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VOLPE VELOCE PROVIDES BAYLISS WITH FIRST GROUP ONE

isiting Australian jockey Jake Bayliss celebrated his biggest career win when he drove **Volpe Veloce** (Foxwedge) to victory in the Gr. 1 Sistema Railway (1200m) at Ellerslie.

Bayliss has created plenty of attention with his immediate success since arriving in New Zealand on a short-term contract for the summer. The Victorian based jockey has made no secret of his desire to ride his first Group One winner and he achieved the feat in style with a copybook performance on the four-year-old Foxwedge mare.

Although the race had been depleted by several late scratchings due to the downgrade in track conditions, the battle for the early lead was keenly fought as the well fancied Melody Belle (NZ) (Commands) and Fully Funded (NZ) (Fully Fledged) vied for the pacemaking role. Despite jumping well Bayliss soon found himself near the rear on Volpe Veloce as runners jostled to find a position of advantage.

Bayliss bided his time and set the mare alight approaching the home corner where last year's winner, Start Wondering (NZ) (Eighth Wonder), had taken control. Searching for better ground out wide, Volpe Veloce headed out after Start Wondering who was fighting on strongly at the 200m mark.

Volpe Veloce extended strongly to snatch the lead before holding off the fast finishing Packing Eagle (NZ) (Pins) with Volks Lightning (NZ) (Volksraad) narrowly third from a gallant Start Wondering.

"This means the world to me," said Bayliss.

"Limited opportunities have stopped me getting success like this, but I've been working hard since I came to New Zealand.

"I've tried to put my best foot forward and Graham Richardson has stuck by me in a big race like this.

"I'm now a Group One winning jockey but I just can't explain the feeling."

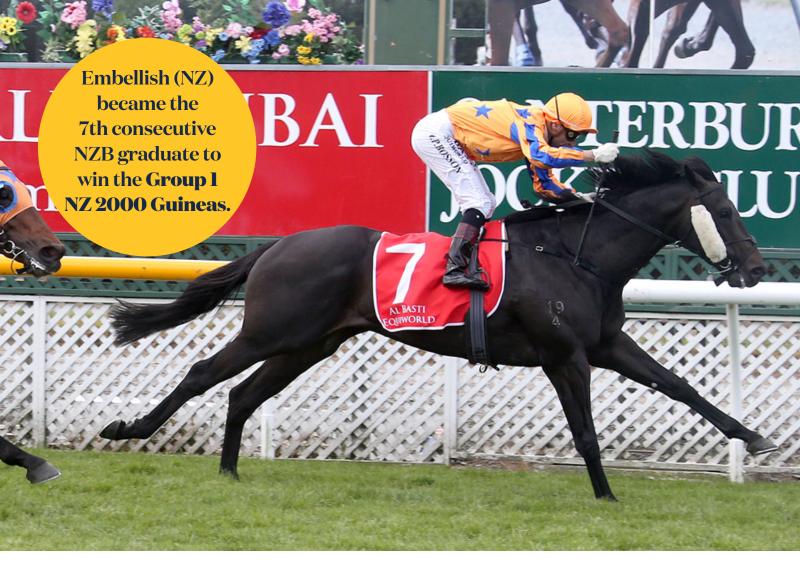


Volpe Veloce and Jake Bayliss

Emotions were running high in the Ellerslie birdcage as Richardson and co-trainer Gavin Parker waited with the mare's large group of owners for the pair to make their winning return.

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VOLPE VELOCE PROVIDES BAYLISS WITH FIRST GROUP ONE

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"It's amazing isn't it," said Richardson.

"She deserves it, the owners deserve it and so does Gavin Parker.

"He's done an enormous job, along with the staff, so congratulations to everybody."



Richardson admitted the victory had special meaning after he emulated his first win in the race with Kailey (NZ) (Festal) back in 1997.

"I won it 21 years ago and I have had a couple of seconds, so this means the world to me," he said.

"We're going to celebrate today and then bring on the Telegraph.

"We might even go to the Newmarket in Australia as Jake seems to think she is up to it so after a run like that, on ground she doesn't handle, who knows."

The victory took the mare's record to 10 wins from just 13 career starts and she remains unbeaten at Ellerslie with four wins from 4 starts as well as at the distance where she is six from six.

She will now tackle the Gr 1. JR & N Berkett Telegraph (1200m) which will be held at Trentham on 20 January.

- NZ Racing Desk

Race	ARC Railway S. Gr.1 1200m.
Winner	Volpe Veloce (AUS)
Owners	D & C Adams, H Allender, K Anderson, M Chubb, P Dixon, R Featherstone, G Mackin, G Richardson, K & L Robinson, M Skilling, P Spiers, B Wong & K Woodmass
Trainer	Graham Richardson & Gavin Parker (Matamata)
Breeding	by Foxwedge (AUS) out of Bardego (AUS) by Barathea (IRE)
Breeder	Mr N Vass
Sales	2015 National Yearling Sale - Premier Session V: Lyndhurst Farm P: Richardson Racing: \$240,000

Volpe Veloce drives hard to score her maiden Group One victory



STALLIONS 2017

CHARM SPIRIT Invincible Spirit - L'Enjoleuse by Montjeu	\$18,000*	RIP VAN WINKLE Galileo - Looking Back by Stravinsky	\$10,000*
TURN ME LOOSE Iffraaj - Indomitable by Danehill	\$15,000*	RAGEESE Street Cry - Rabsha by Dehere	\$8,000*
SHAMEXPRESS O'Reilly - Volkrose by Volksraad	\$12,500*	VANBRUGH Encosta de Lago - Soho Secret by Lucky Owners	\$6,000*
MONGOLIAN KHAN Holy Roman Emperor - Centafit by Centaine	\$10,000*	FALKIRK Tale Of The Cat - Madam Valeta (Palace Music)	\$4,000*



MARE CHASING GROUP ONE TO COMPLETE SET

oldplay (NZ) (Savabeel) will head to Trentham later this month in her quest for a full house of Group level victories.

"The Thorndon Mile has always been on her radar, a Group One win is what she wants on her CV," said Andrew Forsman, who trains the Savabeel fiveyear-old with Murray Baker. "Beyond that, she could go to Sydney in the

Race	ARC Rich Hill Mile Gr.2 1600m.
Winner	Coldplay (NZ) 2012
Owners	G J Chittick & G D Wallace
Trainer	Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Savabeel (AUS) out of Forty Two Below by O'Reilly
Breeder	G D Wallace; Waikato; NZ

autumn."

Coldplay won at Group Two level for the second time - the first was the Cal Isuzu Stakes (1600m) - in the Rich Hill Mile (1600m) at Ellerslie on New Year's Day and she also has Group Three success in the Eulogy Stakes (1600m) and the Eagle Technology Stakes (1600m).

Connections were pleasantly surprised by her Rich Hill performance in the Slow 8 conditions.

"We weren't really confident at all, but we thought we'd have a throw at the stumps," Forsman said.

"The only thing that gave us a little bit of confidence was the wide draw and she could get out in the better part of the track." Those pre-race thoughts were realised when Coldplay got into stride smartly for rider Johnathan Parkes.

"She bounced out well and put herself right in the race and she kept on giving to the line," he said.

Coldplay raced on the leader's quarters and she showed her courage after hitting the front early in the run home to hold off Ronchi (NZ) (Stravinsky) and Charles Road (Myboycharlie).

"We were lucky we had a wide draw and I was able to get out in the better footing," Parkes said.

Coldplay's stablemate Love Affair (NZ) (Savabeel) was the pre-post favourite, but connections weren't prepared to risk her in the rain-affected

ground. Both horses carry the Waikato Stud colours.

"Love Affair will probably go to the Anniversary at Trentham now," Forsman said.

A close relation to Coldplay will be offered by Waikato Stud during the Book 1 Sale at Karaka on January 28. The Savabeel colt (Lot 108) is also a brother to Savacool (NZ), who won for the second time in her four start career at Randwick earlier in the day.

– NZ Racing Desk.

Coldplay rewards her connections with another Group Two victory





ZACADA TOO TOUGH IN AVONDALE CUP

he powerful Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman training partnership added another feature event to their season's tally with enigmatic gelding **Zacada (NZ)** (Zabeel) coming of age with a gritty victory in the Gr. 2 Laser Plumbing Te Puke Avondale Cup (2400m) at Ellerslie.

The powerful Cambridge operation saddled three runners in the event with Zacada proving best of the trio as he demonstrated his undoubted staying ability to race to a two-length victory over Matamata mare Wildflower (NZ) (Keeper) and race favourite Five To Midnight (NZ) (Domesday).

Heavy showers earlier in the day saw the track rated a Slow 8 for the contest which played into the hands of the five-year-old Zabeel gelding who relished the tricky conditions. Handled patiently by rider Danielle Johnson, the pair tracked up behind a wall of horses disputing the pace at the 500-metre mark before easing to the outer to make their powerful finishing burst.

Despite hitting the front early in the run home Zacada kept going powerfully to land a deserved prize.

"He's been building towards winning a good race," said Forsman.

"He finished second to Chenille in the Nathans Memorial last year and when he did that I thought then he could win a good race."

Forsman was unsure of the future plans for the horse, preferring instead to take time to analyse the best path forward.

"We will sit down and work it out with his owners on where to next," he said.

"They have been very good at letting us do what we want with him.

"It's paid off as he is a Zabeel, who is a bit quirky, but he's finally maturing and getting there. He's not easy and Danielle did a great job.

"She just waited and waited as it was always going to be a staying test in those conditions."

Zacada races away with the Gr. 2 Laser Plumbing Te Puke Avondale Cup to set up a winning double for trainers Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman Johnson was complimentary of Zacada's efforts after he provided her with her first stakes victory of the carnival.

"I got in behind the right horses to track up into it and he has just sprinted away at the end," she said.

"He is still pretty quirky as he took off on me coming back to scale, so he definitely still has a lot to learn, but I think he can go on with it."

The win extended Baker and Forsman's lead at the head of the National Trainer's Premiership which they sit atop with 61 wins, 23 clear of nearest rivals Stephen Autridge and Jamie Richards.

The pair added further black-type success one race later when Coldplay (NZ) (Savabeel) triumphed in a desperate finish to the Gr. 2 Rich Hill Mile (1600m)

- NZ Racing Desk

Race	ARC Avondale Cup Gr.2 2400m.
Winner	Zacada (NZ) 2012
Owners	Andari Ltd; Sir Patrick & Lady Hogan
Trainer	Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Zabeel out of Lacada (AUS) by Giant's Causeway (USA)
Breeder	Andari Ltd; Sir Patrick & Lady Hogan; Waikato; NZ







COLT ADDS TO STABLE'S STAKES TALLY

emonetization (All Too Hard) added to an already successful New Year's Day for Nigel Tiley when the classic-bound colt proved too strong for his age group rivals at Ellerslie.

The Pukekohe trainer had earlier produced Melt (NZ) (Iffraaj) to claim the Gr.3 Barneswood Farm Eclipse Stakes (1200m) and her older barn mate completed a stakes double when he triumphed under jockey Jason Waddell in the Gr.2 Jamieson Park Auckland Guineas (1600m).

"The further they go the better he'll be," Tiley said. "I'm looking forward to the autumn."

Race	ARC Great Northern Guineas Gr.2 1600m.
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Winner	Demonetization (AUS) 2014
Owners	N & P Balia Family Trust
Trainer	Nigel Tiley (Pukekohe)
Breeding	by All Too Hard (AUS) out of Midnight Special (AUS) by Zabeel
Breeder	Peters Investments Pty Ltd
Sales	2016 Ready To Run Sale V: Mana Park P: N & P Balia Family Trust; \$220,000

Demonetization has the Gr.1 Vodafone New Zealand Derby (2400m) as his grand final, but Tiley has yet to lock in the All Too Hard three-year-old's path to the March feature.

"I have to choose whether we go to Wellington or not, that would give a nice break to the Avondale Guineas and then the Derby," Tiley said.

The Trentham option is the Gr.1 Levin Classic (1600m) on January 13.

Demonetization won his first two starts before the \$220,000 New Zealand Bloodstock Ready to Run Sale graduate finished third in last month's Listed Trevor Eagle Memorial (1500m). He raced off the pace on that occasion and was unsuited when it developed into a sit and sprint contest.

"Jason and I had a talk and we decided to change our tactics today so he went forward," Tiley said.

In a race run in driving rain on a Slow 7 track,
Demonetization was in front 400m from home and he held a
strong gallop to have a length and a-quarter on Endowment
(NZ) (Savabeel) at the line with On The Rocks (NZ) (Alamosa)
taking third money.

"He has won on a wet track before, it's not ideal but he's pretty adaptable," Tiley said.

Demonetization is now at \$9 in the New Zealand Derby market behind the \$8 favourite Age Of Fire (Fastnet Rock).

- NZ Racing Desk.



A potential Gr. 1 Vodafone New Zealand Derby attempt lies ahead for impressive Ellerslie winner Demonetization





BLINKERS WORKTHE ORACLE FOR HELLO IT'S ME

change of gear made all the difference for promising three-year-old **Hello It's Me (NZ)** (Darci Brahma) who stormed to victory in the Gr. 2 Stella Artois Royal Stakes (2000m) at Ellerslie.

Regular rider Cameron Lammas had recommended the addition of blinkers for the Darci Brahma filly after she finished a lacklustre sixth in the Listed Trevor Eagle Memorial (1500m) at her previous start. This time there was no doubting her willingness to compete hard at the business end of the contest as she ran down race favourite Contessa Vanessa (NZ) (Bullbars) in the concluding stages of a truly run event.

"Last start she had 2000 metres, blinkered up, stamped all over her," said Lammas.

"She had a lovely run today and just kept finding. She has had a bit of a setback with a bruised heel, so they've done an awesome job with her."

Co-trainer Chris Gibbs admitted a heavy shower that struck Ellerslie twenty minutes prior to the race had also been a contributing factor in the filly's success.

"Cameron has always had a huge opinion of her as he has ridden her a few times now," he said.

"She loved the ground, so I think the rain certainly helped.

"There's always been the class there, but we did have a tiny concern whether she was ready for the race, but the way she ran it out she was impressive."

Gibbs also indicated further staying tests were on the programme for the







Promising filly Hello It's Me appreciates the wet underfoot conditions as she races home at Ellerslie

filly who was a \$28,000 purchase for Logan from the Seaton Park draft at the Select session of the 2016 National Yearling Sale.

"She's in the Derby and the Oaks so we will take one of those paths," he said.

"As you know Donna and Dean have always been huge believers of the fillies in the Derby. I don't think anything has really stamped itself for the Derby yet and she has certainly shown today she wants more ground.

"She likes Ellerslie so we might be back."

The prolonged shower that struck Ellerslie prior to the race saw a track downgrade from a Good 3 to a Slow 7 following the race with most jockeys indicating that the footing had definitely been affected by the downpour. – NZ Racing Desk

Race	ARC Royal S. Gr.2 2000m.
Winner	Hello It's Me (NZ) 2014
Owners	D Logan, GS Bloodstock Ltd, S Mulcahy, P Shadbolt, D & R Creed
Trainer	Donna Logan & Chris Gibbs (Ruakaka)
Breeding	by Darci Brahma out of Owhata Princess by O'Reilly
Breeder	Bromley Bloodstock Ltd; Bay Of Plenty; NZ
Sales	2016 National Yearling Sale - Select Session V: Seaton Park Ltd \$28000 P: DM Logan Racing Stables







LITTLE AVONDALE

BIG ON WINNING

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31 GR 2 WINNERS for 49 GR 2 WINS

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TRAINER CHASING TOP TARGETS WITH QUALITY YOUNGSTER

igel Tiley is hot on a trail paved with Group One gold with his unbeaten filly **Melt (NZ)** (Iffraaj).

With elite level goals in mind, the Pukekohe trainer will now ease up on the daughter of Iffraaj following her impressive victory in the Gr.3 Barneswood Farm Eclipse Stakes (1200m) at Ellerslie on New Year's Day.

"She can have a little bit of a break and she's not Karaka Million eligible so we'll get her back for the Sistema here and then have a crack at the Sires," Tiley said.

The Gr.1 Sistema Stakes (1200m) will be run on March 10 with the Gr.1 Courtesy Ford Manawatu Sires' Produce Stakes (1400m) at Awapuni three weeks later.

A debut winner of the Listed Ashford Lodge Stakes (1100m), Melt sat off the early speed and she unwound powerfully in the closing 150m.

"She jumped beautifully and came back nicely," Tiley said. "I thought with 200m to go that she was going to run a

"She's only had two starts, both in stakes race, and she's put away really good horses in both," he said.

"She's a beautiful little horse and I was able to slot in after the start and we got a beautiful trip.

"She was a bit flat in the straight, but when she wound up she really picked them up."

Melt won by three-quarters of a length from Bit Lippy (NZ) (Showcasing), who came from last, with pacemaker She's A Thief (NZ) (Showcasing) third and Al Hasa (NZ) (Exceed And Excel), who raced outside the leader, weakening to fourth.

- NZ Racing Desk.

Race	ARC Eclipse S. Gr.3 1200m.
Winner	Melt (NZ) 2015
Owners	W A Fowler
Trainer	Nigel Tiley (Pukekohe Park)
Breeding	by Iffraaj (GB) out of Ticklish by Maroof (USA)
Breeder	C J Cochrane & W A Fowler; Auckland; NZ

battling third, but she did what good horses do and pulled out more."

Melt is raced by her cobreeder Andrew Fowler and is out of the multiple stakes winner Ticklish (NZ) (Maroof).

She was again ridden at Ellerslie by Michael McNab, who also partnered the filly in an earlier trial success.



Melt kicks off a top day at the office for Pukekohe trainer Nigel Tiley





PARTHESIA OUTSTAYS HER RIVALS IN THE BAGOT

long-range plan by Darren
Weir has had its reward with
Parthesia (NZ) (Raise The Flag)
taking out the Bagot Handicap at
Flemington.

The mare stormed home from the rear of the field to claim a strong win in Monday's Listed staying feature.

Ridden by Damian Lane, Parthesia scored a widening 1-3/4 length win over the race favourite Etah James (NZ) (Raise The Flag) with Ormito (Mamool) a length away third.

With Weir attending the annual Burrumbeet country meeting on Monday, owner John Richards said the mare had been specifically set for the time-honoured 2800m-contest.

"Darren's been working on this for I don't know how many months and

he's got a wonderful record of winning races that he targets," Richards said.

Parthesia finished second to Bagot Handicap fourth placegetter Dornier (Artie Schiller) in the VRC St Leger over Monday's course and distance in April before running second in the Group Three South Australian Classic at Morphettville in May.

She returned to racing at Moonee Valley in November and as part of her fitness regime Weir raced the mare in country Cups, which included a last-start fourth in the Penshurst Cup on Boxing Day.

Richards said Parthesia, who won last year's Tasmanian Oaks, could return to Launceston for the Cup but he would leave that to Weir.

Lane said the race unfolded

perfectly for Parthesia as there was a good steady speed throughout the race.

"I bided my time in the straight and when I got there she wandered a little bit as she hasn't been here for a while, but to her credit she was strong to the line," Lane said.

"She almost won a St Leger in the winter and she'll keep racing well.

"There's more races for her around this sort of trip."

The race also proved a triumph for New Zealand's well known South Island racing and breeding operation White Robe Lodge, who stand the stallion Raise The Flag. The son of champion sire Sadlers Wells provided the quinella in the Bagot while earlier on the card another of his progeny, three-year-old colt Civil Disobedience (NZ), scored handsomely over 2000 metres.

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Race	VRC Bagot H. L 2800m.
Winner	Parthesia (NZ) 2013
Owners	Galadi
Trainer	Darren Weir (Ballarat)
Breeding	by Raise the Flag (GB) out of Notable by Danzighill (AUS)
Breeder	B J & H T Anderton; South; NZ
Sales	2015 South Island Yearling & Mixed Sale V: White Robe Lodge \$20000 P: John Foote/
	Darren Weir Racing

Parthesia heads a New Zealand bred quinella in the Listed Bagot Handicap (2800m) at Flemington





FIFTY FIFTY RISES TO THE NEW YEAR'S CHALLENGE



Fifty Fifty stretches hard to score his biggest win at Sha Tin

oao Moreira and John Size dominated the New Year's action at Sha Tin Racecourse with five wins for the champion jockey and four for the champion trainer, but the day's feature eluded their grasp.

The axis had to settle for second in the Gr. 3 Chinese Club Challenge Cup Handicap (1400m) with Beat The Clock (Hinchinbrook). The improving **Fifty Fifty (NZ)** (Thorn Park) had the favourite's measure in a thrilling tussle between two of Hong Kong's rising stars that lifted the 85,000-strong holiday crowd.

The Gr. 1 Stewards' Cup (1600m) at the end of the month now beckons for the Peter Ho-trained victor.

"If he comes out of this race in good form we will definitely consider the Stewards' Cup. I can't find another mile race for him, so this is my plan," Ho said.

"He's a tough horse, when Beat The Clock came to him, he fought again. He has a big heart and he'll be a better miler."

Fifty Fifty went into the traditional New Year's feature with a rising profile after three wins from only five Hong Kong starts. But although the grey took his place in the 12-runner field off a featherweight 113lb, the 98-rated five-year-old did so from 8lb out of the handicap.

"I was very confident about this race, even though he was

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FIFTY FIFTY RISES TO THE NEW YEAR'S CHALLENGE

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running from out of the handicap," Ho said. "The horse keeps on improving and his condition is even better than last time. He won earlier when he was only 70 percent or 80 percent fit."

"He's the type of horse that you can switch off and go, and nothing bothered him today – when I pressed him he really responded," jockey Karis Teetan said of his charge.

When Beat The Clock drew alongside Fifty Fifty with 200m to race in the penultimate contest, it appeared for a moment that Moreira might add a sixth triumph to his day's work. But the winner was always in command; bossing his opponent; lugging across to dominate for a half-length score in a time of 1m 21.10s, the fastest at the course and distance this term.

"He saw Joao's horse come and he wanted to run onto him a little bit," said Teetan.

"I just think he's still learning about things, but every time

he races he gets better. Today was a really tough task and I think we've all learnt something.

"He was taking on big horses, so there was a concern about whether he would be up to it, but he's a good horse and you don't keep good horses in the stable. He'll be better again when he goes back to the mile."

Race	HKJC Chinese Club Challenge Cup Gr.3 1400m.
Winner	Speedy Grey – Fifty Fifty (H.K.) (NZ) 2012
Owners	Lee Wan Keung & Lee Wong Wai Kuen
Trainer	Peter Ho (Sha Tin)
Breeding	by Thorn Park (AUS) out of Udiditagain by D'Cash (AUS)
Breeder	Miss J M; K J & Mrs M L Shaw; Canterbury; NZ
Sales	2014 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale; V: Inglewood Stud, P: Hiwi Lodge; \$75,000

NEWS IN BRIEF

Annual meeting abandoned

Waikouaiti's annual New Year's Day meeting was over before it had barely begun.

The opening event was won by the Michael and Matthew Pitman-trained **Pipiana (NZ)** (Highly Recommended) and that was the end of the action. A subsequent track inspection was made and the decision was announced to abandon the fixture.

"Clearly quite a few horses slipped on the turn, there was evidence of half a dozen slip marks," stipendiary steward Mark Davidson said.

"They had about seven mils of rain yesterday, but I walked the track this morning with some of the jockeys and everyone thought it would be perfect.

"Not everybody will go home happy, but everybody will go home safe."

- NZ Racing Desk.

Early finish at Ellerslie

The Auckland Racing Club's meeting at Ellerslie on New Year's Day was cut one race short.

The fixture was abandoned after the running of the penultimate event, the Gr.1 Sistema Railway (1200m) won by **Volpe Veloce** (Foxwedge).

"After viewing the film, it was clear Fully Funded slipped twice," stipendiary steward John Oatham said. "We couldn't continue with any certainty for the safety of the riders."

The day started on a Good 3 surface before heavy rain set in and the track was steadily downgraded to a Slow 8 for the Railway.

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FRONT-RUNNING TACTICS REWARDED

well-executed plan at Ellerslie resulted in **Diesel (NZ)**(Electronic Zone) upsetting his lower grade staying rivals on New Year's Day.

Rider Alysha Collett made all the running aboard the Electronic Zone seven-year-old in the Dunstan Feeds Stayers Championship Final (2200m) and they had enough in reserve to claim the major part of the \$100,000 stake.

"I've been riding him a bit in trackwork and I got the feeling he was better out in front and travelling," she said.

Diesel revelled in his role and

Collett kicked him well clear on the turn and, although the gelding was tiring close to home, they held on to beat Savapak (NZ) (Savabeel) and Magic Chai (Magic Albert).

"The last 20m was a bit touch and go," she said. "He's got a high cruising speed and he can get over a lot more ground."

Although Diesel had won his previous start at Te Rapa and his form boasted success on rain-affected going, he flew under the radar and was sent out at odds of 16-1.

The Shaun and Emma Clotworthytrained galloper is raced by the Matijasevich family under their Markwood Lodge banner and they also bred the horse. "We had two horses in, we thought we had a chance," Andrew Matijasevich said. "It's an unbelievable feeling."

Their other runner Model Aye(NZ) (Shocking) came from the tail of the field to finish fourth.

- NZ Racing Desk.

Race	ARC Dunstan Feeds Stayers Final 2200m.
Winner	Diesel (NZ) 2010
Owners	Markwood Lodge Ltd
Trainer	Shaun & Emma Clotworthy (Byerley Park)
Breeding	by Electronic Zone (USA) out of Blazing Vital by Yamanin Vital
Breeder	Markwood Lodge Ltd; Bay Of Plenty; NZ



A bold front-running effort pays dividends for Dunstan Feeds Stayers Championship winner Diesel





SAVVY DREAMS HITS WINNING FORM FOR MALLYON

astings mare **Savvy Dreams**(NZ) (Savabeel) has given visiting
Australian jockey Katelyn Mallyon
a taste of victory on New Zealand soil.

The Group One-winning jockey is visiting with her partner, top jockey James MacDonald, and took the opportunity to secure rides at the Hawke's Bay New Year's Day meeting.

The class of horse and rider shone through in an impressive return to the winner's circle for the four-year-old Savabeel mare.

Bred by Tony Rider at Milan Park in Cambridge, she is raced by the breeder along with Grant Julian, Kelvyn Marshall, Roger Small, Wendy Spurdle and the Storming Home Syndicate.

They have endured highs and lows with the Guy Lowry and Grant Cullentrained mare.

A third behind Bonneval (NZ) (Makfi) in the Gr.1 New Zealand Oaks (2400m)

and a previous second to the same filly in the Gr. 3 Lowland Stakes (2100m) set up an Australian campaign.

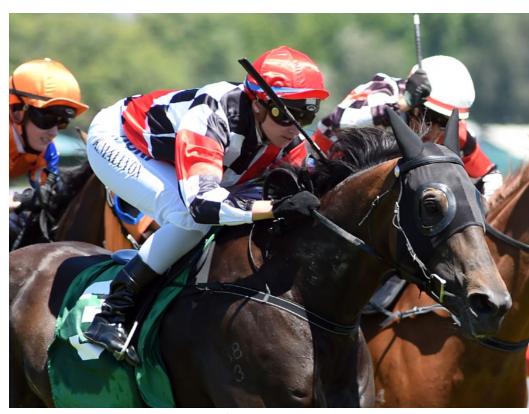
Things went awry when she was late scratched at the barrier for the Gr.1 SA Oaks but she hit back with a fourth placing in the Gr.1 SA Derby (2500m).

She had one more unplaced run in her four-race campaign before returning home for a spell.

She was having her second run back following a fresh-up third over 1200m, the same distance as Monday's winning effort in 1:10.78.

Her trainers will now concentrate on elite racing with the Gr.1 Thorndon Mile (1600m) at Trentham on January 20 her next assignment, followed by the Gr. 1 Herbie Dyke Stakes (2000m) at Te Rapa on February 18.

"She's doing everything right," Guy Lowry said. "We've tried to look after her and she has come back well this time in.



Class mare Savvy Dreams returns to winning form at Hastings

"I think 2000 metres is her pet distance but I didn't want to take the sprint out of her and that's why we've kept her at 1200 metres."

Mallyon was impressed with the win and was keen to return for the Thorndon.

"She was keen to stick with her but we've got Samantha Collett booked and she will keep the ride."

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Race	Hawkes Bay Best Travel H. 1200m.
Winner	Savvy Dreams (NZ) 2013
Owners	Tony Rider, Grant Julian, Kelvyn Marshall, Roger James Small, Wendy Spurdle & Storming Home Syndicate
Trainer	Guy Lowry & Grant Cullen (Hastings)
Breeding	by Savabeel (AUS) out of Elusive Dreams by Elusive City (USA)
Breeder	T V Rider; Waikato; NZ



SAVACOOL WINS IN TIGHT RANDWICK FINISH

avacool (NZ) (Savabeel) has built on her past two second placings to win at Randwick for Sydney's premier trainer Chris Waller.

The filly won the first Sydney race of 2018 on Monday to notch her second career victory in the Happy New Year Handicap at Randwick.

Blake Shinn bided his time on Savacool and she was tough

Race	ATC Happy New Year H. 1800m.
Winner	Savacool (NZ) 2014
Owners	G J Chittick & G D Wallace
Trainer	Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Savabeel (AUS) out of Chilled Out by Anabaa (USA)
Breeder	Waikato Stud Ltd & G D Wallace; Waikato; NZ
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to the line at the end of the 1800m to claim victory in a tight finish on Monday.

Savacool, the \$3.70 favourite, made her move at the 300m and although stablemate Velocita (Sebring) looked threatening, she had enough in reserve to hit the line a short neck clear of Dark Dream (All American).

Velocita was third a neck further away.

"She didn't win her last two but the writing's been on the wall that she's quite a progressive horse," Waller said.

"Blake gave her every possible chance and it was good to see her fight.

"She did make her run quite early and the challengers were coming at the 200m but you could see her lower, dig deep and get away from them again."

Savacool will now head to Waller's Gold Coast stable and target races over the Queensland summer.

"Timing-wise it's probably best looking towards Queensland with her," Waller said.

Shinn was always confident Savacool had her rivals covered in the run home.

"I was confident she could make that long run. She got to the front fairly early and once she got challenged she found another gear and proved too strong," he said.

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Savacool tastes success at Randwick

