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SPLURGE ALL CLASS **AT TE RAPA**



Splurge cruises home at Te Rapa to all but confirm an upcoming Brisbane campaign

A comfortable victory at the Taupo trials earlier in the week indicated progressive galloper **Splurge (NZ)** (Savabeel) was up to the mark for his return to the track after a short break and he didn't disappoint when he gave his rivals a thorough beating in the open sprint at Te Rapa on Saturday.

Adept on all footing Splurge produced an irresistible finish in the deteriorating conditions to cruise clear in the final stages of the AON Insurance Brokers sponsored 1200 metre contest. Such was his dominance rider Opie Bosson

had the luxury of easing up on his mount well before the line as he registered his 7th career win from just 11 starts.

Co-trainer Stephen Autridge, who prepares the Savabeel four-year-old with Te Akau training partner Jamie Richards, was in awe of the performance he had just witnessed.

"He is a magnificent horse with a ton of ability," he enthused.

"Everything went to plan today as he drew out and had to go back but he got a good drag into it."

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Autridge admitted to some reservations before the start although not with the tricky track conditions.

"I was a little bit worried about the weight he had although I thought the ground would be no problem," he remarked.

"One thing for we know for sure is that he goes in any ground.

"When you sit back and look at it this would be one of his easiest wins."

Autridge confirmed the victory would most likely cement a Brisbane campaign for the gelding along with several other members of the Te Akau team including Gr. 2 Waikato Guineas runner-up Shocking Luck (NZ) (Shocking) who will make his Australian debut at Ipswich on Monday.

"We're happy with Shocking Luck and provided he can handle those tight bends at Ipswich he should go well," he said.

"He needs the race and the 1500 metres is likely to be too short but he's bright and has done everything right since he's been there.

"Once he gets over 2000 metres or more he will be suited as his main aim is the Queensland Derby. He will need to win a race to make the Derby as he hasn't got enough prizemoney yet so hopefully we can tick that off as soon as possible."

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	Cambridge JC AON Insurance Brokers H. 1200m.
Winner	Splurge (NZ) 2012
Owners	Te Akau 2014 Breeding Syndicate (Mgr: D C Ellis)
Trainer	Stephen Autridge & Jamie Richards (Matamata)
Breeding	by Savabeel (AUS) out of Splashing Out by O'Reilly
Breeder	Waikato Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ
Sales	2014 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale V: Waikato Stud Ltd \$500000 P: DC Ellis

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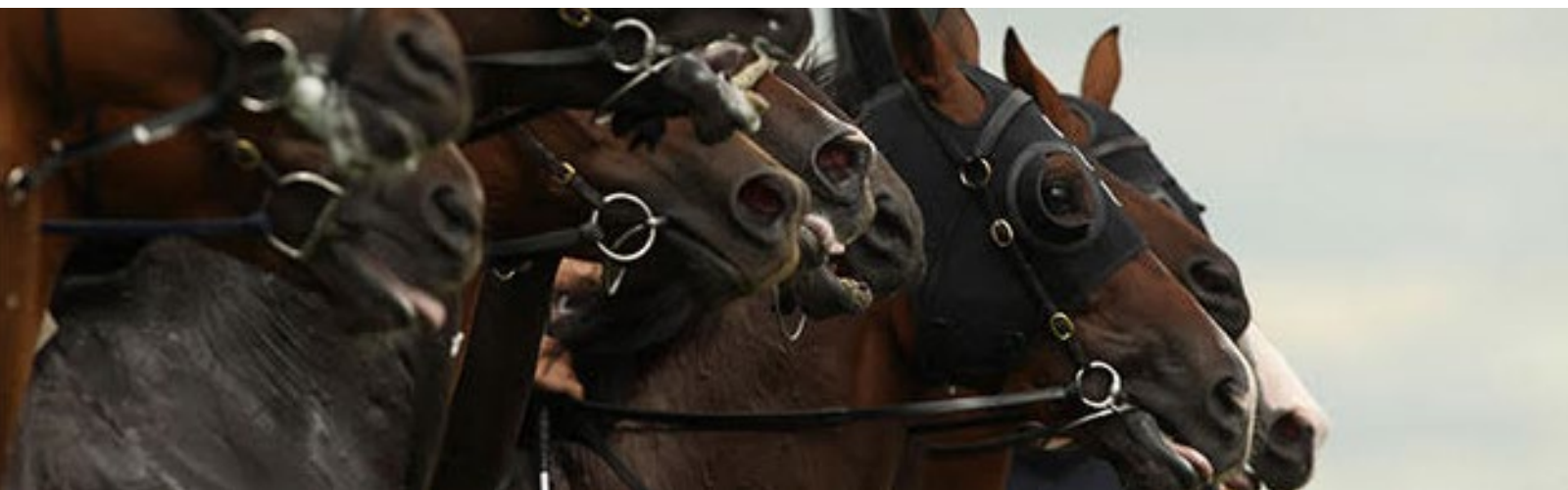
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CHANGE OF ROUTINE WORKS THE ORACLE FOR SELFIE

A shake up to his normal routine appears to have lit a fire under former top juvenile **Selfie (NZ)** (Thewayouare) who registered his

second win in succession with a top performance at Te Rapa on Saturday.

The 2015 Karaka Million runner-up had looked like he would charge through the grades with ease however had frustrated on several occasions throughout a three-year-old season that saw him register a number of minor placings without reaching the winner's enclosure.

A similar pattern had emerged during his latest campaign before trainer Richard Collett decided to vary his approach with the Thewayouare gelding. Those changes saw him break through on his home track at Pukekohe earlier in the month before continuing on with the job in fine style

at Te Rapa.

"He's lifted his game of late as we've done things a bit different with him including some schooling over the hurdles," noted Collett.

"I think it has just sharpened him up as he's always had the ability.

"The tracks have also been a bit hard for him. He chipped a bone off his knee during the summer with the tracks being hard so with some give in the ground it has helped him."

Collett also acknowledged a clever ride by champion jockey Opie Bosson who saved plenty of ground against the rail before producing his charge at just the right time under the steadier of 60kgs.

Race	Cambridge JC Maneline Cambridge H. 1200m
Winner	Selfie (NZ) 2012
Owners	A O Avis
Trainer	Richard Collett (Pukekohe Park)
Breeding	by Thewayouare (USA) out of Miss Brownie (AUS) by Redoute's Choice (AUS)
Breeder	Windsor Park Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ
Sales	2014 National Yearling Sale - Festival Sale V: Windsor Park Stud \$40000 P: The Robt Dawe Agency Ltd



"He had a lot of weight today as they all claimed round him so I think he carried 3kgs more than anyone else," he said.

"The class of the field was even and he does have more ability than most of them. He only just got beaten a few starts ago by the horse who won the open sprint today (Splurge).

"He got through the track well so I will have a talk with Opie and see where we go from here."

– NZ Racing Desk

Opie Bosson guides Selfie to the line to complete a winning double for the former top juvenile





PAYNE WITH CHANCES IN WARRNAMBOOL FEATURES

No Song No Supper (Song Of Tara) forms part of trainer Patrick Payne's team for the jumps features at Warrnambool with the gelding to defend his Grand Annual Steeplechase crown.

Payne plans to have No Song No Supper and **Slowpoke Rodriguez (NZ)** (Istidaad) in Thursday's \$300,000 Grand Annual, run over a gruelling 5500m and 33 obstacles, as the trainer bids to win the race for a fourth time since 2012.

The Grand Annual is the biggest race during the three-day carnival which mixes flat and jumps racing, with the other features over obstacles the Brierly Steeplechase on Tuesday and the Galleywood Hurdle on Wednesday.

"I've got Zed Em for the Brierly, Angelology for the Galleywood Hurdle and Slowpoke Rodriguez and No Song No Supper for the Grand Annual," Payne said.

"They all are really healthy and sound and well, so let's hope they get their chance."

Six-year-old **Zed Em (NZ)** (Zed) goes into the \$125,000 Brierly (3450m) having won his two jumps starts this season.

He won at Warrnambool in March before adding the Von Doussa (3250m) at Oakbank on April 15.

Also at Oakbank, **Angelology (NZ)**

(Coats Choice) won the Classic Hurdle (3600m) over Now And Zen (Zenno Rob Roy) and has since had a start on the flat at Flemington to keep him ticking over for the Galleywood.

Payne said Angelology did a good job at Oakbank but felt he might have been fortunate to win.

"The second horse put in a couple of really bad jumps and our fellow jumped them cleanly," he said.

"So we might have been lucky to win on that occasion, but he's a really genuine and honest horse.

"It will be a harder field in the Galleywood but hopefully he'll give a good sight."

Slowpoke Rodriguez and No Song No Supper both went around in a

staying race on the flat at Cranbourne on Friday night as they continued their build-up for the Grand Annual.

Payne won his first Grand Annual with Awakening Dream (Aristotle) in 2012 before wins to Chaparro (NZ)

(High Chaparral) in 2014 and No Song No Supper.

"I love the race," Payne said.

The former top jockey doesn't believe there is a stand-out this year among the 18 nominations which also include 2015 winner Regina Coeli (Pure Theatre).

"Looking at the nominations, any one of eight of those horses can win," Payne said.

"So it's going to be a very open field."

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Angelology will be one of trainer Patrick Payne's main chances at the Warrnambool carnival this week





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HASTINGS DOUBLE A HOLIDAY SWEETENER FOR MCKAY

Stablemates Amarula (NZ) (Thorn Park) and **De Niro (NZ)** (O'Reilly) provided the perfect going-away present when they combined to produce a winning double for Matamata trainer Peter McKay and his wife Kim on the weekend.

The McKay's are about to head off on a 10-day holiday break in Thailand and will have some extra spending money in their pockets courtesy of the pair who brought some welcome relief to the stable who have experienced a lean trot in recent months.

"We've had a pretty tough last four months with not a lot going right with the team," explained McKay.

"We've been looking forward to having a wee break so this will make it even sweeter when we are relaxing during the time away."

McKay admitted he was confident of a good performance from both of his runners and got a real boost immediately before De Niro lined up in the last race of the day.

"He's a horse with real ability but has had his issues along the way," he noted.

"He has had bone chips removed and we just got him right when he bled at Ellerslie back in December. He had to have the mandatory three months off so we got him back and brought him along for the autumn.

"He ran a beauty first-up at Pukekohe after missing a run when they called off the Avondale trials which I think cost him that day. The winner was Selfie who won about 30 minutes before our race on Saturday so that really gave me some hope he could grab the win."

A change in riding tactics also played a major role in the performance as McKay's son Shaun employed a "handlebars down" approach from barrier rise as he freewheeled in front throughout the rating 75 1400m contest.

"In the early days, we used to let him roll along in front but after that I think we may have got it wrong as we tried to ride him with a sit," admitted McKay.

"Now he has had a bleed we have decided to let him stride out in front and I think that is how he performs best.

"He can run the times as he showed on Saturday so I don't



De Niro and Shaun McKay are well clear as they stride home at Hastings

think he has finished winning just yet.

"He can have 10 days off while we are away and then we'll get him ready for one of those winter meetings at Ruakaka. We'd like to get a start with him in the Group Three on the last day of the Hawkes Bay spring carnival so he will probably need another win to make the field."

McKay also advised that promising stayer Clarify (NZ) (Savabeel) was in the spelling paddock with a tilt at the Gr. 3 New Zealand Cup in November set to be his major focus for a summer campaign.

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	Hawkes Bay Tivaci at Waikato Stud H. 1400m.m
Winner	De Niro (NZ) 2012
Owners	Kim & Peter McKay, Rodney Vercoe, Karen Jackson & Richard Davis
Trainer	Peter McKay (Matamata)
Breeding	by O'Reilly out of Shikoba by Chief Bearhart (CAN)
Breeder	P J & P M Vela Ltd; Waikato; NZ
Sales	2014 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale V: Pencarrow Stud \$58000 P: PN & K McKay





LOCAL DOUBLE FOR CAMPBELL

Well known Hastings trainer Patrick Campbell enjoyed a day to remember on his home turf when he produced a winning double there on Saturday.

Plucky three-year-old filly **Lady Guinness (NZ)** (Falkirk) set up the first leg with a gritty front running display to down her older rivals over 1600 metres before Chris Johnson produced an inch perfect effort to guide Scandalo (NZ) (Shocking) home by the narrowest of margins two races later.

Campbell looked to have his bases well covered in the rating 65 Trinity Hill Mile where Lady Guinness was joined by stablemate Hunta Pence (NZ) (No Excuse Needed) who had caught the eye when finishing third at his last start. Although both were well fancied, punters only had eyes for northern hemisphere bred mare Asama Blue (Fastnet Rock) who was

sensationally backed into cramped odds as she made her New Zealand debut for owner Sir Peter Vela.

Those who took the short odds on the favourite were happy enough throughout the early stages as she enjoyed a comfortable run in midfield as Lady Guinness set a solid speed up front. Rider Lisa Allpress had Lady Guinness rolling nicely approaching the home corner and shot her two lengths clear early in the run home.

Asama Blue charged to within a length of the filly with 100 metres to run but she responded to the challenge gamely to hold a winning margin at the line from outsider Royal Ruby (NZ) (Per Incanto) who snuck up the rails late to snatch second from a weakening Asama Blue. Hunta Pence roared home late for fourth to add further to his trainer's delight which was well evident when questioned after the event.

"She was rated nicely in front and relaxed well so it was a good win," noted Campbell.

"In fact they both went well as I thought Hunta Pence was good too.

"It was a very strong effort but she will go out to the paddock now and I think she could be pretty useful next year."

Campbell enjoyed a chuckle when questioned about the

finishing order in relation to his ownership interests in both runners.

"I've got a major share in the one that ran fourth and a small share in the one that won," he laughed.

"Lady Guinness is owned by a great group of guys from around here. They're hard case blokes and for most of them it's their first horse so they're having a ball."

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	Hawkes Bay Trinity Hill Mile 1600m.
Winner	Lady Guinness (NZ) 2013
Owners	N Dorward, J Brittin, S Burn, A Poulgrain, K O'Rourke, M O'Shaughnessy, J Flett, K Bone, A Bourke & P Campbell
Trainer	Patrick Campbell (Hastings)
Breeding	by Falkirk out of Grace Park by Danske
Breeder	Alchemy Family Trust & Windsor Park Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ



A gritty front running victory by Lady Guinness set her trainer Patrick Campbell up for a winning double on his Hastings home track.





BITTERSWEET WIN FOR BILLY BRITAIN

A return to 1900m saw **Billy Britain (NZ)** (One Cool Cat) race away to a comprehensive win in the \$60,000 Open Benchmark 61 race over 1900m on Sunday.

Settled at the rear as is his customary style, the One Cool Cat seven-year-old started to gather momentum from the 800m. Once he was in full flight, there was no stopping the \$16 favourite.

The Stephen Gray-trained galloper careered away under Alan Munro towards a most impressive four-and-a-half length win from Mongolian Chief (NZ) (Alamosa) with Golden Thunder (Lilbourne Lad) third another three parts of a length away. The winning time was 1min 58.29secs for the 1900m on the Polytrack.

Gray was certainly pleased with such a resounding win from the St George Stable-owned galloper, but his muted celebrations betrayed some mixed feelings after an incident that saw Mr Clooney (NZ) (Pentire) break down at the 800m, causing a bit of a backwash to the field.

"He probably won more easily than he would have if two of the better horses were not put of the race," said Gray.

"One (Mr Clooney) broke down and

the other one (Murdoch) got taken out of the race, but my horse would have been hard to beat anyway.

"He was back to Class 4 and over 1900m. It was a good race for him, he loves that sort of race, that is his limit - and he goes good for Alan.

"He was actually meant to go to Malaysia. He didn't have Strangles but he failed the test and couldn't go, and he's now won another \$50,000 here.

"He's been a good handy horse for Paul Hickman."

Munro, who was at his third win from six rides aboard Billy Britain, said he just pushed the right buttons at the right time.

"He showed nothing and at the

800m, he suddenly grew a leg," said the English rider.

"At the 400m, he kicked again. It was like he had a full tank of petrol left."

Billy Britain has now taken his record to six wins and 14 placings from 45 starts for stakes money in excess of \$300,000 for the St George No 2 Stable.

Race	Singapore TC Benchmark 61H. 1900m.
Winner	Billy Britain (NZ) 2009
Owners	St. George No. 2 Stable
Trainer	Stephen Gray (Kranji)
Breeding	by One Cool Cat (USA) out of Zatiger by Zabeel
Breeder	Pee Gee & W J Bloodstock Ltd; Central; NZ



Billy Britain scores at Kranji



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NZ STALLION AWARDS

THE CENTAINE AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$9,664,627
PINS	\$6,299,775
DARCI BRAHMA	\$6,232,920
IFFRAAJ	\$5,990,604
TAVISTOCK	\$5,305,139
O'REILLY	\$5,019,212
THORN PARK	\$4,779,621
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$4,285,517
KEEPER	\$3,268,752
ALAMOSA	\$2,768,387

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

THE DEWAR STALLION TROPHY

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$6,375,354
IFFRAAJ	\$3,913,870
PINS	\$3,121,234
TAVISTOCK	\$2,765,556
MAKFI	\$2,405,431
DARCI BRAHMA	\$2,320,696
O'REILLY	\$2,261,798
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$1,942,127
PENTIRE	\$1,885,565
ZABEEL	\$1,876,438

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

THE GROSVENOR AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$2,942,095
IFFRAAJ	\$1,720,523
DARCI BRAHMA	\$1,408,495
TAVISTOCK	\$1,388,992
PINS	\$1,221,674
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$1,048,590
ALAMOSA	\$893,635
PER INCANTO	\$875,995
MAKFI	\$873,860
GALLANT GURU	\$772,833

BEST PERFORMERS	EARNINGS
KAWI	\$378,750
GINGERNUTS	\$665,450
DEVISE	\$114,625
VOLKSTOK'N'BARRELL	\$288,000
REILLY LINCOLN	\$119,062
THEE AULD FLOOZIE	\$305,375
BEEFEATER	\$61,350
SARACINO	\$144,375
BONNEVAL	\$289,000
TOMMY TUCKER	\$155,925

Criteria: Leading Sires by Earnings in New Zealand



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NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG

APRIL 26

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
ATOMIC BLAST (NZ) 2011 by Alamosa out of Effloresce by Montjeu (IRE)	K T & Mrs P M O'Donnell; Central; NZ	HKJC Gwangju H. 1650m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Highden Park, P: Bruce Perry B/stock; \$140,000
CONTRIBUTION (NZ) 2013 by Street Cry (IRE) out of La Sizeranne by Stravinsky (USA)	M Maronde; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Incheon H. 1650m.	

NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG

APRIL 30

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
Justa Belt – METALLIC STAR (H.K.) (NZ) 2008 by O'Reilly out of Minnie Belt by Oregon (USA)	K & Mrs K A Gray; Central; NZ	HKJC Lady Royal Oak Offshore H. 1400m.	

NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE

APRIL 30

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
BILLY BRITAIN (NZ) 2009 by One Cool Cat (USA) out of Zatiger by Zabeel	Pee Gee & W J Bloodstock Ltd; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Big Maverick S. 1400m.	
HIGHLIGHT (NZ) 2010 by Volksraad (GB) out of The Persuader by Personal Escort (USA)	Ravelston Stud Ltd; South; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1200m.	2012 South Island 2YO & Mixed Sale V: Steve Anderton Stables \$14000 P: Mr Wn Lam

