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## HUGH & CHRIS IN MUTUAL ADMIRATION SOCIETY AFTER LIAPARI'S NARROW WIN



*Denied a gap earlier in the straight, Hugh Bowman drives Liapari along the rails to win in a tight finish at yesterday's Rosehill meeting.*

**H**ugh Bowman concocted a masterful ride to complement the perseverance shown by **Liapari (NZ)** (Nom du Jeu) in their narrow triumph at yesterday's Rosehill meeting.

Just when pre-race favourite Moss 'N' Dale (NZ) (Castledale) and Reiby The Red (Dane Shadow) appeared to be duelling for victory in the TAB Rewards Handicap, Bowman

switched Liapari to the rails. As the post beckoned, the four-year-old dived through to upstage the duo, beating Moss 'N' Dale home by a head with Reiby The Red a half-a-length back in third.

Bowman had been shut out when seeking a split between the two horses with 100 metres left to travel, so he coolly moved to the fence.

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# Roster 2017



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\$4,000 +GST LFG

*Tivaci*



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"I had the option to go outside Moss 'N' Dale but the gap closed before I got into it. Luckily I had another option," he said after Liapari ended the thirteenth start of his current preparation on a high.

Bowman credited trainer Chris Waller for having conditioned Liapari for the 1500 metre trip after a 28-day freshener.

"He's a master at giving them a little freshen-up and then bringing them back and getting another good run out of them," he said.

"Liapari's in at the right time of year. He'll be a consistent horse to follow at this level for another year or so."

Sydney's premier trainer also appreciated Bowman's

tactics after Liapari went two-from-two on heavy tracks.

"He cleverly kept him covered until that last hundred metres then he dived and attacked the line," Waller said.

"Liapari's been a pretty unlucky horse but has won a few good races. If we could win another one or two he's done a pretty good job."

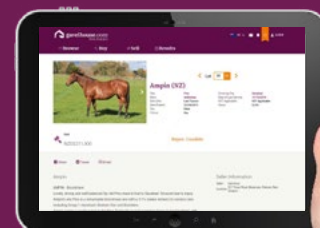
– AAP TURF

<b>Race</b>	<b>ATC TAB Rewards H. 1500m</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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# TEST THE WORLD TESTED TO THE FULL

**W**ill to win is the most craved attribute in a racehorse and **Test The World (NZ)** (Testa Rossa) showed she has it in spades after yesterday resisting a wall of horses at Rosehill to make it four-straight visits to the top of the podium.

At the 200 metre mark of the 1200 metre Pro Rata ATC Membership On Sale Sprint, as many as five horses had got to within a length of Test The World and 100 metres further on the \$2.60 favourite was being swarmed. With three runners to her outside almost drawing level, the filly stuck her neck out bravely on the line to prevail in a photo finish.

The \$10 chance Foreign Affair (Econsul) was second while \$5 third favourite Upscale (Exceed And Excel) finished third, the official margins a short half head by a nose, with less than three-quarters of a length covering the first five across the line – remarkably close racing for a seven-horse field.

Trainer Bjorn Baker said the lack of speed in the race and the heavy conditions meant Test The World had to earn the win, which took her career record to five wins and two placings from seven starts.

“I thought it was a super win – very, very tough,” he said. “She looked like

she was gone at the 200 metres. Not often do they rally back like that.

“I question whether she was comfortable in the ground.

“When she’s led in the past she’s been fairly green and got lost but it was a different case today.”

Jason Collett shared Baker’s summary of the run.

“She’s probably better when she’s got something to chase,” the jockey said.

“I don’t think they ever actually got past me but when you’ve got 200 metres to go and you’ve only got about neck, you’re a wee bit worried.

“She’s a tough filly putting a lovely record together.”

– racenet.com.au



<b>Race</b>	<b>ATC Pro Rata ATC Membership H. 1200m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Test The World (NZ) 2013</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Ontrack Thoroughbreds Worldly (Mgr: G J Morgan), D Moretti, D J Frew, Mrs M A Frew, M Byrne, P J Davis, A Barbieri, R V Barker, Mrs P E Bayles, A J Halloran, G A Henry, Dr A M Morrison-Galt, W E Muller, K G O’Brien, M J Ostermeyer and T J West</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Bjorn Baker (Warwick Farm)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Testa Rossa (Aus) out of Worldly (Aus) by Danasinga (Aus)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>K M Van Dyk</b>

*It’s all desperation as Jason Collett (gold colours) gets Test The World home a narrow winner from Foreign Affair (#8) and Upscale.*





# SIR PLUSH MIDDLE PIN OF BAKER TREBLE



Over his favourite 1100 metre trip, Sir Plush streets 'em at Rosehill.

Expatriate Kiwi trainer Bjorn Baker yesterday took three horses to the Rosehill races and came away with his first metropolitan treble.

Fellow Kiwi Jason Collett got the ball rolling with Test The World in the fourth event and was also successful on **Sir Plush (NZ)** (Pins) in the seventh. One race later, the Tim Clark-ridden Collateral (Excellent Art) rounded out the treble.

Any doubts Baker had about the wet track first-up with Sir Plush were erased with his win over favourite Badajoz (Commands) in the 1100 metre Schweppes Handicap.

"I thought he'd come back really well although I was very concerned

about the track," he said.

"He's got good gate speed and it was a super ride by Jason. He summed it up."

Baker also took time to thank his owner.

"Morrie Macleod, who races this horse, has been great to me. He raced Pins and I appreciate his and his family's support."

Collett was full of praise for the lightly raced four-year-old, describing the 2¾ length victory as an "easy win".

"He got across easily, which was probably a concern going into it – where we would end up. His gate speed was exceptional and he got there on the bridle.

"It was just a matter of when I was going to let him go.

"His 1100 metre record is outstanding. He's four from four and that's twice fresh so I'm sure Bjorn will be trying to keep him in that frame of mind."

– AAP TURF & racenet.com.au

<b>Race</b>	<b>ATC Schweppes H. 1100m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Sir Plush (NZ) 2012</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>M W Macleod &amp; Mrs D E Macleod</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Bjorn Baker (Warwick Farm)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Pins (Aus) out of Luxurious Lady (USA) by Theatrical (Ire)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Amadi Park Ltd</b>

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# SEA KING SHOWS TRUE **FORM IN HURDLES**

**S**haun Fannin has formed a potent partnership with Kevin Myers in recent seasons and they collected another prestige title at Trentham yesterday with the outstanding jumper **Sea King (NZ)** (Shinko King), the leading jumps

jockey having good reason to trumpet the Wanganui trainer's conditioning skills after they had combined to land the Manawatu ITM Awapuni Hurdles.

"Kevin Myers is a legend to get this horse back to win this sort of race," Fannin said. "I just can't sing his praises enough."

Sea King's winter campaign had got away a sluggish start and three runs back he was pulled out of the Waikato Hurdles before showing improvement to finish third a week ago.

"Kevin has done a great job with him," Fannin said. "We got a nice trail

and he jumped well. He got the last few fences right and ran away."

The topweight's cause was helped when the leader Shamal (NZ) (Zabeel) came to grief 600 metres from home when going well, but Sea King's effort under 70kg was nevertheless a highly commendable one.

His programme for the remainder of the winter has yet to be confirmed with a return to Victoria, where he has won three steeplechases and two hurdle events, in the mix for the rising 11-year-old.

"There has been some talk of

another trip to Australia but we'll just wait and see," said part-owner Rachael Frost, who prepared the veteran to win on the flat earlier in his career.

Upper Cut (NZ) (Yamanin Vital) showed he was in good touch for his main assignment, the defence in August of his Grand National Steeplechase title, with his run for second and Justa Charlie (NZ) (Shinko King) finished third ahead of the well-supported Max (NZ) (Gallant Guru).

*Sea King and an obscured rival make a fine study as they fly an obstacle in yesterday's Awapuni Hurdles.*

<b>Race</b>	<b>Awapuni Hurdle 3000m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Sea King (NZ) 2006</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Miss R A Frost, Mrs S M Harty and C D W O'Reilly</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Kevin Myers (Wanganui)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Shinko King (Ire) out of Ocean Princess by Prince of Praise</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Mrs S M Harty</b>





# OYSTERMAN RUNS A PEARLER IN 'CHASE

Patience and perseverance gained their reward when

## The Oysterman (NZ)

(Yamanin Vital) upstaged his better-performed rivals at Trentham yesterday, the rising ten-year-old having gone winless in nine previous starts over the big fences, as well as failing to score in eleven flat outings, before he triumphed in the L.J. Hooker Manawatu Steeplechase.

The Oysterman and rider Hamish McNeill were up with the play throughout the 4000 metre contest and when the favourite The Big Opal (NZ) (Storm Creek) came to grief about 1000 metres from home they went for gold.

"It just doesn't get any better than this," Awapuni part-owner and trainer Stephen Nickalls said. "The horse really deserved it and Hamish rode him beautifully."

The gelding was out on his own when he hit the course proper and he crossed the line clear of Joking (NZ) (Lucky Unicorn) and the McGregor Grant Steeplechase winner Wise Men Say (NZ) (Yamanin Vital), who was doing his best work in the closing stages to take third.

The Oysterman is now likely to return to Trentham next month for the Wellington Steeplechase, a race he finished third in last year after being runner-up in 2015.

He may well be opposed in that event by **Kings Deep (NZ)** (Viking Ruler), who made an overdue return to winning form in the Tasman Insulation Steeplechase.

The Grand National, Great Northern and Awapuni Hurdles



Eventual winner *The Oysterman* follows runner-up *Joking* over a fence in midfield action from yesterday's Manawatu Steeplechase.

placegetter has had to overcome tendon injuries and a serious virus to get his career back on track.

Apart from one mistimed leap at Trentham, Kings Deep produced a fine show of jumping under rider Aaron Kuru.

"We've had our troubles with him over the last few years so it's good to get a pay day," Hastings part-owner and trainer Paul Nelson said.

Race	Manawatu Steeplechase 4000m
Winner	<b>The Oysterman (NZ) 2007</b>
Owners	<b>G A &amp; O G Knight and S Nickalls</b>
Trainer	<b>Stephen Nickalls (Awapuni)</b>
Breeding	<b>by Yamanin Vital out of Clear As A Bell by Personal Escort (USA)</b>
Breeder	<b>B J &amp; Mrs L E Anderton</b>
Sales	<b>2009 South Island Sale; V: White Robe Lodge, P: Miss L Knight; \$13,000</b>





# KAHARAU RETURNS HOME **A WINNER**

The connections of **Kaharau** (Ad Valorem) yesterday received a degree of compensation after missing out on a far bigger cheque earlier this year.

“We had him sold to South Australia as a jumper but he failed the vet,” said part-owner Kenny Rae, who trains the five-year-old with his wife Lisa and their daughter Krystal Williams.

“I did have bigger hopes for him at one stage but he’s had a few issues and he’s still a pretty handy horse.”

Kaharau proved that on his home track at Ruakaka when he was successful in the Lawson Cartage

Bream Bay Cup, the seventh win of his career.

The well-travelled galloper – five of his victories coming in the South Island – had hinted at an early return to his best form when he had finished a handy fifth when resuming at Ellerslie last month.

“I’d been very happy with him up until last week when he got a stone bruise and missed a gallop,” Rae said.

“I was pretty sure the foot had come right, but you never really know until they get out there.”

Kaharau was settled in the trail by rider Sam Collett and after they shouldered into the clear 250 metres

from home they sprinted clear to down Nailed It (NZ) (Don Eduardo) and Biologist (Danehill Dancer).

“We’ll probably stay around here for the Whangarei Cup toward the end of July and there’s the Taumarunui Gold Cup as well,” Rae said. “One day he might even end up a jumper here.”

<b>Race</b>	<b>Whangarei RC Bream Bay Cup 1600m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Kaharau (Aus) 2011</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>M M Harris, G A Matches and K I Rae</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Ken &amp; Lisa Rae &amp; Krystal Williams (Ruakaka)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Ad Valorem (USA) out of Mon Jolie by Montjeu (Ire)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>R Sanderson</b>



Kaharau and Samantha Collett are on their own at the finish of the Bream Bay Cup.







# FULLY FUNDED **EARNs A BREAK**



*Fully Funded (quartered cap) responds well for Sam Spratt as they overtake warm favourite Lewis Carroll, with runner-up Amarula (gold cap) charging home wide out, in the open sprint at Ruakaka.*

**Fully Funded (NZ)** (Fully Fledged) will go for his winter break off the back of a Ruakaka success with loftier targets awaiting the sprinter in the new season, the freegoing chestnut winning for the seventh time in his career when prevailing for rider Sam Spratt in a blanket finish to yesterday's Bream Bay Design & Print Bowl.

"He got caught three wide for a little bit before Sam pushed forward and he got his nose in front at the right time," trainer Joanne Surgenor said.

"He's putting it together now so we'll be looking at some nice races later on. He'll go out for a break now though."

Surgenor believes the gelding can emulate his sire, the former Group One winner Fully Fledged (NZ) (Align), and make his mark at the highest level.

"I think he's a Railway Stakes horse," she said. "He's fully matured now so it's onwards and upwards."

Not seen out since he won at Eilerslie at the beginning of April, Fully Funded sat outside the leader Lewis Carroll (NZ)

(Darci Brahma) to the turn and fought on doggedly in the run home to score by a short head.

"He hasn't raced for a wee while and was coming to the end of it," Spratt said, "but he wouldn't lie down and he kept kicking."

The topweight Amarula (NZ) (Thorn Park) continued his excellent run of form at Ruakaka, where he has won four times, with a gallant run for second and Lewis Carroll kicked on gamely to finish a close third.

<b>Race</b>	<b>Whangarei RC Bream Bay Design H. 1200m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Fully Funded (NZ) 2011</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Sir Patrick Hogan, A J Sutherland and P J Walker</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Joanne Surgenor (Ardmore Lodge)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Fully Fledged out of Keshava by Marroof (USA)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Miss H &amp; Miss K E Sanders</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2013 South Island 2YO &amp; Mixed Sale; V: Mansfield Farm, P: P J Walker; \$15,000</b>





# MELBOURNE BECKONS **TOORAK TOWER**

**P**rogressive three-year-old **Toorak Tower** (Toorak Toff) yesterday banked expenses for a possible relocation across the Tasman.

The chestnut was making his first appearance since December when he capitalised on a dream rails run to take major honours in the Northland Veterinary Group 1600 under Alysha Collett, who sported the silks of Victorian nursery Rosemont Stud.

<b>Race</b>	<b>Whangarei RC Northland Veterinary Group H. 1600m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Toorak Tower (Aus) 2013</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Fern Vale Farm Pty Ltd, Mrs D M Logan and Rosemont Stud Pty Ltd</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Donna Logan &amp; Chris Gibbs (Ruakaka)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Toorak Toff (Aus) out of Vignor (Aus) by Flying Spur (Aus)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Rosemont Stud</b>

“We’ve been talking with Anthony Mithen and there are a lot of opportunities in Melbourne so he may go to be trained over there,” said Chris Gibbs, who prepares the gelding with Donna Logan.

Toorak Tower was slow to begin but thereafter all the breaks went his way.

“Alysha rode him beautifully and she had to ride him for luck,” Gibbs said. “They all peeled off the rail and they got a lovely run through.

“We’ve had him in races a couple of times lately but scratched him because of the wetter tracks.”

Toorak Tower showed his appreciation for yesterday’s improved going and he let down strongly in the straight to account for his stablemate Marquess Of (NZ) (Tavistock).

“She’s mixed her form a bit but the better track and the blinkers helped her,” Gibbs said.

Toorak Tower has now won twice from seven starts and he measured up favourably against the better three-year-olds in the summer when fourth in the Listed Race 4 Life Salver at Ellerslie.



*Classy three-year-old Toorak Tower (#7), aided by a rails run, has enough in hand to hold out a parcel of chasers in the Rating 75 mile at Ruakaka.*





# CHAMPAGNE REIN RUNS A SWIFT FIVE

**F**ive furlongs seems to be the limit for **Champagne Rein (NZ)** (Captain Rio) after he finally broke through for his first Singapore win at his thirteenth attempt in the \$560,000 Class 4 Division 2 Selangor Turf Club Trophy on Friday night.

The five-year-old looked to have the race in safe keeping when he swept to the lead coming off a cosy rails run in third place for jockey Vlad Duric but started to shorten up 150 metres out.

Grey Falcon (NZ) (Align) came with a run that cut the warm favourite back

with every stride but the Westbury Stud-owned gelding managed to cross the line first, half a length to the good. The winning time of 58.33 seconds for the 1000 metres on Polytrack made Champagne Rein the new class record holder for the trip.

“He had the top weight tonight and it was a superb ride by Vlad Duric,” said trainer Mark Walker. “They got a good cart into the race and then pinched a handy break. It shortened on the line but it was a class ride.

“It’s my first horse for Westbury’s Eric Watson. It’s a fantastic result and hopefully he can win some more races.

“He’s quite a consistent horse. He will go for a break now and hopefully he can go through the grades when he comes back.”

Duric, who stretched his lead in the Singapore jockeys’ premiership to five winners on Alan Munro, said Champagne Rein might be just a five-furlong horse.

“He was getting the staggers late but it was a terrific effort,”



*Champagne Rein in winning mode at Kranji on Friday night.*

said the Victorian. “I waited a little around the corner as he had 58kg on his back. He put a gap on the rest but he just got the five furlongs.”

An impressive maiden winner over 1000 metres at Taupo as a three-year-old, Champagne Rein has been a consistent placegetter throughout his Singapore career with Friday’s win taking his stake earnings past the \$580,000 mark.

– Singapore Turf Club

<b>Race</b>	<b>Singapore TC Selangor Turf Club Trophy 1000m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Champagne Rein (NZ) 2011</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Champagne Rein Stable</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Mark Walker (Kranji)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Captain Rio (GB) out of Golden Sparkle by Gold Brose (Aus)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Marriott Thoroughbreds Ltd and Watson Bloodstock Ltd</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2013 National Yearling Sale, Premier Session; V: Westbury Stud, P: Rogerson Bloodstock; \$200,000</b>

