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VIN DE DANCE ON TRACK FOR AUSTRALIAN DERBY



Vin De Dance (inner) pictured winning the Gr.1 New Zealand Derby

Co-trainer Andrew Forsman has been encouraged by **Vin De Dance's (NZ)** (Roc De Cambes) Gr.1 Rosehill Guineas (2000m) performance despite the New Zealand Derby winner being relegated from second to fourth on protest.

Forsman, who trains in partnership with Murray Baker, believes the gelding can still pose a threat in the Gr.1

Australian Derby (2400m) on April 7 at Randwick.

Racing NSW stewards agreed with Brenton Avdulla's argument his mount Furore (NZ) (Pierro) received interference from Vin De Dance in the home straight that cost him a better position.

Vin De Dance's jockey Jason Waddell was suspended for the ride but can return in time for the A\$2 million Derby.

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Forsman was still pleased with the three-year-old's first start in Australia and said Vin De Dance was ready to step back up to the Derby distance of 2400m.

"It was still a very good run. All things considered we're very happy," Forsman said.

"Obviously the drop back from the Derby trip (2400m) meant he was a little bit dour and he had to make his run in the worst part of the track.

Baker and Forsman, who won the Derby with Jon Snow (NZ) (Iffraaj) last year, also introduced three-year-old gelding Mission Hill (Teofilo) to Sydney racing and gave him a pass mark for his seventh in the Guineas.

"He was good too. He probably got too far back in a muddling run race," Forsman said.

"Again, dropping back from 2400 he was just a little bit flat footed when he needed to quicken, but he'll be right."

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MIHAUL BACK WITH A VENGEANCE

Despite nearly two-years off the track exciting galloper **Mihaul (NZ)** (Iffraaj) returned to his winning ways when he dealt to his rivals over 1200m at Matamata on the weekend.

The Iffraaj gelding had looked to be a potential classics contender when he won his only two starts as a two-year-old for Taranaki trainer Allan Sharrock. Amongst his beaten rivals on debut was subsequent Group One winner Hall Of Fame (NZ) (Savabeel).

Niggling leg issues put paid to his three-year-old campaign with Sharrock struggling to get him back to the track due to his ongoing problems. On Sharrock's recommendation the gelding was transferred to the beach training environment of Moira and Kieran Murdoch which has worked the oracle for him.

"I think Allan was at his wits end trying to keep him sound," said Moira Murdoch.

"He clearly has plenty of talent, but those leg problems just niggle away at him. Being on the beach has really helped as we choose what type of surface to work him on plus he gets to go in a straight line much of the time.

"He is a pretty big boy and is really just maturing now so to do what he did as a two-year-old stamps him as a very exciting prospect."

Murdoch is realistic that her charge is still very much a day-to-day proposition but is keen to see him

make further progress after Saturday's convincing win.

"I think the best thing about Saturday was the joy it gave his owners who got a real thrill out of the win," she said.

"They have been very patient and told me they were just so happy to see him back on the track after all he has been through. I do think if we can keep him sound and happy he can go through the grades based on what we saw from him.

"Leith (Innes) was very complimentary when he came back in so as long as he comes through the race okay we can plan ahead with him.

"I do think he is going to be best suited over a mile which is a bit of an issue as there are really only 1200m

races around for him at the moment.

"There are races at Te Rapa and Pukekohe that we will look at but at this stage I'm leaning towards Pukekohe as it is a big, roomy track which will suit him best."

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	BOP RC Triton Pacific Owens H. 1200m.
Winner	Mihaul (NZ) 2013
Owners	Mrs K M Stanley
Trainer	Moira & Kieran Murdoch (Pukekohe Park)
Breeding	by Iffraaj (GB) out of Lol by General Nediym (AUS)
Breeder	Goodwood Stud Ltd; Central; NZ
Sales	2015 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale V: Goodwood Stud \$40000 P: SA Sharrock



A two-year absence from the track didn't hold Mihaul back as he scored a fresh-up victory at Matamata





GUY PREDICTS BRIGHT FUTURE FOR SUNBURST

Matamata trainer Danica Guy believes her promising three-year-old **Sunburst (NZ)** (Mastercraftsman) has a bright future ahead of her after she delivered in style on her home track on Saturday.

The Mastercraftsman filly had indicated she was ready for a breakout performance after finishing sixth in the Gr.3 Sunline Vase (2100m) at her most recent start. Dropped back to rating 65 grade the grand-daughter of outstanding racemare Seamist put on a powerful performance as she strode clear in the run home to destroy her older rivals in the Bayleys Mount Maunganui Top Office Handicap (2000m).

Guy had been confident of a good run from the filly who has taken time to hone her ringcraft to a competitive level.

“She didn’t help herself by getting away from the gates a little tardily which she can do,” she said.

“She just keeps improving, although she is getting better, but she still has a lot to learn.

“I think she is going to be a pretty nice mare when she puts it all together.”

While Guy has faith in her charge’s ability to rise to the next level she did express some regret that her lack of maturity had counted against her contesting some of the earlier three-year-old features.



Sunburst and Cameron Lammas are well clear as they head to the winning post

“I think if she had had a couple more runs under her belt it might have been a different story,” she said.

“We sort of ran out of time with her. She hasn’t been the fastest learner but that will have been a good confidence builder for her.”

Sunburst is out of the Entrepreneur mare Spray and is a younger half-sister of useful performer Corsage (NZ) (Volksraad) who was stakes placed on four occasions including finishing third in the Gr.1 Diamond Stakes (1200m) at Ellerslie as a two-year-old.

The win provided rider Cameron Lammas with an early double on the

seven-race card after he had guided Lady Shabeel (NZ) (Howbaddouwantit) to victory one race earlier

. – NZ Racing Desk

Race	BOP RC Bayleys Mount Maunganui H. 2000m.
Winner	Sunburst (NZ) 2014
Owners	Miss D M & G S Guy
Trainer	Danica Guy (Matamata)
Breeding	by Mastercraftsman (IRE) out of Spray by Entrepreneur (GB)
Breeder	Windsor Park Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ
Sales	2016 National Yearling Sale - Select Session V: Windsor Park Stud \$20000 P: Upstage B/stock





KIRKLAND PRODUCES ANOTHER RICCARTON UPSET

An opinion offered by visiting North Island rider Jonathan Riddell was enough to convince Invercargill based trainer Sabin Kirkland that a trip north to Riccarton could pay dividends for his unraced two-year-old **Going To War (NZ)** (Battle Paint).

Riddell was down south enjoying a recreational fishing trip last week when he rode the horse for Kirkland and was impressed with the feel the big and bold youngster gave him. "Jonathan was down for a fishing trip with us last week and he galloped him on the Saturday for me," said Kirkland.

Race	CJC Petersens Jewellers 2YO H. 1000m.
Winner	Going to War (NZ) 2015
Owners	Mrs C B & S J Kirkland
Trainer	Sabin Kirkland (Ascot Park)
Breeding	by Battle Paint (USA) out of Gemima by Casual Lies (USA)
Breeder	Robyn & Russell Rogers; Waikato; NZ
Sales	2016 National Weanling; Broodmare & Mixed Sale V: Bradbury Park \$14000 P: SJ Kirkland

"He said he was a very good horse which lifted our expectations and confirmed what he had been showing in his work."

A wide barrier draw and a lack of disclosed trial form saw the Battle Paint gelding at outside odds for Saturday's 1000m two-year-old contest, however he belied those limiting factors with a polished display in the hands of rider Lisa Allpress. Allpress was at her brilliant best as she guided Going To War into a handy midfield position before stalking the leaders around the home turn.

Allowed to balance up in the tricky going, Allpress gave the gelding his head at the 150m mark where he quickly put paid to his rivals before driving away to an authoritative two-length victory.

Kirkland is now eyeing a return to Riccarton for the Listed Berkley Stud Champagne Stakes (1200m) on 5 May.

"We'll be trying to win that one again," he said.

"We won it a few years ago with Elusive Catch so it would be good to win it again."

Kirkland, who shares in the ownership of Going To War with wife Clare, purchased the horse at the 2016 New Zealand Bloodstock National Weanling Sale for \$14,000 from the Bradbury Park draft.

The win was one of five on the day for Allpress who also took out the feature event, the Valachi Downs South Island Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes (1600m), on La Fille En Jeu (NZ) (Mettre En Jeu).

– NZ Racing Desk



Going To War has the situation comfortably under control at Riccarton





ROYALLY BRED FILLY READY FOR HOME TRACK RESUMPTION

Blueblood filly **The Precious One (NZ)** (Darci Brahma) will make her long-awaited raceday resumption at the Beaumont Racing Club meeting at Wingatui today.

The unbeaten three-year-old daughter of Darci Brahma and outstanding racemare The Jewel has been off the scene since winning at Oamaru back in September last year. The filly had created quite an impression with her first two victories and has trainer Claire Anderton excited about seeing her back on the racetrack.

“She has been back in work now for about 12 weeks and while she hasn’t trialled she did have a jump-out a fortnight ago which she has come through well,” she said.

“It’s quite exciting to have her back as we think a lot of her.”

A minor issue with her joints was the reason for the unscheduled break in her first campaign with Anderton believing the time away has been a blessing in disguise.

“She has definitely matured during her time away and is a

much stronger individual now,” she said.

“There were just a few little issues with her joints which were a result of her immaturity rather than anything else. The break has done her good and she has been thriving since she has been back in work.

“With the tracks starting to ease it is a good time to have her back as that will take some stress off her joints if there is something still there.”

Anderton is confident she has The Precious One ready for a bold resumption as she contemplates where to next for the filly post today’s efforts.

“Her work has been good and I think she is ready for a forward showing,” she said.

“Chris Johnson has stuck with her which is very heartening as it’s always good to have the best aboard when they line-up.

“The main thing will be for her to get around without any problems and to pull up well after the race. If she can do that then we can think ahead with her.

“There is a nice race over a mile coming up at Riccarton in a fortnight which is an option we would look at but it really all depends on this first run.”

The race referred to by Anderton is the Listed NZB Insurance Stakes (1600m) for the three-year-old fillies that will be run as one of the feature events at Riccarton on 7 April.

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Exciting three-year-old filly The Precious One resumes at Wingatui today



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NZ STALLION AWARDS

THE CENTAINE AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$9,914,552
DARCI BRAHMA	\$7,960,212
TAVISTOCK	\$5,351,860
ROAD TO ROCK	\$5,260,092
O'REILLY	\$5,130,978
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$5,049,294
PER INCANTO	\$3,953,367
THORN PARK	\$3,164,393
NOM DU JEU	\$3,132,342
PINS	\$3,120,385

Criteria: Sire whose NZ-conceived progeny have accumulated the highest stakes earnings worldwide

THE DEWAR STALLION TROPHY

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$6,623,215
DARCI BRAHMA	\$2,509,286
O'REILLY	\$2,381,538
PINS	\$2,132,169
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$2,072,505
IFFRAAJ	\$2,039,027
TAVISTOCK	\$1,932,048
ALAMOSA	\$1,707,078
SHOCKING	\$1,693,303
PER INCANTO	\$1,635,599

Criteria: Sire whose progeny have accumulated the highest combined stakes earnings in Australia & New Zealand

THE GROSVENOR AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$3,062,730
DARCI BRAHMA	\$1,435,554
IFFRAAJ	\$1,347,304
FASTNET ROCK	\$1,252,435
TAVISTOCK	\$1,236,560
ALAMOSA	\$1,092,858
PER INCANTO	\$1,001,499
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$962,835
PINS	\$934,540
ROC DE CAMBES	\$882,755

BEST PERFORMERS	EARNINGS
EMBELLISH	\$466,310
DEVISE	\$157,750
GINGERNUTS	\$180,000
AVANTAGE	\$611,120
GOBSTOPPER	\$188,375
STOLEN DANCE	\$131,450
SHADOWS CAST	\$141,312
SAINT EMILION	\$159,500
PACKING PINS	\$122,750
VIN DE DANCE	\$623,500

Criteria: Leading Sires by Earnings in New Zealand



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NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG **MARCH 21**

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
Sir Percival – PAKISTAN BABY (H.K.) (NZ) 2010 by Perfectly Ready (AUS) out of Betty Lamour by Bahhare (USA)	G R Allison; Central; NZ	HKJC Finance Street H. 1200m.	
MR KOOL (NZ) 2011 by O'Reilly out of Happily Ever After by No Excuse Needed (GB)	Waikato Stud 2001 Ltd; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Pedder H. 1650m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale; V: Waikato Stud Ltd, P: HKJC; \$200,000

NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG **MARCH 25**

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
RIGHT CALL (NZ) 2011 by Darci Brahma out of Sweet Caroline by Lake Coniston (Ire)	Llanhennock Trust; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Crystal H. 1400m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Wentwood Grange, P: John Foote B/stock; \$110,000
EVER STRONG (NZ) 2013 by Savabeel out of Fire Song by Senor Pete (USA)	P Webb	HKJC Amber H. 1200m.	2015 Ready To Run Sale; V: Diamond Lodge, P: Mr M Man B/stock; \$250,000
ELITE BOY (NZ) 2014 by Align (AUS) out of English Kath by Kaapstad	Gillovic Bloodstock Ltd; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Jasper H. 1200m.	
REGENCY BO BO (NZ) 2013 by Denman (AUS) out of Tsukioka (AUS) by Flying Spur (AUS)	Little Avondale Trust; Central; NZ	HKJC Topaz H. 1400m.	

NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE **MARCH 23**

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
BASILISK (NZ) 2014 by Battle Paint (USA) out of Dangerous Seas (AUS) by Dangerous (AUS)	P Setchell; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Restricted Maiden S. 1400m.	2016 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Millfield Stud, P: L Khoo Peng Ann; \$40,000
LORD O'REILLY (NZ) 2014 by O'Reilly out of The Speaker by Volksraad (GB)	P J B Smith & Waikato Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Novice P. 1200m.	2016 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Waikato Stud Ltd, P: L Khoo Peng Ann; \$75,000
MR DUJARDIN (NZ) 2014 by High Chaparral (IRE) out of Affirmed Lane (USA) by Affirmed (USA)	Pencarrow Thoroughbreds Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 2000m.	2016 National Yearling Sale - Premier Session; V: Pencarrow Stud, P: LK Laxon; \$120,000
SIAM SAPPHIRE (NZ) 2013 by Showcasing (GB) out of Queens Move (AUS) by King of Kings (Ire)	Frantic Bloodstock Ltd & Haunui Bloodstock Ltd; Auckland; NZ	Singapore TC Class 3 H. 1200m.	2015 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale; V: Haunui Farm, P: Michael Freedman/Michael Wallace; \$125,000
Halleloojah – BEST WISHES (Sing.) (NZ) 2012 by Swiss Ace (AUS) out of Poetic Music by Stravinsky (USA)	G Harvey; Auckland; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1000m.	2014 National Yearling Sale - Festival Sale; V: Westbury Stud, P: Rogerson B/stock; \$45,000

