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HASAHALO RESTORES HER AURA WITH THUNDERING HOME STRAIGHT FINISH



There's no mistaking the joy a Group One win brings to Sam Spratt as the more sedate Hasahalo carries her past the post in yesterday's One Thousand Guineas at Riccarton.

aving failed to flatter in two previous three-year-old appearances, **Hasahalo (NZ)** (Savabeel) yesterday displayed a faultless sense of timing when she bounced back to winning form at Riccarton, coming with an undeniable finish from the rear of the field to claim the Group One gavelhouse.com New Zealand One Thousand Guineas.

Hasahalo had been among the leading juvenile fillies last season, winning the Group Three Eclipse Stakes and finishing

runner-up in the Karaka Million.

"I was really happy with her last run at Ellerslie in a strong Rating 85 race," trainer Stephen McKee said.

"She got back and never got a clear run and before that she struck a wet track. There was still a question mark about the mile today, but she got the job done well and found the line strongly."

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As is her racing pattern, Hasahalo drifted off the pace and when rider Sam Spratt found clear air at the top of the straight she lengthened stride.

"She went past them like they were tied to the ground," Spratt said. "When I asked her to go she had fire coming out the back end."

Hasahalo thundered home to halt the winning run of Dijon Bleu (NZ) (Burgundy) with the southern stablemates and relatives The Lustre (NZ) (Darci Brahma) and The Sparkle (NZ) (Darci Brahma) the next two home.

The favourite Prom Queen (NZ) (Super Easy) was first out of the gates for rider Alysha Collett before she settled in the trail and an inside run on the turn saw her get to the front.

However, her bid was short-lived and she petered out to finish ninth, just the second defeat of her career.

"She's won eight out of ten so that's not bad for a threeyear-old," said Kenny Rae, who trains the filly with his wife Lisa and their daughter Krystal Williams. "It's not a funeral; she's done a great job for us."

Race	CJC New Zealand One Thousand Guineas Gr.1 1600m
Winner	Hasahalo (NZ) 2014
Owners	Go Racing Fright Night Breeding Partnership (Mgr: Albert Bosma)
Trainer	Stephen McKee (Ardmore)
Breeding	by Savabeel (Aus) out of Halloween (Aus) by Encosta de Lago (Aus)
Breeder	Mrs I O'Shea & Waikato Stud Ltd
Sales	2016 National Yearling Sale, Premier Session; V: Waikato Stud Ltd, P: Go Racing; \$110,000





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GOBSTOPPER DEFIES CHASERS IN CUP



 ${\it It's Sam Spratt again, this time closing in on the New Zealand Cup winning post with Gobstopper.}$

ockey Sam Spratt and trainer Andrew Campbell enjoyed the sweetest of times when they combined with **Gobstopper (NZ)** (Tavistock) to complete a memorable day at Riccarton.

Their triumph in the Group Three Christchurch Casino New Zealand Cup handed Spratt a coveted double after having earlier won the Group One New Zealand One Thousand Guineas, while Campbell was saddling his first runner from new quarters, having recently relocated from his long-time base at Opaki to a property in Cambridge.

"This is my first starter so it's pretty special," Campbell said. "We decided to target this race right from the time he came back in. He's a lightly framed horse so he doesn't need much racing.

"He's only going to get better with time like his brother Werther."

Campbell trained Werther (NZ) before the dual Group Two winner and runner-up in the Group One Queensland Derby transferred to Hong Kong where he has been a Group One winner and will step out today in the Group Two Jockey Club Cup at Sha Tin.

His younger sibling is a renowned front-runner and in Spratt he had the ideal partner with the Pukekohe-based jockey giving Gobstopper free rein to bowl along at the head of the field.

"He got into his rhythm and when they came up to us he kicked again," she said. "It was a brilliant run; he could have gone around again."

The gelding was out on his own with 1000 metres to run before the field gradually closed and while Flemington performer Pentathlon (NZ) (Pentire) challenged on straightening, Gobstopper wasn't done and went

clear to win with authority.

Pentathlon boxed on to take second money ahead of his fellow topweight Kaharau (Ad Valorem) with Sampson (NZ) (Dubai Destination) fourth and last year's minor placegetter Imperium (NZ) (Encosta de Lago) the next home.

Race	CJC New Zealand Cup Gr.3 3200m
Winner	Gobstopper (NZ) 2012
Owners	C D Allison, C V & J A Barnao, A R Campbell, T G Heptinstall, T M Pivac and D R Platt
Trainer	Andrew Campbell (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Tavistock out of Bagalollies (Aus) by Zabeel
Breeder	C D Allison, C V & J A Barnao, A R Campbell, T G Heptinstall, T M Pivac and D R Platt





OCEAN EMPEROR RULES AT TAURANGA

ary Hennessy's patience with the well-related **Ocean Emperor (NZ)** gained a Group
Two reward yesterday.

The Matamata horseman has endured his fair share of problems with the entire but they became a memory when the son of the legendary Zabeel won the Gartshore Tauranga Stakes.

In the hands of regular rider Mark Hills, Ocean Emperor produced a career-best performance to account for the talented mare Miss Wilson (Stratum) and the multiple Group One winner Kawi (NZ) (Savabeel), who got home well from the tail of the field.

On the good track Hennessy has been waiting for, the six-year-old showed exactly what he is capable of and impressively progressed from a previous Rating 85 win at Awapuni to make a successful weight-for-age debut.

He has now won six of his sixteen starts with Hills aboard in four of them.

Hennessy part-owned and trained the Group One Cox Plate winner Ocean Park, now resident at Waikato Stud, with Andrew Wong and Steve Yan and the same partnership races Ocean Emperor.

"Gary Hennessy has done an unbelievable job with this horse," Waikato Stud principal Mark Chittick said. "He's been so patient and he's always rated him highly.

"Good on him, off the back of Ocean Park they bought this horse for \$450,000 from us. They deserve it, he's won a really nice race and it's still early days – the horse hasn't had much racing."

Ocean Emperor is out of the Pins mare Tootsie (NZ), who won seven races including the Group Three Mannerism Stakes.

Race	BOP RC Tauranga S. Gr.2 1600m
Winner	Ocean Emperor (NZ) 2011
Owners	G T Hennessy, A K K Wong and S Y S Yan
Trainer	Gary Hennessy (Matamata)
Breeding	by Zabeel out of Tootsie by Pins (Aus)
Breeder	G J Chittick
Sales	2013 National Yearling Sale, Premier Session; V: Waikato Stud Ltd, P: G Hennessy; \$450,000



 ${\it Gary Hennessy and his new stable star Ocean Emperor.}$





SANDOWN WINNER AIMED AT MILLION



Long Leaf (dark blue colours) holds off Oohood in yesterday's Merson Cooper Stakes at Sandown.

eautifully bred colt **Long Leaf** (Fastnet Rock) was a star performer in the Karaka sale ring and may now be given the chance to shine on a New Zealand racetrack.

The David and Ben Hayes and Tom Dabernig-trained juvenile, who was bought for \$750,000 at the Premier Sale in January of this year, kept his unbeaten record intact with a strong performance in yesterday's Listed Thoroughbred Club Merson Cooper Stakes at Sandown.

Ridden by Kerrin McEvoy, the colt went forward from his wide gate and sat outside the leader before pushing the button in the home straight. He was challenged by the fast-finishing Tony McEvoy-trained favourite Oohood (I Am Invincible), ridden by Luke Currie, but kept lifting and won by a short head.

Long Leaf has now had two starts for two wins and \$A100,000 in prize-money for his owners.

"I love this horse because I think he's a 1400-metre horse and he's won a 1000-metre Listed race before Christmas," David Hayes said.

"When Tony's horse came up on his outside so quickly, Kerrin hadn't let go and he showed real determination.

"The Karaka Million has been the plan right through."

Race	MRC Merson Cooper Stakes L 1000m
Winner	Long Leaf (Aus) 2015
Owners	Coolmore (Mgr: T V Magnier), Sir Peter Vela, D J Matheson, M V Magnier, Dr D O'Byrne and M J Kirwan
Trainer	David & Ben Hayes & Tom Dabernig (Euroa)
Breeding	by Fastnet Rock (Aus) out of Frustrating by Stravinsky (USA)
Breeder	Caradale Pty Ltd
Sales	2017 National Yearling Sale, Premier Session; V: Curraghmore, P: BBA Ireland; \$750,000



MICHAEL TOUGHS IT OUT ON KIWI MARE

xpat-Kiwi jockey Michael Walker guided staying mare Fanatic (NZ) (Shocking) to victory in yesterday's Listed Sandown Cup before being ruled out for the rest of the meeting due to illness, replaced on his final two rides when struggling physically after the gruelling 3200 metre event.

Walker said post-race he had been told the previous day by a doctor he'd contracted pneumonia and that he "tried to ride through it".

A winner of last year's New Zealand Oaks, the \$4 equal second favourite Fanatic is in her first Australian preparation since joining the Lindsay Park stable and she got the better of Swacadelic (Adlerflug), also at \$4, over the closing stages to win by a long neck.

Race	MRC Sandown Cup L 3200m
Winner	Fanatic (NZ) 2012
Owners	S P Kiernan
Trainer	David & Ben Hayes & Tom Dabernig (Flemington)
Breeding	by Shocking (Aus) out of Komplete Klass by Groom Dancer (USA)
Breeder	S P Kiernan

The \$2.35 favourite Gallic Chieftain (Tamayuz) was another 11/4 lengths away third while outsider Darabad (Dansili) held on for fourth after opening up a huge lead during the middle stages of the race. Of the first four home, only Fanatic was not a European import.

Fanatic's co-trainer David Hayes praised the ride of Walker, who won the Sandown Cup on Almoongith (Dynaformer) for the stable two years ago.

"She's a mare who doesn't like being exposed too far from home," Hayes said, "and Walker did it really well.

"I think Michael's got a bit of pneumonia so it was a good tough effort. That's why he's pulled up a bit short but I'm sure the mare has pulled up well."

The five-year-old's Sandown win came after winning over 2800 metres on Cup day at Flemington at her previous start and Hayes will look at interstate events in her next preparation.

"I'll probably look at a race like the Adelaide Cup and then maybe go to Sydney," Hayes said.

"She's a Kiwi mare that doesn't like wet tracks."

- AAP TURF



Close to home in the Sandown Cup and Fanatic has dived between runners for Michael Walker before holding her opposition at bay in the dash to the line.



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OPIE RAPT WITH WELCOME WINNER

recocious youngster **Al Hasa (NZ)** (Exceed And Excel) earned lavish praise from Opie Bosson following a spectacular display at Riccarton, turning yesterday's Listed Barneswood Farm Welcome Stakes into a procession and being hard held by the top jockey at the post.

"He's a top-class horse, one of the nicest two-year-olds I've sat on for quite a while," Bosson said.

"He's a Karaka Million horse and maybe even the Golden Slipper."

Race	CJC Welcome S. L 1000m
Winner	Al Hasa (NZ) 2015
Owners	Te Akau 2017 Breeding Syndicate (Mgr: K W Fenton-Ellis MNZM)
Trainer	Stephen Autridge & Jamie Richards (Matamata)
Breeding	by Exceed and Excel (Aus) out of Oasis Rose (Aus) by Oasis Dream (GB)
Breeder	Sir Patrick & Lady Hogan and Dr G W Tsoi
Sales	2017 National Yearling Sale, Premier Session; V: Cambridge Stud, P: D C Ellis; \$625,000

The colt was offered at Karaka earlier this year by Cambridge Stud and Te Akau principal David Ellis went to \$625,000 to secure the first foal of the Oasis Dream mare Oasis Rose, who finished runner-up behind Sacred Falls (NZ) (O'Reilly) in the 2012 Group One New Zealand Two Thousand Guineas.

Al Hasa was quickly into stride to lead one off the fence and Bosson sat quietly until well into the straight.

"He had a good look around and he's only going to keep improving. Once I gave him a back hander he took off."

They coasted to the line six lengths clear of Thunder Bay (NZ) (Niagara), who edged Patsys Lass (NZ) (Savabeel) for second money.

Trained by Stephen Autridge and Jamie Richards, Al Hasa had performed well at the trials before he made his debut last month at Ellerslie, where he bucked out of the gates before finishing second.

"Things didn't go right at the start and he's improved since

then," Richards said. "He worked nicely last Monday morning and travelled down here well.

"We'll take it one step at a time; it was a lovely win and he was really professional today.

"He can have a bit of time at Te Akau Stud now and then we'll get him ready for the Karaka Million."



Opie Bosson enjoys an armchair ride on yesterday's Welcome Stakes winner Al Hasa.





DEE AND GEE AUDITIONS FOR CUP

plan is already in place for **Dee And Gee (NZ)** (Darci Brahma)
to be back at Riccarton in
twelve months' time for an extreme
distance test, the Group Three New
Zealand Cup the long-term objective
for the four-year-old, who is showing
positive signs of rising to that
challenge.

"She keeps stepping up and she looks like she will get the distance. She's still a bit weak so there's improvement to come," said Peter Corbett, who owns and trains the daughter of Gabana (NZ) (Jungle Pocket), a four-time winner half a dozen years ago, with Terrill Charles at Timaru.

Dee And Gee has won three of her nine starts, the latest of them at Riccarton yesterday when she produced a dogged performance to claim the 2500 metre Sothys Premier Handicap.

Not only did the mare reward the faith of connections, the result also vindicated the belief shown in apprentice Tanya Jonker. The 27-year-old had partnered Dee And Gee in her previous four appearances since the horse transferred south after beginning her career at Cambridge with Shaune Ritchie.

"She's riding well and improving all the time," Corbett said. "She knows the mare and we were happy to put her on."

Jonker bided her time in the trail and when asked for an effort in the straight, Dee And Gee was a willing partner.

"She's a pretty smart mare," Jonker said. "We sat behind the leader and had a nice, comfortable run and she finished it off well."

Their defeat of Son Of Zac (NZ) (Zacinto) was a case of biting the hand that feeds as Jonker is apprenticed to the runner-up's trainers Kevin and Pam Hughes.

Race	CJC Sothys H. 2500m
Winner	Dee And Gee (NZ) 2013
Owners	Peter R Corbett and Terrill T Charles
Trainer	Terrill Charles & Peter Corbett (Rakaia)
Breeding	by Darci Brahma out of Gabana by Jungle Pocket (Jpn)
Breeder	Sildi Bloodstock Ltd
Sales	2015 National Yearling Sale, Select Session; V: The Oaks Stud, P: S F Ritchie; \$16,000



Lightly raced mare Dee And Gee establishes her staying credentials with a win in yesterday's Rating 85 over 2500 metres for apprentice Tanya Jonker.





SUPER POWER ADDS TO FAMILY LUSTRE

ell-related three-year-old
Super Power (NZ) (Power)
resumed an impressive
winner after putting away, on raw
ability, the \$575,000 Restricted Maiden
over 1400 metres at Kranji on Friday
night.

After two creditable starts as a two-year-old, including a sixth to Mr Hanks (NZ) (Showcasing) in Singapore's Juvenile Championship, the son of Kilfenora (NZ) (Zabeel) – an unraced sister to Group One New Zealand Derby winner St Reims (NZ) and multiple Group One winning mare Champagne (NZ) and from the family of last season's New Zealand Horse of the Year Bonneval (NZ) (Makfi) – was tipped out and given more time to furnish by trainer Ricardo Le Grange.

The outcome was a resounding first-up all-the-way four-length win on the Long Course.

Beginning smartly from his midfield gate, Super Power enjoyed a fairly soft lead, which he immediately widened once he went full bore upon straightening. And although the gelding looked green as he rolled off the rails halfway up the straight, it was clear he was never going to be caught as he went on to post an easy victory.

"There is still a lot of room for improvement for this horse," said Le Grange. "He hasn't been really tested and I think that first-up run will bring him on further.

"It wasn't the strongest of fields and though he was a bit wobbly in the straight he did a good job in the



Super Power kicks off his second season with a strong win at Kranji on Friday night.

end. He should turn into a nice horse for the Three-Year-Old Challenge next year. Well done to Andre Lim, who puts a lot of money into racing."

The Challenge kicks off with the Singapore Three-Year-Old Sprint on March 30. Super Power's owner Andre Lim was one of the co-owners of former series clean-sweep winner Super Easy (NZ) (Darci Brahma) in 2012.

Jockey Barend Vorster said Super Power was relaxed throughout the race, paving the way for the big margin at the business end.

"He showed pace early and I took my time before settling him on the rails," he said. "He wandered about at the hundred metre mark but that was because he was on his own for the first time and didn't really know what was going on. He put the race to bed rather comfortably."

- Singapore Turf Club

Race	Singapore TC Restricted Maiden S. 1400m
Winner	Super Power (NZ) 2014
Owners	Number One Stable
Trainer	Ricardo Le Grange (Kranji)
Breeding	by Power (GB) out of Kilfenora by Zabeel
Breeder	Sir Patrick & Lady Hogan
Sales	2016 National Yearling Sale, Premier Session; V: Cambridge Stud, P: Rider Horse NZ; \$210,000
	2016 Ready To Run Sale; V: Diamond Lodge, P: A Lim/Dan Meagher Racing; \$310,000



SHOWCASING DUO SCORE IN SINGAPORE

atural backmarker **Deimos (NZ)** (Showcasing) showed another facet of his talent when he overcame terribly wet conditions to emerge victorious in a race run in teeming rain at Kranji on Friday night.

Heading into the \$560,000 Open Benchmark 67 over 1200 metres, leading jockey Vlad Duric knew he was sitting atop the best horse in the twelve-strong field but, when the heavens opened, he was not so sure.

With rain pelting and the Polytrack kickback flying all around, the Australian jockey had no other choice but to try to keep the four-year-old out of trouble in his normal rearward position. Deimos, a little worse than midfield, looked to be travelling sweetly and, importantly, not bogged down in a tight pocket among horses.

While surprise leader Secret Mission (Easing Along) was showing no signs of letting up, when Duric launched Deimos at the 300 metre mark the short-priced favourite's acceleration was so relentless that the race was decided.

"He's not a bad horse at all," said Duric. "In these horrendous conditions, for a horse that gets back like him, it looked tricky. But he's so determined. He just kept taking the

runs and I was lucky we found plenty of room in the straight."

Earlier in the night, another Showcasing four-year-old in **Shoqeet (NZ)** scored his second win from six starts when taking out the \$S60,000 Open Benchmark 67 over 1800 metres.

"From his first win, we knew he was a stayer," said trainer Saimee Jumaat. "He's a progressive type and tonight the pull in weights was also a big advantage.

When rain is visible in the photo, it's a genuine downpour... Deimos gets through it to win at Kranji's Friday night meeting. "They went steady early on and then they kicked at the half-mile; that's why he was a little flat-footed.

"It was a bit of a test for him as he was tackling a fair field and he's come through it very well."

Singapore Turf Club

Race	Singapore TC Benchmark 67 H. 1200m
Winner	Deimos (NZ) 2013
Owners	Olympian Stable
Trainer	Cliff Brown (Kranji)
Breeding	by Showcasing (GB) out of Divinity (Aus) by Woodman (USA)
Breeder	Mrs S R & T D Loveridge

Race	Singapore TC Benchmark 67 H. 1800m
Winner	Shoqeet (NZ) 2013
Owners	Al-Arabiya Stable
Trainer	Saimee Jumaat (Kranji)
Breeding	by Showcasing (GB) out of Twentyfirstcentury (GB) by Sadler's Wells (USA)
Breeder	Windsor Park Stud Ltd
Sales	2014 National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale; V: Windsor Park Stud, P: Chequers Stud; \$4000



