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ROSIE'S HOME STRAIGHT WORRIES FADE WHEN THEE AULD FLOOZIE KEEPS GOING



Rosie Myers raises her fist in triumph as Thee Auld Floozie easily wins the Thorndon Mile, giving the jockey her third win in the last five editions of the Group One feature.

n excited Rosie Myers admitted she had a small moment of panic nearing the business end of yesterday's Group One feature, the Harcourts Thorndon Mile at Trentham, when in front on eventual winner Thee Auld Floozie (NZ) (Mastercraftsman).

Up until that stage Myers had produced a picture perfect effort on the mare after settling sweetly behind the breakneck early speed in the race. Myers bided her time as the field compacted nearing the point of the home turn and

when clear air emerged she pushed the go button on the mare who simply exploded to the front at the 300 metre mark.

It was then that a warning by trainer Stephen Marsh began to ring in Myers' ears.

"She travelled beautifully throughout but I was in two minds on the turn whether to go in or out on her," she explained.

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2016/17 Group and Stakes Horses 'Born & Raised' so far this season...



SPIRIT BIRD Savabeel - Press Leak
Winner Newcastle JC Tibbie S., Group 3
Trained by James Cummings. Bred by Botsky Pty Ltd
2017 Premier Sale: Lot 348 Half brother by Dalghar.



Winner ARC Soliloquy S., Listed
Trained by Donna Logan & Chris Gibbs. Bred by Botsky Pty Ltd
2017 Premier Sale: Lot 439 Full brother.



FIRE JET Tavistock - Rave Review

3rd ARC Concorde H., Group 3

Trained by Peter & Dawn Williams. Bred by Bloomsbury Stud 2017 Festival Sale: Lot 1288 Half sister by Dalghar.

Brighthill Farm's 2017 Karaka yearlings are represented by the following sires:

Bernardini, Cape Blanco, Dalghar, Makfi, Ocean Park, Pentire, Perfectly Ready, Power, Savabeel, Shamexpress, Sweet Orange, Tavistock and Zacinto.

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"We came off the fence and I was able to get a good run in between them and she just took off.

"It was then I remembered two weeks ago Stephen had said to me whatever you do don't go to the front too soon. I was thinking 'oh no' but she did it really well in the end."

Marsh, who saddled four contenders in the event, was riding an emotional high after the victory as he was surrounded by well-wishers.

"We've got a lot of owners here who have come from far and wide." he said.

"We had four runners who I all thought deserved their chance and I'm just rapt one of them got the win.

"She's been rock solid and even her last campaign she was the same. She's just coming right as she's a high class mare. Her only fault was in the Coupland's Mile where the track was just too firm for her.

"She really deserved her Group One," he said.

Marsh was also quick to pay tribute to one of the couples involved in the mare's ownership.

"It's great for John and Sue Young who have been great supporters of mine since back in our Woodville days. "They bred her so I'm just so pleased for them."

Outsider Prince Of Passion (NZ) (Castledale) chased bravely and was rewarded with a Group One placing while Abidewithme (NZ) (Redoute's Choice) snatched third off topweight Volkstok'n'barrell (NZ) (Tavistock) with a determined late bid.

The win lifted Marsh's winning tally to 32, which places him fourth on the national trainers' premiership. It was his eighth stakes victory for the season and second Group One prize after Ugo Foscolo (NZ) (Zacinto) won the Two Thousand Guineas at Riccarton in November.

Race	WRC Thorndon Mile Gr.1 1600m
Winner	Thee Auld Floozie (NZ) 2011
Owners	P D Craighead, L G Ford, S B Marsh, M C Roughead, Two Fat Cows Syndicate and J G & Mrs S K Young
Trainer	Stephen Marsh (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Mastercraftsman (Ire) out of Thee Auld Hussie by Spinning World (USA)
Breeder	J G Young

NEWS IN BRIEF

Ruakaka reps primed for Ellerslie

After an encouraging start to his career when he followed up a debut second at Te Rapa with an impressive home track success at Ruakaka earlier this month, promising three-year-old Tavidream (NZ) (Tavistock) might be in line for an overseas trip later this year.

"Opie Bosson got off him and said he didn't think he would be a New Zealand Derby horse – he's too immature and dumb – but he wouldn't rule him out of a race like the Queensland Derby," said Donna Logan, who trains in partnership with Chris Gibbs.

Tavidream will gain further experience when he steps out in a competitive special conditions event, the Hallmark Stud 1400, at Ellerslie today.

"We're really pleased with him and at this stage the 1400 metres will suit him," Logan said.

The stable's Ellerslie representatives will also include Tavidream's fellow three-year-old Romancer (NZ) (Redwood) in the NZB Insurance Karaka Mile, Adis (NZ) (Mastercraftsman) in the Henley Park 1400 and Candle In The Wind (NZ) (Darci Brahma) who tackles the Karaka Stayers' Cup.

"Romancer is up against a hot field so it will be a really good test for him," Logan said. "He'll run in the Avondale Guineas next on the way to the Derby."

The filly Adis is still a maiden but showed her quality last time out in the Group Two Royal Stakes when beating all bar She Brings Joy (NZ) (Sebring).

"She's freshened nicely so the mile will suit her down to the ground," Logan said. "We rate her a fair bit so hopefully she can go one better this time."

Candle In The Wind is also poised to give another good account of herself following her strong last-start showing for second in the Group Three City of Auckland Cup on New Year's Day.





MAGNATE TOO SWIFT IN EXPRESSWAY

roup One winner **Music Magnate (NZ)** (Written Tycoon) didn't let punters down resuming with an authoritative win in yesterday's \$A200,000 weight-forage Expressway Stakes at Rosehill.

Expertly handled by Kerrin McEvoy, the Bjorn Baker-trained five-year-old camped off the speedy Joe Pride-trained Ball Of Muscle (Dubawi) before challenging strongly in the straight to claim the Group Two feature.

"I was happy the whole way," McEvoy said. "I got him rolling approaching the turn and he kept going right to the line."

The \$1.95 favourite scored by 1¼ lengths from the Pridetrained duo of Kuro (NZ) (Denman), who hit the line gamely after being pocketed into the straight, and Ball Of Muscle, who was a further three-quarters of a length back in third.

As a Group One winner of the weight-for-age Doomben 10,000 last campaign, Music Magnate's first-up victory could have paved the way for a clash with superstar Winx (Street Cry) in two weeks' time in the Apollo Stakes at Randwick, but Baker was being cautious.

"I don't think so," he said. "We can look at Melbourne but more than likely we'll give him a little bit of a let-up with the main focus the T J Smith."

The five-year-old gelding had been wound-up for a first-up assault with two impressive trial victories.

"It's always a bit nerve-wracking with a horse like that coming back," Baker said. "Trialling well and racing well are two different things.

"So it was good to see him come back like that and it was a really good ride by Kerrin."

Music Magnate was a \$45,000 yearling from the New Zealand Bloodstock sale and has now won more than \$A940,000.

"Those sales are on this week so hopefully we can get another few cheap buys that go on to succeed as well as this guy has," Baker said.

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Race	ATC Expressway S. Gr.2 1200m
Winner	Music Magnate (NZ) 2011
Owners	Bjorn Baker Racing (Mgr: B Baker), Cobbitty Lodge Stud & Stables (Mgr: Dr J G Morris), Written Tycoon Racing (Mgr: B F Bernhardt), S W Britton, D R Frampton, D R S McEvoy, C J Milton, W J Williams, G A Quinn, T M Sullivan and S J Billingsley
Trainer	Bjorn Baker (Warwick Farm)
Breeding	by Written Tycoon (Aus) out of Concert Girl (Aus) by Danehill Dancer (Ire)
Breeder	NZ Thoroughbred Holdings Ltd
Sales	2013 National Yearling Sale, Select Session; V: Westbury Stud, P: Bjorn Baker Racing; \$45,000



Music Magnate has no trouble winning the Expressway Stakes from fellow Kiwi-bred Kuro.









NICOLETTA CAPITALISES ON SWEET RUN

he high-flying Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman training partnership had just the one focus at Trentham yesterday and that single-minded determination paid off in spades when **Nicoletta (NZ)** (Savabeel) triumphed in the Group Three Wellfield Desert Gold Stakes.

The Cambridge combination trekked just four runners to Trentham, with all four taking their place in the black-type mile. In a roughly run affair that was run at a farcical speed early on, it was Nicoletta who coped best as she capitalised on a cushy run from an inside barrier to outsprint her rivals in the run home.

Race favourite Devise (NZ) (Darci

Brahma) made a spirited bid to catch the eventual winner in the concluding stages but came up a head short at the post with another Baker/ Forsman runner in Bonneval (NZ) (Makfi) taking third.

Nicoletta was having her first run since finishing fifth in the Royal Stakes on New Year's Day with Forsman keen to see the filly gain some valuable Trentham experience.

At this stage of the Desert Gold Stakes, just before the post and with their strides out of sync, there is nothing between eventual winner Nicoletta (striped cap) and Devise. "It was a terribly run race, a bit of a debacle really, but she just got the soft run," he explained.

"We've always thought Nicoletta is a real Oaks filly so to do what she has done over a mile is very encouraging.

"I thought it might have been a bit sharp for her today but, the way the race was run, it just fell into her hands."

Rider Michael Coleman was also pleased with the performance as he is another who believes the filly will be at her best when seen over the 2400 metres of the New Zealand Oaks.

"It was a sit and sprint sort of race and she tracked up really nicely," he said. "She was pretty keen compared to how she went at Auckland last time so she freshened up nicely.

"I had said to Andrew I really liked her as an Oaks filly. She has got a bit of quality and I think there is a lot of upside to her."

Race	WRC Desert Gold S. Gr.3 1600m
Winner	Nicoletta (NZ) 2013
Owners	JML Bloodstock Ltd (Mgr L Petagna)
Trainer	Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Savabeel (Aus) out of Celtic Crown (USA) by Doneraile Court (USA)
Breeder	Goodwood Stud Ltd
Sales	2015 National Yearling Sale, Select Session; V: Goodwood Stud, P: Bruce Perry Bloodstock; \$90,000







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112	Savabeel	BR	F	Danbelle
137	Ocean Park	В	F	Dosh
242	Savabeel	Br	C	Lady Alberton
272	Pierro	BR	C	Mapmaker
287	Tavistock	В	C	Miss Danni
372	Rip Van Winkle	В	C	Roc de Chine
380	So You Think	В	C	Sam I Am
409	Ocean Park	В	C	Silk Shot
453	He's Remarkable	В	F	Thunderchine

2017 SELECT DRAFT

469	He's Remarkable	B/BR	C	Update
510	Ocean Park	В	F	Acacian Secret
515	Ocean Park	C	F	Alberton Star
558	He's Remarkable	В	C	Bella Carolina
580	He's Remarkable	B/BR	C	Bremer Bay
604	The Factor	BR/GR	C	Chelsey Cry
647	Rock 'n' Pop	В	C	De Lago Lady
794	He's Remarkable	BR	F	Lady Harriet

813	Power	B/BR	C	Lilahjay
830	Rock 'n' Pop	В	C	Lutry
840	He's Remarkable	BR	C	Mapperley Magic
1014	He's Remarkable	В	F	Shades of Silk
1050	Pins	В	C	Speeding
1057	Reliable Man	BR	C	Stella Doro
1088	Burgundy	В	C	The Nightingale
1098	He's Remarkable	BR	C	Treasured Choice

2017 FESTIVAL DRAFT

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1125	He's Remarkable	В	F	Anticipation
1131	He's Remarkable	В	F	Astralita
1199	Zacinto	BR	C	Flowing
1203	He's Remarkable	B/BR	F	Ginja Ninja
1208	He's Remarkable	B/BR	C	Heartwell
1252	He's Remarkable	BR	C	Miss Andrea
1265	He's Remarkable	В	C	Onyx
1292	He's Remarkable	В	F	Reputedly
1307	He's Remarkable	В	F	Shining Light
1336	He's Remarkable	В	C	The Big Storm





MAYBE MIAMI MASTERFUL AT RICCARTON



Maybe Miami stamps his class on the Timaru Stakes.

ocal runner **Maybe Miami (NZ)** (Iffraaj) mastered the gusty Riccarton wind with aplomb yesterday as he snatched a valuable black-type victory on his home track in the Listed Speight's Timaru Stakes.

The Kevin and Pam Hughes-trained gelding was back on his home patch after a gallant performance for fourth in the Group Two Manawatu Challenge Stakes at Awapuni last month and certainly appreciated the familiar surroundings despite the tricky wind that had gusted strongly throughout the meeting.

Ridden by Samantha Collett and settled beautifully just off the early pace set by stablemate Super Trouper (NZ) (Darci Brahma), Maybe Miami made his challenge three wide as the field turned for the long Riccarton run home. Race favourite Batman (NZ) (Falkirk) joined issue at the 300 metre mark with the pair settling down to a torrid battle. On this occasion Batman had to settle for the role of sidekick as he couldn't peg back the determined Maybe Miami who held him out by three-quarters of a length at the finish.

A victory at home base was a sweet result for co-trainer Kevin Hughes, who revealed a battle with the easterly wind wasn't the only issue his charge faced during the contest.

"I've never seen the wind so bad and so strong during a meeting here," he admitted.

"They were really battling coming up the straight and to top things off Sam dropped her whip.

"Our fella was tough in the end and Sam was very impressed by the effort."

Hughes is keen to tackle Group One company next with the gelding, who has blossomed during a lengthy campaign.

"He's been up right through the winter so he has done a remarkable job," he said.

"With the ground being pretty hard we are spacing his races but he has come on and that last-start run at Awapuni showed us he can cope in the top grade.

"I'd like to have a crack at the Haunui Farm Classic at Otaki next month. We know Kawi and horses like that will be in the mix but he deserves a shot at them when he is racing so well."

Race	CJC Timaru S. L 1400m
Winner	Maybe Miami (NZ) 2011
Owners	B C Thomas
Trainer	Kevin & Pam Hughes (Riccarton)
Breeding	by Iffraaj (GB) out of Miami by Waikiki Star (USA)
Breeder	A W Jones and Mrs E W Morris
Sales	2013 National Yearling Sale, Select Session; V: Berkley Stud, P: NZB as agent; \$31,000
	2013 Ready to Run Sale; V: Regal Farm, P: B C Thomas; \$20,000









CONSOLATION WIN FOR IRISH MOON

atamata trainer Ken Kelso cuts a frustrated figure when discussing the future prospects of his class sprinter **Irish Moon (NZ)** (O'Reilly).

Kelso and wife Bev produced the gelding to score a tenacious victory in open company at Pukekohe yesterday just a week after he travelled to Trentham in the hope of gaining a start in the Group One Telegraph. The second emergency didn't gain the two scratchings needed to make the field

for the elite event which has Kelso bemoaning the fate of his charge who is in "no man's land" when it comes to gaining a start in events run under set weights and penalties conditions.

"I just don't know what to do with this guy as he is in an impossible spot," he explained.

"He is super consistent and for that he is rated at the top of most handicaps. However, with the trend to running so many of our better races under set weights and penalties he

finds it hard to get a start.

"Because he doesn't have any black-type form he is balloted out like he was at Trentham last week. It's hard to explain to his owners how he has to lug 60kg due to his rating one week and then can't get a start the next.

"He will probably cop another two or more rating points for this win. We'd like to go to the Darley Plate at Ellerslie but that's set weights as well so he probably won't get in there either unless they don't get a full field." Despite his frustration Kelso was rapt to get the victory as he believed the seven-year-old was deserving of the success.

"He hasn't gone a bad race this time in," he said. "Last time in the Railway he had to work overtime to lead from his draw and didn't chuck it away at all in the straight. He only just got nabbed the start before that so we thought he deserved a win today."

Kelso will let the dust settle from this win before deciding on the next target for the gelding although a run on his home track at Matamata on February 11 is a distinct possibility.

Race	Counties RC NRM H. 1200m
Winner	Irish Moon (NZ) 2009
Owners	Spyglass Hill Racing Syndicate
Trainer	Ken & Bev Kelso (Matamata)
Breeding	by O'Reilly out of Moonstrummer by Stravinsky (USA)
Breeder	G F Gimblett and Little Avondale Trust



Sam Weatherley brings Irish Moon back to scale after their all-the-way win at Pukekohe.

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LIGHTNING HAMMERS HER LESSER RIVALS

peedy mare **Volks Lightning (NZ)** (Volksraad) made up for missing a start in last weekend's Group One Telegraph at Trentham when she bolted home to collect a consolation prize at the venue today.

Although taking on substantially lesser company in the New World Stokes Valley 1200, the manner in which the four-year-old disposed of her seven rivals in the rating 85 contest suggested that had she gained a start last weekend she could have well featured prominently in the elite event.

Settled beautifully in the trail after bouncing smartly from the barrier, the mare enjoyed a cushy run before rider Leith Innes eased her into a gap along the rails at the top of the Trentham straight. The mare quickly strode to the front and despite carrying a hefty 59kg she strode clear to win comfortably by more than a length at the line.

The victory earned Innes and trainers Graeme and Debbie Rogerson an early double after they combined to land promising two-year-old filly Santuzza (NZ) (Savabeel) an easy winner in the previous event. On hand to greet her charge as she returned to the birdcage, co-trainer Debbie Rogerson refused to dwell on what might have been in the Telegraph when questioned after the victory.

"You never look back in this game," she noted.

"She's been a hard mare to manage as she has had a lot of problems with her feet but all the hard work we have put into her is paying off now.

"She will now go to Ellerslie on Derby day for the Group Three sprint."

Rider Leith Innes was delighted with the performance and indicated he believed she would prove competitive at the highest level.

"She did really well today off a nice run in behind them and put

Volks Lightning cruises to a consolation win at yesterday's Trentham meeting. them away with ease," he said.

"After I won on her last time I said she should back up in the Telegraph if she can get in. That didn't happen but I think she has a good race in her."

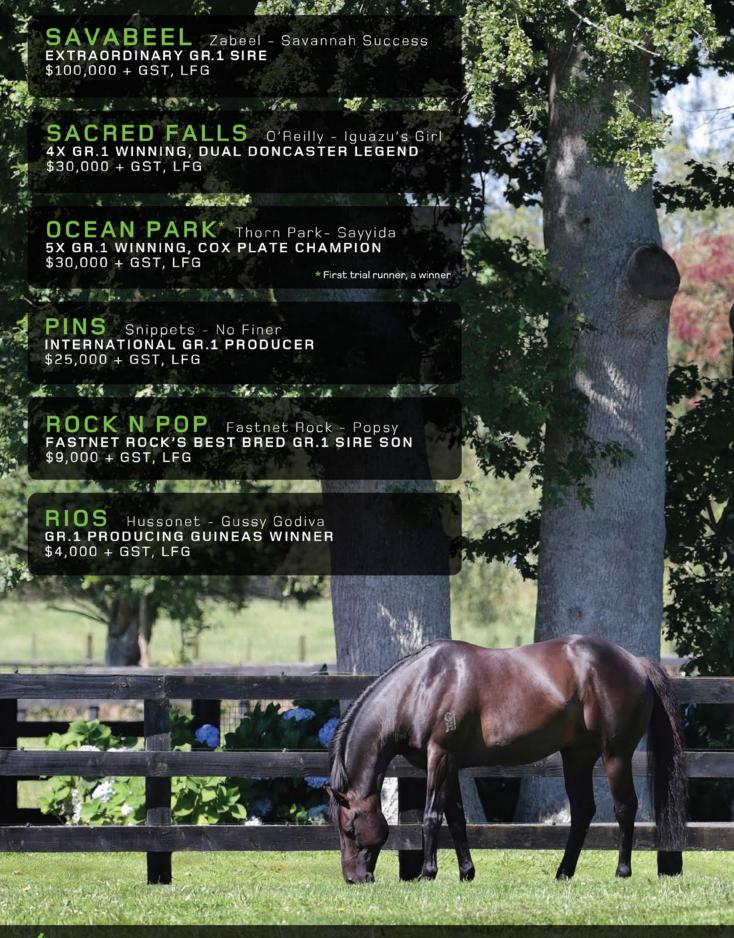
Volks Lightning races in the Vermair Racing colours of former New Zealand cricket captain Brendon McCullum who purchased her for \$60,000 at the 2014 New Zealand Bloodstock Ready To Run sale. Rogerson indicated McCullum was back at Karaka looking at horses in preparation for this week's annual Yearling Sale series.

"Brendon is up at Karaka today looking at yearlings," she said. "I hope he finds a nice filly for me."

Race	WRC New World Stokes Valley H. 1200m
Winner	Volks Lightning (NZ) 2012
Owners	Vermair Volks Lightning Syndicate (Mgr: B McCullum)
Trainer	Graeme & Debbie Rogerson (Tuhikaramea)
Breeding	by Volksraad (GB) out of Next Century by Stravinsky (USA)
Breeder	Windsor Park Stud Ltd
Sales	2014 Ready to Run Sale; V: Windsor Park Stud, P: Vermair Racing; \$60,000









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NAVAGIO BOOSTS COLIN'S BUYING POWER

aulfield trainer Colin Little, one of a number of leading Melbourne horsemen in New Zealand for the upcoming sale at Karaka, may have a little more money to spend on Kiwi yearlings following yesterday's first-up win by Navagio (NZ) (Zacinto) at Flemington.

Ridden by Michael Dee and having her first start since the spring, the \$11 chance came from back and wide in the field to take out the 1100 metre Doriemus Handicap, scoring by a half length over the \$2.70 favourite Jennifer Lynn (High Chaparral) with longshot Unique Lovely (Bel Esprit) 11/4 lengths away third.

Assistant trainer Matt Lindsay hopes Navagio can rise to black-type level during the autumn.

"She's a nice filly and this was a little unexpected today," he said. "This race came up a little soon and she was probably half a trial short so it's a bit of a bonus that she's won and we can now plan a programme for her.

"I thought they would be a little speedy for her today but she was able to run over the top of them."

Lindsay said Little had plans to step Navagio up to a least 1600 metres during the autumn but more importantly to try to claim some black type for her owner, former Victoria Racing Club chairman Rod Fitzroy.

Dee said he was expecting a good run from Navagio, but was surprised with the ease of her victory.

"The race turned out perfectly for us," the expat-Kiwi jockey said. "She



Navagio overpowers the three-year-old fillies at Flemington.

relaxed beautifully. That was the key so she'll get further in the future."

Navagio, a daughter of promising young sire Zacinto, was purchased by Colin Little for \$40,000 from the Inglewood Stud draft at the 2015 New Zealand Bloodstock Select Yearling Sale.

"To get a winner at Flemington just before the sale is fantastic," said Gus Wigley, whose Inglewood Stud is home to the Dansili stallion Zacinto.

"We've got a three-quarter brother to Navagio selling in the Premier Sale, so it was a nicely timed win," he added, referring to lot 216, a Zacinto colt from I've Got Rhythm.

"It's really interesting, both the dam of Navagio and the dam of

Ugo Foscolo have Canny Lad in the pedigree and I think that crosses really well with Zacinto.

"The stallion is going fantastic. He's obviously got a Guineas winner in Ugo Foscolo, who is being aimed towards the Doncaster, and he's got a lot of nice horses coming through."

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Race	VRC Doriemus S. 1100m
Winner	Navagio (NZ) 2013
Owners	R M Fitzroy & Mrs P S Fitzroy
Trainer	Colin Litte (Caulfield)
Breeding	by Zacinto (GB) out of Pikea (Aus) by Anabaa (USA)
Breeder	Inglewood Stud (NZ) Ltd
Sales	2015 National Yearling Sale, Select Session; V: Inglewood Stud, P: Colin Little Racing; \$40,000



