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# 1000 GUINEAS ON PROM QUEEN'S DANCE CARD AFTER TERRIFIC JUVENILE SEASON



Alysha Collett has a strong hold on Prom Queen as the flying filly dispatches the juveniles at Riccarton.

recocious youngster **Prom Queen (NZ)** (Super Easy) has ended her two-year-old season as emphatically as she started it.

The dashing daughter of the Windsor Park Stud mare Finishing School (Royal Academy), twice a Listed placegetter as a juvenile fifteen years ago, was an easy debut winner in the spring and at Riccarton yesterday she again left her rivals struggling in her wake in the Listed Berkley Stud Champagne Stakes.

In between times, Prom Queen won three further races, including the Listed Welcome Stakes, and placed from four appearances.

"I've heard the knockers say she hasn't beaten anything but she's run the times and she hasn't got anything to prove," said Ken Rae, who trains in partnership with his wife Lisa and their daughter Krystal Williams.

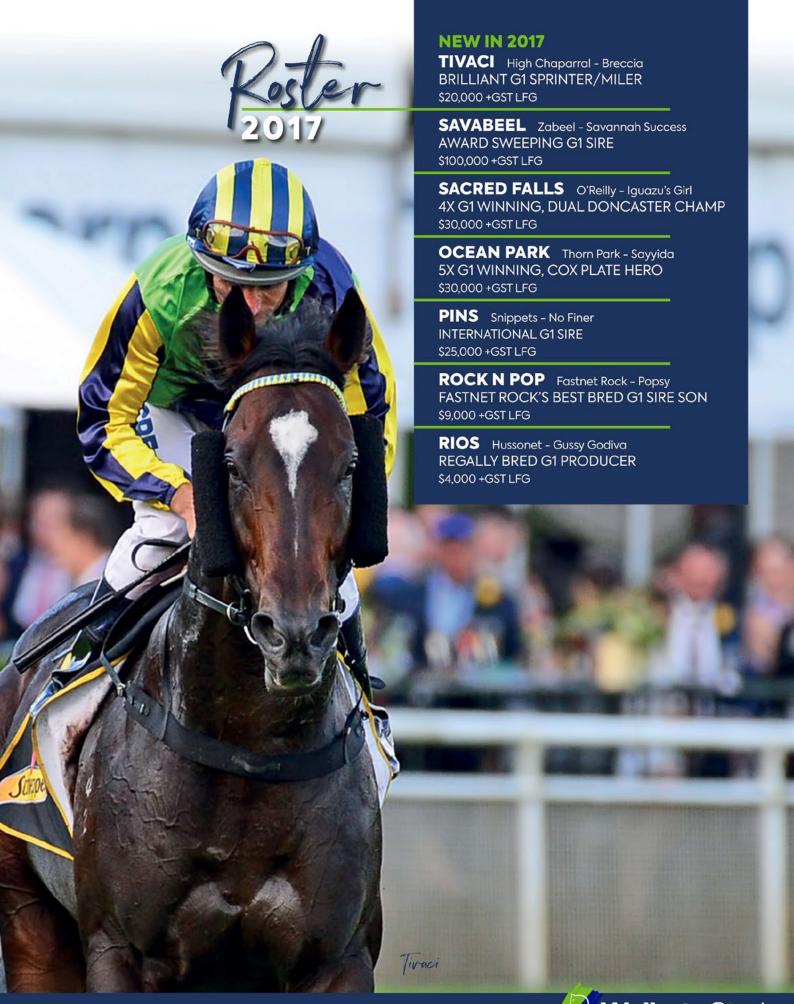
"This was her grand final and she's going home now for a spell."

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As she has done with impressive regularity, Prom Queen jumped to the lead and when asked for an effort in the straight by rider Alysha Collett she moved smoothly into overdrive.

"She has just kept lifting," Rae said. "She's got untapped ability and has done everything right."

Prom Queen was tracked by the last-start Woodville winner Cousteau (Exceed And Excel) to the turn before the flying filly smoothly moved into overdrive and won easing down by 5¼ lengths.

"The step up to 1200 metres wasn't a concern and she was doing it easily in the last 200 metres," Collett said. "Once she gets balanced she starts to wind up again."

While Prom Queen has showed great pace in her races to

date, Rae is confident she will be competitive at a mile in next season's Group One New Zealand One Thousand Guineas.

"She's got a lot of improvement in her and I've said all along the Guineas will be the target for her," Rae said.

"We never have to slow her down in her work and she goes along at whatever speed you want."

Race	CJC Champagne S. L 1200m
Winner	Prom Queen (NZ) 2014
Owners	K I Rae, G R Smith, R L Hancox, R H Bishop, H & S Whitehead, F O Hansen and D P McHugh
Trainer	Ken & Lisa Rae & Krystal Williams (Riccarton)
Breeding	by Super Easy out of Finishing School (Aus) by Royal Academy (USA)
Breeder	P Sells & Windsor Park Stud Ltd

#### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

#### Rory's in ... and out

Rory Hutchings' first win for the Godolphin stable has drawn a suspension after he pleaded guilty to careless riding following yesterday's card-opener at Rosehill.

The New Zealand jockey was suspended for five meetings, downgraded from seven after his plea and disciplinary record were taken into account. Stewards took exception to Hutchings' method to get his ride into the clear inside the 300 metres. The shift forced Brenton Avdulla to check his mount, Viridine's stablemate Siam (Exceed And Excel).

"I was out there with nowhere to go and he (Avdulla) went for the same run," Hutchings said. "It wasn't intentional."

Hutchings was riding at his first Saturday meeting in Sydney since November and landing his first winner for Godolphin, having previously worked for the stable as an apprentice. He said he would not appeal the suspension, which starts today and leaves him free to ride on May 14.

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### SOUTH SUITS TWOZNOTENOUGH



Leah Hemi and Twoznotenough hold out the challenge of Maybe Miami as they complete an all-the-way win in the Great Easter Stakes.

ormer Taranaki mare

Twoznotenough (NZ) (Sakhee's
Secret) is making the most of her
opportunities in the South Island.

The mare won five races for New Plymouth trainer and part-owner Allan Sharrock before she was sent to the Riccarton stable of Les Didham.

"I had her dead right for the Taranaki Cup and she ran fourth and a while after that I said to the other owners let's send her south," Sharrock said. "She's a good mare and very genuine."

Twoznotenough made an immediate impact from her new quarters with success at Riverton and yesterday she produced a slick front-running performance to win the Listed Speight's Mid Ale Great Easter Stakes.

"She's got black type now and she's out of a Royal Academy mare so she's going to end up quite a valuable broodmare," Sharrock said.

Twoznotenough was well-rated in front by Leah Hemi after they jumped smartly to cross the field from the outside gate. Hemi kicked the mare clear 300 metres from home and they went to the line with three-quarters of a length to spare.

"She was getting a fair bit of weight so she was always going to be a decent chance," Sharrock said.

The topweight Maybe Miami (NZ) (Iffraaj) fought valiantly under his 60kg but found the effort of giving the winner seven kilos beyond him.

Meursault (NZ) (Ekraar) made ground from the tail of the field to

take third with the favourite Ringo (NZ) (Fastnet Rock) a battling fourth. Trapped three wide without cover, he was unable to make any impression in the run home.

Race	CJC Great Easter S. L 1400m
Winner	Twoznotenough (NZ) 2010
Owners	B Appley, N J Climo, R T Cribb, J R Gray, M W Haase, N Lucas, S T Moffett, G C Pease and S A Sharrock
Trainer	Les Didham (Riccarton)
Breeding	by Sakhee's Secret (GB) out of Middlebrook (Aus) by Royal Academy (USA)
Breeder	Gillovic Bloodstock Ltd
Sales	2012 National Yearling Sale, Select Session; V: Highview, P: S A Sharrock; \$21,000









#### ARDROSSAN LEAVES THEM TO IT

mart colt **Ardrossan** yesterday added black-type performance to his impressive pedigree when he kept his perfect record intact at Te Rapa.

In his final New Zealand appearance, the son of Redoute's Choice was far too good for his rivals in the Listed Waikato Equine Veterinary Centre Sakes.

"He's still a colt and he's got a massive future," Cambridge trainer Stephen Marsh said. "He's going to be a lovely three-year-old and he'll head to Caulfield now to join Mick Price.

"I begged them to keep him here because I know he's got that X factor, but the right place for him is Australia. It's great to have been part of it all with him."

Ardrossan was quickly into stride from the inside barrier to make the running under rider Danielle Johnson before they were taken on by Santuzza (NZ) (Savabeel).

"I don't quite know why but it didn't bother us at all and he won well," Marsh said. "I knew he was good enough and I'm really proud of him."

The youngster lengthened stride when asked by Johnson for a serious effort in the straight and they sailed clear to win by 3¾ lengths from Haussmann (NZ) (Pour Moi), who made

ground well, and Aquilo (Snitzel).

Ardrossan had been an impressive debut winner last month at Pukekohe Park, where he beat the subsequent runaway winner So Far Sokool (NZ) (Showcasing).

"That was only 800 metres and he had trained on well since then and improved a lot," Marsh said. "He's just such a talented horse."

A half-brother to the Australian Stakes winner Cheyenne Warrior (Not A Single Doubt), Ardrossan is raced by a syndicate that includes Waikato Stud.

Race	Waikato RC Waikato Equine Veterinary Centre S. L 1100m
Winner	Ardrossan (Aus) 2014
Owners	Brown Thoroughbreds Ltd, Jamieson Park, Dame Lowell Goddard, JML Bloodstock Ltd (Mgr L Petagna), Jomara Bloodstock Ltd, Waikato Stud Ltd and D J Wilson
Trainer	Stephen Marsh (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Redoute's Choice (Aus) out of Miss Argyle (Aus) by Iglesia (Aus)
Breeder	Windermere Stud



In the hands of Danielle Johnson, Ardrossan signs off from New Zealand racing with a comprehensive win against the juveniles at Te Rapa.







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#### FLAT STARS IMPRESSIVE OVER JUMPS

pair of stakes-performed runners on the flat had their connections jumping for joy at Te Rapa yesterday.

Lightly tried hurdlers Danza Lad (NZ) (Woodbury Lad) and Nothing Trivial (NZ) (Elusive City) won their respective events over jumps with the former's success in the Porritt Sand Hurdles his second from five outings over the smaller obstacles.

Trained by Rudy Liefting, Danza Lad has been a more than capable flat galloper with Group Three wins in the Merial Mile and the Thompson Handicap as well as the Listed Rangitikei Gold Cup on his CV, but he hasn't always been the most consistent performer.

"It's all mental with him," Liefting's wife Megan said. "If he wants to run he will, otherwise he just says no."

Danza Lad was in the right mood at Te Rapa and after racing in second spot he took control three flights from home under rider Stuart Higgins to win comfortably from Ngatira Gold (NZ) (Gold Centre) and Thenamesbond (NZ) (China Cat).

"I wanted to sit in behind Thenamesbond because he can get a bit keen," Higgins said, "but he wasn't too bad today and I didn't have to ask too many questions of him."

Former Group Three Counties Cup placegetter Nothing Trivial showed

he was also a jumper to follow with a dominant performance to win the Wildtribe Catering @ Te Rapa Racecourse Hurdles for trainer Wayne Hillis and jockey Reece Cole.

"It was a very good ride and he did exactly as I told him," Hillis said. "The horse had a couple of hurdle races last year for experience and he's still got a bit of ability of the flat."

Nothing Trivial measured his fences well within sight of the leaders and proved too strong for Perry Mason (NZ) (Zed).

"He seems a lot more confident than he was last year and he's always showed he can stay," Cole said.

Race	Waikato RC Porritt Sand Hurdle 2800m
Winner	Danza Lad (NZ) 2008
Owners	Kakapo Lodge Ltd, G Taylor, D Barry, D Williamson and R & Mrs D Best
Trainer	Rudy Liefting (Pukekohe)
Breeding	by Woodbury Lad (USA) out of Danza Daisy by Danzatore (Can)
Breeder	B K Erceg
Race	Waikato RC Wildtribe Catering Maiden Hurdle 2800m
Winner	Nothing Trivial (NZ) 2009
Owners	Mrs M E A Evans
Trainer	Wayne Hillis (Matamata)
Breeding	by Elusive City (USA) out of Gia Maria by Famous Star (GB)

Mrs M E A Evans

Stuart Higgins sets Danza Lad alight as he clears the last hurdle ahead of the justlanding Ngatira Gold with Thenamesbond in mid-jump behind them.

Breeder







#### NEW UNIVERSE UNLEASHES AT ROSEHILL

hris Waller's Kiwi import New **■ Universe (NZ)** (Darci Brahma) yesterday produced an electrifying Australian debut in the Freshmark Handicap at

Rosehill.

Ridden conservatively by Tommy Berry from the outside barrier at the 1200 metre start, the \$3.60 favourite settled at the rear of the eleven-strong field of three-year-olds, at least a dozen lengths from the leader, before unleashing in the home straight to score convincingly.

Kawaikini (All American) made his run with New



Having his first start in Australia, New Universe runs out a decisive winner against the three-year-olds at Rosehill.

Universe but fell short by a length while Passage Of Time (Northern Meteor) finished another 13/4 lengths away in third.

As Dark Universe, New Universe had raced three times in New Zealand, from the Cambridge stable of Chris Wood, for wins at Dargaville and Te Rapa in November followed by a fifth behind the class three-year-old Hall Of Fame (NZ) (Savabeel) at Ellerslie on Boxing Day.

"He hasn't put a foot wrong since he's arrived and to see him do that first-up, off one trial, he's done a really good job," stable representative Liam Prior said.

"He shows a lot of ability at home and today put the writing on the wall. He's a three-year-old with a pretty bright future."

Darci Brahma's stock has proven adept over a wide range of distances but New Universe is likely to be kept to shorter races for the time being.

"He's a pretty compact sort of horse," Prior said. "We won't

be in any rush to up him in distance."

Prior said Queensland's winter carnival remains a possibility for New Universe but added that the stable wouldn't hesitate in saving him for the spring.

"We think he's an ideal horse to place through the grades so we might give him a couple more runs and then send him out for a spell," he said.

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Race	ATC Freshmark H. 1200m
Winner	New Universe (NZ) 2013
Owners	CCLai
Trainer	Chris Waller (Rosehill)
Breeding	by Darci Brahma out of Shalaka (Aus) by Lonhro (Aus)
Breeder	The Sunlight Trust
Sales	2015 National Yearling Sale, Select Session; V: J K Farm, P: C J Wood; \$40,000









#### BONNY BUCKLES BOOKIES



Bonny O'Reilly refuses to concede as the dead-heaters In Times Of War (#14) and Machinegun Jubs (#2) put her to the test at Rosehill.

o the punters' delight, the Bjorn Baker-trained Bonny O'Reilly (NZ) (O'Reilly) saluted in the 1100 metre Your Local Greengrocer Handicap, final race on the card at Rosehill yesterday.

Backed from a midweek high of \$5.50, Bonny O'Reilly bullocked her way to victory as the \$2.90 favourite.

Chris Waller's In Times Of War (Street Cry), second favourite at \$3.40, had all the momentum at the business end of the race but Bonny O'Reilly's tenacity saw her score by a long neck as In Times Of War and Machinegun Jubs (Time Thief) dead-heated for second.

"I always felt I was going to be right in the finish," jockey Tim Clark said.

"She travelled really strongly and I just needed an ounce of luck to get out. Once she got balanced up, she showed a great will to win.

"I think she's got black type written all over her."

The result completed a winning treble for Clark, who is three-quarters of the way through a career best season with 51 winners, placing him third on the Sydney jockeys' premiership.

"I'm just happy with the way things are going," he said. "I think a top five finish would be a realistic goal; anything more than that would be a bonus."

The Baker stable is likely to shift its focus to the Brisbane winter carnival

with Bonny O'Reilly, now a five-time winner from seven career starts.

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Race	ATC Your Local Greengrocer H. 1100m
Winner	Bonny O'Reilly (NZ) 2012
Owners	Bjorn Baker Racing, B C Micalizzi, Mrs G James, L L James, W J Kelly, L W Stewart, Ms C Munnich, A Alexiou, Dr T P Clarke, I Y Hui, P G Wildermuth, E J Scott, J E Fox, L Galvin, D J Moylan and R C Horrocks
Trainer	Bjorn Baker (Warwick Farm)
Breeding	by O'Reilly out of Pretty by Pins (Aus)
Breeder	Waikato Stud Ltd
Sales	2014 National Yearling Sale, Premier Session; V: Waikato Stud Ltd, P: Bjorn Baker Racing; \$100,000







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### SHANE'S FAITH IN CAORUNN VINDICATED

wner-trainer Shane
Baertschiger's unwavering faith
in **Caorunn (NZ)** (Showcasing),
even after his local runs could not quite
live up to the big two-year-old wraps
he came with from New Zealand, was
finally vindicated by a rousing victory
in an \$580,000 Class 3 event under
Matthew Kellady at Kranji on Friday
night.

Just by looking at the glowing resume of the former Trent Busuttintrained son of Molly's Dolly (NZ) (Bertolini) – an Ellerslie winner a decade ago from the Tony Pike stable – many thought last year's Singapore batch of less experienced two-year-olds were in for a hiding.

Three wins from six starts in New Zealand, including the Group Three Phoenix Park Classic and a fourth in last year's Karaka Million, stacked up against unexposed form from the majority of the other juveniles made for lopsided statistics.

But what is shown on paper does not always unfold on the racetrack and although Caorunn did finish in the money in the two Singapore twoyear-old feature races – second in the Aushorse Golden Horseshoe and third in the Juvenile Championship – his results didn't quite match the hype.

Hopes were renewed when he returned as a three-year-old this year, but in three runs a second place in a Class 3 race was the best he could muster.

Baertschiger remained optimistic. Caorunn was maturing nice and slow but his winning chances were scuppered by bad rides and bad luck.



Caorunn shows his true class at Kranji.

"Caorunn had a nice start to his twoyear-old campaign. He could have won the Aushorse Golden Horseshoe if he had not drawn 14," said the Australian. "I then gave him a two-month spell. He came back in a race in February and ran okay.

"Second-up, he got beat by a head and at his last run Matty made a blue. It was a tragedy as he got smashed at the barriers, got held up in the straight. Basically, he's been unlucky not to have won a race yet."

Kellady said Caorunn had talent and quirks in equal measure but decided to let them flow unbridled on Friday.

After a smart jump from an awkward alley, the gelding quite easily landed in a handy spot on the girth of the leader and with Caorunn still pulling his way to the front, Kellady decided he would just let nature take its course.

"He jumped good and instead of trying to make him come back, I just let him stride. I was quite happy to just take a sit outside the leader," he said. "At the top of the straight, he was travelling so well I knew he'd be hard to beat. He is not a big horse but he sure has an engine."

- Singapore Turf Club

Race	Singapore TC Class 3 H. 1200m
Winner	Caorunn (NZ) 2013
Owners	Shane Donald Baertschiger
Trainer	Shane Baertschiger (Kranji)
Breeding	by Showcasing (GB) out of Molly's Dolly by Bertolini (USA)
Breeder	Mrs V A & W K Pike
Sales	2015 National Yearling Sale, Select Session; V: Longlands Stud, P: New Zealand Bloodstock, as agent; \$60,000









#### CHOPIN'S FANTAISIE CLASSY ON DEBUT

he Michael Clements-Jubilant
Racing team seems to have
unearthed another promising
sort in debut winner **Chopin's Fantaisie (NZ)** (Pins), who took out the
\$S75,000 Restricted Maiden as a twoto-one favourite at Kranji on Friday
night.

While their exciting three-yearold Tannhauser (NZ) (Tavistock) has captured the imagination of Kranji racegoers with his two recent dominant wins, the new find has certainly served notice of some ability as well.

Although Chopin's Fantaisie didn't obliterate his rivals in the 1100 metre event the way his stablemate does, there was still a touch of class about the three-year-old's determined will to get to the line first.

After enjoying a ground-saving run from the inside barrier, Chopin's

Fantaisie was angled out for his run at the 500 metre mark to be in a challenging spot on the home turn. He then gradually wore the leader down and went on to score by three-quarters of a length at the wire.

Clements said Chopin's Fantaisie has a commanding presence about him but hadn't landed in his yard without certain issues either.

"He showed a lot of ability from day one even if he was still immature. We knew he was capable but there is always a query how he will go at his first race," he said. "He will improve from that run. The owner was keen on him as a yearling but there wasn't much interest in him at the sale.

"Physically and mentally he was still immature and had a few setbacks in New Zealand. Anyway, we knew he would need a bit of time before the penny drops." Clements praised Vlad Duric's riding, saying it went a long way in steering his new charge home on debut.

"Vlad rode a perfect race. There was a bit of speed early on, but he gave him a bit of a breather midrace," he said. "He made up ground and kicked on beautifully."

Duric had plenty of praise for the newcomer.

"This is a lovely horse. My only worry was the Polytrack but he handled it very well," he said.

"He drew the inside and I had to perform a nifty manoeuvre to come out. With the momentum, I wanted to keep him going even if he was still very new.

"He's still raw and a lot of improvement will come out of that first run. He wants a mile, and he will develop into a nice horse no doubt."

Singapore Turf Club

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Race	Singapore TC Restricted Maiden S. 1100m
Winner	Chopin's Fantaisie (NZ) 2013
Owners	Jubilant Racing No 4 Stable
Trainer	Michael Clements (Kranji)
Breeding	by Pins (Aus) out of Golden Gamble by Oregon (USA)
Breeder	E P Lowry
Sales	2015 National Yearling Sale, Premier Session; V: Waikato Stud Ltd, P: Michael J Clements; \$150,000

Chopin's Fantaisie impresses on debut.







### BRIGHT FUTURE FOR DARC BOUNTY

rainer Stephen Gray is predicting a bright future for **Darc Bounty (NZ)** (Darci Brahma) following his third win at Kranji on Friday night, probably his most impressive so far.

The three-year-old was never in doubt once jockey Glen Boss took him to the lead in the \$560,000 Class 4 race over 1100 metres. Carving out easy sectionals, the warm favourite made his own pace before kicking clear at the top of the straight to easily dispose of his eleven rivals.

Mighty Conqueror (NZ) (Patapan) tried valiantly to knock him off his perch but barely chipped into the margin, settling for second 2¾ lengths away, with longshot Savage Storm (NZ) (Sakhee's Secret) rounding out a Kiwi-bred trifecta, another 1½ lengths astern.

"He's a good little sprinter. He may get a little further but he needs more time," said Gray. "He has learned to settle a lot better now and he's very versatile. He is pretty fast, though Bossy said he can overdo it, but he can be eased off a touch and sprint again. That's what nice horses do.

"I'm very happy for the owners, led by Elaine Chen. They

Boss said Darc Bounty was not without ability but needs to learn how to channel his energy.

"He is a victim of his own qualities. He is really quick but tries too hard at times and you've got to keep that in check," said the Australian.

"He just needs to mature further. He is a little horse with a big heart."

Darc Bounty, who was ridden by Vlad Duric at his first two wins, has now taken his record to three wins and two placings from six starts for stakes earnings in excess of \$\$130,000.

- Singapore Turf Club

Race	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1100m
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

are good people and deserve to have a neat little horse like this one."



Darc Bounty gets his third win from six starts at Kranji.

