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END-TO-END GUINEAS WIN CONFIRMS DAMIAN AS THE KING OF CALOUNDRA



Crack Me Up completes his all-the-way win in yesterday's Sunshine Coast Guineas.

Expat-Kiwi jockey Damian Browne has used his knowledge of the Caloundra track on **Crack Me Up (NZ)** (Mossman) to win his third Group Three Sunshine Coast Guineas in the past four years.

Browne surprised even trainer Liam Birchley yesterday when he led on the \$6.50 chance before kicking away in the straight to win by 1¾ lengths over \$4.80 second favourite My

True Love (Fastnet Rock), with Flow (Street Cry), who'd been specked from \$20 into \$15, a half-head back in third.

Browne, who lives a stone's throw from the Sunshine Coast track, is generally considered the king of Caloundra and previously won the Guineas on Hopfgarten (Mossman) in 2014 and the subsequent Group One winner and now

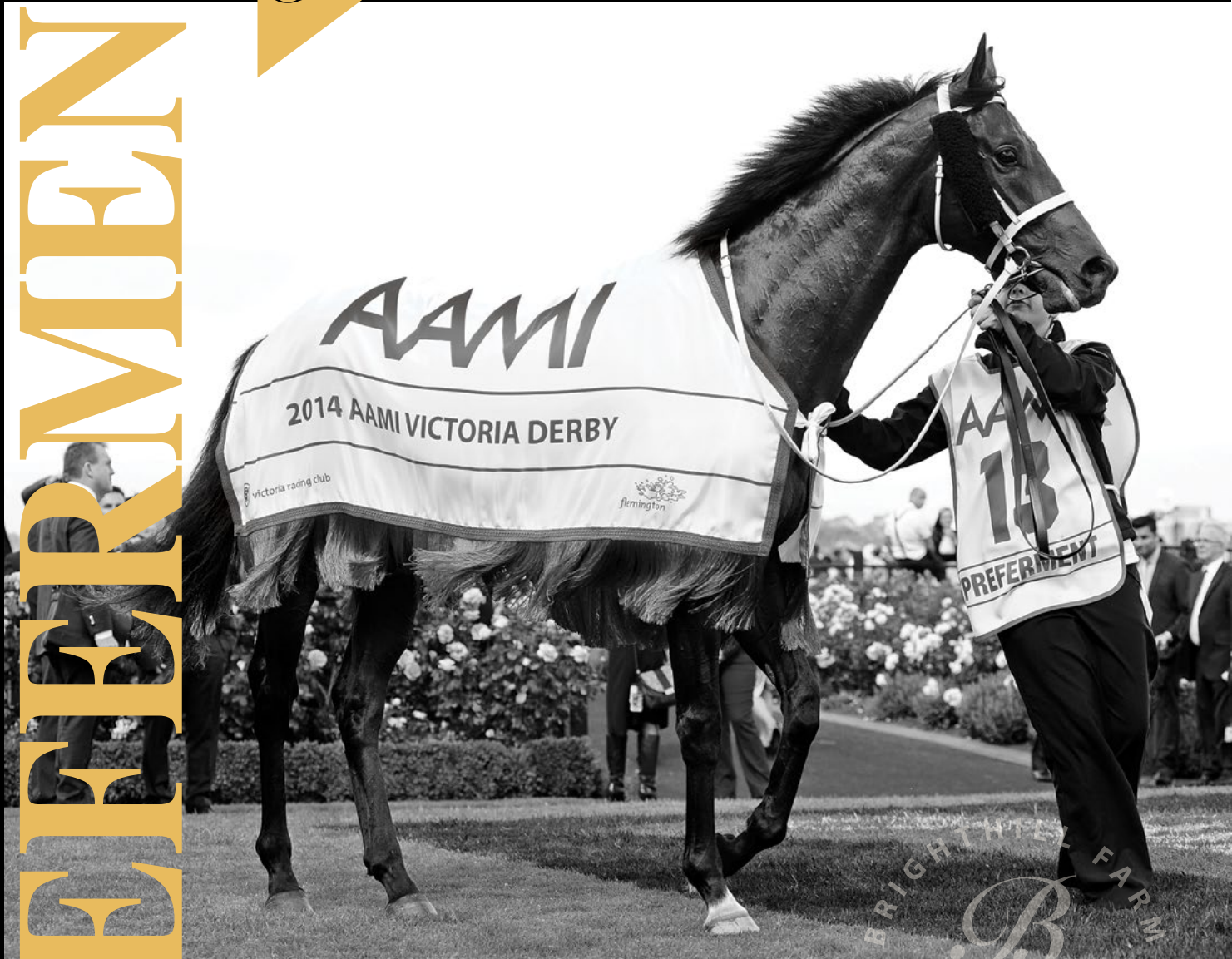
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Waikato Stud-domiciled Tivaci (High Chaparral) for trainer Mike Moroney, also an expat-Kiwi, last year.

"I decided to get up on the pace when he began well and the speed wasn't breakneck," Browne said.

"I hadn't intended leading but I got trapped out a bit and they started to really slow up."

It completed a double for Browne, who had won earlier on Badajoz (Commands), and was his 41st Caloundra winner this season. Although he later completed a treble on Spur Le Jouer (Jet Spur), he looks set to lose his Sunshine Coast premiership to Jeff Lloyd.

Birchley admits he was surprised to see Crack Me Up leading.

"Damian knows how to ride this track and you don't disagree with him," the trainer said.

"It was an unusual position for the horse as he usually chases well. It was an unfamiliar role for him today and he did it with good authority."

Going into the Guineas, Crack Me Up had won only once in a fourteen-race career but had finished second to smart Sydney galloper Religify (Choisir) at his previous start.

"He tested a good horse last start when the weights didn't

suit him. It has been the story of his career where he hasn't had much luck at all," Birchley said.

"I am keen to try him at further but I don't know if there is much around for him. He is a Magic Millions horse and we can always look to the summer."

Birchley had a slow patch earlier this year but has been in good form lately thanks to his property Archer Park, north of Brisbane, getting going.

"The property is really starting to pay off. The horses can have a freshen up there after racing and they seem to respond," he said.

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Race	SCTC Sunshine Coast Guineas Gr.3 1600m
Winner	Crack Me Up (NZ) 2013
Owners	M A McLean, R J McLean, G G Chapman, S M Achilles, S R Webber, S N Edmondstone, R S Heritage, P J Daniel, L A Maddison, Mrs J C Maddison, J A Ford, G P Ford, J A McIntosh, C M Cygler, C J Wessel, Mrs T M Wessel, Ms D Aram, Hervey Jump Out Synd (Mgr: Ms S Murtagh)
Trainer	Liam Birchley (Woodford)
Breeding	by Mossman (Aus) out of Chuckle (Aus) by Danehill (USA)
Breeder	R A & J E Ferguson Partnership Syndicate



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MY PAISANN IN LINE FOR WINTER CHAMPS

Group One-winning jockey Nikita Beriman's enthusiasm for next week's Winter Championship Final at Flemington increased yesterday when **My Paisann (NZ)** (Roc de Cambes) announced himself a genuine contender for the \$A150,000 Listed event with an impressive win at Caulfield, scoring a last-stride win in the Securecorp Handicap, over 1400 metres for three-year-olds.

The New Zealand recruit, who proved himself a useful juvenile last season when he followed a maiden win at Te Rapa with fifths in the Group One Manawatu Sires' Produce at Awapuni and the Listed Champagne Stakes at Ellerslie, is now prepared by Lisa Enright at Mornington.

Trained during his four-start New Zealand career by Nigel Tiley at Pukekohe, My Paisann remains in his original ownership of Dino and Angela Focas, Alan Hall and prominent bloodstock agent Phill Cataldo.

"The Grand Final is next week, so this was an added

bonus," Beriman said.

"I went down and galloped this horse on Wednesday and was rewarded with the ride today, so I'm happy to stay on board."

Backed from \$31 into \$19 before starting at \$21, My Paisann scored by a half-head over \$5 second favourite Revolving Door (Sebring) with the heavily backed \$3.40 favourite Enigman (Myboycharlie) third.

The Caulfield victory followed second placings at Ballarat and Sandown at his first two runs in Australia.

- racing.com

Race	MRC Securecorp H. 1400m
Winner	My Paisann (NZ) 2013
Owners	D & A Focas, A Hall and P Cataldo
Trainer	Lisa Enright (Mornington)
Breeding	by Roc de Cambes out of Florella by Volksraad (GB)
Breeder	The Oaks Stud



Nikita Beriman launches My Paisann (#12) at the line in yesterday's 1400 metre three-year-old handicap at Caulfield.





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HANG'S DECISION A HONG KONG FLYER

Hang's Decision (NZ) (Postponed) set a new 1400 metre track record in winning yesterday's Hong Kong Reunification Cup Handicap at Shatin and in doing so handed Chris So and Brett Prebble a trainer/jockey double.

"It was a bit of a surprise because although his last few runs have been pretty good, this was Class 2 and Brett was putting up four pounds overweight," So said after the 14/1 shot had raced 2¼ lengths clear of runner-up Circuit Hassler (NZ) (Shocking). "I told Brett to sit in the middle and give him a kick but they went a lot faster than I thought they would in the early part. Brett had him in a good spot and the three up ahead seemed to burn each other."

The five-year-old clocked 1:20.31 to better the previous course record of 1:20.40 set by Flaming Lamborgini (Compton Place) in October 2006 and matched by Pocket Money (Namid) in April 2007.

"It was a nice, tough win and I think there's more scope in him," Prebble said. "The handicapper's going to take a good look with the four pounds overweight and the margin of victory, but he didn't win soft. He gave me his full effort."

Prebble was a late call-up after Derek Leung was laid low with sickness, but with the replacement unable to ride at less than 120lb, 4lb heavier than the allotted 116lb, So sought and received permission from the stewards.

"When the stewards called and said Derek was sick, I had two choices and because Brett had ridden the horse before, I picked him," the handler said.

The consistent five-year-old was notching the third win at start eleven of his current campaign, having also registered four seconds and a third.

Prebble and So had also teamed up in race one, a Class 4 handicap over 1200 metres, with first starter **Leisured Feet (NZ)** (Savabeel), who raced a handy second and quickened past the front-runner early in the stretch to win by 1¼ lengths.

"We had a nice bunny," Prebble said. "I was going to lead and they went a bit crazy so it ended up panning out nicely. He got a bit star-gazy when he got to the front but he's entitled to do that. He's not a sprinter, so there's more to come when he steps up in distance."

– Hong Kong Jockey Club



Race	HKJC Hong Kong Reunification Cup 1400m
Winner	Hang's Decision (NZ) 2011
Owners	Wong Yuet Sing and Tony Wong Sze Ho
Trainer	Chris So (Hong Kong)
Breeding	by Postponed (USA) out of Bislieri (Aus) by Encosta de Lago (Aus)
Breeder	G Harvey
Sales	2013 National Yearling Sale, Select Session; V: Westbury Stud, P: Sanders Racing Stables; \$55,000

A happy Brett Prebble signals his joy as Hang's Decision passes the post in a record-breaking time.





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GUN RIDE ON 'EXCEPTIONAL JUMPER' HAS LUCY SINGING SHAUN'S PRAISES

Kipkeino (NZ) (Sunray) produced a career best performance at Hastings yesterday to claim top honours in the Hawke's Bay Hurdles.

The rising ten-year-old only had a maiden success over the smaller fences to his credit before taking aim at the Te Whangai Romneys-sponsored feature but he rose to the challenge in dashing style for an elated part-owner and trainer Lucy de Lautour.

"That was a fantastic ride by Shaun and I'm just so delighted," she said. "This makes everything worthwhile. It's only his fourth start this preparation so we're all really chuffed."

Runner-up at Trentham at his previous outing, Kipkeino was given an economical passage behind the pace by Shaun Phelan, who was able to push through on the fence to move into serious contention across the top.

They were in front at the final flight and the son of the Zabeel horse Sunray held a strong gallop to win with authority.

"He's an exceptional jumper and an easy ride really," Phelan said. "When we jumped I thought there would be more pace on so I was quite happy to sit in the trail.

"I was following

the Myers horses and then got through and he kept going strongly."

A six-time winner on the flat, Kipkeino had a length and a quarter to spare on Justa Charlie (NZ) (Shinko King), who had the winner's measure when they last met at Trentham.

The topweight and favourite Sea King (NZ) (Shinko King) rallied bravely to be a nose back in third spot after being under pressure at the top of the straight.

Race	Hawke's Bay Hurdle 3100m
Winner	Kipkeino (NZ) 2007
Owners	Mrs L C & W B de Lautour
Trainer	Lucy de Lautour (Waipukurau)
Breeding	by Sunray out of Awesome Annie by Gold Brose (Aus)
Breeder	Profile Bloodstock Ltd
Sales	2009 South Island Sale; V: Willow Glen, P: Mr & Mrs W B de Lautour; \$5500



Kipkeino and Shaun Phelan have established a break as they clear the last on their way to a win in the Hawke's Bay Hurdles.





STEEPLES A JOG IN THE PARK FOR ISHI

Gail Temperton isn't underestimating the part the Irish factor is playing in the development of her jumper **Just Ishi (NZ)** (Ishiguru).

The Awapuni horsewoman produced the nine-year-old to thump his rivals in yesterday's Hawke's Bay Steeplechase with major winter targets to follow at Trentham and, in all likelihood, at Riccarton.

Following Just Ishi's runaway Hastings success, Temperton was quick to praise the role the Irish-born jockey Gary Walsh has had in the horse's emergence.

"He rode another fantastic race and you just can't say enough about someone with his experience," she said.

Walsh has been aboard Just Ishi in all three of his victories over the big fences and he has also partnered the gelding in two wins over hurdles and one in a highweight.

The Palmerston North-based jockey gave another polished display on the horse at Hastings where they jogged along behind the pace before making their bid 600 metres from home. Just Ishi coasted to the front and careered away to score by 16 lengths.

"I think we'll probably go to Trentham for the Wellington Steeplechase next," Temperton said.

"We are taking it a step at a time and today was over an extra 800 metres and Trentham will be a bit further again."

All going well, Just Ishi is likely to



Gary Walsh holds his breath but Just Ishi looks completely relaxed as they make a tidy last-fence leap in yesterday's Hawke's Bay Steeplechase.

head south for the Grand National Steeplechase on August 12.

Fair Script (NZ) (Fast 'N' Famous) was a distant second yesterday with Tizza Secret (NZ) (Zed) and Mr Mor (NZ) (Corrupt), whose interrupted lead-up found him out, next to finish.

"He got injured in the Waikato Steeplechase when he opened up an old scar and he missed a bit of work," said JJ Rayner, who trains the twelve-year-old with her father Evan.

Race	Hawke's Bay Steeplechase 4800m
Winner	Just Ishi (NZ) 2007
Owners	Taikorea Thoroughbreds Ltd
Trainer	Gail Temperton (Awapuni)
Breeding	by Ishiguru (USA) out of Klassic by Pompeii Court (USA)
Breeder	Oira Road Investments Ltd





PATIENCE PAYING OFF **FOR WAIT A SEC**

Kind handling is bringing out the best in the versatile stayer **Wait A Sec (NZ)** (Postponed), whose spring target is already set in stone.

The six-year-old has been in outstanding touch during his latest preparation which successfully concluded on his home track yesterday when he made a winning open class debut in the Taradale Club Handicap.

“He’s going out for a quick spell now and when he comes

back we’ll be getting him ready for the New Zealand Cup,” said Guy Lowry, who trains the gelding with Grant Cullen.

Wait A Sec sat just off the pace for jockey Johnathan Parkes before he was urged to circle runners across the top, hitting the front early in the run home and from that point never looking under serious threat.

Last-start hurdle winner Zentangle (NZ) (Chinese Dragon) stuck on gamely to take second money off the front-runner Zartan (NZ) (Zed) with Nashville (NZ) (Darci Brahma) making late ground for fourth.

The well-backed Thorn Prince (NZ) (Thorn Park) was next in, unable to make an impression after giving away lengths with a slow start.

Wait A Sec has now won eight races, four of them in the last six weeks, on tracks ranging from good to heavy with

Race	Hawke’s Bay Taradale Club H. 2100m
Winner	Wait A Sec (NZ) 2010
Owners	I M & P D Henderson
Trainer	Guy Lowry & Grant Cullen (Hastings)
Breeding	by Postponed (USA) out of Security by Grosvenor
Breeder	I M Henderson, G D Innes and K R Whitehouse



Lowry putting the horse’s run of form down to time.

“We’ve been very patient with him and we’re getting the rewards now,” he said.

“He’s been doing a bit of farm work as well; we’ve been mixing it up and he’s enjoying it.”

Wait A Sec is owned by his Hastings breeder Ian Henderson, who races him in partnership with his Perth-based son Paul.

Wait A Sec continues a golden vein of form with an easy win in the open handicap at Hastings.



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AMARULA HAS HAWKE'S BAY TARGETED

Matamata horseman Peter McKay is taking **Amarula (NZ)** (Thorn Park) along an unconventional path toward Group One targets later in the year.

He admits his Hawke's Bay carnival-focused approach is different but it is tailor-made for his Hastings hope.

"It might seem strange to have him up at this time of the season but even though he's gelded he still gets quite burly so we'll keep him ticking over and he's enjoying it," said McKay, who races the four-year-old with his wife Kim.

In the hands of their son Shaun, Amarula collected his second success from his last three appearances when he defied his 60kg impost to win

yesterday's Skycity Hamilton 1600 at Te Rapa.

"That was a huge effort to carry that weight," McKay said. "It was nice to see him relax and finish it off and I'm looking forward to getting him over more ground.

"I don't think he'll get in the first one (the Tarzino Trophy) at Hastings so we'll look at the mile (Windsor Park Plate) on the middle day and then the 2000 (Livamol Classic) on the last day."

Amarula sat one off the fence near the pace and, after challenging 300 metres from home, had enough in reserve to score by a head.

Adriatic Pearl (NZ) (Zed) followed up her previous Tauranga victory with another tidy effort to come from last

for the runner-up cheque with the winner's stablemate Stokers Rock (NZ) (St Reims) third.

"The easing of the track helped him," McKay said. "That was a nice run; he got to the line really well."

Race	Waikato RC Skycity Hamilton H. 1600m
Winner	Amarula (NZ) 2012
Owners	Mrs K & P N McKay
Trainer	Peter McKay (Matamata)
Breeding	by Thorn Park (Aus) out of Shortblackmini by Black Minnaloushe (USA)
Breeder	Kaihere Bloodstock Ltd
Sales	2014 National Yearling Sale, Premier Session; V: Esker Lodge, P: P N & K McKay; \$80,000



Amarula (gold cap) completes a strong effort under a big weight over 1600 metres at Te Rapa.





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MALAMBO DOUBLES UP **DOUBLE QUICK**

Busy youngster **Malambo (NZ)** (Duelled) doubled her winning tally in rapid fashion at Te Rapa to earn herself a crack at the final two-year-old black type event of the season.

After breaking her maiden at Arawa Park last Wednesday she added the thick end of the stake in yesterday's Clarence Street Pak N Save to her record with stable apprentice Ryan Elliot again in the saddle.

"She never left an oat during the week and Ryan said she had a lot up her sleeve at Rotorua," said Graeme Rogerson, who trains Malambo with his wife Debbie. "She'll be set for the Ryder Stakes now."

The Listed feature will be run at Otaki on July 29.

"She's a typical Duelled – a lovely quiet type and she's a very good filly," Rogerson said. "Ryan is a very good rider as well. He's got a really bright future."

Runner-up in three of her first five appearances, Malambo was quickly into stride at Te Rapa to sit on the pace and when Elliot asked her for an effort in the straight she responded in fine style.

"She anticipated the start well and it was easy enough for her to sit outside the leader," Elliot said.

Malambo hit the front 250 metres from home then scooted clear to win going away by three-and-a-half lengths.

"She came through the race on Wednesday very well and she's



Malambo and Ryan Elliot breeze home against the juveniles at Te Rapa.

improving all the time so it's onwards and upwards with her," Elliot said.

Pacemaker Le Brassus (NZ) (Bullbars) gave a solid account of himself on debut by claiming second money ahead of the favourite Showtenaire (NZ) (Showcasing), who got back in the running and made ground fairly without getting her supporters' hopes up.

Race	Waikato RC Clarence Street Pak N Save S. 1200m
Winner	Malambo (NZ) 2014
Owners	G A Rogerson MNZM and Wealleans Bloodstock Partnership
Trainer	Graeme & Debbie Rogerson (Tuhikaramea)
Breeding	by Duelled (Aus) out of Dancing Song by Senior Pete (USA)
Breeder	G A Rogerson



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WEBSTER IMPRESSIVE **IN REPEAT WIN**

Promising galloper **Webster (NZ)** (Showcasing) showed a touch of class when scoring his second consecutive win in the \$575,000 Novice over 1200 metres at Kranji on Friday night.

After an encouraging debut second in an 1100 metre race in May, the three-year-old went one better four weeks later in a 1200 metre Restricted Maiden, winning comfortably under Singapore champion jockey Manoel Nunes.

But this third outing was by far the most impressive. With Danny Beasley replacing the injured Nunes, Webster took a backseat as Bringer Of War (NZ) (Burgundy) showed the way under her postage-stamp 50kg. For a second it looked like Mark Walker's two-year-old would prove hard to overhaul but

once Beasley got his mount to shift through his gears the race soon turned into a one-sided affair.

Still looking a little rough around the edges, Webster scooted clear to post an emphatic victory by just under four lengths from Brother Wind (More Than Ready) with Bringer Of War third, a neck away.

Trainer Daniel Meagher admitted to being a little caught by surprise by the ease of the win but had always had a hunch the Graham Mackie, Trish Dunell and Chris Garnett-owned gelding had above-average potential.

"I didn't think he would win that easily tonight as he was up against some pretty good horses," he said. "He's only a three-year-old and not the strongest horse but he's a genuine horse.

"What is pleasing is to see horses like him, who came to us looking so light, improve all the time. I will give him a break as I would like to space his runs.

"He's not a big horse but I did trial him a lot before his first run. He will get a chance to strengthen up during the break and it's good of Graham and Trish to let me do what I want."

Race	Singapore TC Novice P. 1200m
Winner	Webster (NZ) 2013
Owners	Graham Christopher Mackie
Trainer	Daniel Meagher (Kranji)
Breeding	by Showcasing (GB) out of Asaweb (Aus) by Secret Savings (USA)
Breeder	Mrs P A Dunell



Beasley, who partnered Webster in his early barrier trials but gave way to Nunes at his first two runs, thanked the Kiwi couple for the ride.

"Big thanks to Graham and Trish for the opportunity. I did ride him at his trials and I told Dan he gave me such a good feel then," said the Australian.

"I think he's a horse who's got a good future here. He's a real pleasure to ride and he's so professional. Most importantly, he has good speed and can relax in his runs."

– Singapore Turf Club

It's Webster first, the rest nowhere, at Kranji on Friday night.





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SUPER TYCOON **PAYS THE BELIEVERS**

Super Tycoon (NZ) (O'Reilly) finally showed the expectations held for him weren't misplaced when he got off the mark in style at his sixth Kranji start.

Trained by Daniel Meagher for his first three outings, with a second his best result, the three-year-old was then transferred to trainer Ricardo Le Grange. Starting favourite in the first two starts from his new quarters, the over-achiever tag was hard to shake off when two thirds were the outcome for the gelding, who races in the famous colours worn by Singapore champ Super Easy (NZ) (Darci Brahma).

But there was still hope Super Tycoon would give his connections

something to cheer about when he lined up in Friday night's \$575,000 Restricted Maiden over 1400 metres, especially when the field was whittled down to only seven runners and it was not surprising to see him start at odds-on.

Jockey Barend Vorster certainly rode him like he was the best horse in the field, sending him to the front with New Sensation (Myboycharlie) in close attendance. He seemed to be cantering as he cornered but the question remained if he could see it out.

The answer came quickly when, after a few shakes of the reins, Super Tycoon very swiftly and rather impressively put daylight between

himself and the rest.

New Sensation could not find a response to the sudden burst, gradually conceding ground to end up six lengths astern and beaten a short head for second by Energizer (NZ) (Bullbars).

With Le Grange back in his native South Africa, Vorster was the principal at the post-race interview.

"The couple of runs he has had for us have been to his benefit," he said. "He's been running in strong company. He is quite a feisty horse and that's why I didn't want him to run off too early.

"He had the other horse at his girth up to the 600 metres and then he just strode away to a big win."

– Singapore Turf Club



Race	Singapore TC Restricted Maiden S. 1400m
Winner	Super Tycoon (NZ) 2013
Owners	Number One Stable
Trainer	Ricardo Le Grange (Kranji)
Breeding	by O'Reilly out of Toss Up by Zabeel
Breeder	Waikato Stud Ltd
Sales	2015 National Yearling Sale, Premier Session; V: Waikato Stud Ltd, P: New Zealand Bloodstock, as agent; \$70,000 2015 Ready to Run Sale; V: Mana Park, P: Michael Freedman/Waterford Bloodstock; \$180,000

Super Tycoon breaks through in style at Kranji.

