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## ADRIATIC PEARL HANDLES OPEN CLASS WITH EASE – NO RUSH FOR BLACK TYPE



*Trudy Thornton has a firm hold on Adriatic Pearl as the Tauranga mare holds off her fellow grey Leeds in yesterday's open mile at Te Rapa.*

Connections of the late bloomer **Adriatic Pearl (NZ)** (Zed) might have to bide their time for a bit longer to allow the mare to complete her CV.

They have been patient this far with the rising seven-year-old, who yesterday won for the sixth time in only 21 appearances when she was successful in the Gallagher 1600 at Te Rapa.

"All we want now is a bit of black type with her and we'll look for that probably next season," part-owner and trainer Jim Pender said.

Adriatic Pearl's custom has been to drift well back in her races but in a small field she was able to keep the leaders within her sights and she finished off strongly in the run home.

"I was surprised she raced as handy as she did today," Pender said. "She's got that X-factor and she's a lovely mare to do anything with. She's really matured now."

Adriatic Pearl has been in fine touch this preparation and was a winner on her home track at Tauranga three runs back

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# RICH HILL STALLIONS 2017

*Diary Note: Stallion Parade, 1pm, Sunday August 6*

## JIMMY CHOUX Thorn Park - Cierzo (Centaine)

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before she finished runner-up to the Group winner Amarula at Te Rapa earlier this month.

Again ridden by her regular partner Trudy Thornton, she proved too good yesterday for fellow grey Leeds (I Am Invincible) with El Pescado (NZ) (El Hermano) back in third.

“Trudy loves the mare and she gets on really well with her,” Pender said.

The favourite Pacorus (NZ) (Tavistock), who was dropping back from his favoured middle distance to a mile, finished on late for fourth after being parked three wide throughout.

“He’ll go to the Taumarunui Gold Cup in two weeks’ time

and then hit the paddock for three or four weeks,” trainer Chris Wood said.

“I might nominate him for the last day at Hawke’s Bay [the Group One Livamol Classic] and the main aim is the New Zealand Cup.”

<b>Race</b>	<b>Waikato RC Gallagher H. 1600m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Adriatic Pearl (NZ) 2010</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Mrs R Henderson, A L P Knap, J C Pender and I Smith</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Jim Pender (Tauranga)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Zed out of Tudor Moon by Shinko King (Ire)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>H R Jones</b>

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Kiwi performers honoured in Hong Kong

New Zealand-bred performers were to the fore at the Hong Kong Jockey Club’s Horse of the Year ceremony on Friday night.

The Champion Sprinter award went to the recently retired **Aerovelocity (NZ)** (Pins), a repeat of his win in the 2014/15 season. The eight-year-old gelding, rated as one of the toughest horses ever to have competed on the Hong Kong circuit, started this season with two encouraging runs, finishing third in both the Premier Bowl and the Jockey Club Sprint, and then bounced back for a second triumph in the 2016 edition of the prestigious Hong Kong Sprint.

Last season’s Hong Kong Horse of the Year **Werther (NZ)** (Tavistock) claimed the Champion Stayer title this season, winning the Champions & Chater Cup, one of three mile-and-a-half races staged in Hong Kong, to seal the award.

Three-year-old **Premiere (NZ)** (Dylan Thomas) claimed the Champion Griffin award with three eye-catching wins from twelve starts.

As well as his Champion Sprinter award, the Paul O’Sullivan-trained Aerovelocity was honoured with a Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his great contribution to Hong Kong racing.

– Hong Kong Jockey Club



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# A HEALTHY SOUTHERN ICON **TOO SWIFT**



Mark Hills acknowledges Southern Icon's return to winning form with a restrained fist pump as they cross the line in Te Rapa's open sprint.

**A**lan Tait is hoping yesterday's win by **Southern Icon (NZ)** (Big Brown) at Te Rapa signals a major turnaround in fortunes, the Matamata horseman producing the gelding for a repeat win in the open sprint after last year's success had a shocking sequel.

"He got a virus and that was the end of his season," Tait said. "He showed so much ability and we tried to patch him up but it was no go."

That illness halted a run of four successive wins from Southern Icon, who had until then had been on a path toward the Group Two Lisa Chittick Foxbridge Plate and the Group One Makfi Challenge Stakes, to be run next season at Hastings as the Tarzino Trophy.

After the five-year-old's slick display in the Group One Turf Bar-sponsored event yesterday, those races will be back on the agenda.

Southern Icon worked his way to his customary role in front after 800 metres and held a strong gallop under jockey

Mark Hills, who has been aboard in seven of the horse's eight wins, to hold his rivals at bay.

Tait said he had been more hopeful than confident going into the race. "I just hoped he was back to where he was."

Southern Icon had a length and a half to spare at the post with Biggin Hill (NZ) (Falvelon) getting home late for second and Kitaya (Lawman) producing a solid effort for third in his New Zealand debut for Matamata trainer Danica Guy.

The well-travelled Irish-bred gelding was a Group Three winner and Group One placed in France before he transferred to Hong Kong where he won twice at Happy Valley.

<b>Race</b>	<b>Waikato RC Group One Turf Bar H. 1200m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Southern Icon (Aus) 2011</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>M A Collinson and Mrs G F Tait</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Alan Tait ( Matamata)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Big Brown (USA) out of Cataclapse (Aus) by Catbird (Aus)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Dartbrook Downs Thoroughbred</b>





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# GETTY'S PERFECT START CONTINUES

**Getty (NZ)** (Excelebration) announced himself as a leading spring prospect when he ventured north to Te Rapa where he continued the perfect start he has made to his career.

The Opaki youngster remained unbeaten with a strong performance to claim bragging rights after yesterday's New Zealand Bloodstock Insurance Pearl Series Race.

Getty had been successful on debut after ploughing through heavy going at Trentham last month and appreciated an improved surface to work with on his first trip away.

"That was a great result and I've always thought he would like the better tracks," part-owner and trainer Andrew Campbell said. "He got bogged down at Wellington but still got the job done well."

Getty made use of an inside gate at Te Rapa to make the running and comfortably held his closest rivals at bay in the closing 200 metres to win by half a length from Malambo (NZ)

(Duelled) and Waldorf (NZ) (Highly Recommended), a stablemate of the winner.

"I thought he would jump and lead," said Campbell. "He's a pretty smart horse and I was pleased with the other one as well."

He now has black-type options to weigh up with Getty and Waldorf with the Listed Ryder Stakes an obvious target and the Hawke's Bay carnival to follow.

"We'll try not to run them against each other again. I'll have a chat with Tommy about it and we'll make a plan," Campbell said, referring to his long-time friend Tommy Heptinstall, who shares in the ownership of both two-year-olds.

Successful jockey Johnathan Parkes said he had no concerns during the

<b>Race</b>	<b>Waikato RC NZB Insurance Pearl Series 2YO S. 1100m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Getty (NZ) 2014</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>T G Heptinstall, J A Barnao, T M Pivac, D R Platt, A Campbell, C V Barnao, C D Allison, N Cruickshank and Withonel Syndicate</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Andrew Campbell (Opaki)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Excelebration (Ire) out of Cousin Katerina by Stravinsky (USA)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Sir Patrick &amp; Lady Hogan</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2016 National Yearling Sale, Select Session; V: Cambridge Stud, P: A R Campbell; \$75,000</b>



race and he too expects Getty to improve as he strikes firmer ground.

"He's a good horse and he'll like the better track conditions," he said. "He's still got a lot to learn but he's exciting and is going to make a nice three-year-old."

*Baldy-faced youngster Getty keeps his unbeaten record intact as Johnathan Parkes guides him home in the opening event at Te Rapa. Malambo (blue colours) is a brave second after being caught wide in the running with the winner's stablemate Waldorf boxing on for third.*



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# ODDBALL OYSTERMAN ON TRACK FOR RESCHEDULED WELLINGTON 'CHASE

**T**he Oysterman (NZ) has his share of tricks and his connections are happy to play along with the jumper's zany nature.

"He's by Yamanin Vital and he's got his quirks alright," said trainer Stephen Nickalls, who shares in the gelding's ownership with former All Black Gary Knight.

"He does a lot of work at the beach and by the time he gets there he's dripping with sweat every time. But that's just him and if he's not sweating then I know I'm in trouble."

Nickalls' partner, fellow trainer and Knight's daughter Laura, is also well aware of The Oysterman's offbeat behaviour.

"We've done a lot of show-jumping and Laura took him

along to a sports day and he stood there and dug a hole down to his knees. We don't mind putting up with him when he's racing like he is though."

The Oysterman prompted celebrations at his last jumping appearance when he broke his duck over the big fences in the Manawatu Steeplechase.

His main winter target is the Wellington Steeplechase, now to be run at Hastings on Thursday after the wild weather forced the

abandonment of yesterday's meeting at Trentham.

"That had been his number one target all year and it will be a dream come true to win it," Nickalls said. "We'll be there with bells on."

Unlike a number of his rivals on Thursday, The Oysterman won't be heading to Riccarton for next month's Grand National meeting.

"We've been down there twice and both times he got hurt," Nickalls said.

"We'll probably work our way toward Auckland for the Pakuranga Hunt Cup and the Great Northern. He ran fourth in the Northern two years ago and he's certainly a much better horse now."



*The Oysterman . . . will be heading for Hastings on Thursday.*





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# MEMORIES FOR MARK **WITH MAJOR TOM**

Every time **Major Tom (NZ)** wins a race, trainer Mark Walker can't help getting a bit nostalgic. The five-time New Zealand and one-time Singapore champion trainer was responsible for both Major Tom's mum and dad, Spin 'N Grin (NZ) (Spinning World) and Darci Brahma (NZ) (Danehill).

Obviously, the multiple Group One winner and now champion sire needs no introduction but less is known about the dam.

Walker said Spin 'N Grin was a precocious mare who had a short but successful career as a racehorse before starting broodmare duties.

"She won a Group Two race, the Eight Carat Classic, at only her fourth start and she also ran second in the Group One Breeders Stakes," he said after Major Tom's win in Friday night's \$560,000 Class 4 1200 metre turf event.

"So this horse is well-bred and pretty special."

Walker thanked the owner John Galvin, of Fortuna NZ Racing Stable, for his patience during the time Major Tom had to be tipped out. The previous two-time winner last raced on March 31 when a disappointing eighth.

"He did very well at his first campaign but came back a bit shinsore," said Walker.

"It was just a sign of immaturity. I put him aside and he's come back good. I would say he's better than Class 4, so he was a bit underclass tonight.

"The 1200 metres was nice for a first-up run but, on his breeding, he will get better over more ground."

Not one of the best away, Major Tom was dropped to the



*Zawari Razali has his work cut out keeping Major Tom on a straight course but the three-year-old is too strong for his Class 4 opposition.*

rear early before being clicked up at the 750 metre mark. With apprentice Zawari Razali getting a little busier, Major Tom improved effortlessly three wide and, though laying in under pressure late in the race, finished best to score by half a length.

"He was lazy at the start," said Zawari. "I had to give him a bit of a dig to get going as the boss wanted me to go early. Though he was hanging in badly, he was very strong to the line."

– Singapore Turf Club

<b>Race</b>	<b>Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1200m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Major Tom (NZ) 2013</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Fortuna NZ Racing Stable</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Mark Walker (Kranji)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Darci Brahma out of Spin 'n Grin by Spinning World (USA)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Mrs S M &amp; T R Roper</b>





# DR DAN'S DENTISTRY THE KEY FACTOR IN EXTRACTING WIN FROM THE COSMOS

Unorthodox dentistry was cited out as the main factor behind the winning return of **The Cosmos** (Darci Brahma) in the \$560,000 Class 4 1000 metre polytrack race at Kranji on Friday night. The five-

year-old had last scored on March 5 but had failed to fire at his next three starts.

In a bizarre manner, the root cause of the tapering form emerged when a rotten tooth popped out of his mouth.

Mark Walker is a seasoned hands-on horseman who knows a horse back to front but was for once stumped.

"I've never seen anything like this before. An infected tooth just came out in front of the muzzle," he said. "All the vets crowded around when he was put in a crush. He wasn't knocked out cold but Dr Dan Shaw performed quite an unusual procedure to take it out.

"It was a completely rotten tooth and Dr Dan did a hell of a job. The

horse has really improved since."

Ridden by Walker's apprentice Zawari Razali, The Cosmos came from a midfield spot to join the battle inside the last furlong. Favourite Stock Broker (Onemorenomore) had tried to pinch the race from the front but buckled under pressure when Premier Fighter (Oamaru Force) collared him before a superior finish from The Cosmos won the day.

A winner at Ruakaka and placed on Karaka Million night in a six-start New Zealand career between October 2014 and January 2015 for trainer James Bridge, The Cosmos was sent to Singapore by owner Ian Farrelly and after winning on debut ran eight

<b>Race</b>	<b>Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1000m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>The Cosmos (Aus) 2011</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Ian James Farrelly</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Mark Walker (Kranji)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Darci Brahma out of Ennerdale (GB) by Singspiel (Ire)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>J E Abrahams Pty Ltd</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2013 Ready to Run Sale; V: Beatson Stables Ltd; P: New Zealand Bloodstock, as agent; \$130,000</b>



seconds in his next ten starts. A winner again in March this year, his form slumped through April and May before the dental treatment restored him to full health.

"The Darci Brahmas seem to win a lot of races here and I think this one can improve further," said Walker. "It was a great night for all concerned. We had only four runners and got two winners."

– Singapore Turf Club

*His dental problems behind him, The Cosmos returns to winning form on Friday night.*

