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WERTHER'S IN POLE POSITION AFTER BOCHK JOCKEY CLUB CUP VICTORY



Werther powers to victory at Sha Tin

erther (NZ) (Tavistock) enhanced his status as Hong Kong's 2000m standout with a battling victory in the Gr. 2 BOCHK Jockey Club Cup (2000m) at Sha Tin Racecourse on Sunday.

Next month's HK\$25 million Gr. 1 LONGINES Hong Kong Cup at the course and distance is all that stands between the six-year-old and a career sweep of Hong Kong's premier 2000m contests. Werther has already sealed wins in the BMW Hong Kong Derby, AP QEII Cup and Hong Kong Gold Cup, and Sunday's triumph was just the lead-up to Hong Kong's richest race connections had been hoping for.

"He's exactly where we want him to be, there are exciting times ahead," said winning jockey Tommy Berry.

Werther had to call on his champion's grit in the closing stages to outpoint runner-up Time Warp (Archipenko) by a neck. The New Zealand-bred was blowing hard when he came back to the winner's arch, but emphasised his wellbeing with a brash kick at the air as he made his exit.

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"That was a cracking good run considering it was his second run this season," said trainer John Moore, who was registering a fifth success in the race. "His fitness was really tested and he will improve for this run.

"The speed that Harbour Master went up front today really tested his fitness level, which wasn't 100 percent. We got away with it and now we go to the Hong Kong Cup. He'll come away from this race in better fettle for that grand final."

Werther settled fourth, nine lengths behind his bounding stablemate Harbour Master (Mizzen Mast), and had to work to make ground into the final turn. Time Warp, positioned second under Joao Moreira, kicked past the fading leader with 400m to race, as Berry got tough in pursuit on the former Horse of the Year.

The Tavistock gelding responded to Berry's drive, and, despite Time Warp rolling out towards Werther in the run to the line, the white-blazed bay maintained a determined locomotion to earn the spoils in a time of 2m 01.52s.

"He's not fully fit and he's beaten them all there carrying a five-pound penalty, so that gives us confidence for three weeks' time," Moore said.

Intermittent rainfall over the weekend meant that there was a slight cushion in the Sha Tin turf and Berry

believed that was beneficial to the horse, whose best ever performance remains a wet track victory in the 2016 G1 AP QEII Cup (2000m).

"He's really come on since his first run when we thought he'd a finish a bit closer than he did, and I think the cut in the track today really suited him," Berry said.

"I said before today that he'll be spot on for December and I think that showed. He just ran out of gas a bit the last 100 metres and Joao took me off my course a little bit where he lost his balance. All in all he's going great and I'm looking forward to December with him."

The victory completed a stellar weekend for broodmare Bagalollies who had Werther's younger brother Gobstopper (NZ) score a bold front-running victory in the Gr. 3 New Zealand Cup (3200m) on Saturday.

Race	HKJC BOCHK Jockey Club Cup Gr.2 2000m.
Winner	Werther (NZ) 2011
Owners	Johnson Chen
Trainer	John Moore (Sha Tin)
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 & D R Platt; Central; NZ





STUD CELEBRATING ANOTHER SUPER SATURDAY

he sound of champagne corks popping at Waikato Stud aren't uncommon and the breeding powerhouse had further cause for lively celebrations on Saturday.

The home-bred **Hasahalo (NZ)** (Savabeel) turned her fortunes around when triumphant in the Gr.1 gavelhouse. com New Zealand 1000 Guineas (1600m) to give the Matamata farm's Savabeel a memorable double following his son **Embellish's (NZ)** win in the Gr.1 Al Basti Equiworld New Zealand 2000 Guineas (1600m).

And 20 minutes later, another graduate of the nursery struck when **Ocean Emperor (NZ)** (Zabeel) triumphed in the Gr.2 Gartshore Tauranga Stakes (1600m).

"Winning these Group Ones and drinking all this champagne is going to turn me into an alcoholic!" Waikato Stud principal Mark Chittick said.

"It's just fantastic and then Ocean Emperor wins the Group Two, I can't believe it."

Hasahalo is a daughter of the Encosta de Lago mare Halloween, who was a cheap May Sale purchase at Karaka at the insistence of Group One-winning Australian trainer John O'Shea. "We bought her for \$6000, at John's insistence, and she had a foot like a cow to be honest," Chittick said.

Hasahalo was subsequently bred by the stud with O'Shea's wife Isabel and sold at Karaka last year for \$110,000 to Albert Bosma's Go Racing syndication company.

"She was a nice, athletic type of filly and it's a great result for Albert and the team," Chittick said.

"We've had a wonderful association for a long time and it's great to see them get this success."

Ocean Emperor is a son of Zabeel and the Pins mare Tootsie (NZ), who won seven races including the Gr.3 Mannerism Stakes (1400m).

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

- NZ Racing Desk.



Waikato Stud boss Mark Chittick





AGE NO BARRIER FOR EVERGREEN NATUZZI

vergreen sprinter **Natuzzi (NZ)**(Coats Choice) showed he is far from a spent force at the top level when he produced another class performance at Tauranga on the weekend.

The ageless nine-year-old has been amongst the country's elite sprinters over the past five seasons and he displayed all his customary late dash to down the younger brigade once again in Saturday's Chesters Plumbing and Bathroom Handicap (1400m).

The victory continued an outstanding second-up record for the Coats Choice gelding who has now won in that state in his last four preparations.

Trainer Paul Richards had been confident of a good performance from his stable favourite after he had caught the eye when finishing resolutely at Rotorua to kick off this campaign.

"He went nicely at Rotorua when he ran home well so I knew he would take plenty of benefit from that run," he said.

"He has been keen in his work so we went into Saturday confident he would go well.

"It was a nice ride by Doni (Prastiyou) as he did exactly what we talked about before the race and had him in the right place at exactly the right time.

"He finished the race off strongly and has pulled up well afterwards."

Richards is mindful of just what stage in his career Natuzzi is at but believes he still has what it takes to compete at the highest level.

"He is still enjoying life and loves being in the stable so while he is a happy horse we will press on with him," he said.

"Of course, the moment he shows any signs that he can't compete then he will be off to a good life in the paddock but that still appears to be a wee way off.

"This campaign we will look to stretch out his distances as he doesn't really have what it takes to win against the best at 1200m anymore.

"He has only raced over a mile five times for a win and a couple of placings, but I think that is where he can shine. He has relaxed far better in his two starts this time in which will help him get a mile, so I think there is a good win in him at the distance.

"Being an older horse, you can't look too far ahead but a race like the Rich Hill Mile at Ellerslie might be a good target if he keeps going like he is."

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Race	BOP RC Chesters Plumbing and Bathroom H. 1400m.
Winner	Natuzzi (NZ) 2008
Owners	W & Mrs S D Duell
Trainer	Paul Richards (Byerley Park)
Breeding	by Coats Choice (AUS) out of Monsanto by Kilimanjaro (GB)
Breeder	S E & Mrs S J McGiffert; Canterbury; NZ
Sales	2010 South Island 2YO & Mixed Sale V: Three Valleys \$9000 P: Mr LR Beckett



Natuzzi belies his age to score an attractive victory at Tauranga





RICCARTON SPECIALIST AT IT AGAIN ON THE WEEKEND

Awapuni mare **Heni's (NZ)** (Towkay) love affair with the Riccarton track continued Saturday when she brought up her 6th win at the venue and second in the week.

Successful in Wednesday's Gr. 3
Canterbury Breeders Stakes (1400m) the
Towkay mare once again proved too tough
as she gave her rivals a beating over the
same distance in the Vernon & Vazey Truck
Parts Premier contest.

Missing from Wednesday's triumph was rider Rosie Myers who opted for the mount on race favourite William Wallace (NZ) (Darci Brahma) which paved the way for Breslin's stable apprentice Danielle Hirini to take the ride and the victory on Heni.

Hirini produced a copybook performance as she guided the mare into a lovely position just off the speed after narrowly avoiding

disaster when race-rival Batman (NZ) (Falkirk) put on a rodeo act shortly after the start. In the process she pocketed William Wallace on the fence inside her, a move that proved crucial as events in the race played out in the latter stages.

While Hirini and Heni had clear air to issue a winning challenge early in the run home, William Wallace had trouble finding a run before charging home late to snatch the runner-up position.

Hirini was full of praise for the mare's effort when questioned after the race.

"She jumped out and settled well, which I knew she would," she said.

"She ran home beautifully and won well. She is a beautiful mare and deserved that big race on Wednesday.

"I've been looking forward to riding her as I had the booking weeks in advance. She's very versatile and can go on anything and this place is just like another home away from home for her.



Heni once again underlines her prowess at Riccarton

Stable representative Jane Davidson also commented on the mare's affinity with the roomy Riccarton surface.

"She is just a different horse down here and never stops surprising us," she said.

"She seems to do it so easily and races like there is always something more in the tank.

"Wednesday was a huge thrill but to back it up and win again today is just fantastic."

The victory took Heni's overall record to 10 wins from 35 starts and just over \$235,000 in career earnings.

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Race	CJC Vernon and Vazey Truck Parts H. 1400m.
Winner	Heni (NZ) 2010
Owners	W J Duncan
Trainer	Mike Breslin (Awapuni)
Breeding	by Towkay (AUS) out of Bahhzaar by Bahhare (USA)
Breeder	W J Duncan; Central; NZ



MAHALO READY TO TACKLE BLACK TYPE ASSIGNMENT

rogressive mare **Mahalo (NZ)** (Darci Brahma) provided co-trainer Graham Richardson with all the right answers to the test he set her on the weekend when she scored in emphatic style at Tauranga.

Richardson and training partner Gavin Parker are keen to tackle stakes company over the summer months with the lightly raced Darci Brahma mare, but needed evidence she could make the jump to that level.

The pair were looking for a dominant performance in Saturday's rating 85 1200m contest and got just what they were looking for as Mahalo overcame a tardy start and a wide run to defeat her higher rated rivals.

Race	BOP RC Preston Rowe Paterson H. 1200m.
Winner	Mahalo (NZ) 2012
Owners	Mrs J D & K L Anderson, G N & Mrs R F Richardson
Trainer	Graham Richardson & Gavin Parker (Matamata)
Breeding	by Darci Brahma out of Lucky be Lucky (USA) by Storm Cat (USA)
Breeder	P J & P M Vela Ltd; Waikato; NZ
Sales	2014 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale V: Pencarrow Stud \$120000 P: GN Richardson

"We've always held her in high regard and we felt this season would see her at her best," said Richardson.

"As a rule, I don't often race horses out of their grade, but we have been looking at tackling some of the good sprint races around Christmas time with her, so she had to show us she was up to it.

"That was a nice field of handy horses she beat and she did it in good style. We knew there would be plenty of pace on, so I expected her to get back a little but certainly didn't expect to see her bungle the start like she did.

"I think that makes the effort even better as she has come wide to challenge and showed plenty of heart to hold them off at the finish."

Richardson, who shares in the ownership of Mahalo with wife Rochelle and friends Kevin and Jane Anderson, outlaid \$120,000 to purchase her from the Pencarrow Stud draft at the 2014 Premier Sale at Karaka after she caught his eye during the sale build-up.

"I really liked her when I first saw her and we ended up spending a pretty big sum to buy her that day," he said.

"Our thinking all along has been to breed from her when

she finishes her career on the track, so the goal now is to get some black type for her to help with that when the time comes."

Richardson indicated the Listed Hallmark Stud Handicap (1200m) on Boxing Day at Ellerslie will be the mare's main target for this campaign.

Prima Park will offer a full brother to Mahalo as Lot 212 during this week's Ready To Run Sale of Two-Year-Olds at Karaka that starts on Wednesday 22 November.

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FIGARTSHORE CONSTRUCTION

Mahalo passes her Tauranga test with flying colours





DERBY PATH FOR DEMONETIZATION

igel Tiley believes his unbeaten colt **Demonetization** (All Too Hard) is classic material.

The Pukekohe horseman can speak with authority having ridden Ring
The Bell (NZ) (Rangong) to Gr.1 New
Zealand Derby success in 1980 and he
also trained Look Who's Talking (NZ)
(Grosvenor) to claim top honours in
the Ellerslie feature 14 years later.

Tiley is now keen to target the Vodafone-sponsored Blue Riband event with Demonetization, who kept his perfect record intact in Saturday's Fertco 1400m at Tauranga.

"He was very well and he's got a great attitude," he said. "He's definitely going to stay and the Derby is the race to look at.

"He's always showed me a lot. He's a very casual horse and so laid back, he's saves it all for race day."

A debut winner on his home track last month, Demonetization was tardily away under rider Jason Waddell who didn't panic and settled at the back of the field.

"It wasn't such a bad thing, if he had gone forward from his wide gate he would probably have been caught

Demonetization (outer) defeats a gallant Kapoor in a driving finish

three wide," Tiley said.

Waddell urged the colt around runners across the top and Demonetization finished over the top of the stakes-performed filly Kapoor (NZ) (Reliable Man) to win by a short head.

"I might take him to Ellerslie for a look around there in the Bonecrusher Stakes before he goes out for a break," Tiley said.

A son of All Too Hard and the Zabeel mare Midnight Special, Demonetization joined Tiley's stable after his \$220,000 purchase out of Mana Park's Ready to Run Sale draft at Karaka last year.

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Race	BOP RC Fertco S. 1400m.
Winner	Demonetization (AUS) 2014
Owners	N & P Balia Family Trust
Trainer	Nigel Tiley (Pukekohe)
Breeding	by All Too Hard (AUS) out of Midnight Special (AUS) by Zabeel
Breeder	Peters Investments Pty Ltd
Sales	2016 Ready To Run Sale V: Mana Park P: N & P Balia Family Trust; \$220,000





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TAVISTOCK	\$2,007,289	
O'REILLY	\$1,862,871	
IFFRAAJ	\$1,718,423	
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$1,655,364	
GOLD CENTRE	\$1,518,809	
PINS	\$1,482,607	
MAKFI	\$1,461,799	
SHOWCASING	\$1,360,747	
Criteria: Sire whose NZ-conceived progeny have accumulated the highest stakes earnings worldwide		

THE DEWAR STALLION TROPHY

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$3,378,519
IFFRAAJ	\$1,285,078
MAKFI	\$1,209,140
PINS	\$1,023,234
DARCI BRAHMA	\$904,060
SHOCKING	\$875,053
TAVISTOCK	\$863,575
RIP VAN WINKLE	\$789,752
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$744,678
RELIABLE MAN	\$617,610

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

THE GROSVENOR AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$1,112,220
IFFRAAJ	\$728,969
DARCI BRAHMA	\$557,455
TAVISTOCK	\$525,236
PER INCANTO	\$413,867
SHINKO KING	\$355,865
RIP VAN WINKLE	\$341,017
ZED	\$290,348
KEEPER	\$274,410
BURGUNDY	\$270,850

BEST PERFORMERS	EARNINGS
EMBELLISH	\$314,060
GINGERNUTS	\$180,000
NASHVILLE	\$89,900
GOBSTOPPER	\$187,375
SHADOWS CAST	\$112,312
CLOSE UP	\$188,500
TE AKAU SHARK	\$45,375
ZEDEEDUDADEEKO	\$77,500
WILDFLOWER	\$41,950
DIJON BLEU	\$162,200

Criteria: Leading Sires by Earnings in New Zealand



NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG NOVEMBER 15

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
IDYLLIC WIND (NZ) 2008 by Towkay (AUS) out of Wake Up Suzie by Hereward the Wake (USA)	R R Fauvel; Little Avondale Trust & R A Williams; Central; NZ	HKJC Fukushima H. 1000m.	
PHANTOM FALCON (NZ) 2013 by Swiss Ace (AUS) out of River Nymph by Captain Rio (GB)	DW Looker; DR & Mrs K M Smith & Westbury Thoroughbreds Ltd; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Kyoto H. 1200m.	2014 National Weanling; Broodmare & Mixed Sale; V: Westbury Stud, P: PM Ma; \$10,000
KEEP MOVING (NZ) 2013 by Darci Brahma out of Miss Raggedy Ann by Faltaat (USA)	Llanhennock Trust; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Nakayama H. 1000m.	2014 National Yearling Sale - Premier Session V: Wentwood Grange P: NZB as Agent; \$110,000

NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG NOVEMBER 19

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
GOOD FIT (NZ) 2010 by Encosta de Lago (AUS) out of Mrs. Squillionaire (AUS) by Last Tycoon (IRE)	Whakanui Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ	HKJC BOCHK Business Services H. 1800m.	2012 National Yearling Sale - Premier Session; V: Whakanui Stud Ltd, P: New Zealand BStk Ltd; \$200,000 2012 Ready to Run Sale; V: Lyndhurst Farm P: Mr Michael Chang; \$280,000
COMPASSION STAR (NZ) 2013 by Bullbars (AUS) out of Tricilo by Sandtrap (USA)	R S Baulcomb, Miss K Fawcett & E S Wright	HKJC BOCHK Private Banking H. 1400m.	
GIANT TURTLE (NZ) 2011 by Zabeel out of Lacada (AUS) by Giant's Causeway (USA)	Andari Ltd; Sir Patrick & Lady Hogan; Waikato; NZ	HKJC BOCHK Cross-Financial Services H. 2000m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale; V: Cambridge Stud, P: Wallace Thoroughbreds; \$90,000
WERTHER (NZ) 2011 by Tavistock out of Bagalollies (AUS) by Zabeel	C D Allison; C V & J A Barnao; A R Campbell; T G Heptinstall; T M Pivac & D R Platt; Central; NZ	HKJC BOCHK Jockey Club Cup Gr.2 2000m.	
HAPPY AGILITY (NZ) 2011 by Postponed (USA) out of Ballyalla (AUS) by Encosta de Lago (AUS)	G Harvey; Auckland; NZ	HKJC BOCHK Asset Management H. 1400m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Festival Sale; V: Westbury Stud, P: John White BStk; \$45,000 2013 Ready to Run Sale; V: Diamond Lodge, P: R Yiu; \$220,000



NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE NOVEMBER 17

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
SUPER POWER (NZ) 2014 by Power (GB) out of Kilfenora by Zabeel	Sir Patrick & Lady Hogan; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Restricted Maiden S. 1400m.	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
SHOQEET (NZ) 2013 by Showcasing (GB) out of Twentyfirstcentury (GB) by Sadler's Wells (USA)	Windsor Park Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Benchmark 67 H. 1800m.	2014 National Weanling; Broodmare & Mixed Sale; V: Windsor Park Stud, P: Chequers Stud; \$4,000
LIM'S RIPPLE (NZ) 2013 by O'Reilly out of Ethics (AUS) by Zabeel	Waikato Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Kranji S. 1800m.	2015 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale; V: Waikato Stud Ltd, P: Te Akau Racing; \$50,000
DEIMOS (NZ) 2013 by Showcasing (GB) out of Divinity (AUS) by Woodman (USA)	Mrs S R & T D Loveridge; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Benchmark 67 H. 1200m.	

NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE NOVEMBER 19

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
MOON CHARM (NZ) 2012 by Onceuponatime out of Melaka (IRE) by Marju (IRE)	D M Hill & G ETeo; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Debt Collector S. 1200m.	
RED RIDING WOOD (NZ) 2013 by Redwood (GB) out of Dreamcatcher by Stravinsky (USA)	Mrs B & M Griffin; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1700m.	2015 Ready to Run Sale; V: Kiltannon Stables Ltd, P: Vermair Racing; \$57500
NOW YOU SEE (NZ) 2014 by O'Reilly out of Fabulist by Savabeel (AUS)	Waikato Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1000m.	
ATHENA (NZ) 2013 by Nom du Jeu out of Zingara by Howbaddouwantit (USA)	Goodwood Stud Ltd; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1400m.	2014 National Weanling; Broodmare & Mixed Sale; V: Goodwood Stud, P: JF & KG Parsons; \$300

