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## SUMMER'S DAY ENHANCES TONY'S RECORD

Tony Pike's most productive season as a public trainer hit another notable mark at Tauranga yesterday when the ironically named **Summer's Day (NZ)** (Darci Brahma) took the stable's tally of black type winners for 2015/16 into double figures.

After a previous highest tally of 40, the Cambridge horseman has produced 76 winners for this term, including the New Zealand Derby with Rangipo (Stryker), while across the Tasman he recently celebrated Group One success with Provocative (NZ) (Zabeel) and Sacred Elixir (NZ) (Pour Moi).

The performance of Summer's Day in the Listed Team Wealleans Tauranga Classic lit up the gloomiest of days and capped her fast rise through the grades.

"She's been a great little mare to us and she's only finished out of the first four twice in seventeen starts," said Pike's father Wayne.

"Her work had been very good and we were confident where she was in that respect, but she had never raced on anything like this before."

The winner of both her previous two appearances at Ellerslie, Summer's Day was in behind the leader early and rider Vinnie Colgan let her stride to the front 500 metres from home.

The mare, a \$30,000 Karaka purchase as a weanling, cleared out in the run home to win by 2½ lengths.

"It's been a great season and this is special as she's a family horse," Pike said.

The central districts visitor Aide Memoire (NZ) (Remind), the winner of the Listed Rangitikei Gold Cup at her previous appearance, fought on tenaciously for second after setting the early pace with Designated Driver (NZ) (Danroad) third ahead of Underthemoonlight (NZ) (El Hermano).

<b>Race</b>	<b>BOP RC Tauranga Classic L 1400m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Summer's Day (NZ) 2011</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Lynton Ltd and V T W Breeding Company Ltd</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Tony Pike (Cambridge)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Darci Brahma out of One Perfect Day by Fusaichi Pegasus (USA)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Mrs H G &amp; W G Bax and Go Bloodstock New Zealand Ltd</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2012 National Weanling, Broodmare &amp; Mixed Sale; V: Blandford Lodge, P: Tony Pike Bloodstock; \$30,000</b>



Through the rain and the gloom, Vinnie Colgan brings Summer's Day back to scale after her win in yesterday's Listed Tauranga Classic.





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# GARY AND ROBBIE HATCH PERFECT PLAN

A cunning pre-race plan was executed to perfection when **Katie McKeen (NZ)** (Keeninsky) distanced her rivals in the feature staying event on yesterday's Tauranga card.

Taranaki owner-trainer Gary McBeth and his jockey Robert Hannam decided to put the pressure on a long way out in the Orora Kiwi Packaging-LRK Kiwifruit Cup and to cut the corner into the home straight when others were scouting wide.

"I was expecting a very good run," McBeth said. "Hugging the rail was perfect – Robbie has ridden her a few times and he knows her."

Katie McKeen settled in the early trail before Hannam got busy down the back straight to take the six-year-old to the front and he stuck to the fence across the top.

"I thought he may have gone a bit soon," McBeth said, "but he knew best and it all worked out great."

It proved to be a stroll, albeit a very wet one, for Katie McKeen who had thirteen lengths on the local longshot St Saturnin (NZ) (St Reims), the winner of just one race, with Celebrity Miss (NZ) (Civics) third.

"It's the fittest I've ever had her," McBeth said. "She's twenty kilos lighter than last year."



*Katie McKeen takes the Kiwifruit Cup by an official margin of 13 lengths... unofficially, the margin was "Robbie Hannam's great ride".*

The New Plymouth horseman is already thinking of a return north next month for the Listed Taumarunui Gold Cup.

"As long as the track's not sticky," he said. "She likes it sloppy."

<b>Race</b>	<b>BOP RC Kiwifruit Cup 2100m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Katie McKeen (NZ) 2009</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>G B &amp; Mrs V M McBeth</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Gary McBeth (New Plymouth)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Keeninsky out of Eulogize by Sound Reason (Can)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>G B &amp; Mrs V M McBeth</b>

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# SPIETH TRACKING TOWARDS A MAJOR WIN

Promising colt **Spieth (NZ)** (Thorn Park) has passed his first test down the Flemington straight but trainer Bryce Heys and jockey Craig Williams are confident there is improvement to come.

Sydney-based Heys was keen to try Spieth down the straight for the first time in yesterday's 1100 metre Goulburn Murray Handicap against his own age and the up-and-coming sprinter drew clear to defeat Lord Von Costa (Von Costa de Hero) by three-quarters of a length with the same margin to third-placed Rich Charm (Danerich).

It gave Heys, who started training about eighteen months ago, his first Flemington winner.

Despite the victory, Heys said things didn't pan out how he had hoped early in the race when his \$2.80 favourite was unable to get cover. And he insists the colt will be able to unleash a more effective sprint on drier ground than the soft conditions he raced on.

"He had to overcome things today," the Warwick Farm trainer said. "With all due respect to the quality of the opposition, it's probably going to get harder for him from here on. It got sticky there through the early stages but he got the job done."

Craig Williams was able to find cover by mid-race on Spieth and the colt sprinted through to hit the front approaching the 100 metre mark and land his third-straight win after victories at Kembla Grange and Rosehill.

"I think running on a soft track today just nullified that real burst of speed that he does have," said Heys, who will see how Spieth comes through yesterday's race and is keen to run him again in the Listed Creswick Series Final over 1200 metres at Flemington in two weeks.

Craig Williams rode Spieth in his first three starts last spring, including his seventh in the Caulfield Guineas Prelude, and believes yesterday's experience will help him heading to the Creswick Final.

"He showed signs that he's going to keep improving on his performance today and the way he felt on and off the bridle

throughout the race," Williams said.

"Most importantly when it counted late he was quite solid and strong.

"He's a nice horse and potentially feels like one who could be figuring in some good sprint races over the spring carnival."

– AAP TURF

<b>Race</b>	<b>VRC Goulburn Murray H. 1100m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Spieth (NZ) 2012</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>M W O'Keefe, Ms V J King, Emmaroo Bloodstock (Mgr: Mrs C J Murray), G K Lawler, J R Braham, P J C Murphy, S J Conroy, P J Townsend and C R Hamilton</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Bryce Heys (Warwick Farm)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Thorn Park (Aus) out of Stella Livia (GB) by Titus Livius (Fr)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Trelawney Thoroughbred Ltd</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2014 National Yearling Sale, Premier Session; V: Trelawney Stud Ltd, P: Ellerslie Lodge; \$200,000</b>



*Craig Williams keeps Spieth up to the mark as he completes a hat-trick with a win at his first try down the Flemington straight.*





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# KELVIN ADDS TO HIS **WINTER CUP ARSENAL**

**K**elvin Tyler collected both the Amberley Cup and the Winter Cup with Timy Tyler (NZ) (No Excuse Needed) last year and he's on target to defend the stable's titles.

The Riverton trainer has the progressive **Lochan Ora (NZ)** (Towkay) in outstanding form, having suffered just one defeat in seven starts on his current campaign, and the four-year-old yesterday completed a hat-trick with a resounding win in the Greenwood Amberley Cup at Riccarton, en route to the Group Three Winter Cup, for which Timy Tyler is also nominated, on August 6.

"I'm getting excited about this horse," Tyler said. "He just keeps stepping up.

"He's really grown another leg in the last two or three months; maturity has done wonders for him and he's getting better and better."

A \$9000 Karaka buy for Tyler, Lochan Ora settled behind the pace and one off the fence before regular rider Kevin Kalychurun's move across the top had Tyler a touch nervous.

"I thought he had gone a bit early but he's a better judge than me and getting out into the better part of the track was good," Tyler said. "I couldn't

be any happier."

Lochan Ora was widest into the straight and the gelding held a strong gallop to win for the sixth time in his sixteen-start career.

He was out by 2½ lengths at the finish from Keepa Tramp (NZ) (Keeper), who made ground from the back of the field, with the topweight Weissmuller (NZ) (Handsome Ransom) battling away gamely for third.

The former northerner Crackling Rosie (NZ) (Faltaat) made a good fist of her Riccarton debut by coming from third last to claim fourth money.



*Lochan Ora runs away with yesterday's Amberley Cup at Riccarton.*

<b>Race</b>	<b>Amberley RC Amberley Cup 1600m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Lochan Ora (NZ) 2011</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>K L Tyler</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Kelvin Tyler (Riverton)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Towkay (Aus) out of Shivnivas by Centaine (Aus)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Barlow Thoroughbred Ltd</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2012 National Weanling, Broodmare &amp; Mixed Sale; V: Trelawney Stud Ltd, P: Ms N L Reeder and Mr S Vaega; \$500</b> <b>2013 National Yearling Sale, Festival Session; V: Ellendene Farms, P: K L Tyler; \$9000</b>

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# BATTLE TIME'S CLASS COMES TO THE FORE IN DOMINANT WIN AGAINST 3YO SPRINTERS

**W**ell-performed three-year-old **Battle Time (NZ)** (Battle Paint) was a class above his rivals yesterday at Tauranga, where he was untested to double his winning tally. Luck had deserted the colt this preparation before he turned his fortunes around with a commanding performance to claim the Zest 3YO.

Runner-up in the Group One Diamond Stakes at two, Battle Time was also placed in this season's Group Two Hawke's Bay Guineas and the Group One New Zealand Two Thousand Guineas before he was spelled after undergoing surgery to remove bone chips.

He returned in April to shed his tag as the country's best maiden with a first-up success, but more recently he was luckless when runner-up at Ellerslie three runs back before he ran fifth at Te Rapa after getting too far back in the running.

"I was confident today although a bit unsure of him in

the ground," said Margaret Carter, who prepares the up-and-comer with her husband Tim.

She needn't have worried as Battle Time travelled easily in third spot under

Vinnie Colgan and then coasted home after taking charge 350 metres out.

"I'm so proud of him and we'll probably put him away now and then come back for the spring," Carter said.

"He's going to go a lot further than 1400 metres – he's pretty versatile."

With his 4½-length defeat of the resuming Acrylic (NZ) (Battle Paint), Battle Time led home a quinella for his sire as pacemaker Stradivarius (NZ) (Stravinsky) tired to finish third.

<b>Race</b>	<b>BOP RC Zest H. 1400m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Battle Time (NZ) 2012</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>A D Hayward</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Tim &amp; Margaret Carter (Cambridge)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Battle Paint (USA) out of Lady of Oakview by Diamond Express</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>A D Hayward</b>



*Battle Time's class comes to the fore as he decisively wins the three-year-old sprint at Tauranga.*





# PIN YOUR HOPES READY TO KICK ON AGAIN AFTER CONFIDENCE-BOOSTING VICTORIES



Two of Melbourne's gun apprentices fight out a tight finish as Ben Thompson's *Pin Your Hopes* (orange cap) holds on grimly to deny ex-Kiwi Michael Dee on *Name The Day*. Thompson was completing a double for the day while Dee, who had won the opening event, later scored twice to bring up a meritorious Flemington treble.

Co-trainer Simon Zahra joined the list of Ben Thompson admirers after the promising apprentice completed a winning double aboard **Pin Your Hopes (NZ)** (Pins) at yesterday's Flemington meeting.

Thompson has enjoyed a terrific start to the winter with his pair of victories aboard *Pin Your Hopes* in the 1600 metre Gippsland Region Handicap and *Iggimacool* (*Savoire Vivre*) in the 1400 metre Central Region Handicap completing the rider's fourth city double among ten metropolitan victories in the month of June.

Despite the gelding racing wide throughout the \$A50,000 event, Thompson got the best out of *Pin Your Hopes* – backed

from an opening quote of \$12 into \$8 at post time – in a driving finish as he held off \$7 chance *Name The Day* (Host), who tracked the winner most of the way but failed by a short half-head to bridge the gap.

"It was a pretty smart ride to let him keep rolling into it. He built his confidence and he built momentum and sustained it to the line," Zahra, who trains *Pin Your Hopes* in partnership with Mathew Ellerton, said of Thompson.

"He does his homework. He's a Craig Williams prodigy, I think. He's very polite and all of the owners really love him.

"He can sum up a race pretty quickly and he can ride so he's got a really bright future."

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# PIN YOUR HOPES READY TO KICK ON AGAIN AFTER CONFIDENCE-BOOSTING VICTORIES

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Pin Your Hopes went two years without a win before he broke through two starts back at Cranbourne in late May and now boasts eight wins from 36 outings.

Zahra said that victory provided the six-year-old with a confidence boost that should help him compete in harder races in the coming weeks. "We gave him a break for a month and he's come back a better horse.

"He's the type of horse who, once he builds momentum, can give a bit of a turn of foot. He'll probably have to go up in grade a bit now, which is good.

"He took two years to win a race but, once he hit that form, he's continued on with it."

– racenet.com.au

<b>Race</b>	<b>VRC Gippsland Region H. 1600m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Pin Your Hopes (NZ) 2009</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Cyclone Racing (Mgr: P J Roots), A J Blackshaw, R E Bowen, Mrs C J Roberts, K R Barnett, W R Olver, L J Olver, K W Franklin, D W Franklin, M J McCraw, T B Beasley, P G Carey, P J Nicoll and D C Donohoe</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Mathew Ellerton &amp; Simon Zahra (Flemington)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Pins (Aus) out of Zarvana by Zabeel</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Miss C A Marshall</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2011 National Yearling Sale, Premier Session; V: Lyndhurst Farm, P: Ellerton Zahra Racing; \$100,000</b>



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# WIZE ACT GIVES STALLION A FURTHER LIFT WITH EASY WIN IN RICCARTON JUVENILE

**N**ews of further success for Zacinto (GB) (Dansili) prompted a celebration in a much warmer climate than the venue of the stallion's latest winner.

The Inglewood Stud-based sire's promising daughter **Wize Act (NZ)** was too good for her rivals in yesterday's nztba.co.nz Promotes South Island Racing Juvenile at Riccarton, where she overcame a heavy track.

Zacinto has made an encouraging start to his career with autumn black type wins from the unbeaten Ugo Foscolo (NZ) and Zigwig (NZ), the latter raced by the stud and trained by Nick Wigley, father of the farm's general manager Gus.

"He's lying on a beach in Rarotonga so I had to do a commentary for him," Wigley senior said.

"We're thrilled to bits – it's been a great start and the horse's book filled up pretty quickly after those two stakes winners. All the reports from the trainers on them have been good."

Trained by Terri Rae, who produced Margarita Mover (Captain Sonador) for a smart midweek victory at Oamaru, Wize Act had finished runner-up on debut earlier this month and she wasn't fully extended to go one better for apprentice Samantha Wynne.

"Terri's done a great job with her and she's a classy little filly," Wynne said.

Wize Act trailed in third spot to the turn before she came through on the inner to take control and comfortably repelled the challenge of the debutante Little Miss (NZ) (Duelled) to score by a length and a half.

"I was just nursing her at the finish," Wynne said. "It's pretty tough going out there and she's going to improve again with the run."

<b>Race</b>	<b>Amberley RC nztba.co.nz 2YO H. 1200m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Wize Act (NZ) 2013</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>B W &amp; Mrs R A Wilson</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Terri Rae (Riccarton)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Zacinto (GB) out of Sound Decision by Volksraad (GB)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>B W &amp; Mrs R A Wilson</b>



*Wize Act has no trouble opening her account at yesterday's Riccarton meeting.*

