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## DEVISE GAINS DESERVED GROUP ONE VICTORY



*Devise gets a deserved Group One win in the Haunui Farm Classic - Race Images*

Good things come to those who wait as the connections of **Devise (NZ)** (Darci Brahma) found at Hastings on Saturday.

A multiple black type placegetter, the mare broke through at the highest level when triumphant in the Gr.1 Haunui Farm WFA Classic (1600m).

"She really does deserve this," trainer Shaune Ritchie said. "It was a bit easier without Bonneval here, she's been a

bridesmaid to her a couple of times.

"It helped that a few of the favoured runners drew wide, but I'm delighted for the horse. She always puts in and she's a lovely mare."

Runner-up to the side-lined Bonneval (NZ) (Makfi) in last season's Gr.1 New Zealand Oaks (2400m), Devise was given an economical trip behind the pace by Michael Coleman who

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brought her with a well-timed run in the straight.

“It was a beautiful ride, he put her in the right place and it’s a terrific result,” Ritchie said.

A half-sister to the multiple Group Two winner Zurella (NZ) (Zabeel), Devise is a daughter of Darci Brahma and is raced her breeders The Oaks Stud.

“We’ll have to map out a programme now and see if we can get some more black type for the mare,” Ritchie said.

Devise’s breakthrough Group

One victory came at the expense of Consensus (NZ) (Postponed) with Travimyfriend (NZ) (Tavistock) third ahead of Brilliant Shine (NZ) (Guillotine) and Start Wondering (NZ) (Eighth Wonder), who covered extra ground from his outside gate.

“There was good speed and she travelled up peaches and cream before I let her rip,” Coleman said. “She’s super consistent and deserved a big one.”

Devise completed a memorable day for the stable following Excalibur’s (NZ) (Tavistock) success in the Aquashield New Zealand St Leger

Trial (2100m) ahead of a tilt at the Gr.1 Barfoot & Thompson Auckland Cup (3200m).

“He’s a bit one-paced, but he keeps going for the two miles should be ideal for him,” Ritchie said.

– NZ Racing Desk.

<b>Race</b>	<b>Haunui Farm Classic Gr.1, 1600m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Devise (NZ) 2013</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>The Oaks Stud</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Shaune Ritchie (Cambridge)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Darci Brahma out of Doneze Girl by Volksraad (GB)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>The Oaks Stud</b>

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Tulip blooms in Typhoon Tracy

Lindsay Park will plan Tulip’s (Pierro) feature race campaign in Sydney with confidence after the daughter of Pierro easily accounted for her rivals in Friday night’s Gr.3 Typhoon Tracy Stakes (1200m) at Moonee Valley.

Under a strong ride from Kerrin McEvoy, Tulip travelled sweetly in the three-wide line with cover and quickened nicely when asked for an effort inside the final 400m, putting a length on tenacious leader and eventual runner-up True Excelsior (NZ) (Exceed and Excel).

Tulip is a \$400,000 New Zealand Bloodstock graduate from Curraghmore while True Excelsior was purchased for \$450,000 from the draft of Cambridge Stud.

Stable representative Bruno Rouge-Serret confirmed co-trainers David Hayes, Ben Hayes and Tom Dabernig would now eye a valuable Group One scalp in Sydney with the three-year-old.

“She was the class filly in the race tonight so we just wanted her to come here and get the win, if she’d got beat today we probably would’ve been second guessing our options.

“Now she can go to Sydney with some confidence and there are quite a few options for her up there.”



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# BYERLEY PARK DUO UNDECIDED ON FILLY'S IMMEDIATE FUTURE

**P**eter and Dawn Williams will please rival trainers if they play the waiting game with **Spanish Whisper** (Lope de Vega).

The husband and wife team produced the daughter of Lope De Vega for a hard-fought victory in Saturday's Gr.2 J Swap Contractors Ltd Matamata Breeders' Stakes (1200m) and they are undecided on a start in the Gr.1 Sistema Stakes (1400m) at Ellerslie in a fortnight.

"We'll play it by ear whether we go there or not," Peter Williams said. "She's going to be a better three-year-old."

A debut winner in December, the filly then finished runner-up behind

the subsequent Karaka Million (1200m) winner Avantage (Fastnet Rock) in mid-January.

Spanish Whisper made the running and was hotly challenged by She's A Thief (NZ) (Showcasing) 200m from home with just a nose separating them at the post.

"She jumped well enough and then had to work hard to get to the front, the whole length of the back straight," rider Vinnie Colgan said.

"She relaxed a bit across the top and then fought hard, she beat a good horse today."

She's A Thief also had to work hard from the outside gate to get close to

the pace and was tenacious in the straight.

"She was very brave, you can't ask any more really," co-trainer Pam Gerard said. "She's got a fantastic nature and she's getting better all the time."

Spanish Whisper and She's A Thief had the finish to themselves with The Real Beel (NZ) (Savabeel) two and three-quarter lengths back in third.

The Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman-trained pair of Valalie (Snitzel), who made ground well from the back, and Lady Lira (NZ) (Per Incanto), who gave a solid account of herself on debut finished fourth and fifth respectively.

– NZ Racing Desk.



<b>Race</b>	<b>J Swap Contractors Ltd Matamata Breeders' Stakes Gr.2, 1200m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Spanish Whisper 2015</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>D E &amp; E Y Nakhle &amp; D Brady</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Peter &amp; Dawn Williams (Byerley Park)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Lope De Vega (IRE) by Cutting Remark (AUS) by Encosta De Lago (AUS)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Mr D Nakhle, Elias Nakhle, Darren Brady</b>

*Spanish Whisper (inner) battles it out with She's A Thief in the Gr.2 J Swap Contractors Ltd Matamata Breeders' Stakes - Trish Dunell*





# OPIE'S PICK PUTS THEM TO THE SWORD

Opie Bosson's judgment was again emphasised at Matamata where **Sword Of Osman (NZ)** (Savabeel) distanced his rivals.

Te Akau's stable jockey tipped the son of Savabeel as a rare talent before the two-year-old had raced and his prediction has been on the money.

Sword Of Osman was successful on debut before he was unplaced in the Karaka Million (1200m), but he was back in the winning groove on Saturday with an effortless victory in the Gr.3 Reid & Harrison Limited Slipper (1200m).

He's a really, really good horse," Bosson said. "He's one of the best in our stable and I've said that from day one. He's

pretty smart."

Sword Of Osman was quickly into stride to lead and when Bosson asked him for a serious effort 200m from home the gelding exploded clear.

"I thought he raced a bit keenly and wouldn't kick like he did, but he's got a ton of ability," said Stephen Autridge who trains with Jamie Richards. "Opie can certainly pick the right one.

"He led when he won his first start and in the Karaka Million he got jammed up on the fence and didn't have a lot of room so we turned the page on the run."

A start in the Gr.1 Sistema Stakes (1200m) at Ellerslie in a fortnight's time now beckons Sword Of Osman. "We'll have to look at that now," Autridge said.

Thomas Aquinas (NZ), a son of Jakkalberry who sadly passed away early on Friday morning, ran on gamely to finish a distant second with the winner's stablemate Handsome Rebel (Denman) also making ground for third ahead of Masque (NZ) (Savabeel).

– NZ Racing Desk.



<b>Race</b>	<b>Reid &amp; Harrison Limited Slipper Gr.3. 1200m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Sword of Osman (NZ) 2015</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Te Akau Great Sword Syndicate (Mgr: KW Fenton-Ellis MNZM)</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Stephen Autridge &amp; Jamie Richards (Matamata)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Savabeel (AUS) out of Bunyah (IRE) by Distant View (USA)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Mrs J L Egan</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2017 NZB Premier Sale; V: Trelawney Stud, P: Mr DC Ellis; \$165,000</b>

*Sword of Osman cruised to a 5.8 length win in the Gr.3 Reid & Harrison Ltd Slipper at Matamata -Trish Dunell*





# STAYER CHASING ANOTHER CUP FOR THE FAMILY

**S**how the World (NZ) (High Chaparral) has earned another chance to emulate his dam Bazelle (NZ) (Zabeel), whose two Group One wins featured a 2005 victory in the Auckland Cup (3200m).

The High Chaparral gelding was fourth in the Barfoot & Thompson-sponsored feature three years ago and was unplaced in 2016.

However, Show The World will go into this year's edition in winning form after success in Saturday's Listed Marks Ewen & Associates Kaimai Stakes (2000m) at Matamata.

"He'll get a few points now to get into the Auckland Cup," said Andrew Forsman, who trains the stayer with Murray Baker.

"It was a really good run, we were a bit worried because we knew he would get back and it's been hard making up ground today.

"He's going well and last preparation he had a niggling issue behind, we couldn't find out what it was so we gave him a long break and he's come back a happy horse."

Placed in the first two runs of his current campaign, Show

The World was among the tailenders before rider Lynsey Satherley made her move.

"They went really hard and 700m out I was tracking Von Tunzelman and my horse just outstayed them all and he's going to improve again with the run," she said.

"Everyone knows I do a lot of work for Murray and Andrew and it's nice of them to give me this winner."

Show The World is now a \$14 chance in the Auckland Cup market.

Runner-up Our King Sway (NZ) (Shinko King) also came from the back of the field while the genuine Rangipo (Stryker), who led 250m out, took third with the winner's stablemate Nicoletta (NZ) (Savabeel) fourth.

– NZ Racing Desk.

<b>Race</b>	<b>Marks Ewen &amp; Associates Kaimai Stakes L. 2000m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Show The World (NZ) 2010</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>G J &amp; Mrs L M Moore</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Murray Baker &amp; Andrew Forsman (Cambridge)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by High Chaparral (IRE) out of Bazelle by Zabeel</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Mrs L M Moore</b>



Show The World (outer) heads to the Gr.1 Auckland Cup off the back of his Listed Marks Ewen & Associates Kaimai Stakes win - Trish Dunell





# SMART MARE **BACK IN FINE STYLE**

**C**ote D'Or (NZ) (Makfi) opened her Group One campaign in perfect fashion on Saturday.

The highly-regarded five-year-old successfully resumed at Matamata in the Westbury Waikato Handicap (1200m) following a three-month break.

"She's got an exciting future and her main target will be the Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes at Te Aroha and there's a 1400m race at Tauranga a couple of weeks before that," said Ken Kelso, who trains with his wife Bev.

"I said from day one that she could be exceptional and she's kept delivering. She's got an exciting future."

Winner of the Listed Matamata Cup (1600m) in the spring, Cote D'Or settled at the tail of the field under Vinnie Colgan and the well-related Makfi mare finished powerfully near the fence.

"I said to Vinnie that she'll get back and don't change the pattern, he rode her very well."

Cote D'Or got in the deciding stride to down Killarney (NZ) (O'Reilly) with Endean Express (NZ) (Fast 'n' Famous) and Barcelo (NZ) (Alamosa) close up.

"Everything went our way in the straight," Colgan said. "There was some cut in the track and that did suit her."

Raced by Sir Peter Vela, Cote D'Or is a half-sister to the Gr.2 Travis Stakes (2000m) winner Dolmabache (NZ) (Redoute's Choice) while their half-brother Tangmere (NZ), by Frankel, sold for \$1.3 million at Karaka in 2016. He was a winner earlier this month at Randwick for trainer Chris Waller.

Saturday's sprint also marked the reappearance of the 2016 Gr.1 New Zealand 2000 Guineas (1600m) winner Ugo Foscolo (NZ) (Zacinto). He was worried in front by Killarney and blew out in the straight to tail the field home.

"His preparation hasn't been ideal and I wanted to give him a trial, but they were cancelled," trainer Stephen Marsh said. "I thought he may have been a bit vulnerable."

– NZ Racing Desk.



*Cote D'Or resumed in winning fashion at Matamata on Saturday - Trish Dunell*

<b>Race</b>	<b>Westbury Waikato H. 1200m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Cote D'Or (NZ) 2012</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Sir Peter Vela</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Ken &amp; Bev Kelso (Matamata)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Makfi (GB) out of Our Echezeaux by Zabeel</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>P J &amp; P M Vela Ltd</b>



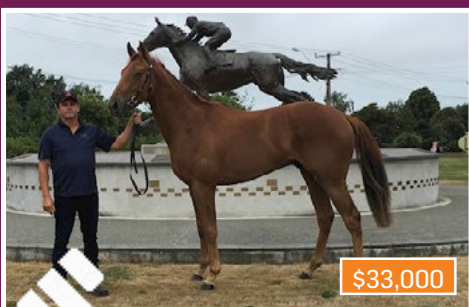


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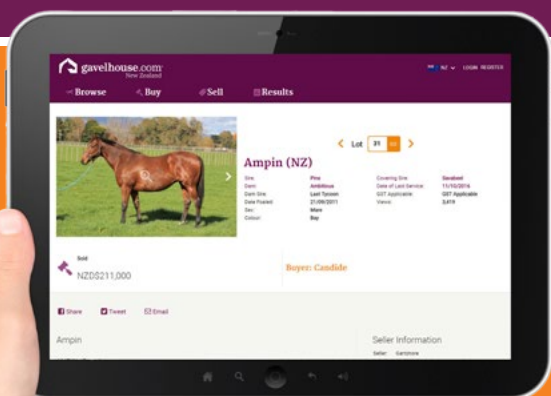
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# DISTINCTIVE DARCI BACK TO WINNING WAYS



*The addition of blinker-pacifiers saw Distinctive Darci return to form at the Singapore Turf Club on Friday night - STC*

**T**rainer Mark Walker's decision to fit **Distinctive Darci (NZ)** (Darci Brahma) with blinker-pacifiers proved to be spot-on after the four-year-old landed the spoils in the S\$125,000 Kranji Stakes A race over 1100m on Friday night.

The two-time Singapore champion trainer was not too happy with the way Distinctive Darci had been dropping at the rear at his recent races, a pattern which did not help his cause, he thought. By the time he unwinds, the bird had already flown.

With Walker's apprentice jockey Zawari Razali jumping

aboard for the first time, Distinctive Darci was ridden more positive, no doubt also helped in a great way by his handy gate (3).

Turning for home, the field had packed up, with Distinctive Darci held up for a run for a while with hardly any galloping room appearing.

But the moment a wide enough passage between Sebas (Exceed and Excel) and Nova Missile (I Am Invincible) showed up, Zawari was finally able to set his mount alight.

Distinctive Darci rallied, but Nova Missile was showing

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# DISTINCTIVE DARCI BACK TO WINNING WAYS

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plenty of ticker and for a second it looked like favourite Nowyousee (NZ) (O'Reilly) would claim them all as he burst through with only 49kgs on his back.

Ricardo Le Grange's boom three-year-old, however, peaked on his run, with Nova Missile clawing his way back to deny him the runner-up spot by a neck, while one length upstream, Distinctive Darci kept finding plenty to score in the smart time of 1min 4.93secs for the 1100m on the Polytrack.

Walker was all smiles at the winner's circle even if he said he had a momentary scare when Distinctive Darci played up in his gate just before the field was about to be dispatched. The vet on duty Dr Peter Briggs eventually cleared him to run, which proved to be the right decision.

"I think he anticipated the start. It's quite unusual as he is normally good, maybe it's just a one-off" said the Kiwi mentor. "I'm just glad the vet took his time to vet him and allowed him to run.

"He was getting too far back at his recent races, he was getting out of his ground. We put the blinker-pacifiers on tonight and I told Zawari to ride him more positive.

"There was not much of a gap in the straight, but he bulldogged his way through. It's onwards and upwards from here.

"We will stick to Polytrack with him and keep him on the fresh side. A big thank you to Paul Summers, the Club farrier as he has also done a good job to hot-shod him and bring him in great order."

With that seventh win in only 19 outings, Distinctive Darci has bumped up his stakes earnings past the half-million mark for the Fairdeal Stable of Dato Terry Lee.

-STC

<b>Race</b>	<b>Kranji Stakes A 1100m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Distinctive Darci (NZ) 2013</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Fairdeal Stable</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Mark Walker (Singapore)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Darci Brahma out of Distinctive Lass (AUS) out of Orientate (USA)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Nearco Stud Ltd</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2015 NZB Premier Sale; V: Curraghmore, P: Te Akau Racing; \$100,000</b>

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Stud suffers major loss

Novara Park has suffered a cruel blow with the passing of foundation stallion **Jakkalberry**.

"He got a gut infection and that was that, it was pretty quick and we had to put him down early this morning," studmaster Ray Knight said.

"To say it was premature is an understatement, the signs couldn't have been more encouraging for the horse. He's only had two to the races and they've both gone well."

A son of Storming Home, Jakkalberry won 12 races with his career highlight a victory in Italy's Gr.1 Gran Premio di Milano (2400m) and made his mark in the Southern Hemisphere in 2012 when third in the Gr.1 Melbourne Cup (3200m).

He retired to Luigi Muollo's Novara Park in Cambridge in 2014.



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