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SARACINO FRANKS FOXBRIDGE FORM WITH BRILLIANT FLEMINGTON VICTORY



Although dwarfed by the Godolphin colt Archives, Saracino (nearest camera) comfortably holds him at bay in Flemington's Danehill Stakes.

New Zealand colt **Saracino (NZ)** (Per Incanto) has made an immediate impact in Melbourne, upstaging his Australian rivals in the Group Two Danehill Stakes at Flemington.

The Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman-trained three-year-old defeated older horses in the Group Two Foxbridge Plate at Te Rapa in his season return last month before heading to Melbourne for the spring.

Saracino raced right on the speed in yesterday's straight 1200 metre sprint against his own age and kept finding under jockey Damien Oliver to defeat Godolphin-owned colt

Archives (Helmet) by a long neck.

Samara Dancer (NZ) (Hinchinbrook), the only filly in the race and a Blue Diamond Prelude winner last season, was another three-quarters of a length away third.

"I thought it was a very brave effort. He was in front a long way out," Baker said.

"The plan was to try and ride him off the pace today but he landed on the front and kept kicking all the way, which is a good effort on the straight track.

"You'd like to think he could make the Caulfield Guineas

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but, who knows, he might not be a miler. He might be just a straight sprinter.

“There’s plenty of options open for him if he’s not going to get the mile.”

Saracino was Group-placed twice as a two-year-old in New Zealand and Baker said he had always shown ability.

The Caulfield Guineas Prelude over 1400 metres looms as a campaign-defining race for Saracino, with his performance there likely to determine whether he presses on to the Guineas over 1600 metres or sticks to shorter distances.

“I suppose the jury is out a little bit,” Oliver said, in regards to whether Saracino would be strong at the Guineas distance.

“We’ll get him to 1400 metres and see how he goes. He’s quite brilliant but with a bit more racing under his belt he might be OK.”

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Race	VRC Danehill S. Gr.2 1200m
Winner	Saracino (NZ) 2013
Owners	JML Bloodstock Ltd (Mgr L Petagna)
Trainer	Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Per Incanto (USA) out of Bella Daniela by O’Reilly
Breeder	JML Bloodstock Ltd

NEWS IN BRIEF

Autridge fined then Xtravagant fails to fire

New Zealand trainer Stephen Autridge was fined for breaking treatment rules with Xtravagant (NZ) (Pentire) ahead of his disappointing effort in yesterday’s Group Two Bobbie Lewis Quality at Flemington.

Stewards inquired into a report from the Compliance Assurance Team, who conducted a stable inspection at Flemington on Friday. Autridge confirmed the horse had been given 30 milligrams of Neutradox, an alkalising agent, in breach of AR178AA(2)(c), which prohibits the administration of alkalising products within one clear day of racing.

After taking advice from the Racing Victoria veterinary department that 30 milligrams of Neutradox would have a negligible effect on elevating the TCO2 level of Xtravagant, stewards permitted the horse to start after pre-race blood and urine samples were taken.

Autridge was fined \$500.

Xtravagant started a \$6.50 fourth favourite and finished a clear last, jockey Damien Oliver telling stewards the horse did not feel right in its action during the race and may be better suited racing around a turn.

Autridge could only attribute the disappointing performance to racing on the straight course and would conduct a full veterinary examination on Xtravagant and notify stewards of the results.

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MACKINTOSH WINS THEO MARKS THRILLER

Hong Kong's champion jockey Joao Moreira showed the Rosehill crowd why he is considered one of the world's best as he guided **Mackintosh (NZ)** (Pins) to victory in the Group Two Theo Marks Stakes yesterday.

The Chris Waller-trained four-year-old sat behind the speed during the race before grabbing the lead at the 150 metre mark and holding on to beat fast-finishing stablemate Counterattack (Redoute's Choice) with favourite Southern Legend (Not A Single Doubt) third in a half-neck, half-neck finish.

It was Moreira's second win from three rides for Waller

Race	ATC Theo Marks S. Gr.2 1300m
Winner	Mackintosh (NZ) 2012
Owners	T Muollo, A Muollo and L Petagna
Trainer	Chris Waller (Rosehill)
Breeding	by Pins (Aus) out of Lolly Scramble by Generous (Ire)
Breeder	Waikato Stud Ltd
Sales	2013 National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale; V: Waikato Stud Ltd, P: Bridge Racing; \$11,000

yesterday after he claimed the Group Three Kingston Town Stakes on McCreery (Big Bad Bob).

"He's still very green," the Brazilian said of Mackintosh. "He was hanging and shying away from the other horses.

"He's done a lot of things wrong but he has got a lot of ability at the same time and he did that in good fashion today."

Waller said McCreery and Mackintosh will head to the Group One Epsom Handicap at Randwick on October 1.

He said Moreira and Sydney's leading riders had raised the bar with their performances, describing Moreira as "exceptional".

Mackintosh's first-up Theo Marks win over 1300 metres – his first outing since an unplaced run in the Queensland Derby after earlier winning two middle-distance stakes races in Brisbane – convinced Waller the 1600 metre Epsom trip should suit.

"He's gone to a new level today, performing like that in a good field of Group Two sprinters," Waller said. "A mile was always the plan, second-up into the Epsom, so we will stick firmly with that."

Mackintosh's path to the Epsom is set to follow that taken by Waller's champion mare Winx (Street Cry), his newest star having now won four of his five starts since being transferred to Sydney's premier stable from New Zealand trainer James Bridge.

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After bursting through a wall of horses, Mackintosh (#7) holds out the late charge of Counterattack to win the Theo Marks Stakes at Rosehill.





SAM SCORES A NEAR-TEN ON GYPSY FAIR

Allan Sharrock was moved to all but break a golden rule at Awapuni where his gifted mare **Gypsy Fair (NZ)** (Falkirk) won yesterday's feature event, courtesy of a flawless ride.

The New Plymouth trainer devised a pre-race plan and delivered his instructions accordingly to Samantha Wynne ahead of the Group Three Merial Ancare Metric Mile.

The southern jockey then played her part in guiding Gypsy Fair to a defeat of the favourite Platinum Command (NZ) (Red Giant).

"I don't give tens to riders, but that was a nine-and-three-quarters," Sharrock said. "I told her to take off at the 500 and put them to the sword and she rode it perfectly."

Gypsy Fair jumped well to be outside the early leader Kindaleica (NZ) (Captain Rio) before Wynne allowed the six-year-old to stride to the front and she turned up the pressure across the top.

The daughter of four-race winner and Group Three-placed mare Gypsy Moth (NZ) (Zabeel) was well clear on straightening and stuck to her task grimly down the straight to have a neck on Platinum Command, who

came from the tail of the field, at the post with New York Minute (NZ) (Iffraaj) also making late ground for third.

Sharrock said he rarely asked his horses to step from 1200 to 1600 metres, but in Gypsy Fair's case it was an opportunity he couldn't afford to miss.

"She's out of a Zabeel mare so I thought she'd stick on and we're running out of wet tracks for her," he said.

"She's a genuine heavy track horse with a good pedigree and now she's got black type. I think those fillies and mares' weight-for-age races in the autumn will beckon her."

The winner of six races, Gypsy Fair is a grand-daughter of the Group One Queensland Oaks winner Round The World (NZ) (Sea Anchor), who was also Group One placed in the AJC Oaks and the Sydney and Brisbane Cups, and the family of the recently retired Group One H. S. Dyke Stakes winner Valley Girl (NZ) (Mastercraftsman).

Race	Marton JC Metric Mile Gr.3 1600m
Winner	Gypsy Fair (NZ) 2010
Owners	G Albon, P I Foreman and S A Sharrock
Trainer	Allan Sharrock (New Plymouth)
Breeding	by Falkirk out of Gypsy Moth by Zabeel
Breeder	Clifton Bloodstock Ltd



Carrying out her riding instructions to the letter, Samantha Wynne has Gypsy Fair in an uncatchable home-straight lead in yesterday's Merial Mile at Awapuni.



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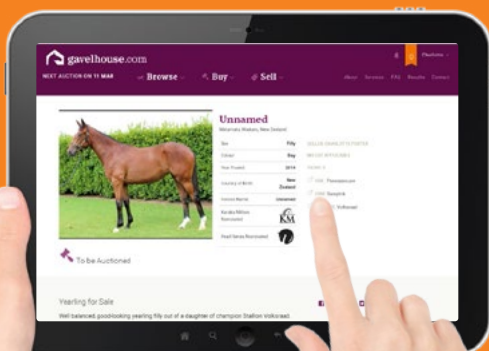
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HEROIC VALOUR'S **WINNING STREAK INTACT**

Heroic Valour (Fastnet Rock) has taken up as a three-year-old where he left off last season with a tenacious performance to win

on his Ruakaka return, the Stephen Autridge and Jamie Richards-trained blueblood showing admirable fighting qualities to maintain his unbeaten record against a competitive line-up in yesterday's Listed Tavistock Northland Breeders' Plate.

"He got a bit of a squeeze up on the point of the corner and he's not the sort of colt who is ever going to win by much, but he gives it his all and he's pretty good," Richards said.

"He'll go to the Hawke's Bay Guineas next and then we'll make a plan about how we get to Christchurch."

Last season's Group One Diamond Stakes winner is now the \$5 favourite for the Group One New Zealand Two

Thousand Guineas at Riccarton after his resuming run, in which he found a good early spot before other runners circled him out wide.

Cameron got busy on the favourite once into the clear and Heroic Valour finished determinedly to score by a head for the fourth consecutive win of his career.

"He did it the hard way and had to pick a path between them," Cameron said. "Once I got stuck into him he hit the line well and got the job done nicely."

Stablemates The Soultaker (NZ) (Iffraaj) and Wyndspelle (NZ) (Iffraaj) settled off the early pace and both wound up impressively in the straight to finish second and third respectively.

"Really happy with them and as far as the Hawke's Bay Guineas and the Two Thousand Guineas are concerned the farther the better for them," said Chris Gibbs, who prepares the pair with Donna Logan.

Race	Whangarei RC Northland Breeders S. L 1200m
Winner	Heroic Valour (Aus) 2013
Owners	Te Akau 2015 Breeding Syndicate (Mgr: K W Fenton-Ellis MNZM)
Trainer	Stephen Autridge & Jamie Richards (Matamata)
Breeding	by Fastnet Rock (Aus) out of Myrrh by Nassipour (USA)
Breeder	Katom, Cobra Bloodstock Australia Pty Ltd, Austramore Pty Ltd
Sales	2015 National Yearling Sale, Premier Session; V: Curraghmore, P: Mr D C Ellis; \$400,000



He's never won by more than a length but he's never been beaten either... Heroic Valour responds to Matt Cameron's urgings to hold out the fast-finishing local pair of The Soultaker (red cap) and Wyndspelle.





HUGH SURE METROP TRIP OK FOR ANTONIO

The third consecutive Sydney win for **Antonio Giuseppe (NZ)** (Shocking) has kept his Metropolitan Handicap dream alive, the \$2.05 favourite making a sustained run to hold off stablemate Four Carat (Montjeu) by a half head and give trainer Chris Waller the quinella in an 1800 metre Rating 78 Handicap at Rosehill yesterday.

Antonio Giuseppe now has three wins from four starts in Australia since transferring from New Zealand, where his record was one win from three starts, to Waller's stable.

Waller said extending to the 2400 metres of the Group One Metropolitan would suit the four-year-old.

"The dream is to get to the Metrop but we're pressed for time," he said.

"He was off the bridle at the 600 metre mark last start and today and he still keeps coming. It was hard for the punters and for me watching."

Waller said if Antonio Giuseppe fails to qualify for the

Metropolitan he could target a race during the Melbourne spring carnival or a Listed race over 2400 metres at Randwick on October 15.

Jockey Hugh Bowman said Antonio Giuseppe is a black-type horse in the making and would relish 2400 metres.

"When he gets to that trip the world is his oyster," Bowman said.

– AAP TURF

Race	ATC Schweppes H. 1800m
Winner	Antonio Giuseppe (NZ) 2012
Owners	A M Muollo & Mrs G L Muollo
Trainer	Chris Waller (Rosehill)
Breeding	by Shocking (Aus) out of Crystalthecowgirl by High Chaparral (Ire)
Breeder	R H & Est late E M Rutherford
Sales	2014 National Yearling Sale, Select Session; V: Beltana, P: Phill Cataldo Bloodstock; \$97,500



Antonio Giuseppe (quartered cap) brings up a hat-trick of Sydney wins and puts himself in contention for an attempt on the Metropolitan Handicap.



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KELLY KEEN TO STICK **WITH ALL ROADS**

Kelly McCulloch has formed a potent partnership with **All Roads (NZ)** (Road To Rock) and understandably she won't be letting the progressive five-year-old out of her sight.

"I think he's pretty special and he's getting better and better," the Pukekohe-based jockey said, having fashioned an impeccable record on the gelding with four wins from as many rides.

Race	Whangarei RC MWIS Supports Hundertwasser Art Centre H. 2100m
Winner	All Roads (NZ) 2011
Owners	B F & Mrs F Broom, T W Cole, A A Fraser, D J Gordon, J C MacLeod, R W McDuff and D S & M L Shuker
Trainer	Donna Logan & Chris Gibbs (Ruakaka)
Breeding	by Road To Rock (Aus) out of Dancing Daze by Dance Floor (USA)
Breeder	D J Gordon
Sales	2013 National Yearling Sale, Select Session; V: Little Avondale Stud, P: Argonaut Racing & Breeding; \$40,000

She was speaking in the wake of their latest success in yesterday's MWIS Supports Hundertwasser Art Centre Rating 85 at Ruakaka, which came at All Roads' middle distance debut.

The step up in trip from a mile to 2100 metres didn't pose a problem and the son of the Group Two winner Dancing Daze (NZ) (Dance Floor), one of the better staying fillies of her classic year, easily put his rivals away for his fourth success on the course.

McCulloch settled All Roads three pairs back and one off the fence and they finished far too strongly in the run home for Bergerac (NZ) (Mettre en Jeu) and Zafrenzy (NZ) (Savabeel).

"It was his first time over ground and he was a real gentleman," she said. "He's really good."

All Roads' form has coincided with a move from former trainer and part-owner Tony Cole to the Ruakaka stable of Donna Logan and Chris Gibbs.

"He's been a work in progress and we had a lot of

problems with him earlier on," Cole said.

"He went really hard and wouldn't settle or travel so we thought about sending him somewhere he could walk to the races. He's come on in leaps and bounds so it's been very pleasing.

"It's been the making of him, he's thrived. We should really look at a little bit of a let-up and a serious race down the track."



All Roads has no problem with his first try at a staying trip and adds a fourth win from four starts in the hands of Kelly McCulloch.





TECHNICIAN STOOPS TO CONQUER BUT LOFTIER GOALS STILL ON PROGRAMME

Technician (NZ) (Coats Choice) has made an encouraging start to his career and remains on a Group One path after opening his winning account.

The Nicola Marshall-trained son of the O'Reilly mare O'Tryst (NZ), a full-sister to the proven broodmare Fondle, dropped back in class at Awapuni yesterday to claim the Waterforce/Marsh Insurance Brokers 3YO Maiden, but it was a temporary step down with loftier goals ahead of the gelding.

The Group Two Hawke's Bay Guineas on October 1 now looms as Technician's next assignment.

"We'll see how he comes

through this race first and he is also nominated for Riccarton as well," Marshall said.

"I don't think he copped the track at all today; he looked to be struggling but this was the better option for him and I'm happy he got there."

A \$61 chance for the Group One New Zealand Two Thousand Guineas on November 5, Technician enjoyed a perfect run in the trail and responded in the straight to hold off the late challenge of Stephenstihls (NZ) (Smart Missile).

"The best place was in the trail and when the leader rolled off it gave me the run," rider Hayden Tinsley said.

Technician had kept black type company in both of his previous appearances with a debut third in the Listed Castletown Stakes behind the unbeaten Volpe Veloce



Aided by an energy-saving ride from Hayden Tinsley, Technician (inner) has enough in reserve to hold out the late challenge of Stephenstihls and open his winning account at yesterday's Awapuni meeting.

(Foxwedge) before being given a break.

He wasn't disgraced when resuming with a fifth in the Listed Wanganui Guineas behind Highlad (High Chaparral) and Manhattan Street (Manhattan Rain), whose performances earned them trips to Australia.

Race	Marton JC Waterforce Marsh Insurance Maiden S. 1200m
Winner	Technician (NZ) 2013
Owners	Constance Cheng
Trainer	Nicola Marshall (Wanganui)
Breeding	by Coats Choice (Aus) out of O'Tryst by O'Reilly
Breeder	A W Jones & Mrs E W Morris
Sales	2015 South Island Yearling & Mixed Sale; V: Berkley Stud, P: Shailer Thoroughbreds; \$12,000





FILLY HAS SHAUNE **THINKING KARAKA**

Shaune Ritchie's early hopes for **Global Thinking** (So You Think) have been fulfilled and he can now take his time plotting a course to New Zealand's biggest cash prize.

The Cambridge trainer was keen to bank funds with the filly at Ruakaka yesterday and she duly obliged by taking the thick end of the stake in the Henderson Reeves Supports Hundertwasser Art 2YO.

"She's not big at all but she's beautifully in proportion, not unlike her sire," Ritchie said.

"We're in the Karaka Million and we can sit back and enjoy that thrill.

"There's still a long way to go and she needs to be going well enough to warrant a place – if you're not in form in December there's not much point – but we're in a good position now and we can work our way backwards from the Million."

Global Thinking hadn't trialed before making her raceday debut with Ritchie rightly opting to head north for the better ground at Ruakaka.

"We had the option of coming here for \$20,000, racing against five others, or going to the Cambridge trials on a heavy track, where we would also have raced against five," Ritchie said.

The filly settled off the pace and when rider Sam Weatherley angled her into the clear she finished resolutely to beat the Graeme and Debbie Rogerson-trained favourite Malambo (NZ) (Duelled).

So You Think has now been represented by two New Zealand winners and Phoenix Park principal Janine Dunlop has played her part in both.

She purchased Global Thinking out of Curraghmore's weanling draft before on-selling her earlier this year at Karaka to Ritchie's clients for \$40,000 while last season's Group Two Matamata Breeders' Stakes heroine Gold Rush (NZ) was also sold by Dunlop, in 2015, for \$60,000.

Race	Whangarei RC Henderson Reeves 2YO H. 900m
Winner	Global Thinking (Aus) 2014
Owners	J Botoulas, J Cuthbertson, P J Keep, C Konstantopoulos, KRD Racing Pty Ltd, S K McGregor, L Mete, P Palmer, N Twyford and R Williams
Trainer	Shaune Ritchie (Cambridge)
Breeding	by So You Think (NZ) out of Capital Raising (Aus) by General Nediym (Aus)
Breeder	G Calder
Sales	2015 National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Bloodstock Sale; V: Curraghmore Stud, P: New Zealand Bloodstock, as agent; \$42,500 2016 National Yearling Sale, Premier Session; V: Phoenix Park; P: KRD Racing; \$40,000



Kept up to her work by Sam Weatherley, Global Thinking (#4) is too good for her fellow debutantes in the northern region's first juvenile race of the season.

