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DERBY FAVOURITES HAPPY AFTER ELLERSLIE DRESS REHEARSAL



Danzdanzdance is now joint favourite for the Gr.1 Vodafone New Zealand Derby next month

ost of the leading candidates for next month's Gr.1 Vodafone New Zealand Derby (2400m) came away from their final dress rehearsal at Ellerslie on Saturday confident of their chances for the blue riband event.

Victory in the Gr.2 Electrolux Avondale Guineas (2100m) has propelled On The Rocks (NZ) (Alamosa) into equal third favourite for the Derby at \$6.50 on the TAB Fixed Odds market however it was runner-up **Danzdanzdance (NZ)** (Mastercraftsman) who was the big mover, in to co-favourite

at \$4.50 with Saturday's fourth-place finisher, **Scott Base (NZ)** (Dalghar).

"It was a massive run as she was lucky to stay on her feet on the home corner," said Danzdanzdance's co-trainer Chris Gibbs.

"She got two bad bumps and Matt (Cameron) said she nearly went down but once he got her balanced she charged home.

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"The wide draw didn't help either as she was three-wide most of the way so all in all you have to be delighted with the run even though she got narrowly beaten."

Gibbs admitted he was concerned before the race about the slow nature of the Ellerslie surface.

"We just weren't sure if she would handle the track but she got through it guite well in the end," he said.

"We weren't worried about the distance as we've always had confidence she would thrive over more ground. Matt said he struggled to pull her up as she wanted to keep going which is a real positive heading into the Derby.

"What we need now is a decent draw."

Otaki trainer Johno Benner is another who took plenty of confidence from the performance of his Derby runner Scott Base, who finished off nicely from well back in the field to run fourth.

"The draw cost us in the end as he just got too far back," said Benner, who prepares the Dalghar gelding with partner Hollie Wynyard.

"I think he has run the quickest last 600m sectional of them all as he made up a ton of ground, but you just can't give them that big a start. "If he can draw a barrier in the Derby he will be hard to beat as he relaxed beautifully on Saturday and we have no doubts he will run a tough 2400m right out."

One of the drifters in the TAB market was Saturday's seventh place runner in **Mongolianconqueror (NZ)** (Ocean Park) who struggled to make ground on the puggy surface.

"We were happy enough with his effort although on the face of it he was a little disappointing," said co-trainer Jamie Richards.

"Michael (McNab) came in after the race and said he just floundered in the run home as he couldn't get his footing on the wet track. He also got a bit of a squeeze on the corner so it might just pay to write the run off.

"As long as he pulls up well we'll most likely press on with him to the Derby."

Richards also reported stablemate Griffin (NZ) (Iffraaj) had pleased rider Johnathan Parkes despite finishing in mid-field and he would also be monitored over the next few days before a final decision was made on his Derby commitment.

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COULEE ON TRACK TO DEFEND RICCARTON TITLE

onsistent performer **Coulee (NZ)** (Gallant Guru) showed she was on track to defend her Gr. 3 Valachi Downs South Island Thoroughbred Breeders Stakes (1600m) title at Riccarton next month with a comprehensive win at Invercargill on Saturday

The pint-sized Gallant Guru mare hadn't been seen in the winner's circle since her Riccarton win last March however she indicated she was coming back to her best form with a handy run in the Gr.3 White Robe Lodge Weight For Age (1600m) at her last start.

Favoured by the three-kilogram claim of apprentice Corey Campbell in Saturday's open 1400m contest, Coulee made her rivals look second rate as she sat handy to the pace throughout before dashing away in the home straight to score a comfortable victory.

"She has been going well of late and had been quite unlucky a couple of times," said co-trainer Shane Anderton.

"It probably didn't really suit her last time at weight-for-age as she's only a wee dot, but she battled on strongly and we thought she would be tough to roll this time."

Anderton was pleased with the ride of Campbell who brought up a winning treble for the day when successful aboard Crispin (NZ) (Raise The Flag) for the stable in the last

race on the card.

"Corey rode her nicely and it was probably the winning of the race when he had her so handy on a slow speed," he said.

"She has a good kick and when she booted away from them at the top of the straight I thought she would be hard to catch.

"She will go to Riccarton now to tackle the Breeders Stakes again. We'll just see how she does over the next few days before we decide whether she has one more run before Riccarton or not."

Anderton was also pleased with the win of Crispin who came from well back to score her second career victory after breaking maidens on her home track earlier in the month.

"She is a talented mare and you don't often see them come from that far back at Invercargill," he said.

"I think she was in the last four turning for home, so it was a very good performance.

"She had been unlucky a few times before she got her maiden win so I think there is more in store for her. We'll just take her through the grades but there is a nice fillies and mares race over 1400m for her at Riverton later next month that we think will suit her, so that will be her main target for this campaign."

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Race	Southland RC Dunstan Feeds Southland S. 1400m.
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 & 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; South; NZ

Coulee bolts clear at Ascot Park on Saturday





TRACK CONDITIONS MADE TO MEASURE FOR SOUTHERN PRINCESS

ne man who was happy to see the wet underfoot conditions that prevailed at Ellerslie on Saturday was Te Aroha trainer Peter Lock.

Lock had been hoping for a rain affected surface for progressive galloper **Southern Princess (NZ)** (Guillotine) who was tackling the rating 75 grade for the first time after scoring narrowly in midweek company at Tauranga at her most recent run.

The Guillotine mare had shown a liking for damper footing in the past and she relished Saturday's Slow8 surface to make it back-to-back victories for Lock who also shares in the ownership of the four-year-old.

"She's a very very tough mare," said Lock.

"We've been waiting for the ground to be wet although we had her in earlier on good tracks where she had a second and win but we've been waiting for the ground to change.

"Hopefully now we can keep her in one piece and go through the winter with her."

Handled expertly by apprentice Jordan Nason, Southern Princess tracked a muddling pace set by Silver Sasanof (NZ) (Dalghar) before taking over early in the run home. Sent for home by Nason, Southern Princess kept up a dogged gallop as she fought off the challenge of runner-up Richie McHorse (NZ) (Redoute's Choice) to score by a length at the finish line.

Lock was full of praise for the ride of



A wet track at Ellerslie was just the ticket for Te Aroha mare Southern Princess

Nason who has been in good form of late.

"He's done everything right," said Lock.

"He's ridden her three times now for two wins and a second. I'm always pretty loyal and he's done a good job so why take him off."

Lock also reported stable star Hiflyer (NZ) (Tavistock) was thriving during a well-deserved spell after a busy summer campaign.

"He's done extremely well," he said.

"He will probably have another six weeks in the paddock and then we'll bring him back into work."

Hiflyer won three of his six starts in

his latest preparation including twice at Group Three level before finishing third in the Gr.1 Harcourts Thorndon Mile (1600m) to round out his campaign."

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Race	ARC Vector Wero Whitewater Park H. 1600m.
Winner	Southern Princess (NZ) 2013
Owners	F Dal Vecchio & P Lock
Trainer	Peter Lock (Te Aroha)
Breeding	by Guillotine out of Southern Cloud by Kaapstad
Breeder	Windsor Park Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ





GEAR CHANGE WORKS THE ORACLE FOR LADY GUINNESS

change in gear has worked in favour of speedy mare Lady Guinness (NZ) (Falkirk) who took out the Jon Snow Poverty Bay Cup (1600m) at Gisborne on Sunday.

Prepared at Hastings by Patrick Campbell, Lady Guinness had proved hard to handle at her last start when she laid out entering the home straight at Tauherenikau and threw away an advantage she had made for herself at that point.

Campbell opted for a one-cup blinker for Sunday's contest and the change worked to the Falkirk mare's advantage as she ran gun-barrel straight in the run to the post to hold out a game Tavigarde (NZ) (Tavistock) who was trying to give Team Rogerson their fourth win on the day.

"She had been going well but she pretty much threw it away last time when she went a bit rank on the home bend," said Campbell.

"I had a bit of a tinker with her gear and worked her in a one-cup blinker during the week which seemed to suit her."

Campbell couldn't make it to the track to be with his charge but managed to catch all the action on television as he cheered Lady Guinness home.

"It was a good ride by Sam Weatherley who judged the speed nicely in front on her," he said.

"When she got around the bend okay I thought she was a big chance as she is a tough mare who fights hard when they come at her.

"She was on the minimum as well so that was a big help too."

Campbell, who is part of the large syndicate who races the mare on lease

from her breeder Windsor Park Stud, is keen to find a blacktype assignment for her in the future.

"She is a handy galloper who can handle a bit of cut in the ground, so she should be suited by the autumn tracks," he said.

"She is at that stage where she could step up to one of those fillies and mare's races and she deserves her shot at some black-type.

"We'll get her home and see how she comes through the race and then have a look around for something suitable."

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Race	Poverty Bay TC Poverty Bay Cup 1600m.
Winner	Lady Guinness (NZ) 2013
Owners	N Dorward, J Brittin, S Burn, A Poulgrain, K O'Rourke, M O'Shaughnessy, J Flett, K Bone, A Bourke & P Campbell
Trainer	Patrick Campbell (Hastings)
Breeding	by Falkirk out of Grace Park by Danske
Breeder	Alchemy Family Trust & Windsor Park Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ



A bold front-running performance secured Lady Guinness success at Poverty Bay





BAYU BACK TO HIS BEST AFTER A YEAR

ack-in-form **Bayu (NZ)** (Per Incanto) sprang a mini upset in Sunday's \$60,000 Class 4 Premier race over 1400m when he bounced back to the winner's circle nearly a year after his last victory.

The Stephen Gray-trained galloper has not scored since his maiden win in an Initiation race over 1200m on February 24, 2017. He was to race only once before he was sidelined for eight months due to some feet problems.

Bayu did not set pulses racing in three runs this prep, but suddenly regained his winning flair on Sunday.

Settled at the rear for Vlad Duric, Bayu gradually worked his way into contention to unleash a brilliant turn of foot

Race	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1400m.
Winner	Bayu (NZ) 2012
Owners	Kiwi's & Dago Stable
Trainer	Stephen Gray (Kranji)
Breeding	by Per Incanto (USA) out of La Rock'a by Le Paillard (Ire)
Breeder	Miss C M Harris; Canterbury; NZ

inside the last furlong.

Stablemate and favourite Mr Mosa (NZ) (Alamosa) was the more likely to add a win to the Gray household as he snuck up along the rails to overpower race-leader Reine Dasher (Reann), but he had not reckoned with Bayu's superior finish.

The Per Incanto five-year-old won by half-a-length from Mr Mosa with Reine Dasher fighting on gamely for third place another short head away. The winning time was 1min 22.65secs for the 1400m on the Long Course.

"He had some feet issues last year and that's why he's lightly-raced. It's taken four months for him to get over it," Gray explained.

"It's also taken a couple of runs for him to come right. He was a bit disappointing at his last start.

"But he was given a gun ride by Vlad over 1400m today, and he got the win. I think he is ready to go further now."

Duric said the horse did not give him any good vibes during the week, but was a different proposition on raceday.

"He was very laid-back when I worked him, but today, I

just rode him where he was comfortable," said the current leading jockey.

"I just let him find his rhythm and he kept finding the line very well."

With that second win from nine starts, Bayu has now taken his stakes earnings around the \$90,000 mark for the Kiwi's & Dago Stable.



Bayu returns to winning form at Kranji



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NZ STALLION AWARDS

THE CENTAINE AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS	
SAVABEEL	\$8,199,828	
DARCI BRAHMA	\$6,831,249	
TAVISTOCK	\$4,497,745	
ROAD TO ROCK	\$4,105,318	
O'REILLY	\$3,784,224	
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$3,700,773	
PER INCANTO	\$3,479,391	
THORN PARK	\$2,737,857	
SHOWCASING	\$2,637,091	
PINS	\$2,613,709	
Criteria: Sire whose NZ-conceived progeny have accumulated the highest stakes earnings worldwide		

THE DEWAR STALLION TROPHY

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$5,476,933
DARCI BRAHMA	\$2,055,840
IFFRAAJ	\$1,844,748
PINS	\$1,840,864
TAVISTOCK	\$1,606,364
MAKFI	\$1,531,175
O'REILLY	\$1,455,310
ALAMOSA	\$1,368,943
SHOCKING	\$1,350,885
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$1,341,433

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

THE GROSVENOR AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$2,425,830
IFFRAAJ	\$1,168,094
DARCI BRAHMA	\$1,144,817
FASTNET ROCK	\$1,136,760
TAVISTOCK	\$1,006,350
ALAMOSA	\$965,158
PER INCANTO	\$822,574
PINS	\$783,110
ZABEEL	\$777,875
DALGHAR	\$732,415

BEST PERFORMERS	EARNINGS
EMBELLISH	\$466,310
GINGERNUTS	\$180,000
NASHVILLE	\$89,900
AVANTAGE	\$592,120
GOBSTOPPER	\$188,375
STOLEN DANCE	\$131,450
SHADOWS CAST	\$139,312
PACKING PINS	\$122,750
LIZZIE L'AMOUR	\$361,000
SCOTT BASE	\$576,875

Criteria: Leading Sires by Earnings in New Zealand



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NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG FEBRUARY 14

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
Notting Hill – YOUNG DREAMER (H.K.) (NZ) 2011	Frantic Bloodstock	HKJC Peony H.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V:
by Don Eduardo out of Just Polly by O'Reilly	Ltd; Auckland; NZ	1200m.	Haunui Farm, P: DM Goldsbury; \$17,000

NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG FEBRUARY 18

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
HAPPY BEAUTY (NZ) 2012 by Makfi (GB) out of Starboard Light (GB) by Mark of Esteem (IRE)	Whangateau Thoroughbreds Ltd; Auckland; NZ	HKJC Yue Yee H. 1400m.	2013 National Weanling; Broodmare & Mixed Sale; V: Westbury Stud, P: NZB-ag; \$40,000
VITAL SPRING (NZ) 2012 by Per Incanto (USA) out of Vital Choice (AUS) by Stratum (AUS)	T V Rider; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Prosperity H. 1400m.	
Hymatsu - HAPPILABABY (H.K.) (NZ) 2011 by Mastercraftsman (IRE) out of Elyzabel by Kaapstad	Windsor Park Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Fat Choi H. 2000m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Windsor Park Stud, P: Phil Cataldo B/stock; \$28,000

NEWS IN BRIEF

Richards happy with team's Australian efforts

Co-trainer Jamie Richards headed home from Sydney on Sunday morning pleased with the efforts of stable runners **Melody Belle (NZ)** (Commands) and **Embellish (NZ)** (Savabeel) despite them both finishing unplaced in their initial Australian assignments.

Richards was with three-year-old filly Melody Belle who made her Sydney debut with a strong effort for fifth in the Gr.2 Light Fingers Stakes (1200m).

"We were pleased with the effort despite her finishing out of the money," he said.

"Rory Hutchings rode her and said she travelled well to the corner but just didn't have the explosive burst of finishing speed like those good Sydney fillies.

"She kept coming nicely and I think she is probably looking for further than 1200m now. She will go to the Surround Stakes over 1400m next where we think she will be better suited."

Richards believed Gr.1 New Zealand 2000 Guineas (1600m) winner Embellish would also benefit from a step up in distance after finishing 6th over 1400m at Flemington.

"Embellish ran well but was a little one-paced in the run home," he said.

"He was dropping back to 1400m and just didn't have the acceleration when he needed it against a hot field.

"Provided he comes through the run okay he will step up to the mile in the Gr.1 Australian Guineas next.

"It doesn't get any easier for him but more ground will definitely be in his favour." - NZ Racing Desk



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NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE **FEBRUARY 17**

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
Q NINE MILLION (NZ) 2013 by Darci Brahma out of Sans Souci by Pins (AUS)	K W Fenton-Ellis & Te Akau Sans Souci Syndicate (Mgr D C Ellis); Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Year of the Dog S. 1100m.	2015 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale; V: The Oaks Stud, P: Te Akau Racing; \$35,000
BILLY BRITAIN (NZ) 2009 by One Cool Cat (USA) out of Zatiger by Zabeel	Pee Gee & W J Bloodstock Ltd; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Windfall S. 1800m.	

NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE **FEBRUARY 18**

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
EL TORDILLO (NZ) 2013 by Dalghar (FR) out of Figeac by Zabeel	Pencarrow Thoroughbreds Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Maiden S. 1200m.	2015 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale; V: Pencarrow Stud, P: WC Lim; \$10,000
MUSCULAR SPRINTER (NZ) 2012 by Coats Choice (AUS) out of Sweet Spot (AUS) by Royal Academy (USA)	A W Jones & Mrs E W Morris; Canterbury; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1200m.	2014 National Yearling Sale - Festival Sale; V: Berkley Stud, P: Beatson Stables; \$15.000
BAYU (NZ) 2012 by Per Incanto (USA) out of La Rock'a by Le Paillard (Ire)	Miss C M Harris; Canterbury; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1400m.	
MR COLIN (NZ) 2013 by Falkirk out of Sandra by King's Chapel (AUS)	C K Phua; NZ	Singapore TC Novice H. 1200m.	
Higher - HONGCHEN (Sing.) (NZ) 2010 by Fully Fledged out of High Tea by High Chaparral (IRE)	Mrs W M Morton; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1600m.	
Family Secret - AOTEAROA (Sing.) (NZ) 2013 by Sakhee's Secret (GB) out of Sista by Magic of Sydney (AUS)	Sildi Bloodstock Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 3 H. 1400m.	



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