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## LADIES COMBINE FOR OAKS SUCCESS



Members of the Go Racing Yesteryear Syndicate celebrate the win of Sentimental Miss in the Gr.1 Al Basti Equiworld Dubai NZ Oaks (2400m) (Trish Dunell)

Girl power was to the fore at Trentham on Saturday as trainer Lisa Latta and jockey Lisa Allpress fittingly joined forces as \$21 outsider **Sentimental Miss (NZ)** (Reliable Man) landed the Gr.1 Al Basti Equiworld Dubai NZ Oaks (2400m) at Trentham.

Latta said the addition of blinkers was the key to extracting the best out of the daughter of Reliable Man, who is raced by the Go Racing Yesteryear Syndicate.

"It's absolutely fantastic," Latta said.

"We walked away from the Lowland (ninth over 2100m, Gr.2) wondering whether we should press on or not, but we decided to put the blinkers on today and I think that has made a huge difference.

"When she came through on the inside I thought she'd do well if she could run third or fourth.

"But she is bred to stay and it's fantastic.

"She is a very easy filly and that's why putting the blinkers on today didn't really worry us."

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The attractive grey filly made use of her inside draw (barrier 2), with Lisa Allpress finding a spot three-back on the fence.

"I was quite confident," Allpress said.

"We were just getting a lovely run, she was very relaxed and first time in blinkers. I was conscious of Murray Baker's horses (Rubira (Lope De Vega) and Queen Of Diamonds (NZ) (Savabeel)) in front of me and they started dragging me into the run but they were under the bat.

"I thought I need to be a bit more patient but when it got to the top of the straight patience went out the window but she just kept fighting."

The win was the sixth at Group One level for Allpress and provided another elite level success for Albert Bosma's Go Racing syndications.

"It's a great training performance," Bosma said.

"She is such a laid-back filly that we had no doubt about the ground and that she'd stay.

"It's funny, she was the last horse we syndicated in her year. It took us ages to get her done and now it's a great result. She's a very good staying filly and there is lots more in front of her.

"It is the ultimate, it's the top level and this is what we do it for."

A \$40,000 graduate of The Oaks Stud's draft at the 2017 New Zealand Bloodstock Select Yearling Sale, Sentimental Miss becomes the first Group One winner for young Westbury Stud sire Reliable Man.

Sentimental Miss prevailed by a length and a quarter from the Bill Thurlow-trained Beyond The Fort (NZ) (Niagra), while third placegetter Star Karen (Camelot) was brave after covering ground throughout.

Inside barriers played a key role with three of the first four runners home drawn in barriers one, two and three.

– NZ Racing Desk

<b>Race</b>	<b>New Zealand Oaks Gr.1 2400m.</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Sentimental Miss (NZ) 2015</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Go Racing Yesteryear Syndicate</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Lisa Latta (Awapuni)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Reliable Man (GB) out of Nostalgic (AUS) by Quest for Fame (GB)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>The Oaks Stud</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2017 National Yearling Sale - Select; V: The Oaks Stud, P: Go Racing; \$40,000</b>



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# VERRY ELLEEGANT PROVES SHE IS VERY GOOD

**F**izzy filly **Verry Elleegant (NZ)** (Zed) has taken the next step to Classic success with victory in the Gr.2 Phar Lap Stakes at Rosehill, winning in spite of herself.

The three-year-old dominated the finish of Saturday's 1500m-race, leaving Group One winners Seabrook and Aristia in her wake.

Verry Elleegant's trainer Chris Waller fitted a nose roll to the filly but admitted that might not have worked while jockey James McDonald described her as awkward.

Awkward or not, she is certainly talented, putting 3-1/2 lengths on Champagne Stakes winner Seabrook with VRC Oaks winner Aristia another 1-3/4 lengths away.

The win came at her second start for Waller who inherited the filly from the Darren Weir stable after she went to the now disqualified trainer as a dual winner in New Zealand.

Waller said the Gr.1 Vinery Stud Stakes (2000m) in two weeks would be the next step.

"How far she gets this prep I'm not sure, but obviously we will go a bit higher," Waller said.

"There's certainly room for improvement but she has got a lot of class.

"The Vinery seems logical, "She had a minor setback after her first-up run which was well documented so I guess she was a little bit fresh.

"Certainly she has got the ability

there.

"She does race keenly and it's not something you can change quickly.

"We've got a nose roll on but it's not helping so maybe we will take it off.

"We won't worry about it today. We'll just enjoy the win."

McDonald said he thought a race run at a fast pace would suit the filly who had to contend with a heavy track on Saturday.

"She needs to relax better. It's hard to explain - she's awkward rather than being fierce.

"She just doesn't give herself a rest. I think she just wants to go a bit quicker. Give her a fast-run race and you'd see something."

Michael Walker and Damian Lane who rode the respective placegetters said both were pleasing as they head to the Vinery and the Australian Oaks.

-AAP



<b>Race</b>	<b>ATC Phar Lap S. Gr.2 1500m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Verry Elleegant (NZ) 2015</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Jomara Bloodstock Ltd, Ellee, Balmerino Racing Partnership, Mr M Wanzare, Mr T K Barry, Mr B F Sokolski, Mr A Kheir, Mr K M Stocker, Honeycomb Stud, Mr J A O'Neill, Mr V Kheir</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Chris Waller (Rosehill)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Zed out of Opulence by Danroad (AUS)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>J D Goodwin</b>

*Verry Elleegant could be headed for the Group One Vinery (Bradley Photography)*





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# EMOTIONAL GUINEAS WIN FOR CHRISTCHURCH FILLY

An emotional Kevin Hughes was pleasantly surprised to get the judges call in his favour when his bonny filly **Emily Margaret (NZ)** (Pins) prevailed in a tight finish to the Gr.2 Norwood Family Wellington Guineas (1400m) at Trentham on Saturday.

The Riccarton horseman, who trains in partnership with his wife Pam, fought back tears as his thoughts turned to the victims of the Christchurch mosque terrorist attack,

an atrocity committed in his home patch.

"It's unbelievable, I thought we were second," Kevin Hughes said.

"It's great for her and great for the South Island. We've had a terrible time down there. This is fantastic."

A last-start all-the-way winner of the Listed NZB Insurance Stakes (1400m), Emily Margaret showed she was no one-trick pony when coming from well off the pace today.

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<b>Race</b>	<b>WRC Wellington Guineas Gr.2 1400m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Emily Margaret (NZ) 2015</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Mr &amp; Mrs Rodger Finlay</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Kevin &amp; Pam Hughes (Riccarton Park)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Pins (AUS) out of Seven Schillings by O'Reilly</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Archer Equine Investments Ltd</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2017 National Yearling Sale - Select; V: Trelawney Stud Ltd, P: RJ Finlay; \$55,000</b>



Emily Margaret (outside) narrowly prevails in the Gr.2 Norwood Family Wellington Guineas (1400m) at Trentham on Saturday (Trish Dunell)





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“She tries hard and there are not many times she hasn’t fronted up,” Hughes said.

“She missed the start today and I thought ‘Oh dear’, but she just stormed home. She did that second-up this year over 1000m but that was huge.

“It was a strong race and there were some very nice horses in the race. I thought there were half a dozen horses that could win it.”

Emily Margaret has had an extensive three-year-old preparation, which started back in September with victory in the Listed Canterbury Belle Stakes (1200m), a leg of the NZB Southern Filly Of The Year Series.

The trainer is keen to try the daughter of Pins over a mile in the Listed NZB Airfreight Stakes (1600m) at Riccarton on April 6.

“We want to get the Filly of the Year

down South, so we’ll have one more run,” Hughes said.

Emily Margaret defeated lightly-ried galloper Vigor Winner (Declaraton of War) by a half-head, with favourite Dawn Patrol (NZ) (Dawn Approach) a short-neck away in third in a strong showing first-up from a break.

Winning rider Robert Hannam was full of praise for the brave filly considering the race didn’t go to plan.

“The plan was not to go back, but I jumped okay and then we got squeezed early,” Hannam said.

“Then plan A and B went out the window, plans D and E came into effect. When I went through her form the other day, she had won a race from back. I sat back and I knew the outer part of the track was going to be better, so I just waited and gave her one run and she is pretty tough.”

– NZ Racing Desk



Christchurch trainers Kevin and Pam Hughes with their filly Emily Margaret (Trish Dunell)



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# GLOBAL EXCHANGE WINS ALISTER CLARK STAKES

**G**lobal Exchange (Dundeel) has stamped his Australian Derby credentials with a narrow, but impressive win in the Gr.2 Alister Clark Stakes at The Valley.

The Ciaron Maher and David Eustace-trained Global Exchange is favourite for the Gr.1 Australian Derby (2400m) at Randwick on April 6 which will be his next start after he got the better of Declarationofheart (Declaration of War) and Cossetot in Friday night's 2040m race.

Ridden by Ben Melham, Global Exchange made his run on the outside coming to the home turn and was able to edge past Declarationofheart to score by half-head.

Cossetot (Epaulette) was the same margin away third.

Global Exchange has now won the Gr.2 Autumn Classic (1800m) and Alister Clark (2040m) at his past two starts.

Melham said The Valley was not the ideal course for big-striding Global Exchange, but the colt was able to get the job done and Melham believes he has the right attributes heading towards a Derby.

"He's a nice horse with very good upside," said Melham

"He's got a lovely temperament. He relaxes really well and he's got a good turn of foot to go with it. So he's got all the right attributes."

Eustace said Global Exchange was now primed for the Derby.

"The Derby has been the plan the whole way through, really since the spring when we put him away," he said.

"There looks a lot of upside to him, the further we get."

Global Exchange is at \$5 for the Australian Derby with Declarationofheart also Derby-bound and he shares the second line of betting at \$8 alongside Victoria Derby winner Extra Brut (Domesday).



*Global Exchange (outside) wins the Gr.2 Alister Clark Stakes (Darryl Sherer)*

Global Exchange and Declarationofheart are both graduates of the 2017 New Zealand Bloodstock National Yearling sale where Global Exchange was sold for \$130,000 from the draft of Little Avondale Stud and Declarationofheart was knocked down for \$135,000 from the draft of Jamieson Park. –AAP

<b>Race</b>	<b>MVRC Alister Clark S. Gr.2 2040m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Global Thinking (NZ) 2015</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Mr S C Khaw, China Horse Club Racing Pty Ltd, Musk Creek Farm P/L, Mr G Pollio, Mr P S Zeccola</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Ciaron Maher &amp; David Eustace (Caulfield)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Dundeel out of Incredulous (AUS) by Keep The Faith (AUS)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>China Horse Club Racing Pty Ltd</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2017 National Yearling Sale - Premier; V: Little Avondale Stud, P: Ciaron Maher Bloodstock; \$130,000</b>





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## SAMPSON STRIKES IN ST LEGER

Venerable stayer **Sampson (NZ)** (Dubai Destination) took advantage of the new conditions of the Listed Yealands Family Wines NZ St Leger (2600m) at Trentham on Saturday to run out an emphatic eight-length winner.

Traditionally a platform for younger stayers, the race was changed from a three and four-year-old event to an open-age feature this year and nine-year-old galloper Sampson showed the benefit of experience by giving his younger rivals a galloping lesson.

The Howie Mathews-trained galloper had warmed up for the event when fourth of four runners behind Hunta Pence over an unsuitable 1600m last week. On Saturday he carried just 2.5kgs above the minimum, care of the set weights and penalties conditions.

Ridden by Johnathan Parkes, the central districts hoop made a mid-race move when the tempo slackened to take Sampson to the front and horse and rider were cruising rounding the home turn, with Parkes taking several looks over his shoulder in search of an opponent.

"Obviously he's just out-stayed them all," Parkes said.

"I wasn't really happy with pace down the back and I was able to let him roll forward and from there he has pretty much just dominated the race.

"It's just such a shame that he missed out on the Wellington Cup (Gr.3, 3200m) this year, but who knows, he might be back here next year for it."

A stone bruise forced the late scratching of Sampson from January's Wellington Cup with the Dubai Destination gelding

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*High-class stayer Sampson made short work of his rivals in the Listed Yealands Family Wines NZ St Leger (2600m) (Trish Dunell)*





# SAMPSON STRIKES IN ST LEGER

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in good form prior to the Cup, having landed the Listed Marton Cup (2200m) in impressive fashion.

While the second-half of the race couldn't have worked out better for the nine-year-old, who takes the mantle as the oldest St Leger winner in the world, the early stages weren't straight forward for the \$2.90 favourite.

"He didn't begin as well as I thought he would, but I wasn't too worried," Parkes said.

"They just eased the pace around the first bend and he got pulling quite hard so I thought I was better off to let him roll forward and get him into his own rhythm and from there he just travelled well.

"When he did get to the front he was just too good. I kept looking back to check how much I was actually in front by.

"I have sat up on one, years ago, when I thought I was home-and-hosed, so I like to make sure they do get to the line or else it's a costly suspension."

Winning trainer Howie Mathews was gobsmacked by the ease of the win of Sampson who is like a member of the family.

"It was an amazing win," Mathews said.

"Early when he was in trouble I thought 'what's parkesy

doing?' but he just had so much horse he had to let him stride along, and that's the deal with the horse, he is a good one-pacer.

"He's close to our heart and he's fantastic. He's just an everyday mate. He's always there."

The 93-rated stayer has now won 11 of his 64 starts and \$435,000 in prizemoney.

– NZ Racing Desk

<b>Race</b>	<b>WRC New Zealand St Leger L 2600m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Sampson (NZ) 2009</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Mrs L A Mathews &amp; Mrs J L Street</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Howie Mathews (Otaki)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Dubai Destination (USA) out of Magic Star (AUS) by Danzero (AUS)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>W Pegg</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2011 National Yearling Sale - Festival; V: Leanach Lodge Ltd, P: Mr PE &amp; Mrs N Izett; \$20,000</b>



## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Tough Group Three victory for Easy Eddie

**Easy Eddie** (Super Easy) may have earned himself a step up to Group One company sooner than expected with his win in the Gr.3 Maurice McCarten Stakes at Rosehill.

His heavy track victory in Saturday's (1100m) Group Three sprint was his first black-type win with his other attempt second in the Listed Takeover Target Stakes.

And there could be bigger things in store with trainer Joe Pride considering backing Easy Eddie up in next week's Group One Galaxy (1100m) at Rosehill which is where stablemate Ball Of Muscle is headed.

"He might run here in a week's time in the Galaxy," Pride said.

"I just want to see how he pulls up first. It was always our plan that if he ran well to potentially back him up, because he is a good back-up horse, but we weren't counting on a Heavy 10 today.

"I'll keep an eye on him over the next 48 hours."

Ball Of Muscle is part of the famous family to pass through Pride's stable as a sibling to Group One winners Terravista and Tiger Tees, winner of the 2014 Galaxy.

Easy Eddie has his own connection to the family with his sire, New Zealand-bred and former Singapore champion Super Easy, a son of grand mare Parfore.

Most of the family have got better as they get older and Pride believes that will be the case with Easy Eddie. -AAP



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# MISS CONSISTENT ADDS FURTHER BLACK-TYPE



Volks Lightning (black and blue silks) defeats Princess Kereru in the Listed gavelhouse.com Lightning Handicap (1200m) (Trish Dunell)

Speedy mare **Volks Lightning (NZ)** (Volksraad) was rewarded for consistency and good attendance when she landed the Listed gavelhouse.com Lightning Handicap (1200m) at Trentham on Saturday.

The Team Rogerson-trained mare has been around the mark in a host of stakes races and added a Listed victory to an earlier Group Three success to ensure her residual value is maximised.

Ridden perfectly by apprentice Ryan Elliot, Volks Lightning stalked stablemate Ferrando (NZ) (Fast 'n' Famous) throughout and was produced centre-track to narrowly defeat Princess Kereru (NZ) (Pins) with Ferrando close-up in third.

"She deserved this. She has been miss consistent all the way through," Bailey Rogerson said.

"She has been a constant in these

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<b>Race</b>	WRC Lightning H. L 1200m
<b>Winner</b>	Volks Lightning (NZ) 2012
<b>Owners</b>	Vermair Volks Lightning Syndicate (Mgr: B McCullum)
<b>Trainer</b>	Team Rogerson (Tuhikaramea)
<b>Breeding</b>	by Volksraad (GB) out of Next Century by Stravinsky (USA)
<b>Breeder</b>	Windsor Park Stud Ltd
<b>Sales</b>	2014 Ready to Run Sale; V: Windsor Park Stud, P: Vermair Racing; \$60,000





# MISS CONSISTENT ADDS FURTHER BLACK-TYPE

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Group and Listed races and it was good for her to get the win today.

"I think the owners are looking to head to the Gold Coast (Broodmare) Sale this year, so now that they have picked up that Listed win it looks good on the page and she is very valuable."

Raced by the Vermair Volks Lightning Syndicate headed by cricketing legend Brendon McCullum, Volks Lightning boasts a Group One placing in the Railway (1200m) and has won six of 34 starts, with a further ten placings.

Rogerson was also pleased with the

effort of five-year-old entire Ferrando.

"It was a very good run," she said. "He will head to the paddock now for a good spell and come back next season."

Winning rider Ryan Elliot said the six-year-old mare proved effective with the blinkers on.

"She's been scratching for one all season and it is really well deserved to get this win," Elliot said.

"Normally she can get a little bit fiery over the first 600m, but with blinkers on she was actually a little bit quieter.

"You just have to hold her up as long as you can and she was actually quite electric with the blinkers."

The win was the second on the card for Team Rogerson after four-year-old gelding Comeback made it successive wins with victory in the opening event of the day.

– NZ Racing Desk



## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Winkelmann makes the perfect return

**Winkelmann (NZ)** (Rip Van Winkle) made a perfect return to racing on Friday night scoring at Moonee Valley in the Powerflo Solutions Kate O'Sullivan Cup (1600m).

The five-year-old daughter of Rip Van Winkle was resuming off a spell having not been seen on raceday since July last year.

Jockey Craig Williams made use of her good barrier and pushed the mare up to settle behind the leader. Rounding the home turn Williams allowed Winkelmann to sneak up the rail and urged her to the front in the home straight before holding off all challenges to secure victory.

"I was really fortunate I had a well-prepared horse," jockey Craig Williams said.

"She has now had two first up runs over a medium distance and saluted both times."

The Danny O'Brien trained Winkelmann races in the Trelawney Stud silks.

"It was a very good ride, he didn't have to go around a horse," stable representative Matt Harrington said.

"A mile first up, she was probably vulnerable the last 100m but I like that she kept sticking her neck out to make sure she won. It was a really good start to the prep.

"I think off the back of that she would be a strong 2000m horse. If we can poke around that and keep going through the grades and hopefully one day get her in a better race it would be great for Brent and Cherry who are great supporters of the stable."

The win was Winkelmann's fourth from 19th start and took her stake earnings to A\$140,410.





# DONCASTER MILE HOPES FOR STAR OF THE SEAS

**P**rogressive four-year-old **Star Of The Seas (NZ)** (Ocean Park) will be given the chance to book a spot in the Doncaster Mile after he ploughed through the heavy ground at Rosehill.

Trainer Chris Waller confirmed Star Of The Seas would head to the Group Three Doncaster Prelude at Rosehill in two weeks, a race that holds a ballot exemption for the Randwick showpiece.

Star Of The Seas was having his seventh start in the Catanach's Handicap (1350m) on Saturday and travelled just behind the speed for Kerrin McEvoy before balancing up in the straight and getting the better of Mahalangur (NZ) (O'Reilly) to score by 1-3/4 lengths.

"It was a nice ride

from Kerrin. He was three-wide but he wasn't too far away and I think that might be important today," Waller said.

"Certainly that last 100 metres the race didn't change complexion much.

"It's good to kick off a big day with a win."

McEvoy said Star Of The Seas did a good job to get through the testing ground and his race fitness was the difference in the finish.

"He had to do it without any cover but he seemed to get through the ground well and he had fitness on the second horse there," McEvoy said.

"It's hard work, the ground, it's very heavy so you'll need a horse with wet track form."

-AAP

<b>Race</b>	<b>ATC Catanach's H. 1350m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Star of the Seas (NZ) 2014</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Mr A M Muollo, Three Hooks Seafood, Mr D Sergi</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Chris Waller (Rosehill)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Ocean Park out of Stella Livia (GB) by Titus Livius (FR)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Trelawney Thoroughbred Ltd</b>



*Heavy ground at Rosehill posed no problem for Star of the Seas (Bradley Photography)*

