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REPLIQUE TAKES OUT SOUTHLAND GUINEAS



Replique and Terry Moseley stride to a win at Winton on Sunday

Canterbury visitor **Replique (NZ)** (Darci Brahma) made the long trip home a pleasurable one for her connections when she scored a comprehensive victory in the Listed ILT Ascot Hotel Southland Guineas (1600m) at Winton.

A fast finishing second to New Zealand Derby contender Son of Maher (Al Maher) at her last start indicated the royally bred Darci Brahma filly would be a serious contender for winning honours when next produced and so it proved as she dominated a handy line-up in the closing stages of Sunday's contest.

Given a peach of a ride by senior South Island pilot, Terry Moseley, the daughter of multiple stakes placed mare Mystique

bided her time beyond midfield during the early stages of a swiftly run contest. Moseley guided her around the pack as the field approached the home turn before taking charge early in the run home. The filly kept up a solid gallop to the post where she scored by three quarters of a length from a brave Sniparinda (NZ) (Pins) who chased hard throughout with Alyth (NZ) (Librettist) running on nicely from well back to finish third.

The victory has mentor Nick Wigley considering a late entry into next month's Gr. 1 Wellfield New Zealand Oaks for the filly who provided him with his first stakes win as a trainer.

"We were confident of a good performance today as she has just been getting better and better during this campaign," he explained.

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"She had a digestive problem early on and I wasn't sure what to do with her but we took her to the coast where she went a good race at Hokitika and seemed to come right after that.

"She then won nicely at Ashburton and went a beauty last time."

Wigley was confident the step-up to 1600 metres was just the ticket for his charge after receiving positive feedback from both Moseley and Alysha Collett who had ridden her at her last start.

"Terry and Alysha both said she was crying out for more ground so I was pretty sure she would be strong at the finish today," he said.

"With that in mind we might have to take a punt and see if we can put in a late entry for the Oaks as it looks like staying will be her go. We never thought about it originally when the nominations closed but we have to now."

Replique is a grand-daughter of the wonderful performer Seamist (NZ) (Beaufort Sea) who numbered the Gr. 1 Auckland Stakes (now New Zealand Stakes) amongst her 12 career wins, while Gr. 2 New Zealand Cup winner Torlesse (NZ) (Volksraad) also features in her extended pedigree.

- NZ Racing Desk

Race	Southland RC Southland Guineas L 1600m.
Winner	Replique (NZ) 2012
Owners	Inglewood Stud (N.Z.) Ltd & B A Wigley
Trainer	Nick Wigley (Rangiora)
Breeding	by Darci Brahma out of Mystique by Montjeu (IRE)
Breeder	Inglewood Stud (N.Z.) Ltd; Canterbury; NZ

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SEWREEL PROVIDES FURTHER AMMUNITION FOR OAKS ASSAULT

Already brandishing considerable firepower for their attempt on the Gr. 1 Wellfield New Zealand Oaks in a month's time, the powerful Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman stable added a third string to their bow when **Sewreel (NZ)** (Savabeel) dominated her opposition to secure Saturday's Listed Bob Sharrock Memorial Oaks Trial at New Plymouth.

The sleek Savabeel filly finished powerfully from a midfield position to draw away from her opposition in the closing stages and add her name alongside Mime (NZ) (Mastercraftsman) and Coldplay (NZ) (Savabeel) as Oaks contenders from the country's leading stable.

Watching intently from Ellerslie was the combination's senior partner, Baker, who was quietly satisfied with the performance.

"She is a very promising filly who has now won three of her six starts," he noted.

"We've thought she might be an Oaks type for quite awhile now and that performance confirmed that for us."

Baker revealed the key to the filly's progress was a gear change made after she finished well back in the Gr. 2 Eight Carat Classic on Boxing Day.

"We took the blinkers off after that run at Ellerslie and that seems to have settled her down nicely," he said.

"She is relaxing far better in her races now as she showed on Saturday when she settled nicely in the early part of the race.

"She will have one more run before the Oaks but I'm not quite sure where that will be at this stage."

Baker was also pleased with the run of his main BMW New Zealand Derby contender Get That Jive (Street Sense) who dead-heated for third in Saturday's Gr. 2 Avondale Guineas.

"I thought he fought on nicely and wasn't too far away at the finish," he said.

"He was impeded a little by his stablemate on the corner so all in all it was a good effort."

Get That Jive is currently the \$6 second favourite on the TAB's Fixed Odds market for the Derby with his conqueror on Saturday, Rangipo (Stryker), the new \$5 favourite for the Group One feature run at Ellerslie on the 5th of March.

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	Taranaki RC Oaks Prelude L 1800m.
Winner	Sewreel (NZ) 2012
Owners	M M & J P Andersen, R S & S T Agnew, M J & S S Craig, D G & P J Glenn, A J & D J Herd, C M Leonard, J E Morison, R M Sinclair & K Wright
Trainer	Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Savabeel (AUS) out of Haberdashery by Pins (AUS)
Breeder	Waikato Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ
Sales	2014 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale V: Waikato Stud Ltd \$42000 P: Murray Baker Racing



Sewreel gallops into Gr. 1 New Zealand Oaks contention at New Plymouth



WHAT'S THE STORY ENTERS DERBY CALCULATIONS WITH EXTRAORDINARY WIN

Just when punters thought the picture for the Gr. 1 BMW New Zealand Derby had been clarified with the running of Saturday's Avondale Guineas, a new contender emerged forty minutes later with a performance that had to be seen to be believed.

Desperately needing victory in the last race on the day's Ellerslie card to boost his prizemoney and secure a start in the Derby, **What's The Story**

(NZ) (Savabeel) grabbed the win in a manner that has thrust him firmly into the wild-card role a fortnight out from the feature three-year-old contest.

Languishing in 30th position on the Derby order of entry before the race, What's The Story suffered a severe check that cost him several lengths when the pacemaker Irish (NZ) (O'Reilly) went amiss with seven hundred metres left to travel in the rating 65, 2100 metre contest. Rider

Sam Spratt didn't panic though and balanced the Savabeel gelding up before setting out after the leaders who by then were a least a dozen lengths ahead of her mount.

In a driving finish What's The Story showed plenty of courage as he hauled in fellow Derby aspirant Splendido (NZ) (O'Reilly) in the shadows of the post to notch a remarkable victory that keeps his Derby hopes alive.

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A remarkable performance on the weekend saw What's The Story grab his place in the Gr. 1 New Zealand Derby in a fortnight



WHAT'S THE STORY ENTERS DERBY CALCULATIONS WITH EXTRAORDINARY WIN

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Co-trainer Stephen McKee cut a relieved figure after the race as he reflected on the performance.

"Obviously it's very unfortunate for the connections of the horse that went amiss but our bloke lost a lot of ground in that skirmish so it was a massive performance to get up and win after that," he noted.

"I've got a lot of confidence in the horse but I'm really just hoping we can get in the Derby now. He'll get a good bit of prizemoney today and hopefully that's enough."

McKee admitted he felt the horse had shown he was a Derby contender throughout his current preparation as long as he could perform on his

favoured firm track surface.

"I've got a lot of confidence in the horse as he's put his hand up right the way through as a Derby type so we are keen to get there," he said.

"I don't believe the 2400 metres is a concern as he went up 700 metres today from his last start so I think the Derby trip is the least of our worries provided we can cop a good track."

Securing \$12,000 from the win boosts What's The Story to an unconfirmed 18th position on the order of entry for the blue riband event which would see him take the last available spot in the field. However, there are indications several higher ranked rivals won't take their place in

the field which will delight followers of the heavily supported Provocative (NZ) (Zabeel) who currently sits outside a guaranteed start in the event.

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	ARC Avondale Guineas Gr.2 2100m.
Winner	What's the Story (NZ) 2012
Owners	Go Racing Tall Story Syndicate (Mgr: Albert Bosma)
Trainer	Stephen McKee & Eddie Chippendale (Ardmore)
Breeding	by Savabeel (AUS) out of Tall Story by Carnegie (IRE)
Breeder	Fairdale & Goodwood Studs; Central; NZ
Sales	2014 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale V: Fairdale Stud \$80000 P: Go Racing Ltd

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PITMAN/JOHNSON COMBINATION STRIKES A BLOW FOR THE SOUTHERNERS AT ELLERSLIE

The potent southern force of trainer Michael Pitman and son Matthew alongside jockey Chris Johnson were to the fore at northern headquarters on Saturday when they combined to snatch Ellerslie's rating 85 1200 metre contest with former Australian galloper **Kinagat** (Street Cry).

Bought from the Sydney stable of James Cummings by Pitman senior for longtime stable clients Ray and Jill Coupland, Kinagat was having just his second New Zealand run after finishing third at Wingatui in his stable debut. The winner of two of his ten Australian starts showed he has the potential to feature prominently in the coming months as he cruised clear of his nine rivals in a tidy 1.11.01 for the 1200 metre journey on the Dead 5 rated surface.

Pitman acknowledged the stable was confident of success prior to the race after assessing the gelding's Australian performances.

"To be honest it wasn't unexpected as he had great form in Australia," he conceded.

"I said to Chris that he had won two races carrying 60 kilograms and would love the drop back and lighter weight on his back.

"He had gone huge at Wingatui as he'd had no trials and hit the front before blowing out in the last 50 metres so I said to Ray we would tackle the masterplan and head to Ellerslie."

Pitman was delighted for the Street Cry gelding's owners who have supported his stable for many years with a host of top-line gallopers

including multiple stakes winner Coup Align (NZ) (Align).

"It's great for Ray and Jill as they've supported me for years," he said.

"They will be sitting at home watching and we've got the chocolates for them. It's just great that a southern combination of jockey, trainers and owners can come here and get a win like this."

Later in the day the Pitman trained Gr. 1 BMW New Zealand Derby contender Son Of Maher (Al Maher) battled on solidly to finish midfield in the Gr. 2 Avondale Guineas in his last run before the three-year-old classic at Ellerslie in a fortnight.

- NZ Racing Desk

Race	ARC Essilor H. 1200m.
Winner	Kinagat (Aus) 2009
Owners	Mrs J D & R A Coupland
Trainer	Michael & Matthew Pitman (Riccarton Park)
Breeding	by Street Cry (IRE) out of Gamble Me (AUS) by Rock Of Gibraltar (IRE)
Breeder	Gooree Park Stud Pty Ltd



Kinagat and Chris Johnson race clear at Ellerslie



HALE EYES AUCKLAND CUP WEEK ASSIGNMENT FOR GO NICHOLAS

Cambridge trainer Shelley Hale admits she may have to lift her sights with promising intermediate galloper **Go Nicholas (NZ)** (Danroad) after he scored a comprehensive victory at Ellerslie on Saturday.

The strapping four-year-old Danroad gelding made it two wins from just four starts when he cruised clear of his eight rivals in the Retina Specialists sponsored 1200 metre contest in a manner which suggests he won't be found wanting in better company.

Hale was pleased to see her charge race in a handy

position throughout after costing himself at his previous start with a tardy beginning.

"I said to Opie (Bosson) to keep digging him as in his trials he just flew the gates but at the races he's just fallen out," she explained.

"He's made it hard on himself with those slow beginnings but he's remembered how to do it today which has made the job a whole lot easier."

Hale was also delighted with the improvement in the gelding's racing manners after some erratic behavior in his first few starts.

"He's taken awhile as he's been a bit of a doofus around other horses as he doesn't like the rail much, but he's learning as he goes," she said.



A date at Auckland Cup Week awaits impressive Ellerslie winner Go Nicholas

"We're definitely coming back for Cup Week. We will wait and see how many points he gets for this win and decide on a race for him but he will be there."

- NZ Racing Desk

Race	ARC Retina Specialists H. 1200m.
Winner	Go Nicholas (NZ) 2011
Owners	D Lawson, V Tangaroa, V Moffat, M Alexander, K Gore, D, J & S Andersen, R & K Dowling, R & T Marsh, J, S, & C Hale
Trainer	Shelley Hale (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Danroad (AUS) out of Witches Britches by Exploding Prospect (USA)
Breeder	Mrs J A & Miss S A Hale; Waikato; NZ



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THE CENTAINE AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
PENTIRE	\$6,621,342
SAVABEEL	\$6,409,149
O'REILLY	\$5,037,497
PINS	\$4,360,599
DARCI BRAHMA	\$4,219,414
IFFRAAJ	\$3,747,176
TAVISTOCK	\$3,659,179
ELUSIVE CITY	\$2,905,755
ZABEEL	\$2,522,345
HIGH CHAPARRAL	\$2,367,797

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

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STALLIONS	EARNINGS
PENTIRE	\$5,776,968
SAVABEEL	\$3,763,760
DARCI BRAHMA	\$2,602,130
IFFRAAJ	\$2,483,534
PINS	\$2,282,696
ZABEEL	\$2,180,506
TAVISTOCK	\$2,084,226
O'REILLY	\$1,959,623
THORN PARK	\$1,363,857
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$1,351,997

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

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STALLIONS	EARNINGS	BEST PERFORMERS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$1,734,235	KAWI	\$493,250
DARCI BRAHMA	\$1,535,715	JULINSKY PRINCE	\$249,500
IFFRAAJ	\$1,287,900	XIONG FENG	\$579,685
PINS	\$953,359	DECORAH	\$138,400
PENTIRE	\$849,301	XTRAVAGANT	\$417,500
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$843,000	VALLEY GIRL	\$236,125
THORN PARK	\$739,393	RYAN MARK	\$217,400
ALAMOSA	\$735,091	STOLEN DANCE	\$258,725
TAVISTOCK	\$702,640	HASSELHOOF	\$99,060
SHOWCASING	\$631,973	SHOWMEYAMONEYHONEY	\$189,650

Criteria: Leading Sires by Earnings in New Zealand

NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG FEBRUARY 17

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
MISSION POSSIBLE (NZ) 2012 by Thorn Park (AUS) out of Accompli (AUS) by Anabaa (USA)	Windsor Park Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Kwai Chung H. 1200m.	2014 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale; V: Windsor Park Stud, P: Andromeda Park Trust; \$30,000

NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG FEBRUARY 21

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
AMBITIOUS CHAMPION (NZ) 2009 by Zed out of Simply Sally by Sackford (USA)	Mrs A M & B H Perry; Central; NZ	HKJC Yan Oi Tong Cup 2000m.	
HAMMER KING (NZ) 2011 by Iffraaj (GB) out of Swan Lake by Green Perfume (USA)	Jen Campin; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Butterfly H. 1200m.	
LINE SEEKER (NZ) 2011 by O'Reilly out of Hooked Ona Feeling by Zabeel	G J Chittick; Waikato; NZ	HKJC On Ting H. 1200m.	
HAPPY PLACE (NZ) 2010 by Rios out of Tranquill by Prince of Praise	Miss D M; G & Mrs G V Guy; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Wu King H. 1600m.	

Chaubaud too good in Tasmanian Oaks

Victorian visitor **Chaubaud (NZ)** (Lookin' At Lucky) proved too good for her rival fillies in Sunday's Listed \$100,000 Tasmanian Oaks (2100m) at Launceston.

The Robert Smerdon-trained filly was allowed to settle in last place after starting from the outside barrier before Mark Zahra made a sharp move passing halfway to be challenging at the home turn.

Chaubaud maintained her momentum and went on to defeat the Gai Waterhouse-trained Sweet Redemption (Snitzel) by three-quarters of a length.

A daughter of shuttle-sire Lookin' At Lucky, Chaubaud is raced by Phil Sly and was an impressive winner over 2040 metres at Moonee Valley on February 5.

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NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE FEBRUARY 19

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ARCHER COMPANY (NZ) 2012 by Darci Brahma out of Magical Moment (GB) by Sadler's Wells (USA)	P J & P M Vela Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Maiden S. 1600m.	2014 Ready to Run Sale; V: Mana Park, P: Red Hare B/stock; \$50,000
ELITE STAR (NZ) 2012 by Pins (AUS) out of Chico by High Chaparral (IRE)	Mrs J Hines; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Restricted Maiden S. 1200m.	2014 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale; V: Lyndhurst Farm, P: Shailer T/breds; \$55,000 2014 Ready to Run Sale; V: Bradbury Park, P: SD Baertschiger; \$140,000
Karalli - LIM'S AFFECTION (Sing.) (NZ) 2011 by Elusive City (USA) out of En Pointe (AUS) by Carnegie (IRE)	D J Myers; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Kranji S. 1600m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Festival Sale; V: Haunui Farm, P: KT Myers; \$6,000
FALKIRK LEAD (NZ) 2011 by Falkirk out of Enchanted by Volksraad (GB)	J G & S J Beatson; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Maiden S. 1600m.	2013 Ready to Run Sale; V: Beatson Stables Ltd, P: Miss Cheng Chih Hua; \$35,000
INFANTRY (NZ) 2012 by Tavistock out of The Nightingale by Stravinsky (USA)	Sir Patrick & Lady Hogan; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1400m.	2013 National Weanling; Broodmare & Mixed Sale; V: Cambridge Stud, P: A Rutten; \$7,000

NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE FEBRUARY 21

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
ROYAL EASTER (NZ) 2012 by Thorn Park (AUS) out of Livonia (AUS) by Last Tycoon (IRE)	Mrs H M & M J Moran & Ms D Samba; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Initiation P. 1400m.	2014 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale; V: Windsor Park Stud, P: Michael Freedman; \$130,000
ASTROJET (NZ) 2012 by Coats Choice (AUS) out of Sparks Will Fly by Almutawakel (Gb)	A W Jones & Mrs E W Morris; Canterbury; NZ	Singapore TC Novice S. 1400m.	2014 National Yearling Sale - Festival Sale; V: Berkley Stud, P: NZB as agent; \$30,000 2014 Ready to Run Sale; V: Esker Lodge, P: Michael J Clements; \$80,000
KAM'S COMET (NZ) 2011 by Danroad (AUS) out of It's Spring Again (AUS) by Last Tycoon (IRE)	Highview Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Benchmark 89 H. 1100m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Highview, P: SG Lennox; \$12,000
ASPREY (NZ) 2011 by Alamosa out of Bond Street by Pentire (GB)	C G Doak & P J & P M Vela Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1400m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Canterbury Park Farm, P: Paul Moroney B/stock; \$20,000

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