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GINGERNUTS AIMING AT MELBOURNE'S BIG BIKKIES AFTER WINDSOR PARK WIN



Under Opie Bosson's hard riding, Gingernuts finally gets the better of Close Up (green colours) in the Windsor Park Plate. Behind them, Kawi finds his galloping space has disappeared.

Last season's star staying three-year-old **Gingernuts (NZ)** (Iffraaj) is on an impressive upward plane with the countdown on to his Melbourne spring carnival targets. A luckless fifth when resuming in the Group One Tarzino Trophy over 1400 metres, his return to Hawke's Bay yesterday ended triumphantly when he added the 1600 metre Group One Windsor Park Plate to his record.

"He's an exciting horse and he's still learning his trade," said rider Opie Bosson, who won the Group One New Zealand

Derby and the Group One Rosehill Guineas on Gingernuts last season.

The 37-year-old was at his brilliant best on the gelding at Hastings, where he sat back before improving wide on the tail of one of his toughest rivals.

"I got in behind Kawi and he gave me a beautiful track into the race," Bosson said.

Gingernuts was outside Kawi (NZ) (Savabeel) at the top of the straight and the classy Stephen Autridge and Jamie

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Richards-trained chestnut finished strongly to down the Tarzino Trophy winner Close Up (NZ) (Shinko King) by a short neck.

"I was a bit worried when he started gawking around and he only knuckled down when the other horse came at him," Bosson said. "There's so much improvement left in him."

Kawi finished third after getting into tight quarters between the winner and runner-up close to home with rider Jason Waddell forced to take a hold of the six-time Group One winner, although the incident had no bearing on the result.

Gingernuts, who has Group One entries for the Caulfield Cup and the Melbourne Cup, is now a firm favourite for the Group One Livamol Classic in a fortnight's time, although his participation isn't guaranteed.

Richards indicated an imminent round-table discussion with Autridge and Te Akau principal David Ellis would confirm their path forward.

"We won't be making any decisions today and we'll sit

down tomorrow and have a chat," he said.

"The horse still isn't a hundred per cent in the coat just yet. He's a staying type of horse and to win over a mile at weight-for-age as a four-year-old is a great effort.

"There's a great team of owners behind this horse. It's good for racing and it's great to be part of it."

Race	Hawke's Bay Windsor Park P. Gr.1 1600m
Winner	Gingernuts (NZ) 2013
Owners	Te Akau Gingernuts Syndicate (Mgr: D C Ellis)
Trainer	Stephen Autridge & Jamie Richards (Matamata)
Breeding	by Iffraaj (GB) out of Double Elle by Generous (Ire)
Breeder	Goodwood Stud Ltd
Sales	2014 National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale; V: Goodwood Stud, P: Phill Cataldo Bloodstock; \$5000
	2015 Ready to Run Sale; V: Stainley Park, P: Te Akau Racing; \$42,500

NEWS IN BRIEF

Apprentice appreciates Kiwi couple's help

Expat-Kiwi trainers Trent Busuttin and Natalie Young gave the career of their apprentice Zac Spain a boost yesterday when **Anaheim** (Fastnet Rock) won the 1800 metre Lojac Civil Handicap at Caulfield.

Spain moved from South Australia to the Busuttin and Young stable at Cranbourne a couple of months ago on a three-month loan, the Anaheim victory the 21-year-old's eleventh winner in Victoria this season and his first Melbourne Saturday city winner.

"It's a massive thrill," Spain said. "Trent and Natalie have been good supporters of mine and I'm just glad I can reward them.

"I'm loving it over here and I'll probably look at extending some time."

Four-year-old Anaheim, offered by Wellfield Lodge at the 2015 Premier Yearling sale at Karaka and bought by Busuttin for \$160,000, was competitive in Group One classics last season and was yesterday second-up after a handy fourth at Moonee Valley earlier this month.

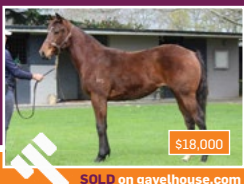
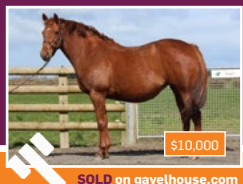
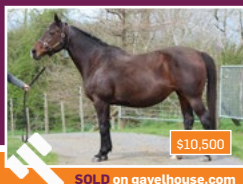
After pressing forward early and eventually settling in behind the lead, Spain sent the \$9 chance through a gap at the top of the straight and went on to beat \$2.90 favourite Sin To Win (NZ) (Sir Percy) by half a length.

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DIJON'S STYLE SAYS **SHE'LL GET A MILE**



A catch ride for Vinnie Colgan, *Dijon Bleu* puts in a powerful finish to take the Gold Trail Stakes from Florence Jean.

Dijon Bleu (NZ) (Burgundy) yesterday convinced Lisa Latta that she wasn't one dimensional when she produced a dominant performance over 1200 metres to claim the Group Three Hawke's Bay Breeders' Gold Trail Stakes.

The filly had won the Listed O'Leary's Fillies' Stakes over the same distance at her previous appearance but it was her effort at Hastings that has changed her Awapuni trainer's mind.

"I was a bit worried that she was only going to be a 1200 metre filly, but the way she settled today she looks like she will go over a bit of ground."

A winner last season on her home track, *Dijon Bleu* holds a nomination for the Group One New Zealand One Thousand Guineas, although Latta isn't committing to a Riccarton trip just yet.

"I want to get her home after this

and have a look at her," she said. "She's quite a slight filly."

Dijon Bleu settled well off a hectic early pace and was able to work closer across the top under rider Vinnie Colgan, who picked up the mount when Troy Harris was unable to make the weight.

"She ended up a bit further back than I thought but she was in a nice rhythm and then she got out onto the best part of the track," Latta said.

Dijon Bleu lengthened stride strongly in the run home to score by a length and three-quarters.

"I had a nice run in the race and she travelled strongly into it turning for home," Colgan said. "She let down well and won it pretty easily in the end."

Florence Jean (NZ) (Pins) sat in second spot to the turn and fought on gamely once headed by *Dijon Bleu* to take second money ahead of Princess

Rihanna (NZ) (Showcasing), who got home strongly after missing the jump.

Pacemaker Astor (NZ) (Iffraaj) weakened to fourth in front of Caesour's Dream (NZ) (Nicconi) and next in was the maiden Lubaya (NZ) (Rip Van Winkle), who was doing her best work late.

Race	Hawke's Bay Gold Trail S. Gr.3 1200m
Winner	Dijon Bleu (NZ) 2014
Owners	K T J Dixon, P Finlayson, Miss L M Latta, Ms D A Masters, M G Passey, A J Rennie and T D Tomlins
Trainer	Lisa Latta (Awapuni)
Breeding	by Burgundy out of Pristino (Aus) by More Than Ready (USA)
Breeder	Robinson Family Trust
Sales	2016 National Yearling Sale, Select Session; V: Landsdowne Park Ltd, P: Lisa Latta Racing Stables; \$26,000





ENCOURAGING RETURN FROM KIWI IDA

The Group One New Zealand One Thousand Guineas picture became a little clearer, at least from a southern point of view, following the encouraging return to racing by **Kiwi Ida** (Squamosa) at Riccarton yesterday.

She has the classic on her programme and, with the November 18 feature in mind, her trainers John and Karen Parsons let the filly take her chance in the Listed New Zealand Bloodstock Canterbury Belle Stakes, over 1200 metres.

Although they weren't keen to start Kiwi Ida on such rain-affected ground, her class shone through and she got home comfortably in the hands of regular rider Chris Johnson.

"It's not ideal for a three-year-old to kick off on a heavy track but John said we had to get her going," Karen Parsons said.

Her odds for the One Thousand Guineas have now been trimmed to \$14 behind the \$6 favourite Prom Queen (NZ) (Super Easy), who beat Kiwi Ida four times last season.

Hot Fuss (NZ) (Pins), whose stablemate Maybe Miami (NZ) (Iffraaj) had triumphed in the preceding event, the Canterbury Westland Racing Owners' Association Handicap, was expected to run boldly and she responded with a brave effort for second.

"We would have been disappointed if she hadn't finished in the first three," said Kevin Hughes, who prepares the filly with his wife Pam.

The maiden Ajay Tee (NZ) (Foxwedge) came on well from the back for third in front of Highland Lady (NZ) (O'Reilly) while Greenpark Gem (NZ) (Highly Recommended), well-supported off the back of a debut win, made some

Race	CJC Canterbury Belle S. L 1200m
Winner	Kiwi Ida (Aus) 2014
Owners	J F & Mrs K G Parsons
Trainer	John & Karen Parsons (Balcairn)
Breeding	by Squamosa (Aus) out of Empress Ida (Aus) by Blevic (Aus)
Breeder	P V Kelly

late ground to finish seventh after beginning awkwardly.



Kiwi Ida (nearest camera) edges clear of her rivals in the Canterbury Belle Stakes at Riccarton.





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WATCH THIS SPACE **WINS AGAIN**

Watch This Space (NZ) (Elusive City) has earned himself a return to stakes company after maintaining an unbeaten start to his spring campaign, last season's Group Two Japan/ New Zealand International Trophy winner returning from a break for a first-up victory at Ruakaka then being untroubled to add yesterday's 1200 metre L I Redshaw Memorial at Hastings to his record.

Trainer Wayne Hills said Watch This Space would be returning to Hawke's Bay on October 7 for the Group Three Spring Sprint over 1400 metres.

"He'll run on the last day here and he's still in the Coupland's Bakeries Mile but I'm not sure at this stage if we'll go down to Christchurch.

"There's other options – the Rich Hill Mile and the Thorndon Mile are nice races for him."

Watch This Space was ridden by apprentice Sam Weatherley, who had also been aboard the six-year-old at his previous outing, and he had no concerns at any stage of the race after settling behind the front-runner Irish Moon (NZ) (O'Reilly).

"From the two barrier we got a beautiful run in the trail and everything panned out as I thought it would," he said.



Class tells as Watch This Space runs home a clear-cut winner of the open sprint at Hastings.

"The leader rolled out on the turn and I was happy to cut the corner and then get out a bit wider."

Watch This Space responded positively to Weatherley's urgings and they drew clear to score by a length and a half. Mighty Solomon (NZ) (Darci Brahma) made late ground for second and Irish Moon boxed on for third ahead of the topweight Amarula (NZ) (Thorn Park).

Race	Hawke's Bay L I Redshaw Memorial H. 1200m
Winner	Watch This Space (NZ) 2011
Owners	Mrs M E A Evans
Trainer	Wayne Hillis (Matamata)
Breeding	by Elusive City (USA) out of Multi Tasker by Kaapstad
Breeder	Mrs M E A Evans

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HAUSSMANN IMPROVES **TONY'S HAND**

Tony Pike yesterday tightened his grip on the Group Two Hawke's Bay Guineas when he produced **Haussmann (NZ)** (Pour Moi) for an emphatic lead-up victory at Hastings.

The Cambridge trainer is blessed with depth and quality in the second-season ranks and is planning to have four runners in the 1400 metre feature on October 7.

"Aim Smart, Bostonian and Felton Road will be there and, as long as he pulls up well, there's no reason why Haussmann won't be back," Pike said.

Race	Hawkes Bay Windsor Park Stud H. 1100m
Winner	Haussmann (NZ) 2014
Owners	M & C Wyborn, N & M Schick and R R Peel-Walker
Trainer	Tony Pike (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Pour Moi (Ire) out of Lily l'Amour by Volksraad (GB)
Breeder	M W O'Dwyer and Windsor Park Stud Ltd
Sales	2015 National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale; V: Windsor Park Stud, P: NZB as agent; \$14,000

Successful over 1400 metres in the Listed Great Northern Foal Stakes last season, Haussmann resumed following a four month break to post a hollow victory in the 1100 metre Windsor Park Stud 3YO.

It was an appropriate victory as the sponsors are involved in the gelding's ownership and formerly stood his sire Pour Moi.

"That was a great return," Pike said. "He came in without a trial so there was a bit of a concern about the wet track, but he was very good."

Haussmann settled toward the back of the field before rider Leith Innes angled him into the clear near the turn and he let down strongly in the run home to surge past his rivals. Jimmy Lincoln (NZ) (Jimmy Choux) ran on well for second with Cousteau (Exceed And Excel) wilting to third after hitting the front early in the straight.

"We had it sewn up a long way out," Innes said. "They went hard up front and he relaxed well."

Innes had partnered the unbeaten Bostonian (NZ) (Jimmy

Choux) to win the Listed El Roca-Sir Colin Meads Trophy over 1200 metres on the opening day of the Hastings carnival and will face a difficult decision before settling on his Hawke's Bay Guineas ride.

"Hopefully, I can wait until the barrier draws come out," he said.

Pike was also satisfied with Haussmann's stablemate Sacred Rebel (Sepoy), who finished fifth.

"We knew he would struggle after the overnight rain and back on a good track he'll be hard to beat," he said.

Haussmann is on his own as he passes the post an impressive winner of the three-year-old sprint at Hastings.



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JELLY BEAN CHEWS 'EM UP AT KRANJI

Bonny mare **Jelly Bean (NZ)** (Darci Brahma) gave trainer Shane Baertschiger's apprentice Syafiq Hazman a second hurrah at Kranji, this time without having to sit in a stewards' room.

The six-year-old had scored her most recent win after a successful protest from the Singaporean rider, Syafiq then partnering the Auric Stable-owned mare three more times without success and mostly without luck.

When the well-trying Lim's Racer (NZ) (Red Giant) turned Friday night's \$580,000 Class 3 1100 metre race into a true-run contest from the outset by taking on Crazy Times (Lacryma Cristi) and Big Man (NZ) (Alamosa), the chances of fast-finisher Jelly Bean rose appreciably.

Once the swoopers descended on Lim's Racer, the 2016 Juvenile Championship winner failed to withstand the pressure and petered out to fourth. Jelly Bean, meanwhile, had been cuddled along by her rider, reached the home turn three deep with plenty of energy left, then burst clear with a swift move at the 300 metre mark.

Although the mare stargazed a little once she found herself all alone, Syafiq coaxed her to the wire with half a

length to spare from the fast-closing Golden Tomahawk (Turffontein), the winning time a smart 1:04.43 on the Polytrack, only 0.16s shy of the course record.

"I know this mare very well as I've ridden her seven times," said Syafiq. "She had bad luck at her last two starts when she ran second and third. She was too far back.

"Tonight, I had her rolling as I didn't want to break her stride. She was travelling so well and once I took her to

the outside at the top of the straight I knew she would win."

Baertschiger was also delighted Jelly Bean had overcome a snag at her last start to bounce straight back to the winner's circle.

"She had not raced for a long time because of an infection in her foot. She pulled up lame at her last run," he said. "She's always had good ability and I knew she would be right in the finish when I saw her settling just off the hot speed."

With that fourth win from only nineteen runs, Jelly Bean has proven to be a handy money-spinner for Auric Stable's Jerry and Lana Sung, having already amassed more than \$5240,000 in stake earnings.

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Race	Singapore TC Class 3 H. 1100m
Winner	Jelly Bean (NZ) 2011
Owners	Auric Stable
Trainer	Shane Baertschiger (Kranji)
Breeding	by Darci Brahma out of Always Special by Stravinsky (USA)
Breeder	J Sung



Jelly Bean completes her smart win at Kranji on Friday night.

