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## CHOCANTE BOUNCES BACK FROM EAGLE FARM FIASCO TO WIN THE BRISBANE CUP



*As the winning post nears, a purposeful Chocante is well clear of his rivals in yesterday's Brisbane Cup.*

Jockey Jim Byrne, successful earlier in the day in the Group One Atkins Stakes, signed off a memorable Stradbroke day with a flourish when he rode Cambridge stayer **Chocante (NZ)** (Shocking) to an all-the-way win in the Group Two Brisbane Cup at Doomben.

The lightly raced four-year-old, winner of the Group

Three Counties Cup last November, was taken to the lead in yesterday's 2200 metre event soon after the start before dashing clear in the straight to win the Cup by 3¼ lengths.

Closest at the finish was Single Gaze (Not A Single Doubt), who shouldered topweight of 59kg to a brave defeat after

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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	-
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backing up from her win in the Group Two P J O'Shea Stakes a week earlier.

Byrne was confident Chocante would bounce back in the Brisbane Cup despite finishing tenth, beaten ten lengths, as a well-fancied \$6.50 chance in the 2200 metre Group Three Premier's Cup at Eagle Farm on May 27, a performance that probably prompted his \$18 starting price yesterday.

"I told them after he ran at Eagle Farm not to worry because he didn't handle that track at all," Byrne said.

"Funnily enough, even though the track today was good I was a bit worried that it might be a bit jarry for him but he let down really quickly when I went for him."

After Chocante's Eagle Farm flop, trainer Stephen Marsh was resigned to missing the Brisbane Cup but had a change of heart when the meeting was transferred to Doomben.

"I don't want to be one to go on about the track but we were going to up stumps and go to the Ipswich Cup if they didn't change venues," Marsh said.

"We were rapt when they moved it to Doomben. We've been ultra happy with him all the way through and I'm delighted he's proved it today."

By winning the Cup, Marsh emulated the feat of his father Bruce, who was successful with the David Walsh-ridden Marlon (NZ) (War Hawk II) in 1986, when the race was run over 3200 metres.

A trip to Melbourne for the spring carnival is on the agenda for Chocante, who the trainer says will "go home in a couple of days" to spell after yesterday's win.

"We'll give him every chance to prove that he's up to that level and if he isn't right up to the very best there's a few tiers down that you can still run in for good money," Marsh said.

"We'll aim high and see where we get to."

– AAP TURF

<b>Race</b>	<b>BRC Brisbane Cup Gr.2 2200m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Chocante (NZ) 2012</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>M W Freeman and D G Price</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Stephen Marsh (Cambridge)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Shocking (Aus) out of Strictly Maternal by O'Reilly</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>M W Freeman and D G Price</b>

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# LAKE COMO STRAIGHT **BACK TO A WIN**

Having her first start since finishing last in the Group One Sangster Stakes at Morphettville last month, **Lake Como (NZ)** (Pins) yesterday continued her affinity for straight-track racing, producing a strong on-pace win at Flemington.

Ridden by Stephen Baster and solid in betting markets as a \$5 third favourite, Lake Como took out the 1000 metre Bruce Gadsden Handicap, scoring a three-quarter length win over outsider Rough Justice (Wanted) with another longshot in Play Master (Masterprint) a long neck away third.

Lake Como has now won three

of her four starts on the straight Flemington track, including her last three visits to the course.

Trainer Pat Hyland said the four-year-old had been pottering around at his property in Clyde since her latest performance, in early May.

“She didn’t do a lot of work and she hasn’t had any galloping since the Adelaide run,” he said. “She’s just freshened up and a thousand metres isn’t that far.”

The Cranbourne trainer said he would like more straight races at Flemington for the mare.

“It’s lovely to find a track that she’s good at,” he said. “Keep putting

the straight races on and we’ll keep running her in them.”

Hyland said his next target with Lake Como was to find a suitable black-type race, preferably on the straight Flemington track.

– AAP TURF

<b>Race</b>	<b>VRC Bruce Gadsden H. 1000m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Lake Como (NZ) 2012</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>R M Anderson &amp; Mrs D A Anderson</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Pat Hyland (Cranbourne)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Pins (Aus) out of Pedante (Aus) by Danehill (USA)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>R M Anderson</b>



On her favourite track and with the finish in sight, Lake Como (blinkers) knuckles down to the task of holding the opposition at bay.







# FUTURE'S SOUND **FOR BULLISH STOCK**

**B**ullish Stock (NZ) (Tavistock) gave Lindsay Park Racing a century of metropolitan winners for the season with a narrow victory in yesterday's 1800 metre Ken Cox Handicap at Flemington.

Apprentice Chris Caserta replaced the originally engaged Mitchell Aitken in the saddle and was content to race wide with cover to the home turn. Once eased out into clear running room Bullish Stock, who eased marginally in on-course betting from \$11 to \$13, finished determinedly to get up and nab the \$4.20 favourite Zourkhan (Shamardal) in the final stride to score by a short half head.

Senior trainer David Hayes, who prepares Bullish Stock in partnership with son Ben and nephew Tom Dabernig, said he was proud of the achievement to win a hundred metropolitan races with six weeks left in the season.

"It's really exciting for everyone in the Melbourne and Euroa operation," Hayes said. "We're just very happy with the process at Lindsay Park. We've spent a lot of money there and it's great to be getting the results."

Although the four-year-old carried just 51kg after Caserta's claim, Hayes said he felt there was considerable merit to the win of Bullish Stock.

"He got caught a bit wide today but it might have been a blessing as he's a horse that needs to get into a rhythm," he said.

"He had them beat and when Zourkhan came back he stuck his head out and got the hundredth up for the team."

Bullish Stock was racing for the second time this preparation and Hayes said he will step up the distances for



*Bullish Stock finds a final surge of energy to snatch a win in the Benchmark 90 1800 at Flemington.*

the son of Stravinsky mare The Lady (NZ) – twice a Listed juvenile winner out of the Sanders stable in New Zealand a decade ago.

"There's a mile and a quarter race here in July and then the big plan is the Bart Cummings, in October," Hayes said.

"That's an automatic qualifier for the Melbourne Cup – and that is the aim."

– racenet.com.au

<b>Race</b>	<b>VRC Ken Cox H. 1800m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Bullish Stock (NZ) 2012</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Conquered By None Breeding &amp; Racing (Mgr: J L Risseuw), A L &amp; Mrs L A Denver &amp; D A Hayes</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>David &amp; Ben Hayes &amp; T Dabernig (Flemington)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Tavistock out of The Lady by Stravinsky (USA)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Sir Patrick &amp; Lady Hogan and Maroal Bloodstock Ltd</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2014 National Yearling Sale, Premier Session; V: Cambridge Stud, P: Apollo Ng; \$70,000</b>





# BLUE SHADOW EARNS **DESERVED BREAK**



Although the filly is well clear and travelling, Sam Spratt keeps Blue Shadow's mind on the job as they complete their impressive win at Te Rapa.

**H**ot prospect **Blue Shadow (NZ)** (Dalghar) yesterday closed out her three-year-old campaign in style with a runaway success at Te Rapa.

The daughter of seven-race winner Blue Veil (NZ) (Justice Prevails) was untroubled by the outside gate in the McMillan Equine Feeds 1200 and she didn't need to find top gear to win in a canter.

"She's very good, she's special," Cambridge trainer Graeme Hughes said. "It's a bit frightening really. She's an exciting sprinter and we're looking forward to the future."

Blue Shadow finished fifth in her April debut and then broke her maiden at Matamata before beating a tidy line-up of three-year-olds at Te Rapa last month.

Her return to the Hamilton track yesterday produced the best performance of her fledgling career as she showed good gate speed to cross the field to lead and travelled comfortably to the turn.

When rider Sam Spratt asked Blue Shadow to lengthen stride on straightening, they coasted clear to score by nearly five lengths.

"I'm very happy with her, she's done everything right and this is her last start," Hughes said. "She can have a break now until the spring."

Blue Shadow is raced by Colin Bishop, his brother Des and their sister Astrid Morgan, the siblings having purchased the filly at Karaka from Seaton Park's 2015 Festival Sale draft for what now seems a bargain \$18,000.

Mystery Show (NZ) (Sakhee's Secret), who earlier this season placed in the Group Three Gold Trail Stakes and the Listed Soliloquy Stakes, was a distant second ahead of last season's Listed Trevor Eagle Memorial winner Alamer (NZ) (Alamosa).

<b>Race</b>	<b>Waikato RC McMillan Equine Feeds H. 1200m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Blue Shadow (NZ) 2013</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>C M &amp; D J Bishop and A M Morgan</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Graeme Hughes (Cambridge)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Dalghar (Fr) out of Blue Veil by Justice Prevails (Aus)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>D W Mace</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2015 National Yearling Sale, Festival Session; V: Seaton Park Ltd, P: C M Bishop; \$18,000</b>





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# TONY'S PLAN **PERFECT FOR REBEL**

**T**ony Pike's first-season plan for **Sacred Rebel (NZ)** (Sepoy) was perfectly executed when the highly regarded youngster closed strongly for a debut victory in yesterday's Virkon 1200 at Te Rapa.

"It's ideal to win one with them," the Cambridge trainer said. "It makes

it much easier to place them as three-year-olds.

"He'll have a short spell now, two or three weeks, and then we'll get him back. He'll get further than 1200 metres so it bodes well for the Guineas races in the spring.

"He's a lovely type of horse and he's showed plenty of ability on the training track. He's still quite new so he's only going to improve, but he is a naturally talented horse."

Sacred Rebel was quickly into stride to settle fourth and one off the fence under rider Vinnie Colgan.

Pacemaker Karisto (Written Tycoon) and Waldorf (NZ) (Highly

Recommended) skipped clear into the straight but, once he was balanced, Sacred Rebel hit top gear in the closing 150 metres to score by a head.

"We didn't want to run him on a heavy track and running here today was ideal," Pike said.

"He's never showed a lot of gate speed at the trials so it was good to see him jump and get into the one-one.

"He was giving two nice horses a head start at the furlong and he did well to run them down."

Karisto was headed by third placegetter Waldorf in the run home and the colt did well to rally for second in his first raceday appearance.

<b>Race</b>	<b>Waikato RC Virkon 2YO S. 1200m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Sacred Rebel (Aus) 2014</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Raffles Dancers (NZ) Pty Ltd</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Tony Pike (Cambridge)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Sepoy (Aus) out of Pandoro De Lago (Ire) by Encosta De Lago (Aus)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Goldin Australia Pty Ltd</b>



*It took a strong burst in the final furlong but at the post Sacred Rebel has found enough for Vinnie Colgan to down two game opponents in Karisto (red colours) and the obscured Waldorf.*







# GETTY'S DEBUT **PROMISES PLENTY**

**A**ndrew Campbell has good reason to consider doubling his hand in the closing black type two-year-old event of the season.

The Opaki trainer has the Listed Ryder Stakes on July 29 on the programme of Waldorf and he will also now give thought to **Getty (NZ)** (Excelebration) joining his stablemate in the Otaki feature.

The former finished a close third when resuming at Te Rapa yesterday while the latter made an impressive start to his career with a strong front-running performance to win the Platinum Homes Taranaki 2YO Maiden at Trentham.

"We'll wait and see how they come through their runs before deciding," Campbell said.

"Getty's still a little bit weak but he'll be ready for the nice three-year-old races next season."

Getty jumped straight to the front for rider Johnathan Parkes and, despite not being comfortable in the ground, proved too strong in the run home.

*An hour after Waldorf had tasted defeat at Te Rapa, Getty restores stable honour with an easy win against the Trentham juveniles.*

"He was travelling well to the turn and then he hit that really heavy stuff in the straight but he's got the job done," Campbell said.

"He went shin sore earlier on but he's good now and he's learning all the time."

A \$75,000 Karaka purchase, Getty is from the family of the former New Zealand Horse of the Year and multiple Group One winner Ocean Park (NZ) (Thorn Park).

Beltoy (NZ) (Per Incanto) raced in behind the pace and ran on gamely for second ahead of the debutante Veuve Clicquot (NZ) (Rock 'N' Pop), who would have finished closer but for racing erratically under pressure.

<b>Race</b>	<b>WRC Platinum Homes Taranaki Maiden S. 1000m</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>





# TRENTHAM THE PLACE **FOR CHARLIE**

**J**usta Charlie (NZ) (Shinko King) yesterday pressed his claims for upcoming prestige jumping events when he maintained his unbeaten record at Trentham.

Trained by former New Zealand Olympic equestrian representative Harvey Wilson, the Waverley jumper earned major honours in the Confetti Designer Events Hurdle under Will Gordon.

A winner at this meeting last year in his only other visit to the capital city course, Justa Charlie had two hurdle outings leading in to his latest assignment and Wilson said the horse

hadn't enjoyed the rub of the green in either race.

"At Hawke's Bay, they sprinted from the thousand metres and he was back in the field, so that didn't suit, and then at Hawera he got a bump eight hundred metres out."

At Wellington, Justa Charlie kept the leaders within his sights before making a move across the top and took control two flights from home.

The eight-year-old skipped over the final fence and he had enough in reserve to hold out the late charge of Kipkeino (NZ) (Sunray).

Justa Charlie has now won four times over hurdles, having been successful twice on the flat when prepared by part-owner John Boon.

In the opening event on the card, Hastings horseman Paul Nelson was happy to be proved wrong when **The Shackler (NZ)** (Istidaad) beat the favourite Kiddo (NZ) (Istidaad) by a wide margin in the Hiremaster Hurdle.

Nelson had expected stablemate Perry Mason (NZ) (Zed) to be the horse to beat but the second favourite finished

nearly thirty lengths adrift of the winner in third spot.

The Shackler was successful eight times on the flat for Te Aroha trainer Michael Dromgool before a lengthy break and his subsequent transfer to Nelson's Hastings operation.

*Justa Charlie (#2) and Kipkeino clear an obstacle together in the open hurdle at Trentham. Well back at this early stage of the race, a round later they fought out a tense finish with Justa Charlie prevailing by a long head then surviving a protest alleging interference before and after the penultimate fence.*

<b>Race</b>	<b>WRC Confetti Designer Hurdle 3000m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Justa Charlie (NZ) 2008</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Mrs B S, J E, Mrs J J &amp; M H Boon, B T Bradley, A J Hawken, D J Johnston, D Roper, D &amp; G C Sanson, Mrs D J &amp; E H Symes and G &amp; Mrs W Vanner</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Harvey Wilson (Waverley)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Shinko King (Ire) out of Just Aggie by Jahafil (GB)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Mrs D J &amp; E H Symes</b>







# KIWI-BRED HAT-TRICK PUTS MARK CLEAR

Singapore's leading trainer Mark Walker enjoyed a great night at Kranji on Friday, taking the training honours with a hat-trick from Lim's Signature (NZ) (Swiss Ace), Clutha Lad (NZ) (Thorn Park) and **Viviano (NZ)** (Keeper), his stable apprentice Zawari Razali two-from-two aboard Lim's Signature and Viviano.

That haul has now given Walker, the 2015 champion trainer, a nine-win space between himself and second-placed Alwin Tan in this year's premiership battle.

With Walker currently overseas, assistant trainer Gus Clutterbuck spoke for the stable, saying it is reaping the fruit of the whole team's labour and lauding their Malaysian apprentice in particular.

"Thank you to the staff and the jockey. We can't do it on our own," said the Kiwi. "Young Zawari didn't panic at either win, especially with Viviano. The fast pace suited him and they worked their way well into the race.

"We're lucky to have such a good, honest little horse going through his grades. One thing's for sure, he will always try his best."

Viviano, who races in the famous yellow, purple and white checked sleeves of Malaysian tycoon Dato Yap Kin San, dropped to the rear at barrier rise and stayed there for the best part of the six furlong trip of the \$5100,000 Open Benchmark 83.

As the ten-horse field swung for home, three or four runners laid their claims with none able to fully assert themselves. Then at the 250 metre mark Viviano, given his head by Zawari, gathered in his rivals one after another on his way to posting a length victory from another fast-finisher in Elite Star (NZ) (Pins), who was first-up from a five-month spell.

With the riding double taking his tally to eleven winners, Zawari now sits only three winners shy of 2016 Singapore champion apprentice and current leader Wong Chin Chuen.

"I would like to thank my boss Mark Walker for his support and for putting me on two good horses tonight," he said.



*In colours a day later carried successfully at Te Rapa by Sacred Rebel, Viviano scores handsomely at Kranji on Friday night.*

"I'd never ridden Viviano in a race but I worked him and he galloped very well this week.

"In the race, I dropped him to the rear, let him improve at the 400 metres and he started to come into the race very well. I chose to go to the outside as I didn't want to get caught in the traffic."

With a record that now reads seven wins and two placings from twenty starts, Viviano has amassed more than \$5360,000 in prizemoney for the Raffles Racing Stable.

– Singapore Turf Club

<b>Race</b>	<b>Singapore TC Benchmark 83 H. 1200m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Viviano (NZ) 2011</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Raffles Racing Stable</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Mark Walker (Kranji)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Keeper (Aus) out of Flying Florence by Centaine (Aus)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Mrs S Hole</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2013 National Yearling Sale, Select Session; V: Seaton Park Ltd, P: Mulcaster Bloodstock; \$85,000</b>

