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PACORUS BACK TO TOP FORM WITH ROTORUA CUP VICTORY



Pacorus and Viktoria Gatu are clear as they hit the line at Rotorua

Handy stayer **Pacorus (NZ)** (Tavistock) returned to his true form when he stormed to victory in the Gr. 3 Campbell Infrastructure Rotorua Cup on Sunday.

Touted as a leading staying prospect after a string of victories during the winter and early spring, the five-year-old Tavistock gelding had failed to live up to that tag during a disappointing autumn campaign. Trainer Chis Wood had cut a frustrated figure during that period however his

faith in the gelding's ability on the true winter tracks was unshaken leading in to the feature event.

With the track rated in the Heavy11 range and some remedial chiropractic work under his belt, Wood was confident his charge was ready to fire and so it proved as he charged away in the home straight to score a decisive two length victory. Fellow Cambridge galloper Doiknowyou (NZ) (Kashani) chased gamely in the straight to nab second

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from Wanabefamous (NZ) (Star Way) who momentarily looked like causing an upset when he snuck through on the inner turning for home.

“He just hadn’t been right so I had the chiropractor come in and look at him,” explained Wood after the race.

“She found a niggle in his back so she worked on him and he has come right so I was happy leading into the race. He was coming in fresh but he’s a clean-winded horse so that didn’t worry me.

“He also got a track that suited him so it all played in his favour. He doesn’t want it bottomless but when it races like it did today then he is going to be right in the fight.”

Wood was quick to acknowledge the efforts of his former apprentice Viktoria Gatu who produced a polished display to guide the winner home.

“That’s Viktoria’s first win as a senior rider so I’m delighted she got it in a big race like today,” he said.

“She followed my instructions to the letter and showed a lot of poise when they started attacking all around her approaching the home turn.”

Wood will now look at what is available during the winter with a view to a start in the Listed Wanganui Cup on the 3rd of June as his next target.

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	Rotorua RC Rotorua Cup Gr.3 2200m
Winner	Pacorus (NZ) 2011
Owners	J R Borich, A I Craig, I R Goodlet, K W Green, N P Jamieson, J A Morgan, D C & Ms J E Morison, T D Palmer & T R Vince
Trainer	Chris Wood (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Tavistock out of Za Tiara by Zabeel
Breeder	Mrs A A Corcoran; Central; NZ
Sales	National Yearling Sale - Select Session V: Landsdowne Park Ltd \$15000 P: DC & JE Morison



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CAMBRIDGE MARE RIPS HOME FOR MAGIC MAN

South Island “magic man” Chris Johnson travelled north on Sunday to snare a winning treble at Rotorua, highlighted by a typically patient ride on Cambridge mare **Let Her Rip (NZ)** (Rip Van Winkle) to capture the Gr. 3 ISCL Rotorua Stakes.

Johnson, who is making a concerted effort to snare his first National Jockey’s Premiership, was having his first ride on the Rip Van Winkle four-year-old. Trainer Shaune Ritchie mused before the race that he felt Johnson’s quiet style would suit the mare and so it proved as he allowed her to find her feet in the early rush before making his move approaching the home bend.

Taranaki visitor New York Minute (NZ) (Iffraaj) had scampered to the lead at that point with race favourite Underthemoonlight (NZ) (El Hermano) in hot pursuit. Johnson angled Let Her Rip between the pair and asked for a final effort which came immediately as she dashed away to score from a game New York Minute who battled strongly to hold second from Underthemoonlight.

Raced in the same colour’s as the recently retired multiple Group One winner Turn Me Loose (NZ) (Iffraaj), Let Her Rip was registering her fifth career win from 17 starts and first at stakes level.

“We suggested before the race Chris might suit her and he is very good at his best,” remarked Ritchie.

“That’s why you put these leading riders on as he allowed her to do her own thing and came into the race at just the right moment.”

Ritchie was quick to joke about a delay to the race which saw it run 30 minutes over the scheduled start time due to an illness on course that required the attention of the ambulance staff.

“She’s tended to get a bit hot in the past but this time she was very relaxed at the start,” he said.

“Maybe that delay was a good thing although you couldn’t say she was trained to the minute when they run late like that.”



Let Her Rip cruises to the line to claim her first black type victory at Rotorua

Plans for Let Her Rip will be decided during a brief break over the next week which could include a trip to Brisbane if the tracks there stay wet or an extended stint in the paddock with an eye to a spring campaign.

Johnson’s winning treble took him to 84 wins for the season and just 5 behind current premiership leader Danielle Johnson with just over two months of the season left to run.

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	Rotorua RC Rotorua S. Gr.3 1400m.
Winner	Let Her Rip (NZ) 2012
Owners	Mrs A P Ritchie, L de Souza, D Painter, T Hartley & P Vawdrey
Trainer	Shaune Ritchie (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Rip Van Winkle (IRE) out of Keeper Special by Keeper (AUS)
Breeder	A Olive; Waikato; NZ
Sales	2014 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale V: Leanach Lodge Ltd \$41000 P: SF Ritchie





BALHAM HEADS HAWORTH DOUBLE AT TE RAPA

Enigmatic stayer **Balham (NZ)** (Don Eduardo) turned up to play at Te Rapa on Saturday as he spear-headed a winning double for the David & Emma Haworth training partnership.

Ridden off the pace by regular pilot Mark Du Plessis, Balham left his rivals floundering in the run home as he dashed away to score a three-length victory in the day's open staying event, the Fairview Motors 2100. It was a welcome return to winning form for the six-year-old who ended a frustrating run of minor placings at his last few runs.

"He's a funny horse," explained co-trainer Emma Haworth after the race.

"Some days you think you've got him spot on and he doesn't do what you think he's going to do and other days you don't think he's quite ready but he comes out and wins.

"He's a weirdo"

Haworth admitted she had little confidence in a winning performance before the race as she believed her charge wouldn't handle a rapidly deteriorating track that was softened by regular showers throughout the day.

"I thought he'd hate it," she said.

"The fact that it was a bit loose meant he has copped it while he was also ridden completely different to the way we normally would.

"We try and get him up front so he is putting pressure on them early as he doesn't have a big sprint. Today they have come back to him and he has got out to the better ground which has helped him."

The father and daughter partnership didn't have to wait long for their next success as lightly raced three-year-old Ophelia Lee (NZ) (O'Reilly) stormed home two races later to take out a rating 65 1600 metre contest.

The O'Reilly filly had scored in similar fashion in maiden company at her most recent run and looks to have a big winter in front of her judging by the way she dealt to her rivals with her powerful finishing burst.

- NZ Racing Desk



Race	Rangitikei RC AB Equipment H. 2100m.
Winner	Balham (NZ) 2010
Owners	D Mck Duncan & S L Malcolm
Trainer	David & Emma Haworth (Foxton)
Breeding	by Don Eduardo out of Fifty Fifty by Justice Prevails (AUS)
Breeder	M D O'Brien; Central; NZ

Balham returned to winning form with a powerful performance at Te Rapa





EASY FOR HARD MERCHANDIZE ON HOME PATCH

Local two-year-old **Hard Merchandize (NZ)** (Burgundy) proved a class above his rivals when he scored handsomely on his Awapuni home turf on the weekend.

The Burgundy gelding made it win number two from just 4 starts when he eased to victory in the hands of Hayden Tinsley over 1200 metres on a testing Heavy10 surface. Carrying the hot pink colours of the New Zealand Breast Cancer Foundation, who were raising funds through an on-course promotion on the day, Tinsley never really had the showy bay out of third gear as he sat outside the early pace.

Asked for an effort at the top of the straight Hard Merchandize found a good kick which sent him clear of his five rivals as he maintained a solid gallop to score by a length and three-quarters while still under a firm grip from Tinsley.

Trainer Gary Vile was delighted with the effort after making some minor gear adjustments leading into the race.

"He answered a few questions," said Vile.

"He had to handle the track and we wanted him to sit in behind them. He's done all that today.

"He came back in after the Sires Produce with his tongue over the bit so we introduced the tongue tie and it seems to have worked."

Hard Merchandize, who had finished fifth in the Gr. 1 Manawatu Sires Produce Stakes at his

Hayden Tinsley eases down on impressive juvenile Hard Merchandize as they complete a comprehensive victory

last run, credited Cambridge Stud based stallion Burgundy with his first winner when successful on debut at Otaki in November. The son of Encosta De Lago mare Pride And Passion was a \$38,000 purchase for Vile at the 2016 New Zealand Bloodstock Select Sale at Karaka from the draft of Little Avondale Stud.

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	Rangitikei RC Flipp Limited Transag Centre 2YO H. 1200m.
Winner	Hard Merchandize (NZ) 2014
Owners	A R Osborne, D M Gilshnan, S Whitehead, M Evans, M Osborne, J Aldrich, J King, G Towers, G R Vile & A J Vincent
Trainer	Gary Vile (Awapuni)
Breeding	by Burgundy out of Pride and Passion (AUS) by Encosta de Lago (AUS)
Breeder	C R Grace; Central; NZ
Sales	2016 National Yearling Sale - Select Session V: Little Avondale Stud \$38000 P: GR Vile





WANGANUI CUP NEXT FOR ZARTAN

Rugged winter galloper **Zartan (NZ)** (Zed) has set himself up for a tilt at the Listed Wanganui Cup on Queen's Birthday weekend after producing a gritty display when winning at Awapuni on Saturday.

The noted free-goer on heavy winter tracks had looked to be working his way back to winning form with a tidy run for second at his most recent start and so it proved as he went one better in the day's opening race over 2100 metres.

Visiting rider Samantha Collett had the seven-year-old gelding positioned nicely outside leader Captain Lincoln

(NZ) (Stravinsky) throughout the contest before levelling with the pacemaker early in the run home. Zartan ground his way clear in the final 150 metres before holding out the late challenge of the well-backed Dr Watson (NZ) (Handsome Ransom) to score a deserved victory.

"He's had a few runs now so he was fit for the assignment," said Collett.

"He relaxed comfortably on a good pace and always gave me the impression he had enough to offer to get in front although he only did what he had to do."

Trainer Kylie Little was pleased with the performance now her charge was nearing peak fitness despite suffering a near mishap during the week.

"We had a bit of a gear malfunction in a gallop the other day but we managed to escape injury which was good," she explained.



Zartan clings on bravely to score at Awapuni on Saturday

"He's a bit older and has carried a little more condition this year so it's taken a few more runs to get him fit.

"He loves a dog-fight and is a pretty handy horse."

Questioned about her future plans for Zartan Little advised a return to one of the gelding's favourite tracks was the next target for him.

"He really enjoys Wanganui so I think we will have a crack at the Wanganui Cup with him," she said.

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	Rangitikei RC Ab Equipment H. 2100m.
Winner	Zartan (NZ) 2009
Owners	Ms B M Duffy, D G & H M Smith, J D, R J & C I Young, L Stribling & G Phillips
Trainer	Kylie Little (Opaki)
Breeding	by Zed out of Royal Pixie by Westminster
Breeder	Ms B M Duffy; Central; NZ





YAYA PAPAYA'S RACING EXPERIENCE BEARS FRUIT

Experience was worth its weight of gold in the third Leg of the Singapore Golden Horseshoe series when **Yaya Papaya (NZ)** (Nadeem) blew away all predictions with a smart win in the \$90,000 Magic Millions National Yearling Sale Stakes (1100m) on Sunday.

The son of Nadeem was the only two-year-old in the 11-horse field with three runs under the belt, albeit no win as yet.

Trainer Leslie Khoo, who owns half of him and gave him the typically Singlish name - which means an arrogant person - harboured a silent hope, though. After all, his fourth and fifth in Restricted Maiden company, and last-start fifth, less than four lengths astern in the second Leg, the Singapore Silver Horseshoe (1000m) were runs that did give rise to some hope there was some hidden talent waiting to emerge one day.

That day has come sooner than he expected.

"He ran quite well at his three starts, and I thought he was not without some ability," said Khoo.

"I thought he would run well today, but I was still a bit surprised he won as it was quite a quality field.

"He had a blinker test and I had no choice but to put the blinkers on, and he actually improved with them. Bossy



Yaya Papaya caused a boilover at Kranji on Sunday

also gave him a very good ride.

"I have quite a few two-year-olds but I entered Yaya Papaya in today's race so he can qualify for the last Leg (Aushorse Golden Horseshoe on July 7).

"I own 50% of him, and I'm the one who gave him that name as I thought it would be nice to inject a bit of Singlish to our horses' names!"

After that first hurrah, Yaya Papaya has now earned around \$50,000 in stakes earnings for the Sweet Stable.

The day got better for Khoo straight after the third-Leg win with

\$23 shot Kubera's Chief (NZ)(Darci Brahma) taking out the \$35,000 Class 5 Division 2 race over 1200m.

Race	Singapore TC Magic Millions National Yearling Sale S. 1100m.
Winner	Yaya Papaya (NZ) 2014
Owners	Sweet Stable
Trainer	Leslie Khoo (Kranji)
Breeding	by Nadeem (AUS) out of Cassini (AUS) by Reset (AUS)
Breeder	Mrs G M Drought; Central; NZ
Sales	2016 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Phoenix Park, P: L Khoo Peng Ann; \$30,000



Roster 2017



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\$4,000 +GST LFG

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NZ STALLION AWARDS

THE CENTAINE AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$10,118,722
DARCI BRAHMA	\$6,610,785
PINS	\$6,586,410
IFFRAAJ	\$6,271,683
TAVISTOCK	\$5,599,355
O'REILLY	\$5,453,204
THORN PARK	\$4,895,910
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$4,771,737
KEEPER	\$3,358,402
PENTIRE	\$3,338,281

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

THE DEWAR STALLION TROPHY

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$6,690,362
IFFRAAJ	\$4,036,995
PINS	\$3,200,262
TAVISTOCK	\$2,958,804
DARCI BRAHMA	\$2,591,462
O'REILLY	\$2,537,171
MAKFI	\$2,516,741
PENTIRE	\$2,413,613
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$2,046,252
ZABEEL	\$1,960,808

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

THE GROSVENOR AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$2,966,345
IFFRAAJ	\$1,786,373
DARCI BRAHMA	\$1,468,120
TAVISTOCK	\$1,467,702
PINS	\$1,259,799
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$1,064,940
ALAMOSA	\$946,475
PER INCANTO	\$922,555
MAKFI	\$897,210
GALLANT GURU	\$835,833

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

MAY 17

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
VICTORY BOYS (NZ) 2011 by Mastercraftsman (IRE) out of La Bella Dama by Desert Sun (GB)	Miss D Ho; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Longchamp Racecourse H. 1800m.	2013 Ready to Run Sale; V: Mana Park, P: M Chang; \$100,000
BEST STEP (NZ) 2013 by Cecconi (AUS) out of Volique by Volksraad (GB)	A J & Mrs S C Rumble; Auckland; NZ	HKJC Arc de Triomphe Champions H. 1200m.	2015 National Yearling Sale - Festival Session; V: Sunny Hill Farm, P: Argonaut Racing & Breeding; \$3,500

NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG

MAY 21

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
Callahan – STAR OF YAN OI (H.K.) (NZ) 2011 by Perfectly Ready (AUS) out of Rattle by Stravinsky (USA)	Duchess of Bedford & Mrs A M King; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Chamomile H. 1200m.	2012 National Weanling; Broodmare & Mixed Sale; V: Brighthill Farm, P: Benji BStk; \$7,000
Fortune Road – CHEERFUL BOY (H.K.) (NZ) 2011 by Road to Rock (AUS) out of Hanabananah (AUS) by King Charlemagne (USA)	Nearco Stud Limited; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Gladiolus H. 1600m.	2012 National Weanling; Broodmare & Mixed Sale; V: Highden Park, P: Lime Country Thoroughbreds Ltd; \$30,000

NEWS IN BRIEF

Lockinge win for Godolphin's Ribchester

Ribchester (Iffraaj) has put on an impressive front-running display to win the Group One Lockinge Stakes at Newbury giving Godolphin a record eighth win in the race.

The four-year-old, trained by Richard Fahey and ridden by William Buick, kept finding more in front and was far too strong for the opposition in the first English domestic Group One race of the season for older horses.

"It was a huge performance. We felt there was one in him and it's all come together," Fahey said.

"As he's got older he's got wiser. If we could get his mind right we always felt he'd be special.

"That's a strong word for a trainer to use but when you see a performance like that, it was special."

Ribchester is a son of the Haunui Farm shuttle stallion Iffraaj and has now had 11 starts for four wins, six placings and more than £1.5 million in prize-money. The Lockinge win follows his Group One breakthrough in last season's Prix Jacques Le Marois.

The win follows an outstanding southern hemisphere season for Iffraaj, who sired the New Zealand-Australian Derby double with Gingernuts (NZ) and Jon Snow (NZ).

Eagle soars in Macau

Former New Zealand galloper **Huka Eagle (NZ)** (Swiss Ace) scored his biggest triumph when successful in the Chairman's Challenge Cup (1200m) in Macau on Saturday.

Huka Eagle started his career in Tony Pike's Cambridge stable for owner Colin Keane after being a \$160,000 purchase from the Westbury Stud draft at the 2013 NZB Select Sale at Karaka. He won three of his five starts in New Zealand and was transferred to Australia after finishing third to Gaultier (NZ) (Rios) in the 2015 Gr. 1 Levin Classic.

Trained in Macau by Australian Geoff Allendorf, Huka Eagle scored by just on two lengths after being given a perfect run in the trail throughout by ex-pat kiwi rider Andrew Calder.



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NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE MAY 19

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
PLATOON (NZ) 2011 by Keeper (AUS) out of Girl of Value by Gold Brose (AUS)	R A Baddiley; Auckland; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1100m.	

NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE MAY 21

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
HUMDINGER (NZ) 2011 by Road to Rock (AUS) out of Her Hidden Talent by Groom Dancer (USA)	Wellfield Holdings Ltd; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1200m.	2013 Ready to Run Sale; V: Maara Grange, P: NC Chan; \$32,500
YAYA PAPAYA (NZ) 2014 by Nadeem (AUS) out of Cassini (AUS) by Reset (AUS)	Mrs G M Drought; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Magic Millions National Yearling Sale S. 1100m.	2016 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Phoenix Park, P: L Khoo Peng Ann; \$30,000
KUBERA'S CHIEF (NZ) 2013 by Darci Brahma out of Christmas Eve (AUS) by More Than Ready (USA)	G J Jones; Canterbury; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1200m.	2015 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale; V: Wentwood Grange, P: NZB as agent; \$40,000
Hurunui - LION WAVE (Sing.) (NZ) 2011 by Buffalo Man (CAN) out of Gore Bay (AUS) by Danehill Dancer (IRE)	Totara Park Stud; Auckland; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1100m.	
ECLIPSE SPLASH (NZ) 2013 by Showcasing (GB) out of Beach Dance by Carnegie (IRE)	S E McGiffert; Canterbury; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1200m.	2015 South Island Yearling & Mixed Sale; V: Three Valleys, P: E Sullivan; \$22,000

