



RISQUE BRINGS A SMILE TO DAVID HAYES' FACE



Risque capturing the Gr. 1 One Thousand Guineas at Riccarton

David Hayes is all smiles when the name **Risque (NZ)** (Darci Brahma) comes up. Hayes, who trains in partnership with nephew Tom Dabernig, has a high enough opinion of the filly to run her against her male counterparts in the Australian Guineas at Flemington on Saturday.

A newcomer to the Lindsay Park operation, Risque made a winning Australian debut in the Kevin Hayes Stakes at Caulfield on February 13.

The NZ 1000 Guineas winner at Riccarton last year, Risque was bought by Darren Thomas and Neil Werrett on the recommendation of bloodstock expert Mark Pilkington.

The filly has improved since her Caulfield win and Hayes

says the bigger spaces of Flemington and the rise to 1600m will be a bonus.

And the scratching of Mahuta (Flying Spur) from the Autumn Classic at Caulfield to run in the Guineas gives him extra confidence.

"That's what I wanted," Hayes said.

"He will provide a bit of speed with the New Zealand horse Xtravagant."

Hayes resisted the temptation to run Risque in the Angus Armanasco Stakes on Saturday.

"I just felt from next week on every race in Sydney is worth a million dollars," Hayes said.

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JIMMY CHOUX (NZ)

Second-crop yearlings in BIG DEMAND...

Jimmy Choux's Premier fillies at Karaka sold up to **\$210,000**, and the **demand for his progeny continued into the Select Sale** with 17 of his yearlings **selling up to \$210,000**.

An **\$89,324 Select average** made Jimmy Choux the **Leading Sire by Average** for those sires selling 12 or more yearlings.



Lot 64: Jimmy Choux- Shaheen Filly
SOLD \$210,000 Buyer: Michael Otto Bloodstock



Lot 595: Jimmy Choux-Spin Align Colt
SOLD \$100,000 Buyer: Paul Moroney Bloodstock



Lot 509: Jimmy Choux-Ritzzy Lady Colt
SOLD \$165,000 Buyer: Mr D Weir/John Foote Bloodstock



Lot 837: Jimmy Choux-Diva von Tessa Colt
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"Why jeopardise a back-up now for a hundred grand.

"I'll back her up for a million but not a hundred as it could harm the million dollar races down the track.

"She would have won that and it would have been a

canter."

Damian Lane, who Hayes says has fallen in love with the filly, again rides her on Saturday.

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CHENILLE UNDERLINES STAYING POTENTIAL WITH CLASSY VICTORY

Touted as a potential Cups contender after a promising three-year-old season, the Tony Pike trained **Chenille (NZ)** (Pentire) put her first win on the board in this campaign with an impressive performance at Matamata on Saturday.

The now four-year-old Pentire mare ended a frustrating run of minor placings this summer with an emphatic performance that saw her outclass her rating 75 rivals in the concluding stages of the Mills Reef Winery sponsored 2000 metre contest.

For trainer Tony Pike it was the confirmation he needed to press forward towards some bigger prizes over the next few weeks.

"She has been fairly unlucky in this preparation due to the tempo of the races she has contested," he explained.

"Her run at Te Rapa where she was beaten a nose by Bordeaux was a classic example where they just cantered and then sprinted home which is just not her go. She is a genuine stayer who needs the pace on in her races.

"It was fairly slow on Saturday as well but I think she was the best horse in the race and showed that over the last piece of the race."

Pike will now look at a possible tilt at the Listed New Zealand St. Leger (2500m) on the 19th of March with the Listed Hawke's Bay Gold Cup (2200m) in April another option.

"I think the St Leger at Trentham will suit with the big roomy track," he said.

"She was only just beaten by Bordeaux and he is likely to start favourite there so I think she would be a genuine contender"

Pike is also gearing up for a massive fortnight for his Cambridge barn with three well fancied runners in Rangipo (Stryker), Raghu (NZ) (Showcasing) and Provocative (NZ) (Zabeel) set to contest the Gr. 1 BMW New Zealand Derby this weekend while a week later he will saddle up Avondale Cup winner Sacred Master (NZ) (Mastercraftsman) as favourite in the Gr. 1 Barfoot & Thompson Auckland Cup.

"Everything is on target at this stage with the pressure sure to intensify as we get closer to raceday," he said.

"The Derby horses had a nice trot and canter on Saturday while Sacred Master galloped in fine style as well. We will also have Sacred Star in the Darley Plate on Derby Day so it's going to be a pretty big week for us all."

– NZ Racing Desk



Race	Matamata RC Mills Reef Winery H. 2000m.
Winner	Chenille (NZ) 2011
Owners	V T W Breeding Company Ltd, G & Mrs J Capes
Trainer	Tony Pike (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Pentire (GB) out of Charmed by O'Reilly
Breeder	A W; Mrs V A & W K Pike; Waikato; NZ
Sales	2013 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale V: Longlands Stud \$55000 P: Chris Waller Rcg

Chenille dashes away to score handsomely at Matamata



PERFECT FIT RESUMES WITH SCORCHING VICTORY

Local mare **Perfect Fit (NZ)** (Elusive City) showed the benefit of her recent summer spell when she scorched home in a blistering 1.08.32 for the 1200 metre journey of Saturday's Waikato Stud sponsored open handicap at Matamata.

Trainers Ken & Bev Kelso had sent the four-year-old Elusive City mare to the paddock for a quick freshen up after she finished second to promising galloper Mabeel (NZ) (Savabeel) at Ellerslie on Boxing Day. The benefit of that decision was clearly in evidence on Saturday as she destroyed her opposition with a punishing front-running performance that stopped the clock a tick outside the 1200 metre track record set by Group One performer Recite (NZ) (Darci Brahma) in the corresponding event last year.

Kelso was delighted with run as he looks ahead to an attempt at stakes company with the mare during the upcoming Auckland Cup Week at Ellerslie.

"She's always shown us plenty of promise and I've said before I think she is a Group One mare in the making," he said when interviewed after the race.

"She's taken a little time but we've been patient with her as I think she has a huge future.

"We gave her a couple of weeks in the paddock after her last run and came here today to give her a good hit-out before we head to Ellerslie with her.

"We've got the Westbury Classic on Auckland Cup Day as her aim. She probably needed a few rating points to get into the race so she should have achieved that today."

Perfect Fit is well clear as she hits the line for an impressive fresh-up victory

The win completed a double on the day for the Kelso's and rider Michael Coleman who had won the first race with progressive mare Aotearower (NZ) (Shamardal). The only disappointment in that win was for well known part-owner Hamish Bond who had tried to incorporate watching the mare's race in with a training ride on his bicycle after a session on the water at Lake Karapiro. The Olympic gold medallist rower arrived on course just seconds after the mare had crossed the finish line and admitted next time he would have to pedal a little faster to catch the winning action.

– NZ Racing Desk

<i>Race</i>	Matamata RC Waikato Stud H. 1200m.
<i>Winner</i>	Perfect Fit (NZ) 2011
<i>Owners</i>	Haunui Bloodstock Ltd, M Duncan, The Provincial Club Ltd, G H Madill & J Orton
<i>Trainer</i>	Ken & Bev Kelso (Matamata)
<i>Breeding</i>	by Elusive City (USA) out of Fayreform by Tights (USA)
<i>Breeder</i>	Haunui Bloodstock Ltd; Auckland; NZ





TOUGH MARE READY FOR MORE AFTER MATAMATA TRIUMPH

The word "tough" was liberally sprinkled throughout

Matamata trainer Graham Richardson's comments as he described the victory of stable runner **Lauberhorn (NZ)** (Swiss Ace) on her home turf on the weekend.

Richardson was delighted with the three-year-old filly's performance that saw her dispose of her four rivals in the Rich Hill Stud 1400 courtesy of a heady ride from pilot Mark Hills and some good, old fashioned grit in the drive to the finishing line.

Settled just off the speed in the early stages of the contest, Hills seized the initiative when he surged the Swiss Ace filly to a three length advantage with 600 metres to run. Hills went for the doctor on the home turn with Lauberhorn sustaining her run to score by a rapidly diminishing half length from race favourite The Justice League (I Am Invincible), who closed hard in the concluding stages.

"That was just a good tough win which pretty much sums up this filly," noted Richardson.

"She is just plain tough and can be a real handful when you try to do anything with her around the stable. That transfers to her racing style as you saw on Saturday.

"She's been in work since July last



Lauberhorn (inner) clings on in a desperate finish to secure a win at Matamata

year and just seems to thrive on the whole stable environment as she has got better and better as we've gone along."

Saturday's victory was the filly's third in a thirteen start career with Richardson eyeing potential options at Ellerslie or Trentham for her next assignment.

"I have to sit down and discuss things with her owners but there is a nice race during Auckland Cup Week for her," he said.

"If we don't go there then the Wellington Guineas on the 19th of March is also an option so we will work out where we think she is best suited."

Richardson is also gearing up for a two-pronged attack on Wednesday's Gr. 3 Little Avondale Lowland Stakes

(2100m) with Strada Cavallo (NZ) (Alamosa) and Tessastock (NZ) (Tavistock).

"They are both very well and ready to run a big race on Wednesday," he said.

"Both are going to appreciate the extra distance and it will top them off nicely before they head to the New Zealand Oaks at Trentham later in the month."

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	Matamata RC Rich Hill Stud H. 1400m.
Winner	Lauberhorn (NZ) 2012
Owners	Challenge No.3 Syndicate (Mgr: Adrian Clark)
Trainer	Graham Richardson (Matamata)
Breeding	by Swiss Ace (AUS) out of Nevaeh by Thorn Park (AUS)
Breeder	Nearco Stud Limited; Waikato; NZ



HAUNUI FARM ENJOY WINNING DOUBLE AT MATAMATA

Although their focus may have been centered around the Otaki racemeeting on Saturday where they sponsored the Group One feature, powerful Karaka based breeding operation Haunui Farm enjoyed a successful day in the ownership ranks when a pair of closely related mares they share an interest in scored a winning double at Matamata on Saturday.

Progressive intermediate galloper **Triaction (NZ)** (Elusive City) grabbed the first victory when she bravely held out a small but select field of rating 75 opposition in the fifth race on the day before Perfect Fit (NZ) (Elusive City) scored in her open company debut just two races later. Coincidentally both carried the number seven saddlecloth in their respective events.

Perfect Fit is a daughter by Elusive City of outstanding racemare Fayreform (NZ) (Tights) who numbered a treble of Group One wins amongst her eight career victories while Triaction is also by Elusive City from Octagonal mare Free Form, who is a daughter of Fayreform.

Co-trainer Dawn Williams had been cautiously optimistic about the chances of Triaction before her contest as she had put together a string of good performances that included a

victory over well fancied race rival Seventh Up earlier in the season. That form held up well as the four-year-old mare showed plenty of tenacity to surge to victory after taking control late in the piece of the 1400 metre event.

"I thought it was quite a decisive win in the end as the pacemaker got away from her and she chased her down nicely at the finish," she said.

"They can be pretty hard to catch when they get a break on you like that so it was a good win.

"I think this mare has the potential to go to open company as she is that type of horse. She relaxes well and that will be to her advantage in the future."

The day ended on an even higher note for Haunui when classy performer Turn Me Loose (NZ) took out his

second Australian Group One scalp with victory in the Futurity Stakes at Caulfield. The four-year-old entire is by Haunui Farm stallion Iffraaj who is forging an enviable record at stud that includes being named New Zealand Champion Sire of three-year-olds for the 2014/2015 season.

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	Matamata RC Duncan & Ebbett H. 1400m.
Winner	Triaction (NZ) 2011
Owners	Haunui Bloodstock Ltd, G H Madill, B J & Mrs S M O'Brien
Trainer	Peter & Dawn Williams, Paul Richards (Byerley Park)
Breeding	by Elusive City (USA) out of Free Form (AUS) by Octagonal
Breeder	Haunui Bloodstock Ltd & B J O'Brien; Auckland; NZ



Triaction carries the familiar Haunui Farm colours to victory on the weekend



AWESOME DOES IT TOUGH BUT SCORES AGAIN

Trainer Tan Hor Khooon was a relieved man after his leading fancy, **Awesome (NZ)** (Showcasing), took out the \$60,000 Class 4 Division 1 race over 1100m on Sunday.

Tan had little cause for concern in the initial stages when the Showcasing three-year-old began well to sit outside joint-favourite The Cosmos (NZ) (Darci Brahma) before gradually gaining the ascendancy to take up the running.

But Tan's heart got its first test when Amazealot (NZ) (Keeper) and Deauville (NZ) (Darci Brahma) decided to inject more speed into the race as they came three abreast on

Awesome's outside, though jockey Benny Woodworth still looked cool and unfazed by this approach.

Turning for home, Woodworth went full bore ahead as Awesome scooted off to a commanding lead. The Cosmos took a few seconds to come around heels but once he did, he started to gobble up the margin on Awesome.

For a second it looked like Awesome would have to settle for second best, so relentless was The Cosmos' acceleration as the lead dwindled in the twinkling of an eye, but Tan's game little galloper was able to conjure up a stout response to scramble home by head for a two-from-two that certainly brought plenty of comfort to Tan.

"I thought I was in trouble when the other horse came up. But luckily for us, he fought back," said Tan.

"I think he's that type of horse who gets going again when another horse comes close."

Woodworth said he did not really have any anxious moments even when the two other horses applied pressure midrace.

Race	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1100m.
Winner	Awesome (NZ) 2012
Owners	ATL Stable
Trainer	HK Tan (Kranji)
Breeding	by Showcasing (GB) out of Hermitage by Generous (IRE)
Breeder	W J Stewart; Central; NZ



Awesome clings on gamely to score his second career win

"He was always on the bit, no worries," said Woodworth.

"Once I let him rip, he quickened away very well. The other horse came up but he kicked again.

"He's a lovely horse and the owners will have a lot of fun with him."

To illustrate the clear superiority of Awesome and his runner-up The Cosmos, third-placed horse Deauville was another six lengths away. With that second win from as many starts, the ATL Stable has already picked up stakes earnings close to the \$70,000 mark.



NZ STALLION AWARDS

THE CENTAINE AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
PENTIRE	\$6,718,889
SAVABEEL	\$6,673,179
O'REILLY	\$5,141,789
PINS	\$4,445,222
DARCI BRAHMA	\$4,359,189
IFFRAAJ	\$4,103,691
TAVISTOCK	\$3,825,929
ELUSIVE CITY	\$3,026,451
ZABEEL	\$2,636,428
THORN PARK	\$2,473,103

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

THE DEWAR STALLION TROPHY

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
PENTIRE	\$5,862,568
SAVABEEL	\$3,886,628
IFFRAAJ	\$2,809,559
DARCI BRAHMA	\$2,679,330
PINS	\$2,311,649
ZABEEL	\$2,280,808
TAVISTOCK	\$2,214,951
O'REILLY	\$2,019,803
THORN PARK	\$1,467,832
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$1,373,897

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

THE GROSVENOR AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS	BEST PERFORMERS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$1,759,985	KAWI	\$498,000
DARCI BRAHMA	\$1,615,315	JULINSKY PRINCE	\$287,500
IFFRAAJ	\$1,317,200	XIONG FENG	\$579,685
PINS	\$1,010,334	DECORAH	\$138,400
PENTIRE	\$874,426	XTRAVAGANT	\$417,500
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$854,825	VALLEY GIRL	\$236,125
TAVISTOCK	\$834,665	VOLKSTOK'N'BARRELL	\$118,750
ALAMOSA	\$746,516	STOLEN DANCE	\$258,725
THORN PARK	\$741,058	RYAN MARK	\$217,400
SHOWCASING	\$634,173	SHOWMEYAMONEYHONEY	\$189,650

Criteria: Leading Sires by Earnings in New Zealand

NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG FEBRUARY 24

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
OCEAN ROAR (NZ) 2008 by Towkay (AUS) out of Crystal Jet by Clay Hero (AUS)	W Ng; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Tsui Man H. 1000m.	
MASTER VIKING (NZ) 2011 by Mastercraftsman (IRE) out of Code Black by O'Reilly	D T O'Brien & Windsor Park Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Yuk Sau H. 1200m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale; V: Windsor Park Stud, P: New Zealand BStk-ag; \$80,000
PEARL WARM WARM (NZ) 2011 by Keeper (AUS) out of She's Got Spunk by O'Reilly	B N & T M Brown; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Yik Yam H. 1650m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Esker Lodge, P: PW Lock; \$50,000
STAR MAJESTIC (NZ) 2010 by Sakhee's Secret (GB) out of Dantessa by Danasinga (AUS)	K J Hickman & G W Hulston; Canterbury; NZ	HKJC King Kwong H. 1650m.	2012 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Valachi Downs, P: P O'Sullivan; \$60,000
PACKING DRAGON (NZ) 2011 by Mastercraftsman (IRE) out of Golden Gamble by Oregon (USA)	E P Lowry; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Sing Woo H. 1800m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Premier Sale; V: Belvedere Farm, P: Lee Wan Keung; \$190,000

NZ BRED WINNERS IN HONG KONG FEBRUARY 28

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
SNOW SLIDER (NZ) 2009 by Savabeel (AUS) out of Ferazzure by Cape Cross (IRE)	Cambridge Hunt Ltd & J D Georgetti; Central; NZ	HKJC Citibusiness H. 1400m.	2011 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: J. D. Georgetti, P: Bruce Perry BStk Ltd; \$26,000



NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE FEBRUARY 26

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
LIM'S SPRINT (NZ) 2011 by Swiss Ace (AUS) out of Sharp Melody by Daggers Drawn (USA)	A J; J C & Mrs S M Dravitzki; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Manulife Cup Kranji S. 1200m.	
GALLANT HEIGHTS (NZ) 2008 by Gallant Guru (AUS) out of Hollywood Heights by Felix the Cat (USA)	B J & Mrs L E Anderton; South; NZ	Singapore TC Air Canada Cup 1700m.	2010 South Island 2YO & Mixed Sale; V: White Robe Lodge, P: Graeme Hawker; \$15,000
RON (NZ) 2009 by Align (AUS) out of Baralo'kash by Kashani (USA)	B S Gillovic; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Cancham Cup 1700m.	2011 Ready to Run Sale; V: Anna Scott Racing Stables, P: Mr LK Laxon; \$50,000
KEVIN ELEVEN (NZ) 2009 by Danroad (AUS) out of Country Road (AUS) by Success Express (USA)	Mrs P A Dunell; Auckland; NZ	Singapore TC Scotiabank Cup Kranji S. 1200m.	

NZ BRED WINNERS IN SINGAPORE FEBRUARY 28

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
MAGNETISE (NZ) 2011 by Excellent Art (GB) out of Moon Magic by Casual Lies (USA)	Mrs J L Egan; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Initiation P. 1200m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Trelawney Stud Ltd, P: N Tiley; \$80,000 2013 Ready to Run Sale; V: Mana Par, P: RB Marsh; \$90,000
AWESOME (NZ) 2012 by Showcasing (GB) out of Hermitage by Generous (IRE)	W J Stewart; Central; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1100m.	2014 National Yearling Sale - Select Sale; V: Martindale Stud, P: NZB as agent; \$9,000 2014 Ready to Run Sale; V: Phoenix Semper Farm, P: Perfect Racing Stable; \$32,500
MIGHTY WARRIOR (NZ) 2011 by Savabeel (AUS) out of Pin Oak (SAF) by Fort Wood (USA)	The Whitby Bloodstock Trust; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Kranji S. 1600m.	2013 National Yearling Sale - Select Session; V: Trelawney Stud Ltd, P: Ascot Farm; \$55,000 2013 Ready to Run Sale; V: Ascot Farm, P: MJ Freedman/Michael Wallace B/S; \$200,000
MANGATOETOENUI (NZ) 2011 by Battle Paint (USA) out of Scorched Silk by Lord Ballina (AUS)	Chequers N.Z. Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1200m.	

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