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## FLAUNTING TAKES OUT CASTLETON STAKES



Flaunting stretches her neck to snatch a thrilling victory at Wanganui (Race Images, Peter Rubery)

The Rapa visitor **Flaunting (NZ)** (Showcasing) coped best with the testing Heavy11 track conditions prevalent at Wanganui on Saturday as she slogged through the mud to take out the Listed John Turkington Forestry Ltd. Castletown Stakes (1200m).

The Showcasing filly had not been seen since finishing near last in the Karaka Million 2YO (1200m) at Ellerslie in January however a smart win over 800m at the Avondale trials back in May showed she was on target for a bold first-up performance.

A tardy beginning saw Flaunting

settle near last for rider Sam Spratt in the early stages of the contest and she was still well off the pace with 600m to run. Spratt began to pick a path between runners at that point but was still spotting a trio of leaders, that included fellow northern raiders Jager

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# First Impressions Count

## VADAMOS

Monsun ex Celebre Vadala, by Peintre Celebre

### Leading Sire at Karaka's 2019 May Weanling Sale (3 or more sold)

SIRE	OFFERED	SOLD	AVERAGE	AGGREGATE	TOP PRICE
Vadamos*	4	4	\$34,125	\$136,500	\$80,000
Iffraaj	4	3	\$31,000	\$93,000	\$65,000
Showcasing	5	3	\$28,667	\$86,000	\$38,000
Contributer	4	3	\$21,000	\$63,000	\$35,000
Sacred Falls	4	3	\$19,667	\$59,000	\$27,500
Preferment*	8	5	\$19,400	\$97,000	\$34,000
Sweynesse	6	5	\$16,600	\$83,000	\$40,000
Reliable Man	4	4	\$14,750	\$59,000	\$30,000
Belardo*	7	7	\$13,143	\$92,000	\$21,000
Turn Me Loose*	4	3	\$12,333	\$37,000	\$25,000

\*FIRST SEASON SIRE

"I bought him to win the Derby  
- He's just a magnificent individual."



*"I think Vadamos  
is a very good  
chance at stud  
and just the sort  
of stallion that  
New Zealand is  
desperate for."*

- David Ellis

Lot 77 Vadamos ex Selenus weanling colt  
\$80,000 – Buyer, David Ellis



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Bombed (NZ) (Charm Spirit) and She's A Lady (NZ) (Swiss Ace), three lengths turning for home.

Once balanced up Flaunting charged between runners to hit the front at the 100m and hold out She's A Lady and Jager Bombed in a blanket finish, with the three runners separated by no more than a neck at the post.

Trainer David Greene was full of praise for Flaunting's effort that secured her second victory at just her fourth start.

"It was a really tough win," he said.

"She had to go back and pick a path but Sammy (Spratt) is so good at that and horses keep going for her."

"I thought it was a very gutsy win."

Given the extremely testing nature of the track, Greene is keen to press on further into the winter with another

late-season two-year-old feature a possible target.

"If you can handle that out there, I think you probably have to kick on for a Ryder or something like that," he said.

"We'll just tick her over quietly and have a crack at the Ryder at the end of the season."

The Listed Ryder Stakes (1200m) is the final black-type feature of the 2018-19 racing season at Otaki on 27 July.

Raced by a large group of owners Flaunting was a \$40,000 purchase by Greene from the Haunui Farm draft during the Book 2 session at the 2018 National Yearling Sale. She is the daughter of useful racemare Acapela (NZ) (Elusive City) who won four races during a brief career.

The victory also provided further glory for former Haunui Farm stallion,

Showcasing, with Flaunting becoming his third individual two-year-old stakes winner for the season.

– NZ Racing Desk

<b>Race</b>	WJC John Turkington Forestry Ltd Castletown Stakes, L. 1200m
<b>Winner</b>	Flaunting (NZ) 2016
<b>Owners</b>	P J Callinan, C Di Leva, C A Fischer, Greene Thoroughbreds Ltd, D H Herbert, I Innes, A M and Mrs P J Kirton, Q Maisey, G Pearson, R.P.M. Syndicate, K N Shearer, S Te Whero, J Thorburn, Up The Burbs Syndicate and T H Werry
<b>Trainer</b>	David Greene (Te Rapa)
<b>Breeding</b>	by Showcasing (GB) out of Acapela by Elusive City (USA)
<b>Breeder</b>	T B R Dixon, F & J Greenslade & Haunui Bloodstock Ltd
<b>Sales</b>	2018 National Yearling Sales Series – Book 2; V: Haunui Farm, P: Greene Racing; \$40,000

## PREFERMENT *impressive foals...*



Ex Preloved (TEOFILO)



Ex Moodhill (EXCEED &amp; EXCEL)



Ex Keep Smiling (STRAVINSKY)

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# DOLCETTO TOO TOUGH IN THRILLING FINISH TO WANGANUI FEATURE

**T**ough as teak **Dolcetto (NZ)** (Per Incanto) shrugged off his bridesmaid tag as he prevailed in a thrilling four-way finish to the second of the feature events at Wanganui on Saturday, the Listed Ag Challenge Stakes (1600m).

The Sylvia Kay-trained six-year-old had been thereabouts in his recent starts but had failed to greet the judge since winning at Awapuni back in December 2017. In his defence, eleven of his 15 subsequent runs have been in stakes company including a last start third in the Listed Rangitikei Gold Cup (1600m) a fortnight ago.

The Per Incanto gelding entered Saturday's contest as one of the fittest horses in the event, a factor that played well in his favour on a deep and testing surface that saw a number of favoured candidates struggling with more than 600m to run.

Rider Rosie Myers kept Dolcetto in a challenging position throughout and set out after local mare She's Poppy (NZ) (Alamosa) and three-year-old Platinum Rapper (NZ) (Makfi) who had swooped on the lead as the field turned for home.

Myers urged Dolcetto to the front where he dug deep in the last few strides to down Rosewood (NZ) (Redwood), who had tracked him through in the straight and Platinum Rapper in a dour finish, with She's Poppy close up in fourth.

The drama didn't end there however as the protest siren sounded with a second versus first enquiry launched by stipendiary stewards which was decided in Dolcetto's favour after a lengthy deliberation.

Kay was delighted that her charge had broken his long run of outs with a deserved victory.

*Dolcetto proves too tough for his rivals at Wanganui (Race Images, Peter Rubery)*

"He is fit although I don't know if he looked that happy (in the ground)," Kay said.

"He got the job done and thank goodness for that as it is about time he had a win."

"There is a big difference between first and second and third and fourth money, so it's nice to get a win this time as he thoroughly deserves it as he tries so hard."

The winner of eight of his first twelve starts, Dolcetto has now won on nine occasions and more than \$289,000 in prizemoney for his owners Chris and Helen Bishop along with Kay and the estate of her late husband Paddy.

– NZ Racing Desk.

<b>Race</b>	<b>WJC Ag Challenge Stakes, L. 1600m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Dolcetto (NZ) 2012</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Dr H M and Dr W J Bishop, Mrs S L and Est Late P J Kay</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Sylvia Kay (Levin)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Per Incanto (USA) out of Our Shiraz by Nediyim (IRE)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Dr H M &amp; Dr W J Bishop, P J &amp; Mrs S L Kay</b>





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# MASSIF WIN FOR APPRENTICE NUGENT

**A**pprentice jockey Teo Nugent made the most of his first race ride for in-form trainer John Sadler when he partnered Fastnet Rock gelding Asgard Massif to victory at Caulfield on Saturday.

For Nugent, it was just his fifth career city success but his 70th overall this season as the 20-year-old extended his lead in the race for apprentice honours in Victoria in 2018/19.

But while Nugent can look forward to future successes at Caulfield, it is an unlikely scenario for Asgard Massif with the horse either going on to race in Singapore for his owner Dr K C Tan or to be sold to Hong Kong to continue his career.

Asgard Massif started the \$3.10 favourite and he gave his supporters few worries as he took the lead early and then fought off challengers to win by a length and a quarter.

"I was hoping he might be able to lead comfortably by two or three lengths and get out on his own and do his own thing but he was hassled most of the way so to fight the way he did – obviously the 51 (kilos) helped a lot – but I thought Teo did quite a good job on him," Sadler said.

"He'll either be sold or more than likely go to Singapore to race for his owner Dr Tan, who is one of my biggest clients."

"He may have another run. It just depends on what the doctor says."

Asgard Massif was purchased out



Asgard Massif scores a comfortable victory at Caulfield (Bruno Cannatelli)

of Curraghmore's 2017 New Zealand Bloodstock Ready To Run draft and is a full brother to dual Australian Group Two winner Formality.

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<b>Race</b>	<b>MRC Super Vobis 3YO Hcp 1440m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Asgard Massif 2015</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Dr K C Tan</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>John Sadler (Caulfield)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Fastnet Rock (AUS) out of Jolie's Shinju (JPN) by Jolie's Halo (USA)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Dr K C Tan</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2013 National Yearling Sale – Select Session V: The Estate of JW Campin \$22000 P: KE Hopson</b>





**HAUNUI FARM**

*Thoroughbred*



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# ANNIE OKAY UPSETS AT ELLERSLIE

**U**seful three-year-old **Annie Okay** (NZ) (Battle Paint) returned to her best form when she downed her age-group rivals over 1400m at Ellerslie on Saturday.

The Shaun and Emma Clotworthy-trained Battle Paint filly had disappointed somewhat since running third behind Media Sensation in the Gr.3 Soliloquy Stakes (1400m) at just her second start.

Two unplaced runs to kick her off her current campaign saw her ignored by punters for Saturday's contest where the Jamie Richards-trained Burgundy Belle (NZ) (Burgundy) was installed a warm favourite to take out the event.

Favourite punters were on good terms with themselves as Burgundy Belle travelled well in front however Annie Okay had tracked her throughout

and was there to issue a stern challenge at the 300m mark. Asked for a final effort by rider Lynsey Satherley, Annie Okay drove to the front before holding out a late challenge from Bolt From The Blue (NZ) (Rip Van Winkle) with Burgundy Belle fighting on for third.

Shaun Clotworthy admitted he was relieved to see his charge turn her form around after her last start effort had left him scratching his head.

"That was good to see as we had been expecting a much better run last time and she was very disappointing," Clotworthy said.

"We put her aside after she finished well back in the Eight Carat Classic (Gr.2 1600m) as she had had enough at that stage.

"I wasn't too worried about her first up run where I thought she went alright

but when she missed at Te Rapa last time it caught us by surprise.

"The only thing I can put it down to is the sand and the kickback they are having there as we couldn't find anything wrong with her."

Clotworthy was hopeful rather than confident of a winning run on Saturday and was delighted with the filly's effort and the ride by Satherley.

"Lynsey did a great job and got her up on the speed which suits her pattern of racing," he said.

"I thought she would handle the track as she had gone okay at the trials on a similar surface.

"When she hit the front halfway down, I just hoped she hadn't got there too soon but she really fought gamely and did it nicely in the end."

Clotworthy will wait until he sees how Annie Okay comes through the race before making any further plans but is keen to keep her going over the winter as long as she can strike tracks to suit.

– NZ Racing Desk



<b>Race</b>	<b>ARC Celebrating Surely Sacred 1400</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Annie Okay (NZ) 2015</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Caroline Van Dragt, Geoffrey Van Dragt, D &amp; D Weir, Andrea Cowdell, Glenda Walser &amp; Stephanie Cowdell</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Shaun &amp; Emma Clotworthy (Byerley Park)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Battle Paint (USA) out of Yankee Wharf (AUS) by Al Maher (AUS)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>C &amp; G Van Dragt</b>

*Annie Okay and Lynsey Satherley are at full stretch as they head to victory at Ellerslie (Trish Dunell)*





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# STRAP MARKS WHIPS UP A FIRST WIN

**P**atience paid off for Trelawney Stud and trainer Stephen Gray on Friday night after **Strap Marks (NZ)** (Jimmy Choux) bolted up in the Open Maiden race over 1200m in Singapore.

The famous New Zealand stud (War Affair (NZ) (O'Reilly) was born there) run by Brent and Cherry Taylor should have seen the son of Jimmy Choux make his Kranji debut as a three-year-old two years ago, but an unfortunate barrier trial injury derailed those plans.

Strap Marks fractured his pelvis in a barrier trial on October 3, 2017. Vets gave a guarded prognosis after performing surgery on him, but a spell in Malaysia coupled with plenty of TLC proved to be the right therapy.

Two winning barrier trials at Kranji in April suggested

Strap Marks had retained the potential he showed prior to the untimely injury. Though unsuccessful in two starts in May two weeks apart, he ran two encouraging fourths before coming up trumps at his third try.

Taken straight to the front by Ben Tompson from his barrier one, Strap Marks went on to stack up the speed with Amazing Choice (NZ) (Shocking) and Lord Justice (NZ) (Showcasing) in close attendance.

Once they straightened up for the judge, it became increasingly clear the leader would be hard to run down. Given his full head at the 300m, he lengthened up nicely to go and score handsomely by two-and-a-half lengths.

Gray said the race might be worth only S\$20,000, but he could barely wait to ring the Taylors for the good news.

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"He smashed his pelvis in a barrier trial. Zac Kasa took him out on the turn," said the Kiwi handler.

"We thought he'd be all right, but it turned out to be a big issue. He had surgery and the vets gave him a 50/50 chance of coming back."

"That put all our plans back. We sent him up to Malaysia for six months, and it was great for Brent and Cherry he won tonight."

"It may have been only worth S\$20,000 but it means a lot sentimentally. We always knew he had ability."

"I remember Glen Boss told me he was a good horse when he sat on him, but unfortunately he was lost in the wilderness for so long."

"At his first start, he went good but blew out. I then ran him on Polytrack as he's a big fat bugger, he needed to run."

"Tonight, from barrier one, it was the plan to go forward and he won a nice race. It's great for Brent and Cherry as they're really nice people."

"They actually had the horse with Donna Logan in New Zealand. He was sold to Hong Kong, but failed the vet test because of a chip in the knee and he then came to me."

Thompson said other than a few anxious moments behind

the barriers, Strap Marks was always in a winning position from the word go.

"He got his tongue between the bit and the ring before the start, and I had to change it four or five times. Thankfully, it was okay in the end," said the Australian jockey.

"We made use of his good barrier and he settled very well in front. He won easily, he's a nice horse."

While horse name buffs would see his dam Dominatrix as the inspiration behind the clever moniker, Gray said the five-year-old does actually have a scar around his neck.

"He had some rashes on his neck when young. It's left a mark, hence the name," said Gray.

"But yeah, it could mean something else, too."

-STC

<b>Race</b>	<b>STC Maiden 1200m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Strap Marks (NZ) 2013</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Trelawney Stud</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Stephen Gray (Singapore)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Jimmy Choux out of Dominatrix (AUS) by Marauding</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Trelawney Thoroughbreds Ltd</b>

