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AMEXED'S TWO-YEAR DROUGHT ENDED AS ROBBIE HUGS THE HOME-STRAIGHT FENCE



Amexed (gold cap), courtesy of an inside ride by Robbie Fradd, holds on to beat All Clear in the Stayers Series Final at Ipswich.

Premier trainer Tony Gollan quipped it must have been a day for long-term losers when his gelding **Amexed (NZ)** (Pentire) yesterday scored his first win in more than two years.

Amexed had not won a race since the Group Three Rough Habit Plate in May 2014 – a 769-day gap for those who were

counting – when he hugged the fence to win the \$A100,000 Stayers Series Final over 2150 metres at Ipswich.

In the previous race Londehero (Lonhro) won his first race in more than 800 days.

Asked why Amexed had taken so long to win again, Gollan could only shrug his shoulders.

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"Where do I start? There isn't just one thing but rather ten – sore feet, hitting himself, et cetera, et cetera. It must be a day for long-term losers to finally win.

"This is a quality horse but I was starting to despair about him. I entered him for the Ipswich Cup today but it was a bit soon for that."

Gollan is now tossing up between heading north to the Townsville Cup or going to Grafton for the Cup there on July 14.

"He would be well up to both races but we will see how he pulls up," he said.

The win took Gollan to 78½ winners for the metropolitan season and he needs just one more to pass his record of 79 wins.

Both the Matt Dunn-trained Londehero and Amexed were ridden by veteran jockey Robbie Fradd, who Gollan joked would be his new stable jockey.

Fradd went against the bias of the day when he went up along the fence.

"The horse was travelling but everyone else was going out wide so I just went along the fence," Fradd said.

A \$13 chance, Amexed held on to win by a half head from \$7 shot All Clear (Authorized), who looked certain to win fifty metres out.

– AAP TURF

Race	Ipswich TC Provincial Stayers H. 2150m
Winner	Amexed (NZ) 2010
Owners	Mrs J M Gollan, B A Siemsen, T Rider, N G Galligan, G J Sullivan, K J Lavery, M J Kelly, First Stayer Synd (Mgr: J S Galligan)
Trainer	Tony Gollan (Eagle Farm)
Breeding	by Pentire (GB) out of Danex by Danasinga (Aus)
Breeder	T V Rider
Sales	2012 National Yearling Sale, Premier Session; V: Hallmark Stud, P: Cameron Cooke Bloodstock; \$210,000

NEWS IN BRIEF

Schockemohle shows fine flat form before jumps debut

Seven-year-old **Schockemohle (NZ)** (Senor Pete) is bound for a new phase of his career over jumps but yesterday added a sixth career win on the flat with success in the 2040 metre Pantry Packer Handicap at Moonee Valley.

Trainer Brett Scott, a former top jumps jockey, said since they've ramped up Schockemohle's schooling this year it has had a positive impact for the gelding.

After jockey Michael Walker was able to get an easy run in front, the ex-Southland gelding kicked clear rounding the home turn and held a 3½ length margin over runner-up Black Stardom (NZ) (Painted Black) on the line.

"I'm absolutely rapt," Scott said, with Schockemohle registering his first win since November 2014. "The jumping has really lifted him and Michael has ridden him a treat today.

"He goes to Cranbourne on Tuesday to get the final part of his jumping ticket and he'll have another flat run then we'll see him run in the maiden hurdle on Mosstrooper Steeplechase day at Bendigo," Scott said. "He jumps great. He loves it."

– AAP TURF

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'SPOT ON' RIDE BY TRACK-WALKER DEANNE GETS FOREIGN PRINCE HOME AT ROSEHILL

Apprentice Deanne Panya defied a popularly held belief that the fence would be 'off' by sticking to the inside and winning the 2000 metre Kensei Handicap aboard **Foreign Prince (NZ)** (High Chaparral) at Rosehill yesterday.

Panya impressed trainer David Payne with her perfectly judged ride, holding the lead but keeping the tempo steady early before quickening approaching the turn and pinching a winning break.

The Bjorn Baker-trained \$2.30 favourite Sebrina

(Sebring) gave chase for Kerrin McEvoy but couldn't get close, going under by three lengths, with the Chris Waller-trained Loophole (Lonhro), equal second favourite with the winner at \$4.40, a further length away in third.

"I stuck to the fence because I walked the track before the



Another jockey who defied yesterday's accepted wisdom, Deanne Panya guides Foreign Prince to an easy win at Rosehill.

first and I thought it was most consistent," Panya said.

"I didn't want to get off it."

Payne tasted success with Panya at Rosehill two weeks earlier when Foreign Prince led throughout on a Heavy 10 track over 1800 metres.

"They all know you're going to go to the front so I said, 'You just settle in for the first couple of furlongs and from the 800 metres put the speed on and go from there,'" Payne said.

"She got it spot on. She held them up early on and even managed to get Sebrina pulling a bit. It was a perfect ride.

"As for the horse, he's as honest as the day. Whatever you ask him to do he does. And he loves these soft tracks at this time of year.

"He's a bit difficult to place now but I will have a look at a race like the Grafton Cup and make a decision."

- racenet.com.au

Race	ATC Kensei H. 2000m
Winner	Foreign Prince (NZ) 2010
Owners	G W Aldridge, Mrs S G Aldridge, J L Bromley, R A Pegum and Mrs R J Mula, Luskin Park Stud Racing (Mgr: P F Whelan), Aston Bloodstock (Mgr: W J Mula), D & M Payne Racing (Mgr: D L Payne)
Trainer	David Payne (Rosehill)
Breeding	by High Chaparral (Ire) out of Julinsky Princess by Stravinsky (USA)
Breeder	Bromley Bloodstock Ltd
Sales	2012 National Yearling Sale, Premier Session; V: Seaton Park Ltd, P: D L Payne; \$100,000



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DONI DOES THE BUSINESS AT RUAKAKA



Doni Prastiyou (nearest camera) brings Shezhardtocatch with a well-timed run to win the open sprint at Ruakaka.

Doni Prastiyou has impressed a number of good judges on his northern loan spell and Allan Peard joined the apprentice's fan club at Ruakaka yesterday when the 24-year-old didn't miss a beat as he guided the dual stakes winner **Shezhardtocatch (NZ)** (Elusive City) to an upset victory in the Ford Ranger Handicap.

"That was a great ride. He was very patient and he's a top apprentice coming through the ranks," said Peard, stable foreman to trainer Bruce Wallace.

The dual Group Three winner of the Concord Handicap and the Cambridge Breeders' Stakes, Shezhardtocatch sat

well off a hot speed and came with a well-timed run to beat To Be Sure (NZ) (Patapan) and First Class (NZ) (Volksraad).

"She's always been a quality mare and we were confident today," Peard said. "She had been working very well and two runs back she was just beaten by Fully Funded and should have won."

A daughter of the Gold Brose mare Party Queen (NZ), a Group One performer at the turn of the century who won twice in stakes races, Shezhardtocatch is making the most of her limited opportunities as she will be served later in the year.

"She will be going to Showcasing in the spring," Peard said.

It was a timely booking made to the Haunui Farm stallion, who was represented by his first Group One winner in England overnight when the three-year-old filly Quiet Reflection won the Commonwealth Cup at Royal Ascot.

Race	Whangarei RC Ford Ranger H. 1200m
Winner	Shezhardtocatch (NZ) 2010
Owners	Able International Ltd
Trainer	Bruce Wallace (Byerley Park)
Breeding	by Elusive City (USA) out of Party Queen by Gold Brose (Aus)
Breeder	Able International Ltd





THUNDER PRODUCES A LIGHTNING FINISH

Versatile three-year-old **Thunder Down Under** (Street Sense) continues to lift his profile ahead of likely Group One targets in the spring, with trainer and part-owner Stephen Ralph aiming his charge toward the Hawke's Bay carnival.

"It might not be a track that suits him but I know he is a weight-for-age horse," he said.

Successful in the Listed BMW 3YO Salver over 2100 metres in December, Thunder Down Under led for much of the way when victorious over 1600 metres at Ellerslie earlier this month and at Ruakaka yesterday he came from the back to claim the Fell Engineering Handicap at the same distance.

Jockey Trudy Thornton was happy to settle toward the tail of the small field and the colt lengthened stride strongly in the straight to account for Biologist (Danehill Dancer) and Candle In The Wind (NZ) (Darci Brahma).

"I said to Trudy to ride him as you find him and if you get back don't worry, he's got a huge finish so don't panic," Ralph said.

"I've been waiting for him to put



Trudy Thornton eases up on Thunder Down Under after the colt's big-finishing win in Ruakaka's open mile.

consecutive wins together so it's very pleasing.

"We know he's a very good stayer with a devastating 400 metre sprint but he's had so much bad luck."

One such occasion was in the Group Two Championship Stakes at Ellerslie's Easter meeting, where Thunder Down Under finished fifth after striking early interference.

"We thought he would win that day

and then we'd be going to Australia for the Queensland Derby," Ralph said.

Race	Whangarei RC Fell Engineering H. 1600m
Winner	Thunder Down Under (Aus) 2012
Owners	Mrs C & S Hope, Stephen Ralph and Ms M U Sutton
Trainer	Stephen Ralph (Te Rapa)
Breeding	by Street Sense (USA) out of River Dreaming (Ire) by Galileo (Ire)
Breeder	Fairway Thoroughbreds

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SHILLELAGH SHOWS SHE'S GOT WHAT IT TAKES TO MAKE A MARK IN STAKES RACES

Trainers Stephen Autridge and Jamie Richards believe it is only a matter of time before **Shillelagh (NZ)** (Savabeel) makes her mark at stakes level.

The four-year-old is fashioning a tidy record and yesterday won for the fourth time in her six-start career with an impressive display in the Ford Kuga 1200 at Ruakaka.

"We think she's a very good mare and we've had an opinion of her for a while now," Richards said. "She's a lovely

mare to have in the stable."

Unplaced and subsequently treated for a mild attack of colic when resuming at New Plymouth last month, Shillelagh settled back off a hot pace and rounded off powerfully in the run home for a stylish victory.

Super Lethal (NZ) (Stravinsky) made a good fist of his return to racing with his second placing after making the running and Lewis Carroll (NZ) (Darci Brahma) took third money.

Shillelagh is raced by her breeders Christopher and Susanna Grace and is a sister to the Group Two Brisbane Cup winner and Group One Caulfield Cup placegetter Tullamore.

"She's a black type mare for sure," Richards said. "When she's right she could be anything so it's good to see her back."

The trainers' opinion of Shillelagh is also shared by rider

Matt Cameron, who pulled the right rein when opting to ride her over stablemates Beacon Of Hope, Windborne and Astrid.

Another progressive galloper to shine at Ruakaka was the Tony Pike-trained **Koenigsegg One (NZ)** (Swiss Ace), who inflicted a first defeat on Bao Shan Magic (Magic Albert) when successful in the Ford Everest 1600.

"He's a very exciting horse and Tony is doing a fantastic job with him," said Waikato Bloodstock's Bryce Tankard, who manages the three-year-old on behalf of his Hong Kong owner.

Race	Whangarei RC Ford Kuga H. 1200m
Winner	Shillelagh (NZ) 2011
Owners	C R Grace QSM and Mrs S Grace
Trainer	Stephen Autridge & Jamie Richards (Matamata)
Breeding	by Savabeel (Aus) out of Trocair (Aus) by Flying Spur (Aus)
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Shillelagh is well clear of her rivals as she strolls past the winning post for Matt Cameron.



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MY MAGICIAN MAKES MONEY FOR MICHAEL

The punishing schedule of champion jumps jockey Michael Mitchell has been rewarded with feature race success at Awapuni.

The 25-year-old was in action at the Cambridge trials last Monday before heading to Wanganui on Thursday and he then ventured further south on Friday for the South Canterbury fixture at Timaru.

Mitchell drew blanks at both meetings but the 2014/15 premiership winner, who heads to Melbourne tomorrow to partner Cambridge jumper Lucky Tonight (NZ) (Lucky



Unicorn) in a trial at Cranbourne, came up trumps aboard the local hope **My Magician (NZ)** (Remind) in yesterday's Manawatu ITM Awapuni Hurdles.

They tucked in behind the pace before Mitchell, riding to instructions, urged the gelding to the front a long way from home.

"He went super and I put them under a bit of pressure at the 1400 and I didn't want him to be headed so he kept his confidence and he got to the line strongly," he said.

My Magician caught the final fence well to beat Ngario (NZ) (Captain Rio) with Thatz David (NZ) (Stark South) fighting on bravely for third closer to the fence.

"Michael rode the horse exactly how I asked him to," trainer Gary Vile said. "I told him to take it to them and it was a good, tough win.

"Now he's proved he's up to the good ones I'll have a think

Last-jump action in a two-horse battle that had been joined some 400 metres out, sees My Magician (orange cap) about to land marginally ahead of the favourite Ngario.

about things, but he'll probably go to the Wellington Hurdles."

A runaway maiden winner on the flat at his previous appearance, My Magician has now won twice over fences, having opened his account at Awapuni last winter.

Race	Manawatu RC Awapuni Hurdle 2900m
Winner	My Magician (NZ) 2009
Owners	Miss J M Bell
Trainer	Gary Vile (Awapuni)
Breeding	by Remind (USA) out of Ashley Star by Balmerino
Breeder	Ms D Clark and M G Gordon
Sales	2011 National Yearling Sale, Festival Session; V: Poplar Lodge, P: Mr G R Vile; \$7000





KICK BACK HELPS SHAUN **KICK ON**

Shaun Fannin's charge toward a first jumps jockeys' premiership continued at Awapuni yesterday where it was another case of double delight with trainer Kevin Myers for the 20-year-old, his sixteenth win of the season giving him a buffer of five on the reigning champion Michael Mitchell.

The Hastings-based jockey has formed a potent partnership with Myers and the pair had struck twice at Timaru on Friday with Maily (NZ) (St Reims) and McCulley (NZ) (Zorro's Lad).

They were quickly into stride at Awapuni with success in the opener with Twentythirtyfour (NZ) (Zed) before they combined with **Kick Back (NZ)** (Bahhare) to claim the Manawatu ITM Manawatu Steeplechase.

While stablemate Snodroptwinkletoes (NZ) (Mediator) was the ruling favourite after his last-start second in the McGregor Grant Steeplechase at Ellerslie, Fannin had fancied his chances aboard Kick Back.

"I won a couple of steeplechases on her at Te Aroha last year and she's got a good sprint on her," he said.

"She travelled into it nicely from the 800 and while she was putting in some short strides at the end, she was entitled to. She was only second up and she's going to improve a lot."

Kick Back led over the last two fences and had enough in reserve to hold out Wise Men Say (NZ) (Yamanin Vital) by a

head with Snodroptwinkletoes a long neck back in third.

While **Twentythirtyfour** hadn't eyed a fence on raceday, Fannin was also confident of a top showing from him in the Winstone Wallboards Maiden Steeplechase.

"He has been sensibly schooled and he's been to numerous jumping trials," he said. "He jumped well today and went to the line strongly. He was superb; I was stoked with him."

Twentythirtyfour took control of the race down the back for the final time and proved too good for his stablemate Beforunoit (NZ) (Ekraar).

Race	Manawatu RC Manawatu Steeplechase 4400m
Winner	Kick Back (NZ) 2008
Owners	A S & Mrs P Trotter
Trainer	Kevin Myers (Wanganui)
Breeding	by Bahhare (USA) out of Take Three by Al Akbar (Aus)
Breeder	A S & T A Trotter



Shaun Fannin has Kick Back over the last fence a half-stride ahead of the grey Snodroptwinkletoes with Wise Men Say joining in on the outside.





AWESOME MILESTONE FOR LOW-KEY TAN



Awesome wins with some authority at Kranji on Friday night.

Tan Hor Khoo reached a major milestone in his fifteen-year career when **Awesome (NZ)** (Showcasing) handed him his 300th winner at Kranji on Friday night.

Licensed since 2001, the low-profile trainer has never had big teams or champions under his care but grinds out successes on a regular basis with his best season being 2011 when he saddled 32 winners, including the Sgp-Group Two Queen Elizabeth II Cup and Sgp-Group Three Fortune Bowl with Fat Kid (NZ) (Handsome Ransom).

Those heady times have not quite been matched again but this year Tan

has already brought home thirteen winners, more than half of whom have been supplied by his new owner, the ATL Stable, a local outfit who provided the landmark win when Awesome unleashed a pulsating finish in the \$560,000 Open Benchmark 67 over 1000 metres.

The grandson of a top-flight Kiwi racemare of the mid-1990s in Silver Chalice (NZ) (St Hilarion) – winner of the Group One Thorndon Mile and Group Two Hawke’s Bay Gold Cup – Awesome has performed at a high level himself, running a brave third to Conflight (Host) in the Sgp-Group

Three Dester Singapore Three-Year-Old Sprint.

He normally runs close to the pace but benefiting from a patient ride from first-time partner Nooresh Juglall he was able to show a different aspect of his talent, Tan saying that he had devised a new tactical plan after he took cognisance of the speed map.

“My horse has gate speed and normally follows close to the pace but I knew there were a lot of fast horses in the race tonight,” he said. “I told Juglall to ride him more quietly and, when I saw them going so fast early, I was

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smiling. He's a small horse but he has a big heart.

"I will cap his races to 1200 metres, though. He's a pure sprinter."

Juglall was happy his first winning ride for Tan had come at an auspicious occasion.

"HK has been giving me a few rides lately and I'm happy I've finally ridden a winner for him," he said. "It's even better it's happening at his 300th win."

Juglall said he had studied Awesome's form and went into the race brimming with confidence.

"I've never ridden Awesome but I

know he has plenty of ability. He ran third to Conflight in the first leg of the Three-Year-Old Challenge, which is a strong formline, and I know he can run on over 1000 metres if they roll along," he said.

"The pace was very fast and I was confident all the way as he was travelling so relaxed in fourth place."

Gaining his third win from just six starts, Awesome defeated Manoel Nunes' mount Rich Fortune (NZ) (Keeper) by a length with Keen Dragon (Hidden Dragon) a head away third.

– Singapore Turf Club

Race	Singapore TC Benchmark 67 H. 1000m
Winner	Awesome (NZ) 2012
Owners	ATL Stable
Trainer	Hor Khoon Tan (Kranji)
Breeding	by Showcasing (GB) out of Hermitage by Generous (Ire)
Breeder	W J Stewart
Sales	2014 National Yearling Sale, Select Session; V: Martindale Stud, P: NZB as agent; \$9000 2014 Ready to Run Sale; V: Phoenix Semper Farm, P: Perfect Racing Stable; \$32,500

NEWS IN BRIEF

Quiet Reflection showcases Showcasing at Royal Ascot

Three-year-old filly Quiet Reflection (GB) (Showcasing) provided a fantastic day of firsts at Royal Ascot overnight – the first Group One win for her sire, for trainer Karl Burke and for jockey Dougie Costello.

The winner of six of her seven starts, Quiet Reflection started the 7-4 favourite for the Group One Commonwealth Cup over six furlongs and defeated the colts and geldings with a commanding performance which cements her place at the top of Europe's three-year-old sprinting ranks.

"She's a very good filly and it's a big relief. It wasn't the plan to be stuck in the middle and I was just praying it wasn't going to be a rough race but she's got a good turn of foot and it got her out of trouble," Burke commented post-race.

Quiet Reflection's Group One victory continues the rise of Showcasing (GB) (Oasis Dream) in the stallion ranks in both hemispheres.

"I don't think there could be a better place to have opened Showcasing's Group One account," says Haunui Farm's managing director Mark Chitty. "Royal Ascot is one of the world's greatest racing carnivals and brings together the best that racing has to offer so it's pretty exciting that Showcasing has landed his first Group One winner on such a big stage."

This season sees Showcasing with seven stakes performers in the Northern Hemisphere already with flat racing only just getting into full swing while in the South his current season tally of stakes performers sits at eight, headed by Australian Group Three winner Cylinder Beach and Group One New Zealand Derby placegetter Raghu.

The Champion Two-Year-Old and First Season Sire last season, Showcasing once again heads his rivals and is set to be crowned the Champion Second Season Sire come season's end.

"Showcasing is at the top of a pretty exciting group of young stallions in New Zealand and it's great to get the monkey off his back in terms of a Group One winner," said Chitty. "With such a global industry, results like this have a significant effect when it comes to the commercial market. Showcasing's success in the Southern Hemisphere is also coming in our major export markets of Australia, Singapore and Hong Kong so he is in a very strong position and, importantly, has the numbers on the ground to continue making an impact."

Showcasing returns to Haunui Farm in 2016 at a fee of \$15,000 + GST. He is strictly limited to 125 mares with his book almost full.





FILLY FLIES FOR **LIGHTWEIGHT HARRY**

Lightweight jockey A'Isisuhairi Kasim – better known to New Zealand racegoers as Harry Kasim – had mixed feelings after he steered **Lim's Racer (NZ)** (Red Giant) to a slashing five-length win on Friday night.

Obviously, booting home a winner is always welcome but the former two-time Singapore champion apprentice could not help thinking his time in the saddle with those good horses is only fleeting.

Being a two-year-old filly, Lim's Racer was weighted at only 48kg in the \$575,000 Restricted Maiden over 1000 metres and trainer Steven Burridge always remembers his former rookie when his horses get in at such postage-stamp loads. But he also tends to follow standard practice and switch to a more fashionable jockey at the next start.

Race	Singapore TC Restricted Maiden S. 1000m
Winner	Lim's Racer (NZ) 2013
Owners	Lim's Stable
Trainer	Steven Burridge (Kranji)
Breeding	by Red Giant (USA) out of Lady of the Garter (Aus) by Testa Rossa (Aus)
Breeder	G Harvey

A'Isisuhairi did not see much point in complaining about something which has been the way of the racing world for years but hopes the mindset will one day change for him.

"It's true I haven't worked on this filly before but I saw her trial and it was very good," he said. "There was no flash runner in the race and from the nice barrier I decided to get a soft lead and that's what we were able to do.

"Having only 48kg on her back helped. She kicked on strongly but she still needs to get the confidence and that will come with more racing."

Burridge was pleased Lim's Racer had atoned for her debut tenth, when she was in a good spot but couldn't find anything extra in the run home.

"She was very disappointing at her first start," he said. "We were just dumbfounded with that run. She did a lot wrong but she has trialled very well since.

"It wasn't the plan to go forward, as we thought the favourite would lead, but she landed in front and Harry did a good job to keep her going."

One of the better beginners, Lim's Racer held her rails advantage even with the close attention of her joint two-to-one favourite Satellite Man (NZ) (Per Incanto) while Laurie

Laxon's debutant Dicaprio (NZ) (Pins) was proving a handful around the bends.

Satellite Man came off heels at the 300 metre mark to launch his challenge but was left reeling when Lim's Racer drew clear a hundred metres further on, the filly, with no weight on her back, no doubt feeling wings sprouting.

– Singapore Turf Club



Lim's Racer atones for a poor debut with Friday night's five-length cakewalk..

