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CARTWRIGHT STRIKES GROUP ONE GOLD IN NEW ZEALAND



Matt Cartwright and Grail Seeker winning the Gr.1 Westbury Stud Tarzino Trophy (1400m) at Hastings. (Trish Dunell)

Matt Cartwright announced his arrival among the top echelon of New Zealand's jockeys with a stunning treble on the opening day of the Hawke's Bay Spring Carnival at Hastings on Saturday, culminating in a giant-killing Group One win with **Grail Seeker (NZ)** (Iffraaj) in the Tarzino Trophy (1400m).

Formerly a leading apprentice in Victoria, Cartwright decided at the beginning of the season to move across the Tasman in search of better opportunities as a senior rider. Barely a month later, the 22-year-old stole the show on one of New Zealand racing's biggest stages with victories aboard Wolfgang (NZ) (Puccini) in the Livamol

International Health Products Premier (1600m), Poetic Champion (NZ) (Super Seth) in the Listed El Roca-Sir Colin Meads Trophy (1200m), and the super-impressive Grail Seeker in the Tarzino.

"I'm over the moon," Cartwright said. "To come over here and have this happen so soon, it's a big thrill. I

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was happy just to get a ride in the first Group One race, let alone win it. It's what I came over for.

"I'm speechless, to be honest. It would have to be my best moment in racing, a treble and a Group One winner, and I can't thank everyone enough. Onwards and upwards from here."

Grail Seeker showed glimpses of something special as a three-year-old last season. She stormed home from third-last to win the Gr.2 Wellington Guineas (1400m) by almost three lengths at Trentham in March, and she also picked up placings in the Gr.2 Eight Carat Classic (1600m), Gr.3 Desert Gold Stakes (1600m) and Listed Trevor & Corallie Eagle Memorial (1500m).

The Iffraaj mare was overlooked as a \$32 outsider for her first-up tilt at the Tazino, in which she faced a formidable field featuring no fewer than seven Group One winners. But Grail Seeker rose to the occasion with a sensational coming-of-age performance.

Cartwright took up a comfortable position in sixth along the rail as the favoured pair of Crocetti (NZ) (Zacinto) and Bonny Lass (NZ) (Super Easy) set a solid speed out in front. Those two rounded the home turn side by side, seemingly set to renew their rivalry after fighting out a thrilling finish in the Gr.1 BCD Group Sprint (1400m) at Te Rapa earlier this year.

But that script was torn up in the straight as Faraglioni (NZ) (El Roca) and Sacred Satono (NZ) (Satono Aladdin) sprinted past the two favourites with 200m remaining. Cartwright had angled Grail Seeker out to the middle

of the track in the meantime, and when he let her rip, the four-year-old came with giant bounds and blasted past Faraglioni to win by a length and a quarter. The race was run in a slick time of 1:21.46 – the fastest Tazino since 2006.

"She travelled beautifully," Cartwright said. "She jumped and settled. In her previous prep, it looked like she could get quite keen, but she travelled lovely for me and tracked into it perfectly. Once I let her go, she accelerated really well."

Grail Seeker was bred by Jamieson Park and was a \$130,000 purchase from their Book 1 draft at Karaka 2022. Her 10-start career has now produced three wins, four placings and \$413,465 in stakes for owners Trevor Clarke and Chris Jones.

She delivered the second Tazino Trophy victory in the last three years for Matamata trainers Lance O'Sullivan and Andrew Scott, who had previously won the season-opening feature with Dark Destroyer (NZ) (Proisir) in 2022.

"It's just amazing," Scott said. "It's great to have owners who believe in the dream and are happy to bypass a Foxbridge (Gr.2, 1200m) and believe in what we hope could happen. They believed in Wexford, believed in us and believed in our team."

"We sat back for this and hoped that she'd just come with one big run. What a ride from Matt. He's just on the crest of a wave today."

"We've got a massive team, and we can't do this without the people we have around us. It's a team thing and it's just amazing."

"We had dinner in Rarotonga with Trevor, and we said we'd sit back and have one go at this race. Chris and Trevor have been amazing. It's a fairytale and a great result."

"Rudy Lifting sent Trevor and Chris our way. They wanted to try some fillies, buy them from the sales and invest in the game. To get results for guys like them is what racing is all about."

Grail Seeker became the fifth newly turned four-year-old mare to win the Tazino in the last 20 years, joining Seachange (NZ) (Cape Cross) (2006), Keep The Peace (NZ) (Keeper) (2010), Melody Belle (NZ) (Commands) (2018) and Skew Wiff (NZ) (Savabeel) (2023).

Faraglioni and Sacred Satono collected highly creditable second and third placings in Saturday's weight-for-age showpiece, with defending champion Skew Wiff fourth and Waitak (NZ) (Proisir) fifth. Bonny Lass and Crocetti crossed the finish line in sixth and seventh place respectively.

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Race	Hawkes Bay Tazino Trophy Gr.1 1400m
Winner	Grail Seeker (NZ) 2020
Owners	T C Clarke & C B Jones
Trainer	Lance O'Sullivan & Andrew Scott (Matamata)
Breeding	by Iffraaj (GB) out of Starwish (AUS) by Redoute's Choice (AUS)
Breeder	Jamieson Park Ltd
Sales	2022 National Yearling Sale - Book 1 V: Jamieson Park \$130000 P: Kakapo Lodge

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ALABAMA LASS POWERFUL IN GOLD TRAIL



Alabama Lass holds out the challenge of Captured By Love to win the HBPB Thoroughbred Breeders Gold Trail Stakes (1200m) at Hastings. (Trish Dunell)

The rapid rise of **Alabama Lass** (Alabama Express) continued on the opening day of the Hawke's Bay Spring Carnival on Saturday, the filly putting on a stellar display to win the Gr.3 HBPB Thoroughbred Breeders' Gold Trail Stakes (1200m).

A daughter of Alabama Express, Alabama Lass has turned heads since debuting in early February as a juvenile, with a nine-length demolition followed by a meritorious run for second behind Captured By Love in the Gr.2 Matamata Breeders' Stakes (1200m).

Captured By Love (Written Tycoon) was among the main dangers to the Ken and Bev Kelso-trained filly in the Hastings feature, where she started a shortening \$1.90 favourite on the TAB, courtesy of an impressive fresh-up display at Taupo last month.

The only factor that stood in the way of Alabama Lass was the outside barrier draw (10), but her sizzling gate speed soon put any early queries to rest, with jockey Sam Spratt powering forward to sit in behind a strong tempo set by Pleasing.

While eight of the original field of ten got on their way, the

race wasn't without drama as local filly Anushka Shesastar (NZ) (Proisir) was late scratched for refusing to enter the barriers, and Sister Ping (NZ) (Street Boss), while making her way into gate nine, reared at the start and played no part in the contest either.

Meanwhile, Alabama Lass was cruising into the home bend and swiftly took the lead as she descended down the straight, and while Captured By Love was game in chasing her, she never looked in doubt powering to the line by three-quarters of a length. Karaka Millions 2YO (1200m) runner-up Damask Rose (NZ) (Savabeel) closed strongly in her return to racing ahead of Renovations (NZ) (Ardrossan).

Spratt was all smiles returning to the winner's circle, collecting her third win in the fillies' feature after guiding both Best Seller (NZ) (Wrote) (2022) and O'Marilyn (O'Reilly) (2014).

"She's really quick, she pinged out of the gates and they kicked up a little bit, but she's nippy both ends of the race," Spratt said.

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"We cruised along around the corner and kicked and at the top of the straight I thought it was going to be a track gallop, but then I could hear them coming for me. I think she was almost waiting for them a little bit, she's done it pretty easily.

"I think if she came up to us, she would've kicked again.

"The girl who looks after her said she gallops like that, goes past the stablemate then gets there and waits for them a little bit. Hopefully she can get out of that habit, but it was good that she got there."

Alabama Lass is nominated for the Gr.1 Barneswood Farm New Zealand 1000 Guineas (1600m) in November, and the way she conducted herself in the mid-stages of the contest gave Spratt some insight into whether she will see out the mile.

"You don't know until you try, I don't see why not as she's quick but she settles so if she got a decent run, she probably could see a mile out. We'll see how it goes," she said.



Trainers Bev and Ken Kelso. (Trish Dunell)

The Matamata-based Kelso's are also no strangers to success in the Gold Trail, securing a similarly dominant victory with subsequent Gr.1 Railway (1200m) winner Bounding back in 2013.

"She was brilliant, she got across easily from that outside gate and settled off the leader, and she's kicked away," Ken Kelso said.

"She was very shin-sore going into the (Matamata) Breeders so that probably accounted for a little bit there, but she's got an abundance of speed, she's a very exciting filly.

"I don't make decisions on race-days, it's a long season so we'll get home and see how she gets over the trip.

"She's a very good eater and her temperament has really improved this year from last year, so she's a little dream to train."

Out of a Commands mare, Alabama Lass was purchased by Kelso and Dean Hawthorne Bloodstock out of the 2023 Inglis Premier Yearling Sale for \$120,000.

From her four race-day appearances, she has won three of those attempts and earned \$134,125 in stakes for connections.

– **LOVERACING.NZ News Desk.**

Race	Hawkes Bay Gold Trail S. Gr.3 1200m
Winner	Alabama Lass (AUS) 2021
Owners	Marie Dunn, Jo & Murray Dunn, Sue & Tony Egan, A J Moore & Eddie Tynan
Trainer	Ken & Bev Kelso (Matamata)
Breeding	by Alabama Express (AUS) out of Tablopie (AUS) by Commands (AUS)
Breeder	Rifa Mustang Pty Ltd





POETIC CHAMPION DOMINANT IN THREE-YEAR-OLD DEBUT

A brilliant return to racing in Saturday's Listed El Roca-Sir Colin Meads Trophy (1200m) at Hastings sent a clear message that **Poetic Champion (NZ)** (Super Seth) will be a force to be reckoned with in three-year-old ranks this season.

The Super Seth gelding showed bright promise as a juvenile, winning by six lengths on debut last October before finishing third in the Listed Counties Challenge Stakes (1100m), second in the Gr.2 Wakefield Challenge Stakes (1100m), sixth in the Karaka Millions 2YO (1200m), second in the Gr.3 Matamata Slipper (1200m) and sixth in the Gr.1 Sistema Stakes (1200m).

Trial cancellations disrupted Poetic Champion's spring build-up, eventually winning a 950m trial on the Cambridge synthetic track on August 30 – just eight days before Saturday's black-type feature.

But despite his less-than-ideal preparation and despite coming up against a quality field of three-year-olds at Hastings, Poetic Champion kicked off his three-year-old season with the best performance of his career so far.

The chestnut jumped well from the inside gate for jockey Matt Cartwright and pulled ahead of Grove Street (NZ) (Ferrando) to take up a front-running position after the first 100m. That was where he stayed, dominating the race from the front and never giving the others a look in.

Cartwright pushed the button in the straight and Poetic Champion's response was spectacular, powering clear to win by two and a quarter lengths from the strong-finishing Savaglee (NZ) (Savabeel).

"That was lovely," Cartwright said. "He jumped cleanly. There was a bit of pressure early, but I didn't want to give the lead up. He half stargazed out in front, but then he was quite explosive after straightening up.

"I thought he might be a bit underdone coming into this

race, but Tony Pike is a legend at getting horses right on the day and he's done that today."

Bred and raced by Jonathan Munz's GSA Bloodstock, Poetic Champion has now had seven starts for two wins, three placings and \$152,150 in stakes.

The TAB now rates him a \$6 chance for the Gr.2 Hawke's Bay Guineas (1400m) at Hastings on September 28, and he is a \$12 chance for the Gr.1 New Zealand 2000 Guineas (1600m) at Riccarton on November 9.

"We just had a couple of little niggly issues with this horse towards the end of his two-year-old season," said Pike, who has previously won the El Roca-Sir Colin Meads Trophy with Bostonian (NZ) (Jimmy Choux) in 2017 and Cyber Attack (NZ) (Shamexpress) in 2018. "We've put those behind us now and he's come back in great order.

"I was a little worried that we had a short run-up into this resuming run, only trialling at Cambridge eight days ago. But Matt rode him beautifully in front and got a soft lead. He's just a really genuine racehorse and I'm rapt to see him back in winning form.

"He's bred and owned by Jonathan Munz, who also owned Super Seth, so it's great to get him a stakes win with one of Super Seth's progeny.

"He's a really sharp horse, so I'm not too sure how much of a trip he'll be able to run. We'll bring him back for the Hawke's Bay Guineas next, and his performance there will probably help us decide whether or not we carry on down to Riccarton. He might be more of a sprinter, and the heart probably says 1600m might not be his distance, but they can sometimes get away with it against their own age group at three.

"He's eligible for the NZB Kiwi (1500m) as well, so that's another target that we can think about."

Poetic Champion became the third individual stakes winner for exciting young Waikato Stud stallion Super Seth, who is also the sire of Sydney Group Three winner Linebacker (NZ) as well as last season's Listed winner Super Photon (NZ), who finished fourth in Saturday's El Roca-Sir Colin Meads Trophy.

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Race	Hawkes Bay El Roca Trophy L 1200m
Winner	Poetic Champion (NZ) 2021
Owners	GSA Bloodstock Pty Ltd
Trainer	Tony Pike (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Super Seth (AUS) out of Regally Blonde (AUS) by Royal Academy (USA)
Breeder	GSA Bloodstock Pty Ltd

Poetic Champion powering away with the Listed El Roca - Sir Colin Meads Trophy (1200m) at Hastings on Saturday. (Trish Dunell)



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DERBY WINNER BACK IN THE RANDWICK WINNERS' CIRCLE

Major Beel (NZ) (Savabeel) snapped a 17-month win drought that dated back to his triumph in last year's Gr.1 Australian Derby (2400m) when he returned to Randwick and took out Saturday's A\$160,000 City Tattersalls Patrick Campion Handicap (1600m).

The Savabeel gelding scored his fourth win from an 11-race career when he took out the Australian Derby in April of 2023, but his next eight starts produced a solitary placing in last spring's Gr.2 Chelmsford Stakes (1600m).

Major Beel showed encouraging signs in two trials leading into his return to racing on Saturday, and the five-year-old confirmed that was right back at his very best with an outstanding first-up win.

Sent straight to the lead by jockey Tim Clark, Major Beel dictated terms throughout the Benchmark 94 handicap and kicked hard in the straight. Challengers lined up across the track to try to reel him in, but Major Beel kept up a strong gallop and held on to win by a head.

"Obviously he was a Derby winner at three, but he just went missing on us a little bit as a four-year-old, which they can sometimes do," Clark said. "I've been really pleased with how he's come back and the way he's been working. He's filled out a bit more. He's always had good desire, and he needed that today."

Major Beel has now had 20 starts for five wins, six placings and A\$1,640,500 in stakes.

"We've had some fantastic memories with this horse," said Adrian Bott, who trains in partnership with Gai Waterhouse. "I'm just not quite sure how to place him or profile him at the moment."

"Obviously it's good to see him back



Major Beel (Inside) winning Saturday's A\$160,000 City Tattersalls Patrick Campion Handicap (1600m) at Randwick. (bradleyphotos.com.au)

here today, resuming over the mile and showing good tactical speed. That was a tough effort, the way he had to fight on. I thought he showed plenty of sprint late.

"The way he started to quicken just before the turn, I was filled with a lot of confidence. Even if he'd been run down, we would have been very satisfied with that performance. But for him to keep finding the way he did under his 60kg, it shows plenty of merit."

"I know he got away with a Derby as a three-year-old, but I'm not sure how far we'll go with him in this preparation. He could even stay around that mile or 2000m range."

Major Beel is the first foal of the unraced O'Reilly mare Gram (NZ) – a daughter of the Gr.2 Karakatta Plate (1200m) winner Gold Rocks (Oratorio), whose daughters Gold Fever (NZ) (Savabeel) and Gold Rush (NZ) (So You Think) both won the Gr.2 Matamata Breeders' Stakes (1200m) as two-year-old fillies. Their half-sister Calaverite (Lonhro) was successful at Listed level

as a juvenile in the Gimcrack Stakes (1000m) and St Albans Stakes (1200m), and she is the dam of Caulfield Guineas (1600m) winner Golden Mile (Astern).

Major Beel was purchased out of Waikato Stud's draft at the Gold Coast Yearling Sale for A\$260,000 by Waterhouse, Bott and Kestrel Thoroughbreds, with the Matamata farm remaining in the ownership.

– NZ Racing Desk.

Race	ATC Patrick Campion H. 1600m
Winner	Major Beel (NZ) 2019
Owners	Mrs M N Annetts, Mr M J Chittick, Mr G J Fisher, Woodburn, Miss J Daw, Mr B D Thistleton, Mr M R Stanton, Mrs S Stanton, Dr S Inglis, Mr S E Field, Mrs L De Villecourt, Mr A D Bowler
Trainer	Gai Waterhouse & Adrain Bott (Randwick)
Breeding	by Savabeel (AUS) out of Gram by O'Reilly
Breeder	Waikato Stud Ltd





THREE IN A ROW FOR EVAPORATE

Trainers Ben, Will and JD Hayes are keen to raise the bar to black-type level with **Evaporate (NZ)** (Per Incanto) after the Kiwi-bred gelding extended his winning sequence to three in a row in Saturday's A\$150,000 Ladbrokes Own Spring Handicap (1600m) at Moonee Valley.

The son of Per Incanto was a maiden winner at Cranbourne on August 1, then added a three-length victory in a three-year-old handicap at Moonee Valley on August 24. He returned to the same venue again on Saturday, where he was lumbered with a 60kg topweight but again produced a super-impressive performance.

Ridden by Michael Dee, Evaporate settled in second before cruising forward and taking command before the home turn.

The result was in no doubt from there, with Evaporate kicking away down the straight to win by two and three-quarter lengths from the fellow Kiwi-bred Stylish Secret (NZ) (Sweet Orange).

Ben Hayes believes Evaporate is emerging as one of Lindsay Park's brightest three-year-old prospects this season.

"He's getting up there now," he said. "It's very hard to win three in a row with two city races.

"I think he improved again, he did everything right today. He was able to cross, he got into a lovely rhythm and Michael rode him beautifully.

"He got rolling into the bend and won convincingly hands and heels, which is always very exciting to see. I think he's an exciting horse going forward. He still has a little bit more improvement to come, so hopefully we can see that his next couple of runs.

"In three weeks' time there's the Stutt Stakes (Gr.2, 1600m), that would be the ideal race to head towards and that's a traditional lead-up to a Caulfield Guineas (Gr.1, 1600m).

"The dream is alive at the moment, so we've just got to get him there and he'll be a nice chance."

Dee has no doubt that Evaporate can measure up against even better opposition.

"I think that was certainly his best performance to date and he's only improving each time he steps out," he

said. "Every time he's raced, he's only got better. He's racing a lot more tractably now and he's sustaining a really long gallop, so the way he's going, you'll definitely find him in better races."

Evaporate has now had seven starts for three wins, two placings and A\$214,125 in stakes.

He was bred by Little Avondale Stud and is one of 399 winners from 604 runners for the stud's flagship stallion Per Incanto.

The dam of Evaporate is the unraced Animal Kingdom mare Savanna (NZ), whose half-sister Belluci (NZ) (Per Incanto) Babe has been a multiple Group winner in Australia in the Little Avondale colours. Both of Savanna's two foals to race have been winners.

Evaporate was bought by Lindsay Park Racing for A\$330,000 at the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale in 2023. – **NZ Racing Desk.**

Race	MVRC Ladbrokes H. 1600m
Winner	Evaporate (NZ) 2021
Owners	Mystery Downs, Mrs C M Cook, Mr C J Grace, Mr R A Frew, Mrs L A Frew, Mr A S Williams, Mr B E Buchanan, Dr F Carnovale, Ms J P Cook, Mr M W Dunne, Mr B Falloon, Mr T J Fink, Mr P P Victor, Mr B S Wilson, Mr R Green, Mr S J Pickworth, C F C
Trainer	Ben, Will & JD Hayes (Flemington)
Breeding	by Per Incanto (USA) out of Savanna by Animal Kingdom (USA)
Breeder	Little Avondale Trust



Evaporate extended his winning sequence to three in a row at Moonee Valley on Saturday. (Bruno Cannatelli)



LINCOLN ROCKS TURNS THE TABLES ON LAUDING

Two weeks after being edged out by fellow Kiwi-bred galloper Lauding (NZ) (Proisir) in a tight photo finish at Moonee Valley, **Lincoln Rocks (NZ)** (Road To Rock) turned the tables in the pair's rematch over the same course and distance in Saturday's A\$80,000 Strathmore Community Bendigo Bank Handicap (2040m).

Previously a two-time winner from nine starts in New Zealand for Lisa Latta, Lincoln Rocks has made a strong start to his Australian career with three wins and two placings from five starts in the colours of OTI Racing. He has earned A\$156,680.

Lauding piped Lincoln Rocks by a nose in their previous meeting on August 24, and a repeat appeared to be on the cards as that pair strode to the front together around the home turn on Saturday.

But this time Lincoln Rocks slowly but surely got the upper hand over Lauding, pulling ahead to win by half a length. Another New Zealand-bred runner, Gentian Blue (NZ) (Reliable Man), flashed home in the final 100m to just edge out Lauding for second.

"I thought 'not again' when I saw those two fighting it out again," said Rob Archibald, who trains Lincoln Rocks in partnership with Annabel Neasham. "But probably that little bit of a weight swing told late in the race.

"I just loved the way he fought it out late. He showed real determination over that final 150m to really dig in and find the line. I thought Mark (Zahra, jockey) gave him a lovely ride.

"I'm just so pleased for the owners. It hasn't been the most straightforward ride with this horse, they've had to be very patient, but just starting to get rewards now.

"We're just so pleased, the team



Lincoln Rocks winning Saturday's A\$80,000 Strathmore Community Bendigo Bank Handicap (2040m). (Bruno Cannatelli)

here at Pakenham have done a great job with him, got him going really well, and hopefully there's more to come.

"I think we've just taken it step by step with him because of the interrupted path we've had to now, so we'll see how he comes through it. He's done a really good job this time, though. Annabel and the team will sit down and we'll make a plan on Monday."

Bred by John and Lynne Street's Lincoln Farms Bloodstock Ltd, Lincoln Rocks is out of the winning Darci Brahma mare Princess Maryanne (NZ), who was retained as a broodmare after she injured a tendon in just her second start in 2017 when showing enormous potential.

– NZ Racing Desk.

Race	MVRC Bendigo Bank H. 2040m
Winner	Lincoln Rocks (NZ) 2018
Owners	OTI Lincoln Rocks, Mr G Luca, Mr P A Rapone, Mr T C Eddy, Hon. G J Williamson, ANR Lincoln Rocks, Mr T R Black, Adelante Racing, Beartown 35, Beartown 36, Mr M P Stone, Mrs A G Stone, Webbmk Racing, Mr J P Spence, Mrs J T Spence, Mr A H Goodfellow, Mr J C Higgins, Mr S J Cowan, Mrs L A McLaren, Mr G Lygoyris
Trainer	Annabel Neasham & Rob Archibald (Pakenham)
Breeding	by Road to Rock (AUS) out of Princess Maryanne by Darci Brahma
Breeder	Lincoln Farms Bloodstock Ltd

FORMER KIWI STRIKES AT MOONEE VALLEY

One Dream One Soul (NZ) (Ekraar) has wasted little time in making her mark across the Tasman, producing a barnstorming finish to win Saturday's A\$80,000 Drummond Golf Handicap (1600m) at Moonee Valley in her second Australian start.

Previously trained by Lee Somervell to win four of her 33 starts in New Zealand, One Dream One Soul relocated to Victoria and joined the Pakenham stable of Andrea Leek. The six-year-old was a close fourth at Sandown in her Australian debut on August 21, and on Saturday she defied \$30 odds for a superb come-from-behind win.

Patiently ridden by Thomas Stockdale, One Dream One Soul sat at the tail of the 10-horse field for most of the race before swooping widest of all around the home turn. She quickened brilliantly in the straight and snatched victory right on the finish line.

"I thought she was over the odds," Stockdale said. "She ran a super race last start.

"We got a track into the race today and we were able to give her the room. Because she'd spent no tickets early in the race, she had plenty left for the straight. It was a super effort by Andrea to present the horse in the way she has and get the win.

"I think she'll be able to go to 2000m now and be ultra-competitive in a better race."

One Dream One Soul has now had 35 starts for five wins, seven placings and A\$152,431 in stakes. She collected black type with a placing in the Gr.2 Lowland Stakes (2100m) as a three-year-old.

Leek explained after the race how the mare came to be in her stable.

"We were very lucky," she said. "When Wiremu Pinn was here, his girlfriend's mum came and stayed with us and we were lucky enough to meet a lovely lady named Shirin Wood, who's actually flown over from New Zealand to watch today. Her

husband Lee trained this mare and we said to her, 'What about sending her across here?' They agreed and here we are.

"She was a little bit fat going into Sandown, she sweated up. Since then her coat's popping and she's tightened up and we just thought she looks the real deal now, so it's very exciting.

"I was hoping to dream that could she win today and we could look at the Matriarch Stakes (Gr.2, 2000m) in November and work our way back and see what races lead us into that."

Co-bred by Shirin Wood, One Dream One Soul is by Ekraar out of the Towkay mare Sheeza Kinda Magic (NZ), who is the dam of three winners from three named foals.

Sheeza Kinda Magic is a full-sister to the stakes-winning and Group One-placed mare Kay's Awake, who is the dam of last Saturday's Listed Heatherlie Stakes (1700m) winner Rise At Dawn (NZ) (Almanzor). – **NZ Racing Desk.**

Race	MVRC Drummond Golf H. 1600m
Winner	One Dream One Soul (NZ) 2018
Owners	Miss Z Leek, Mrs S L Wood
Trainer	Andrea Leek (Pakenham)
Breeding	by Ekraar (USA) out of Sheeza Kinda Magic by Towkay (AUS)
Breeder	C L & Mrs S L & Est late K L Wood



One Dream One Soul produced a barnstorming finish to win Saturday's A\$80,000 Drummond Golf Handicap (1600m). (Bruno Cannatelli)



MALT TIME READY FOR HASTINGS GROUP ONE CHALLENGE

Class performer **Malt Time** (Adelaide) showed she is more than ready to make her presence felt in the Gr.1 Arrowfield Stud Plate (1600m) at Hastings with the perfect dress rehearsal at Ruakaka.

The Shaun and Emma Clotworthy-prepared daughter of former Gr.1 Cox Plate (2040m) winner Adelaide was attempting to make it four wins from just four starts at the venue when she tackled the Harcourts Bream Bay (1400m) on Saturday.

Punters were firmly in her camp as she started the \$2.50 race favourite against some talented rivals including stakes performers El Vencedor (NZ) (Shocking) and Pearl Of Alsace (NZ) (Tavistock). Those who took the short odds could be forgiven for having a furrowed brow turning for home with rider Ace Lawson-Carroll behind a wall of horses on the mare and desperately seeking a gap between runners.

That gap came at the 250m and in a flash Malt Time was through and gone as she accelerated clear to win easing down by two lengths at the line from the late closing Quality Time (Amaron) and local runner Patricia (NZ) (Super Easy).

Shaun Clotworthy was delighted by what he saw after having some early concerns about the mare's prospects of getting the victory on a track playing in favour of those handy to the pace.

"That was very pleasing looking ahead to Hastings and even more impressive given she was against the pattern of the day," Clotworthy said.

"We didn't want to change her pattern as she does best when you let her find her feet early on and Ace did a good job to find that gap and get her through it in the straight.

"She has pulled up really well so she can have a few quiet days and maybe a trip to the beach before we head down to Hastings for the Arrowfield in three weeks."

Clotworthy will be looking to go one better in the second Group One event of the season after Malt Time charged into second behind Mustang Valley in last year's edition of the race that was run on a Heavy9 track.

"She has come of age for this prep and if we could go one better than last year with her it would be a very special result," he said.



Ace Lawson-Carroll drives Malt Time to victory in the Harcourts Bream Bay (1400m) at Ruakaka on Saturday. (Therese Davis (Race Images))

"I've seen a few races from the first day down there today and the track looks superb and is providing each runner with a fair shot at victory if they are good enough.

"I think our mare can compete at that level so we will be heading there with high hopes although very respectful of the good horses she will come up against."

Bred by Greg Tomlinson under his Nearco Stud banner, Malt Time is raced by Bill and Carrie Borrie who purchased her off gavelhouse.com back in 2018 as a broken-in two-year-old.

She is out of the Pins mare Pimms Time (NZ), who numbered the Gr.2 Travis Stakes (2000m) amongst her six career victories.

Her extended family includes dual Group One winner Railings (Zabeel) and Australian champion three and four-year-old Emancipation (Bletchingly). She has now won seven of her 31 starts and over \$400,000 in prize money.

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Race	Whangarei RC Harcourts Bream Bay H. 1400m
Winner	Malt Time (AUS) 2016
Owners	Bill & Carrie Borrie
Trainer	Shaun & Emma Clotworthy (Byerley Park)
Breeding	by Adelaide (IRE) out of Pimms Time by Pins
Breeder	Nearco Stud Ltd





BOSCH DOUBLES UP ON HOME TRACK

Trainer Michelle Bradley has a soft spot for her promising stayer **Bosch (NZ)** (Pentire), and he certainly earned an extra dipper in his Saturday night feed when he cruised clear to capture the Harcourts Tai Tokerau Cup (2200m) on his home patch at Ruakaka.

Bradley had nominated the six-year-old gelding as one of her top chances on the day and after she produced Arabella to take out the second race on the card, she was shooting for a winning double.

Bosch was also hunting back-to-back victories after winning a similar event at the venue at his last start and with Kelly Myers giving him a perfect ride from a wide barrier (8), he duly obliged in dominant style.

Positioned outside leader My Maebelline Girl (NZ) (Shamoline Warrior) throughout, Myers had a lapful of horse turning for home. She let the handbrake off at the 300m and the son of Pentire shot clear, eventually hitting the finish line four lengths clear of Fly My Wey (NZ) (Sweynesse) and Mahrajaan (Kitten's Joy).

Bradley was thrilled to see her charge in winning form again as she chases a start for him in a late spring staying feature.

"We went in with some confidence as he had thrived since his last run and the 2200m was right up his alley,"

Bradley said.

"Kelly hadn't ridden him before, but I was keen to get her on him when I knew Sam (Spratt) would be down at Hastings and she wouldn't be able to ride him.

"Kelly put him in a great spot and now he has learnt to settle properly he was always trucking along nicely.

"He is certainly putting his hand up for a go at one of the Cup races in the next few months, with the Counties Cup (Gr.3, 2100m) a race I would like to win.

"I grew up in the Pukekohe area so I'm a local girl and winning that race would be very special.

"We just need to sit down and work out a programme for him and hopefully

he can have a decent shot at it."

Out of the High Chaparral mare Highlight (NZ), a three-race winner from just five starts, Bosch has now won four of his 21 starts and just over \$133,000 in prizemoney for his connections that include Whangarei Racing Club Chairman Mike Beazley.

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Race	Whangarei RC Tai Tokerau Cup 2200m
Winner	Bosch (NZ) 2018
Owners	M T & D A Beazley, H W & K S Perry, J M Kerr
Trainer	Michelle Bradley (Ruakaka)
Breeding	by Pentire (GB) out of Highlight by High Chaparral (IRE)
Breeder	M T Beazley & H W Perry



Bosch and Kelly Myers clear their rivals to win the Harcourts Tai Tokerau Cup at Ruakaka on Saturday. (Therese Davis (Race Images))

SCOTT SEEKING ANOTHER FIRST WITH TRAMORE

Tramore (NZ) (Shocking) has provided Adam Scott with his first winner as an owner and an amateur jockey over the past couple of years, and on Sunday at Woodville, he will take the reins also as her trainer in the Flair Amateur Riders (2100m).

Based out of Foxton, Scott has plenty of family ties to the industry with his uncle Andrew a multiple-Group One winning trainer, but it was the influence of his late grandfather Jack that set him on a path into racing.

"I used to get ex-racehorses to ride as a young kid and I wouldn't say I had the worst experiences, but at the time, they were enough to terrify me a little bit so I stepped away from the horses for a while," Scott said.

"I wanted to be an All Black for about five years but then I needed a job, so I eventually came back to the track and I started on the ground working for Chris Rauhihi, they were doing breakers and babies at the time.

"I purchased Tramore when I was about 18 and she initially was under my Grandad's name, he helped educate me

into riding her trackwork to begin with and got my confidence back up."

The daughter of Shocking was Jack Scott's final runner after he sadly passed in April of 2022, and six months later, Scott had an opportunity to ride her in the Amateur race at Woodville, resulting in a sentimental five-length victory.

"When Grandad passed away, I moved her on to Matt Dixon as he was local in Foxton, and then I got the opportunity to ride her myself one day and thankfully, she won," he said.

"Having her has been a learning curve for me, I bought her for \$400 and she's part of the family now. I can't say she's made me plenty, but it's hard to get rid of her because she gets me out of bed most mornings.

"It's a bit like having a child in some ways, you have to be there to clean them and feed them and all the rest of it."

Alongside preparing Tramore and being a consistent presence in the amateur series, Scott has a couple of other horses in his care, whilst being

on hand to assist fellow trainers at the local course.

"I ride babies, breakers, pre-trainers, just anything that needs to be ridden," he said.

"I'm pretty much freelance in Foxton to pay my own bills, I mainly ride for Matt Dixon and Chrissy Bambry.

"I do a lot more of the rougher ones for other people because we're not blessed with very many riders here, and obviously the apprentices can't really afford to get hurt riding young horses.

"I always wanted to have a go at training as well and I inherited a few horses from Grandad, so it was easier to do them myself then pay someone to do it.

"I've only really just got my license so I'm just fine-tuning and working out which will make the grade or not.

"I've got a nice Puccini that my Grandad bred out of Bella's Delight that I think should be a nice staying type of mare in time, she's just come back in work."

Following the Woodville meeting, Scott has aspirations not only for Tramore, but also himself in the jumping role in the near future.

"She will probably be in for another month then she can go out and hopefully go jumping next year, I might even get my jumps license and have a go as well," he said.

"We've just set up some jumps here in the last couple of weeks, I said to Stephen Nickalls and Sacha Rennie that I'd like to do some schooling because I wouldn't mind doing one or two jump races just to say I've done it, and also be able to support the industry in a little way." - **LOVERACING.NZ News Desk**

Adam Scott and Tramore will line-up in the Flair Amateur Riders (2100m) at Woodville on Sunday. (Race Images)

