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CAREER CHANGE MAY HAVE TO WAIT FOR FRANCIS DRAKE



Francis Drake bolts home at Te Rapa

Capable flat performer **Francis Drake (NZ)** (Tavistock) has a date with a hurdle race somewhere in his future but that may not be for quite some time judging by the performance he put up when winning at Te Rapa on the weekend.

The Graeme and Debbie Rogerson trained five-year-old took out his seventh victory from 38 starts when he ran away and hid from his rivals in the Jumpflex NZ 2100 in the hands of leading rider Chris Johnson. Johnson had his mount travelling easily in midfield during the early stages of the

contest before allowing him to slide around to attack the leaders as heads turned for home. Francis Drake quickly took over and dashed clear as he cruised to the line well clear of runner-up Rough Cut (NZ) (Aries Diamond) who made ground nicely without threatening the winner.

It was the Tavistock gelding's fifth win at the venue, with the four-length winning margin made even more impressive considering he carried a clear topweight of 61kgs in the event.

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Co-trainer Graeme Rogerson surprised many when he commented on the possible future for his charge.

"This little horse is the best jumper I've had since Lord Zirito and Jean Rapier," he announced.

"He jumped 50 hurdles on Wednesday morning and boy can he jump.

"I think that's his forte.

"I think we will take him overseas for his jumping so hopefully he's an Australian type of horse with the jumping thanks to his ability on the flat."

Rogerson was delighted with how the horse had handled the 61-kilogram impost as he pondered on where to take him next.

"It takes a good horse to win with that weight especially when the others are claiming," he mused.

"We may take him to Ruakaka next week but he's likely to have to carry 63kgs.

"I might have to put Ryan (Elliot) on with a claim but he's going great at the moment. He's really coping it and we

might go to the Taumarunui Cup after that."

Whilst the mount on Francis Drake went to this year's National Jockey's Premiership leader Johnson, Rogerson's apprentice Ryan Elliot also enjoyed a successful day for the team when winning on two-year-old Malambo (NZ) (Duelled) along with Prodigal Son (NZ) (Duelled) later in the programme. He was also successful on Central Districts galloper Darci Mac (NZ) (Darci Brahma) to bring up a winning treble for the meeting.

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	Waikato RC Jumpflex H. 2100m.
Winner	Francis Drake (NZ) 2011
Owners	G A Rogerson, J T Brown, A.C.T. Syndicate, E Thompson, B J Weal & G R Wilson
Trainer	Graeme & Debbie Rogerson (Tuhikaramea)
Breeding	by Tavistock out of Biosphere (AUS) by Encosta de Lago (AUS)
Breeder	Mrs H G & W G Bax & Go Bloodstock New Zealand Ltd; Waikato; NZ
Sales	2013 National Yearling Sale - Select Session V: Blandford Lodge \$40000 P: Rogerson B/stock

NEWS IN BRIEF

Treble not enough for Browne at Coast

Ex-pat kiwi Damian Browne's treble on the feature day at his beloved Caloundra racetrack will probably not be enough for him to retain his crown as the track's premier jockey.

On Saturday Browne won on Badajoz (Commands) for Darren Beadman, Crack Me Up (NZ) (Mossman) for Liam Birchley and Spur Le Jouer (Jet Spur) for Stuart Kendrick.

"It's always good to get back to Caloundra and good to get the support of wide ranging numbers of trainers," Browne said.

It took him to 42 winners at Corbould Park for the season but still seven behind Jeff Lloyd in the title race with only a month remaining in the season.

Brisbane's premier jockey Lloyd has broken many records in the past season and the Sunshine Coast premiership will be another.

At the other end of the experience scale, New Zealand jockey Racha Cuneen is trying his luck in Queensland and rode two winners this week.

He won on Future Event (Dream Ahead) at Ipswich on Friday and on Navy Gal (Husson) at the Gold Coast on Saturday.

The 25-year-old Cuneen won the Group One 1000 Guineas on La Diosa (NZ) (So You Think) and the Group One Telegraph on Signify (NZ) (Perfectly Ready) this season.

He is basing himself on the Gold Coast with Bruce Hill.

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HIGH CLASS ALL CLASS AT TE RAPA

Former handy juvenile **High Class (NZ)** (Shocking) finally put it all together on raceday as she ended a two-year absence from the winner's enclosure with a gritty performance to score at Te Rapa on the weekend.

The now four-year-old Shocking mare had looked to have any amount of ability when she downed a talented field of two-year-olds, including subsequent Gr. 1 1000 Guineas winner **Risque (NZ)** (Darci Brahma), on debut at Avondale back in May 2015. She then finished fourth in Listed company to round out her two-year-old season before commencing a three-year-old campaign that saw her form drop away markedly after finishing runner-up to **No More Tears (NZ)** (Darci Brahma) in the Listed Soliloquy Stakes at Ellerslie.

Since then the enigmatic mare has shown glimpses of her true ability in her latest preparation without managing to notch a victory for trainer Jenna Mahoney and her connections. A frustrating run of three minor placings came

to an end on Saturday when she put her best foot forward in the hands of regular rider Alysha Collett to down a handy line-up of fillies and mares over 1600 metres.

"She's become a nice consistent mare now as she has matured and is running well," commented Mahoney after the race.

"She's not had a lot of luck and some bad draws and really needs a track to suit.

"She's not a true Heavy11 track type of horse so we brought her back to Te Rapa where it really suited her and I knew she would be hard to beat."

High Class and Alysha Collett have the situation under control as they head to the finishing line at Te Rapa

The victory continued a wonderful run for rider Alysha Collett who brought up win number 90 for the season. She has eclipsed her previous best of 58 wins achieved in 2011/12 whilst also scoring her first victory at Group One level when successful aboard **Consensus (NZ)** (Postponed) in the Zabeel Classic last December.

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	Waikato RC NZB Insurance Pearl Series H. 1600m.
Winner	High Class (NZ) 2012
Owners	G J Pratt, L A Grant, P F Mahoney, H J Poczwa, S S & J Mahoney & M M Phillips
Trainer	Jenna Mahoney (Byerley Park)
Breeding	by Shocking (AUS) out of Mill Duckie by Magic Ring (IRE)
Breeder	Nearco Stud Limited; Waikato; NZ
Sales	2014 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale V: Curraghmore Stud \$30000 P: Cypress Point Farms



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REDEFINE COMPLETES WINNING TREBLE AT HASTINGS

Progressive three-year-old **Redefine (NZ)** (Captain Rio) completed a winning treble when he dominated his rivals from the front over 1600 metres at Hastings on the weekend.

The Captain Rio gelding continued a purple patch of form that began with a victory in rating 65 company at Wanganui in early June before he was successful in the same grade over 1400 metres at Otaki eight days prior to Saturday's effort.

The step up in grade and distance held no fears for Redefine as rider Johnathan Parkes took him to a comfortable lead shortly after the jump before dictating to his 10 rivals throughout the contest. It was

apparent to all that the Rachael Frost trained galloper was going to be hard to run down when he straightened with a handy advantage and so it proved as he kept up a resolute gallop to the line to score by just on two lengths from Itsagem (NZ) (Falkirk) and Dynamo (NZ) (Fully Fledged) who had chased him throughout.

Frost was all smiles when questioned after the race.

"I said to Parkesy to ride him where he lands," she explained.

"He's not one you can bustle up as he will pull but I said if he jumps in front to ride him there."

Frost is confident her charge has the ability to get to a higher level now that he has started to mature.

"He won his first start but then was very disappointing after that," she said.

"I think it was just that he was a bit immature so now he's grown up he's come right.

"He is a good doer and at his last start he was quite gross in condition so he cops it pretty well.

"There is a three-year-old race at Taranaki we could consider as long as it wasn't a Heavy11 so we might take a look at that."

Redefine is the fifth and last foal of Grosvenor mare Miss Defy (NZ) who is a half-sister to Gr. 1 Railway Handicap winner Donna Rosita (NZ) (Woodborough), while he also features Gr. 1 Randwick Guineas winner Ilovethiscity (Magic Albert) in his extended family.

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	Hawkes Bay T Lee & Ara H. 1400m.
Winner	Redefine (NZ) 2013
Owners	Mrs C M Frost
Trainer	Rachael Frost (Otaki)
Breeding	by Captain Rio (GB) out of Miss Defy by Grosvenor
Breeder	Mrs C M Frost; Central; NZ



A heady ride from Johnathan Parkes lands Redefine an impressive victory at Hastings





NO CHANGE SHOWS NO MERCY IN TOP JUMPS EFFORT

Local trainer Paul Nelson looks to have another top jumping prospect on his hands after **No Change (NZ)** (Shinko King) demolished his rivals with a fluent display of hurdling at Hastings on Saturday.

The six-race winner on the flat was having just his second start over the fences after finishing runner-up on debut to stablemate Rocky (NZ) (Danroad) back in May. Sent out a warm favourite in the novice hurdle event he didn't let any of his backers down as he glided into contention on the point of the home turn before dashing away in the run to the line to win by a neat



No Change in full flight during his hurdle victory on the weekend

four length margin.

Nelson isn't one to get carried away in his post-race comments but admitted he had been impressed by the performance.

"He's quite exciting I think," he said.

"He settled a bit further back than we thought he would but he came into it really quickly.

"Now he's won his maiden we will look around for something else but he will need tracks that aren't too bad."

Jockey Aaron Kuru wasn't satisfied with his own performance in the race but was pleased with the effort of his mount.

"It probably wasn't one of my best rides so I'll look to improve on that," he admitted.

"He was just a little better than them today and has won on his own accord."

The victory maintained Kuru's narrow lead in the National Jumps Jockey Premiership where he sits atop the ladder on 14 wins, one clear of Will Gordon with last year's winner Shaun Fannin a further two wins back in third with just four weeks of the current season left.

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	Hawkes Bay Stella Artois Maiden Hurdle 2500m.
Winner	No Change (NZ) 2008
Owners	Mrs C & P S Nelson
Trainer	Paul Nelson (Hastings)
Breeding	by Shinko King (IRE) out of Grosveness by Grosvenor
Breeder	Mrs C & P S Nelson; Central; NZ



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TAVISTOCK	\$7,302,159
PINS	\$7,109,349
IFFRAAJ	\$6,766,211
O'REILLY	\$6,232,612
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THORN PARK	\$5,321,990
PENTIRE	\$3,792,757
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Criteria: Sire whose NZ-conceived progeny have accumulated the highest stakes earnings worldwide

THE DEWAR STALLION TROPHY

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$7,335,155
IFFRAAJ	\$4,330,750
PINS	\$3,477,935
TAVISTOCK	\$3,195,669
DARCI BRAHMA	\$2,902,762
O'REILLY	\$2,835,207
PENTIRE	\$2,718,801
MAKFI	\$2,662,456
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$2,262,217
SHOCKING	\$2,162,455

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

THE GROSVENOR AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$3,025,045
IFFRAAJ	\$1,970,713
TAVISTOCK	\$1,660,352
DARCI BRAHMA	\$1,544,570
PINS	\$1,268,599
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$1,107,765
ALAMOSIA	\$1,034,160
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MAKFI	\$967,860
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Criteria: Leading Sires by Earnings in New Zealand



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NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG **JUNE 28**

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
Squid Roe – FORTUNE BO BO (H.K.) (NZ) 2012 by Coats Choice (AUS) out of Blue Blond by Stravinsky (USA)	M G Houlahan; South; NZ	HKJC Lai Chi Chong H. 1200m.	

NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG **JULY 1**

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
LEISURED FEET (NZ) 2013 by Savabeel (AUS) out of Quatro (AUS) by Rock of Gibraltar (IRE)	Go Bloodstock New Zealand Ltd; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Racing Goes On H. 1200m.	2015 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale; V: Curraghmore Stud, P: NZB as agent; \$145,000 2015 Ready to Run Sale; V: Mana Park, P: NZB as agent; \$300,000
HAPPY BEAUTY (NZ) 2012 by Makfi (GB) out of Starboard Light (GB) by Mark Of Esteem (IRE)	Whangateau Thoroughbreds Ltd	HKJC Uncompromising Integrity H. 1650m.	2013 National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Bloodstock Sale; V: Westbury Stud, P: John Bell Bloodstock; \$50,000
HANG'S DECISION (NZ) 2011 by Postponed (USA) out of Bislieri (AUS) by Encosta de Lago (AUS)	G Harvey; Auckland; NZ	HKJC Hong Kong Reunification Cup 1400m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Westbury Stud, P: Sanders Racing Stables; \$55,000

NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE **JUNE 30**

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
HEE'S FORTE (NZ) 2011 by O'Reilly out of Dita von Teese by Pins (AUS)	Waikato Stud 2001 Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1100m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Waikato Stud Ltd, P: LK Laxon; \$25,000
SUPER TYCOON (NZ) 2013 by O'Reilly out of Toss Up by Zabeel	Waikato Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Restricted Maiden S. 1400m.	2015 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale; V: Waikato Stud Ltd, P: NZB as agent; \$70,000
WEBSTER (NZ) 2013 by Showcasing (GB) out of Asaweb (AUS) by Secret Savings (USA)	Mrs P A Dunell; Auckland; NZ	Singapore TC Novice P. 1200m.	2015 Ready to Run Sale; V: Kilgravin Lodge, P: Macau Jockey Club; \$27,500
TERMS OF REFERENCE (NZ) 2012 by Per Incanto (USA) out of Myladys by Kingfisher Mill (USA)	Little Avondale Trust; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1100m.	

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