

Eleesha was a member of the small broodmare band of the Westend’s Westend Partnership and was a resident

at their Norwegian Stud, in Cambridge which was previously a large agistment operation, but is now home to the young Savabeel sire What’s The Story.

And as for My Amnesia’s foal that led to her untimely death, he is Xpressmymind (NZ) who was the first winner for the Windsor Park Stud stallion Shamexpress.

- Michelle Saba, NZTBA



*Ferlax filly Imelda Mary winning at Te Rapa last weekend*



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# GLOBAL NZ BRED WINNERS

## 07/02/2019 - 13/02/2019

### AUSTRALIA

**Authorized : Golden Authority (NZ) (Gold Amber by Gold Brose) 2013;**

10/02/2019, 1st Colac TC Colac Cup 2000m  
Sold by Kiltannon Stables Ltd at Ready to Run Sale for \$220000

**Azamour : Love Waves (NZ) (Leti by Flying Spur) 2014;**

12/02/2019, 1st Gosford RC Signarama Erina & Gosford H. 1600m  
Sold by Brighthill Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$150000

**Bachelor Duke : Water Boy (NZ) (Asshewaqua by Black Hawk) 2011;**

12/02/2019, 1st Lismore TC XXXX Gold H. 1200m  
Sold by Rich Hill Stud at National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale for \$5000  
Sold by Stellar Lodge at Ready to Run Sale for \$75000

**Bachelor Duke : Looking Around (NZ) (Pinaz by Pins) 2014;**

10/02/2019, 1st Naracoorte RC Midfield Group of Companies H. 2000m  
Sold by Three Valleys at South Island Yearling & Mixed Sale for \$34000

**Castledale : Rox the Castle (NZ) (Run Roxy Run by Rock of Gibraltar) 2014;**

08/02/2019, 1st MVRC Otis Foundation Sprint H. 1200m

**Jimmy Choux : Chouxing the Mob (NZ) (Bidthemobgooday by Reset) 2013;**

12/02/2019, 1st Kyneton & Hanging Rock RC Phoenix Designs H. 1875m

**Makfi : Makfi Amour (NZ) (Notre Amour by Show a Heart) 2015;**

07/02/2019, 1st Pakenham RC XXXX Gold Maiden P. 1200m  
Sold by Westbury Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$70000

**O'Reilly : Alier (NZ) (Tiptoes by Pins) 2015;**

08/02/2019, 1st ATC Friday Night Racing H. 1900m  
Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$100000

**O'Reilly : Gasworx (NZ) (Kind Return by Zabeel) 2013;**

12/02/2019, 1st Kyneton & Hanging Rock RC Grand Handicap Mile 1469m  
Sold by Wellfield Lodge at Ready to Run Sale for \$100000  
Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$77500

**Ocean Park : The Abyss (NZ) (Belle Femme by Zeditave) 2015;**

12/02/2019, 1st Mackay TC Smartstate Vehicle Rentals Maiden H. 1050m

Sold by Trelawney Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$25000

**Per Incanto : Sally Sells Shells (NZ) (Waitui Belle by Cape Cross) 2014;**

09/02/2019, 1st Woolamai DRC Porps 60th Birthday Trophy H. 1008m

**Raise the Flag : Yogi (NZ) (Malozza by Grand Lodge) 2012;**

09/02/2019, 1st MRC Big Screen Company H. 1800m  
Sold by D. G. & H. A. Voice at South Island Yearling & Mixed Sale for \$1000

**Red Giant : Clifford - Peninsula Boy (Aust.) (NZ) (Artesia by No Excuse Needed) 2012;**

08/02/2019, 1st Bendigo JC Arnold St Dental Clinic H. 1600m  
Sold by JK Farm at Ready to Run Sale for \$16000

**Red Giant : Red Jewel Girl (NZ) (Dolce Bella by Postponed) 2013;**

12/02/2019, 1st Kyneton & Hanging Rock RC CLSA Australia Maiden P. 1469m

Sold by Westbury Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$1000

**Reliable Man : The Sidekick (NZ) (Rosey Dane by Woodman) 2015;**

08/02/2019, 1st Bendigo JC No Fuss Event Hire Maiden P. 1400m  
Sold by Westbury Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$75000

**Rip Van Winkle : Cook Straight (NZ) (Straight Eight by Danske) 2014;**

11/02/2019, 1st Queanbeyan RC Sheridan Garage Doors Maiden H. 1200m

Sold by Windsor Park Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$80000

**Road to Rock : Yorkshire Rock (NZ) (Canwekeepa by Keeper) 2014;**

11/02/2019, 1st Queanbeyan RC Moraschi Roofing P. 2000m

**Roc de Cambes : (Our) Gravano (NZ) (Sunshine Park by Thorn Park) 2012;**

08/02/2019, 1st ATC Australian Turf Club H. 1900m

**Savabeel : Subban (NZ) (Vogue by O'Reilly) 2014;**

09/02/2019, 1st Illawarra TC Tiarn Warner H. 1200m

**Savabeel : Almighty Gold (NZ) (Silk Pins by Pins) 2015;**

10/02/2019, 1st Colac TC Bet365 Maiden P. 1200m  
Sold by Trelawney Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$200000

**Savabeel : Top of the Range (NZ) (Spiriting by Montjeu) 2013;**

08/02/2019, 1st MVRC Alinta Chinese New Year H. 2500m  
Sold by Blandford Lodge at National Yearling Sale for \$250000

**Savabeel : Twinspier (NZ) (Impulsive Dream by Encosta de Lago) 2015;**

07/02/2019, 1st Pakenham RC Sportsbet BS Responsibly H. 1600m  
Sold by Bradbury Park at National Yearling Sale for \$100000

**Sebring : Semari (NZ) (Kumari by Zabeel) 2014;**

10/02/2019, 1st Colac TC Colac Toyota H. 1600m

**Shocking : Bullock (NZ) (Miss Thurman by Umatilla) 2014;**

13/02/2019, 1st MRC Ladbroke's Maiden P. 1400m



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### HONG KONG

**Darci Brahma : Management Star (NZ) (Bella Rosalia by Singspiel) 2013;**

07/02/2019, 1st HKJC Yue Yee H. 1600m  
Sold by Little Avondale Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$65000

**Mastercraftsman : Right Choice (NZ) (Grand Belt by O'Reilly) 2014;**

10/02/2019, 1st HKJC Rose H. 1400m  
Sold by Bradbury Park at National Yearling Sale for \$90000

**Power : Prance Dragon (NZ) (Wanaka by Green Perfume) 2014;**

07/02/2019, 1st HKJC Fat Choi H. 1200m

**Swiss Ace : Wah May Princess (NZ) (Upgrading by Encosta de Lago) 2015;**

13/02/2019, 1st HKJC Village H. 1200m  
Sold by Westbury Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$90000

**Tavistock : Tavidream - Circuit Glory (H.K.) (NZ) (Cinnadream by King of Kings) 2013;**

13/02/2019, 1st HKJC Shan Kwong H. 1650m

### MALAYSIA

**Azamour : M Seven (NZ) (Lovemedo by Stravinsky) 2014;**

10/02/2019, 1st Selangor TC Bright Future S. 1600m  
Sold by Westend Partnership at National Yearling Sale for \$62500

**Battle Paint : War Dragon (NZ) (Jabot by Green Perfume) 2014;**

10/02/2019, 1st Selangor TC Safar Gemilang Cup 1200m

**Dalghar : El Tordillo (NZ) (Figeac by Zabeel) 2013;**

10/02/2019, 1st Selangor TC Happiness and Peace S. 1200m  
Sold by Pencarrow Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$10000

**Falkirk : Mr Epic (NZ) (Marzeri by Marju) 2008;**

10/02/2019, 1st Selangor TC Chinese New Years S. 1200m  
Sold by Windsor Park Stud at Ready to Run Sale for \$180000  
Sold by Windsor Park Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$38000

**Pour Moi : Motaja - I am the Boss (Sing.) (NZ) (Roxon by Postponed) 2014;**

10/02/2019, 1st Selangor TC Safar247 S. 1400m

### SOUTH AFRICA

**All Too Hard : Frosted Gold (NZ) (Mary d'Or by Verglas) 2016;**

07/02/2019, 1st Vaal TC Book for Classic Day on 2 March Juvenile P. 1000m

### SINGAPORE

**Makfi : Bartimaeus (NZ) (Cinemascope by Mossman) 2014;**

08/02/2019, 1st Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1200m  
Sold by Westbury Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$70000



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