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## OWNERS CONTINUE TO MONITOR XTRAVAGANT



*Kiwi colt Xtravagant has his connections searching for answers after a lacklustre showing at Flemington last weekend*

**T**he Akau Racing will continue to monitor **Xtravagant (NZ)** (Pentire) but have not found anything amiss in the 24 hours since his failure at Flemington.

The New Zealand star behaved badly before Saturday's Gr. 2 Bobbie Lewis Quality (1200m) at Flemington and Damien Oliver eased him down in the race.

His co-trainer Stephen Autridge said he was actually better pre-race than on his previous visit in the autumn.

Te Akau, which races the horse, said so far all tests were clear ahead of the results of blood tests.

"We immediately had Blake (Xtravagant) vetted and his heart, his legs and the scope all came back 100 per cent," Te Akau said in a statement.

"The good news and the most critical news is that we have (subject to the blood reports) a physically well horse and that is a huge worry off all of our minds."

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# SWEYNESSE

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Autridge also had a bad day when he was hit with a \$500 fine for giving a treatment called Neutradox to Xtravagant on Friday against the Australian rules.

Stewards took pre-race blood and urine samples from Xtravagant and, after establishing the 30mg of the alkalinising agent would have a negligible effect on the horse's TCO2 level, allowed him to start.

Neutradox is an alkalinising product which, under the rules of racing, is prohibited from being administered within one clear day of racing.

Stewards reminded Autridge of his obligations regarding racing horses in Australia and issued the fine.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Twin Delight provides a shock in the Kwangtung Handicap Cup

**Twin Delight (NZ)** (Perfectly Ready) shocked punters when he upset the appiecart in winning the Class 1 Kwangtung Handicap Cup at Sha Tin on Sunday.

Dispatched at odds of 267-1, the Caspar Fownes trainee jumped first under Derek Leung from the widest barrier in the 12-horse field, settled two wide on the lead, and held-off the 1.9 favourite Joyful Trinity (Zanzibari) by a short head to complete the upset.

The New Zealand-bred son of Perfectly Ready was second in a Class 1 handicap twice at Happy Valley last season, but tasted top class success in Hong Kong for the first time with the victory. Twin Delight's win represented his first placing from 15 tries at Sha Tin, having secured four wins and four seconds from 13 starts at Happy Valley Racecourse.

"It's incredible," Fownes said. "He's a horse who always runs around fit, but he's never really done much at Sha Tin. It's a bit of a surprise. We love it. He's done his job."

Twin Delight raced in New Zealand as a two-year-old where he won twice and was placed in both the Gr. 1 Manawatu Sires Produce Stakes and Gr. 1 Diamond Stakes under the name Al Strada.





# SUPER JOCKEY SUPERIOR IN HISTORIC KOREA SPRINT

**S**uper Jockey (NZ) (Sandtrap) delivered a performance of absolute superiority to secure a pioneering victory in the KOR G1 Korea Sprint (1200m) at Seoul Racecourse on Sunday afternoon.

Hong Kong's first horse to race on Korean soil – or sand, to be precise – soon became the first to triumph as he took the inaugural edition of the US\$700,000 race, the first of two contests open to overseas competitors at the all-new Korea Autumn Racing Carnival. And the win was all in the planning.

The gelding's jubilant trainer, Tony Millard, in stressing the preparation that had gone into this groundbreaking venture, had had a hint of Benjamin Franklin about his words in the lead-up. "By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail," the sixth President of the United States once declared. Millard was never going to be guilty of that.

"Going into this sprint a lot of things went right and we had a good feeling about it," said the South African in the

race's heady aftermath. "The team worked really well because we had to prepare the horse in the off-season, which is not easy, especially as he's a horse that doesn't sweat - that's quite a big call in Hong Kong's summer humidity.

"The race panned out exactly the way we planned, which doesn't often happen," he added. "He runs very well fresh, we know that and I was very happy with his preparation coming into this. It was great, I didn't actually expect him to win that well but he's a high-class horse."

Super Jockey broke smartly from his prime berth in gate two and, once out of the sand-churning slipstream of the pace-setting local runner, Perdido Pomeroy (Pomeroy), the aptly-sired Sandtrap gelding had the race at his mercy under Karis Teetan.

"The leader came around me pretty quickly out of the barrier and I didn't want to sit behind him, I wanted to get my horse out and once I really got him out of the kick-back and gave him a clear run, he really started pulling me through and I didn't want to pull him back to break his action," said the Mauritian ace.

"I wanted to see how many others were making ground. I could see the leader would go enough and I would be able to get out, so I held him a little bit to get around but once I got around there was no kick-back and that was the main thing.

"Once we turned into the home straight he changed leg and really let down," said the rider.

The win was Super Jockey's fifth at career start 23 and a deserved first outside of Hong Kong for the 2015 G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen runner-up since his import to Hong Kong from New Zealand.

Super Jockey had one start in New Zealand under the name Okie Dokie for a win at Hastings before being sold to Hong Kong. He is the third foal of Pompeii Court mare Pennies in Heaven and is a half brother to seven race winner Single Currency (NZ) (Bachelor Duke) who was successful at Listed level in the 2012 Timpson Family Trust Sprint (1200m) at Te Rapa.

<b>Race</b>	<b>KRA Korea Sprint (1200m)</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Super Jockey (NZ) 2008</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Tony Lau Yiu Tong &amp; Thomas Lau Sum Fai</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Antony Millard (Sha Tin)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Sandtrap (USA) out of Pennies In Heaven (NZ) by Pompeii Court (NZ)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>C D Harvey, D C MacLean &amp; T H Morris</b>



*Super Jockey, the son of deceased stallion Sandtrap (pictured) won the inaugural running of the KOR Gr. 1 Korea Sprint on Sunday*





# I SUGGEST SET TO DEFEND **UNIQUE TITLE**

A six length drubbing of her opposition at Awapuni on Saturday has ghostly grey mare **I Suggest (NZ)** (Any Suggestion) ready to defend a unique title at New Plymouth later in the month.

Trainer Trudy Keegan has her heart set on a win in the “grey and roans” only race at the Taranaki meeting on the 24th of September, a race the mare won in impressive fashion twelve months ago.

“We’d love to win that race again as it was a real thrill last year so we’ve been looking to get her ready to defend her crown,” she explained.

“She won that race and then ran third in the Egmont Cup at her next

start so we’d like to follow a similar path with her again.”

Keegan was quick to admit the mare’s campaign this winter had been a challenge due to a combination of factors.

“She just hasn’t struck the tracks she needs this time in,” she said.

“She is quite picky and needs the going to be quite loose so she can get through it. She has also

been slow away a number of times and just hasn’t been able to make up ground due to being too far back. Her last 600 metres has often been one of the fastest in the race but when you are trying to come from the rear all the time it doesn’t often work out.”

Keegan was expecting a similar result after I Suggest missed the jump again on Saturday however a calm and collected performance from rider Zinjete Moki had her singing the apprentice’s praises after the contest.

“My heart dropped when I saw her slow away again,” she admitted.

“Zinjete was just brilliant though; she let her settle and got off the rail at the right time to get into a challenging

position on the corner.

“She came back in after the race and said she let her go and she just went whoosh. She was quite in awe of the run and it certainly left me with a grin from ear to ear that I’ve still got a day later.”

– NZ Racing Desk

<b>Race</b>	<b>Marton JC CP Wool &amp; Carrfields H. 1600m.</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>I Suggest (NZ) 2009</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>B F, Mrs H J &amp; P J Crofskey &amp; Gusto Syndicate</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Trudy Keegan (Stratford)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Any Suggestion (AUS) out of Replicate by Towkay (AUS)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>B F; Mrs H J &amp; P J Crofskey; Central; NZ</b>



*Grey mare I Suggest bursts clear at Awapuni*





# PERENNIAL BRIDESMAID FINDS WINNING GROOVE

A gritty performance to score a narrow but deserved victory in the day's open class sprint may signal perennial bridesmaid **Biggin Hill (NZ)** (Falvelon) has finally discovered just where the winning post is.

The seven-year-old Falvelon gelding has compiled a handy career record where he has finished in the first three placings in 27 of his 45 starts however only six of those have been victories. On Saturday the Richard Collett trained gelding showed just how effective he can be when his mind is on the job as he hunted down pacemakers Amarula (NZ) (Thorn Park) and Statham (NZ) (Danroad) to score narrowly but well in the New Zealand Bloodstock Finance sponsored 1200 metre contest.

"He's tended to be a bit of a bridesmaid but with a bit of confidence he seems to have turned it round of late and wants to win races," noted Collett's wife Judy, who was in charge of the horse on the day.

"He's a handy horse who's not up to Group One level but he does have the ability to win races.

"Now he's sorted himself out I think his owner will have a lot of fun with his racing."

There was an element of drama added to the final result with the Ruakaka protest siren sounding to indicate an inquiry against the winner after interference was alleged in the concluding stages. After deliberations by the judicial panel the charge was dismissed with no change to placings.



*Biggin Hill collars Amarula and Statham to claim a deserved win at Ruakaka*

Collett was also delighted with the performance of the stable's former top juvenile Selfie (NZ) (Thewayyouare) who caught the eye in his first run of this campaign with a barnstorming finish in behind the placegetters earlier in the day.

"It was a really nice run as he got back with the big weight early in the race," she said.

"It was a big effort to carry 61kgs and run on like that so we will now look forward to the future."

Selfie was having his first start as a four-year-old following a somewhat disappointing three-year-old campaign that saw him put aside after finishing

near last in the Listed Karaka Three-Year-Old Mile back in January.

– NZ Racing Desk

<b>Race</b>	<b>Whangarei RC New Zealand Bloodstock Finance Sprint H. 1200m.</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Biggin Hill (NZ) 2009</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Mrs JT Sims</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Richard Collett (Pukekohe)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Falvelon (AUS) out of Flying Babe (AUS) by Flying Spur (AUS)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>D E &amp; Mrs E M Olsen; Auckland; NZ</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2011 National Yearling Sale - Select Session V: Westbury Stud \$70000 P: Collett Rcg Stables Ltd</b>



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# MIRABELLI READY TO DREAM BIG WITH RUAKAKA WINNER

A return to winning form on her favourite track has Saturday's impressive Ruakaka winner **Big Dreamer (NZ)** (No Excuse Needed) in line for a tilt at greater riches over the coming months.

The hardy five-year-old mare had hinted she was ready to step back into the winner's circle with two tidy efforts to commence her spring campaign. Trainer Paul Mirabelli was confident of a good showing and so it proved as his charge dominated a small but quality field of rating 75 gallopers to register her fourth career victory and her third on the Ruakaka surface.

"Her first run here was excellent and the last time she just got knocked out of contention," noted Mirabelli after the race.

"With Vinnie (Colgan) back on he rode her very confidently and I was pleased."

Mirabelli wasn't afraid to tackle stakes company with the

mare in her last campaign and has similar plans in mind for this campaign.

"I definitely think she's a Group One horse," he said. "Her run in the New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeder's Stakes was unfortunate last campaign as she got her back leg caught over the gate at the start.

"I'm sure she would have been competitive that day but anyhow we will kick on from today and look to see what's coming up for her."

Rider Vinnie Colgan, who was securing his second win on the day's programme after success aboard local runner Toorak Tower in the previous race, was suitably impressed with the effort.

"She has run nice races before and I think the two runs so far had her ready," he said.

"It was a good showing today and she won very well." – NZ Racing Desk



<b>Race</b>	<b>Whangarei RC Maggie Dixon H. 1600m.</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Big Dreamer (NZ) 2011</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Dreamcatcher Enterprise Ltd, Dr Mari Ann Moss &amp; Dr Robert Mark Topping</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Paul Mirabelli (Cambridge)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by No Excuse Needed (GB) out of War Bride by Jahafil (GB)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Dreamcatcher Enterprise Ltd; Auckland; NZ</b>

Vinnie Colgan guides Big Dreamer to success at Ruakaka







# AVONDALE TRIAL WIN PROVES GOOD PORTENT FOR RUAKAKA PERFORMANCE

Punters who followed the form out of the Avondale trials late last month were well rewarded on the weekend when the Graeme and Debbie Rogerson trained **Te Waewae Bay (NZ)** (Shamoline Warrior) struck at outside odds at Ruakaka.

The lanky four-year-old had led all the way in an open 1000 metre trial that day in a heat that featured Group One performers Marky Mark (Makfi) and What's The Story (NZ) (Savabeel). Rider Ryan Elliot adopted similar tactics on the weekend that once again proved successful as he held on to down his rivals in the day's rating 65 1200 metre contest.

The Shamoline Warrior gelding had broken maidens on the course back in May but was put aside for a spell after a lacklustre performance on a difficult Trentham track later that month.

"He's shown us a bit this horse and won well here last time," noted Rogerson after the victory.

"I then took him to Wellington in the mud but he didn't go any good, however he trialed enormous the other day."

Rogerson admitted he had some reservations about the tactics proposed by rider Ryan Elliot when he mentioned them to his boss on the way to the races.

"To be fair to the kid he did say to me he'd lead but I said from the 10 alley you won't be leading!

"He did it though and it was a good ride. He's a kid who is going to make

the grade as he did everything right and he got the money."

While pleased with the win Rogerson is of the belief his charge can only get better as he steps over more ground.

"He's owned by a syndicate in Perth who are great blokes," he noted.

"I've said to them we should be patient with him as I think he's a staying horse and when he gets over ground he could be quite a handy horse."

– NZ Racing Desk

<b>Race</b>	<b>Whangarei RC Spire H. 1200m.</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Te Waewae Bay (NZ) 2012</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Belhus Racing Kiwi Partnership</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Graeme &amp; Debbie Rogerson (Tuhikaramea)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Shamoline Warrior (AUS) out of Ilinca by Star Way (GB)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Monovalle Holdings Ltd; Waikato; NZ</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2014 National Yearling Sale - Festival Sale V: Monovalle Farm \$8500 P: Grand Syndicates</b>



*A bold front running performance by Te Waewae Bay saw him grab a fresh-up victory on the weekend*



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# NZ STALLION AWARDS

## THE CENTAINE AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
<b>DARCI BRAHMA</b>	<b>\$639,617</b>
PINS	\$628,561
SAVABEEL	\$576,015
THORN PARK	\$507,605
PER INCANTO	\$497,607
ZABEEL	\$475,968
IFFRAAJ	\$415,996
O'REILLY	\$381,091
PERFECTLY READY	\$357,940
SHOCKING	\$256,612

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

## THE DEWAR STALLION TROPHY

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
<b>SAVABEEL</b>	<b>\$468,220</b>
PINS	\$401,130
ZABEEL	\$393,525
DARCI BRAHMA	\$308,555
PER INCANTO	\$291,590
O'REILLY	\$258,910
SHOCKING	\$246,130
TAVISTOCK	\$207,345
ROC DE CAMBES	\$186,700
LUCKY UNICORN	\$175,931

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

## THE GROSVENOR AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
<b>SAVABEEL</b>	<b>\$211,520</b>
PER INCANTO	\$143,590
TAVISTOCK	\$125,820
DARCI BRAHMA	\$121,400
BAHHARE	\$119,410
EL HERMANO	\$115,700
IFFRAAJ	\$110,350
YAMANIN VITAL	\$105,525
SHINKO KING	\$104,985
PERFECTLY READY	\$97,875

BEST PERFORMERS	EARNINGS
<b>KAWI</b>	<b>\$125,000</b>
SARACINO	\$62,500
PACORUS	\$27,025
PERSUASIVE	\$33,000
KICK BACK	\$105,000
EL PESCADO	\$40,000
NEW YORK MINUTE	\$21,810
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## NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG SEPTEMBER 7

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
<b>FLYING MONKEY (NZ) 2012 by Pins (AUS) out of Dandify (AUS) by Danehill (USA)</b>	N Turnball; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Oi Man H. 1200m.	

## NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG SEPTEMBER 11

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
<b>GOOD FOR YOU (NZ) 2012 by Thorn Park (AUS) out of La Serenissime (IRE) by Machiavellian (USA)</b>	JML Bloodstock Ltd; Central; NZ	HKJC Foshan H. 1400m.	2013 National Weanling; Broodmare & Mixed Sale; V: Little Avondale Stud, P: Ascot Farm; \$55,000 2014 Ready to Run Sale; V: Ascot Farm, P: Magus Equine; \$70,000
<b>REWARDING FLYER (NZ) 2012 by Thorn Park (AUS) out of Monte Karlo by Montjeu (IRE)</b>	Windsor Park Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Shantou H. 1400m.	2014 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale; V: Windsor Park Stud, P: Gai Waterhouse Racing; \$260,000
<b>LUCKY DAY (NZ) 2009 by Coats Choice (AUS) out of Amadi's Express by Success Express (USA)</b>	G M Fahey; Canterbury; NZ	HKJC Chinese Recreation Club Challenge Cup 1200m.	
<b>SKY HERO (NZ) 2011 by Iffraaj (GB) out of Jabot by Green Perfume (USA)</b>	Chequers N.Z. Ltd; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Zhuhai H. 1200m.	HKJC Zhuhai H. 1200m.
<b>Al Strada – TWIN DELIGHT (H.K.) (NZ) 2010 by Perfectly Ready (AUS) out of Penny Arcade by Straussbrook (AUS)</b>	Mrs A M & N King; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Kwangtung Cup 1400m.	2012 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Brighthill Farm, P: JA & KA Price; \$22,500

## NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE SEPTEMBER 9

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
<b>ARCHER COMPANY (NZ) 2012 by Darci Brahma out of Magical Moment (GB) by Sadler's Wells (USA)</b>	P J & P M Vela Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1200m.	2014 Ready to Run Sale; V: Mana Park, P: Red Hare B/stock; \$50,000
<b>LONGHU (NZ) 2012 by Per Incanto (USA) out of Sacred Steps by Elusive City (USA)</b>	P R Whyte; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1200m.	

