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## MOONEE VALLEY VASE WIN PROVES AN IDEAL DERBY PREP FOR SACRED ELIXIR



*Sacred Elixir dashes through late in centre track to win the Moonee Valley Vase and confirm favouritism for next weekend's Victoria Derby.*

The bad news for rivals of **Sacred Elixir (NZ)** (Pour Moi) in the Victoria Derby is that jockey Damian Lane expects him to be better over more ground after winning yesterday's Group Two Moonee Valley Vase over 2040 metres.

"He was good today but if anything he'll be even better over further next week," Lane said after Sacred Elixir, a solid \$4.60 favourite, came through between horses in the home

straight to defeat long-time leader Morvada (Mossman) by a half length.

"He settled for me today, even though we were closer in the run, and he just got stronger and stronger without it being too hard on him."

Tony Pike said he was delighted to see Sacred Elixir back in winning form.

"It's great to see him win like that after being beaten in the

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Caulfield Guineas but he got fired up before that race, which didn't help," the Kiwi trainer said.

Pike removed the blinkers from Sacred Elixir yesterday in an effort to get the gelding to settle.

"That was a good strong win. I was a little bit worried he might get pushed down towards the worst part of the track around the turn but Damian did a great job."

Pike said he had always felt Sacred Elixir, a son of Epsom Derby winner Pour Moi, would be suited by the Derby distance.

"He was strong late here and he should relish the 2500 metres next week," Pike said.

"He's had a relatively soft run today which is good on a seven-day back-up. He's had a good hit-out and it's onwards and upwards to next week."

Corporate bookmakers immediately made Sacred Elixir favourite for the Victoria Derby at Flemington next Saturday, with prices above \$4 quickly snapped up and \$3.80 now hard to find.

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<b>Race</b>	<b>MVRC Moonee Valley Vase Gr.2 2040m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Sacred Elixir (NZ) 2013</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Raffles Thoroughbred Racing (Mgr: KT Yap)</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Tony Pike (Cambridge)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Pour Moi (Ire) out of Baltika by Stravinsky (USA)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>G W de Gruchy</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2015 National Yearling Sale, Premier Session; V: Wentwood Grange, P: Raffles Racing/Mulcaster Bloodstock; \$170,000</b>



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# NURSE KITCHEN A TONIC FOR PETER



Nurse Kitchen (blue and white colours) edges away from the pack to take out yesterday's Moonee Valley Fillies Classic.

Retired champion trainer Peter Moody found himself back in the winner's circle after the David Brideoake-trained **Nurse Kitchen (NZ)** (Savabeel) swept to victory in the Group Two Moonee Valley Fillies Classic yesterday.

Moody was representing his wife Sarah, the listed owner of Nurse Kitchen, after Kerrin McEvoy produced the three-year-old filly with a strong finishing burst to take out the \$A200,000 1600 metre event.

"I'm very proud to be here representing my wife with a filly that we bred ourselves," Moody said.

"She's a nice filly. She's always shown good ability and congratulations to David and his team and thanks to Kerrin for a wonderful ride.

"I think she's going to be a lovely

staying filly and hopefully she can develop into an Oaks filly for David and the team in the autumn."

McEvoy settled Nurse Kitchen in the back half of the field, angling clear at the top of the straight but spotting a hefty start to the well-backed \$3.50 chance I Am A Star (NZ) (I Am Invincible), which had ambled to the front for Steven King after enjoying the run of the race.

Chris Waller's \$2.45 favourite Sezanne (More Than Ready) wound up strongly down the outside but Nurse Kitchen, a drifter in betting from \$10 to \$18, was too good, holding out Sezanne by a half a length with I Am A Star a neck back in third.

"She was up sharply in trip," McEvoy said. "She ran over 1200 metres last time but didn't really have a hard run because she got into some trouble.

"Stepping up in trip she really enjoyed it. She was strong the last bit."

Brideoake was reluctant to commit to any further spring plans.

"We've always thought she's a little immature and will take a little bit of racing," the Mornington trainer said.

"We'll have a look at her over the next few days and just decide whether that's enough for her for this spring – and that may be the case."

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<b>Race</b>	<b>MVRC Moonee Valley Fillies Classic Gr.2 1600m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Nurse Kitchen (NZ) 2013</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Mrs S A Moody</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>David Brideoake (Mornington)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Savabeel (Aus) out of Flying Monty by Montjeu (Ire)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Moody Racing Pty Ltd</b>





# BEL BAGS FIRST LEG OF TARGETED DOUBLE

**G**rant Searle has plans for a rare trip north with his in-form mare **Bel Sorriso (NZ)** (Keeper), the Levin trainer producing the five-year-old for a first-up success in the Group Three Thompson Handicap at Trentham to bag the opening leg of a black type double.

"We're looking at the mile at Tauranga next – I only brought her back for the two races," said Searle, referring to yesterday's race and the Group Two Tauranga WFA on November 12.

Bel Sorriso was given a break after she had run consecutive thirds under big weights in open handicaps during the winter.

"She's only a little mare and carrying 60kg was killing her," Searle said. "Getting down to 56kg today was ideal."

Bel Sorriso was ridden as usual by Johnathan Parkes and he brought the mare home with a strong finishing burst to collar Cruiser (NZ) (Captain Rio) by a long head with Big

Dreamer (NZ) (No Excuse Needed) taking third money ahead of warm favourite Get That Jive (Street Sense).

"Johnathan knows her so well and she's been a great mare to us," Searle said. "She goes out and gives her heart and soul every time.

"I certainly knew that she would be coming late at them, but to be honest I just wasn't sure if it was wet enough for her."

<b>Race</b>	<b>WRC Thompson H. Gr.3 1600m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Bel Sorriso (NZ) 2011</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Ms A I Barr, W M Dempster, D S Radka and Mrs A Searle</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Grant Searle (Levin)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Keeper (Aus) out of Balbeel by Zabeel</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Sir Patrick &amp; Lady Hogan</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2013 National Yearling Sale, Select Session; V: Cambridge Stud; P: G L Searle; \$5000</b>



Under a strong ride from Johnathan Parkes, Bel Sorriso scores a fresh-up win in Trentham's Thompson Handicap.





# RIDE, DRAW KEY TO ASTARA'S SOLILOQUY

An inside gate was instrumental in **Astara (NZ)** (Dalghar) adding winning momentum to her Group One campaign.

The Ruakaka filly was beaten from wide draws in her first two appearances as a three-year-old but she made excellent use of yesterday's much better barrier at Ellerslie to claim top honours in the Listed Dunstan Feeds Soliloquy Stakes.

<b>Race</b>	<b>ARC Soliloquy S. L 1400m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Astara (NZ) 2013</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Mr Neven Botica</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Donna Logan &amp; Chris Gibbs (Ruakaka)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Dalghar (Fr) out of Svita (Aus) by Success Express (USA)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Botsky Pty Ltd</b>

In the hands of Samantha Collett, Astara jumped well to sit behind the pace and once clear in the straight she finished well to remain unbeaten at Ellerslie, where she won twice last season, including the Listed Champagne Stakes.

"I told Sam to have A and B plans. Ideally we wanted her in the trail or if she was in front that would have been fine, but she had to go forward," said Donna Logan, who trains the grey in partnership with Chris Gibbs.

"Sam knows the horse well, she's ridden her at the trials as well and it's not always easy getting riders to stay with horses but she is the first to volunteer."

Astara is raced by her Perth-based

breeder Neven Botica, who purchased her European Group Three-winning sire Dalghar from the Aga Khan to stand at Brighthill Farm.

Her Group One New Zealand One Thousand Guineas odds have now been cut from \$18 to \$10 following the Soliloquy success.

"It was a great, tough win," Collett said. "She got a good draw and she was able to sit on the speed. She is an Ellerslie specialist and the extra trip at Riccarton will suit her down to the ground."

Runner-up Glass Slipper (NZ) (Pins) and third placegetter Mystery Show (NZ) (Sakhee's Secret), at \$7 and \$8 respectively for the Guineas, both impressed with their finishing runs.



"It was a super run. She ran out a bit which probably cost her the race," the former's rider Leith Innes said.

Mystery Show went back to last from her wide gate and she also powered home. "She went huge," jockey Mark Du Plessis said. "We had no options from the draw but she hit the line hard."

*Samantha Collett keeps Astara going to keep the challengers at bay in yesterday's Soliloquy Stakes at Ellerslie.*





# HALL OF FAME ENHANCES GUINEAS CLAIM

**H**all Of Fame (NZ) (Savabeel) has done everything he possibly can to make up Matthew Cameron's mind. The three-year-old has delivered two impressive victories ahead of next month's Group One New Zealand Two Thousand Guineas and now the stable jockey will have to decide whether he stays with the colt for the classic or rides Heroic Valour (Fastnet Rock).

"That's what he gets paid the big bucks for," said Jamie Richards, who trains the pair of classic contenders with Stephen Autridge.

Heroic Valour is currently rated a \$6 Guineas chance, a quote he now shares with his stablemate after Hall Of Fame's latest victory, a runaway romp in yesterday's Listed Zacinto Stakes at Riccarton. He had also won the Guineas Trial at his previous outing when ridden by pinch-hitter Michael McNab.

Hall Of Fame was opposed by only four runners yesterday and he travelled easily in front before Cameron asked him to find another gear on straightening.

"He had a nice run in transit to be fair but we couldn't ask for any more," Richards said. "I'm not sure about what he beat, but the way he did it shows he's definitely on the right track."

Hall Of Fame was out on his own 300 metres from home and won easing down by five lengths

from Stephenstihls (NZ) (Smart Missile) with the maiden Cobblertothestars (NZ) (Jimmy Choux) third in front of Leading Role (NZ) (Darci Brahma) and Ave Maria (NZ) (Bachelor Duke).

"He likes clear air so we planned to take the lead and take any bad luck out of the equation," Richards said.

<b>Race</b>	<b>CJC Canterbury S. L 1600m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Hall of Fame (NZ) 2013</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Te Akau 24/7 Syndicate (Mgr: D C Ellis)</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Stephen Autridge &amp; Jamie Richards (Matamata)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Savabeel (Aus) out of Around The Clock (Aus) by Galileo (Ire)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>M W O'Keeffe</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2015 Ready to Run Sale; V: Lyndhurst Farm, P: Te Akau Racing; \$230,000</b>



*Matt Cameron goes easy on Hall Of Fame as they pass the post panels ahead of their Riccarton rivals.*

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# GIFT OF POWER TOO TOUGH IN WELLESLEY

**T**alented youngster **Gift Of Power (NZ)** (Power) yesterday completed a notable two-year-old double for Graeme Rogerson at Trentham, where she posted a tenacious victory.

Successful on debut at Wanganui last month, the daughter of the Group One performer Capital Diamond (NZ) (Lucky Unicorn) dug deep to beat Waldorf (NZ) (Highly Recommended) in the Listed Swiss Ace @ Westbury Stud Wellesley Stakes.

Despite the earlier defeat in the north of Gift Of Power's stablemate Swiss Eire (NZ) (Swiss Ace), the Tuhikaramea horseman still gained great satisfaction from the debut victory of the James Bridge-trained Gilhoolie in the Schweppes Two-Year-Old at Ellerslie.

"I bred and sold that horse and I've still got the mare Dazzling Belle," Rogerson said. "She's gone to Keeper this season."

Gift Of Power is by Keeper's associate sire Power and she was bred by Sir Patrick and Lady Hogan, who have remained in the ownership.

"She didn't like that ground, it was her class got her through," said Rogerson, who trains in partnership with his wife Debbie. "She's not a mud runner, she's too brilliant. I think she's something special."

A start in the Listed Welcome Stakes at Riccarton on November 12 is now being considered for Gift Of Power, who is also Karaka Million eligible.

Meanwhile, a trip south is also likely for stablemate **Savasava (NZ)** (Savabeel), who won the opening event at Trentham, the NZTBA Wellington Branch Guineas Trial.

"He's a very fit horse and we're thinking we'll take him down for the

Two Thousand Guineas," Rogerson said. "He's a good colt who wants a good track."

<b>Race</b>	<b>WRC Wellesley S. L 1000m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Gift of Power (NZ) 2014</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Bailey Rogerson Trust, Fatesal Holdings Ltd, Lady Justine &amp; Sir Patrick Hogan, C A Leishman, G R &amp; Mrs M E Northcott and G A Rogerson MNZM</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Graeme &amp; Debbie Rogerson (Tuhikaramea)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Power (GB) out of Capital Diamond by Lucky Unicorn (Aus)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Sir Patrick &amp; Lady Hogan</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2016 National Yearling Sale, Premier Session; V: Cambridge Stud, P: Team Rogerson; \$180,000</b>



*Gift Of Power (#3) comes out on top after a thrilling home-straight duel with Waldorf in yesterday's Wellesley Stakes at Trentham.*







# FAMILY'S SPEED EVIDENT IN GILHOOIE

The apple didn't fall far from the tree when the well-related **Gilhoolie (NZ)** (Guillotine) arrived.

The youngster is a slick customer and his pace was evident on debut at Ellerslie where he sped to victory in yesterday's Schweppes Two-Year-Old for trainer and part-owner James Bridge and rider Mark Du Plessis.

Gilhoolie is out of the Desert Sun mare Dazzling Belle (NZ) who was unbeaten in her first five starts as a juvenile, including two at black type level.

She is also the dam of the Group Three Taranaki 2YO Classic winner

Magic Dancer (NZ) (Rip Van Winkle) and the well-performed Manten (NZ) (Encosta de Lago), also a two-year-old winner, runner-up in the Group One Manawatu Sires' Produce Stakes and a multiple Group One placegetter as an older sprinter.

Sibling Gilhoolie showed the family speed with two trial wins before having no trouble justifying his hot favouritism at the first time of asking.

"He has looked good so far," Bridge said. "He's a pretty precocious animal."

By banking the thick end of the \$20,000 stake, Gilhoolie has also put himself in prime position for entry into the Karaka Million in late January.

"That's very encouraging to get a win like that," Bridge said. "He ran out a bit so he'll take a lot from the run and he's showed he's got tactical speed."

Gilhoolie exploded out of the gates to make the running and despite racing greenly in the straight still had two and a half lengths to spare on Oscar Eight (NZ) (Showcasing) at the post.

"He was impressive today," Du Plessis said. "He's exciting but he needs to learn to go straight."

Third home after missing the jump was Star Treasure (NZ) (Lonhro), whose connections also race Xiong Feng (NZ) (Iffraaj), winner of the race twelve months ago and subsequently successful in the Karaka Million.



<b>Race</b>	<b>ARC Schweppes 2YO S. 880m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Gilhoolie (NZ) 2014</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>James Bridge &amp; G S Tucker</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>James Bridge (Byerley Park, Karaka)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Guillotine out of Dazzling Belle by Desert Sun (GB)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Monovalde Holdings Ltd &amp; G A Rogerson</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2016 National Yearling Sale, Select Session; V: Monovalde Farm, P: Bridge Racing; \$50,000</b>

Mark Du Plessis has his hands full keeping Gilhoolie straight as they reach the winning post well clear in the juvenile scamper at Ellerslie.





# PROM QUEEN DOES HER DAD PROUD



After starring in northern area trials, Prom Queen makes a winning debut at yesterday's Riccarton meeting.

Former dual Singapore Horse of the Year Super Easy (NZ) (Darci Brahma) has made a perfect start to his stallion career, yesterday represented by his first runner, **Prom Queen (NZ)**, who duly got the Hallmark Stud resident on the board.

The Ken and Lisa Rae-trained filly had won both of her lead-up trials in the hands of Alysha Collett, who guided her to an easy two length defeat of the favourite Kiwi Ida (Squamosa) in the New Zealand Bloodstock Ready to Run Sale Two-Year-Old at Riccarton.

"It's been a while since we had a decent horse and she reminds me so much of Egyptian Raine," Ken Rae said.

"I'm not saying she's as good as her but she's got that same attitude. She's a lovely filly."

Egyptian Raine (NZ) (Desert Sun) gave Rae his first Group One success when she won the 2003 Railway Stakes and she also finished runner-up in that year's Telegraph Handicap before her subsequent sale to Australian interests.

Prom Queen, who is a half-sister to the Australian stakes winner Swiss Rose (NZ) (Thorn Park), is now likely to make one further appearance before she is given a break.

"She'll go to the Welcome Stakes and then have a break," Rae said.

Super Easy is a son of the 2015 New Zealand Broodmare of the Year

Parfore (NZ) (Gold Brose), also the dam of the Group One-winning sprinters Tiger Tees (NZ) (Dubawi) and Terravista (Captain Rio), the Group Two winner Ball of Muscle (Dubawi) and the multiple stakes winner Our Lukas (NZ) (Generous).

<b>Race</b>	<b>CJC New Zealand Bloodstock Ready to Run Sale 2YO S. 800m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Prom Queen (NZ) 2014</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>K I Rae, G R Smith, R L Hancox, R H Bishop, H &amp; S Whitehead, F O Hansen and D P McHugh</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Kenny &amp; Lisa Rae (Ruakaka)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Super Easy out of Finishing School (Aus) by Royal Academy (USA)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>P Sells and Windsor Park Stud Ltd</b>





# DISTINCTIVE DARCI'S FOUR IN A ROW HAS MARK AND MANOEL SINGING HIS PRAISES

Singapore's current champion trainer Mark Walker is not one who is easily impressed by his own horses but **Distinctive Darci (NZ)** (Darci Brahma) sure had the Kiwi handler in a hyperbolic mood on Friday night.

The three-year-old has now reeled off four wins in a row, ticking off Initiation, Novice and Class 4 boxes in succession before coming through at the much superior level of Friday's \$580,000 Class 3 over 1200 metres.

Even though aided by having to carry just 52kg, this was a highly commendable effort, especially as the penny has not fully dropped for Distinctive Darci, judging from the way he couldn't quite chart a straight path to the winning post when put under pressure.

But jockey Manoel Nunes, who was aboard at two of his previous three wins, has sussed out his every quirk and was able to safely guide him to a comfortable margin of 1½ lengths over topweight Fortune Winner (Include).

"This horse keeps improving all the time. I was quite confident coming into tonight's race but you still have to respect the opposition," said Walker.

"It's hard for a three-year-old to win four in a row. It gives me even more satisfaction as I also trained his father Darci Brahma.

"For that reason, he should be even better over more ground."

Nunes was similarly full of praise for the winner even if he thought he was tested a little more this time.

"He's a lovely horse but still a baby," he said. "The last time I rode him, he sat outside the leader, but tonight he was

boxed in and had cover. He was a little intimidated; he didn't really know what to do.

"But once I put pressure on him at the top of the straight, he came into the clear and quickened quite well, even if he was drifting out.

"As you can see, he still does a few things wrong. Once they are sorted out, he will become a better horse next season."

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<b>Race</b>	<b>Singapore TC Class 3 H. 1200m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Distinctive Darci (NZ) 2013</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Fairdeal Stable</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Mark Walker (Kranji)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Darci Brahma out of Distinctive Lass (Aus) by Orientate (USA)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Nearco Stud Limited</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2015 National Yearling Sale, Premier Session; V: Curraghmore Stud, P: Te Akau Racing; \$100,000</b>



*Distinctive Darci keeps his winning streak going at Kranji on Friday night.*

