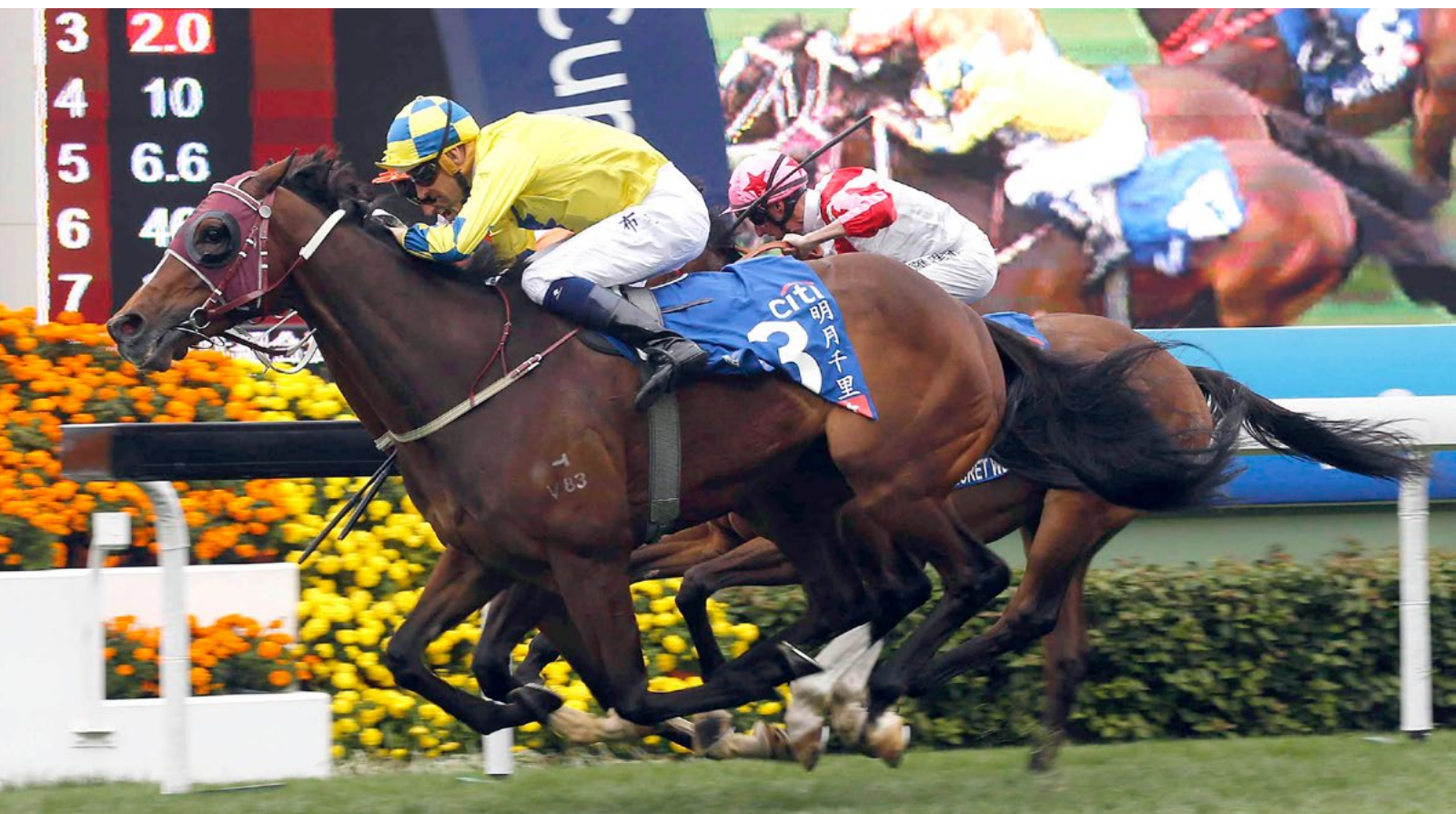


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WERTHER OVERCOMES TROUBLE TO BOOK DUBAI BERTH WITH GOLD CUP WIN



Werther collects the HK Gr.1. Citi Hong Kong Gold Cup with a typically gritty performance

Hong Kong's reigning Horse of the Year **Werther (NZ)** (Tavistock) maintained his perfect record over the Sha Tin 2000m with a gutsy win in Sunday's HK G1 Citi Hong Kong Gold Cup as trainer John Moore confirmed plans to tackle the US\$6 million Dubai Turf (1800m) on 25 March with the five-year-old.

Moore landed his fifth consecutive Gold Cup and a record 12th overall as even-money favourite Werther overcame a chequered season and significant trouble on the home turn under Hugh Bowman to wear down Tony Cruz's evergreen galloper Blazing Speed (Dylan Thomas) by a short head. The

Dennis Yip-trained Secret Weapon (Choisir) finished third, three-quarters of a length from the winner. The winner stopped the clock in 2m 03.78s, but clocked a swift final sectional of 22.10s.

"It's a special win for the stable and for the staff," said Moore, who trained four winners on the 10-race card, including both G1s, with the handler also preparing the first three across the line in the Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup (1400m). "These big days are what we target, and so to have a result like this is a thrill."

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It was Werther's third win from three attempts at the course and distance, having won the BMW Hong Kong Derby in March before an imperious effort to take the G1 Audemars Piguet QEII Cup in April. The Tavistock gelding had missed the early part of this season with a right hind suspensory injury, only returning to the races for January's HK G1 Stewards' Cup (1600m), but according to Moore, his tenacious win in Sunday's feature shows that he is right back on track now.

"I always thought he'd come back to his best, I was more worried about his quiriness than his injury," he said. "Winning the QEII like he did, it put him top five on the planet on turf, so we know that we've got a very special horse, but it took something else for him to win today. At about the 500m, the horses have improved on his outside very quickly, and he got put back on the heels of Blazing Speed, it nearly cost him the race. But he does stay 2000m strongly, as we know, he picked himself up and still hit the line strongly. So it was a gutsy effort!

"I'm ecstatic that we got away with it today, and had he not been interfered with, he probably would have won by a length or so, but that's racing and I'm now looking forward to Dubai with him. Hopefully he doesn't do anything silly beforehand, though, because he is a bit quirky."

Bowman said that he had been mindful of the horse's fitness when plotting a path through the field.

"I was confident that I had the horse underneath me, but when Neil Callan (on Blazing Speed) went in behind Basic Trilogy at about the 1400m I raced without cover for most of the race," the Australian rider said. "Just being second-up over 2000m, I felt I was on the best horse in the race but the other

horses I felt had an obvious fitness advantage. And that's why I was inclined to wait as long as I could, and obviously the pressure built and built quickly and that's when I found myself in a bit of a precarious position at the home turn.

"But good horses can overcome a little bit of trouble, and he certainly knows where the winning post is! He's been a great horse for me and a great horse for Hong Kong."

In addition to Werther's Dubai Turf plans, Moore is also preparing Not Listenin'tome (Dylan Thomas) for the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen (1200m) on dirt for the rich meeting at Meydan. He believes that he heads to the Middle East with a strong hand – a view backed up by Bowman, who believes Werther can become the first Hong Kong horse to win the 1800m feature.

"I don't get too carried away with international ratings because it's hard to assess, but I don't think there's any doubt he's in the top 10 horses in the world on turf, this horse," he said. "To beat a genuine Group 1 field here in the manner that he did, and to suggest he can only improve with it fitness-wise, if he goes to Dubai he'd have to be a legitimate chance, regardless of the field – as long as he travels over well and settles in."

Race	HKJC Citi Hong Kong Gold Cup Gr.1 2000m
Winner	Werther (NZ) 2011
Owners	Johnson Chen
Trainer	John Moore (Sha Tin)
Breeding	by Tavistock out of Bagalollies (AUS) by Zabeel
Breeder	C D Allison; C V & J A Barnao; A R Campbell; T G Heptinstall; T M Pivac & D R Platt; Central; NZ



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SMASHING LEADS HER RIVALS A MERRY DANCE AT MATAMATA

An all-the-way victory by talented sprinter **Smashing (NZ)** (Pins) capped a top day on home soil for the Matamata training partnership of Stephen Autridge and Jamie Richards on Saturday.

A beaten favourite at her last start at Trentham in early January, Smashing made amends for punters in emphatic fashion when she dictated terms throughout to score comfortably in a smart 1.09.12 for the 1200 metre journey of the Westbury Waikato Handicap.

The speedy mare made it career win number 6 just one race after Autridge and Richards had taken out the day's feature event for Te Akau Racing, the J Swap Contractors Ltd. sponsored Gr. 2 Matamata Breeders' Stakes (1200m), with Gold Fever (NZ) (Savabeel).

Autridge was delighted with their team's performance on the day and full of praise for Smashing's effort when questioned after the race.

"We've had a good day so we're really pleased with how things have unfolded as the team we had in were all primed to win," he said.

"She drew well so she was always going to be there. In front on her home track meant she was going to be hard to get past."

Autridge was also quick to acknowledge the ride by Cameron Lammas as a contributing factor to the victory.

"Cameron rides her most of the time and he gets on well with her," he noted.

"It was a red hot field but she's not far off the best so with everything in her favour they were going to know she was there."



Bold front runner Smashing cruises home at Matamata

Smashing carried the familiar colours of Trelawney Stud's Brent and Cherry Taylor who race the mare along with Brent's mother Faith, Maureen Davies and Jacqui Symes. Smashing is the daughter of Trelawney's multiple Group Two winner Ruud Van Slaats (NZ) (Van Nistelrooy) who was twice placed at Group One level behind former two-time New Zealand Horse of the Year, Mufhasa (NZ) (Pentire).

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	Matamata RC Westbury Waikato H. 1200m.
Winner	Smashing (NZ) 2011
Owners	Brent Taylor, Cherry Taylor, Faith Taylor, Maureen Davies & Jacqui Symes
Trainer	Stephen Autridge & Jamie Richards (Matamata)
Breeding	by Pins (AUS) out of Ruud Van Slaats by Van Nistelrooy (USA)
Breeder	Trelawney Thoroughbred Ltd; Waikato; NZ





SHARED SECRETS OAKS BOUND AFTER OTAKI VICTORY

A gritty win against her mainly older rivals in the Dominion Post sponsored New Zealand St Leger Trial (2100m) has set talented three-year-old filly **Shared Secrets (NZ)** (Nadeem) up for a tilt at a Group One title next month.

The Mark Oulaghan trained, bred and part-owned filly had finished an eye-catching fourth in the Gr. 3 Desert Gold Stakes (1600m) at Trentham before tackling Saturday's contest for the three & four-year-olds at Otaki. Settled beautifully just off the speed by rider Masa Tanaka, the Nadeem filly lobbed along comfortably before issuing her challenge early in the run home.

Tackled by a trio of assailants, including race favourite Rock On (NZ)

(Road To Rock), in the closing stages Shared Secrets fought bravely to seize the initiative back in the shadows of the post to record her maiden victory at just her fourth start.

Oulaghan is a happy man as he sets his sights on the Gr. 1 Wellfield New Zealand Oaks next month for his charge.

"She went a beauty at Trentham in the Desert Gold so we thought we might have a go at the Oaks with her," he explained.

"We really just needed to know whether she would stay or not so we put her in the race on Saturday to see what would happen and I think we got the answer we were looking for."

Oulaghan admitted he thought the filly was beaten when headed in the

home straight before she kicked back for the win.

"Halfway down the straight I was pretty sure they were going to swamp her," he said.

"Those were horses that have won a few races between them so she showed plenty of heart to out-finish them like that.

"Masa got off and said she still did a few things wrong but was going away from them again at the post.

"I think we have her right where she needs to be so she can go straight into the Oaks now without another run."

Shared Secrets is out of unraced O'Reilly mare Eva Kelly (NZ) who is from prolific winner Semper Fidelis (NZ) (Grosvenor) who numbered the Gr. 3 Trentham Stakes (2400m) amongst her 10 career victories.

– NZ Racing Desk



Race	Otaki Maori RC New Zealand St Leger Trial 2100m.
Winner	Shared Secrets (NZ) 2013
Owners	C K Campbell, R M Cuff, M W Freeman, M K Oulaghan & R D Southey
Trainer	Mark Oulaghan (Awapuni)
Breeding	by Nadeem (AUS) out of Eva Kelly by O'Reilly
Breeder	M K Oulaghan; Central; NZ

Shared Secrets (inner) kicks back to grab a stunning maiden win and set herself up for a Wellfield New Zealand Oaks challenge





TIMELY RETURN TO FORM FOR PROMISING FILLY

A return to winning form on the weekend could now see promising three-year-old filly **Babe (NZ)** (O'Reilly) tackle stakes company for her next assignment.

Unsung in the winner's circle since a confident victory on debut last August, the O'Reilly filly finally put it all together to snatch a narrow but deserved win on her home track when she triumphed in a driving finish to the Vadamamos at Rich Hill 1400 at Matamata.

Trainer Graham Richardson, who also produced third placegetter Secret Stash (NZ) (Sakhee's Secret), cut a relieved figure as he accepted congratulations after the race.

"It was a gutsy effort with the blinkers going on," he noted.

"She's had a lot of misfortune in her races while she also jarred up quite badly at Te Rapa one day.

"She's raced against some of the best three-year-olds in the country so she deserved that."

Rider Michael McNab was also quick to pay tribute to the courage of his mount.

"We ended up in the trail with the



Babe and Michael McNab parade before their winning effort at Matamata

favourite outside us and although she's only little she pushed him out of the way to make her run," he explained.

"I didn't have a whole lot of room but she let down well. I actually think she could have put them away even easier if she had of had more room."

Richardson was forthright in his desires for the filly as he plans her immediate future.

"I'd love to get some black type with her," he said.

"I'll have a talk to her owners to see if they are keen to go down to the Wellington Guineas."

The Grant Plumbing Gr. 2 Wellington Guineas is one of the feature events at Trentham on Saturday 19 March.

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	Matamata RC Vadamamos at Rich Hill S. 1400m.
Winner	Babe (NZ) 2013
Owners	Waikato Stud Ltd.
Trainer	Graham Richardson (Matamata)
Breeding	by O'Reilly out of La Belle Femme (AUS) by French Deputy (USA)
Breeder	Waikato Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ





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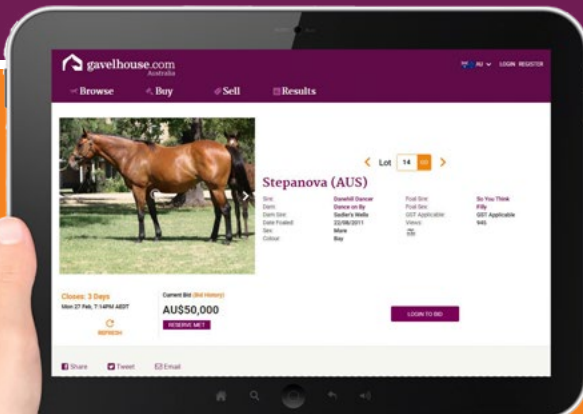
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OUTSIDER BRINGS UP SPECIAL MOMENT FOR ZIMMERMAN



Maximillien brings up trainer Karen Zimmerman's 500th career victory with a win at Otaki

Trainer Karen Zimmerman notched up an important milestone on her last day operating from her current Otaki base when rank outsider **Maximillien (NZ)** (Postponed) upset the appiecart in the Riverstone Café Maiden (1600m) on Saturday.

Zimmerman, who is shifting her stable north to Byerley Park this week, was sitting on a career tally of 498 wins at the start of the day and moved one closer to the magical 500 mark when **Don Blanco (NZ)** (Cape Blanco) was successful in the second race on the programme.

Barely an hour later four-year-old Postponed gelding Maximillien provided the perfect going away present when he stormed home from well back to notch his maiden success and win number 500 for his mentor.

A naturally delighted Zimmerman admitted she was taken a little by surprise by the performance.

"He has got ability but he's also been frustrating," she admitted.

"Jonathan (Riddell) said he was going to drop back from

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OUTSIDER BRINGS UP SPECIAL MOMENT FOR ZIMMERMAN

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his draw and obviously the mile suited him well but I'm very surprised.

"It's very special to get the win and I couldn't be happier."

Earlier in the day Zimmerman acknowledged she might have to make a quick return to the Central Districts thanks to the win of three-year-old Don Blanco.

"He's a very nice horse," she said.

"I think we might head back down to the Wellington Guineas in three weeks after that performance today."

Zimmerman and husband Kelvin have leased a 20-horse stable and facilities, including day paddocks, at Byerley Park and will make the move on Tuesday. That will bring to a close

just on 30 years operating in the Central Districts where she has produced horses of the calibre of multiple Group One winner Cinder Bella (NZ) (Victory Dance), Rodin (NZ) (Masterpiece), Barinka (NZ) (Shinko King), Govicar (NZ) (Pat's Victory) and Hawkes Bay Cup winner King Of Ashford (NZ) (His Royal Highness).

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	Otaki Maori RC Riverstone Cafe Maiden S. 1600m.
Winner	Maximillien (NZ) 2012
Owners	Maximillien Syndicate (Mgr: T A Smith)
Trainer	Karen Zimmerman (Otaki)
Breeding	by Postponed (USA) out of Layla Rose by O'Reilly
Breeder	Mrs B M; Miss C R & T A Smith; Central; NZ

Race	Otaki Maori RC Hiremaster Maiden S. 1200m.
Winner	Don Blanco (NZ) 2013
Owners	J P Baker, D C Benson, E K & S G Brown, O T Bruce, K N Buckman, A K Collins, Mrs K A & M D Courtney, S B Doull, M Fearon, Mrs A T & W A Flipp, Greenside Syndicate, M G Houlahan, J A Roache, J G & W Ross
Trainer	Karen Zimmerman (Otaki)
Breeding	by Cape Blanco (IRE) out of Donelmi by Stravinsky (USA)
Breeder	M D Farquhar; R J Lund; G S Mitchell & R W Tutty; Auckland; NZ
Sales	2015 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale V: Phoenix Park \$50000 P: Kay Zed Racing



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STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$7,150,651
PINS	\$5,300,337
DARCI BRAHMA	\$4,613,039
THORN PARK	\$4,046,687
O'REILLY	\$3,819,045
TAVISTOCK	\$3,505,944
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$3,204,808
IFFRAAJ	\$2,715,872
KEEPER	\$2,568,638
SHOCKING	\$2,065,771

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

THE DEWAR STALLION TROPHY

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$4,872,776
PINS	\$2,451,957
TAVISTOCK	\$1,883,401
DARCI BRAHMA	\$1,843,180
O'REILLY	\$1,813,556
ZABEEL	\$1,434,562
SHOCKING	\$1,323,068
PENTIRE	\$1,295,408
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$1,259,202
SWISS ACE	\$1,196,562

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

THE GROSVENOR AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$2,480,260
DARCI BRAHMA	\$1,114,930
TAVISTOCK	\$1,038,367
PINS	\$917,014
IFFRAAJ	\$812,422
ALAMOSA	\$748,235
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$695,590
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THEE AULD FLOOZIE	\$202,875
SARACINO	\$84,000
FIRST SERVE	\$92,875
MELODY BELLE	\$564,075

Criteria: Leading Sires by Earnings in New Zealand



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NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG

FEBRUARY 22

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
SPINNING DANCER (NZ) 2009 by Commands (AUS) out of Annie Daly (Ire) by Spinning World (USA)	P J & P M Vela Ltd; Waikato	HKJC Fo Tan H. 1650m.	2011 National Yearling Sale - Premier Session; V: Pencarrow Stud, P: Wallace Thoroughbreds Ltd; \$230,000
D B PIN (NZ) 2012 by Darci Brahma out of Pins 'n' Needles by Pins (AUS)	Mrs K N & W E Calder; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Sai Kung H. 1000m.	2014 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale; V: The Oaks Stud, P: John Foote B/stock; \$200,000
Sir Percival – PAKISTAN BABY (H.K.) (NZ) 2010 by Perfectly Ready (AUS) out of Betty Lamour by Bahhare (USA)	G R Allison; Central; NZ	HKJC Rotary Centenary Challenge Cup 1200m.	

NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG

FEBRUARY 26

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
Werther (NZ) 2011 by Tavistock out of Bagalollies (AUS) by Zabeel	C D Allison; C V & J A Barnao; A R Campbell; T G Heptinstall; T M Pivac & D R Platt; Central; NZ	HKJC Citi Hong Kong Gold Cup Gr.1 2000m.	
MERRYGOWIN (NZ) 2012 by Castledale (Ire) out of Sweet Fascination (AUS) by Irgun (USA)	C J & Mrs K B Webber; Auckland; NZ	HKJC Citi Wealth Management Services H. 1200m.	

NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE

FEBRUARY 24

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
MAGIC PAINT (NZ) 2012 by Gorky Park out of Stravinaki by Stravinsky (USA)	D Fullerton & H Smit; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1400m.	2014 National Yearling Sale - Festival Sale; V: Paxton Park, P: NZB as agent; \$8,000
CHALAZA (NZ) 2012 by Road to Rock (AUS) out of Miss Faberge by Ustinov (Aus)	Nearco Stud Limited; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Open Maiden S. 1400m.	2014 South Island Yearling & Mixed Sale; V: Highden Park, P: LB Racing; \$26,000
BAYU (NZ) 2012 by Per Incanto (USA) out of La Rock'a by Le Paillard (Ire)	Miss C M Harris; Canterbury; NZ	Singapore TC Initiation P. 1200m.	
COUNTOFMONTECRISTO (NZ) 2013 by Echoes of Heaven (AUS) out of Replicate by Towkay (AUS) B F;	Mrs H J & P J Crofskey; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Graduation S. 1200m.	2015 Ready to Run Sale; V: Kiltannon Stables Ltd, P: Vermair Racing; \$57,500
SONG TO THE MOON (NZ) 2012 by Savabeel (AUS) out of White Mouse (AUS) by French Deputy (USA)	Rangal Park Stud; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Open H. 2000m.	2014 Ready To Run Sale V: Anzac Lodge; P: Michael J Clements; \$230,000

