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UNDERTHEMOONLIGHT TOO TOUGH IN A WET-WEATHER TAURANGA CLASSIC

The highest hopes are held for **Underthemoonlight (NZ)** (El Hermano), although it will be a while before she is asked to realise those expectations.

The five-year-old doubled her black type tally yesterday when she added the Listed Seeka Tauranga Classic to a record that also features success in last year's Group Three Taranaki Breeders' Stakes.

"She's going for a break now and she'll miss those early races next season at Hastings but I truly believe she is a Group One horse as long as she can get her toe into the ground," said part-owner and co-breeder Hamish McQuade, whose wife Karyn trains the mare.

"She's a fantastic mare and she's had no luck at her last three starts – she's been caught three and four wide and left a sitting duck."

Underthemoonlight enjoyed a much more economical run at Tauranga, where jockey Cameron Lammas tucked her in behind the pace before improving between runners to lodge his challenge 300 metres from home.

"Cameron rode a lovely race and they got the job done," McQuade said. "At the 600 I was screaming – she was just bolting."

A half-sister to the Group performer Storming The Tower (NZ) (Storm Creek), Underthemoonlight got the better of the pacemaker and favourite New York Minute (NZ) (Iffraaj) after a home-straight battle that began as the pair swung for home. The outcome remained undecided until the 150 metre mark, when Underthemoonlight finally got the upper hand and scooted clear to score by three and a half lengths.

"She won quite easily in the end even though she didn't handle the ground all that well," said Lammas, a substitute for regular rider Michael Coleman, who has recently undergone knee surgery.



Cameron Lammas salutes the judge as he brings Underthemoonlight back to scale.

The Riccarton-trained mare Meursault (NZ) (Ekraar) made late ground to cut Galaxy Miss (NZ) (Tavistock) out of third money.

Race	BOP RC Tauranga Classic L 1400m
Winner	Underthemoonlight (NZ) 2011
Owners	H & K McQuade and C Solomon
Trainer	Karyn McQuade (Matamata)
Breeding	by El Hermano out of Midnight Dip by O'Reilly
Breeder	H G W & Mrs K L McQuade

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PACORUS PLAN A WINNER FOR VIKTORIA

The current run of form being compiled by **Pacorus (NZ)** (Tavistock) might put regular rider Viktoria Gatu's travel plans on hold.

They combined to win yesterday's Orora Kiwi Packaging Kiwifruit Cup at Tauranga and trainer Chris Wood is understandably keen to keep the pair together.

"Viktoria is looking to go on holiday," he said, "but she might have to wait a bit to go back to Sweden."

Gatu, who served her apprenticeship with Wood, has been aboard Pacorus in all but one of his nine wins and she again served him well at Tauranga.

"He ran a great race and loved the conditions," she said. "He's a brilliant horse to have in the stable."

Gatu was happy to sit three wide near the pace on Pacorus, who was allowed to stride to the lead 500 metres from home.

"I was worried I had gone a bit too soon with the weight he had but he kicked on really well," she said. "He's my number one."

Pacorus was out on his own on straightening and the son of the Group Three placed Za Tiara (NZ) (Zabeel) showed no signs of shortening stride in the run to the post.

"I'm thrilled to bits for the horse and the rider," Wood said. "He's a real trier and it was a lovely ride."

"He can sustain a long run and with the 58kg we worked out a plan of attack and it all worked out."

Wood now has an eye on the Listed Taumarunui Gold Cup at Arawa Park on July 29 for Pacorus and is undecided if and where the five-year-old may have an outing beforehand.

Doiknowyou (NZ) (Kashani) enjoyed a good run behind



Viktoria Gatu and Pacorus have the Kiwifruit Cup well in hand.

the speed and rallied well for second money ahead of Gentil Tonton (Yeats), who came from last, and the topweight Pump Up The Volume (NZ) (Savabeel).

Race	BOP RC Orora Packaging Kiwifruit Cup 2100m
Winner	Pacorus (NZ) 2011
Owners	J R Borich, A I Craig, I R Goodlet, K W Green, N P Jamieson, J A Morgan, D C & Ms J E Morison, T D Palmer and T R Vince
Trainer	Chris Wood (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Tavistock out of Za Tiara by Zabeel
Breeder	Mrs A A Corcoran
Sales	2013 National Yearling Sale, Select Session; V: Landsdowne Park Ltd, P: D C & J E Morison; \$15,000





WINTER CUP AGAIN ON CARDS FOR MARE

Bonny southern mare **Miss Three Stars (NZ)** (Perfectly Ready) is making encouraging progress toward the defence of her Group Three Winter Cup title.

The seven-year-old followed up her Wairio Cup success with victory in yesterday's Greenwood Amberley Cup

at Riccarton ahead of a return for her main goal – the time-honoured feature mile on August 5.

The Tommy Beckett-trained Miss Three Stars showed her class in her latest triumph with a strong finishing bid from the tail of the field under 60kg.

"She's got a special place in my heart," regular rider Samantha Wynne said. "Tommy does a terrific job with her and she was in the right form for this race."

Wynne, who was aboard the mare in the Winter Cup last year, was happy to have all the field in sight before she angled wide near the turn.

Miss Three Stars made light of her topweight and lengthened stride impressively for a soft win at the expense of What's Up Alf (NZ) (Road to Rock), who was in receipt of six kilos.

Earlier in the day, a stablemate of the runner-up looked the omen bet of the meeting and so it proved when the promising **All Black Magic (NZ)** (Perfectly Ready) coasted home in the Commodore Hotel & Taggart Earthmoving 1400.

"When the penny drops with him he could be anything," trainer Kelvin Tyler said.

"There's a nice race for him coming up at Ashburton so we'll keep him going."

All Black Magic had previously broken his maiden at Oamaru after placing in each of his first three starts.



Defying her 60kg handicap, Miss Three Stars storms to victory for Samantha Wynne.

NEWS IN BRIEF



Rare Kiwi filly wins in Japan

Unique Kiwi-bred filly **Casta Diva (NZ)** (High Chaparral) has posted her first win in Japan, the white youngster successful over 2600 metres at Hakodate in her third raceday appearance.

Casta Diva was bred by Windsor Park Stud and sold by them during New Zealand Bloodstock's 2016 Premier Sale at Karaka to the Dearest Club for \$450,000.

She is out of the winning Zabeel mare The Opera House (NZ), a three-quarter sister to the former two-time Australian Horse of the Year Might And Power (NZ) (Zabeel).

The Opera House's white Shamexpress colt sold earlier this year for \$510,000 to the China Horse Club and Ciaron Maher Bloodstock.

Race	Amberley RC Amberley Cup 1600m
Winner	Miss Three Stars (NZ) 2009
Owners	Three Star Syndicate
Trainer	Tommy Beckett (Ascot Park)
Breeding	by Perfectly Ready (Aus) out of Missy by Stark South (USA)
Breeder	Ms J M & M J Crooks and Mrs B R Nettleton





RIYADH IS PETER'S PERSONAL OIL WELL

After a thirty-start career over four seasons in Hong Kong, where he won twice, both wins coming in successive races in November 2013, **Riyadh (NZ)** (Darci Brahma) is relishing life in Australia.

The Peter Healey-trained galloper picked up his biggest cheque since arriving in his new quarters when winning the David Bourke Provincial Plate at Flemington yesterday.

Ridden by Jye McNeil, Riyadh was backed from \$15 into \$10 before scoring by a neck from Zagaya (I Am Invincible), with \$2.40 favourite Rewarding Effort (Reward For Effort) three-quarters of a length away in third.

Mornington-based Healey said Riyadh had picked up a cheque at each

of his sixteen runs since arriving from Hong Kong.

"He's been fantastic to us. A really good, consistent horse," he said.

"We tried him last time as a stayer but he doesn't quite get there so this year we've decided to keep him fresh and around 1600 metres and maybe up to 2000 metres."

Since joining Healey, the gelding spends eighty per cent of his time in the paddock.

Healey said he had watched Riyadh's progress in Hong Kong and after the gelding's form began to taper off, he suggested the owner send him to Australia.

"In Hong Kong they were riding this horse wrong. You have to bring him back and let him travel.

"Wherever he's comfortable, you have to take him back another length. Jye did it perfectly today."

Riyadh's win was Healey's first at Flemington since May 2006.

"I had to get the map out to find the place," Healey joked.

– AAP TURF

Race	VRC David Bourke H. 1600m
Winner	Riyadh (NZ) 2009
Owners	G K K Tong
Trainer	Peter Healey (Mornington)
Breeding	by Darci Brahma out of Tempestra by O'Reilly
Breeder	Mrs R A Horton
Sales	2011 National Yearling Sale, Premier Session; V: Little Avondale Stud, P: Beamish Bloodstock; \$100,000



Riyadh (yellow spotted cap) capitalises on a rails run to take the lead in yesterday's Provincial Plate at Flemington.





AMBITIOUS PLANS FOR CRUISING SPEED

Smart mare **Cruising Speed (NZ)** (Savabeel) could be headed back to Victoria for the spring carnival after scoring an all-the-way win at Doomben yesterday.

Jockey Jeff Lloyd brought up his 128th metropolitan winner of the season when the four-year-old led all the way to beat the fast-finishing Notonyourlife (Sebring) by a short half-head in the 1350 metre Class 6 Plate.

Cruising Speed is raced by one of Grant Morgan's Ontrack Thoroughbred syndicates and brought up her fifth win from fourteen starts.

Morgan, who is in Britain for the Royal Ascot meeting, will today speak to trainer John Meagher, who is keen to step Cruising Speed up to 1600 metres, about possibilities for the mare.

"She's by Savabeel out of an O'Reilly mare so she should get at least 1600 metres," Meagher said.

"On the home turn I thought she would win by two lengths but I was happy she just held on."

He said a serious option would be to head back to Victoria with Cruising Speed.

"She is a lightly raced mare and on her breeding she will keep getting better. But I will have to speak with the connections," Meagher said.

Cruising Speed had three starts in Victoria this year for minor placings at Flemington and Ballarat.

- AAP TURF



Cruising Speed and Jeff Lloyd about to pass the post in the opening event at yesterday's Doomben meeting.

Race	Qld Tatt's RC Stav Abby & Matt With Osher's P. 1350m
Winner	Cruising Speed (NZ) 2012
Owners	Ms J A Coleman, Mrs J A Pixley, Ms M Searles, B J Warnick, Mrs J M Bandidt, D S Bassi, Prof J L Dale, B Grogan & G A Henry Syndicates: Woongarra (Mgr: Ms C H Forrester), Haimes Racing (Mgr: J L Haimes), Ontrack Thoroughbreds Vanilla Sky (Mgr: G J Morgan) and The Let It Ride (Mgr: P Ivanovski)
Trainer	John Meagher (Eagle Farm)
Breeding Breeder	by Savabeel (Aus) out of Vanilla Sky by O'Reilly Waikato Stud Ltd
Sales	2014 National Yearling Sale, Premier Session; V: Waikato Stud Ltd, P: Ontrack Thoroughbreds; \$80,000





HOME TRACK SUITS ADRIATIC PEARL

Jim Pender doesn't believe **Adriatic Pearl (NZ)** (Zed) has been given due credit but that could all change in the coming weeks.

The Tauranga trainer, who also part-owns the grey mare, produced her for the fifth win of her nineteen-start career in yesterday's Capital Tractors Handicap on her home track and loftier targets are now in the pipeline.

"She's an under-rated mare and I think there's a nice winter

race in her," said Pender, who gave thought to running her in the Listed Seeka Tauranga Classic.

"I tossed up about having a go at the fillies and mares' race but thought this was the right way to go at this stage and maybe we'll look at that next year."

Adriatic Pearl, who has now won four times on her home turf, was coming off an unplaced run at Te Rapa, but Pender said the effort was better than it may have looked.

"She had no luck there and the track was too good for her. She had trained on well since then so I thought she'd run well."

Adriatic Pearl settled at the tail-end of the field yesterday before rider Trudy Thornton urged her around runners with 600 metres to run.

"Things haven't gone her way lately but I was confident

today," she said. "She was back on her home track and she handles the deep ground. It's tough going out there so it was a really brave effort."

Adriatic Pearl came with a sustained finish to get the better of the favourite Arzak (NZ) (Towkay) in the closing stages with the runner-up's stablemate Bowie (NZ) (Iffraaj) third.

Adriatic Pearl and Trudy Thornton have just a nose to spare over Arzak and Danielle Johnson in the Rating 85 mile at Tauranga.

Race	BOP RC Capital Tractors H. 1600m
Winner	Adriatic Pearl (NZ) 2010
Owners	Mrs R Henderson, A L P Knap, J C Pender and I Smith
Trainer	Jim Pender (Tauranga)
Breeding	by Zed out of Tudor Moon by Shinko King (Ire)
Breeder	H R Jones





DYNAMIC EAGLE 'A HORSE GOING PLACES'



Dynamic Eagle and Michael McNab have finally shaken off the brave challenge of Amastar and complete an impressive win against the Tauranga three-year-olds.

Dynamic Eagle (NZ) (Guillotine) is likely to make one more appearance this season before he is put aside ahead of a spring campaign.

"I've had a bit of luck with the family and they do like a bit of cut in the ground," trainer Tony Pike said, "although I think he'll perform on better tracks."

"We might look for another three-year-old race for him before giving him a break."

A half-brother to Pike's Group Two Wellington Guineas winner Sacred Park (NZ) (Thorn Park), Dynamic Eagle yesterday continued the hot start he has made to his career when he prevailed in The Frocked Up Girls 1400 at Tauranga.

Successful on debut at Matamata, Dynamic Eagle then finished runner-up at his next outing at Ellerslie.

"He got a bit lost on straightening but he did fight back well when headed," Pike said.

Dynamic Eagle sat on the leader's quarters at Tauranga and when asked for a serious effort 200 metres from home he quickly put the issue beyond doubt.

"He's still got a bit to learn and the last part of the race he was strong," Pike said. "He's progressive and he's going to develop into a really nice horse."

Dynamic Eagle cruised clear in the closing stages to have two and three-quarter lengths on the pacemaker Amastar (NZ) (Showcasing) at the post with Fully Charged (NZ) (Fully Fledged) a distant third.

"He did it well and you only saw sixty per cent of him today," rider Michael McNab said. "He wanted to do a lot wrong and he's a horse going places."

Race	BOP RC Frocked Up Girls S. 1400m
Winner	Dynamic Eagle (NZ) 2013
Owners	W Eagles Plumbing Supplies Pty Ltd
Trainer	Tony Pike (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Guillotine out of Dosh by Danske
Breeder	S H R Davison
Sales	2015 National Yearling Sale, Premier Session; V: Mapperley Stud Ltd, P: Pike Racing; \$80,000



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WINNING CONTINUES FOR DARC BOUNTY

Jockey John Powell received high praise from trainer Stephen Gray following his perfect handling of pick-up ride **Darc Bounty (NZ)** (Darci Brahma) at Kranji on Friday night, the heavyweight rider getting the late call-up after fellow Australian Glen Boss was stood down for 'flu.

Powell, who seldom rides for Gray, went out and turned in a ten-out-of-ten ride on the three-year-old, who completed a trio of wins in the \$580,000 Kranji Stakes C over 1000 metres.

The task was made easier when short-priced favourite Nova Missile (I Am Invincible) made a slow start but

Powell just rode his own race, tucking his mount in behind the speed set by Cadet (Captain Sonador), waiting for the right moment to pop out.

That came shortly after turning for home, when Powell peeled

Darc Bounty off the back of Cadet, collared him 200 metres out and went on to a one-length win.

"He runs times this horse," said Gray, "and Glen Boss gave me very good feedback on him at his last win.

"It's a shame Glen couldn't ride him tonight but John did a good job.

"He's only a wee horse and we had to look after him. He hasn't raced for seven weeks and it's very satisfying to see him win three in a row."

Powell said he just went in with Gray's instructions as the blueprint but the horse was pretty much on auto-pilot.

"Steve was very confident. I just put

him in the right spot," said Powell. "He's a nice horse and can go over further."

With his fourth win, from just seven starts, Darc Bounty took his stakes earnings close to the \$5180,000 mark.

– Singapore Turf Club

Race	Singapore TC Kranji S. 1000m
Winner	Darc Bounty (NZ) 2013
Owners	Elaine Chen Stable
Trainer	Stephen Gray (Kranji)
Breeding	by Darci Brahma out of Miss Elusive (Aus) by Elusive Quality (USA)
Breeder	A W, Mrs V A & W K Pike
Sales	2015 National Yearling Sale, Premier Session; V: Longlands Stud, P: C S Chen; \$100,000



Darc Bounty completes his hat-trick at Kranji on Friday night.





FEROCIOUS FIRES IN KRANJI DEBUT

Ferocious (Sebring) gave a few scares but in the end lived up to his solid barrier trial form to win the \$590,000 IRT Juvenile Stakes at Kranji on Friday night.

Not one of the best away, the Mark Walker-trained debutant looked mired in traffic for most of the way of the penultimate leg of the six-leg Singapore Golden Horseshoe series, ahead of only two runners.

Even at the top of the straight, those who had punted the gelding down to second favouritism must have thought their chances were up in smoke but jockey Shafiq Rizuan had a lapful of horse and the moment he set Ferocious alight it soon became clear which way the race was going.

Weaving between runners, Ferocious was in full flight as he went through a gap between favourite Mokastar (Poet's Voice) and topweight Charger (Dick Turpin) then ran away for an ultra-impressive 2¼-length win.

At the winner's circle, Walker did not specifically make the last leg, the Aushorse Golden Horseshoe on July 7, as Ferocious' next target, just saying there were a few options open.

"He trialled well but the first time on turf is always a bit of a question mark," said the 2015 Singapore champion trainer.

"He was a little slow out of the gates, which threw off our plan to sit handier. But Shafiq was able to hold him together and gave him a lovely patient ride.

"He was a bit of a colt when he first came to us and we gelded him. I think he's a really nice horse and there are a few two-year-old options for him."

Shafiq said Ferocious was quite a professional horse who



Ferocious is a cut above the juveniles at Kranji.

did not come across as a juvenile at his first run at Kranji.

"He doesn't feel like a two-year-old," he said. "He did everything by himself.

"He jumped slow, but it was over the long course and I wasn't too worried. The other horses were three to four wide, as two-year-olds do, and when my horse saw daylight, he just kept going."

– Singapore Turf Club

Race	Singapore TC IRT Juvenile S. 1200m
Winner	Ferocious 2014
Owners	Synthetic Stable
Trainer	Mark Walker (Kranji)
Breeding	by Sebring (Aus) out of Wynnstay Avenue (Aus) by Fastnet Rock (Aus)
Breeder	Torryburn Stud
Sales	2016 Ready To Run Sale; V: Kilgravin Lodge, P: Mr D C Ellis; \$120,000





ETTIJAH AWAY TO A FLYING START

The Al-Arabiya Stable and trainer Ricardo Le Grange combined for their first success courtesy of debutant **Ettijah (NZ)** (Jimmy Choux) in the \$575,000 Restricted Maiden over 1200 metres at Kranji on Friday night.

The relatively new outfit has been around for about a year, starting off

Race	Singapore TC Restricted Maiden S. 1200m
Winner	Ettijah (NZ) 2013
Owners	Al-Arabiya Stable
Trainer	Ricardo Le Grange (Kranji)
Breeding	by Jimmy Choux out of Yellow Brick Road by Soviet Star (USA)
Breeder	Ngairie Fraser

with trainer Mark Walker, and has recently spread their wings and their growing squad of horses to other trainers, namely Le Grange, Shane Baertschiger, Sonny Yeoh, James Peters and David Hill.

But Ettijah was the first to seal Le Grange's new partnership with a victory, beating another Al-Arabiya newcomer in Sahaba (NZ) (Stravinsky), prepared by Yeoh.

Ettijah showed an abundance of early speed but quickly handed up the lead with jockey Oscar Chavez content to cruise in the trail until straightening for home. Once he'd hit the front, Ettijah jogged to the line with Chavez

glancing at the giant screen to make sure there was no last-second surprise. Sahaba could have made it interesting but warmed to the task a little too late and was 1¾ lengths in arrears at the line.

"It's great to train a first winner for the Al-Arabiya Stable. They've sent seven horses to me and this is our first winner together," said Le Grange.

"I have to admit I don't know much about the progeny of Jimmy Choux, but I gather he is a Derby winner so this guy should be even better over more ground."

Chavez said Ettijah, a barrier trial winner in both Singapore and New



Zealand (where he appeared under the name Johnny Angel), was always in the zone from the moment he jumped.

"I eased him back in second spot and from there it was just a matter of when I should push the button," he said.

– Singapore Turf Club

Ettijah debuts impressively at Kranji on Friday night.

