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## HUGH'S HORSEMANSHIP DRAWS PRAISE FOR MILE WIN ON A 'DIFFICULT' LIAPARI



*Liapari sweeps past his opposition close to home at Warwick Farm and takes Hugh Bowman a step closer to the Sydney jockeys' premiership.*

The canny horseman in Hugh Bowman played a key role in his late charge for the Sydney jockeys' premiership when he completed a winning double on Sayed (Stormy Atlantic) and **Liapari (NZ)** (Nom du Jeu) at yesterday's Warwick Farm meeting.

Bowman cut the margin Brenton Avdulla holds to 1½ wins after the pair of victories, with both rides drawing praise from trainer Chris Waller.

"That was a gem of a ride from Hugh Bowman," Waller said after he triumphed on Sayed.

But it was the display in the Benchmark 93 1600 metre event on Liapari, whom Bowman has now ridden three times for a second and two wins, that drew a special mention from Waller.

"He is a difficult horse and it has been a team effort," Waller said. "When he came to us, he was a stayer but my staff worked out that he is at his best at the mile.

"After Hugh ran second on him at Hawkesbury, he worked out he needs a bit more aggressive riding."

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Bowman recalled the Hawkesbury defeat. "I was waiting for him to get organised, which is what I like to do because horses inevitably won't produce their best unless they are balanced, but we were beaten narrowly," he said.

"But I've found Liapari is a peculiar fellow and you just have to put his mind on the job and get going sooner than you would with other horses.

"We have got a couple of wins with him and hopefully there is another one before the end of the month."

Bowman has ridden ten winners in the past two weeks and, with Avdulla suspended for the next week, he will now

get an opportunity to take the lead.

"To be fair, I've been getting very good rides and I've just been trying to make the most of them," Bowman said.

– Sydney Morning Herald

<b>Race</b>	<b>ATC Tab.com.au H. 1600m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Liapari (NZ) 2012</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>J B Quin</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Chris Waller (Rosehill)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Nom du Jeu out of Tradewind by Al Akbar (Aus)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>J B Quin</b>



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# DOLCETTO OVERCOMES OPEN COMPANY

Rising central districts star **Dolcetto (NZ)** (Per Incanto) yesterday exceeded expectations at Awapuni, where his development took another significant step.

Fronting up against the open handicappers for the first time in the Norwood Farm Machinery Centre Handicap, he duly accounted for the stakes winners Longchamp (NZ)

(Tavistock) and Taurus (NZ) (No Excuse Needed).

"I would have been rapt if he had run in the first three," said Dolcetto's regular rider Samantha Collett. "He's still learning his craft and doing a few things wrong."

The four-year-old sat at the back of the field before pushing between runners and then taking an inside passage into the straight.

Longchamp had taken control 250 metres from home but Dolcetto dug deep and finished better to earn a neck decision.

"He showed a lot of ticker today to pick up that other horse," Collett said. "He's improving with each run and more racing will help him again as he's

still quite quirky."

Co-bred and part-owned by his Levin trainer Sylvia Kay, Dolcetto was a winner and twice finished second behind Francaletta (High Chaparral), the winner of four from five, in three appearances at last year's Hastings carnival. That meeting is again high on Kay's priority list.

"I might be going to Wellington to ride him next – I'm not a hundred per cent sure on that yet – and then it will be on to Hawke's Bay," Collett said.

Dolcetto has now won five of his eight starts but he is likely to steer clear of the Group One features at Hastings.

"I don't think weight-for-age suits him just yet," Collett said. "He's

<b>Race</b>	<b>Marton JC Norwood Farm Machinery H. 1400m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Dolcetto (NZ) 2012</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Dr H M &amp; Dr W J Bishop and P J &amp; Mrs S L Kay</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Sylvia Kay (Levin)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Per Incanto (USA) out of Our Shiraz by Nediym (Ire)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Dr H M &amp; Dr W J Bishop and P J &amp; Mrs S L Kay</b>



still nicely placed in handicaps."

Meanwhile, Longchamp is bound for New Plymouth on July 22 to defend his Listed Opunake Cup title and Taurus is also expected to head the same way. He finished third in the race last year and was runner-up in 2015.

*Under hands-and-heels riding, Dolcetto (blue cap) gives Samantha Collett enough to hold out the fierce challenge of Longchamp and Johnathan Parkes.*





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# AMARULA 'DOES ENOUGH' AT RUAKAKA

Group One hope **Amarula (NZ)** (Thorn Park) showed his mean streak at Ruakaka where he turned in a valiant effort to successfully carry his topweight to another victory, the hardy four-year-old producing a dogged performance under 60kg to win for the ninth time in his career in yesterday's Northpine Waipu Cup.

Amarula was caught wide early before he took control in front and he then denied the favourite Spider (NZ) (Buffalo Man), who was in receipt of six kilos, after a battle that was waged for the length of the run home.

"He doesn't make it easy on himself and he just keeps doing enough," trainer and part-owner Peter McKay said.

"He's like that in his gallops, too; he likes to get his nose in front."

Amarula, who has a Hawke's Bay Guineas success to his credit, had also won his previous start at Te Rapa under 60kg.

"He came through that well and he enjoys his racing," McKay said. "He'll come back here in a couple of weeks when we'll step him up to 2100 metres."

Amarula will be tried for stamina with a view to confirming a tilt at the Group One Livamol Classic at Hastings where he will also target the Group One Windsor Park Plate over a mile.

"I think he'll go over more ground and I'm looking forward to riding him in the Group races next season," said McKay's son Shaun, Amarula's regular rider.

"He's a really tough horse and once he gets to the front he doesn't let them go past him."



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

*Amarula and Shaun McKay return to scale after a gutsy win under a 60kg steadier in the Waipu Cup at Ruakaka.*



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	RUNNERS	WINNERS	STAKES WINNERS	STAKES PLACED	G1 WINNERS
<b>SNITZEL</b> AUSTRALIA'S CHAMPION & LEADING SIRE	183	127	8	12	-
<b>SAVABEEL</b> NZ'S CHAMPION & LEADING SIRE	147	83	8	10	-
<b>PER INCANTO</b> NZ'S LEADING SIRE OF INDIVIDUAL 2YO WINNERS 2014/15 NZ'S LEADING SIRE OF INDIVIDUAL 3YO WINNER 2015/16 CURRENTLY 2ND ON NZ'S 3YO SIRES FOR INDIVIDUAL WINNERS 2016/17	148	76	5	7	<b>1</b>

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# FLORENCE PROVES GOLD TRAIL-WORTHY

**D**ashing filly **Florence Jean (NZ)** (Pins) has booked at least one appearance at the Hawke's Bay spring carnival.

Owner-trainer John Morell was unsure before yesterday's outing at Ruakaka whether the youngster would be taking on the best of her age group in the new season, but he has no doubts now.

Florence Jean thumped her rivals in the Tavistock Owners' Syndicate 2YO on her return to racing and the Group Three Gold Trail Stakes is now a target with the possibility of a lead-up run on the first day of the Hastings meeting,

"We'll see what happens but we will be looking at those races," Morell said.

"It's been hard to get a line on her at home. She's only had a couple of run-alongs and she doesn't put in a lot, but once the blinkers are on her she is a different horse."

Florence Jean had also won at Ruakaka on debut in January and she was then an unlucky sixth in the Group Two Matamata Breeders' Stakes.

"She got flattened at the start so she still went a good race and we turned her out after that," Morell said.

"She's had a couple of setbacks, one was a foot abscess, so there's still a lot of improvement in her."

Florence Jean was sent straight to the front at Ruakaka by regular rider Alysha Collett and the filly was coasting at the top of the straight.

"She jumped well and there wasn't a lot of early pressure,"



Alysha Collett gives Florence Jean an appreciative pat after their runaway win against the juveniles at Ruakaka – one of three winners on the day for the rider, firmly cemented in third place on the jockeys' premiership.

Collett said. "She was too good and had her ears pricked on the line. She's strengthened and she's a little professional."

Florence Jean was out on her own at the post with six lengths back to Contessa Vanessa (NZ) (Bullbars), the winner of her previous two starts.

<b>Race</b>	<b>Whangarei RC Tavistock Owners Syndicate 2YO S. 1000m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Florence Jean (NZ) 2014</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>J C Morell</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>John Morell (Te Rapa)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Pins (Aus) out of Really Reputable by O'Reilly</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Waikato Stud Ltd</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2015 National Weanling, Broodmare &amp; Mixed Sale; V: Waikato Stud Ltd, P: NZB, as agent; \$14,000</b>
	<b>2016 National Yearling Sale, Festival Session; V: Bluegables Farm, P: J C Morell; \$22,000</b>





# NUCLEAR FUSION BOOSTS RYDER HOPES

**N**uclear Fusion (NZ) (Power) has boosted her chances of a crack at the last juvenile black-type event of the season.

Trainers Graeme and Debbie Rogerson were given good reason to aim higher with the youngster when she was untested to win the Rayner Building 2YO at Awapuni yesterday.

“She’s done a few things wrong but she is improving with racing and she’s probably been a bit unlucky not to have picked up one before now,” said stable representative Garry Barlow.

The Rogersons have Malambo (NZ) (Duelled), who has won her last two starts, set for the Listed Ryder Stakes on July 29 and Nuclear Fusion is now likely to double their hand in the Otaki feature.

Nuclear Fusion wasn’t the quickest into stride at Awapuni before she gathered momentum to sit one off the fence in third spot.

She was out three-wide to attack on straightening and the daughter of leading first-season sire Power raced clear in the closing 200 metres for a deserved victory, having finished runner-up at her previous two appearances at Ellerslie and Otaki.

“She jumped a bit tardily but I was able to recover quickly to get a nice trip,” rider Johnathan Parkes said.

“She was always travelling like a winner and won pretty easily in the end. She’s still

*Nuclear Fusion and Johnathan Parkes have no trouble disposing of the juveniles at Awapuni.*

learning and she’ll make a nice three-year-old. They’ll have a lot of fun with her.”

Beltoy (NZ) (Per Incanto) boxed on well for second with the pacemaker Eva Dawn (NZ) (Burgundy) home for third in front of the well supported Style By Design (NZ) (Iffraaj), who was slowly away and ran home only fairly in the straight.

<b>Race</b>	<b>Marton JC Rayner Building 2YO S. 1200m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Nuclear Fusion (NZ) 2014</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Bailey Rogerson Trust, Mrs E L &amp; P G Karton, D W Lake, R B Lawson, G A Rogerson MNZM, The Whitby Bloodstock Trust and G R Wilson</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Graeme &amp; Debbie Rogerson (Tuhikaramea)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Power (GB) out of Solitary by Golan (Ire)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>D W Lake, R B Lawson, G C O’Connor, G A Rogerson and J R Weller</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2016 Ready to Run Sale; V: Dormello Stud, P: Bailey Rogerson; \$37,500</b>







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# CHASING GREAT GIVES TROY A TREBLE

Donna Logan has known for some time that **Chasing Great (NZ)** (Postponed) was well above average and the best is yet to come from the three-year-old.

"We've always had a lot of time for him and he won a jump-out here nearly a year ago so we knew he had plenty of ability," said the Ruakaka horsewoman, who trains in partnership with Chris Gibbs.

A luckless sixth on debut, Chasing Great turned in a stylish performance to score on his home track in yesterday's White Cliffs Timber Maiden to complete a winning treble for his stable and jockey Troy Harris.

They had previously combined with first starter Rocstock (NZ) (Tavistock) and Pursued (NZ) (Guillotine) to claim the opening two events on the card.

Chasing Great got back in the



Troy Harris completes his third win from the first three races at Ruakaka as Chasing Great opens his account in the maiden mile.

running before hitting top gear once he found space in the straight to post a victory with an international flavour.

"We syndicated him for his owners and put in OTI from Melbourne so it's a great result," Logan said.

"He's got a massive stride but he's still six to twelve months away from his best. He's a really big boy and only going to get better."

OTI's colours have been carried to numerous Group One successes and more than fifty stakes winners with Manighar (Australian Cup, Ranvet Stakes), Gailo Chop (Mackinnon Stakes), Kibbutz (VRC Derby) and Brambles (Queensland Derby) among their leading representatives.

Troy Harris... comeback looking great.

Harris said Chasing Great got stuck behind a tiring horse down the back but once he was into the clear the horse lengthened stride impressively.

"He travelled well and I had to ride him for luck and the gaps came. He's a big dummy and doesn't really know what he's out there for yet."

<b>Race</b>	<b>Whangarei RC White Cliffs Timber 2 Maiden S. 1600m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Chasing Great (NZ) 2013</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Murray Darroch, Graham Lemon, Mark Slater, Tina &amp; Chris Barlow, Darcy Wintle and OTI Management Pty Ltd</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Donna Logan &amp; Chris Gibbs (Ruakaka)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Postponed (USA) out of Big to Do (USA) by Black Tie Affair (Ire)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Highfields Bloodstock</b>



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# BE BEE BEATS THE BETTER BACKED

**T**rainer Shane Baertschiger captured the biggest prize of his career when twenty-to-one outsider **Be Bee (NZ)** (Showcasing) landed the \$5325,000 Golden Horseshoe in style at Kranji on Friday night.

The career milestone was fittingly achieved with his stalwart owner Jerry Sung of Auric Stable, who enjoyed a highly successful association with Shane's father Don over many years, and has kept up the support with the son.

"The horse was probably overs but it's not easy to back up ten days later and it was only his second start," said Baertschiger.

"But he's always shown us a lot. JP (John Powell) has done a lot with him but unfortunately couldn't ride him at his debut as he had just 50kg.

"It's good he was able to win the

big race with him tonight. He had him in a great spot saving ground on the rails. The horse mis-strode coming to the turn but he quickened up good after that.

"He will now go for the Juvenile Championship."

Baertschiger also praised the level of competitiveness among the two-year-olds this year.

"Tonight's was one of the best quality fields we've ever seen," he said. "After the strangles outbreak we couldn't buy a lot of two-year-olds but the quality has improved since and it's great for our racing."

A fighting head win on debut in a Restricted Maiden race had failed to garner Be Bee much betting support despite drawing barrier 1, with the spotlight on favourites Mr Hanks (NZ) (Showcasing) and Ferocious (Sebring), who were also one-from-one with wins

in richer races by wider margins.

But Be Bee had also thrived since his debut and the economical run he enjoyed for most of the 1200 metre trip went a long way towards a sizzling show of power in the home straight when he dashed away from pacemaker Charger (Dick Turpin) to post a 1¾ length margin, with the filly Bringer Of War (NZ) (Burgundy) sticking on well for third place, another 1½ lengths away.

Powell was in awe as he watched the TV replay on the giant screen.

"He had a lovely run though the race and sprinted nicely to draw clear in the straight," said the heavyweight Australian jockey.

"It was his first time on grass and there were a lot of horses who got lost. But he ran away from them once he flattened out and won really well.

"I've worked this horse from day one and he always showed good ability. He was well prepared by Stretch and the team."

– Singapore Turf Club



<b>Race</b>	<b>Singapore TC Golden Horseshoe 1200m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Be Bee (NZ) 2014</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Auric Stable</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Shane Baertschiger (Kranji)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Showcasing (GB) out of My Other Woman (Aus) by Fusaichi Pegasus (USA)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Mrs N M Leicester</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2016 National Yearling Sale, Select Session; V: Haunui Farm, P: Glen Harvey Bloodstock; \$220,000</b>

Be Bee out on his own at Kranji.





# DISTINCTIVE WIN TO MOTHER NATURE

A return to basics can sometimes do the trick with horses and promising galloper **Distinctive Darci (NZ)** (Darci Brahma) was a shining example of that at Kranji on Friday night.

The three-year-old reeled off a four in a row at his first preparation last year but after a December break it was apparent, from the way he was striding, that something was not quite right.

“He was losing his heels, which is not an uncommon condition but you have to look into it,” said trainer Mark Walker.

“The club farrier did a good job with him. We decided to take all his shoes off and let Mother Nature take over. He was soon striding a lot better.

“I was quite happy with his condition going into this race first-up and he won very well tonight. I think he’s come back a better and more mature horse.

“A big thank you to Dato Terry Lee for being so patient. He puts no pressure on.

“Hopefully, this horse can hold it all together now. I haven’t really decided what is next for him. I guess a lot will depend on what the handicapper gives him.”

Sent out as the even-money favourite in the \$580,000 Victoria Racing Club Trophy, a Class 3 over 1100 metres, Distinctive Darci always had leader Shadow Of War (Sebring) in his sights. At the 300 metre mark, the comeback horse left his rivals standing as he went to collect the first prize by 3¼ lengths from topweight Pole Paradise (Shaft) with Katagas



*Distinctive Darci in no danger on Friday night.*

(NZ) (Any Suggestion) third, another neck away.

Jockey Vlad Duric heaped praise on the five-time winner.

“He was my best ride of the night,” said the Australian.

“I was pretty confident from a long way out he would win. It was my first time riding him in a race but I’d galloped him once and he gave a very good feeling.

“He has such a beautiful action and I daresay he will become a superior horse on the Polytrack.”

– Singapore Turf Club

<b>Race</b>	<b>Singapore TC Victoria Racing Club Trophy 1100m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Distinctive Darci (NZ) 2013</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Fairdeal Stable</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Mark Walker (Kranji)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Darci Brahma out of Distinctive Lass (Aus) by Orientate (USA)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Nearco Stud Limited</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2015 National Yearling Sale, Premier Session; V: Curraghmore Stud, P: Te Akau Racing; \$100,000</b>

