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## 'DISAPPOINTMENT' MARE PROVES OWNER WRONG WITH WELL-TIMED NORTHERN WIN



*Pint-sized mare Kick Back outfinishes the 2014 winner Amanood Lad (white cap) and newcomer Zed Case to add the Great Northern Steeplechase to her Pakuranga Hunt Cup win.*

**S**am Trotter thought Kevin Myers was pulling his leg when he first told him that **Kick Back (NZ)** (Bahhare) was ready for a jumping career.

The Marton breeder and owner had to check with the Wanganui trainer's long-time ally Jo Rathbone for confirmation of his diminutive mare's change of direction.

"She's always been a bit of a disappointment to me and when Kevin said she was going jumping I thought he was

joking and I had to ring Jo to see if it was true," Trotter said.

Indeed it was and Kick Back is another leading example of Myers' horsemanship, having now added yesterday's Meadow Fresh Great Northern Steeplechase at Ellerslie to her previous success on the course in the Pakuranga Hunt Cup.

"I've probably been the biggest non-believer in this horse. She's not very big at all and she's called Kick Back because she kicked me," said Trotter, who also bred and part-owns

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Shaun Fannin and Kick Back return to scale.

Kick Back's stablemate Gagarin (NZ) (Pentire), the winner of last season's Great Northern Hurdles.

Kick Back won at her second hurdle start in 2014 then made a winning debut last winter over the big fences. She progressed to finish sixth in the Grand National Steeplechase but this time around Myers elected not to go south and remained focused on the Ellerslie feature.

"I thought the distance may be a bit far for her but to win today is great," Trotter said. "He doesn't tell me much but Kevin does a fantastic job, as do all his team."

An integral member of the operation is jockey Shaun Fannin, who again gave a

patient and polished display in the saddle.

He was happy to sit well back in the field for most of the race before asking the eight-year-old to get serious and she improved through the field to be third turning for home.

Amanood Lad (NZ) (Germano) gave the mare a run for her money in his bid for a repeat of his 2014 victory, but Kick Back was too strong and won by two and a half lengths with the longshot Zed Case (NZ) (Zed) a head back in third.

<b>Race</b>	<b>ARC Great Northern Steeplechase 6400m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Kick Back (NZ) 2008</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>A S &amp; Mrs P Trotter</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Kevin Myers (Wanganui)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Bahhare (USA) out of Take Three by Al Akbar (Aus)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>A S &amp; T A Trotter</b>



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# D'LLARO DOUBLES HURDLES HONOURS

An emotional Graeme Lord joined a select club at Ellerslie following the commanding victory of **D'LLaro (NZ)** (D'Cash) in the Great Northern Hurdles.

The Cambridge horseman won the event aboard Vincere (NZ) (Silent Hunter) in 1987 and '88 during his successful riding career and yesterday he was proud as Punch to add a training success in the Schweppes-sponsored feature.

"My father and my grandfather rode over fences and so did my brother Murray and I and after winning it twice on Vincere this is just great," Lord said.

"I'm just rapt and the bloke rode him a treat. He did exactly what I wanted him to."

Lord was referring to the Australian

Brad McLean, who let D'LLaro take up his customary role in front after the first lap.

"I've had faith in the horse all the way through and the hardest thing was getting a rider – nobody wanted to stick with him so I got Brad to come over," said Lord, who races the ten-year-old with the estate of his late father Ivan, farrier Kim Hughes and another former leading jumps jockey in John McGifford.

D'LLaro revelled in his work at the head of the field and never looked in any danger.

"Once we got to the front he got into a beautiful rhythm and jumped well," McLean said. "I was thinking a lap out that we'll take some catching. It was great to be part of it."

D'LLaro took the last two flights

cleanly and held a strong gallop to win by three and a quarter lengths from the favourite Raisafuasho (NZ) (Johar), who typically got a long way back in the field and made ground solidly from the 800 metre mark. The next pair home were Ngatira Gold (NZ) (Gold Centre) and Thenamesbond (NZ) (China Cat), who both raced close to the pace.

<b>Race</b>	<b>ARC Great Northern Hurdle 4190m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>D'LLaro (NZ) 2006</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>G J Lord, Est late I E Lord, L K Hughes and J G McGifford</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Graeme Lord (Cambridge)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by D'Cash (Aus) out of Random Quest by Random Chance</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>G J Lord</b>



How the Great Northern Hurdles looked throughout the running... D'LLaro out in front and flying the fences.







# FIGHTING SPIRIT **WINS FILLIES FEATURE**

**S**am Spratt paid tribute to the fighting qualities of **Its Time For Magic (NZ)** (Per Incanto) after they upset the commanding favourite in yesterday's fillies feature at Wanganui.

The Pukekohe-based jockey's trip south yesterday was made worthwhile by the tenacious filly, who downed last season's Group One winner Luna Rossa (NZ) (Written Tycoon) in the Listed O'Leary's Fillies Stakes.

Its Time For Magic, who had placed in two of her three starts, jumped to the front and showed her steely resolve in the straight by rallying for a half-head decision.

"I was quietly confident because she had gone so well at Taupo, but I thought the other one had us covered in the straight so it was a very good run – my filly's a really tough one."

While Its Time For Magic has yet to strike a good surface, Spratt believes the three-year-old will continue to be a force with the advent of the firmer ground.

"I think she could improve again. She's a quick filly and the summer tracks shouldn't bother her," she said.

For trainer Robert Priscott, Its Time For Magic opened his winning account at Wanganui.

The Te Awamutu trainer, who has rarely ventured to the River City course during a lengthy career, enjoyed the victory on two fronts as he is also a part-owner of the daughter of Per Incanto, who is from the family of the Group One winners Legs (NZ) (Pins) and Sixty Seconds (NZ) (Centaine).

Its Time For Magic has proved to be a smart investment for Priscott, whose wife Karen is also involved in the ownership, as he claimed the filly at Karaka for just \$1200.



*Its Time For Magic (maroon and gold stripes) holds off a determined challenge from the odds-on favourite Luna Rossa to win the fillies feature at Wanganui.*

<b>Race</b>	<b>Wanganui JC O'Leary S. L 1200m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Its Time for Magic (NZ) 2013</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>R B &amp; Mrs K E Priscott, P A J Thomas, S Noikrut, M F Eivers, P McLaughlin and N &amp; R Archer</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Robert Priscott (Te Awamutu)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Per Incanto (USA) out of Tick Tock Time by Savabeel (Aus)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Little Avondale Trust</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2014 National Weanling, Broodmare &amp; Mixed Sale; V: Little Avondale Stud, P: R B &amp; K E Priscott; \$1200</b>

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# HIGHLAD SHOWS HE'S VRC DERBY WORTHY

Unbeaten three-year-old **Highlad** (High Chaparral) is doing everything he can to book himself a trip to the Melbourne spring carnival, the Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman-trained galloper yesterday taking a step closer to a tilt at the Group One Victoria Derby with a determined performance to claim the Listed H. S. Dyke Wanganui Guineas.

A debut winner at Avondale last month, Highlad was forced to cover extra ground from an outside gate before gunning down the pacemaker, the previously undefeated stakes winner Manhattan Street (Manhattan Rain).

"From the draw it was always possible he was going to get caught in no man's land and have to do a power of work," Forsman said.

"The better-performed one had his own way in front so obviously our bloke is pretty good. He's still immature and has got a bit to learn but the trip away will bring him on a lot."

Forsman said Baker would have a chat with Highlad's owner Scott Richardson, who also raced the Group One

winner Diademe (NZ) (Savabeel) out of the stable, before a decision is made on his immediate future.

Jockey Matthew Cameron is an unabashed Highlad fan and said the son of High Chaparral and the Group One performer My Lady's Chamber was destined to make his mark in much stronger

*Matt Cameron throws everything at Highlad (#3) while Jonathan Riddell works equally hard on Manhattan Street in a terrific struggle for Wanganui Guineas honours.*

company.

"The blinkers went on and all the High Chaps should be born with blinkers. He didn't have it his own way and he's a very, very good horse.

"I got planted out wide and couldn't get in. When the second horse put the brakes on from the 800 mark to the top of the straight I had to go around them."

Highlad and Manhattan Street had the finish to themselves, just a half head separating the pair at the line, with the filly Hello M'Lady (NZ) (Shocking) taking third money, a length and a quarter away.

<b>Race</b>	<b>Wanganui JC Wanganui Guineas L 1340m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Highlad (Aus) 2013</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Scott Richardson Bloodstock Ltd</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Murray Baker &amp; Andrew Forsman (Cambridge)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by High Chaparral (Ire) out of My Lady's Chamber (Aus) by Arena (Aus)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Lomar Park Stud</b>







# GIFT OF POWER 'A REAL PROFESSIONAL'

**S**ir Patrick Hogan is planning to keep a close eye on a special filly for the next week.

He was delighted to see **Gift Of Power (NZ)** burn off her rivals in the first juvenile race of the season, yesterday's Vespa Standing at Wellfield Lodge Plate at Wanganui.

"She's going to Cambridge Stud on Monday and Sir Patrick has got a paddock saved for her outside his bedroom window," said Graeme Rogerson, who prepares the precocious filly with his wife Debbie.

Gift Of Power was bred by Sir Patrick and Lady Hogan, who have retained an ownership interest after she was a \$180,000 purchase out of their draft at Karaka earlier this year,

with Rogerson's granddaughter Bailey selecting her.

"She liked her and bought her. I thought she paid too much but she's cheap now," Rogerson said.

"She's a real professional who jumps and rails well and she's only going to get better.

"She'll run in the Wellesley Stakes next and then we'll make a plan to get her to the Karaka Million."

Gift Of Power is the first Southern Hemisphere winner for her Cambridge Stud-based shuttle stallion Power.

The dual Group One-winning son of Oasis Dream is already a short-priced favourite to be crowned New Zealand's champion freshman sire and has made a strong start to his European career

with fourteen winners, including the Group Three Anglesey Stakes winner Peace Envoy.

Gift Of Power was ridden by Craig Grylls, who guided her to an easy Te Teko trial victory, and he said he had no concerns after leading for much of the way at Wanganui to easily account for Caesour's Dream (NZ) (Nicconi).

"She cornered really well and she did it quite comfortably."

Gift Of Power is the first foal of the Group One New Zealand One Thousand Guineas placegetter Capital Diamond (NZ) (Lucky Unicorn) and the latest success story for the famed Eight Carat family.



<b>Race</b>	<b>Wanganui JC Vespa Standing at Wellfield 2YO Maiden S. 790m</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>

*Craig Grylls coasts to the line on Gift Of Power as the filly makes an impressive debut in the season's first juvenile race.*



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# MR WHITAKER GETS THE CHOCOLATES

A gun ride from top jockey Glen Boss went a long way to seeing **Mr Whitaker (NZ)** (Darci Brahma) collect a first prize after a long string of placings when he took out Friday night's \$560,000 Class 4 Division 1 race over 1100 metres on Kranji's Polytrack.

Tracking up in an ideal spot behind the pace set by warm favourite Elite Star (NZ) (Pins), the five-year-old kept the leading bunch in his sights before upping the ante 300 metres out. Elite Star tried his best to preserve his advantage but was beaten fair and square when Mr Whitaker came upsides and darted past. The Laurie Laxon-trained gelding could ill-afford to let up, though, with late swoopers Golden Mission (Lucky Roberto) and Battle Of Troy (Flying Spur) descending.

"He was a little handier than normal tonight but he won a good race in the end," said Laxon of his thirty-fourth 2016 winner.

"His form was good and he was even the favourite at

some stage tonight. He won two in a row early in his career and has been around the mark after that. He's now won three races and has earned a little bit of money for us.

"It's Sir Peter Vela who bred him from his Cape Cross mare Felenic at Pencarrow Stud."

Now raced by the Oscar Racing Stable, Mr Whitaker has amassed

more than \$5180,000 in stakes.

Boss said Mr Whitaker was no superstar but was an honest bread-and-butter sort in his grade.

"It was my first time riding him but I've watched his replays and I knew he was such an honest horse," said the Australian rider. "He really deserved that victory tonight. He was never far away and he attacked the line really well.

"He's no star but any trainer would like a stable full of horses like him."

– Singapore Turf Club

<b>Race</b>	<b>Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1100m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Mr Whitaker (NZ) 2011</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Oscar Racing Stable</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Laurie Laxon (Kranji)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Darci Brahma out of Felenic by Cape Cross (Ire)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>P J &amp; P M Vela Ltd</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2013 National Yearling Sale, Premier Session; V: Pencarrow Stud, P: L K Laxon; \$100,000</b>



*Honesty is rewarded as Mr Whitaker wins at Kranji on Friday night.*





# SWEET RIDE THE KEY **TO JELLY BEAN'S WIN**

Consistent Class 4 mare **Jelly Bean (NZ)** (Darci Brahma) overcame a wide barrier at Kranji on Friday night to return to winning ways. The five-year-old had not scored since her second-up maiden victory in August of last year but hadn't disgraced herself either, with just one unplaced run in eight starts.

Trainer Shane Baertschiger had

tipped her out after a fourth place in a Class 4 1200 metre race in February then brought her back three weeks ago in a similar event and it was clear from her eye-catching second to Lim's Action (NZ) (Any Suggestion) there would be a race for her without too much delay.

The outermost alley in the \$560,000 Class 4 Division 3 race over 1100 metres was a legitimate concern but when jockey John Powell was able to tuck her into a handy position after 200 metres she was sure to be in the firing line at the business end.

The fighting pair Satellite Boy (Astronomer Royal) and Louey Veloce (NZ) (No Excuse Needed) had no answer when the mare was produced

for her run halfway up the straight, though she then had to fend off a late charge from Court Case (Star Witness), who missed out by a neck, with Preferred (NZ) (Elusive City) running on late to finish third.

Baertschiger praised Powell for his handling of the mare, especially in the initial 200 metres where he considered the race was won.

"From that gate, JP was five wide at first but he was able to get into a one-out one-back position shortly after," he said. "It was a great piece of riding."

Powell, who had to waste hard to make 54½ kilos, was glad his strict dieting had been well rewarded.

"I haven't eaten much since Tuesday and it's paid off," said the heavyweight rider.

"She's no world-beater but the key to her is to keep her around four to five lengths off the lead. We were able to get into a nice spot and she gave a very nice kick in the home straight."

Jelly Bean may have raced only eleven times but numerous placings and the second win have seen her account bulge to a handy sum of around \$5130,000.

– Singapore Turf Club

<b>Race</b>	<b>Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1100m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Jelly Bean (NZ) 2011</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Auric Stable</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>S Baertschiger (Kranji)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Darci Brahma out of Always Special by Stravinsky (USA)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>J Sung</b>



*Another reward for consistent form sees Jelly Bean score a timely win.*

