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ENDLESS DRAMA TAKES FOXBRIDGE PLATE



Endless Drama holds out a fast-finishing Te Akau Shark to win the Gr.2 US Navy Flag Foxbridge Plate at Te Rapa (Trish Dunell)

Fireworks were expected at Te Rapa on Saturday as several of last season's equine stars kicked off their new spring campaigns in the Gr.2 US Navy Flag Foxbridge Plate (1200m) and it was recent Gr.1 Stradbroke Handicap (1400m) placegetter **Endless Drama** (Lope de

Vega) who delivered with a stunning victory.

The Tony Pike-trained eight-year-old had been given a short let-up after returning from his Brisbane exertions with Pike mindful of keeping weight off the giant frame of the Lope de Vega entire.

That decision paid off big time as the former Chris Waller-trained galloper paraded as a picture of health before the race with punters installing him an \$8 fourth favourite behind the Te Akau Racing pair of Te Akau Shark (NZ) (Rip Van Winkle) and Melody Belle

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SWEYNESSE

*Sweynesse is a chip
off the old block*

Darren Beadman

Sweynesse, is a son of former champion racehorse and super sire Lonhro. Beadman rode Lonhro in most of his 26 wins and he gets to work with many of that horse's sons and daughters at Godolphin.

- A multiple Group One performer (2nd G1 Randwick Guineas, 3rd G1 Spring Champion) beating some of the best 3YO Group One winners in Australia including Kermedec, Preferment, Hampton Court, Shooting To Win, First Seal.
- Winner of first four starts including dual Group 3 wins in the Spring Stakes and Gloaming Stakes.
- A winner at only start as a 2YO.
- A top 3YO Timeform rating of 122 makes Sweynesse one of the top Australian 3YO colts of his year.
- By Lonhro -The Champion 3YO, the Champion miler, the Horse of the Year, and now a Champion sire. Lonhro set a new Australian record of 160 individual winners in a season. His son Pierro, unbeaten juvenile Triple Crown winner, was rated the best juvenile colt in Australia since 1977.
- Out of the multiple winning mare Swansea by Champion Sire Singspiel (5xG1 Winner and sire of 98SW).
- Sweynesse is a magnificent individual. He stands 16.2 hh. He has a powerful hind quarter, a strong shoulder and a great athletic walk. He is very correct.
- Sweynesse is syndicated amongst many of New Zealand's top breeders who are strongly supporting him at stud.



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(NZ) (Commands) and up and comer Helena Baby (NZ) (Guillotine).

Given an economical trip from an inside barrier, Endless Drama settled in midfield during the early stages of the contest as Malambo (NZ) (Duelled) and Southern (Big Brown) Icon duelled out in front.

Rider Leith Innes had his charge off the fence at the 600m and the combination glided into contention before Innes asked for an effort at the 300m. Endless Drama responded instantly and sprinted clear before holding out the late charge of Te Akau Shark who stormed home from second last to pip outsider Comeback for second.

Pike was delighted with the result as he prepares his charge for a tilt at the Gr.1 Tarzino Trophy (1400m) at Hastings in a fortnight.

"He's become a real stable pet this horse," Pike said.

He came back from Brisbane in great order and trialled superbly here a

couple of weeks ago.

"There was a big query on the track but it was a perfect ride from Leith. The biggest thing is just waiting as he has only got a short, sharp sprint but he waited and waited and got it right today.

"Thanks to Chris Waller for leaving him with me and to Qatar Bloodstock (owners) as they are big investors in the industry."

Pike had been confident of his chances during the race after the way he saw the horse was travelling during the running.

"He settles beautifully in his races although he got a bit further back than we thought.

"1200m is probably a touch short but he was electric late and now we're looking forward to going to Hawkes Bay over 1400m although I'm hoping he won't run into Te Akau Shark as hopefully he is heading to Australia and we don't have to have another crack at him."

Te Akau Racing trainer Jamie Richards was philosophical in defeat after Te Akau Shark produced the run of the race behind the winner, while Melody Belle fought on strongly for fourth after tackling the leaders at the top of the straight.

"He (Te Akau Shark) was beaten by the draw as he got back a long way but 1400m next time should be ideal," he

said.

"He will go to Australia now as we have to back our judgement but we'll go home and lick our wounds and we'll be alright.

"She (Melody Belle) just needs 1400m now as she is a year older but she will be fine."

Te Akau Shark will now head to Sydney for the Gr.2 Tramway Stakes (1400) at Royal Randwick on September 7 with his main mission being the Gr.1 Epsom Handicap (1600m) at the same venue on October 5, while Melody Belle looks likely to clash with Endless Drama again in the Tarzino Trophy on August 31.

The victory represents win number five from 26 starts for Endless Drama who commenced his career in Ireland before joining Chris Waller's Australian stable in late 2016 where he won the Gr.2 Apollo Stakes (1400m) before transferring to Pike earlier this year following an unplaced run in the Gr.1 Haunui Farm WFA Classic (1600m).

– NZ Racing Desk



Race	WRC US Navy Flag Foxbridge Plate Gr.2, 1200m
Winner	Endless Drama 2012
Owners	Qatar Bloodstock
Trainer	Tony Pike (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Lope de Vega (IRE) out of Desert Drama (IRE) by Green Desert (USA)
Breeder	Knocktoran Stud & Bluehorse Breeding Ltd





AGE OF CHIVALRY SALUTES AT CAULFIELD

Four-year-old gelding **Age Of Chivalry (NZ)** (He's Remarkable) notched his third career victory when leading throughout to land the Blue Star Print Handicap (1400m) at Caulfield on Saturday.

The Mathew Ellerton and Simon Zahra-trained son of He's Remarkable was sent out the \$2.30 favourite and never gave his supporters any cause for concern under a typically measured Damian Lane ride.

"We were a bit worried before the race," Ellerton said.

"He was a bit fresh around the back saddling him, but he got his raceday head on around the front and Damien (Lane, jockey) took luck out of the equation today.

"He is a more fuller horse this preparation but still needs to grow up mentally a bit."

"We have just got to chip away with him. He is only

a rating 76 horse prior to today and he has only won a Benchmark 84 today.

"Making any solid plans for them at this time of the year is hard to do as he is down in the ratings, but hopefully he gets enough points today to go to an open handicap here in a fortnight.

"Damian has done a fair bit of work with him and he rides him really well."

Bought for just \$4,000 at the 2017 New Zealand Bloodstock Festival Yearling Sale, Age Of Chivalry was re-sold at the New Zealand Bloodstock Ready To Run Sale for \$50,000 where Henry Plumptre signed the docket.

Castledale five-year-old Rox The Castle (NZ) finished runner-up.

- NZ Racing Desk



Race	MRC Blue Star Print Hcp 1400m
Winner	Age of Chivalry (NZ) 2015
Owners	H J Mackley, Mrs E M Mackley, J B Parncutt & B N Singer
Trainer	Mathew Ellerton & Simon Zahra (Flemington)
Breeding	by He's Remarkable out of Onyx by Kaapstad
Breeder	Mapperley Stud Ltd
Sales	2017 National Yearling Sales – Festival Sale; V: Mapperley Stud, P: Suncroft Bloodstock; \$4,000 – 2017 Ready To Run Sale of 2YOs; V: Curraghmore, P: Henry Plumptre; \$50,000

Age of Chivalry was able to dictate terms in front to win at Caulfield on Saturday (Bruno Cannatelli)





LAMBRUSCO TAKES STEP UP TO OPEN CLASS IN HIS STRIDE



Ashvin Goindasamy flourishes an imaginary whip as he guides Lambrusco home at Te Rapa (Trish Dunell)

Under-rated stayer **Lambrusco (NZ)** (Cape Blanco) made it three wins in a row when he produced a powerful late sprint to register his first victory in open company when successful over 2100m at Te Rapa.

The Samantha Logan-trained Cape Blanco six-year-old backed up a similar performance in a rating 82 grade 2100m event at the venue a fortnight ago with Saturday's win promising there is more to come.

Handled confidently by three kilogram claiming apprentice Ashvin Goindasamy, who reduced his mounts' handicap to a luxurious 51.5kgs, Lambrusco settled nicely in behind the speed before being angled into the clear early in the run home.

Goindasamy suffered a moments anxiety when he dropped his whip at the 250m however he didn't panic as he guided Lambrusco home under a hands and heels ride to collar pacemakers Suliman (NZ) (Redwood)

and Athena Baby (NZ) (Swiss Ace) in the shadows of the post.

"I was really nervous when he dropped his stick and my heart just dropped," Logan said.

"Ash rode him beautifully and he is a beautifully balanced rider.

"He kept him finding the line and the horse is genuine and fit and was able to run over the top of them.

"Ash is a really hard worker who rides work for me every morning so he

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deserves all the success he is getting."

Logan admitted she had underestimated the ability of Lambrusco who she paid \$35,000 for from the Wentwood Grange draft at the 2015 National Yearling Sale.

"He's progressing and I obviously underestimated him, thinking he would be a jumper," she said.

"I'll have to eat my words now although we've always had a high opinion of him but being a Cape Blanco, he has taken awhile to develop.

"He's six now and has just switched on, matured and strengthened up."

Goindasamy was feeling a little sheepish when asked to explain where

his whip was after the race.

"I think it's (the whip) somewhere in the straight as when I went to flip it forward the wind blew it back," he said.

"I was a little bit worried but he had no weight so I just went hands and heels and got the job done.

"When I started pushing him with rhythm and balance, he was loving it and he was flying.

"He has come a long way and I've stuck with him as he is going to be a good horse."

In just his second full year of race riding, Goindasamy has made a flying start to the new season with the victory placing him temporarily at the top of the National Jockey's

Premiership with seven wins registered already this month.

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	WRC Valachi Downs 2100
Winner	Lambrusco (NZ) 2013
Owners	C K R Dawson, M P Keaney, Llanhennock Trust & Miss S M Logan
Trainer	Samantha Logan (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Cape Blanco (IRE) out of Burscay (AUS) by Marscay (AUS)
Breeder	Llanhennock Trust
Sales	2015 National Yearling Sales – Select Sale; V: Wentwood Grange, P: Miss SM Logan; \$35,000



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TE RAPA SPECIALIST BACK ON TOP AT FAVOURITE VENUE

Matamata mare **Polly Grey** underlined her affinity for the sand based Te Rapa track when she scored comfortably over 1600m on Saturday.

The Azamour five-year-old appeared unfazed by tackling rating 82 company for the first time as she cruised clear of her rivals in the last 100m to register her fourth career victory and third from just five starts at the venue.

Rider Michael Coleman had a lapful of horse as he asked his mount for a serious effort at the 200m after she had travelled peaches and cream just behind the speed throughout. Polly Grey quickly collared Tweedledee and the pacemaking No Loitering to score decisively by half a length and justify some heavy support in the final stages of betting before the race.

Trainer Kylie Fawcett, who shares in the ownership of the lightly raced mare with her brother Brook and her partner

Robin Joyce, was full of praise for the ride by Coleman who has struck up a good association with her charge.

"I was really happy to see her a bit handier this time, so it was a great ride by Michael and a good result," she said.

"We're going to put her out now and give her a bit of a freshen up as while she is still eating well and has trained on, she has lightened up a bit.

"This was her last run as they are not going to race here on a

Saturday for a few months so she can have a break.

"My brother Brook has a share in her and my partner Rob. I was given the horse by Barbara Perry (her breeder) when she died so she is a bit special to us."

Polly Grey is the first foal of useful racemare Allanah and hails from the family of Gr.1 Easter Handicap (1600m) winner Pasta Post and Gr.3 Hawke's Bay Cup (2200m) winner Don Domingo.

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	WRC Skycity Hamilton 1600
Winner	Polly Grey (NZ) 2014
Owners	Brook Fawcett, Kylie Fawcett & Robin Joyce
Trainer	Kylie Fawcett (Matamata)
Breeding	by Azamour (IRE) out of Allanah by Zenno Rob Roy (JPN)
Breeder	Mrs C B Perry



Polly Grey romps to victory at her favourite Te Rapa track (Trish Dunell)





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CHASE IS OVER, DESMOND KOH FINALLY COMING THROUGH



Coming Through wins his Singapore debut on Friday night (STC)

Trainer Desmond Koh had a spring back in his step on Friday night, and a wide smile, of course.

A double is always a welcomed result for any trainer, more so when it's a two-from-two, but the Singaporean handler was hoping the perfect score signalled something more significant – a turnaround in his fortunes.

The first pin of his brace, **Coming Through (NZ)** (El Hermano) in the S\$20,000 Open Maiden race over 1100m is one of those new kids on the block, and aptly-named as well.

Raced in Tan Huat's famous yellow colours, the El Hermano four-year-old might have been at his Kranji debut, but putting in a professional turn, he gave the legion of backers who took him at his short odds of \$9 no anxious moments as soon as Noh Senari sent him forward.

Enjoying a soft lead throughout, Coming Through was off and gone the moment he was stoked up for his run at the top of the straight, going on to score with his head on the chest by three lengths.

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Koh could not remember the last time he led in a double, but he was certainly in a punny mood as he toasted to his success at the Champagne Room.

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“We’ve had to renew our stock. We have around 10 new horses on board and Coming Through is one of them.

“He came as a three-and-a-half year old, but I’ve given him all the time he needed to mature. I don’t like to rush my horses.

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Race	STC Open Maiden 1100m
Winner	Coming Through (NZ) 2015
Owners	Tan Huat
Trainer	Desmond Koh (Singapore)
Breeding	by El Hermano out of Triona by Traditionally (USA)
Breeder	Mrs C M & D J Mortleman
Sales	2017 National Yearling Sales – Festival Sale; V: Oxford Thoroughbreds Ltd, P: Ms T Donaldson; \$10,000





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BASILISK REGISTERS SINGAPORE WIN

New Zealand-bred five-year-old **Basilisk (NZ)** (Battle Paint) recorded his first win since March last year when successful in the Class 5 Division 1 race over 1400m at the Singapore Turf Club on Friday night.

"I rode this horse at his last start and he ran on quite well (fifth to Leo)," jockey Joseph See said.

"I galloped him over the week and Leslie (Khoo) put me back on.

"I knew he had a chance when he overtook Noh's (Senari) horse (Born To Win) at the top of the straight. I gave him a tap, I knew he had a second burst and he won well."

Trainer Leslie Khoo was delighted he was the one to have provided See with that liberating first win back returning from a second lengthy one-year ban for a handling charge.

"It's good for Joe. He rode the horse well at his last start and I have put him back on," said the Singaporean trainer, who was himself a top jockey in the 80s.

"I told him to settle him midfield and let him finish off in the straight. The 1400m suited him better than the 1100m of his last run."

A five-year-old by Battle Paint purchased out of Millfield Stud's 2016 New Zealand Bloodstock Select draft,

Basilisk was bringing up his second win in 24 starts for prizemoney that has now tipped over the S\$120,000 mark for his owner Tan Le En.-STC

Race	STC C5 Division 1 1400m
Winner	Basilisk (NZ) 2014
Owners	Tan Le En
Trainer	Leslie Khoo (Singapore)
Breeding	by Battle Paint (USA) out of Dangerous Seas (AUS) by Dangerous (AUS)
Breeder	P Setchell
Sales	2016 National Yearling Sales - New Zealand Bloodstock Select Sale; V: Millfield Stud, P: Mr L Khoo Peng Ann; \$40,000



Basilisk was back in the winner's circle on Friday at the Singapore Turf Club (STC)

