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## GINGERNUTS TEAM SWITCH TO PLAN B



*Star kiwi galloper Gingernuts has had his immediate plans changed following the abandonment of Saturday's Gr. 1 Livamol Classic*

A start in the A\$3million BMW Caulfield Cup in a fortnight is off the table for New Zealand Derby winner **Gingernuts (NZ)** (Iffraaj) after he missed a run in the Gr. 1 Livamol Classic on Saturday.

The abandonment of racing at Hastings on Saturday, due to concerns around rider safety following a horse slipping badly when pulling up after the Gr. 2 Hawkes Bay Guineas, has meant the team at Te Akau Racing must now switch to Plan B with the Iffraaj four-year-old.

Originally scheduled to fly to Australia on Wednesday,

Gingernuts will now remain in New Zealand for the time being before heading to Melbourne later than planned to contest the Gr. 1 Emirates Stakes on the last day of the Melbourne Spring Carnival.

Te Akau Racing boss David Ellis was philosophical about the circumstances that have necessitated the change in direction for their stable star.

"You can't control the weather and it is just very very unfortunate what has happened with the track on the weekend," he said.

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# GINGERNUTS (NZ)

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“By missing a run on Saturday, it means he won’t be ready for the Caulfield Cup or the Melbourne Cup after that so we have had to shift to Plan B.

“We are going to wait and see what decision is taken with rescheduling the Livamol and if it fits in he will remain here to contest the race before heading over to Melbourne to run in the Emirates Stakes.

“If for some reason they can’t reschedule the Livamol or it isn’t on a date that suits he will go to Melbourne a little earlier and have a lead-up run to the Emirates over there.”

While naturally disappointed by Saturday’s turn of events Ellis confirmed the possibility of missing the Caulfield Cup had always been in the back of his mind.

“With racing you always have to keep as many options on the table that you can so we had thought about different scenarios if things didn’t go to plan,” he explained.

“Originally we had thought about going to Melbourne for his final Caulfield Cup lead-up but we were mindful of the travel and doing what was best for the horse.

“We felt the best option was to stay and contest the Livamol which minimised the travel for him but circumstances have dictated that is not to be.

“You have to remember he is only a four-year-old and the Caulfield and Melbourne Cups will still be there next year and the year after that so there is plenty of time to accomplish those goals.”

While Ellis is disappointed for the horse and his connections he is also feeling for Hawkes Bay Racing Incorporated who have had their flagship day of the year cruelly cut short.

“I really feel for the Club as they had a sell-out crowd and it promised to be a wonderful day’s racing,” he noted.

“They did everything they could to keep the meeting going but mother nature conspired against them and in the end safety is paramount and the right decision was made to call the meeting off.”

New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing have indicated that discussions with Hawkes Bay Racing are continuing with the view to an announcement on the rescheduling of the Livamol Classic to be made in the next few days.

– NZ Racing Desk

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Danis, Khalid earn industry kudos in New Zealand

Some of Singapore’s emerging racing talent was recognised in New Zealand last week as two of its apprentice jockeys were recognised for their achievements.

Darren Danis and Khalid Hairi Marzuki were two of the recipients at the annual Milan Park Waikato Apprentice Jockeys Awards. Danis, who is currently sidelined through injury, won the Most Improved Apprentice award while Khalid, who is also not riding at the moment, but through suspension, was given the Most Promising 1st Year Apprentice.

Even though Danis is still not 100% over the serious back injury he sustained in a race fall at Washdyke on July 30, he would not have missed the occasion for anything in the world. Based in Matamata with trainers Wayne and Vanessa Hillis, Danis had 10 winners under his belt before the unfortunate fall.

“I’m out for the rest of the year. After my surgery to my fractured T3 and T4 vertebrae, doctors told me I had to wait at least till next January to have a better idea if I can resume my riding career,” said the 25-year-old son of jockey-turned-trainer Luke Danis.

“I miss riding and I still watch the races and study form, just to keep in touch. I am really honoured with that award; it motivates me even more to make my comeback.”

Based in Cambridge where he is indentured to Kranji trainer Bruce Marsh’s son Stephen since August 2016, Khalid, whose riding name is Hairi there, was just as elated with the accolade.

“I’m really excited with the Most Promising 1st Year Apprentice Award. It wasn’t easy when I started, so it’s really satisfying to win this,” said Khalid.

“Overall, it’s been a great experience as we race three to four times a week here and I get more opportunities, but I do feel homesick.”





# WEIR TO LOOK TO BLINKERS FOR HUMIDOR

Having watched **Humidor (NZ)** (Teofilo) get trounced by Winx (Street Cry) in the Turnbull Stakes, trainer Darren Weir will test the horse in blinkers at trackwork before deciding if he wears them in the \$3 million Caulfield Cup.

Humidor won the Group One Makybe Diva Stakes the start before Saturday's Turnbull but he was no match for Winx who streeeted her rivals by 6-1/2 lengths with one of Humidor's Cup rivals Ventura Storm (Zoffany) running second.

Humidor, who started the \$7.50 second favourite to Winx, was another three-quarters of a length third and hung in

under pressure from the top of the straight.

"My first thought was disappointing," Weir said.

"He followed Winx into the race. Winx left them all but he started to lay in.

"We thought we had all those things ironed out at home. He paraded beautifully so there was absolutely no excuse. He ran well below par so I think it's time for a gear change now.

"We'll give him a couple of gallops between now and Caulfield in the blinkers and decide whether we go with them, but he needs to come up a notch now," Weir said.

"So, we'll have to do something."



Humidor is out to \$8 from \$6 in the Caulfield Cup after Saturday with star New Zealand mare Bonneval (NZ) (Makfi) the \$4.60 favourite.

Humidor's stablemate Amelie's Star (Testa Rossa) moved to \$6 second favouritism after her win in Saturday's The Bart Cummings (2500m).

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*Caulfield Cup candidate Humidor will have a change of gear at his next start following an indifferent performance on the weekend*



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# VICTORIA DERBY ASSAULT GATHERS MOMENTUM FOR EX-PAT KIWI TRAINERS

An assault on the prestigious Gr. 1 Victoria Derby gathered momentum on the weekend for ex-pat kiwi couple Trent Busuttin and Natalie Young who look likely to have a trio of stable contenders face the starter for the blue riband event on 4 November.

The Cranbourne based couple have six horses nominated for the 2500 metre classic with **Main Stage (NZ)** (Reliable Man), **Johnny Vinko (NZ)** (Savabeel) and **Sully (NZ)** (Reliable Man) all looking likely prospects following some sparkling results on Saturday. Reliable Man gelding Main Stage caught the eye as he stormed home from near last to snatch victory in the Listed UCI Stakes (1800m) at Flemington with Johnny Vinko also

finishing resolutely to hold third in the same race.

In Sydney an unfavourable barrier draw played against stable runner Sully who made up good ground in the run home to finish third in the Gr. 1 Spring Champion Stakes (2000m). It was a performance that had Busuttin ruing a lack of tempo in the race that cost his runner a winning chance.

“Once we drew wide we had to go back with him which isn’t the place to be in those Sydney staying races,”

*Saturday’s Listed UCI Stakes winner is a leading Victoria Derby contender for the Trent Busuttin & Natalie Young stable*

he commented.

“They just tend to sit and sprint in all their races over a trip and it was the same on Saturday.

“Once we got back there wasn’t a lot we could do about it and with the ground he made up I definitely think it cost him a win.”

Busuttin was also full of compliments for the performance of his Flemington pair who have made steady progress in recent weeks.

“Both horses have really come on well and we’ve been delighted with how they have been going,” he said.

“Main Stage had been narrowly beaten at his last start and he took plenty of improvement from that run. His performance on Saturday was top notch as he came from near last on the

corner and was still going strongly at the line.

“Johnny Vinko is still a maiden but has done nothing wrong to date and we were rapt with how he went in his biggest test to date.

“It was a fabulous result and could only have been better if we had run first and second.”

Busuttin will now use traditional lead-up events to fit his charges for their Derby challenge with Johnny Vinko likely to contest the Listed Geelong Classic (2200m) on 25 October while Sully and Main Stage could clash in either the Ladbrokes Classic (2000m) at Caulfield on 21 October or the Gr. 2 Moonee Valley Vase (2040m) on Cox Plate Day, 28 October. – NZ Racing Desk





# IMPRESSIVE HASTINGS WINNER IN STABLE TUG-OF-WAR

A month-long holiday in America may have cost Matamata's Mark Lupton the opportunity to embellish his season's tally in the training ranks with promising mare **Yearn (NZ)** (Savabeel), who made it back-to-back victories at Hastings on Saturday.

Not that he is complaining mind you, as while he has foregone his winning percentage as the mare's trainer, he and wife Cath are reaping the major spoils as owners of the Savabeel four-year-old who is currently being prepared by Karen Fursdon.

Yearn had convincingly broken her maiden status with a six-length victory at Te Rapa last month which Lupton had missed while he was out of the country. He was quietly confident about a repeat performance

when interviewed prior to a start in Saturday's rating 65 1200 metre contest.

"She won a trial for me at Te Teko before she had her first run in this campaign," he explained.

"Unfortunately, we were heading to America for a month so I was apprehensive about what to do with her.

"I nearly pulled the pin on my ticket and stayed back as I thought she would win first -up. Karen does a great job and is a good friend of ours so we gave Yearn to her and she got the job done.

"She is supposed to come back to my stable next week but I'm told Karen has the gate locked so we will just have to see."

Settled nicely in mid-field by rider

Troy Harris, Yearn was always travelling comfortably as she closed on the leading pack approaching the home turn. Angled for an inside run behind a wall of horses in the final 200 metres, Yearn produced an electric burst to charge along the fence and snatch victory by a neck from a game Lasting Friendship (Commands) who looked the winner until the final few bounds.

Lupton was full of praise for the effort as he admitted he may well have lost the training rights to the mare for good after the performance.

"Karen has been in full control and has done a great job," he said.

"To step from maiden class to a premier rating 65 win is just amazing and a great effort.

"I think the people in the grandstand thought I'd gone mad I was yelling that hard. To win on a premier day is pretty special and you don't get to race for \$40,000 in this grade too often.

"I've always thought we might be able to pick up some black type with her so that's what the aim will be for her now." – NZ Racing Desk



<b>Race</b>	<b>Hawkes Bay Mardigras Event Hire H. 1200m.</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Yearn (NZ) 2013</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>M &amp; Mrs C R Lupton</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Karen Fursdon (Matamata)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Savabeel (AUS) out of Princess Uno (AUS) by Danehill (USA)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>D'Arcy Thoroughbreds Pty Ltd &amp; Whakanui Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ</b>

*Yearn (inner) sprints hard to score an impressive victory at Hastings*





# MONGOLIAN LEGEND STARTS DAY OFF WELL FOR BAKER FORSMAN CAMP

The powerful Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman training partnership got their day off to a bright start at Hastings on Saturday when underrated performer **Mongolian Legend** (Fastnet Rock) scored a gritty win in the opening event.

The enigmatic four-year-old has always appealed as a capable stayer after closing off his three-year-old campaign with a creditable run when finishing in midfield behind Gingernuts (NZ) (Iffraaj) in the Gr. 1 New Zealand Derby in March.

The Fastnet Rock gelding resumed with a courageous win over 1400 metres at Matamata back in August before finishing runner-up a fortnight later at Ruakaka over 1600 metres. Punters installed him as a warm

favourite for Saturday's 2200 metre opening event and he didn't disappoint by grinding out a tough win under the urgings of rider Matt Cameron after seizing the initiative early in the run home.

Co-trainer Andrew Forsman was pleased to see the rangy bay perform up to expectations after enjoying a perfect run in transit throughout the contest.

"He got into a few bad habits when he was a colt and I think some of his manners is a result of a hangover from that," he explained.

"He switched off a bit when they put the pressure on but Matt's a good rider and if anyone is going to wake them up and get them going it's Matt.

"I thought he might be a bit susceptible as it was his first time over ground in this campaign, but I knew he would fight.



*The day started well at Hastings for the powerful Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman team when Mongolian Legend took out the first race on the card*

"It was a tough effort."

Forsman expects the horse to work his way through the grades over the next few months with the possibility he may contest several of the feature Cup races during the summer.

Mongolian Legend is owned by the Inner Mongolia Rider Horse Industry (NZ) Ltd. and has now won four of his 10 career starts.

- NZ Racing Desk

<b>Race</b>	<b>Hawkes Bay Bay Ford NZ H. 2200m.</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Mongolian Legend (AUS) 2013</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Inner Mongolia Rider Horse Industry (NZ) Ltd</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Murray Baker &amp; Andrew Forsman (Cambridge)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Fastnet Rock (AUS) out of Purde by Bahhare (USA)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Reavill Farm Management</b>



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# NZ STALLION AWARDS

## THE CENTAINE AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
<b>SAVABEEL</b>	<b>\$1,529,254</b>
DARCI BRAHMA	\$1,207,439
IFFRAAJ	\$1,025,693
MAKFI	\$1,024,281
TAVISTOCK	\$946,500
PINS	\$924,595
O'REILLY	\$886,870
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$789,332
THORN PARK	\$684,538
ROAD TO ROCK	\$629,513

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

## THE DEWAR STALLION TROPHY

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
<b>SAVABEEL</b>	<b>\$970,366</b>
MAKFI	\$889,545
IFFRAAJ	\$776,683
PINS	\$739,884
SHOCKING	\$510,019
DARCI BRAHMA	\$474,850
RIP VAN WINKLE	\$456,597
TAVISTOCK	\$405,731
RAISE THE FLAG	\$365,590
SHINKO KING	\$342,280

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

## THE GROSVENOR AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
<b>IFFRAAJ</b>	<b>\$467,934</b>
SHINKO KING	\$302,815
ZED	\$264,913
DARCI BRAHMA	\$240,810
YAMANIN VITAL	\$213,350
NO EXCUSE NEEDED	\$211,850
TAVISTOCK	\$210,846
SAVABEEL	\$204,395
EL HERMANO	\$154,930
BURGUNDY	\$150,075

BEST PERFORMERS	EARNINGS
<b>GINGERNUTS</b>	<b>\$130,000</b>
CLOSE UP	\$188,500
ZEDEEDUDADEEKO	\$77,500
NASHVILLE	\$82,500
WISE MEN SAY	\$84,750
YIN DRAGON	\$39,825
GOBSTOPPER	\$37,500
KAWI	\$40,000
UNDERTHEMOONLIGHT	\$92,500
DIJON BLEU	\$76,200

*Criteria: Leading Sires by Earnings in New Zealand*



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## NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG **OCTOBER 5**

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
<b>EXCEPTIONAL DESIRE (NZ) 2013 by Darci Brahma out of Grace And Eva by Stravinsky (USA)</b>	Mrs V J Fauvel, Little Avondale Trust & R A Williams	HKJC Quarry Bay H. 1200m.	2015 National Yearling Sale - Select Session V: Little Avondale Stud, P: John Foote Bloodstock; \$80,000
<b>STAR MAJESTIC (NZ) 2010 by Sakhee's Secret (GB) out of Dantessa by Danasinga (AUS)</b>	K J Hickman & G W Hulston	HKJC North Point H. 1650m.	2012 National Yearling Sale - Select Session V: Valachi Downs, P: PD O'Sullivan; \$60,000
<b>KEEP MOVING (NZ) 2013 by Darci Brahma out of Miss Raggedy Ann by Faltaat (USA)</b>	Llanhennock Trust	HKJC Causeway Bay H. 1000m.	2015 National Yearling Sale - Premier Session V: Wentwood Grange, P: NZB as agent; \$110,000
<b>PIKACHU (NZ) 2010 by Keeper (AUS) out of Mumtaz by Cape Cross (IRE)</b>	M P Kuklinski; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Tai Hang H. 1800m.	2012 National Yearling Sale - Select Session V: Shelby Park, P: PR Beamish; \$48,000

## NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG **OCTOBER 8**

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
<b>WINNER ST PAUL'S (NZ) 2010 by Gold Centre (AUS) out of Pines Princess (AUS) by Bluebird (USA)</b>	J R O'Brien; Central; NZ	HKJC Sha Tsui H. 1200m.	
<b>RATTAN (NZ) 2013 by Savabeel (AUS) out of Grand Princess (AUS) by Last Tycoon (IRE)</b>	M H S & S H R Davison & Mrs M P Schick; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Tak Wah H. 1600m.	2015 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale; V: Mapperley Stud Ltd, P: Bruce Perry B/stock; \$150,000
<b>Speedy Grey - FIFTY FIFTY (H.K.) (NZ) 2012 by Thorn Park (AUS) out of Udiditagain by D'Cash (AUS)</b>	Miss J M; K J & Mrs M L Shaw; Canterbury; NZ	HKJC Yeung Uk H. 1400m.	2014 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale; V: Inglewood Stud, P: Hiwi Lodge; \$75,000

## NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE **OCTOBER 6**

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
<b>The Dark Knight - UNCLE LUCKY (Sing.) (NZ) 2012 by Showcasing (GB) out of Starry Angel by Shinko Forest (IRE)</b>	Hallmark Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1100m.	2014 National Yearling Sale - Festival Sale; V: Hallmark Stud, P: MF Rogers; \$16,000
<b>ATHENA (NZ) 2013 by Nom du Jeu out of Zingara by Howbaddouwantit (USA)</b>	Goodwood Stud Ltd; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Maiden S. 1400m.	2014 National Weanling; Broodmare & Mixed Sale; V: Goodwood Stud, P: JF & KG Parsons; \$300

## NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE **OCTOBER 8**

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
<b>GOLD CITY (NZ) 2013 by Sufficient out of Beaver by Kashani (USA)</b>	Gillovic Bloodstock Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Open Maiden S. 1200m.	
<b>ZAHIR (NZ) 2011 by Any Suggestion (AUS) out of Zevita (AUS) by Zeditave (AUS)</b>	B S Mullane; P Setchell & L Williams; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1600m.	2012 National Weanling; Broodmare & Mixed Sale; V: Scotsman Valley Farm Dispersal Sale, P: New Zealand BStk Ltd; \$2,000
<b>POSEIDON (NZ) 2011 by Gold Centre (AUS) out of Waikiki Princess (AUS) by Turtle Island (IRE)</b>	J R O'Brien; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Racing Guide Classic 1400m.	

