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GINGERNUTS ADDS HIS NAME TO LONG LINE OF KIWI-BRED ROSEHILL GUINEAS WINNERS



In front of packed stands on Rosehill's biggest day of the year, Opie Bosson and Gingernuts combine to write another chapter in Kiwi-bred Guineas lore.

Matamata three-year-old **Gingernuts (NZ)** (Iffraaj) has made an immediate impression in Australia and continued a dominant Kiwi trend by becoming the fourth New Zealand-trained horse in seven years to win the Group One Rosehill Guineas.

Well-fancied at \$6.50, the New Zealand Derby winner made his Australian debut in yesterday's 2000 metre race, run

in heavy conditions, and defeated \$3 favourite Inference (So You Think) by 2¼ lengths, joining Jimmy Choux (NZ) (Thorn Park), Dundee (NZ) (High Chaparral) and Volkstok'n'barrell (NZ) (Tavistock) as recent New Zealand-trained winners of the race.

The Stephen Autridge and Jamie Richards-trained gelding needs to be a late entry for the Australian Derby but Richards

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A mud-splattered Opie Bosson wearing the grin of a man with a job well done.

confirmed the intention to run in the 2400 metre classic at Randwick in two weeks, with Gingernuts now \$4.60 favourite.

“He’s going to be awfully hard to beat in a couple of weeks’ time,” Richards said.

Richards felt Gingernuts had kept improving since the New Zealand Derby and the drop in distance to 2000 metres yesterday was countered by the testing conditions.

“It’s a huge buzz. I’m really pleased for the team at home,” Richards said.

“David Ellis bought the horse at the Ready To Run sales and didn’t pay a lot for him. We syndicated him amongst some clients of ours and they’re having a whirlwind ride.”

Gingernuts carries Ellis’s Te Akau colours, with Ellis the managing owner of a syndicate which races the gelding. Some of the 42 members were trackside, wearing specially made orange caps to match the horse’s colours.

“We flew over for the day. We’ve actually got to leave in 45 minutes,” said Craig Saunders, one of a handful of owners who made a flying visit from Auckland.

“Most of us are booked to come over for the Aussie Derby in a couple of weeks. It was a little spur of the moment to come over today but we thought we’re on a hell of a ride and it doesn’t happen very often.”

Jockey Opie Bosson settled Gingernuts well back before making his run around the field from the 800 metre mark.

Gingernuts reeled in leader Harper’s Choice (Street Cry) inside the final 200 metres and, despite tiring late, had a comfortable margin over Inference on the line with \$20 shot So Si Bon (So You Think) another short half-head away third.

“He jumped slow and got a bit of a squeeze but he got into a nice rhythm throughout the race and I knew I had a fit horse under me,” Bosson said.

“He still wasn’t a hundred per cent happy in the ground but all the way up the straight he just had his ears pricked, looking around.

“He’s a pretty good horse and getting better. The way he’s stepped up has just been incredible.”

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Race	ATC Rosehill Guineas Gr.1 2000m
Winner	Gingernuts (NZ) 2013
Owners	Te Akau Gingernuts Syndicate (Mgr: D C Ellis)
Trainer	Stephen Autridge & Jamie Richards (Matamata)
Breeding	by Iffraaj (GB) out of Double Elle by Generous (Ire)
Breeder	Goodwood Stud Ltd
Sales	2014 National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale; V: Goodwood Stud, P: Phill Cataldo Bloodstock; \$5000 2015 Ready to Run Sale; V: Stainley Park, P: Te Akau Racing; \$42,500

Of the past ten runnings of the Rosehill Guineas, eight have been won by New Zealand-bred horses.

- 2017 – Gingernuts* (NZ) (Iffraaj)
- 2016 – Tarzino (NZ) (Tavistock)
- 2015 – Volkstok’n’barrell* (NZ) (Tavistock)
- 2014 – Criterion (NZ) (Sebring)
- 2013 – Dundeel* (NZ) (High Chaparral)
- 2011 – Jimmy Choux* (NZ) (Thorn Park)
- 2010 – Zabrasive (NZ) (Zabeel)
- 2009 – Metal Bender (NZ) (Danasinga)

* New Zealand trained.





IN-FORM TRIO ADD OAKS **WITH BONNEVAL**

Trainers Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman and jockey Matthew Cameron are a Group One trio not to be trifled with.

At Ellerslie last Thursday they struck gold with Lizzie L'Amour (NZ) (Zabeel) in the New Zealand Stakes and yesterday at Trentham they successfully combined with **Bonneval (NZ)** (Makfi) in the Wellfield New Zealand Oaks.

The filly continued her winning roll following lead-up victories in the Group Two Sir Tristram Fillies' Classic and the Group Three Lowland Stakes.

"She's a beautiful filly and she doesn't need to do any more this preparation," Forsman said. "She's only going to get better as an older mare as well."

Bonneval, who was also crowned the New Zealand Bloodstock Filly of the Year at Trentham, settled toward the rear of the field before Cameron made a move a thousand metres from home.

"They went quickly enough early and Matt had to get rolling on her and ride her like the best stayer in the race," Forsman said.

Bonneval got to the front early in the run home and she proved too good for a game Devise (NZ) (Darci Brahma) in the closing hundred metres.

"I got a long way back and the speed was genuine before they buttoned it off 1200 metres out so I decided to get going," Cameron said.

"She's a class filly and when she got to the front she pricked her ears."

Raced by Alister Lawrence, Terry Jarvis and John Rattray, Bonneval is a sister to Imposing Lass (NZ) and a half-sister to Full Of Spirit (Flying Spur) and Lady Cumquat (Duke Of Marmalade), all Group Three winners.



Under a fiercely determined Matt Cameron, Bonneval gets the better of Devise in a stirring finish to yesterday's New Zealand Oaks.

Devise, whose half-sister Zurella (NZ) (Zabeel) finished runner-up in the Oaks five years ago, enjoyed a good run near the pace and she fought on grimly with Savvy Dreams (NZ) (Savabeel) taking third ahead of the winner's stablemate Nicoletta (NZ) (Savabeel).

Race	WRC New Zealand Oaks Gr.1 2400m
Winner	Bonneval (NZ) 2013
Owners	T W Jarvis, A R Lawrence & J A Rattray
Trainer	Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Makfi (GB) out of Imposingly (Aus) by Zabeel
Breeder	City Bloodstock Ltd
Sales	2015 National Yearling Sale, Premier Session; V: Westbury Stud, P: Baker Racing; \$150,000

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SARACINO GALLANT IN GUINEAS

The Trentham heroics of **Saracino (NZ)** (Per Incanto) have almost certainly booked the gallant colt another trip to Australia.

Owner Lib Petagna's racing manager Bruce Perry said in the lead-up to yesterday's Group Two Grant Plumbing Wellington Guineas that the three-year-old only had to perform up to expectations to book his flight.

Saracino certainly did that with the bravest of front-running performances – headed in the straight by Ferrando (NZ) (Fast 'N' Famous) before rallying strongly – to win for the third time in his career and set up a crack at next month's Group Two Arrowfield 3YO Sprint at Randwick.

"It was looking a bit hairy for a little while but he dug deep and fought hard," said Andrew Forsman, who trains Saracino with Murray Baker.

He was ridden by Lisa Allpress, who thought she may have gone out too hard in front.

"He is the sort of horse, though, that you don't want to interfere with too much and let him do his own thing," she said.

"He's got a big ticker and he fought back really well."

Saracino is now a three-time winner at Group Two level, having earlier claimed the Foxbridge Plate at Te Rapa and Flemington's Danehill Stakes, and Group One placed in the

Manawatu Sires' Produce Stakes and the NRM Sprint.

Top Prospect (NZ) (Swiss Ace) hit the line strongly for second ahead of Cut Me Loose (NZ) (Swiss Ace) and Ferrando wilted to fourth after looking a winning chance when he headed Saracino 200 metres from home.

Race	WRC Wellington Guineas Gr.2 1400m
Winner	Saracino (NZ) 2013
Owners	JML Bloodstock Ltd (Mgr L Petagna)
Trainer	Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Per Incanto (USA) out of Bella Daniela by O'Reilly
Breeder	JML Bloodstock Ltd



The swoopers Top Prospect (nearest camera) and Cut Me Loose (nose only showing) arrive too late to catch the game front-runner Saracino in the Wellington Guineas.





CONSOMMATEUR CUSTOMISED FOR EPONA

A twelve-month plan came to fruition for Cranbourne trainer Michael Kent when **Consommateur (NZ)** (Roc de Cambes) ploughed through the going to win yesterday's \$A150,000 Group Three Epona Stakes at Rosehill.

Kent won the 1900 metre race in 2015 with Scratchy Bottom (Sebring) and also trained Epingle (NZ) (Pins) to place in the 2013 and '14 editions.

"If you want black type for a mare that can run a trip then it's either this or a 2000-metre race in Adelaide," Kent said.

"Her whole preparation has been aimed at this race."

The winning result was aided by a smart Dwayne Dunn ride, slotting midfield one off the fence from a tricky draw.

Spotting the leader Ambience (Street Cry) three lengths turning for home, Dunn found a split at the 400 metre mark aboard the \$8.50 fifth favourite and the four-year-old charged through to career away for a comfortable 2¾-length victory.

"It all worked out perfectly," Dunn said.

"I got into the part of the track I wanted to.

"I knew what she was like and she eats mud. Mick was probably coming here thinking to run third or fourth to get the black type ticked off but I think he will be walking away a lot happier."

Godolphin's Ambience held on for second with the Anthony and Edward Cummings-trained Top Of My List (High Chaparral) a further long neck away in third.

Kent is unlikely to hang around in

Sydney, keen to get back to Victoria and plan his next move.

"This is her first trip away so I'll just see how the dust settles," Kent said.

"This was her first trip away from home and she got a bit warm in the yard. I will probably send her home now then look at heading across to Adelaide."

– racenet.com.au

Race	ATC Epona S. Gr.3 1900m
Winner	Consommateur (NZ) 2012
Owners	G W Evers Pty Ltd (Mgr: G W Evers)
Trainer	Michael Kent (Cranbourne)
Breeding	by Roc de Cambes out of Consumer (Aus) by Zabeel
Breeder	The Oaks Stud
Sales	2014 National Yearling Sale, Select Session; V: The Oaks Stud, P: New Zealand Bloodstock, as agent; \$30,000



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MISS WILSON'S RUN CONTINUES IN CUDDLE

Miss Wilson (Stratum) has the hardest of acts to follow but the well-related mare is making good strides with the first black type victory of her career now on her record.

The half-sister to the multiple Group One winner and former New Zealand Horse of the Year Jimmy Choux (NZ) (Thorn Park) stretched her current winning sequence to four with victory in the Group Three Wentwood Grange Cuddle Stakes at Trentham yesterday.

Ridden by Samantha Collett, Miss Wilson crossed the field from a wide gate to lead then handed up to the southerner Pretty Good Excuse (NZ) (No Excuse Needed). She took over again before the turn then held a strong gallop in the straight to win for the first time at 1600 metres.

Northern visitors Stylish Attack (NZ) (Tavistock), Charmont (High Chaparral), Our Abbadean (NZ) (Lookin At Lucky) and Let Her Rip (NZ) (Rip Van Winkle) were next to cross the line.

"Everything told me that she would get the trip," trainer John Bary said.

"Her work has gone to the next level and she delivered today. We were pretty confident, or as much as you can be, and it was a fantastic ride from Sam.

"She's a big-striding mare and she doesn't want to get caught up in a field."

Like the now Rich Hill Stud-domiciled Jimmy Choux, Miss Wilson is raced by her breeders Richard and Liz Wood under their Chouxmaani Investments banner.

She began her career with Bary before a stint in Victoria



Miss Wilson continues her impressive run of form as Samantha Collett guides her to a decisive win in yesterday's Cuddle Stakes.

with Simon Morrish and, despite winning a race at Ballarat, she never fully acclimatised to life in Australia and has been unbeaten since returning home.

Miss Wilson is now likely be given her chance in the Group One New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes at Te Aroha on April 8.

"We'll see how she pulls up, but we'll probably go to Te Aroha," Bary said.

Race	WRC Cuddle S. Gr.3 1600m
Winner	Miss Wilson (Aus) 2012
Owners	Chouxmaani Investments Ltd
Trainer	John Bary (Hastings)
Breeding	by Stratum (Aus) out of Cierzo by Centaine (Aus)
Breeder	Chouxmaani Investments Ltd





ROCK ON RESTORES **GARY'S SMILE**

The smile was back on Gary Vile's face at Trentham where his emerging staying star **Rock On (NZ)** (Road to Rock) was successful in the Listed New Zealand St Leger.

Nobody could begrudge the

Awapuni trainer his victory in yesterday's Lincoln Farm-sponsored feature after events at Ellerslie two days earlier.

He'd produced last year's Leger winner Jacksstar (NZ) (Zed) to finish third in the Group One Auckland Cup, but joy turned to despair shortly after

when the five-year-old returned to scale with a tendon injury.

Vile took that on the chin and bounced back at Trentham with Rock On.

"We decided not to go to the Auckland Cup with him this year, it was just a bit too soon," he said. "This was a good field today and he showed his worth.

"He'll go to the Hawke's Bay Cup and then a break. It's exactly the same path as we went last year with Jacksstar."

He finished fourth at Hastings off the back of his St Leger triumph.

Rock On settled back on the fence before rider Jonathan Riddell angled off the rail, but had to switch back inside for a clear run in the straight and they finished strongly to down All In Vogue (NZ) (Pins).

At the other end of the distance scale, hot sprinter **Signify (NZ)** (Perfectly Ready) dashed home to add the Listed Phill Cataldo Bloodstock Lightning Handicap title to the Group One Telegraph crown he claimed on the track in January.

"It's the ideal place for him, he likes roomy tracks," trainer Alex Cowan said.

Signify settled last and came with long strides under Chris Johnson to beat Speech Craft (Oratorio) and Smashing (NZ) (Pins).

Jonathan Riddell has a good hold on Rock On as they complete a strong staying win in the St Leger.

Race	WRC New Zealand St Leger L 2500m
Winner	Rock On (NZ) 2012
Owners	R Drummond, W J Gleeson, A C Macdonald, G R Vile and A J Vincent
Trainer	Gary Vile (Awapuni)
Breeding	by Road To Rock (Aus) out of St Jessie (Aus) by Jetball (Aus)
Breeder	Miss T D Goss and W J Bloodstock Ltd
Sales	2014 National Yearling Sale, Select Session; V: Wellfield Lodge, P: Regal Farm Partnership; \$70,000

Race	WRC Lightning H. L 1200m
Winner	Signify (NZ) 2011
Owners	Mrs T L Cowan
Trainer	Alex Cowan (Ashburton)
Breeding	by Perfectly Ready (Aus) out of Pica Pica by Stravinsky (USA)
Breeder	Llanhennock Trust
Sales	2013 South Island 2YO & Mixed Sale; V: Wentwood Grange, P: A M & T L Cowan; \$5500





LISA IMPRESSED **WHEN BELLE WALTZES IN**

Reliable Man (GB) (Dalakhani) was a multiple Group One winner during his illustrious racing career and he could be in line for early top-flight stallion honours following a stylish victory yesterday from a first-crop daughter at Trentham.

The Westbury Stud stallion, who was successful at the elite level in France and Australia, has only had a handful of representatives and **Belle du Nord (NZ)** opened the handsome grey's account, making a highly favourable impression on rider Lisa Allpress when they combined for a hollow win in the Richardson Racing 2YO Premier.

"She's a lovely, big type and one of nicest types I've sat on for a while," Allpress said. "She gave me a really good feel and she just powered through them."

Belle du Nord came from off the pace with a sizzling finish to distance her rivals and put her in line for a crack at the Group One Manawatu Sires' Produce Stakes at Awapuni on April 1.

The filly, who is a half-sister to the Group performer What Choux Want (NZ) (Jimmy Choux), had finished runner-up on debut at Te Aroha last month before she disappointed when finishing among the tail-enders in the Group Two Matamata Breeders' Stakes.

"She's always shown a lot of ability and it was a mystery what happened in the Breeders' Stakes," said David Browne, who trains Belle du Nord with his wife Emma-Lee at



Lisa Allpress lands the first of her trio of Trentham wins as Belle du Nord powers away from her fellow juveniles.

Cambridge.

"It's nice to see her back and we may head on to the Sires' Produce now."

Belle du Nord waltzed home by three and three-quarter lengths from longshot Aloisia (NZ) (Azamour), who hit the line well, and the favourite Hard Merchandize (NZ) (Burgundy).

Race	WRC Richardson Racing 2YO S. 1200m
Winner	Belle du Nord (NZ) 2014
Owners	Northern Club Racing Syndicate No.12 (Mgr: David A R Williams QC)
Trainer	Emma-Lee & David Browne (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Reliable Man (GB) out of Bankside Belle by Volksraad (GB)
Breeder	Nearco Stud Limited
Sales	2016 National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale; V: Bradbury Park, P: Michael Otto Bloodstock (BAFNZ); \$50,000





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NO RUSH FOR FAST LEARNER **LIM'S RIPPLE**

Lim's Ripple (NZ) (O'Reilly) looks to be another smart sort in the making for the Lim's Stable after he scored second-up in the \$575,000 Restricted Maiden race over 1400 metres at Kranji on Friday night. But trainer Steven Burridge still believes he needs more time to come right.

The three-year-old made late ground to run seventh on debut a month ago, causing his jockey Glen Boss to be queried over the ride. Greenness was the main reason invoked for the erratic run, especially around the bend.

Again ridden by Boss, Lim's Ripple proved himself a fast learner on Friday night. Coming off a handy spot, the warm favourite attacked the line with great determination to defeat hundred-to-one roughie Classic (NZ) (Showcasing) by three-quarters of a length with race-leader and favourite Redoubt (Not A Single Doubt) weakening into third, a head away.

Burridge was adamant about where he was going after the win – not the Singapore Three-Year-Old Challenge but the paddock.

"I'll give him a spell," said the

Australian. "He's still too immature.

"He's a big raw-boned and late-maturing horse but he's improved by leaps and bounds after his first run. Bossy gave him a great ride, too."

Boss agreed that Lim's Ripple was still a work in progress and couldn't wait to see him back in work after his break.

"He's very raw and it was the same at his first run. He has no idea what he's doing," he said.

"Luckily he drew one tonight and that helped. The 1200 metres was too short for him and I'm glad it was a seven furlong race on the Long Course tonight.

"The leader had a soft run but my bloke hit the line really good."

– Singapore Turf Club



Race	Singapore TC Restricted Maiden S. 1400m
Winner	Lim's Ripple (NZ) 2013
Owners	Lim's Stable
Trainer	Steven Burridge (Kranji)
Breeding	by O'Reilly out of Ethics (Aus) by Zabeel
Breeder	Waikato Stud Ltd
Sales	2015 National Yearling Sale, Premier Session; V: Waikato Stud Ltd, P: Te Akau Racing; \$50,000

Lim's Ripple opens his account with an easy win at Kranji on Friday night.

