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STOP WONDERING! SIGNIFY'S TELEGRAPH SAYS RACHA'S A TRUE GROUP ONE JOCKEY



A stride from the post and Signify (#11) is about to complete a last-stride lunge for Racha Cuneen and snatch the Telegraph from the obscured Start Wondering.

Racha Cuneen's stellar season continued at Trentham yesterday when the 25-year-old – who opened his top-flight account in the spring aboard the star filly La Diosa (NZ) (So You Think) in the New Zealand One Thousand Guineas – doubled his Group One tally by guiding 45-1 shot **Signify (NZ)** (Perfectly Ready) to a narrow victory in the J R & N Berkett Telegraph.

"It's amazing and I'm very grateful to have the opportunity," said Cuneen, who is apprenticed to Neill Ridley. "I'm glad I got the job done."

Signify came with a powerful late finish from back in the field to narrowly deny the Group One Railway Stakes winner Start Wondering (NZ) (Eighth Wonder) a notable double. The

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well-supported Perfect Fit (NZ) (Elusive City) finished third ahead of the dead-heaters Reilly Lincoln (NZ) (Pins) and Lady Zafira (NZ) (Iffraaj).

"I was travelling really well and I waited for as long as I could and then asked the horse to go and he got there," Cuneen said.

Despite the closeness of the finish, he believed he had got in the deciding stride. "I was reasonably confident," he said.

Signify is trained at Ashburton by former leading jumps jockey Alex 'Snooky' Cowan, who was urged to have a crack at the race by Cuneen.

"Racha rode him when he ran second at Wingatui on Boxing Day and I told him that I had nominated the horse for the Telegraph," said Cowan, whose wife Tracey owns the horse.

"He said you've got to run him and after Racha ran second in the Telegraph on Miss Seton Sands last year he had a good feel and knowledge around the race."

The race was marred by the loss of the Michael and Matthew Pitman-trained mare First Serve (NZ) (Swiss Ace), who suffered a fatal leg injury in the early stages.

Race	WRC Telegraph H. Gr.1 1200m
Winner	Signify (NZ) 2011
Owners	Mrs T L Cowan
Trainer	Alex Cowan (Ashburton)
Breeding	by Perfectly Ready (Aus) out of Pica Pica by Stravinsky (USA)
Breeder	Llanhennock Trust
Sales	2013 South Island 2YO & Mixed Sale; V: Wentwood Grange, P: A M & T L Cowan; \$5500



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SAVARIA AGAIN IN SPOTLIGHT AT TRENTHAM

The Wellington stage brings out the best in **Savaria (NZ)**

(Savabeel) and she gave another award-winning performance there yesterday.

She first came to prominence at Trentham in 2015 when she won the Group One New Zealand Oaks and now she has added the Group Three Wallaceville Estate Wellington Cup to her record in the capital.

While Savaria's form has been largely patchy in between times, trainer Roydon Bergerson had been in a confident pre-Cup mood.

"It's a great feeling and we've had a few knockers," he said, "but she's a very good mare and her lead-up runs had all been good."

Raced by Taranaki couple Des and Kay Fleming, Savaria was ridden by Hayden Tinsley, who had also been aboard in the Oaks.

"I was a bit worried coming to the corner but it was a patient ride and they got the last run at them," Bergerson said.

"It's great for Des and Kay; they're wonderful people."

Savaria settled back of midfield and she took advantage of runs near the fence to move into contention across



Savaria and Jacksstar (#4), who had made their home-straight runs together, reach the Wellington Cup winning post in lockstep, the mare getting home for Hayden Tinsley by a half-head margin.

the top before finishing off resolutely in the run home.

"I got a bit worried coming to the 1000 metre mark when they started swooping, but I got the inside runs," Tinsley said.

"She had been working well since she last raced and I really rated her chances."

A half-brother to Savaria by Niagara will feature as Lot 523 in Trelawney Stud's draft to New Zealand Bloodstock's upcoming Select Sale.

The favourite Jacksstar (NZ) (Zed) came from the tailend of the field to run second with Perfect Start (NZ) (Perfectly Ready), who placed in the

Group Three New Zealand Cup in the spring, taking third money from last year's Oaks winner Fanatic (NZ) (Shocking).

Race	WRC Wellington Cup Gr.3 3200m
Winner	Savaria (NZ) 2011
Owners	D P & Mrs K C Fleming
Trainer	Roydon Bergerson (Awapuni)
Breeding	by Savabeel (Aus) out of Amatheia by O'Reilly
Breeder	Mrs J M & T M Henderson
Sales	2013 National Yearling Sale, Premier Session; V: Bluegables Farm, P: D P & K C Fleming; \$110,000





RAISE YOU TEN LIFTS GORE GUINEAS

Brian and Shane Anderton were far from surprised when **Raise You Ten (NZ)** (Raise The Flag) defeated his fellow three-year-olds in yesterday's Listed Gore Guineas.

"I think he's one of the better horses we've had for a fair while," Brian Anderton said, explaining why the father and son training combination had been quietly confident about their

Race	Gore Guineas L 1335m
Winner	Raise You Ten (NZ) 2013
Owners	F A Conway
Trainer	Brian & Shane Anderton (Wingatui)
Breeding	by Raise the Flag (GB) out of Molly Malone by Towkay (Aus)
Breeder	F A Conway

Race	Gore Cup 2000m
Winner	Princess Brook (NZ) 2011
Owners	F A King Family Trust
Trainer	Terry Kennedy (Wingatui)
Breeding	by Raise the Flag (GB) out of Lesley Brook by No Excuse Needed (GB)
Breeder	F A King Family Trust

41-1 longshot's chances in the Liquorland-sponsored feature.

"Since we gelded him he's knuckled down and he's a real racehorse now."

Ridden by Courtney Barnes, Raise You Ten came with a strong finishing burst to down Showemup (NZ) (Showcasing) and the well-backed Starvoia (Starcraft) and is now likely to make his next appearance in the Listed Dunedin Guineas on February 4.

"He's raced by his breeder Frank Conway, who's 90 now and he also raced Mayo Gold," Anderton said.

An outstanding galloper of the late 1960s whose many wins included the Manawatu Sires' Produce Stakes and the Railway Handicap, Mayo Gold also features in the pedigree of Raise You Ten.

Earlier in the programme, **Princess Brook (NZ)** (Raise the Flag) bounced back to winning form in the MLT/DB Breweries Gore Cup.

She had been successful at Wingatui on Boxing Day before she could only beat one runner home in the Waikouaiti Cup on New Year's Day. Regular rider Barnes said the five-year-old

had failed to handle the back-up.

Freshened by trainer Terry Kennedy, Princess Brook was a different force at Gore where she came with a well-timed run to beat the front-runner Gallant Boy (NZ) (Gallant Guru).

The meeting was also a memorable one for the Singapore apprentice Ruzaili Yatim, who rode his first New Zealand winner aboard **Katango (NZ)** (Fully Fledged). The 27-year-old, who is in the employ of Neill Ridley, broke his duck at his 37th ride.



Courtney Barnes completes Gore's feature-race double and a raceday treble as Raise You Ten holds off Showemup in the Guineas.





CARRINGTON STAKES WIN RAISES HOPES OF PROSPEROUS AUTUMN FOR ECUADOR



Ecuador continues the great start to his current campaign as he coasts home in the Carrington Stakes at yesterday's Randwick meeting.

Grand campaigner **Ecuador (NZ)** (High Chaparral) has announced his intention to be an autumn carnival player, yesterday winning the \$A150,000 Listed Carrington Stakes at Randwick to continue a perfect start to his campaign.

Carrying clear topweight of 61kg, the Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott-trained seven-year-old made it back-to-back wins over 1400 metres and took his career prizemoney past \$A830,000.

Jockey Adam Hyeronimus continued his winning association with the horse and has now been on board for

half of Ecuador's ten wins, including his past four. His father Craig won the race 33 years ago and yesterday's win fulfilled a career goal for the rider.

"It's a race I've wanted to win ever since I became a jockey," the younger Hyeronimus said. "My dad didn't get too many opportunities due to his weight so it's great to have won it.

"The stable has done a great job with him," Hyeronimus added. "Three trials into this campaign you might have thought he'd go straight up in distance but that's two wins at 1400 metres now.

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“All of his work has been spot on this time in. He’s going better than ever.”

Waterhouse and Bott have plenty of options, with their versatile galloper winning up to 2400 metres at his last campaign and being adept on all types of going. He also boasts a Group One placing behind Winx in the 2015 Epsom Handicap.

“He’s running strong through the line, he’s a happy horse and we’re really delighted with the way he won today,” Bott said.

“We may have to up our sights now over the autumn. Last campaign he had good form around the Listed and Group Three races.

“Hopefully this time, with the right placement, we’ll be able to win a nice race with him.”

Bott said the horse was most effective between 1600 and 2000 metres but it was hard to knock his two wins at 1400 metres since returning from a spell.

“He does have that brilliance to be effective over a shorter trip,” Bott said. “And he does have the stamina to be able sustain that over a strong mile to 2000 metres.”

A drifter from his opening quote of \$4 to \$6 before firming to \$5.50 third favourite in the seven-horse field, Ecuador scored by 1¼ lengths from the well backed Shiraz (Zariz), with a further three-quarters of a length back to Gold Symphony (Reward For Effort) in third.

A half-sister to Ecuador by Rip Van Winkle will be offered by Curraghmore Stud as Lot 57 during New Zealand Bloodstock’s Premier Sale at Karaka later this month.

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Race	ATC Carrington S. L 1400m
Winner	Ecuador (NZ) 2009
Owners	S C Rose, Saddlers Knife Synd (Mgr: D Brook), G J Fisher, T Lillis, G G B Macdonald, J P Nugent, Oliver Racing Synd (Mgr: Dr P J Oliver), Mrs R Winney and Ms J Singleton
Trainer	Gai Waterhouse & Adrian Bott (Randwick)
Breeding	by High Chaparral (Ire) out of Bak da Princess by Danske
Breeder	D B & P G Hollinshead
Sales	2011 National Yearling Sale, Premier Session; V: Esker Lodge, P: Ms Amanda Skiffington; \$360,000





ZASORCERESS WEAVES **A WINNING SPELL**

Premier Melbourne trainer Darren Weir brought up an early winning double in contrasting fashions at yesterday's Moonee Valley meeting.

After Gratwick (Reward For Effort) controlled the opening race from the front, four-year-old mare **Zasorcerness (NZ)** (Zabeel) came from last to lead in a stable quinella in the second event, the 1600 metre Schweppes Lemonade Handicap.

Zasorcerness settled at the tail of the field from the outside barrier in the field of eight and jockey Damian Lane

steered the four-year-old between runners in the straight.

The mare picked up well and went on to defeat stablemate My Obsession (Lonhro) by a length.

"One of my horses went around them and one went through them and got all the luck," Weir said.

"It was a very strong win and she ran through the line really well."

Weir says a Listed 2000 metre race in Adelaide has been Zasorcerness's aim this campaign and he believes she will improve as she gets out in distance.

Zasorcerness was Group Three-placed as a three-year-old in the Adrian Knox Stakes when trained by Jason Warren.

– AAP TURF

Race	MVRC Schweppes Lemonade H. 1600m
Winner	Zasorcerness (NZ) 2012
Owners	B L Toohey, Winton Bloodstock (Mgr: B Toohey), T Payne, Mrs B D MacDonald & J R Wheeler
Trainer	Darren Weir (Warrnambool)
Breeding	by Zabeel out of Star Jasmine by Encosta de Lago (Aus)
Breeder	P J & P M Vela Ltd
Sales	2014 National Yearling Sale, Premier Session; V: Pencarrow Stud, P: Jason Warren Racing; \$320,000



After hitting the front just fifty metres out, Zasorcerness has enough margin at the post for Damian Lane to allow her to coast across the line.

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ROGIE AIMING HIGH WITH FERRANDO

It's no secret the regard that Graeme Rogerson has for **Ferrando (NZ)** (Fast 'N' Famous) and yesterday at Trentham he was again singing the three-year-old's praises.

"I'm aiming him at the big sprint race at The Championships in Australia," said the Tuhikaramea-based trainer, who prepares the gelding with his wife Debbie. "I think he's a super horse."

The Group One TJ Smith Stakes, a 1200 metre event that features Black Caviar, Takeover Target and Chatauqua on its honours board, will be run at Randwick on April 1. Ferrando has a distance to go to warrant any comparisons with that trio but he is making impressive progress and yesterday's success in the Zephyr Consulting Premier was his third from

just five appearances.

Hong Kong interests were also keen on the colt earlier in his career before Rogerson fended off the offers by putting together a syndicate to buy the horse and keep him in his stable.

"We paid a lot of money for him but I think he's a Group One horse," he said.

Ferrando settled in second spot and after hitting the front 300 metres from home he was hotly challenged before drawing clear under stable apprentice Ryan Elliot.

"They are both going places, the horse and young Ryan," Rogerson said. "That was a great ride; he was just kidding them."

Ferrando was strong over the closing fifty metres to comfortably account for O'Rachael (Northern Meteor) with Barcelo (NZ) (Alamosa) a

game third.

"It was either lead or trail and I was able to take a sit," Elliot said. "He's a really nice horse and still a bit green but he's on the way up."

Race	WRC Zephyr Consulting H. 1200m
Winner	Ferrando (NZ) 2013
Owners	Fatesal Holdings Ltd, D E & Mrs E M Olsen, R R Ratcliffe, Redbank Pty Ltd (Mgr: P Favretto), G A Rogerson MNZM, G N Wealleans & G R Wilson
Trainer	Graeme & Debbie Rogerson (Tuhikaramea)
Breeding	by Fast 'N' Famous (Aus) out of Rio Nugget by Captain Rio (GB)
Breeder	Mrs E A Cowell and Killarney Bay Bloodstock Ltd
Sales	2015 Ready to Run Sale; V: Ohukia Lodge Ltd, P: NZB as agent; \$40,000



"He was just kidding them" ... Ferrando and Ryan Elliot take the three-year-old sprint from O'Rachael.



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LISA HOPING FOR **SISTER ACT WITH BELLE**

Lisa Latta is confident that her diminutive four-year-old **Princess Belle (NZ)** (Darci Brahma) can follow her older sister's lead and make her mark in black type company.

The Awapuni trainer produced the well-related mare to complete a Trentham double when she backed up admirably to add yesterday's Lincoln Farms Premier to her record.

"She's a horse that does very well and she came through the first day without a problem; she even looked like she had improved," Latta said.

"Her full-sister Irish Fling won the Telegraph here a few years back so she's got the pedigree to go on with it and we'll look around for some better races for her now."

The daughter of Darci Brahma was ridden on the opening day of the Wellington Cup carnival by Opie Bosson, but with only 54.5kg yesterday the mount went to Kelly McCulloch.

"She had a lovely draw and Kelly rode her a treat," Latta said.

Princess Belle settled kindly in the trail and once she was into the clear in the straight she rounded off strongly to beat Snowdrift (NZ) (Sakhee's Secret), who led 250 metres from home, and the southerner Margarita Mover (Captain Sonador).

"She's pretty straight forward and she began well and sat in behind them



Kelly McCulloch on Princess Belle beats home her sister Rosie Myers on Snowdrift to score a win for the race sponsors in the Lincoln Farms Premier.

and finished off really well," McCulloch said. "She's not very big but she's got a big heart."

Princess Belle's victory was an appropriate one as she is owned by long-time stable supporters John and Lynne Street, who race under their Lincoln Farms banner.

"She's a lovely mare and that's the first time we've won a race we've sponsored," John Street said.

A half-sister to Princess Belle

by Sebring will be offered by Milan Park as Lot 214 during New Zealand Bloodstock's Premier Sale at Karaka later this month.

Race	WRC Lincoln Farms H. 1400m
Winner	Princess Belle (NZ) 2012
Owners	Lincoln Farms Bloodstock Ltd
Trainer	Lisa Latta (Awapuni)
Breeding	by Darci Brahma out of Irish Belle by O'Reilly
Breeder	T V Rider

