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LET HER RIP TO RETURN AFTER LUCKLESS MELBOURNE RAID



Let Her Rip is on her way back to Cambridge after an unsuccessful hit and run mission in Melbourne

Cambridge trainer Shaune Ritchie was left ruing a tough barrier draw and some unfortunate luck in running after **Let Her Rip (NZ)** (Rip Van Winkle) failed to figure in the finish of Saturday's Gr. 2 Let's Elope Stakes at Flemington.

The five-year-old mare was on a hit and run mission in Melbourne to secure some valuable Australian "black-type" to enhance her future breeding prospects. Those plans turned to custard however when she had to be snagged to

the rear of the field from an outside barrier before being badly held up for a run in the home straight.

Although she made up good ground in the final stages it wasn't enough to trouble the leaders which disappointed Ritchie who felt the daughter of Rip Van Winkle was in the right shape to be competitive in a talented line-up.

"When you draw the extreme outside you are always going to need a lot of luck and we didn't get that," he said.

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“Dwayne (Dunn) had to drag her back and when he tried to make a wide run he got caught up behind a few others who were also trying to get to the outside. She only got going in the last 100 metres and by then the bird had well and truly flown.”

Ritchie also believes the free-draining properties of the Flemington racing surface also played against the mare’s chances after she pulled up with some wear and tear after the race.

“When they got the rain, I thought it might act in our favour but that track drains so well it stayed pretty hard all day,” he noted.

“She has pulled up with scorched heels as a result which would have had an effect on how she finished off as well.

“We’ll put her on a plane home now as she goes best with her races spaced and there are a few good targets coming up back at home for her.

“Dwayne actually said he thought she could definitely win a stakes race in Australia so that is encouraging however it is an expensive exercise to be racing just once a month so she’s better off back at home doing that than racking up the bills over here.”

The Gr. 3 Rich Hill Stud Taranaki Breeders Stakes at Hawera on 14 October is a likely target for Let Her Rip, a race in which she could clash with Gr. 2 Foxbridge Plate winner Underthemoonlight (NZ) (El Hermano).

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AWAPUNI WINNER CAUSES RETHINK FOR BAKER & FORSMAN

A powerful victory at what was to be the last run of her current campaign has forced a rethink for the trainers of progressive mare **Crafty Jess (NZ)** (Mastercraftsman).

From the powerful Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman operation, Crafty Jess was having the ninth run of her winter campaign in Saturday's rating 75 1550 metre contest at Awapuni. The

four-year-old Mastercraftsman mare belied any signs of the weariness she may have been feeling as she cruised home by one and half lengths in a dominant performance.

Forsman, who was watching on from Flemington as he prepared to saddle up Gr. 1 Makybe Stakes contender Jon Snow (NZ) (Iffraaj), admitted both he and Baker had

thought the run would be the last for the season for the mare.

"She's been up since May for this campaign so Murray and I both thought that Saturday would be a nice way to sign off for the season and she could go to the paddock for a decent break," he admitted.

"That run might mean we have to

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Crafty Jess and Michael Coleman power to the front at Awapuni





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have a rethink of those plans as she seemed to do it very comfortably and put them away nicely.

"We've always thought that she would get better as she matured and it has taken awhile for her to really strengthen up. She has come to it nicely of late and she showed what she can do on what was quite a tricky track on Saturday.

"As long as she pulls up well we might have another go with her although I think we will see her at her best next autumn after she has a break away from the hard tracks of summer."

Forsman was upbeat about the performance of stablemate Francaletta (High Chaparral) who finished fifth in the day's feature event, the Gr. 3 Boehringer Ingelheim Metric Mile.

"It was a tough ask stepping up to the mile for her second run and I thought she acquitted herself well," he said.

"She got caught in the worst of the track in the run home and battled away nicely without really looking like a winning chance.

"It was a shame she couldn't quite hold on for third and get some black-type which was our goal for her, however there will be other opportunities over the next few weeks to achieve that."

Despite finishing a well beaten eighth behind impressive winner Humidor (NZ) (Teofilo), Forsman was satisfied with the run of Jon Snow as he continues his build-up to the Cup races during the Melbourne spring carnival.

"He went a solid race in the circumstances," he noted.

"He races best when he can get some clear air which wasn't the case on Saturday as ended up being bottled up amongst them and took a fair bit of jostling.

"He made up some ground late in the piece and has pulled up looking a treat so I think we can move on with some confidence from the run."

Baker and Forsman will weigh up the options for Jon Snow's next run which could be in either the Gr. 3 JRA Cup at Moonee Valley on 29 September or the Gr. 1 Underwood Stakes at Caulfield two days later.

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	Marton JC Waterforce H. 1550m.
Winner	Crafty Jess (NZ) 2013
Owners	W H Luff
Trainer	Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Mastercraftsman (IRE) out of Dancing Jess by Danske
Breeder	Mrs A R & J A Poole; Central; NZ
Sales	2015 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale V: Mapperley Stud Ltd \$21000 P: Baker Racing

NEWS IN BRIEF

Bridget Grylls to try Melbourne

Former New Zealand apprentice Bridget Grylls heads to Melbourne this week to try her luck during the spring carnival. Grylls has been a leading apprentice in Brisbane after moving from New Zealand in 2014 and has ridden 123 winners since. She is from a famous New Zealand racing family of jockeys including her grandfather Johnny Grylls, father Gary Grylls and brother Craig Grylls. Grylls has been in good form lately winning races at Doomben, Gold Coast, Kilcoy, Ipswich and Beaudesert. "A few of the horses I have been riding for (trainer) John Meagher are in Victoria and he asked me to come down for a look," Grylls said. "At this stage I am going for a look and will only stay a few weeks. I will have to weigh things up then." Grylls has ridden in Sydney but is yet to have a mount in Victoria. "I am looking forward to it as Victoria is a great racing centre," she said.

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NO DISPUTING PRE-RACE PLAN PAID DIVIDENDS

A notable on pace bias that was evident throughout the day at Ruakaka played nicely into the hands of free-going three-year-old **Beyond Dispute** (Not A Single Doubt) who gave a polished display in front to score against the older horses on the weekend.

A winner over eight hundred metres as a two-year-old in similar fashion, Beyond Dispute was having his second run in this campaign after finishing a well beaten sixth behind Prom Queen (NZ) (Super Easy) a fortnight earlier. Trainer Steven Cole was convinced the Not A Single Doubt colt was a far better proposition when allowed to freewheel in front after he had raced erratically when restrained in his season opener.

"He ran around a bit and was a little disappointing first up

Race	Whangarei RC Kensington Tavern H. 1200m.
Winner	Beyond Dispute (AUS) 2014
Owners	D R & S D Cole
Trainer	Steven Cole (Byerley Park)
Breeding	by Not A Single Doubt (AUS) out of Considerable (AUS) by Casino Prince (AUS)
Breeder	J&M Equine
Sales	2016 NZB Ready To Run Sale; V: Kilmore Farm, P: SD Cole ; \$150,000

so we decided to put him in front if we could and let him do his own thing," he explained.

"When I saw how it was playing for the front-runners on the day I was confident he could go a good race if things went our way.

"Alysha (Collett) rated him nicely and he did a good job as it is hard for the three-year-olds against the older horses at this time of the year."

Despite the strength of the victory Cole will adopt a patient approach with his charge as he plots a path over the next few weeks.

"I don't think he will get a mile at this stage of his development so he's not a contender for the 2000 Guineas later on," he said.

"We might go to Hastings for a rating 75 1400m on the last day there or keep him for a race at Ellerslie before that and then decide what we do with him after that."

While Cole doesn't have three-year-old classic plans for Beyond Dispute he still harbours those aspirations for Ohceedee (NZ) (Power) who finished an encouraging second earlier in the day.

"We had thought he could win and break his maiden

status but he just did a few small things wrong which cost him in the end," he noted.

"He wobbled around the final bend and got on the wrong leg but finished off nicely so we will press ahead to the Hawkes Bay Guineas if we can get a start with him.

"If he doesn't make the Guineas field then there is a special conditions race that will suit on the same day.

"He is getting better at each start so we still hope to get to the 2000 Guineas with him but that will be reassessed once we see what he does at Hastings." – NZ Racing Desk



A smart front-running ride from Alysha Collett lands Beyond Dispute a handsome winner





RAYAS PROVIDES NEW TRAINER WITH FIRST VICTORY

Promising mare **Rayas (NZ)** (Rip Van Winkle) provided Levin's Joshua Shaw with his first training success when she stormed home from well back to capture the Nu Farm/FPA NZ Handicap at Awapuni on Saturday.

Stakes placed in the Gr. 3 Wellington Stakes last year for her initial mentor Paul Shailer, Rayas was having her first run for Shaw after opening her four-year-old season at Taupo last month from the stable of fellow Levin resident Peter Larmer.

It was Shaw's first runner to the track as a trainer and the mare did him proud as she overcame a decent check in the home straight before powering to the front in the hands of visiting Matamata rider Michael Coleman.

The victory was the first of a race-to-race double for Coleman who also scored on Crafty Jess (NZ) (Mastercraftsman) and left her novice trainer struggling for words to describe the experience when questioned after the event.

"We think a fair bit of her and I think she will keep going after that," said an understated Shaw.

"We're still learning about her although I had a fair bit to do with her when Paul had her.

"I think we can sit back now and have a look at where we go with her.

"It's my first winner from my first horse which is pretty good."

Bred in partnership by Simms Davison and Windsor Park Stud, Rayas is the younger sibling of last season's Gr. 2 Auckland Thoroughbred Breeders

Stakes winner Lasarla (NZ).

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	Marton JC Nu Farm H. 1400m.
Winner	Rayas (NZ) 2013
Owners	C M Cullen, D Johnson & D L Monnery
Trainer	Joshua Shaw (Levin)
Breeding	by Rip Van Winkle (IRE) out of Imco Main (ITY) by Danehill (USA)
Breeder	S H R Davison & Windsor Park Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ
Sales	2015 Ready to Run Sale V: Windsor Park Stud \$50000 P: Phill Cataldo B/stock



Rayas puts win number one on the board for Joshua Shaw



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AL-ARABIYA 'PRODUCE OUTSTANDING' RESULT WITH 1-2



Ebraz holds out his stablemate Ateej at Kranji

Two debutants, **Ebraz (NZ)** (Burgundy) and Ateej (Equal Stripes), gave emerging outfit Al-Arabiya Stable the quinella in the second race on the Committee's Prize meeting at Kranji on Sunday.

After racing handy throughout the \$75,000 Flax 2015 Stakes, a Restricted Maiden race over 1200m, Ebraz swept to a big lead once he straightened up, but that seat of power came under siege when the better-backed Ateej was seen rattling home at the rate of knots on the outside.

From the way he was catching the eye, Ateej seemed to have the edge, but that was to underestimate Ebraz who, somehow, mustered one last kick to prevail by a head. The

winning time was 1min 11.16secs for the 1200m on the Long Course.

As expected, owner Mansoor Gandhi was totally ecstatic with the perfect result, especially as the New Zealand-bred winner was hand-picked by himself as a baby.

"I bought Ebraz as a yearling and it's fantastic to see him win on debut. Ateej also ran a super race," said the oil and gas businessman who names the majority of his horses between Singapore and Malaysia with Arabian-inspired words or concepts.

"Ebraz metaphorically means to "become outstanding"

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AL-ARABIYA 'PRODUCE OUTSTANDING' RESULT WITH 1-2

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while Ateej is a producer. Hopefully, they keep it up at their next races."

Winning trainer Saimee Jumaat said he was expecting a forward run from Ebraz, but the win was still a question mark.

"The horse has been working very well, but I wouldn't have put up my hand to say he can win," said the former champion jockey.

"I actually prepared him to win at his first start, but you can never be sure how they will go, but I was expecting a good run.

"I put the blinkers and shadow roll as he's got a high head carriage, but dropped the pacifiers as he was going on turf,

"It's good for Mansoor who told me this horse has a sentimental value to him as he bought him as a yearling in New Zealand.

"He deserves every winner that comes his way as he

invests a lot in racing here. He currently is my biggest supporter at the stable with seven winners and more is on the way, I was told."

Boss, who missed last weekend's racing and Friday's after going back to Australia for a short break, was glad he had returned a winner at Kranji.

"He's a little bit green and raw, but he has good ability. I was a bit worried he would run out of gas when he hit the front too soon, but he did a good job to get there," said the Australian jockey.

Race	Singapore TC Flax S. 1200m.
Winner	Ebraz (NZ) 2014
Owners	Al-Arabiya Stable
Trainer	Saimee Jumaat (Kranji)
Breeding	by Burgundy out of Kanpur by Kaapstad
Breeder	Huntingdale Lodge 2012 Ltd; Central; NZ



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NZ STALLION AWARDS

THE CENTAINE AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$976,062
DARCI BRAHMA	\$600,453
THORN PARK	\$544,575
IFFRAAJ	\$476,734
PINS	\$444,950
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$437,188
SHOWCASING	\$422,556
O'REILLY	\$421,503
MAKFI	\$392,918
RIP VAN WINKLE	\$374,712

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

THE DEWAR STALLION TROPHY

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$608,293
PINS	\$388,015
MAKFI	\$353,195
DARCI BRAHMA	\$331,975
RIP VAN WINKLE	\$322,977
IFFRAAJ	\$315,391
RAISE THE FLAG	\$293,325
SHINKO KING	\$257,005
SHOCKING	\$245,374
ZED	\$235,913

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

THE GROSVENOR AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SHINKO KING	\$223,990
ZED	\$218,788
YAMANIN VITAL	\$211,350
IFFRAAJ	\$201,347
DARCI BRAHMA	\$165,335
NO EXCUSE NEEDED	\$164,800
EL HERMANO	\$136,560
TAVISTOCK	\$123,686
BACHELOR DUKE	\$115,000
PER INCANTO	\$99,425

BEST PERFORMERS	EARNINGS
CLOSE UP	\$148,500
ZEDEEDUDADEEKO	\$76,000
WISE MEN SAY	\$84,750
LAAFFAIRE	\$36,000
NASHVILLE	\$82,500
TAURUS	\$33,575
UNDERTHEMOONLIGHT	\$82,500
GOBSTOPPER	\$37,500
PHILIPA CHARLOTTE	\$47,560
DOLCETTO	\$62,500

Criteria: Leading Sires by Earnings in New Zealand



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NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG **SEPTEMBER 13**

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
CURLING LUXURY (NZ) 2012 by O'Reilly out of Former Glory (USA) by Dynaformer (USA)	Gartshore Bloodstock Ltd	HKJC Los Angeles H. 1650m.	2014 Ready To Run Sale; V: Phoenix Park, P: Ric Wylie Bloodstock; \$60,000
Magic Moment - INVENTOR (H.K.) (NZ) 2011 by Don Eduardo out of Magic Tryst by Magic Ring (IRE)	G J F Castle; Miss R Clubb; S A Ironside; J G & Mrs J L McLintock; Auckland; NZ	HKJC San Antonio H. 1650m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Festival Sale; V: Haunui Farm, P: SF Ritchie; \$15,000

NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG **SEPTEMBER 16**

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
GRAN MASTER (NZ) 2012 by Mastercraftsman (IRE) 2012 out of Opus Four by Stravinsky (USA)	D D & Mrs L M Kerr, G P & R E Quinn	HKJC Shrike H. 1650m.	2014 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale; V: Brighthill Farm, P: The Hong Kong Jockey Club; \$200,000
PREMIERE (NZ) 2013 by Dylan Thomas (IRE) out of More Than Sum (USA) by More Than Ready (USA)	Calder Bloodstock Ltd; Octagon Bloodstock Ltd & W J Thurlow; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Chinese Recreation Club H. 1000m.	2014 National Weanling; Broodmare & Mixed Sale; V: Lime Country Thoroughbreds Ltd, P: NZB as agent; \$13,000

NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE **SEPTEMBER 15**

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
MAJULAH (NZ) 2013 by Postponed (USA) out of Ready and Able (AUS) by More Than Ready (USA)	G Harvey; Auckland; NZ	Singapore TC Open Maiden S. 1400m.	2015 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale; V: Westbury Stud, P: NZB as agent; \$30,000
LORD OF CLOUD (NZ) 2014 by Niagara (AUS) out of Miss Jean Brodie by Masterclass (USA)	Lime Country Thoroughbreds Ltd; NZ	Singapore TC Open Maiden S. 1400m.	
DRACO (NZ) 2013 by Falkirk out of Real Defensive by Defensive Play (USA)	I W McSweeney; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1200m.	

NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE **SEPTEMBER 17**

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
EBRAZ (NZ) 2014 by Burgundy out of Kanpur by Kaapstad	Huntingdale Lodge 2012 Ltd; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Flax S. 1200m	
SATELLITE STAR (NZ) 2012 by Buffalo Man (CAN) out of Dramatic Duchess by Drama Critic (USA)	Mrs S A Parvin & M J Springford; Auckland; NZ	Singapore TC Super Ninetyseven S. 1600m.	2014 National Yearling Sale - Festival Sale; V: Totara Park Stud, P: DR Wiles; \$3,500
ASPEN (NZ) 2010 by Alamosa out of Kirin Belle by McGinty	P J & P M Vela Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Always Certain S. 1200m.	2012 National Yearling Sale - Premier Session; V: Pencarrow Stud, P: DC Ellis; \$170,000
CHOPIN'S FANTAISIE (NZ) 2013 by Pins (AUS) out of Golden Gamble by Oregon (USA)	E P Lowry; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Super Gold S. 1600m.	2015 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale; V: Waikato Stud Ltd, P: Michael J Clements; \$150,000

