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LONGCHAMP DEFENDS OPUNAKE CUP TITLE



Longchamp (centre) clings gamely to his advantage as he takes out a second Listed Powerworx Opunake Cup

Under a desperate Johnathan Parkes ride last year's Listed Powerworx Opunake Cup winner **Longchamp (NZ)** (Tavistock) made it back-to-back titles with a gritty display at New Plymouth.

Parkes became a victim of circumstances from a wide barrier draw as he sat three-wide on the pace throughout the 1400 metre contest before driving the Andrew Campbell trained galloper to the front as the field rounded the home turn. The pair quickly established a two-length

break which proved the decisive move as a host of challengers threatened to run the Tavistock gelding down in the concluding stages.

Eventual runner-up Nashville (NZ) (Darci Brahma) got the closest as he dived late to get within a neck of the winner with New York Minute (NZ) (Iffraaj) and Taurus (NZ) (No Excuse Needed) almost in a line with the first two in a desperate finish.

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Campbell had been quietly confident about his chances when interviewed before the race with that confidence rewarded in emphatic fashion.

"He'd come up good and we thought he was spot on for the race, especially as he was carrying just the 56.5kilograms which was a great weight for him," he noted.

"He's just so brave and although he's had a hard run all the way he's done the job. He's got a heart the size of a lion.

"He's had a lot of issues on the way through so we're just so proud of him and I'm thrilled for all the people who have helped us along the way.

"It's just an amazing result and we can carry on towards the Group One now."

Campbell was referring to the Gr. 1 Tarzino Trophy at Hastings on the 2nd of September, a race in which Longchamp finished a meritorious fourth behind Kawi (NZ) (Savabeel) in 2016.

Parkes was quick to admit that things hadn't quite gone to plan despite his desire to have his charge somewhere near the speed in the early stages.

"We began well and I'd always planned to ride him up on the speed," he explained.

"The inside horses just kept kicking up but I still wanted to be there so we could pounce on the turn.

"We actually probably got to the front too easy in a way as he started to wait for them but in the end we got the job done."

The disappointment in the race was the warm favourite Art Deco (NZ) (Road To Rock) who dropped away to finish in mid-field after looking a threat when she issued her challenge approaching the home turn.

- NZ Racing Desk

Race	Taranaki RC Opunake Cup L 1400m.
Winner	Longchamp (NZ) 2011
Owners	T G Heptinstall, J A Barnao, D R Platt, T M Pivac, N Cruickshank, C B McDowell, W C Webb & Withonel Syndicate
Trainer	Andrew Campbell (Opaki)
Breeding	by Tavistock out of Shot at the Title (AUS) by Danehill (USA)
Breeder	Sir Patrick & Lady Hogan & Letmar Investments Pty Ltd; Waikato; NZ
Sales	2013 National Yearling Sale - Select Session V: Cambridge Stud \$40000 P: AR Campbell

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SEA KING TAKES FEATURE **BENDIGO HURDLE**

Kiwi jumper **Sea King (NZ)** (Shinko King) might not have been permitted to attempt a third Mosstrooper Steeplechase victory at Bendigo on Sunday but it didn't matter, with the remarkable horse winning the feature hurdle race instead.

The rising 11-year-old arrived in Melbourne just last week to the news that he was unable to run in the steeplechase because he had not trialled over the larger fences this season, but Sea King still made it three trips to Bendigo for three feature race wins after outstaying his rivals in the \$100,000 Brendan Drechsler Hurdle.

In doing so, the magnificent steeplechaser revived memories of his Grand National Hurdle win in 2014.

His Australian trainer Patrick Payne was doubtful the horse would have enough zip to win over the smaller obstacles but Sea King was more than nimble enough to score a narrow win over Two Hats (Holy Roman Emperor) and Hornet's Nest (High Chaparral).

The race was expected to be dominated by the season's most consistent hurdler Renew (Dansili) but the Darren Weir-trained import could not add to his season record of four hurdle runs for four wins as he started to feel the pinch a long way from home after taking up his usual role in front.

Sea King in action at Trentham earlier this year. The champion jumper added the Brendan Drechsler Hurdle at Bendigo to his winning record on Sunday

Starting at \$2.30, Renew failed to beat a horse home and was some 36.2 lengths from Sea King.

Sea King's jockey Brad McLean was full of praise for the horse he had ridden against but never partnered before.

"He's just an old marvel," he said of Sea King. "It's been a big ask for him with plenty of travel but he was never going to get beaten in the run. He was just awesome.

"I was very, very confident in the run. He did everything right and he switched off okay, but it was just the way he felt.

"I knew he's be so tough late and he jumped the last two good and put

the race to bed."

McLean said that he was so impressed with Sea King that he was hopeful of being retained as his rider when he next tackles the Crisp Steeplechase before the Grand National Steeplechase at Ballarat next month.

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Race	Bendigo JC Brendan Drechsler Hurdle 3600m.
Winner	Sea King (NZ) 2006
Owners	Miss R A Frost, Mr C D W O'reilly, Mrs S M Harty
Trainer	Patrick Payne (Plumpton)
Breeding	by Shinko King (IRE) out of Ocean Princess by Prince of Praise
Breeder	Mrs S M Harty; NZ





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A MARK OF DISTINCTION **IN KRA TROPHY**

Exciting galloper **Distinctive Darci (NZ)** (Darci Brahma) overcame a few traffic problems to gain the upper-hand at the right time in the \$250,000 Korea Racing Authority Trophy (1200m) at Kranji on Sunday.

The talented three-year-old was facing a stiffer task measuring up against a higher benchmark at level weights, but from the way he burst through once he found daylight, there is every chance trainer Mark Walker and owner Dato Terry Lee have found themselves an above-average horse.

From the start, the son of Darci Brahma looked bogged down amongst a bunch of runners at the rear, and seemingly running into dead ends every time he tried to find a way out.

The \$14 favourite's only chance then resided in the way the leaders headed by Darc Bounty (NZ) (Darci Brahma) had gone like the clappers from the start. Surely, they would have

to come back, but Vlad Duric was still riding on a wing and a prayer as the field swung for home.

But the moment Distinctive Darci found a gap at the 250m, the rip-roaring engine under the bonnet was finally able to be let loose. In one fell swoop, Distinctive Darci gobbled up the leaders one by one, before staving off a late charge from longshot Laser Storm (NZ) (Lucky Owners) to go and fall in by half-a-length.

With Walker away at the Gold Coast, it was assistant-trainer Gus Clutterbuck who did the honours at the prize presentation.

"They went really hard and that suited him. I was not really worried he was so far back behind horses as he is a horse who runs better when he comes to the outside," said the Kiwi horseman.

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Distinctive Darci (inner) clings to his advantage as he takes out the Korea Racing Authority Trophy





A MARK OF DISTINCTION **IN KRA TROPHY**

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“Vlad knows that, too, and things worked out well in the end. Mark has done a marvellous job with him.

“He was aimed at the 3YO races but we put him away after he had some problems with his heels. For him to win second-up in a race like this, it was a great effort.”

Duric, who was only at his second partnership with Distinctive Darci, the first being at his comeback run from a four-month spell when they dismantled a Class 3 field only a fortnight ago, was simply blown away by the way he lengthened up once he grabbed his get-out-of-jail card.

“At his first prep, this horse showed a lot of ability and then had a nice break,” said the current leading jockey.

“Today was a step-up in grade and we had to overcome some adversity with so many horses around us. We just couldn’t find a way out.

“I had to wait and wait, hoping to get around horses, and once he got the break, I knew he would win. He’s got such a good turn of foot.”

With that sixth win from 12 starts, Distinctive Darci has swollen his bank account past the \$380,000 mark for the Fairdeal Stable.

Race	Singapore TC Korea Racing Authority Trophy 1200m.
Winner	Distinctive Darci (NZ) 2013
Owners	Fairdeal Stable
Trainer	Mark Walker (Kranji)
Breeding	by Darci Brahma out of Distinctive Lass (AUS) by Orientate (USA)
Breeder	Nearco Stud Limited; Waikato; NZ
Sales	2015 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale V: Curraghmore Stud \$100000 P: Te Akau Racing





KAWI A PICTURE OF GOOD HEALTH

Multiple Group One winner **Kawi (NZ)** (Savabeel) appeared in fine fettle as he continued his progress towards a new spring campaign with a gallop between races at New Plymouth on Sunday.

The strapping son of Savabeel was never under pressure as he worked at a steady pace in the hands of Jonathan Riddell throughout a lap of his home base. The multiple Group One winner had the better of intermediate grade mare Lucyinrio (NZ) (Captain Rio) as they quickened over the final 400 metres and looked to be relishing his work.

Trainer Alan Sharrock was contented with the outing as he confirmed plans for his charge.

“He loathed the conditions but he had to have a gallop as we’re not going to have a jump-out in the morning like we planned,” he advised.

“We’re hoping to go to the trials at Foxton next, providing they run them, and then into the Foxbridge Plate at Te Rapa.”

Sharrock is quietly confident he has Kawi on schedule to create a piece of New Zealand racing history as he bids to become the first horse to capture the Gr. 1 Tarzino Trophy (formerly the Makfi Challenge Stakes), the

feature event on the first day of the Hawkes Bay Spring Carnival, on three occasions.

“No horse has done it and it will be a bit of an ask,” he admitted.

“He’s had a good break for a couple of months but we started on him a little earlier this time and at this stage I think I’m ahead of the eight ball.

“He’s a year older and a little fatter inside but the good thing is that if we do have a hiccup then we are ahead and can get him through that.

“I wouldn’t expect he could win the Foxbridge but if he happened to then I’d know we were going real good!”

The Gr. 2 Lisa Chittick Foxbridge

Plate will be run at Te Rapa on the 19th of August whilst the Gr. 1 Tarzino Trophy will be contested at Hastings on September 2.

– NZ Racing Desk



Kawi takes out his first Gr. 1 Makfi Challenge Stakes back in 2015





KATIE DOMINATES ON HOME TURF

Local galloper **Katie McKeen (NZ)** (Keeninsky) once again gave her rivals a galloping lesson on her home patch at New Plymouth as she waltzed home by over eight lengths in the Gail Drought Memorial (2000m) on Sunday.

Taken straight to the front by apprentice Alfred Chan the rising eight-year-old set a steady tempo throughout the rating 85 contest. Challenged briefly in the mid-stages by Zartan (NZ) (Zed), Katie McKeen quickly shook off that distraction as she and Chan set sail for home with 600 metres to run. A two-length margin quickly became five, six and more as the pair hugged the rail on the home turn before maintaining a strong gallop to the post where she comfortably held out race favourite She's Poppy (NZ) (Alamosa) who chased bravely all the way.

The victory was the Keeninsky mare's sixth on her home track and 10th overall in a career that has netted her in excess of \$150,000 in

prizemoney. The win was also a repeat of her 2016 effort where she took out the corresponding contest by seven lengths after adopting similar front-running tactics.

Trainer Gary McBeth admitted he was hopeful rather than confident before the race but was boosted by a visit from horse chiropractor Tommy Behrns during the week.

"We had Tommy come and see her this week and within 24 hours she was a different horse," he explained.

"Before Tommy worked on her I couldn't lift her tail up she was so sore but now you wouldn't know it was the same horse.

"Today she got things to suit out in front as she hates being ridden in behind. When she is in front she will fight to the bitter end and she showed all those qualities today."

McBeth is undecided about the mare's immediate future although he did confirm she has a date in the stallion's barn later in the year.



Alfred Chan and Katie McKeen are in a world of their own at New Plymouth

"We have decided to get her in foal but at this stage we haven't decided where we will send her," he said.

"She may have one more run before then but where that will be I just don't know. The Taumarunui Cup could be an option but she never handled the Rotorua track last year.

"That makes me a little wary about going back there but you wouldn't think she's even had a run today she has pulled up that well so I'm going to have to give it some serious thought over the next 48 hours."

- NZ Racing Desk

Race	Taranaki RC Gail Drought Memorial H. 2000m.
Winner	Katie McKeen (NZ) 2009
Owners	G B & Mrs V M McBeth
Trainer	Gary McBeth (New Plymouth)
Breeding	by Keeninsky out of Eulogize by Sound Reason (CAN)
Breeder	G B & Mrs V M McBeth; Central; NZ





MASTERCARD BANKS ANOTHER VICTORY AT RUAKAKA

Rangy three-year-old **Mastercard (NZ)** (Makfi) confirmed his trainer's thoughts about his long-term future when he strode to an impressive victory in the last race at Ruakaka on Saturday.

The Karen Zimmerman prepared gelding notched his second victory in a brief career to date with a strong staying burst to close out the final stages of the 1600 metre contest as he provided evidence that an increase in distance won't faze him.

"I've liked him from the moment I got him and have always thought we won't see the best of him until he gets over more ground," admitted Zimmerman when questioned about the performance.

"He's just taken time to strengthen but he's such a lovely

laid-back and relaxed galloper that he appeals as a type that will be best when he gets to a middle distance later on.

"I really think he is going to make into a lovely Cups horse when he fully matures."

The victory was made all the more impressive after Mastercard overcame a tardy beginning that saw him settle further back than Zimmerman wanted in the early stages of the special conditions event. Rider Michael McNab didn't panic however, as he steadily improved his position along the rail to sit just in behind the leading pack as heads turned for home.

McNab threaded a path between runners before angling to the outer and setting out after leaders at the 300 metre mark. Mastercard dug deep as he charged home to collar Major Tom (NZ) (Red Giant) in the last few bounds with Pursued (NZ) (Guillotine) fighting on bravely for third after hitting the front at the top of the straight.

"When I saw him miss away I was a little worried however Michael rode him beautifully to get him into a good position after that," said Zimmerman.

"Michael said he felt good all the way and when he really asked him he dug deep and produced a good kick. He's not

really that comfortable going right-handed and wouldn't have wanted it any wetter underfoot so all in all it was a good effort."

Zimmerman will take a wait and see approach before deciding on the next assignment for her charge.

"I'll see how he pulls up as he's had a few runs now and it might be time for a quick break in a good paddock," she said.

"There's no point in running him on the bog tracks we are getting now and with the potential I think he has I don't want to jeopardise any plans we might make for him in the spring."

- NZ Racing Desk

Race	Whangarei RC ITM/Gib S. 1600m.
Winner	Mastercard (NZ) 2013
Owners	NZ Thoroughbred Holdings Ltd
Trainer	Karen Zimmerman (Byerley Park)
Breeding	by Makfi (GB) out of Visa Lisa (AUS) by Redoute's Choice (AUS)
Breeder	G Harvey; Auckland; NZ



Mastercard (blue & white colours) storms home out wide to secure victory at Ruakaka





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YABADABADOO ROLLS HOTPOT ON DEBUT

A brilliant ride from jockey Derreck David saw debuting two-year-old **Yabadabadoo (NZ)** (Makfi) turn back the tables on short-priced favourite Sattar (Star Witness) to land the \$75,000 Restricted Maiden race over 1100m on Sunday.

The South African jockey was jumping on the son of Makfi for the first time, but had together with trainer Michael Clements, devised a simple strategy. Use the New Zealand-bred gelding's early gate speed to come across from his outermost alley (12) and ride him for luck from there.

Half the battle was won after Yabadabadoo was able to achieve that first objective without much fuss.

But if there were to be a nemesis to the plan, it would probably be odds-on favourite and fellow newcomer Sattar. The two-time barrier trial winner also showed an abundance of speed from his barrier No 6 to settle on the girth of Yabadabadoo.

Upon straightening, Sattar was throttled up into overdrive, easily drawing on level terms with Yabadabadoo before inexorably edging past at the 200m.

At that stage, the win looked a foregone conclusion for the top fancy. Those few pennies that Yabadabadoo spent to cut across early doors, were probably being sorely missed.

But just like the cartoon character he is named after, Fred of the Flintstones, Yabadabadoo would not get rolled so easily. With David riding



Yabadabadoo (inner) snatches victory on debut at Kranji

for dear life, he came launching again with another crack on the rails, and with Sattar unable to pull away, the game chestnut poked his head in front - and that was where it stayed all the way to the line.

Clements said Yabadabadoo had displayed ability from Day 1, but a few issues curtailed his original plan to head him towards the Juvenile Championship (1400m) next Sunday.

"He showed ability when he came to us, but he got shinsore," said the Zimbabwean-born handler.

"He didn't have the greatest preparation, we had to give him a lot of swimming. That was why we skipped the Juvenile next week and went with this softer option instead.

"I don't usually give my horses a

qualifying trial (Official Race Trial) in the week they race, but he had his on Tuesday (won by 1 ½ lengths with Manoel Nunes up).

"He's obviously a pretty smart horse and it's good to have another one after Countofmontecristo, Tannhauser and Chopin's Fantaisie."

Race	Singapore TC Restricted Maiden S. 1100m.
Winner	Yabadabadoo (NZ) 2014
Owners	JGS Singh
Trainer	Michael Clements (Kranji)
Breeding	by Makfi (GB) out of Doduo (AUS) by Danehill (USA)
Breeder	Watson Bloodstock Ltd; Auckland; NZ
Sales	2016 Ready to Run Sale V: Westbury Stud \$27000 P: JGS Singh



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NZ STALLION AWARDS

THE CENTAINE AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$11,511,952
DARCI BRAHMA	\$8,391,518
TAVISTOCK	\$8,014,185
PINS	\$7,288,489
IFFRAAJ	\$6,919,147
O'REILLY	\$6,510,257
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$5,706,718
THORN PARK	\$5,497,681
PENTIRE	\$3,868,443
KEEPER	\$3,852,904

Criteria: Sire whose NZ-conceived progeny have accumulated the highest stakes earnings worldwide

THE DEWAR STALLION TROPHY

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$7,558,561
IFFRAAJ	\$4,440,998
PINS	\$3,576,593
TAVISTOCK	\$3,297,704
DARCI BRAHMA	\$3,015,372
O'REILLY	\$2,911,185
PENTIRE	\$2,790,322
MAKFI	\$2,762,551
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$2,328,192
SHOCKING	\$2,217,863

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

THE GROSVENOR AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$3,054,170
IFFRAAJ	\$2,028,273
TAVISTOCK	\$1,681,917
DARCI BRAHMA	\$1,571,070
PINS	\$1,283,549
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$1,122,765
ALAMOSIA	\$1,070,850
PER INCANTO	\$1,048,995
MAKFI	\$986,210
SHINKO KING	\$977,425

BEST PERFORMERS	EARNINGS
KAWI	\$378,750
GINGERNUTS	\$665,450
VOLKSTOK'N'BARRELL	\$288,000
DEVISE	\$114,625
REILLY LINCOLN	\$119,062
THEE AULD FLOOZIE	\$305,375
BELLE BOY	\$66,533
SARACINO	\$144,375
BONNEVAL	\$289,000
SEVENTH UP	\$187,225

Criteria: Leading Sires by Earnings in New Zealand



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NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE

JULY 21

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
ECLIPSE SPLASH (NZ) 2013 by Showcasing (GB) out of Beach Dance by Carnegie (IRE)	S E McGiffert; Canterbury; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1400m.	2015 South Island Yearling & Mixed Sale; V: Three Valleys, P: E Sullivan; \$22,000
SATELLITE STAR (NZ) 2012 by Buffalo Man (CAN) out of Dramatic Duchess by Drama Critic (USA)	Mrs S A Parvin & M J Springford; Auckland; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1100m.	2014 National Yearling Sale - Festival Sale; V: Totara Park Stud, P: DR Wiles; \$3,500
SIMPANG (NZ) 2008 by Rusty Spur (USA) out of Goewin by His Royal Highness	M J Springford; Auckland; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1200m.	

NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE

JULY 23

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
YABADABADOO (NZ) 2014 by Makfi (GB) out of Doduo (AUS) by Danehill (USA)	Watson Bloodstock Ltd; Auckland; NZ	Singapore TC Restricted Maiden S. 1100m.	2016 Ready to Run Sale; V: Westbury Stud, P: JGS Singh; \$27,000
DISTINCTIVE DARCI (NZ) 2013 by Darci Brahma out of Distinctive Lass (AUS) by Orientate (USA)	Nearco Stud Limited; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Korea Racing Authority Trophy 1200m.	2015 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale; V: Curraghmore Stud, P: Te Akau Racing; \$100,000
LIM'S SHOT (NZ) 2012 by Showcasing (GB) out of Lucinda Jane by San Luis (AUS)	C D Loach & J G Sargent; Auckland; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1200m.	

