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WAIT A SEC MAKES UP FOR WHANGANUI CUP DISAPPOINTMENT



Wait A Sec cruises home to record a stylish victory at Te Rapa

he disappointment of missing a start in last weekend's Whanganui Cup was eased for the connections of Hawkes Bay galloper Wait A Sec (NZ) (Postponed) when he bolted home at Te Rapa on Saturday.

The six-year-old gelding is in the form of his life with Saturday's victory his third from his last four starts. Judging by the manner that he dealt to a capable field of stayers over the 2100 metres of the rating 85 contest, the victory won't be his last for the winter.

Settled towards the rear in a solidly run event, Wait A

Sec and rider Samantha Collett were spotting the leaders a dozen lengths before Collett began to improve her position with 800 metres to run. Wait A Sec loped stylishly around the outside to join issue on the point of the home turn and seized a winning break shortly after.

Collett kept her mount up to the mark in the closing stages as he eased well clear of a game Francis Drake (NZ) (Tavistock) who chased hard to grab second from Jochen Rindt (NZ) (Ishiguru) who also battled away well for third.

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WAIT A SEC MAKES UP FOR WHANGANUI CUP DISAPPOINTMENT

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Co-trainer Guy Lowry, who prepares Wait A Sec with training partner Grant Cullen, believes the patience of the gelding's owners is finally being rewarded.

"He seems to have come of age this time in as he has taken a while to mature," he commented.

"He showed plenty of ability early on and ran Kawi close one day at Trentham but he's always been a little weak. His owners have been fantastic and allowed us to be patient with him and they are now reaping the rewards of that."

Lowry believes his charge is now at the stage of this campaign where he can cope with most track conditions although he is wary of flattening the horse with too many runs on the deep winter surfaces.

"He handles most tracks but we don't see him as a true winter galloper," he said.

"I had thought of a race like the Taumarunui Cup as a good target but with it being run at Rotorua it might just be too deep there for him.

"There are still some nice races at Te Rapa coming up so he is likely to have one or two more runs before we put him away for a short break. "The New Zealand Cup is the sort of race that will suit him so with that in mind he can have a rest soon as you can't keep peaking them all the way to November."

Lowry also reported that talented three-year-old filly Savvy Dreams (NZ) (Savabeel) was thriving during a break at Milan Park following an eventful Australian campaign.

"I took the cover off her at Milan Park on Saturday and she looks a picture," he said.

"She has put on weight and seems to be thriving in a good paddock there so I'm delighted with her.

"We are going to give her a good long spell so you won't see her until later in the summer and in to the autumn. She is a quality individual that I think can compete at Group One level so that will be the aim with her."

- NZ Racing Desk

Race	Waikato RC Farmlands Hautapu H. 2100m.
Winner	Wait a Sec (NZ) 2010
Owners	I M & P D Henderson
Trainer	Grant Cullen & Guy Lowry (Hastings)
Breeding	by Postponed (USA) out of Security by Grosvenor
Breeder	I M Henderson; G D Innes & K R Whitehouse; Central; NZ

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MCKENZIE KEEN TO PINCH WINTER CUP WITH OUR BANDIT

plan that began to take shape months ago took a further step to fruition on the weekend when **Our Bandit** (Bushranger) gave his rivals weight and a beating at Trentham.

The rugged four-year-old handled the difficult track conditions with aplomb despite not having raced for six weeks as he made it four wins from his last five runs and set himself up for a tilt at the Gr. 3 eSTAR Winter Cup at Riccarton in early August.

Trainer Peter McKenzie was confident of a winning run having held the horse in high regard since he first spotted him at breeder Ray Stevens property over a year ago.

"Ray is an old mate of mine and I always pop by to see him and take a look at the horses he has around his place when I can," he explained.

"I liked the look of this guy the minute I laid eyes on him so I organised with Ray to lease him. I had a bunch of people who were keen to race a horse with me so we put together a syndicate and it has blossomed from there."

McKenzie admits he was taken by the Bushranger gelding from the minute he stepped him out on the training track but shin soreness meant a delayed start to his racing career.

"I knew he could gallop from day one but he was quite shinny so we put him aside to let him mature and gave him his first run back in February," he said

"He took a couple of starts to come to it but I think he is very exciting and has a real future ahead of him."

The immediate future is to sneak into the Winter Cup on a light weight,

a task that has McKenzie walking a tightrope in the build-up to the 5 August contest.

"I've had a look at the immediate programme and there isn't much around for him between now and the Winter Cup," he admitted.

"I think the Whyte Handicap at Trentham and maybe a rating 85 at Waverley are the only real opportunities between then and now.

"I only have a small team at home so there isn't much to gallop him with so he is going to need a run or two.

"In saying that he doesn't take much to come to hand as he went in to Saturday after a few weeks off and handled it well.

"I actually hadn't planned to give him that break but there was an offer made for him which ended up turning to nothing so he is still with us and I'm hoping that turns out to be a great result for us all."

The eSTAR 120th Winter Cup is the feature event on the first day of Riccarton's traditional three-day winter carnival. – **NZ Racing Desk**

Race	WRC Metroclad Metrobrick H. 1400m.
Winner	Our Bandit (AUS) 2012
Owners	Strathcarron No.7 Syndicate (Mgr: Peter McKenzie)
Trainer	Peter McKenzie (Ohau)
Breeding	by Bushranger (IRE) out of Stella Rossa (AUS) by Testa Rossa (AUS)
Breeder	R Stevens

Our Bandit adds to his growing record with a comfortable win at Trentham







WOOD RUNNER ROCKS THEM AT TE RAPA

rainer Chris Wood was in good spirits as he navigated his way around his local golf course on Sunday after adding to a recent run of good results with progressive galloper **Roc de Bank (NZ)** (Roc de Cambes) a day earlier.

The four-year-old Roc de Cambes gelding made it career win number 5 and third at Te Rapa when he led for the length of the long run home to claim the Ebbett Toyota 1600. Handled skilfully by three kilogram claiming apprentice Darren Danis, the gelding bounced nicely from the outside barrier to take up the running beside the well fancied Ali Baba (NZ) (Savabeel) during the early stages of the contest.

Danis took his charge to a clear lead as the field made the bend into the home straight and defied his challengers to run him down from that point. Despite drifting to the middle of the track Roc de Bank kept up a powerful gallop to score by half a length from Keep On Coming (NZ) (Shamoline Warrior) and The Kipling Girl (High Chaparral) who both charged home out wide in a blanket finish to the contest.

Wood was delighted with the win although his plans for the gelding won't see him step out much over the winter months.

"He's a pretty handy horse and has

Roc de Bank returns to scale after scoring his third win on his favourite Te Rapa track fashioned a good record at Te Rapa," he said.

"He likes a little cut in the track but isn't a true winter galloper so the track that he struck on Saturday was perfect for him.

"At this stage, we might find one more for him somewhere and then he can have a break before we bring him back for the spring."

Wood will now turn his attention to the upcoming Orora Kiwi Packaging Kiwifruit Cup (2200m) at Tauranga on the 24th of June where he will line up the likely favourite in Pacorus (NZ) (Tavistock). The five-year-old Tavistock gelding has thrived since finishing third in the Whanganui Cup at his last run with Wood keen to pick up the feature staying event at Tauranga after

the horse was a comprehensive winner in rating 75 company on the same day 12 months ago.

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	Waikato RC Ebbett Toyota H. 1600m.
Winner	Roc de Bank (NZ) 2012
Owners	Miss K C Avery, J R Borich, P J Bucknell, J Duckworth, G R Edge, K W Green, R P James, N P Jamieson, P P Magill, G D Manson & P G Proverbs
Trainer	Chris Wood (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Roc de Cambes out of Flower Girl by Bachelor Duke (USA)
Breeder	Curraghmore Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ
Sales	2014 National Yearling Sale - Festival Sale V: Suncroft Bloodstock \$32000 P: CJ Wood







MASTERCARD CREDITS ZIMMERMAN WITH FIRST WIN FROM NEW BYERLEY BASE

comprehensive performance at Te Rapa on Saturday saw promising maiden Mastercard (NZ) (Makfi) put the first tick in the win column for trainer Karen Zimmerman and her new Byerley Park stable.

Zimmerman moved north from her long-established Otaki base back in March and has slowly found her feet in the new surroundings. Mastercard had looked likely to notch a win for the stable at short notice after a strong display at the Avondale trials in early April however in three subsequent race starts had failed to deliver on that promise.

A step up to 1600 metres and a heady ride from Mark Du Plessis righted the ship as the three-year-old Makfi gelding powered over the top of his rivals to break the duck for his mentor.

"It's nice to get the win and especially with this horse as he has



Mastercard makes it win number one for trainer Karen Zimmerman since her move north in March.

been plagued with bad draws," she noted after the race.

"Everything just panned out well for him today."

Zimmerman was quick to acknowledge the support she has received from the Westbury Stud team and boss Gerry Harvey who owns the horse.

"I'm thrilled for Westbury as they have been a very big supporter of mine, both in the Central Districts and up here," she said.

"I've always held the horse in high regard but he's had a few muscle problems along the way as he's such a big horse."

Du Plessis was also pleased with the run as circumstances finally played in Mastercard's favour.

"He's always had the ability but just hadn't put it all together," he remarked.

"The heavy tracks haven't been his friend but today he got a perfect track, a good draw and a race run to suit."

- NZ Racing Desk

Race	Waikato RC Iplex Pipelines NZ Maiden 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









BRINGER OF WAR GETS UP IN OPEN COMPANY

erreck David's status as one of the few resident lightweight expat jockeys was an asset he again fully capitalised on after he steered two-year-old filly **Bringer Of War (NZ)** (Burgundy) to her first win on Sunday.

The former South African champion apprentice jockey walks around at 50kgs no sweat, but can shed a few more pounds if he has to. With Bringer Of War weighted at 48kgs, not many riders can put their hand up for such a booking, but David can, and he certainly did well to ride her only half-a-kilo over – without having to waste too hard.

Taking the bull by the horns right from the start, David punched Bringer Of War right out of the pens before quickening away to the lead without much fuss.

The other 10 rivals were fairly huddled up behind at the beginning, but suddenly dropped off the pace as they appeared to push each other across the track in their eagerness to jostle for the best position behind Bringer Of War.

The daughter of Burgundy, on the other hand, continued to scrape paint hard up against the rails, and the moment David said "let's go girl", she just ran them off their feet, even if she herself was not the most tractable conveyance inside the last furlong.

David unsurprisingly said Bringer Of War was still a little rough around the edges, but nothing that her connections cannot handle.

"She is a nice filly, but is still learning what racing is all about," said David.

"She showed a lot of gate speed and was never in trouble from that point. She hung out in the straight but she was never in danger.

"A big thank you to Mark Walker who is starting to support me with rides now. I rode the filly halfa-kilo over; I'm always available to any trainer for such lightweight rides." With Walker still not back from the Gold Coast, assistant-trainer Gus Clutterbuck again did the honours for the low-down on the yard's 45th winner. They later stretched their lead by another win, when even-money favourite Justice Light (NZ) (Darci Brahma) obliged two events later in the \$35,000 Open Maiden race over 1200m.

"She had a light weight and I think the 1000m is more her go," said the New Zealander.

"It's good to train a first winner for Jubilant Racing. She is the first one we have trained for them.

"Derreck David often comes to the stable to ride work for us and it's only right to support him with rides when we can."

Bringer Of War's first two runs came in the first two Legs of the Singapore Golden Horseshoe series, producing a second and a third as the favourite on both occasions.

Race	Singapore TC Restricted Maiden S. 1000m.
Winner	Bringer Of War (NZ) 2014
Owners	Jubilant Racing No.5 Stable
Trainer	Mark Walker (Kranji)
Breeding	by Burgundy out of Eclectic Heights by Keeper (AUS)
Breeder	D C Ellis & K W Fenton-Ellis MNZM; Waikato; NZ



Bringer of War breaks her maiden status at Kranji





NORMANDY LANDS AT KRANJI WHILE OWNER CELEBRATES IN FRANCE

uke Of Normandy (NZ) (Pentire) finally landed a win under his new name on Sunday - and momentously enough at a time when his proud owner Steve Levar was toasting to a happy occasion in France!

The Racing Guide boss and former Singapore Turf Club racing presenter seldom misses a chance to be at the races with his lovely wife Christine whenever one of his horses runs, but was glaringly missing at the lead-in after Duke Of Normandy came off a handy spot three wide to take out the \$60,000 Class 4 race over 1700m.

Mr and Mrs Levar had flown to the city of romance, Paris – where else - to celebrate their 10th year wedding anniversary, and even though he had probably just woken up or munching on a croissant by the Seine, the IRace Media CEO would not have missed the race in this age of digital media.

"My wife and I are away on our 10th wedding anniversary. So, this is a great present," said Levar over the phone.

"Ironically, he wins when we are in Paris!"

Arguably, Levar was referring to the capital city of the country Duke Of Normandy brings echoes of, especially during the famous landings of World War II, but trainer Daniel Meagher cheekily had a different spin.

"I'm very happy for Steve Levar as he's been a good friend for a long time. It's a shame he is not here when that horse won, but maybe he shouldn't be here when the horse runs from now on!" said Meagher.

"Seriously, Steve has been very patient with this horse, and I thank him for that. It's a horse who's had a lot of soundness issues, feet problem.

"Credit to my farrier Andrew who has done a great job to fix his shoe. Danny (Beasley) also rode him a treat, they were three wide but he didn't panic.

"His sectional times have been fantastic ever since he's been with me. He was more of a 2000m horse before he came to me, but I'm glad he's shown he can be dropped back and



Duke of Normandy is well in charge as he scores at Kranji

still win."

Levar used to manage and part-own the Pentire chestnut – with some other horses notably Macarthur, Risky Rockefeller and Vanderbilt - for American businessman Adam Levinson, but has retained interests in only the first two while Risky Rockefeller and Vanderbilt have been sold to South African outfit Green Street Stable.

Then known as Air Force One and trained by Steven Burridge, Duke Of Normandy was then a one-time winner over 2000m, and has now taken his record to two wins and five placings from 17 outings for earnings past the \$140,000 for the Royalty Racing Stable.

Race	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1700m.
Winner	Duke Of Normandy (NZ) 2011
Owners	Royalty Racing Stable
Trainer	D Meagher (Kranji)
Breeding	by Pentire (GB) out of Call Minder by Christmas Tree (AUS)
Breeder	T O Harrison; Auckland; NZ
Sales	2013 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Te Runga Stud, P: Aquanita Racing; \$120,000







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NZ STALLION AWARDS

THE CENTAINE AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS	
SAVABEEL	\$10,736,636	
DARCI BRAHMA	\$7,273,925	
TAVISTOCK	\$6,999,521	
PINS	\$6,848,745	
IFFRAAJ	\$6,538,082	
O'REILLY	\$5,861,484	
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$5,206,962	
THORN PARK	\$5,132,091	
PENTIRE	\$3,579,751	
KEEPER	\$3,562,866	
Criteria: Sire whose NZ-conceived progeny have accumulated the highest stakes earnings worldwide		

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STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$7,080,262
IFFRAAJ	\$4,236,120
PINS	\$3,324,152
TAVISTOCK	\$3,100,254
DARCI BRAHMA	\$2,743,112
O'REILLY	\$2,697,181
PENTIRE	\$2,621,437
MAKFI	\$2,572,741
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$2,226,487
ZABEEL	\$2,056,048

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STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$3,003,645
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TAVISTOCK	\$1,584,327
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PINS	\$1,264,049
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$1,097,265
ALAMOSA	\$974,975
PER INCANTO	\$972,305
MAKFI	\$933,160
GALLANT GURU	\$891,408

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THEE AULD FLOOZIE	\$305,375
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BONNEVAL	\$289,000
TOMMY TUCKER	\$155,925

Criteria: Leading Sires by Earnings in New Zealand



NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG JUNE 7

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
GENTRY (NZ) 2011 by Tavistock out of Sogno by Zabeel	Sir Patrick & Lady Hogan; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Mount Cameron H. 1650m.	
Smash Hit – SALSA BROTHERS (H.K.) (NZ) 2011 by Swiss Ace (AUS) out of Broadway Queen (AUS) by King Cugat (USA)	NZ Thoroughbred Holdings Ltd; Auckland; NZ	HKJC Mount Nicholson H. 1200m.	
RAGING BULL (NZ) 2011 by Savabeel (AUS) out of La Collina by Van Nistelrooy (USA)	M Alexeef; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Shouson Hill H. 1650m.	

NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG JUNE 11

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
PERPETUAL JOYANCE (NZ) 2012 by Red Giant (USA) out of Make Me Strong (AUS) by Danehill (USA)	G Harvey; Auckland; NZ	HKJC HKU Faculty of Science H. 1200m.	2014 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale; V: Westbury Stud, P: Mr G Hennessy; \$40,000
GO BEAUTY GO (NZ) 2012 by O'Reilly out of Lodore Mystic by Centaine (AUS)	Waikato Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ	HKJC HKU Space H. 1600m.	2014 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale; V: Waikato Stud Ltd, P: Hong Kong Jockey Club; \$320,000



NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE JUNE 9

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
LIM'S SIGNATURE (NZ) 2013 by Swiss Ace (AUS) out of Honey Gee (AUS) by Jeune (GB)	DVD Bloodstock Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1200m.	2014 National Weanling; Broodmare & Mixed Sale; V: DVD Bloodstock Ltd, P: J & I B/stock; \$12,000
CLUTHA LAD (NZ) 2009 by Thorn Park (AUS) out of Maggies Farm (USA) by Forest Wildcat (USA)	Mrs H G; Miss K B & W G Bax & Windsor Park Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1600m.	2011 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Blandford Lodge, P: Mr DC Ellis; \$36,000
VIVIANO (NZ) 2011 by Keeper (AUS) out of Flying Florence by Centaine (AUS)	Mrs S Hole; Canterbury; NZ	Singapore TC Benchmark 83 H. 1200m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Seaton Park Ltd, P: Mulcaster B/stock; \$85,000

NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE JUNE 11

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
BRINGER OF WAR (NZ) 2014 by Burgundy out of Eclectic Heights by Keeper (AUS)	D C Ellis & KW Fenton- Ellis MNZM; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Restricted Maiden S. 1000m.	
Winchester Club – DUKE OF NORMANDY (Sing.) (NZ) 2011 by Pentire (GB) out of Call Minder by Christmas Tree (AUS)	T O Harrison; Auckland; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1700m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Te Runga Stud, P: Aquanita Racing; \$120,000
JUSTICE LIGHT (NZ) 2013 by Darci Brahma out of Amaryllis by Red Ransom (USA)	Pencarrow Thoroughbreds Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Open Maiden S. 1200m.	2015 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale; V: Pencarrow Stud, P: Te Akau Racing; \$120,000
Oscar Eight – MR HANKS (Sing.) (NZ) 2014 by Showcasing (GB) out of Zafonique by Bigstone (IRE)	Mrs B J & K V Corrigan; Auckland; NZ	Singapore TC Inglis Ready2race S. 1200m.	2016 National Yearling Sale - Festival Session; V: Haunui Farm, P: NZB as agent; \$21,000
SUPER GENIUS (NZ) 2013 by Alamosa out of Ensorcelez by Black Minnaloushe (USA)	D C Ellis & K W Fenton- Ellis; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1100m.	
GOLDEN CURL (NZ) 2008 by Pentire (GB) out of Forsaken Gold (AUS) by Tierce (AUS)	Mrs A S Johnson; Auckland; NZ	Singapore TC Kranji S. 1400m.	2010 Ready to Run Sale; V: Te Runga Stud Ltd, P: Mr S Gray: \$170,000
Perservere - AHMAR (Sing.) (NZ) 2011 by Sir Percy (GB) out of Tabernacle by Kaapstad	W J Stewart; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1400m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Festival Sale; V: Martindale Stud, P: Woburn Farm; \$9,500