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## SMART 3YO DELIVERS EMOTIONAL GROUP VICTORY



He's Lucid returns victorious following Saturday's Gr.3 War Decree Stakes (1600m) at Riccarton. (Race Images South)

Emerging three-year-old **He's Lucid (NZ)** (Contributer) provided Mapperley Stud's Simms Davison with a bittersweet result when he downed a competitive age group line-up at Riccarton.

The Kevin Myers-trained representative's timing was faultless to break his maiden in Saturday's Gr.3 War Decree Stakes (1600m) and is now a

\$10 equal fourth favourite for the Gr.1 Al Basti Equiworld Dubai New Zealand 2000 Guineas (1600m).

Davison bred and sold He's Lucid, a son of the late Contributer who tragically passed away at the Matamata nursery last month.

"Contributer had been a big part of our lives and our stud for many years," he said. "It was a tough one to swallow,

very difficult.

"From limited numbers, he's performed incredibly well as a sire. I think you'll see more winning in the next six months, he's got a lot of smart young horses coming through."

He's Lucid won at his fifth appearance after earlier placings in the Listed Castletown Stakes (1200m) and

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the Listed Wanganui Guineas (1200m).

The gelding accounted for Tony Pike's dual black-type winner Raziah (NZ) (Niagara) and Kiwi Skyhawk (NZ), another highly rated son of Contributor with Stephen Marsh, in the War Decree.

He's Lucid was bought out of Mapperley's New Zealand Bloodstock's National Yearling Sale draft last year by Myers for \$40,000.

"He was a really nice horse and it will be exciting to see what he can go on and do," Davison said.

"He's a big horse and what he's done so early is quite surprising really for such a raw-boned type, he's showing a

lot of ability and when he strengthens further, he's going to be even more impressive."

He's Lucid is the first foal bred by Davison from the No Excuse Needed mare Big Dreamer (NZ), who was purchased off Gavelhouse in 2020 for just \$600.

"I had a mate, Johnny Orr, who rang me up and said that I should be buying No Excuse Needed mares to go to Contributor," he said.

"Johnny is a client and a pedigree buff who has mares with me, he's from the South Island and was on my case and kept saying buy No Excuse Needed

mares."

Big Dreamer was a five-time winner and showed her quality with placings in the Gr.3 Thompson Handicap (1600m) and the Listed Matamata Cup (1600m).

She was trained by Paul Mirabelli, who secured He's Lucid's brother for \$20,000 at Karaka earlier this year and as Shoma produced a tidy debut performance to finish fourth at Ellerslie on Saturday.

Big Dreamer is due to foal to Profondo and will then make a return visit to the Group One-winning son of Deep Impact.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Te Rapa abandoned

The spate of bad luck with New Zealand tracks continued at Te Rapa on Monday, with the abandonment of racing at the Hamilton venue following several slips.

Jockey Sam Weatherley reported his mount, Ess Vee Are (NZ) (Shocking), had slipped prior to entering the straight before going on to win the opening race of the card, while Joe Doyle and Warren Kennedy reported that their horses, Oppenheimer (NZ) (Belardo) and Sabrina Hall (NZ) (Mongolian Khan), had also slipped in race three, resulting in a decision to abandon the meeting.

"We had the report from Sam Weatherley following race one regarding his horse moving around the final bend. An inspection was carried out following that race and all parties were happy to continue on," stipendiary steward Brady Jones said.

"Prior to race three we had a brief shower of rain and we had reports from Joe Doyle and Warren Kennedy that both of their horses had moved rounding that final bend, probably from the 500m right through to the 400m, and they felt their mounts were shifting.

"We conducted a further inspection following that and found little pieces of movement, nothing glaringly obvious. The riders went back and had a meeting amongst themselves, and they reported to stewards that they didn't have the confidence in the track to ride competitively on it, so the meeting has been abandoned."

Te Rapa had recently been the saviour of the Livamol Classic Day, which was transferred to the track after Hastings was deemed unsuitable for racing following the abandonment of the Arrowfield Stud Plate Day, and its subsequent transfer to Matamata.

A date has yet to be confirmed for the transfer of the Gr.2 James and Annie Sarten Memorial (1400m), which was set to take place at Te Rapa on Monday, with New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing to make an announcement in due course.

– **LOVERACING.NZ News Desk**







# CUPS TARGETS FOR ESS VEE ARE

Summer Cups targets are on the horizon for stakes winner **Ess Vee Are (NZ)** (Shocking) following his bold win in the SkyCity Hamilton Waikato Cup Prelude (2400m) at Te Rapa on Labour Day.

In a small but select field, jockey Sam Weatherley took Ess Vee Are straight to the front where they were able to dictate terms throughout. The pair started to apply pressure from the 600m mark and opened up several lengths on their rivals turning for home, and Ess Vee Are was able to hold onto his advantage, running out a 1-3/4 length victor over Canheroc (NZ) (El Roca), with Diamond Jack (NZ) (Jakkalberry) a further four lengths back in third.

Darryn Weatherley, who trains the six-year-old gelding in partnership with his daughter Briar, was pleased with the winning performance.

"Before legging Sam on I said just make sure he is in a nice rhythm," Darryn Weatherley said. "My old boss Jim Gibbs used to tell me, if they are in a good rhythm they are happy horses.

<b>Race</b>	<b>Waikato TR Waikato Cup Prelude 2400m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Ess Vee Are (NZ) 2018</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>RBC Racing</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Darryn &amp; Briar Weatherley (Matamata)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Shocking (AUS) out of Reiveke by O'Reilly</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>C R; G A; M C; Mrs S V R &amp; W J Clothier &amp; RB &amp; SVR Clothier Family Trust</b>

"He executed it perfectly, he skipped off the corner and held on. It was nice to see."

There were a few anxious moments post-race, with Ess Vee Are having slipped and lost a shoe at the top of the straight. However, following a track inspection, the decision was made to proceed with racing.

"We went out with the Stewards, Bart (Cowan, track manager), and a few of us jockeys," Sam Weatherley said. "You could see a couple of little marks (on the track), which happened after he lost his shoes. We put our heads together and made a decision that with the drying weather that there was no real concern going forward and we are happy to race.

"He is such a big gangly horse, and he has never led in his life, so as soon as he got let off the bridle his legs went everywhere. Losing the shoe and putting it altogether, he has moved a little bit and probably made it look a little worse than what it actually was.

"With the protocols now, we all come together and if one person is not happy then we are not happy, but everyone is sweet and ready to go."

Weatherley was impressed with Ess Vee Are's performance, and said he could have won by more if it wasn't for the slip.

"It was a good win," he said. "If that (slip) didn't happen, he could have maybe made it a little more impressive, but he was still impressive enough and it was good to see a good horse back to his best. He lost his way a bit last season, he went to Australia and a few things didn't go quite right. Today with the

small field, he was able to jump and dictate, and bring back his old form."

Initially nominated for next month's Gr.3 Martin Collins New Zealand Cup (3200m) at Riccarton, his Matamata-based trainers have opted to keep the son of Shocking closer to home, eyeing the Gr.3 Waikato Cup (3200m) and Gr.3 Wellington Cup (3200m) over summer.

"We won't have to hammer him, he is a horse that keeps himself pretty fit," Darryn Weatherley said.

"Between now and the Waikato Cup I don't know what we are going to do, but that is the plan – Waikato Cup and then Wellington Cup."

Out of O'Reilly mare Reiveke (NZ), Ess Vee Are has now won five of his 26 starts, including the Listed New Zealand St Leger (2600m) at Trentham, and earned more than \$200,000 in prizemoney. – **LOVERACING.NZ News Desk**

*Ess Vee Are winning at Te Rapa on Monday.  
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# JOLIESTAR READY TO DEFEND AUSSIE HONOUR

Chris Waller denied a top Japanese galloper in last Saturday's Gr.1 Cox Plate (2040m) and he will look to bring down another of its stars this weekend.

The champion trainer has Cambridge Stud-owned Joliestar (Zoustar) heading towards the \$10 million Golden Eagle (1500m) at Rosehill.

The Group One-winning daughter of Zoustar is the considered the best local hope in a race that also includes Japanese Group One winner Ascoli Piceno (Daiwa Major) and unbeaten French gelding Lazzat (Territories).

Ascoli Piceno is looking to give Japan back-to-back Golden Eagle wins after last year's win to Obamburumai (Discreet Cat) and will have the services of Joao Moreira, who has warned Waller

of what he is up against, but the master trainer is up for the challenge.

"I've spoken to Joao about him and Joao said he's very good," Waller said.

"We saw last year how good the Japanese horses are and that's the beauty of international racing; you get to bring formlines together.

"It's so important for Australia, because it's hard for us in Australia. We've got so much money here in Australia we don't need to travel, so when we get a few horses come here we need to bring our A-game."

Waller packed Via Sistina's (Fastnet Rock) A-game last Saturday at Moonee Valley, where the imported mare thrashed Japan's Prognosis (Deep Impact) by eight lengths in a track-record win in the Cox Plate.

Joliestar will be having her fourth

run of the campaign in the Golden Rose.

She resumed with a stunning win in the Gr.3 Show County Quality (1200m), was then beaten as favourite in the Gr.2 Sheraco Stakes (1200m) before a seventh placing in 1200m The Everest, when she was caught in traffic but flashed late to only be beaten 1-1/2 lengths.

"Joliestar has come through her unlucky run in The Everest well, she's bright and well and 1500 metres will be no problem," he said.

"It's a big race and I'd just like to see her draw well and I'd be very confident she can bounce back."

The Golden Eagle barrier draw will take place in Sydney on Tuesday.

– RAS Newswire



Trainer Chris Waller is up for another international challenge in Golden Eagle with Joliestar. (Bruno Cannatelli)



# STOTT JOINS NEW ZEALAND RIDING RANKS

**B**ritish hoop Kevin Stott achieved his biggest moment in racing in the colours of Cambridge Stud's Brendan and Jo Lindsay at Royal Ascot four years ago, and now he has made his way to their homeland for a riding stint.

The 30-year-old jockey recorded his first Group One victory aboard the Cambridge Stud part-owned Hello Youmzain in the 2020 edition of the Gr.1 Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Stakes (1200m) at Royal Ascot, and the son of Kodiak now stands at the Cambridge farm.

"That was the best day in my life in terms of riding career," Stott said. "Unfortunately, it was during the pandemic, so there were no crowds.

"It is something that I will never forget, obviously your first Group One is massive, and I was lucky enough to ride another Group One last year on a very good horse. I have ridden some very nice horses and have a lot of experience all around Europe and all around the world."

Stott has plied his trade in a number of racing jurisdictions around the world and said he has always wanted to ride in New Zealand.

"I had always really wanted to come down and see New Zealand," he said. "I have been to Australia, America, Dubai, Qatar and Bahrain, and I thought

I would come down here and have a look.

"A good friend of mine got in touch with Bruce Sherwin who then got me in touch with a few people out here."

Stott arrived in New Zealand last week, and hasn't been idle, riding track work in the Waikato and having his first taste of raceday riding at Monday's meeting at Te Rapa, which was subsequently abandoned.

"The quality of racing is getting better and the increase in prizemoney is a massive plus. I am really looking forward to getting going," he said.

"Hopefully I will be a bit busier next week, I only landed on Wednesday. I have had a couple of days at the tracks, at Cambridge and Matamata."

"I am in Cambridge, but I will be doing track work in Matamata and Cambridge, and doing loads of trials to see if I can get some nice horses and hopefully we can get off to a good start."

Stott said he is willing to work hard, and he is hoping that is rewarded by trainers with raceday rides.

"I believe the people in New Zealand appreciate if you work hard, and if you work hard, they reward you," he said. "That is definitely something I will be doing. Hopefully I can reward them with winners as well as they can reward me with rides."

**– LOVERACING.NZ News Desk**



Group One-winning jockey Kevin Stott.  
(Kenton Wright (Race Images))





# TOWN CRYER **TENACIOUS** IN THOMPSON

It takes a talented galloper to run down **Town Cryer (NZ)** (Tavistock), and her rivals were no match for the classy mare in Sunday's Gr.3 Gee and Hickton Funeral Directors Thompson Handicap (1600m) at Trentham.

The Tavistock mare had a career-best season last term, winning the Gr.3 Taranaki Breeders' Stakes (1400m) and Listed Wairarapa Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes (1600m), alongside placings in the Gr.3 Anniversary Handicap (1600m) and Gr.1 New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes (1600m).

Roydon Bergerson, who trains the mare out of Awapuni, had hoped to target the Hawke's Bay Spring Carnival, but elected to bypass the features and

returned to defend her crown in the Taranaki Breeders', where she finished a commendable second to The Hottie (NZ) (Swiss Ace).

Primed for a step-up to the mile, Town Cryer started the \$7.10 third-favourite behind Islington Lass (NZ) (Proisir) (\$3.80) and Spencer (NZ) (Derryn) (\$5.70) and she flew away from the barriers, assuming control of the tempo early under Craig Grylls.

Grylls increased the pressure passing the 600m and set a task for the field in the straight, where in her typical fashion, Town Cryer was too tough and held off last year's winner Diss Is Dramatic (NZ) (Dissident) by three-quarters of a length to claim the feature.

A photo finish between Liffey (NZ)

(Niagara) and Lightning Jack (NZ) (Per Incanto) respectively completed the first four.

Grylls collected his fourth stakes-level success for the season in the race, giving plenty of praise for Town Cryer.

"She popped away nicely and got rolling along as she does, but she was beautiful and relaxed the whole way," he said.

"She's best trying to get away from them a little bit, because she can sustain a gallop. The question mark was on the heavy ground, but she's so tough, she just wants to keep on running.

"I thought they were coming at me about the 200, but she gets going

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again. She's a very tough mare and has been a great racehorse for the team."

Bergerson indicated post-race that he had questioned whether to start Town Cryer after heavy rain in the region across the weekend, but her quality shone through.

"I nearly scratched her, but there's no races for her for about six weeks until we come back for the Group One," he said.

"She loves it at Trentham, Grylls gets on so well with her and I was pretty confident after her run the other day at Hawera, she was just so well above herself.

"She loves the fight, he took her to them at the 600 and they just couldn't get past her."

Town Cryer finished a game seventh

in last year's edition of the Gr.1 Mufhasa TAB Classic (1600m), a result Bergerson hopes to improve when she returns to the venue on December 7.

"She might have to go to Riccarton in the interim, but I'll probably just give her a trial, she races so well fresh. She's a good horse, a really good horse," he said.

"She goes on anything and good horses do that.

"I told the boys at her first start that we have a good horse here, and I think she ran 26 lengths last. I've always had faith in her and I'd like to thank all of my staff, they do a great job with her. It's a hard job for them, but they're there every morning, it's great."

Out of a three-win and Listed-performing mare The Speaker (NZ)

(Volksraad), Town Cryer has won eight of her 35 starts with a further 13 minor placings, earning just shy of \$500,000 in stakes for a large ownership group.

– **LOVERACING.NZ News Desk**

<b>Race</b>	<b>WRC Thompson H. Gr.3 1600m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Town Cryer (NZ) 2017</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>S Day, J D Dixon, M Fearon, G A McTaggart, Naenae Bowling Club No.2 Syndicate, A R Osborne, Mrs J Sellars, Mrs B C &amp; P J B Smith, W L Wildbore, R J Wiltshire, R Yemm &amp; Est late J A Roache</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Roydon Bergerson (Awapuni)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Tavistock out of The Speaker by Volksraad (GB)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>P J B Smith Family Trust; Mrs B C &amp; P J B Smith</b>



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## FOUR IN A ROW **FOR LAZIO**

Allan Sharrock continues to be rewarded for the careful handling of his untapped sprinter **Lazio (NZ)** (Per Incanto), who collected a fourth-consecutive victory in the WRC Life Members 1000 at Trentham on Sunday.

The son of Per Incanto has been lightly-raced by Sharrock, having just his sixth start on Sunday, with five previous appearances resulting in two seconds and three victories in succession.

The market reflected his impeccable record, backing Lazio into \$2.30 favouritism ahead of Bold Belle (NZ) (The Bold One) (\$6) and Waihaha Falls (NZ) (Sacred Falls) (\$8.40) as the only other runners in single figures, which was accurately emulated in the result.

Carrying just 51kg under Rihaan Goyaram, Lazio gained cover early behind Bold Belle and the pair travelled comfortably through the testing conditions down the chute. The gelding got on terms with Bold Belle on straightening and they eventually broke clear of the remainder of the

field at the 100m, fighting out the finish before Lazio proved too strong, taking the contest by a long head with Waihaha Falls a further 1 – ½ lengths back in third.

Sharrock was thrilled with the five-year-old's performance, particularly in a career limited by soundness issues.

"I'm really proud of him, he's a gorgeous type of animal and he would be a pin-up boy if he was a model," Sharrock said.

"With the issues he's got with his joints, he's doing a terrific job. While there is a bit of precipitation around, I'll probably continue this prep, but the first sign of the tracks firming up, he'll go to the paddock.

"Unfortunately, his body just won't let him do that, it's quite sad in a way but I'm very proud of him in another way.

"There's a Listed race at Te Rapa but the chances of getting an off-track there are probably limited, and if it was firm, there is also an 1100m race at Wellington in a fortnight.

"There's more chance of rain at this end of the island, so it will all be determined by the weather at this stage."

Lazio is raced by Luigi Muollo's Explosive Breeding, who bred the five-year-old alongside Sharrock and Paul Dombroski from Listed winner Madonna Mia (NZ) (Red Clubs). The well-performed race mare has been a star in the broodmare paddock, also producing Group Three placegetter Signora Nera (NZ) (Sweynesse) and champion Hong Kong sprinter Lucky Sweynesse (NZ) Sweynesse).

Madonna Mia, part-owned by Waikato Stud, has been served by Savabeel in the 2024 breeding season.



*Lazio and Rihaan Goyaram winning the WRC Life Members 1000 at Trentham on Sunday. (Peter Rubery (Race Images Palmerston North))*

The victory capped off a successful week for Sharrock, picking up a double at New Plymouth on Friday with Grit (NZ) (Proisir) and Swingit Our Way (NZ) (Zed), while he was also pleased with the performances of juvenile filly Almakeitgood (NZ) (Ardrossan) and Islington Lass (NZ) (Proisir), who finished fifth in the Gr.3 Gee and Hickton Thompson Handicap (1600m) at Trentham.

"I was thrilled with her (Almakeitgood), she absolutely hates heavy ground and was dead on her feet at the 300, then had the audacity to pick herself up and get beaten a head," he said.

"I'm very proud of her efforts and she'd be going close to qualifying for the Karaka Millions, we'll probably look for another race for her pre-Christmas but I like her, she's a really nice filly.

"Islington Lass was very brave to run fifth in the Thompson, I was really proud of her too. She went super."

**– LOVERACING.NZ News Desk**

Race	WRC Life Members H. 1000m
Winner	Lazio (NZ) 2019
Owners	Explosive Breeding Ltd
Trainer	Allan Sharrock (New Plymouth)
Breeding	by Per Incanto (USA) out of Madonna Mia by Red Clubs (IRE)
Breeder	P L Dombroski; Explosive Breeding Ltd & S A Sharrock





# CLASSY CONNELLO BOOKS HER TICKET SOUTH

**L**ess than 24 hours after watching her former star Belclare (NZ) (Per Incanto) collect the A\$2 million Gr.2 The Invitational (1400m) across the Tasman, Lisa Latta unveiled another Group One hopeful in the same colours at Trentham with **Connello (NZ)** (Time Test) storming home to take out the Happy Hire 1400.

Latta prepared Belclare to win two editions of the Gr.1 New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes (1600m) among a number of other feature successes, and now in the care of expat-Kiwi Bjorn Baker, the quality mare displayed her class in an all-the-way-win on the big stage at Royal Randwick.

Belclare was bred and raced by Deb and David Woodhouse, and their familiar black-and-white silks were back on top closer to home on Sunday with the Time Test filly, who was coming off a last-start victory earlier this month at Egmont.

Connello defeated Wire Rope (NZ) (Darci Brahma) on that occasion, but the latter started favourite in Sunday's race at \$2.80 ahead of the filly, who closed at \$4.70. In the hands of Tina Comignaghi, Connello jumped away positively and settled into the one-one behind Anushka Shesastar (NZ) (Proisir), who sat outside of Wire Rope at a leisurely tempo.

Coming off the turn, several of the three-year-olds struggled to kick in the heavy conditions, but Connello was in her element and stormed to the lead at the 200m, continuing to extend the margin to the post over a game Skipper's Canyon (NZ) (Belardo) and Wingman (NZ) (Swiss Ace).

Connello holds a nomination for the Gr.1 Barneswood Farm New Zealand 1000 Guineas (1600m) at Riccarton Park, a race Latta has firmly on her agenda in three weeks' time.

"She's just a really genuine filly that does everything right," Latta said.

"I think she'll step-up to the mile and we look forward to heading south for the Guineas."

Latta shared a similar sense of pride after Belclare's victory, particularly for her Wairarapa-based connections.

"I was so proud watching her win a Group race over there and it's great for the owners, Deb and David Woodhouse," she said.

"They really deserve it, and then to top it off with Connello was great."

Bred by David Woodhouse alongside HGT Bloodstock, Connello has won three of her 10 starts and over \$80,000 in stakes for the former and Bill Rutherford. She is the eighth foal out of

Woodhouse's homebred Towkay mare Ballieborough (NZ).

Connello's success was one of three by the Latta stable with Popsagoosey (NZ) (Tivaci) and Deadly Pony (NZ) (Puccini) saluting throughout the card, alongside a game Diss Is Dramatic (NZ) (Dissident) finishing second in the Gr.3 Gee and Hickton Thompson Handicap (1600m). – **LOVERACING.NZ News**

Race	WRC Happy Hire S. 1400m
Winner	Connello (NZ) 2021
Owners	D K Woodhouse & W H Rutherford
Trainer	Lisa Latta (Awapuni)
Breeding	by Time Test (GB) out of Baillieborough by Towkay (AUS)
Breeder	HGT Bloodstock Ltd & D K Woodhouse
Sales	2022 National Weanling Sale V: HGT Bloodstock Ltd \$10000 P: DK Woodhouse



*Connello powers away with the Happy Hire 1400 at Trentham on Sunday. (Peter Rubery (Race Images Palmerston North))*



# ELLERSLIE ON RUTTEN'S RADAR AGAIN AFTER TRENTHAM WIN

**P**rominent owner Chris Rutten knows a thing or two about the Karaka Millions meeting at Ellerslie, and he might be heading in that direction again after a debut victory by **Too Sweet (NZ)** (Satono Aladdin) in Sunday's Graham's Painters 2YO (900m) at Trentham.

Rutten won the Karaka Million 2YO (1200m) with Vespa (NZ) (Elusive City) in 2014 and has since collected minor placings with Kingsman (NZ) (Darci Brahma) (2016), Yourdeel (NZ) (Dundeel) (2019) and Avonallo (NZ) (Belardo) (2021). He also had success with Scott Base (NZ) (Dalghar) in the Karaka Million 3YO (1600m) in 2018.

Rutten paid \$50,000 to buy Too Sweet from the Phoenix Park draft at Karaka earlier this year. She is by exciting Rich Hill Stud stallion Satono Aladdin, while her dam Sparkling Rose (NZ) (Bernadini) comes from the family of quality racehorses and sires Darci Brahma (NZ) (Danehill) and Burgundy (NZ) (Redoute's Choice).

Too Sweet headed into her raceday debut with two trials under her belt, finishing second at Foxton on September 18 before winning at the same venue two weeks later.

The Roydon Bergerson-trained filly was sent out as an \$8 fourth favourite in Sunday's five-horse field, but she upstaged

her more-fancied opponents with a classy and determined performance.

Too Sweet and jockey Lily Sutherland sat back in fourth as Landlock (Merchant Navy), Grocer's Deelight (NZ) (Dundeel) and Almakeitgood (NZ) (Ardrossan) pushed forward through the early stages of the race.

That trio still showed the way coming into the home straight, but then Too Sweet quickened through an opening one from the outside and soon joined in. She found plenty in the testing Heavy10 conditions, reaching her neck out and edging ahead of Almakeitgood to score by a head.

Too Sweet earned \$23,000 from Sunday's win, which has historically been more than enough to secure a place in the Karaka Millions starting gates at Ellerslie on January 25.

"She's a beautiful filly," Bergerson said. "I was surprised that she raced quite greenly today, but she still quickened well in the straight and stuck her neck out and won nicely.

"The Karaka Millions is the big goal. That's the reason Chris bought her, and there's not many better judges when it comes to that race, outside of maybe David Ellis.

"She's qualified now, so it takes the pressure off and we can just pick and choose our path from this point on. We'll give

her a look around Ellerslie at some stage between now and then."

– **LOVERACING.NZ News Desk.**



<b>Race</b>	<b>WRC Graham's Painters 2YO S. 900m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Too Sweet (NZ) 2022</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>C A Rutten, D M Rutten, S Bergerson, M Gardner &amp; K L Bergerson</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Roydon Bergerson (Awapuni)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Satono Aladdin (JPN) out of Sparkling Rose by Bernardini (USA)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>E E &amp; W L Mountfort</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2024 National Yearling Sale - Book 2 V: Phoenix Park \$50000 P: Chris Rutten B/stock (BAFNZ)</b>

*Too Sweet on her way to winning Sunday's Graham's Painters 2YO (900m) at Trentham. (Peter Rubery (Race Images Palmerston North))*







# STORM FRONT STRIKES ON DEBUT

**S**torm Front's (NZ) (Snitzel) pedigree, trial form and reputation within the Tony Pike stable created a buzz around his race-day debut in Saturday's Dunstan Horsefeeds 2YO (1100m) at Ellerslie, and the promising colt produced a first-up performance worthy of the hype.

Storm Front is by Australian super-sire Snitzel out of the Per Incanto mare Indecision (NZ), who Pike trained to win six races including the Listed Hallmark Stud Handicap (1200m), Legacy Lodge Sprint (1200m) and NZB Finance Sprint (1200m). Indecision also placed in the Gr.3 Sweeney Stakes (1215m) and was a close fifth in the Gr.1 Railway (1200m).

Offered by co-breeders Trelawney Stud in Book 1 of Karaka 2024, Storm Front was bought by Pike for \$400,000. The colt has made a highly favourable impression on his trainer through the early stages of his two-year-old preparation, including a smart two-length trial win at Ellerslie on September 10.

Storm Front returned to the same venue to make his debut in Saturday's \$45,000 two-year-old sprint, and he lived up to his \$2.10 favouritism with a dominant performance.

Storm Front broke well from the starting gates and jockey Matt Cartwright sent him forward to sit on the outside of the leader, last-start winner Vega For Luck (NZ) (Lucky Vega).

Once Storm Front got balanced up in the home straight, Cartwright released the brakes and went for gold. The favourite kicked away from Vega For Luck and the strong-finishing Belle Du Monde (Zoustar), pulling ahead to win impressively by two and a quarter lengths.

"He's a pretty progressive colt," Cartwright said. "I've ridden a few two-year-olds this season, and he's definitely one of the better ones."

"He did a bit wrong coming around the turn, and it just goes to show how green he still is and how much improvement he's got. But he put them away well and had a lot more left."

"He's a nice horse going forward. I think he'll be pretty exciting come the autumn."

Storm Front earned \$25,875 from Saturday's win, which propels him straight to the top of the order of entry for the Karaka Millions 2YO (1200m) at Ellerslie on January 25. The weekend's other two-year-old winners, Roc 'N' Ready at Riccarton and Too Sweet at Trentham, each earned \$23,000 and took prominent positions just behind him in the standings.

"He's a lovely horse going forward," Pike said. "We always thought he might be a bit new and green in his first start today,



Storm Front ridden by jockey Matt Cartwright in winning the Dunstan Horsefeeds 2YO (1100m) on Saturday (Trish Dunell)

but most two-year-olds are. He just got on the wrong leg.

"But the best part of his race was the last 200m. He really drew away and did it comfortably in the end, which was good to see."

"We can work our way towards the Karaka Millions now. He's a horse that I think is going to improve with a bit of time on his side, so it's really exciting to have a nice colt like this in the stable."

"He's a Snitzel colt, so it would be nice to get a bit of black type along the way as well if we can. But we'll probably give him a week in the paddock for now and then make some plans after that." – **LOVERACING.NZ News Desk.**

<b>Race</b>	<b>Auckland TR Dunstan Horsefeeds 2YO S. 1100m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Storm Front (NZ) 2022</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Pike Racing Ltd, Mrs E I Wells, N Greenhalgh, Magic Bloodstock Racing, R G Mulcaster, M R Smith, Faith Taylor, Mrs M E Wallace &amp; M Weiner</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Tony Pike (Cambridge)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Snitzel (AUS) out of Indecision by Per Incanto (USA)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>S L Malcolm &amp; J D Taylor; Mrs C N Taylor; Taylor Family Trust &amp; Trelawney Thoroughbreds Ltd</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2024 National Yearling Sale - Book 1 V: Trelawney Stud Ltd \$400000 P: Pike Racing</b>

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# NZ STALLION AWARDS

## THE CENTAINE AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
<b>TAVISTOCK</b>	<b>\$6,802,701</b>
PER INCANTO	\$4,368,621
SAVABEEL	\$3,748,037
SHAMEXPRESS	\$2,618,447
OCEAN PARK	\$2,061,219
REDWOOD	\$1,922,638
SHOCKING	\$1,704,912
CHARM SPIRIT	\$1,694,317
ALMANZOR	\$1,552,926
IFFRAAJ	\$1,485,117

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

## THE DEWAR STALLION TROPHY

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
<b>TAVISTOCK</b>	<b>\$5,629,140</b>
PER INCANTO	\$3,145,017
SAVABEEL	\$2,891,955
OCEAN PARK	\$1,653,615
SHOCKING	\$1,556,075
ALMANZOR	\$1,451,212
REDWOOD	\$1,447,224
BULLBARS	\$1,134,985
RELIABLE MAN	\$1,012,145
PROISIR	\$1,011,025

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

## THE GROSVENOR AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
<b>IFFRAAJ</b>	<b>\$655,130</b>
TAVISTOCK	\$650,935
BELARDO	\$630,935
EL ROCA	\$526,350
SAVABEEL	\$496,195
ZED	\$489,210
COMPLACENT	\$443,880
PROISIR	\$443,385
ALMANZOR	\$377,030
TURN ME LOOSE	\$331,220

BEST PERFORMERS	EARNINGS
<b>GRAIL SEEKER</b>	<b>\$230,000</b>
SNAZZYTAVI	\$351,000
FELLINI	\$66,750
FARAGLIONI	\$74,000
SAVAGLEE	\$140,275
LORD SPENCER	\$100,950
HI YO SASS BOMB	\$130,500
BOURBON EMPRESS	\$51,150
LUX LIBERTAS	\$107,100
ABOVE THE CLOUDS	\$34,520

*Criteria: Leading Sires by Earnings in New Zealand*



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## NEW ZEALAND BRED WINNERS

### HONG KONG (23 OCTOBER)

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
<b>RELIABLE PROFIT (NZ) 2018 by Reliable Man (GB) out of Oh So Royal (AUS) by Danzero (AUS)</b>	G Harvey; Auckland; NZ	HKJC Tin Ha Shan H. 1650m.	2020 National Yearling Sale - Book 1 V: Westbury Stud \$330000 P: The Hong Kong Jockey Club

### MALAYSIA (26 OCTOBER)

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
<b>RED DRAGONFLY (MLY) Steady Punpipi (NZ) 2020 by Rubick (AUS) out of Unfazed by Zabeel</b>	Cambridge Stud Thoroughbreds Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Selangor TC Class 5B H. 1150	2022 National Yearling Sale – Book 1 V: Carlaw Park \$80000 P: Riversley Park 2022 Ready To Run Sale V: Riversley Park \$55000 P: Mr KF Tay
<b>TERMS OF REFERENCE (NZ) 2012 by Per Incanto (USA) out of Myladys by Kingfisher Mill (USA)</b>	Little Avondale Trust; Central; NZ	Selangor TC Class 4B H. 1100	
<b>VERY SURPRISE (NZ) 2018 by Star Witness (AUS) out of Costarosa (AUS) by Encosta De Lago (AUS)</b>	B J Lindsay MNZM & Mrs J E A Lindsay; Auckland; NZ	Selangor TC Class 5A H. 1600	2020 National Yearling Sale – Book 1 V: Cambridge Stud \$120000 P: John Foote Bloodstock/ Gollan Racing

### HONG KONG (27 OCTOBER)

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
<b>SHARPEN BRIGHT (NZ) 2019 by Redwood (GB) out of Wandane (AUS) by Danehill (USA)</b>	G Harvey; Auckland; NZ	HKJC Dongguan H. 1800m.	
<b>SMART FIGHTER (NZ) 2019 by Sacred Falls out of Do Ra Mi by Savabeel (AUS)</b>	Waikato Stud Ltd; Waikato; NZ	HKJC Huizhou H. 1200m.	

### MALAYSIA (27 OCTOBER)

HORSE & BREEDING	BREEDER	RACE	SALES DETAILS
<b>REMO MAMA (MLY) Travis (NZ) 2016 by Power (GB) out of Tihi Keepa by Keeper (AUS)</b>	Sir Patrick & Lady Hogan; Waikato; NZ	Selangor TC Class 5A H. 1400	2018 Karaka May Sale V: Brighthill Farm \$1500 P: Miss SA McKay
<b>DUMA (NZ) 2021 by Too Darn Hot (GB) out of Podravina by Bel Esprit (AUS)</b>	Pencarrow Thoroughbreds Ltd; Waikato; NZ	Selangor TC Novice 1300	2023 Ready To Run Sale V: Prima Park \$45000 P: Esther Quan Hui Lim
<b>LUCKY MAGIC (NZ) 2020 by Mendelssohn (USA) out of No Love Letters (GB) by Roderic O'Connor (IRE)</b>	J Crowley; NZ	Selangor TC Class 4A H. 1700	2022 National Yearling Sale – Book 1 V: Prima Park \$35000 P: Mr B Kwok 2022 Ready To Run Sale V: Prima Park \$75000 P: HY Cheng Racing Stable
<b>LIMITLESS ROAR (MLY) Jinn Warrior (NZ) 2020 by Embellish out of Pamina by Keeper (AUS)</b>	J K & K Smith; NZ	Selangor TC Class 3 H. 1020	2022 Gavelhouse January Sale V: Katy Smith \$1100 P: Sahul Hameed

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## GLOBAL NEW ZEALAND BRED WINNERS 2024-10-19 / 2024-10-26

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### AUSTRALIA

**Almanzor : Cours Vite (NZ) (Caminadora by More Than Ready) 2019;**

23 Oct 2024, 1st Strathalbyn RC Sportsbet H. 2050m  
Sold by Cambridge Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$130000

**Bullbars : Mulga Lil (NZ) (Perfect Set by Reset) 2015;**  
19 Oct 2024, 1st Avoca Shire TC Caravan Park H. 1860m

**Castelvecchio : Aeliana (NZ) (Temolie by Star Witness) 2021;**  
19 Oct 2024, 1st ATC Reginald Allen H. L. 1400m  
Sold by Rich Hill Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$180000

**Contributer : Peak Contributor (NZ) (Mizen Peak by Fastnet Rock) 2019;**  
19 Oct 2024, 1st Bombala JC Imperial Hotel P. 1700m

**Echoes of Heaven : Swycho (NZ) (Pansies by Singspiel) 2020;**  
25 Oct 2024, 1st Gawler & Barossa JC Irongate Australia H. 1500m

**El Roca : Dreamstone (NZ) (Saffron Hill by Encosta de Lago) 2019;**  
19 Oct 2024, 1st Wodonga TC Bet365 H. 2050m

**El Roca : Indy Rose Warrior (NZ) (Black Cat by Black Minnaloushe) 2018;**  
19 Oct 2024, 1st GCTC Revelstone Stud H. 1700m  
Sold by Westbury Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$3500

**Gallant Guru : Blazing Guru (NZ) (Ignite by Yamanin Vital) 2019;**  
20 Oct 2024, 1st Horsham DRC Priceline Pharmacy Maiden P. 2100m

**Highly Recommended : Cluedo (NZ) (Tibouchina by Exceed and Excel) 2019;**  
25 Oct 2024, 1st SCTC Ben Liddell Constructions H. 1400m

**Ocean Park : Olympic Park (NZ) (Sacred Rhythm by Pentire) 2021;**  
26 Oct 2024, 1st WATC Leyton Property Group H. 1400m

**Ocean Park : Loud (NZ) (Music by Pins) 2019;**  
19 Oct 2024, 1st Narromine TC Macquarie Valley Fuels H. 1100m

**Ocean Park : Clever Cookie (NZ) (Genius by Savabeel) 2020;**  
22 Oct 2024, 1st Orange JC Motor Group Maiden P. 1400m

**Per Incanto : Rolling Magic (NZ) (Not a Jaffa by Iffraaj) 2020;**  
24 Oct 2024, 1st Hawkesbury RC Turtle Nursery H. 1600m

**Per Incanto : Belclare (NZ) (Miss Rhythmic by O'Reilly) 2017;**

26 Oct 2024, 1st ATC The Invitation 1400m

**Per Incanto : Eamonn's Memory (NZ) (In Memory of by Darci Brahma) 2018;**

26 Oct 2024, 1st Albury RC Johnsons MME H. 1175m

**Pierro : Victory Command (NZ) (Subatomic by Makfi) 2020;**

23 Oct 2024, 1st BRC Sky Racing Maiden H. 1800m  
Sold by Cambridge Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$850000

**Pierro : Ceremonious (NZ) (Save the Date by Savabeel) 2020;**  
19 Oct 2024, 1st BRC Canadian Club H. 1830m

**Preferment : Dempsey Girl (NZ) (Stage Fright by Stravinsky) 2019;**  
21 Oct 2024, 1st Warmambool RC Road to Jericho Maiden Highweight 2350m

**Puccini : Any Luck (NZ) (Luckzat by Lucky Unicorn) 2019;**  
19 Oct 2024, 1st Avoca Shire TC Avoca Cup 1860m

**Reliable Man : Lekvarte (NZ) (Plumm by Encosta de Lago) 2018;**  
19 Oct 2024, 1st ATC Angst S. Gr.3 1600m  
Sold by Westbury Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$210000

**Ribchester : Romani lte Domum (NZ) (The Grey Lady by Reliable Man) 2021;**  
23 Oct 2024, 1st Geelong RC Brandt Colac H. 1100m  
Sold by Woburn Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$160000

**Sacred Falls : Majestic Angel (NZ) (Sacred Wind by Encosta de Lago) 2019;**  
24 Oct 2024, 1st Ipswich TC TAB Maiden P. 2180m

**Savabeel : Esky (NZ) (Chilled Out by Anabaa) 2019;**  
25 Oct 2024, 1st Gawler & Barossa JC Magain Fielke Real Estate H. 1700m

**Shocking : Bubbling (NZ) (Hubble Bubble by Mr. Nancho) 2020;**  
26 Oct 2024, 1st Yarra Valley RC Bet365 Maiden P. 1968m  
Sold by J. L. Teague at National Yearling Sale for \$15000

**Shocking : Shockstar (NZ) (Berzallia by Bernardini) 2019;**  
25 Oct 2024, 1st MRC (Mornington) Coastal Agents Maiden P. 1500m  
Sold by Rich Hill Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$40000

**Shocking : Salsita (NZ) (Salsa by O'Reilly) 2020;**

22 Oct 2024, 1st Kyneton & Hanging Rock RC Carlton Draught H. 1875m  
Sold by Hallmark Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$75000

**Staphanos : Turned Down (NZ) (O'Know by O'Reilly) 2020;**

26 Oct 2024, 1st Illawarra TC Ray White H. 1200m

**Swiss Ace : Niance (NZ) (Cosmetic by Red Giant) 2019;**

19 Oct 2024, 1st MRC Alinghi S. L. 1100m

**Tarzino : Moegreen (NZ) (Lady of the Garter by Testa Rossa) 2020;**

25 Oct 2024, 1st Innisfail TC Inelextrics H. 1500m  
Sold by Westbury Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$70000

**Tavistock : Ceolwulf (NZ) (Las Brisas by Shamardal) 2020;**  
19 Oct 2024, 1st ATC King Charles III S. Gr.1 1600m  
Sold by Riversley Park Ltd at Ready to Run Sale for \$170000

**Tavistock : Villaden (NZ) (Romantic Time by Fastnet Rock) 2018;**  
19 Oct 2024, 1st Maranoa ARC Booringa Cup. 1200m  
Sold by Cambridge Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$220000

**Tavistock : Maysiarni (NZ) (Aotearower by Shamardal) 2020;**  
26 Oct 2024, 1st St Arnaud TC Goldacres Maiden P. 2000m

**Vadamos : Dodgeball (NZ) (Lafleur by Zabeel) 2018;**  
26 Oct 2024, 1st Armidale JC Barbarians RUFC H. 1300m  
Sold by Pencarrow Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$180000

**Vadamos : You and I (NZ) (Direct Star by Sir Percy) 2019;**  
19 Oct 2024, 1st GCTC Apulia P. 1800m  
Sold by Rich Hill Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$50000  
Sold by Hallmark Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$70000

**Vadamos : Kronenbourg (NZ) (Angel Child by Anabaa) 2018;**  
19 Oct 2024, 1st BRC Southern Pacific Sands H. 1600m  
Sold by Wentwood Grange at National Yearling Sale for \$45000

**Zacinto : Smiling Zac (NZ) (Pearly Whites by Sharkbite) 2018;**  
19 Oct 2024, 1st Stanthorpe JC Country Bank H. 1000m

**Zacinto : Jennizacinto (NZ) (Our Showgirl by Ego) 2019;**  
26 Oct 2024, 1st Alexandra PRC Pro-Rodeo Maiden P. 1300m

**Zoustar : De Luca (NZ) (Six Penny by**

**Swiss Ace) 2020;**  
20 Oct 2024, 1st Echuca RC Suzie Luck Tribute Maiden P. 1000m

### HONG KONG

**Reliable Man : Reliable Profit (NZ) (Oh So Royal by Danzero) 2018;**  
23 Oct 2024, 1st HKJC Tin Ha Shan H. 1650m  
Sold by Westbury Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$330000

**Shamexpress : Ka Ying Rising (NZ) (Missy Moo by Per Incanto) 2020;**  
20 Oct 2024, 1st HKJC Premier Bowl Gr.2 1200m

**Vespa : Win Speed (NZ) (Leica Glory by Iffraaj) 2020;**  
20 Oct 2024, 1st HKJC You Make Good Possible H. 1400m

### MALAYSIA

**Belardo : Fly Away Home - Leong Ma Biscuit (Mal.) (NZ) (Line of Flight by Bletchley Park) 2019;**  
20 Oct 2024, 1st Perak TC Class 4 H. 1300m

**Per Incanto : Bullseye (NZ) (Shana Singa by Danasinga) 2016;**  
20 Oct 2024, 1st Perak TC Class 5 H. 1600m  
Sold by Ardsley Stud Limited at Ready to Run Sale for \$40000  
Sold by Ardsley Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$50000

**Showcasing : Penang Star (NZ) (Fleet Action by Rock Of Gibraltar) 2014;**  
20 Oct 2024, 1st Perak TC Class 5 H. 1300m

**Sweynesse : Fast and Super (NZ) (Fastnfree by Shinko King) 2017;**  
20 Oct 2024, 1st Perak TC Class 5 H. 1100m  
Sold by Novara Park at National Yearling Sale for \$15000



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