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KIWI SPRINTER PROVES SHE'S THE CHAMPION



The happy connections of Roch 'N' Horse in celebration mode at Flemington (Bruno Cannatelli)

The Michael Moroney-trained **Roch 'N' Horse (NZ)** (Per Incanto) has reiterated her class with a second Group One victory at Flemington when defeating Nature Strip in the Gr.1 A\$3 million Darley Champions Sprint (1200m).

The daughter of Per Incanto has hardly put a foot wrong since transferring across the Tasman earlier this year from Moroney's Matamata stable, where he trains in partnership

with Pam Gerard.

Despite being a Group One performer in her homeland, Roch 'N' Horse was sent out a 100-1 outsider when she landed the Gr.1 Newmarket Handicap (1200m) down the Flemington straight earlier this year, and she repeated the dose when defeating a star studded cast at weight-for-age on Saturday.

Global star Nature Strip (Nicconi) fought on well for second but had no

excuses, with Baller (High Chaparral), who had narrowly defeated Roch 'N' Horse in the Gr.2 Bobbie Lewis (1200m) earlier in the preparation franking that form when third.

Fellow Kiwi mare Levante (NZ) (Proisir) ran another blinder down the Flemington straight to finish fourth, the same position the Ken and Bev Kelso-trained mare had finished behind Roch 'N' Horse in the Newmarket in March.

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Ridden by Jamie Mott, Roch 'N' Horse (\$20) raced forward of midfield and found plenty under pressure to defeat Australia's champion sprinter Nature Strip (\$1.75 favourite) by a short neck.

Just a length and a half covered the first 10 horses across the line in a thrilling Champions Sprint but it was the green and gold colours of Little Avondale Stud's six-year-old mare that were to the fore at the post.

In doing so, she joins the likes of Black Caviar (Bel Espirt) and Miss

Andretti (Ihtiram) as mares to win the Champions Sprint under the weight-for-age conditions.

"It was a great effort. When you watch the replay, she just kept coming and hanging on in there," Moroney said.

"For a while there I thought they would sprint away from her, but she just hung onto them and then really bulldogged to the finish.

"I have got a lot of people to thank but I'll start off with Pam Gerard back in New Zealand.

"What a great job she did with her.

She sent her over mature and she came over at the right time. There was a sense of timing when she came over for the Newmarket, it was perfect and she has gone on here.

"All of my staff have done a great job with her and she can be a little bit cantankerous every now and then but they have worked with her and she is really enjoying being here and is racing really well."

Moroney said the decision not to run in the Gr.1 Manikato Stakes (1200m) after the event was postponed due to lightning was a winning move.

"She was fresh today, she's better on the fresh side. You learn more about them as you go along and I certainly learnt more about her today," he said.

For winning jockey Jamie Mott, it was his second Group One win, having ticked that box when another Kiwi galloper Callsign Mav (NZ) (Atlante) won the Gr.1 Sir Rupert Clarke (1400m) in September.

Mott replaced regular rider Patrick Moloney, who missed the ride after being suspended following his ride on Emissary (Kingman), who was runner-up in Tuesday's Melbourne Cup.

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Jamie Mott celebrates a special win aboard Roch 'N' Horse in the A\$3 million Gr.1 Darley Champions Sprint (1200m) (Bruno Cannatelli)



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"This is truly what dreams are made of. I was lucky enough to get my first Group One only a month ago and to think I'm here on Finals Day going past Nature Strip, I can't believe it," Mott said.

"Callsign Mav was a special feeling but this just takes it to a whole new level.

"I must say I feel sorry for Patrick Moloney. He's done all the work on this mare and he's won a Group One on her himself and he got suspended during the week."

Both Sam and Catriona Williams of Little Avondale Stud were on-hand at Flemington to celebrate the momentous occasion.

Offered as a yearling through Little Avondale's Book 2 Sale draft at Karaka, Roch 'N' Horse failed to meet her reserve of \$40,000.

The Williams took home the daughter of their star stallion Per

Incanto and the unraced Cecconi mare Rochfort (NZ), who is a half-sister to stakes winners Weissmuller (NZ) (Handsome Ransom) and Travolta (NZ) (Handsome Ransom) and Group One placed Harlow Gold (NZ) (Tavistock).

Roch 'N' Horse is one of three well-related fillies the Williams' syndicated on lease that year, with Group Three winner Belluci Babe (NZ) (Per Incanto) and the winning mare Keke Star (Shooting To Win) the others.

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	VRC VRC Sprint Classic Gr.1 1200m
Winner	Roch 'n' Horse (NZ) 2016
Owners	Mr A S Williams, Mr A Cassin, Mr G S McLeod, Mr G K Pickering, Mr R Wilson, Mr M J Smith, Mr G W Sharman, Mr W H Parkinson, Mr P R Collett, Mrs C Williams
Trainer	Michael Moroney (Flemington)
Breeding	by Per Incanto (USA) out of Rochfort by Cecconi (AUS)
Breeder	Little Avondale Trust



Sam and Catriona Williams celebrate with Jamie Mott after their special win (Bruno Cannatelli)



FAMILY AFFAIR AS PIER CLAIMS GROUP ONE GLORY

Emotional scenes played out around the Riccarton birdcage on Saturday afternoon following a desperate finish to the Gr.1 Al Basti Equiworld Dubai New Zealand 2000 Guineas (1600m) that saw Matamata visitor **Pier (NZ)** (Proisir) justify his favourite's tag by the barest of margins.

The three-year-old son of Proisir went into the race off the back of a stylish victory in the Gr.2 Hawke's Bay Guineas (1400m) with his many supporters confident he could prove even more effective at his first attempt over 1600m.

Those supporters had their hearts in their mouths midway through the contest as rider Michael McNab opted

to race three-wide in midfield to avoid being trapped amongst runners off the back of a sedate speed set up by outsider Alfriston (Jukebox).

McNab crept his way forward to tackle the leaders at the top of the straight but was soon in a dogfight as Desert Lightning (NZ) (Pride Of Dubai) joined him with 300m to run, while Alfriston and the well-supported filly Prowess (NZ) (Proisir) were fighting on gamely.

Just as Desert Lightning looked to have gained the upper hand, Pier stuck his head back in front and held that margin to the finish line with Prowess a half-length back in third.

Trainer Darryn Weatherley, who prepares Pier with daughter Briar, was

close to tears as he explained how much the victory meant to him.

"That's everything to me," Weatherley said.

"I never won a Group One as a jockey and that is something that irked me.

"It has played on my mind for a long time, so to get one with my whole family here it is a huge result and definitely the highlight of my career."

Weatherley paid tribute to his charge after he endured such a tough run throughout the race.

"We bred him (along with Barry Wright) and his granddam (Nattro) ran fifth in the 1000 Guineas (Gr.1, 1600m), so for her grandson to come out and

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Pier holds out Desert Lightning (outer) at the finish of the Gr.1 Al Basti Equiworld Dubai New Zealand 2000 Guineas (1600m) (Race Images South)





FAMILY AFFAIR AS PIER CLAIMS GROUP ONE GLORY

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win this one is quite special," he said.

"He is a real character and I said during the week he would be quite happy with me at the pub.

"He is a beautiful horse and we are lucky to have him.

"My fingernails are gone as we were three-wide, facing the breeze in a slowly run race and I was a bit worried, but he just fought it out so well."

McNab admitted a replay of his ride wouldn't look pretty but circumstances had dictated his actions.

"There were different scenarios and that was one of them, but it was all a bit ridiculous," McNab said.

"They just slowed up and slowed up and I thought the best thing I can do is sit three wide and get comfortable.

"It left me vulnerable but lucky he is so tough.

"Well done to the Weatherleys as they had him in good condition and he is a good horse."

Pier was bred by Weatherley and his wife Lou along with close friend Barry Wright, who share in the ownership alongside well-known Australian racing identity Ozzie Keir, who purchased a 25 percent share in the horse before he ran second at Hastings in the Listed El Roca-Sir Colin Meads Trophy (1200m), his only raceday defeat in four starts.

He is out of the winning Darci Brahma mare La Vitesse (NZ), also dam of Maria Farina (NZ) (Contributer) who finished runner-up earlier on the card. La Vitesse is a daughter of multiple Group winner Naturo (NZ) (Postponed) who was injured and retired when



Darryn Weatherley and son Sam flank co-breeder and co-owner Barry Wright as they pose with their winning trophies after the Gr.1 Al Basti Equiworld Dubai New Zealand 2000 Guineas (1600m) (Race Images South)

finishing close-up in fifth in the Gr.1 New Zealand 1000 Guineas (1600m).

85-year-old Barry Wright, who co-bred and part owns Pier, was on-course to celebrate the elite level victory, his first in that capacity and something he has been striving for 45 years.

Pier joins Levante (NZ) and Dark Destroyer (NZ) as individual Group One winners for his sire Proisir, who stands at Rich Hill Stud near Matamata.

Proisir will be represented by four individuals at the 2022 New Zealand Bloodstock Ready To Run Sale of

Two-Year-Olds that will run on 16 & 17 November at Karaka.

- NZ Racing Desk

Race	CJC New Zealand Two Thousand Guineas Gr.1 1600m
Winner	Pier (NZ) 2019
Owners	B W P Wright, D R & Mrs L M Weatherley & Mr Aziz Kheir
Trainer	Darryn & Briar Weatherley (Matamata)
Breeding	by Proisir (AUS) out of La Vitesse by Darci Brahma
Breeder	D R & Mrs L M Weatherley & B W P Wright





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DESERVED GROUP TWO WIN FOR ATISHU



Atishu (middle) strides clear of her rivals at Flemington (Bruno Cannatelli)

Former Kiwi mare **Atishu (NZ)** (Savabeel) relished the good tempo in the Gr.2 Matriarch Stakes (2000m) to take out the feature mares' race on the final day of the Melbourne Cup Carnival at Flemington.

Sporting the silks of syndicators Go Racing, the five-year-old daughter of Savabeel had put the writing on the wall when finding the line well when fifth in last week's Gr.1 Empire Rose Stakes (1600m).

On the back of that performance, the Chris Waller-trained mare was sent out \$2.50 favourite and punters had little to worry about as the daughter of Savabeel was expertly handled by James McDonald.

Coming from midfield, Atishu stormed home to score by a comfortable two-lengths from Steinem (Frankel), with another former New Zealand-trained galloper Tokorangi (NZ) (Redwood) finishing third.

The winner of seven races, Saturday's Group Two victory is the best performance to date by Atishu, who had previously been a Group Three winner for Waller, while she was a multiple Listed winner in New Zealand when prepared by Stephen Marsh.

"She's always been a bit unlucky and threatened to win a decent one and she's got a good prize today," Waller said.

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DESERVED GROUP TWO WIN FOR ATISHU

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James MacDonald guides Atishu to a comfortable victory in the Gr.2 Matriarch Stakes (2000m) (Bruno Cannatelli)

"Everything's sort of gone wrong with her over the last eighteen months and even last Saturday she didn't have a lot of luck in the Empire Rose, so it's always a great race as a backup plan and she has won over 2000m in New Zealand before. We finally got her up to the trip today and she certainly appreciated it."

The champion trainer said there were plenty of options for Atishu into the autumn to chase an elusive Group One success.

Winning jockey James McDonald said the speed of the race set by Sirileo Miss (Pride Of Dubai) was to Atishu's advantage.

"She relaxed well. The tempo was on and if a high class mare like this couldn't win today she was in a world of pain," McDonald said.

"She travelled beautifully into the race, she felt like the winner a long way from home and she would've looked like it too.

"She was building towards that solid performance, her run had the writing on the wall last start and backing up, 2000m, by Savabeel, what more could you ask for?"

Bred by Waikato Stud, Atishu is by their champion sire Savabeel out of the No Excuse Needed mare Posy (NZ), who won two races and is a sister to the former Champion Three-Year-Old and multiple Group One winner Daffodil (NZ).

Atishu is a sister to the Waikato Stud-raced Mazzolino (NZ), a smart three-year-old that has placed twice at stakes level from the stable of Stephen Marsh.

Albert Bosma's Go Racing went to \$260,000 to secure Atishu as a yearling from Waikato Stud's 2019 Karaka Book 1 draft.

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	VRC Matriarch S. Gr.2 2000m
Winner	Atishu (NZ) 2017
Owners	Go Racing Ring A Ring Syndicate (Mgr: Albert Bosma)
Trainer	Chris Waller (Flemington)
Breeding	by Savabeel (AUS) out of Posy by No Excuse Needed (GB)
Breeder	Waikato Stud Ltd
Sales	2019 National Yearling Sale - Book 1 V: Waikato Stud Ltd \$260000 P: Go Racing



PARR AND WALKER COMBINE FOR STAKES SUCCESS AT RICCARTON

Visiting Australian rider Josh Parr picked up his first New Zealand victory at Riccarton on Saturday when he combined with trainer Mark Walker and the Te Akau Racing team to guide **Campionessa (NZ)** (Contributer) to victory in the Listed Nautical Boat Insurance Metropolitan Trophy (2500m).

The Sydney-based jockey has taken the opportunity to ride in New Zealand for the first time, where he will compete on all three days at Riccarton during New Zealand Cup Week, riding mainly for the Te Akau Racing team.

Parr produced an inspired ride to hand Campionessa her first stakes victory, saving every inch of ground during the running before guiding her to an inside run in the home straight.

Those tactics worked a treat as she dashed through to take the lead at the 300m before holding out Aljay (NZ) (Rock 'n' Pop) and Jack Knows Best (NZ) (Jakkalberry) in a driving finish to the 2500m contest.

Walker was delighted with the effort but will resist the temptation to tackle next Saturday's Gr. 3 Martin Collins New Zealand Cup (3200m) despite winning the traditional lead-up event.

"The ride won the race, so full credit to Josh, it is good to have him here," Walker said.

"She deserved that as she has run any number of seconds.

"I think there is more in store for her as she will keep going on with it.

"She can come home now and have a freshen up, then we might look at the Waikato Cup (Gr.3, 2400m) later on.

"I think the first time we try her over two miles will be in the Auckland Cup (Gr.2, 3200m) rather than next week."

Parr was full of smiles as he thanked Walker and Te Akau Racing for providing him with the opportunity to try his luck in New Zealand for the first time.

"I'm rapt to win here in New Zealand as I have come here for a fantastic opportunity with Te Akau Racing and Mark Walker, so this is a little payback with that victory," he said.

"Hopefully it isn't the last, as it is a long week and I want to just keep ticking them off.

"It was a fantastic effort by the mare as Opie Bosson had told me she would need my help to get the 2500m.

"I was mindful of that, not trying to get her wide and when



Campionessa does best in a tight finish to the Listed Nautical Boat Insurance Metropolitan Trophy (2500m) (Race Images South)

the inside runs kept appearing, I just kept pinching each one of them.

"I was still using petrol so it was a very tough effort so full credit to the team."

Parr can now add his first New Zealand victory to the more than 1050 wins he has had during his career in Australia, with nine of those at Group One level.

Owned by the Te Akau Campionessa Syndicate, she was purchased by David Ellis for \$60,000 at the 2019 Gold Coast National Yearling Sale from the draft of Mapperley Stud, who stand her sire Contributor.

Campionessa is the third stakes winner out of the three-time winning O'Reilly mare Bella Carolina (NZ), who is also the dam of Listed winners Tennessee (NZ) (Per Incanto) and Leedox (NZ) (Time Test).

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	CJC Metropolitan Trophy L 2500m
Winner	Campionessa (NZ) 2017
Owners	Te Akau Campionessa Syndicate (Mgr: Karyn Fenton-Ellis MNZM)
Trainer	Mark Walker (Matamata)
Breeding	by Contributor (IRE) out of Bella Carolina by O'Reilly
Breeder	Simms Davison

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ALLPRESS TAKES SIXTH PEGASUS STAKES ON LINCOLN'S KRUZ



Lisa Latta and Lisa Allpress celebrate the win of Lincoln's Kruz (Race Images South)

Jockey Lisa Allpress continued her love affair with the feature sprint on the first day of New Zealand Cup Week when she guided **Lincoln's Kruz** (Kuroshio) to victory in the Listed Donaldson Brown Pegasus Stakes (1000m) at Riccarton.

The Lisa Latta-trained six-year-old was a handful for Allpress as they made their way around to the barriers before the race, but once she bounced him out from an inside draw to obtain the trail behind pacemaker Challa (Dissident), he settled beautifully.

Given the perfect trip in transit Lincoln's Kruz had plenty up his sleeve when Allpress asked for his home straight effort as he burst to the front at the 300m and comfortably held out the challenges of Rockland (Snitzel) and Buoyant (NZ) (Dalghar), who fought well to fill the minor placings.

Allpress admitted she knew she had amassed a decent record in the race after winning previously aboard Coup Align (NZ) (Align) (2009), Princess Katie (Bianconi) (2012), So Elusive (NZ) (Elusive City) (2011), Wekaforce (NZ) (Showcasing) (2020) and Babylon Berlin (All Too Hard) (2021) and felt she had a good chance to add another win to her honour roll.

"I was looking through the book before the race and I saw that I had won it five times which is very nice," she said.

"He (Lincoln's Kruz) is always a chance second-up with a run

under his belt and I've had a lot of confidence in him since I first rode him as a two-year-old.

"I was a little bit worried as Kylie William's horse (Rockland) was travelling well, but it was just a matter of getting out and he did the rest."

Latta, who had earlier produced Hemi Ridapest to win over 1200m in maiden company, was feeling confident of a better performance after Lincoln's Kruz had finished last on a heavy track at Hastings at his first run in a new campaign.

"He's always had the ability and is a much stronger horse this time," she said.

"I elected to run him at Hastings where he carried 60kgs on a heavy track and there were no positives out of his run, but I put that behind us.

"I knew if we got a good track today, his record at the 1000m is very good."

Latta will now aim Lincoln's Kruz at a second victory in stakes company as she targets the Gr.3 Lindauer Stewards Stakes (1200m) on the last day of the carnival next Saturday.

"Lisa (Allpress) has always had faith in him and we know he can gallop, so he just needs to be in the right head space," Latta said.

"I think this run will do him the world of good as he was a bit above himself, so we will look to back him up next week."

Purchased by Latta for \$150,000 out of the Woburn Farm draft during the 2018 New Zealand Bloodstock Ready to Run Sale, Lincoln's Kruz has now won five of his 34 starts and over \$145,000.

The 2022 Ready To Run Sale will be held at Karaka on November 16 & 17 with over 260 two-year-olds set to go under the hammer. – **NZ Racing Desk**

Race	CJC Pegasus S. L 1000m
Winner	Lincoln's Kruz (AUS) 2016
Owners	S E Croft, Exempt Bloodstock Ltd, S J Haylock, Lincoln Farms Bloodstock Ltd, B & P Morris, J J & V C Roach
Trainer	Lisa Latta (Awapuni)
Breeding	by Kuroshio (AUS) out of Myskina (AUS) by Xaar (GB)
Breeder	Bridsan Bloodstock
Sales	2018 Ready to Run Sale V: Woburn Farm \$150000 P: Lisa Latta Racing





LAST STRIDE VICTORY FOR MALT TIME

Progressive mare **Malt Time** (Adelaide) left it late but got in the deciding stride to register her first victory at Stakes level when she took out the Listed Legacy Lodge Sprint (1200m).

The lightly raced six-year-old was having just her 15th career start in Saturday's feature event at Te Rapa, although she had well and truly hinted she would be a serious lightweight contender after storming to victory over 1100m under a 57.5kg steadier in lesser company at her last start.

Carrying a luxurious 53kgs on this occasion, jockey Masa Hashizume allowed the natural back runner to find her feet early in the contest, settling beyond midfield from her inside barrier as Tightlign (NZ) (Align) set up a hectic speed in front.

In a pocket early in the run home, Hashizume angled Malt Time into the clear and after a brief bumping duel with race favourite Tevere (NZ) (Contributer), set out after Tightlign who looked to have a winning break.

Just as Tightlign was being hailed the winner, Malt Time lunged to put her nose in front at the winning post and claim victory.

Co-trainer Shaun Clotworthy, who prepares the mare alongside wife Emma, was concerned the bump that his charge took clearing a pocket in the run home had cost her victory.

"I'm rapt with that as I knew the angle favours the outside in

a tight finish at Te Rapa and she got there," he said.

"Mind you at the 100m I didn't think she had any chance to win as she lost some momentum getting clear and I thought it was all over.

"That type of pattern today suits her as she needs to find her feet early and she can really finish her races off strongly, which you saw at the finish."

Clotworthy was also delighted for part-owner Bill Borrie who had purchased the mare by Adelaide for \$4,100 off gavelhouse.com back in 2018 as a broken-in two-year-old.

"Bill bought her off gavelhouse and she didn't race until a late three-year-old as she had a few issues," Clotworthy said.

"She has cost herself races by running about but time has helped her and now she is a little stronger, she has really come to it in the last six months.

"The way she races I think 1400m will be ideal for her so we might look at the Auckland Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes (Gr.2, 1400m) at Pukekohe in a fortnight for her next."

Bred by Nearco Stud and raced by Bill and Carrie Borrie, Malt Time is out of the Pins mare Pimms Time, who numbered the Gr.2 Travis Stakes (2000m) amongst her six career victories.

Her extended family includes dual Group One winner Railings and Australian champion three and four-year-old Emancipation. – **NZ Racing Desk**



Race	Waikato RC Sprint H. L 1200m
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 (AUS)
Breeder	Nearco Stud Ltd

The angle is deceptive, but Malt Time (outer) has beaten Tightlign to win the Listed Legacy Lodge Sprint (1200m) at Te Rapa (Trish Dunell)





FRENCH EMPEROR RULES IN FLEMINGTON OPENER

Tavistock four-year-old **French Emperor** provided his Singapore owners Aramco Racing with a thrill when landing the Twitter Trophy (1600m) on the final day of the Melbourne Cup Carnival at Flemington.

Prepared by Mick Price and Michael Kent Jnr, French Emperor enjoyed a perfect run under Jamie Kah, racing midfield off a solid tempo and the gelding was presented at the right time, going on to score narrowly from Beltoro (Toronado) and Worthily (Point Of Entry).

"It was a beautiful ride," Price said.

"He's a benchmark horse. We've just got to place him right and he can keep winning.

"I think a mile is a good tempo but he has to come back and get a bit of cover. Any further back and he might pull so I think if we keep him in the right grade we'll all be happy."

French Emperor has won three races in a row for the Price-Kent team, and five races in total, having won twice when prepared by David Payne.

The gelding has now won in excess of A\$200,000 from his 13 starts for Aramco Racing's Chua Song Ru from Singapore, and can continue to go through the grades.

"I really wanted to wait a bit longer but I could feel them coming," winning jockey Jamie Kah said.

"He needed room and he needed to be in a spot where he can win so I had to just pop him off a bit early but he was tough late.

"He's not a sit-sprint horse but he also needs to be covered up so it was a bit tricky on the turn for what I wanted to do but I trusted him and he was fierce.

"He's a good horse going forward and they might be able to take the ear muffs off soon. So far he's doing everything right and it's good to start the day off like that.

"I know this horse inside out now and he's improved dramatically this time."

French Emperor was bred by Carol

Marshall and sold to HBL Racing for \$200,000 at New Zealand Bloodstock's National Yearling Sale where he was presented through the Curraghmore draft.

He is a son of the late Cambridge Stud stallion Tavistock and the Fastnet Rock mare Special Memories, who won on two occasions and showed a touch of quality when fourth in the Gr.1 New Zealand 1000 Guineas (1600m)

Special Memories is a sister to the Gr.1 Australian Oaks (2400m) heroine Unforgotten (Fastnet Rock) and their dam is the Galileo mare Memories Of You, a half-sister to the Gr.1 French 1000 Guineas (1600m) winner Matiarra.

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	VRC Twitter Trophy H. 1600m
Winner	French Emperor (AUS) 2018
Owners	ARAMCO Racing
Trainer	Mick Price & Michael Kent Jnr (Cranbourne)
Breeding	by Tavistock out of Special Memories (AUS) by Fastnet Rock (AUS)
Breeder	Carol Marshall
Sales	2020 National Yearling Sale - Book 1 V: Curraghmore \$200000 P: HBL Racing



Jamie Kah guides French Emperor to victory at Flemington (Bruno Cannatelli)



FLASH FEELING SCORES **AT FLEMINGTON**

The John Sadler-trained **Flash Feeling (NZ)** (Iffraaj) ran out a ready winner of the Australian Childhood Foundation Trophy (2000m) at Flemington on Saturday under a positive ride from apprentice Matthew Cartwright.

The four-year-old son of Iffraaj held his spot after clearing the gates well, settling just behind a moderate tempo and pulled out too many guns when comfortably holding Wyclif (Archipenko) and Coolth (Dundeel).

Trainer John Sadler was represented by son Tom, who oversaw the entire scoring the third victory in his 11-start career.

"Bravo to the team there at John's. He's obviously a talented horse and very well handled," said Tom Sadler, who has recently branched out training in a solo capacity.

"I think they were a little bit concerned after his last run but you're never concerned when you've got a horse with John and he saddled up in impeccable order.

"Matty has had a long affiliation with this horse and it is very fitting that he's got the win on Cup Week."

Matthew Cartwright has ridden Flash Feeling in each of his three victories and he was grateful to his Pakenham conditioner for sticking with him.

"I can't thank John enough for putting me back on this horse. I have a good association with him and it is good to get the win," Cartwright said.



Flash feeling charges to victory at Flemington (Bruno Cannatelli)

"We enjoyed a good run. There wasn't much pace and I just let him flow into it. He got into a nice rhythm and travelled well. He has a really good turn-of-foot so I tried to just hold onto him as long as I could and he prevailed.

"He's a tough colt and I think he will make the grade."

Flash Feeling is a graduate of the New Zealand Bloodstock Ready To Run Sale, where he was prepared by Prima Park and purchased by Dean Hawthorne for \$160,000.

By former Haunui Farm shuttle stallion Iffraaj, Flash Feeling is out of the winning High Chaparral mare Shanzam, who in turn is out of the Group Three winning mare Shanzero.

– **NZ Racing Desk**

Race	VRC Aust Childhood Foundation H. 2000m
Winner	Flash Feeling (NZ) 2018
Owners	Mr M A Jacobson, Kathlee, Mr T Hatzopoulos, Mr J Jacobson
Trainer	John Sadler (Pakenham)
Breeding	by Iffraaj (GB) out of Shanzam (AUS) by High Chaparral (IRE)
Breeder	C & C Charalambous; D J & M A Frew; T Hatzopoulos; C & H Scheffer & J Underhill
Sales	2020 Ready to Run Sale V: Prima Park \$160000 P: Dean Hawthorne B/stock (BAFNZ)



SNAPPER LANDS FLEMINGTON CATCH

Five-year-old gelding **Snapper (NZ)** (Power) capped a bumper day for Trans-Tasman trainer Michael Moroney when winning the \$A150,000 World Horse Racing Grand Handicap (1100m), the final race of the Flemington carnival.

The son of Power was another Kiwi bred sprinting success story down the straight course at headquarters, following Moroney's earlier Group One triumph in the Champions Sprint (1200m) with Roch 'N' Horse (NZ) (Per Incanto).

Like his Group One winning stablemate, Snapper is a graduate of Moroney's Matamata stable which is headed by training partner Pam Gerard.

Sent out a \$20 chance, Snapper was prominent throughout and pulled out too many guns to score by three-quarters of a length from runner-up Najem Suhail (Starspangledbanner), a Group Two performer in South Africa.

Race	VRC World Horse Racing Grand H. 1100m
Winner	Snapper (NZ) 2017
Owners	Ballymore Stables (Aust) Pty Ltd, R & C Legh Racing Pty Ltd, Mr W Campbell, Kariba Racing, Glentree Racing, Mr W A Richardson, Mr K N Good, Mrs D M Good, Mr M Weideman, Mrs R Cain, Mr FJ Cain, Mr J Strachan, Mr S White, Mr D G Parsons, Mr R White, Mr A M McCullough, Mr D R Murphy, Mr R A Ford, 2W
Trainer	Michael Moroney (Flemington)
Breeding	by Power (GB) out of Onlyarose by One Cool Cat (USA)
Breeder	Sir Patrick & Lady Hogan
Sales	2019 National Yearling Sale - Book 1 V: Cambridge Stud \$60000 P: Paul Moroney B/stock / Ballymore Stables

Group Three-placed as a juvenile in New Zealand, Snapper has now won five races from 20 starts, with a further four placings.

Prior to Saturday, all of the gelding's victories had come at The Valley, with winning rider Jordan Childs doing a sterling job to nurse him down the Flemington straight under 61kgs.

"He's an on speed horse that you've got to utilise, they went along at a good gallop and he actually just had a resting run where he was," Childs said.

"I was confident when I pressed the button he was going to find but I was just happy to be patient and let him build through his gears before I asked for that extra effort and he still got a little bit lost down the straight but he was able to hold them off."

Moroney said he has long had an opinion of the speedster and now he has ticked the Flemington box, he could look at some sprint races on his home track through the summer.

"He's always been a very good horse and we put him in a couple of big races (including the Gr.1 William Reid Stakes, 1200m) and he's just taken a while to come on this time around," Moroney said.

"Then I turned him out. He wasn't really pleasing me coat-wise so I backed off him and then I said to the owners (that) he has come right so let's keep going.

"We were possibly going to run today and then go to the paddock so we'll probably keep going now on that.

"It was a very good ride today, he just sat and saved him and he waited. He cuddled him to the front."

Snapper cost \$60,000 as a yearling from the Cambridge Stud draft at the New Zealand Bloodstock Book 1 sale at Karaka when purchased by Paul Moroney and has now earned A\$310,388 in prizemoney.

All of the stable's runners ran well on Saturday, with Tokorangi (NZ (Redwood) third in the Gr.2 Matriarch Stakes (2000m), Sound (Lando) fourth in the Gr.3 Queen's Cup (2600m) and Bankers Choice (NZ) (Mongolian Khan) a close-up sixth in the Gr.1 Champions Stakes (2000m). Moroney also saddled the runner-up in Tuesday's Gr.1 Melbourne Cup (3200m) with Emissary (Kingman).

"Champions Day, I feel like a champion today, we've won a couple (of races). It's great," Moroney said.

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Snapper lands the last of the day at Flemington. (Brett Holburt (Racing Photos))



IFFRAAJ MARE MAKES SHORT WORK OF CITY WIN

Kiwi mare **Short Shorts (NZ)** (Iffraaj) recorded her first metropolitan Saturday victory when landing the Ranvet Handicap (1400m) at Rosehill on Saturday.

The Brad Widdup-trained four-year-old daughter of Iffraaj was sent straight to the front by jockey Tom Sherry and never looked like getting beaten in the A\$150,000 race, going on to score by three and a half lengths on a track that favoured those on speed.

The chestnut mare has now won four races from ten starts, with a further three placings.

Widdup's wife Melissa races Short

Shorts in partnership with her New Zealand breeder Mark Fraser-Campin, who is a close friend of the trainer.

"Tom (Sherry) dictated beautifully and it is great to see her win," Widdup said.

"She came over from New Zealand with big promise and it is great to finally start to get there.

"There is plenty of wiggle room in the Benchmarks. That is the advantage of getting in with the bottom weight, we snuck in and it was terrific.

"I don't want to over-do it too much this time in, but she is a nice progressive mare and it is good to get a

Saturday win."

Short Shorts is by former Haunui Farm stallion Iffraaj out of the Green Perfume mare Jabot, herself a half-sister to Group One winner Zirna.

<i>Race</i>	ATC Ranvet H. 1400m
<i>Winner</i>	Short Shorts (NZ) 2018
<i>Owners</i>	Mrs M M Widdup, Mr M W Fraser-Campin
<i>Trainer</i>	Brad Widdup (Hawkesbury)
<i>Breeding</i>	by Iffraaj (GB) out of Jabot by Green Perfume (USA)
<i>Breeder</i>	Chequers N.Z. Ltd



Short Shorts eases down for an easy victory. (bradleyphotos.com.au)

