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## COLDPLAY KEEPS MOMENTUM GOING WITH DETERMINED WIN IN EAGLE TECHNOLOGY



*Coldplay catches Ronchi to win the Eagle Technology Stakes, feature event at yesterday's Ellerslie meeting.*

Time has served **Coldplay (NZ)** (Savabeel) well and she now looks set to challenge for higher honours after maintaining her unbeaten record this season by successfully resuming in Rating 75 company last month then yesterday adding the Group Three Eagle Technology Stakes at Ellerslie.

"She has matured and come into her own as a four-year-old," said Andrew Forsman, who trains in partnership with Murray Baker.

"She was a touch weak as a three-year-old and wasn't really finishing her races off but she's the real deal now."

While the Waikato Stud-raced mare may have lacked strength last term, her victory in the Group Three Eulogy Stakes at Awapuni early in the summer was an indication of her natural talent.

"She's probably best at a mile and ridden off the speed," Forsman said. "We were thinking of the Cal Isuzu Stakes for her at Te Rapa in a couple of weeks but we'll wait and see how

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she comes through this first."

Coldplay enjoyed a good run three back and one off the fence and she finished resolutely to get the better of Ronchi (NZ) (Stravinsky), who took control 250 metres from home.

"He's a hard horse to catch once he gets in front and she really knuckled down," Forsman said. "I thought she may have too much to do so it was a really good effort."

The stable was also represented in the race by Saint Emilion (NZ) (Mastercraftsman), who led and finished fourth, and Mime (NZ) (Mastercraftsman), who petered out to run sixth.

"Saint Emilion ran to keep him ticking over for the Zabeel Classic and Mime was a touch disappointing," Forsman said.

"She didn't let down like she can."

The last-start rating 75 winner Stylish Attack (NZ) (Tavistock) gave a bold account of herself to come from the back for third.

"I've been patient with her coming through the grades," owner-trainer Graeme Hughes said. "She's ticking all the boxes and she's a lot stronger now than she was last season."

<b>Race</b>	<b>ARC Eagle Technology S. Gr.3 1600m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Coldplay (NZ) 2012</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>G J Chittick and G D Wallace</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Murray Baker &amp; Andrew Forsman (Cambridge)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Savabeel (Aus) out of Forty Two Below by O'Reilly</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>G D Wallace</b>

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Weather woes at Wanganui

Wanganui became the second meeting to fall foul of the weather this week when rain forced the abandonment of yesterday's cup fixture.

Last Sunday, the Cambridge Jockey Club's meeting at Te Rapa was called off before a race was run after strong winds blew over a large part of the running rail in the front straight. That meeting will now be held today.

An inspection of the track at Wanganui by jockeys, trainers, stewards and club officials after the opening event, won by the Margaret Cartwright-trained debutant Handsome Return (NZ) (Handsome Ransom) spelled the beginning of the end.

"There was a shower of rain about ten minutes before the first and Chris Dell said his mount slipped and Robert Hannam said his mount did as well near the 800 metre mark," stipendiary steward Brady Jones said.

"A number of other riders reported their mounts weren't happy in the ground and with no immediate remedy to the situation the decision was made to abandon the meeting. It will be up to NZTR if they reschedule the meeting."



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# TOP PROSPECT NOW A DERBY PROSPECT

The appropriately-named **Top Prospect (NZ)** (Swiss Ace) yesterday lived up to his trainer's expectations when he opened his black type account at Ellerslie, the

progressive three-year-old completing a hat-trick of victories for Pukekohe horseman Richard Collett with a sublime performance in the hands of his daughter Alysha to win the Listed Trevor Eagle Memorial.

to settle and to relax so he can get the 2400 metres later on," Collett said.

Top Prospect settled off a good pace set up by Showpin (NZ) (Pins) before he was sent around runners near the turn.

"He's doing all the talking – he's a very good horse," Collett said. "It was a very good effort here to beat the older horses on Melbourne Cup day and on form I thought he was streets ahead of these."

"She rode him like the best horse in the race and set him alight a way from home and if he was as good as we thought then he'd win," said Collett, who has yet to confirm the path that Top Prospect will take toward the Derby.

Top Prospect, who won his maiden at Ruakaka last month, is raced by long-time stable client Arthur Avis and the gelding has the Group One New Zealand Derby as his season's goal.

"We'll see how he comes through this race first," he said. "He's quite a lean athletic type."

The chestnut's impressive finishing burst earned him a three-quarters of

<b>Race</b>	<b>ARC Trevor Eagle Memorial S. L 1500m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Top Prospect (NZ) 2013</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>A O Avis</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Richard Collett (Pukekohe)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Swiss Ace (Aus) out of Princess Carolina (Aus) by More Than Ready (USA)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>G Harvey</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2015 National Yearling Sale, Select Session; V: Westbury Stud, P: The Robt Dawe Agency; \$65,000</b>



a length margin on Barcelo (NZ) (Alamosa), who enjoyed an economical run near the pace on the fence, with Creative Genius (Master Of Design) coming home strongly from the back for third.

"With every start he is improving and the further he goes the better he'll be," Alysha Collett said.

*Top Prospect puts a smile on Alysha Collett's face as he holds off Barcelo in the Trevor Eagle Memorial.*



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# CYLINDER BEACH WELCOMES LUKE BACK WITH STAKES SUCCESS AT EAGLE FARM

Apprentice Luke Tarrant has ridden his first feature winner since returning from a long suspension as **Cylinder Beach (NZ)** (Showcasing) continued trainer Desleigh Forster's impressive start to the Brisbane summer carnival, charging through the pack to beat a brave Hopfgarten (Mossman) by 1½ lengths in the Listed Recognition Stakes over 1400 metres at Eagle Farm yesterday.

Tarrant was Brisbane's leading junior rider during his apprenticeship, winning the 2015 Magic Millions Classic and the 2014 Group Two Villiers at Randwick. His career ran off the rails when he was banned for eight months on drug offences and he didn't return until late August.

"It is great to be back riding in big races aboard good horses such as Cylinder Beach," Tarrant said.

Forster won last week's Keith Noud Quality with another of her four-year-olds in Too Good To Refuse (Rothesay) but she will avoid clashes between the pair.

Cylinder Beach won the Group Three Gunsynd Classic as a three-year-old last season and Forster believes he is headed towards more stakes success.

"I will keep Too Good To Refuse and Cylinder Beach apart



*Cylinder Beach is well clear of his rivals in the Recognition Stakes at Eagle Farm.*

until the winter and I think we might head to the Villiers in Sydney next month," she said.

"But it will all depend on how much weight he is likely to get in Brisbane in the coming weeks."

– AAP TURF

<b>Race</b>	<b>Qld Tatt's RC Recognition S. L 1400m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Cylinder Beach (NZ) 2012</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>N C Mayne, C M Mayne, D M Forbes, River Port Racing, Mrs T Lees, Dr T M Schramm, P M O'Neill, D J O'Neill, M A Lenarduzzi, D J Mulvenna, Mr D J Cleary, B J Hastie and S C Mayne</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Desleigh Forster (Eagle Farm)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Showcasing (GB) out of Queen's Colours (GB) by Rainbow Quest (USA)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>T O Harrison</b>





# RUUD NOT TOO REFUSES TO YIELD

Stephen Marsh received a pleasant surprise when **Ruud Not Too (NZ)** (Bernardini) produced a stirring first-up performance to win a competitive Rating 85 contest at Ellerslie yesterday.

The Cambridge trainer believed she was the best of the three runners he lined up in the Withers & Co 1100, but he still didn't expect to win the sprint.

"At the weights and the way they were drawn, I had Ruud Not Too on top of mine, but I still thought Go Nicholas would win," Marsh said.

As it turned out, Ruud Not Too was a touch too good for stablemate Rocanto (NZ) (Per Incanto) with Chachar (NZ) (Thorn Park) taking third off the favourite Go Nicholas (NZ) (Danroad).

"I'm very happy, but I was keeping

an eye in the straight on Go Nicholas. He's a horse I've got a lot of respect for," Marsh said.

Unraced since April, Ruud Not Too bounced out of her handy gate to lead for Danielle Johnson and the mare kicked on determinedly in the run home to beat Rocanto, who had to give the winner five and a half kilos.

"I think the weight was the difference in the end," Marsh said. "They are both very good horses and they were great runs from both of them."

Ruud Not Too has yet to win beyond 1400 metres but Marsh is confident the Group placed four-year-old can put that right in her main aim, the Dunstan Feeds Rising Stars Championship at Ellerslie on Boxing Day.

"That 1500 metre race looks perfect for her," he said.

Meanwhile, Rocanto holds Group One nominations for the Railway Stakes and the Telegraph.

"We'll be looking at the major sprints with him and he will drop a lot of weight for them," Marsh said.

<b>Race</b>	<b>ARC Withers &amp; Co H. 1100m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Ruud Not Too (NZ) 2012</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Go Racing Ruud Not Too Syndicate (Mgr: Albert Bosma)</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Stephen Marsh (Cambridge)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Bernardini (USA) out of Too Many Diamonds by O'Reilly</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Sir Patrick &amp; Lady Hogan</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2014 National Yearling Sale, Premier Session; V: Cambridge Stud, P: Go Racing Ltd; \$220,000</b>



Two of the best in the business, Danielle Johnson and Opie Bosson, fight out the finish of the Rating 85 sprint at Ellerslie on a classy pair from the Stephen Marsh stable, Ruud Not Too (white cap) and Rocanto. In one of the day's best contests, Ruud Not Too and Johnson prevailed.





# OPIE GETS THE BEST FROM STREET SMART



Street Smart displays his staying prowess with a powerful finishing burst to win the opening event on yesterday's Ellerslie card.

Normal service was resumed at Ellerslie yesterday with the champion jockey Opie Bosson showcasing his skills in the saddle.

The 36-year-old signalled his permanent return to New Zealand with a typically polished display aboard the progressive stayer **Street Smart (NZ)** (Shocking) to claim the thick end of the stake in the Dunstan Feeds Stayers' Championship Qualifier.

Bosson recently cut short his contract with the Hong Kong Jockey Club by mutual consent and Street Smart's trainer Shaune Ritchie was certainly glad to see him back.

"He's one of the best and it's great to see him straight back into it," the Cambridge horseman said.

Street Smart, who was tripped up by a wet track at Avondale at his previous appearance, has won three of his thirteen starts and Ritchie is keen to pursue a path to the Group One Auckland Cup with the four-year-old.

"He's by a Melbourne Cup winner out of a Zabeel mare so we're in a good position," he said.

"He's bred to run over ground and he's always given me the impression that he will get the ultimate trip."

Street Smart settled in the final trio and came with long strides in the straight for Bosson to win by half a length.

"You don't have to give him any instructions at all," Ritchie said. "He makes the right decisions and it was a good effort from the horse as well."

The favourite Symphonic (NZ) (O'Reilly) continued her consistent run of form with her second placing ahead of Pure Lorde (NZ) (Darci Brahma), who took third from Ulysses (NZ) (Battle Paint).

Race	ARC Dunstan Stayers Qualifier H. 2100m
Winner	Street Smart (NZ) 2012
Owners	Ms S E Anderson & N P Nausbaum
Trainer	Shaune Ritchie (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Shocking (Aus) out of Charmeel by Zabeel
Breeder	Rich Hill Thoroughbreds Ltd and P J B Smith
Sales	2014 National Yearling Sale, Select Session; V: Rich Hill Stud, P: S F Ritchie; \$125,000







# NOVA SWISS UNBEATEN **IN SINGAPORE**



*Nova Swiss continues his winning ways.*

**A**fter opening his Singapore career with three straight wins, **Nova Swiss (NZ)** (Swiss Ace) faced his stiffest test to date at Kranji on Friday night, a \$5100,000 Open Benchmark 83 over 1200 metres against sprinters used to tackling the best locals in commission.

After settling just off the pace, rider Manoel Nunes was hard at work on turning for home but was eventually rewarded with an impressive three and three-quarter length victory.

"This horse is amazing," said the champion jockey.

"Around the turn I had to shake him

up, then I realised I needed to change his lead. Once I balanced him up, the response was that of a good horse.

"He is still a big baby who has not fully matured. I think after a short spell he will return bigger and better next season.

"I must credit Alwin and his team; they have done an outstanding job."

Winning trainer Alwin Tan was almost lost for words but indicated that he had a great deal of faith in the horse and was impressed with what he had achieved so far.

By winning at this level, Nova Swiss confirmed what many pundits had

already identified – this is a horse with ability who will be making headlines in 2017.

– Singapore Turf Club

<b>Race</b>	<b>Singapore TC Benchmark 83 H. 1200m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Nova Swiss (NZ) 2013</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Nova Racing Stable</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Alwin Tan (Kranji)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Swiss Ace (Aus) out of Asciano Miss (Aus) by Jet Spur (Aus)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>G J Perry</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2015 National Yearling Sale, Select Session; V: Westbury Stud, P: New Zealand Bloodstock as agent; \$10,000</b>

