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## VOLPE VELOCE REMAINS UNBEATEN AT TAURANGA



Volpe Veloce storms to victory at Tauranga (Kenton Wright, Race Images)

**C**lass mare **Volpe Veloce** (Foxwedge) maintained her unbeaten record at Tauranga when she cruised to victory in the Gr.2 Windsor Park Stud Japan NZ International Trophy (1600m) on Saturday.

The five-year-old Foxwedge mare looked all at sea in her most recent start when finishing well back in the Gr.1 Haunui Farm WFA Group One Classic (1600m) at Otaki on a Slow8 track but back to the Dead4 surface at Tauranga she showed just what she is

capable of in stunning fashion.

Settled well back off a solid speed set by The Mitigator (Master of Design), rider Michael McNab had plenty of horseflesh in front of him with 600m to run. McNab didn't panic as he eased

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Volpe Veloce to the outside and sent his mount forward.

Turning for home Australian visitor Endless Drama (Lope de Vega) had shot to the front and looked hard to catch before Volpe Veloce hit top gear at the 300m mark. She gobbled up Endless Drama in the space of two or three huge bounds before easing to the line to score comfortably from Watch This Space (NZ) (Elusive City) who dashed home late along the rail after being held up approaching the home turn.

Co-trainer Graham Richardson, who prepares the mare along with Gavin Parker, was relieved to see his stable star bounce back to winning form after some frustrations in her last two starts at Group One level.

"She's a great chaser and everything panned out this time," Richardson said.

"He (McNab) didn't panic and to be honest, that's half the battle as well with her."

"It was a good effort and I'm just chuffed for her and all the owners."

Richardson also confirmed that Volpe Veloce would now have another tilt at Group One level in the Fiber Fresh New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes (1600m) at Te Aroha on April 6.

"She will be at Te Aroha in two weeks' time," he said.

"She's been unlucky hence why we got over a mile (lately) as she just lacks that early speed, but what a run today."

A \$240,000 purchase by Richardson from the 2014 National Yearling Sale at Karaka, Volpe Veloce has now won all three of her Tauranga runs and takes her career record to twelve wins from 24 starts and \$639,000 in stakes earnings.

– NZ Racing Desk

**Race Video:** Volpe Veloce scores a valuable Group Two win at Tauranga



<b>Race</b>	<b>Windsor Park Stud Japan NZ International Trophy, Gr.2 1600m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Volpe Veloce 2013</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>D &amp; C Adams, H Allender, K Anderson, M Chubb, P Dixon, R Featherstone, G Mackin, G Richardson, K &amp; L Robinson, M Skilling, P Spiers, B Wong &amp; K Woodmass</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Graham Richardson &amp; Gavin Parker (Matamata)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Foxwedge (AUS) out of Bardego (AUS) by Barathea (IRE)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Mr N Vass</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2015 National Yearling Sales – Premier Sale; V: Lyndhurst Farm, P: Richardsonracing.co.nz; \$240,000</b>

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Semari strong in Group Three win

New Zealand-bred mare Semari (NZ) (Sebring) completed a hat-trick of wins when taking out the last on the card at Rosehill on Golden Slipper day.

The Trent Busuttin and Natalie Young-trained Semari jumped as a \$5 equal favourite in the Gr.3 Epona Stakes (1900m) and responded to encouragement from jockey Tommy Berry digging deep to hold off her rivals and going on to win by half a length over I'm A Princess (High Chaparral).

Semari kicked off her current campaign in January when unplaced at Moonee Valley, but has won each start since with Saturday's victory her sixth career win.

Busuttin was confident heading into the race, especially as the wet conditions suited the daughter of Sebring.

"She deserves her crack at a race like this, she's going super this time in and is rock hard fit," Busuttin said.

"I think the wet conditions are a plus for her as she got through it at Colac two starts back."

Semari, who holds a nomination for the Gr.1 Sydney Cup (3200m) on April 13, was bred in partnership by Jim Barlow, Lib Petagna's JML Bloodstock, and Little Avondale Stud.





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# FITTING SUNLINE STAKES VICTORY FOR MCKEE

**G**roup One mare **Consensus (NZ)** (Postponed) made her presence felt in a hit-and-run raid at Moonee Valley on Friday night when prevailing in a tight finish to the Gr.2 Sunline Stakes (1600m).

The win was special for trainer Stephen McKee, given the race is named after McKee's great champion whom he prepared in partnership with his father Trevor, but he admitted it was not in the original plans.

"The way it has worked out, it is just the race that fell for us and it just happened to be the Sunline Stakes, so it's great to be able to get that one," McKee said.

"We were actually going to go for the Ranvet in Sydney (Gr.1, 2000m), but it was too wet.

"She doesn't seem to go on tracks that are Dead or maybe an early slow, so we decided to can Sydney and come here and it has worked out alright so far.

"We will make a few plans during the week. She is here until Saturday. We may even take her home and get her ready for Brisbane on fresher legs this year."

Ridden by ex-pat Kiwi Michael Walker, Consensus was prominent throughout but proved an awkward ride.

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*The Stephen McKee-trained Consensus prevails in a tight finish to the Gr.2 Sunline Stakes at Moonee Valley (Quentin Lang)*



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# FITTING SUNLINE STAKES VICTORY FOR MCKEE

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"I actually went to Flemington this morning and trotted this girl around the bull tracks and she gave me a tremendous feel," Walker said.

"I was in a bit of trouble going to the start, I couldn't stop her and I was a little bit worried.

"The first 150m out of the gates I couldn't stop her and then I was able to get some cover and she settled, but she was just on one rein the whole way.

"In the straight I felt she had more to offer but she was hanging in so badly that I had to keep stopping and straightening her."

Consensus has bounced back to her best form this campaign, winning both the Gr.3 Trentham Stakes (2100m) and Gr.3 Taranaki Cup (1800m) before placing at Group One level behind Melody Belle (NZ) (Commands) prior to her Moonee Valley triumph.

"I want to thank Stephen McKee and Leo (Molloy) who are good mates for giving me the opportunity to ride her.

"As we've seen, she is a classy mare, she has bumped into Melody Belle and she is even better over 2000m. It is a great honour to win a race named after Sunline."

– NZ Racing Desk

<b>Race</b>	<b>MVRC Sunline Stakes Gr.2 1600m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Consensus (NZ) 2011</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Mrs T Gibbens, S Lamond, Mrs D P and M D J Molloy, Dame Julie Christie and Est Late M C Molloy</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Stephen McKee (Ardmore)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Postponed (USA) out of Kate Cross by Cape Cross (IRE)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>M2 Racing Limited</b>

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### NZB's Karaka May Sale Catalogue Available Now

New Zealand's largest breeding stock sale, New Zealand Bloodstock's 2019 Karaka May Sale, can now be viewed online with printed catalogues arriving in the post at the end of March.

The 240-lot catalogue is brimming with pinhooking, breeding and investment opportunities. Streamlined into one day of selling on Friday 17 May, the first lot will go under the hammer from 10am.

Graduates of the Sale have claimed 79 stakes wins in the past five seasons throughout New Zealand, Australia, Hong Kong, Singapore and Macau. Among these stakes wins, seven of those were Group One victories with the most recent graduate to join the honour roll the son of Dundee in Yourdeel (NZ).

A \$30,000 weanling purchase, he placed in the \$1 million Karaka Million 2YO and went on to win the Gr.1 Sistema Stakes (1200m). Little Avondale purchased the weanling from the draft of Daniel Myers and re-offered him in Book 1 at Karaka 2018 where he fetched \$100,000 from the bid of Chris Rutten Bloodstock.

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# AVANTAGE TOO STRONG IN SYDNEY



*Avantage scores a thrilling victory at Rosehill (Bradley Photographers)*

**S**tar New Zealand filly **Avantage** (Fastnet Rock) has made a triumphant return to racing with a determined victory in testing conditions in the Gr.3 Birthday Card Stakes (1200m) at Rosehill.

Having her first start since winning the Gr.3 Gold Trail Stakes (1200m) at Hastings in September, the Jamie Richards-trained three-year-old rallied strongly in the straight after leading in Saturday's 1200m race to beat favourite Resin (\$4.40) by three-quarters of a length.

Star Reflection (Time Thief) was another 1-3/4-lengths away third on a track rated a heavy (8).

Avantage (\$5.50), making her first Australian appearance on Saturday, took her record to seven wins and a second from eight starts which includes a Group One win in the Manawatu Sires' Produce Stakes (1400m) for two-year-olds in March last year.

"If anything, she probably should be unbeaten," Richards said.

"She got back last and ran home in the quickest sectionals of the day last year when she got beaten in the Sistema Stakes (Gr.1, 1200m). She's very exciting."

Richards said Avantage had time off after the Gold Trail Stakes with a muscle issue in her back.

"She just needed a bit of time to come through that," he said.

"But it's been a great effort by the team to get her back here in such great order."

"I probably didn't expect her to land in front but I thought it was a lovely, patient ride by Opie Bosson. He never panicked. She got headed but she's a very good filly and fought back to win well."

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# AVANTAGE TOO STRONG IN SYDNEY

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"We're very proud Kiwis and we love coming over here to be competitive and representing New Zealand. It was a pretty special win to come off a decent break and she came over in really good order."

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Madison County out of Rosehill Guineas

The Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman-trained **Madison County (NZ) (Pins)** was withdrawn from Saturday's Gr.1 Rosehill Guineas (2000m) after sustaining an injury while being transported to the track on race morning.

The Pins three-year-old suffered abrasions to a hip after becoming fractious on the horse transporter while in transit to the Rosehill track.

"He rubbed his hip on the float coming over (to Rosehill)," Murray Baker said.

"He's not sore as they trotted him up and down, but it's (the abrasion) about as big as a small plate and they decided he had to be scratched."

The Rosehill Guineas was to be the final lead-up race for Madison County before tackling the Gr.1 Australian Derby (2400m) on April 6, with Baker now left searching for a suitable alternative.

"There's the Tulloch Stakes (Gr.2 2000m) for him next week so that's the obvious race," he said.

"I don't think it's (the injury) anything serious, so I think he'll be alright."

– NZ Racing Desk

The Gr.2 A\$1 million Arrowfield Sprint (1200m) for three-year-olds at Randwick on April 13 now looms for Avantage according to Richards.

"She's always been a high-class filly and hopefully we can work through to The Championships now with a little bit of confidence that she can step up," he said.

Last season's Champion Two-Year-Old in New Zealand, Avantage was bought by Te Akau principal David Ellis for \$210,000 at the 2017 New Zealand Bloodstock Premier Sale from the draft of The Oaks Stud.

"I bought the filly off Coolmore Stud, as a foal share with her breeders, Willie and Karen Calder," Ellis said.

"They're great supporters of ours, they've got three horses in work with us, and a Southland couple, what they've achieved as breeders is nothing short of amazing."

– NZ Racing Desk

<b>Race</b>	<b>ATC Birthday Card Stakes, Gr.3 1200m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Avantage 2015</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Te Akau Avantage Syndicate</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Jamie Richards (Matamata)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Fastnet Rock (AUS) out of Asavant by Zabeel</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Mr W Calder &amp; Mrs K N Calder</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2017 National Yearling Sales – Premier Sale; V: The Oaks Stud, P: Mr DC Ellis; \$210,000</b>



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# EMOTIONAL GROUP VICTORY FOR JENNI

**N**ew Zealand-bred filly **Princess Jenni (NZ)** (High Chaparral) produced a strong performance to land the Gr.3 Alexandra Stakes (1600m) at Moonee Valley on Friday night at just her fourth career start.

Prepared by David Brideoake for Tony and Lynn Ottobre, Princess Jenni savaged the line late in the hands of Damien Oliver after coming from near the tail of the field.

"She is a lovely filly. I have always had a lot of time for her," said Alex Woodhams, Assistant Trainer to David Brideoake.

"She has done everything right throughout her last prep and this prep and she put the writing on the wall when she won her maiden at Geelong convincingly.

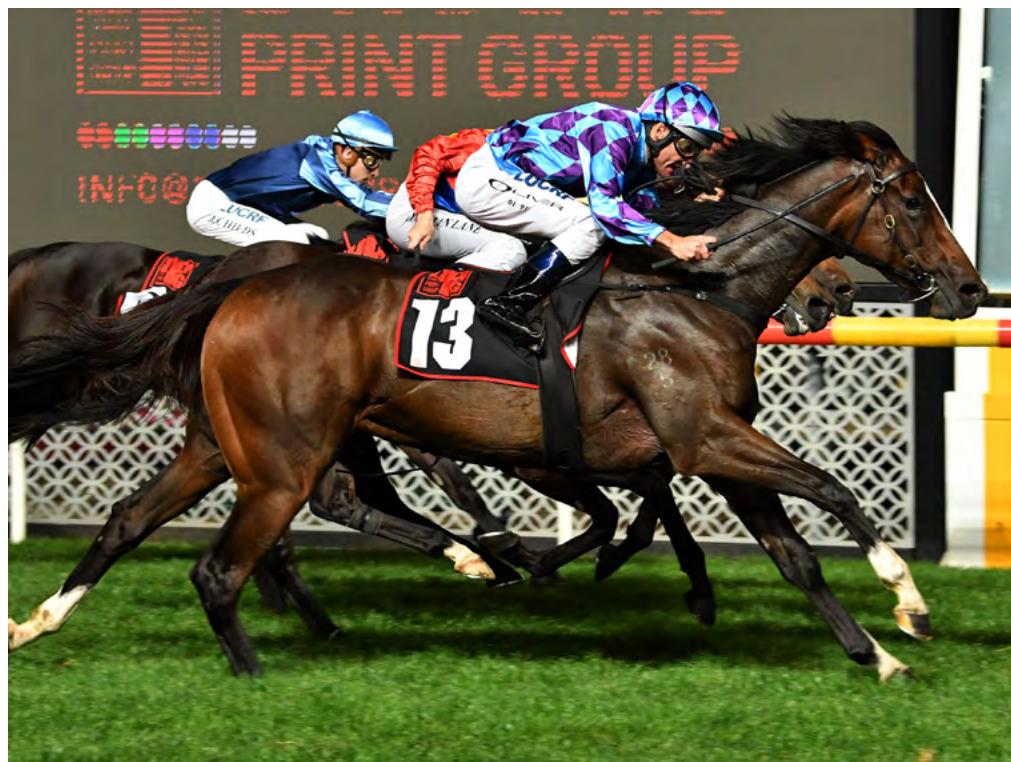
"Ollie (Damien Oliver) was desperate for the ride and he stuck with her and we mapped out this plan and it has come off."

"She had a couple of little issues along the way, nothing major, just some little mishaps and we had to scratch and missed a little bit of work and bits and pieces, but we thought her first-up performance was really solid considering where she was in her campaign."

The Gr.3 Adrian Knox Stakes (2000m) at Randwick on April 6 is the likely next target for Princess Jenni.

Winning owners Tony and Lynn Ottobre were on hand to celebrate the victory and honour their late daughter Jenni, who succumbed to brain cancer in 2015.

"We hope to keep her memory alive by naming her horses after her and



*Princess Jenni (outer) scores an emotional victory at Moonee Valley (Quentin Lang)*

this has been an absolute thrill," Tony Ottobre said.

"It gives us something to look forward to, because when you lose a child it is pretty well devastating.

"Our horses give us hope and they give us comfort as well.

"It is great to see them run and especially when they win a Group race.

"I can't thank David Brideoake, Alex Woodhams and Damien Oliver enough. There is also a very special couple back in New Zealand who bred the horse, Marg and Murray Hardy.

"We have kept in touch with them and they would be watching on TV over in New Zealand and they would be stoked as well."

A graduate of the 2017 New Zealand Bloodstock Premier Yearling Sale,

Princess Jenni was a \$120,000 purchase from the draft of Phoenix Park, who presented her on behalf of breeders Marg and Murray Hardy of the Sunlight Trust.

– NZ Racing Desk

<b>Race</b>	<b>MVRC Alexandra Stakes, Gr.3 1600m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Princess Jenni (NZ) 2015</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>A Ottobre, Mrs L Ottobre &amp; M Ottobre</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>David Brideoake (Mornington)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by High Chaparral (IRE) out of Glitzabeel by Zabeel</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>The Sunlight Trust</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2017 National Yearling Sales – Premier Sale; V: Phoenix Park, P: Mr A Ottobre/D Weir Racing; \$120,000</b>



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# RESIDENTIAL LEADS ALL THE WAY AT RICCARTON

**C**onsistent mare **Residential (NZ)** (Pins) scored her biggest career victory when she led all the way to take out the Gr.3 Valachi Downs South Island Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes (1600m) at Riccarton on Saturday.

Raced in the familiar colours of her breeder and co-owner, Waikato Stud, the Pins five-year-old gave her rivals a galloping lesson as she set up a consistent speed out in front before defying them to run her down.

Visiting rider Robbie Hannam had her humming along sweetly and despite being challenged hard by Zabay (NZ) (Stravinsky) and race favourite Contessa Vanessa (NZ) (Bullbars), Residential wouldn't surrender as she went to the line half a length to the good of her pursuers.

Co-trainer Karen Parsons, who prepares the mare with husband John, was delighted with the win although admitting that Hannam hadn't followed her pre-race instructions.

"It was super," she said.

"He pulled it off and the Waikato Stud will be very pleased."

Waikato Stud principal Mark Chittick paid tribute to ability of the mare's trainers to keep her competitive at the top level

throughout her career.

"John and Karen have done a wonderful job with her and I'm just as pleased for them as I am for her syndicate of owners to get the win today," he said.

"She's just a good tough racemare who always gives her best and I think she deserved that one after being thereabouts all season."

"She comes from a really good family and once again there was old Pins reminding us just what a good stallion he was over his long career at Waikato Stud."

Residential is the daughter of stakes-placed Elusive City mare, Metropolitan (NZ), and is descended from a family that includes Gr.1 Railway Handicap winner Silver Liner (NZ) (Sovereign Edition), the dam of 1984-85 South African champion three-year-old filly, Petrava (NZ) (Impose).

She becomes the eighth individual stakes winner for her sire Pins in the 2018-19 season.

Successful three times at Listed level during her three-year-old campaign, Residential has now won nine of her 36 starts and over \$250,000 in prizemoney. – NZ Racing Desk



<b>Race</b>	Valachi Downs South Island Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes. Gr.3 1600m
<b>Winner</b>	Residential (NZ) 2013
<b>Owners</b>	Mark Ritchie, Jason Wardle, Michael Piaggi, Henry & Ron Williamson, Leslie & Ann Seaton, John & David Nixon & Waikato Stud Ltd
<b>Trainer</b>	John and Karen Parsons (Balcairn)
<b>Breeding</b>	by Pins (AUS) out of Metropolitan by Elusive City (USA)
<b>Breeder</b>	Waikato Stud Ltd

Residential leads all-the-way at Riccarton (Race Images South)





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# COURSE SPECIALIST SALUTES AGAIN AT TAURANGA

**C**onsistent performer **Pasabahce (NZ)** (Shocking) once again outlined her love affair for the Tauranga racecourse when she scored her fifth victory at the track on Saturday.

The Team Rogerson-prepared six-year-old was coming off a creditable performance for fifth in open company at her last start as she defeated a small but competitive line-up of fillies and mares in the rating 82 NZB Insurance Pearl Series Race over 1300m.

Settled back in mid-field by rider Ryan Elliot, Pasabahce travelled sweetly as pacemaker Honneur Noir (NZ) (Falkirk) set a solid speed up front. Elliot moved the Shocking mare into contention on the point of the home turn before unleashing her at the 300m.

Pasabahce surged to the front in the closing stages to defeat La Mia Stella (NZ) (Per Incanto) with Honneur Noir fighting on gamely for third.

Elliot was full of praise for the mare's effort after her trainer's had decided to bypass a start in the day's feature event, the Gr.2 Windsor Park Stud Japan NZ International Trophy (1600m) later in the programme.

"She loves this place down to the ground," Elliot said.

"Graeme (Rogerson) was debating whether to run in the Group Two today or the 1300m. I'm glad he stuck to the 1300m as she won that well."

*Course specialist Pasabahce enhances her record with a comfortable victory at Tauranga (Kenton Wright, Race Images)*

"She didn't disgrace herself last week (in open company).

"This week I was able to bring her back a couple of positions and just travel up on the corner and she's really let down."

Raced by Denise Howell, Pasabahce has now won nine of her 57 starts and over \$159,000 in prizemoney after being purchased by Howell for just \$500 at the 2014 National Broodmare, Weanling and Mixed Bloodstock Sale at Karaka.

The victory also continued a good run of form for the progeny of Rich Hill Stud-based stallion Shocking who had four-year-old gelding Surprise Baby (NZ) take out the Gr.2 Adelaide Cup (3200m) last week while

promising three-year-old filly Artic Shock (NZ) finished close-up in third behind Princess Jenni (NZ) in the Gr.3 Alexandra Stakes (1600m) at Moonee Valley on Friday night.

– NZ Racing Desk

<b>Race</b>	<b>NZB Insurance Pearl Series Race 1300m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Pasabahce (NZ) 2012</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Denise Howell</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Team Rogerson (Hamilton)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Shocking (AUS) out of Tinkerbabu (AUS) by Giant's Causeway (USA)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Miss D Ho</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2014 National Weanling, Broodmare &amp; Mixed Bloodstock Sale; V: Trelawney Stud, P: Ms D Howell; \$500</b>





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# WALKER PRAISES WOODWORTH FOR SACRED GURU WIN

**A**fter having had the foot on the till for a while, **Sacred Guru (NZ)** (Savabeel) finally opened his account in the S\$50,000 Class 4 race over 1400m on Friday night.

Overcoming a wide gate, Sacred Guru was able to sneak into the perfect spot in sixth in transit, one off the fence before peeling out wide for his run at the point of the turn.

In a few bounds, he raced past Quadcopter (Zoustar) who had rocked up the first to greet the judge at the 300m, before comfortably staving off a late double-barrelled assault from Dazzle Gold (Lemon Drop Kid) and Salvador (Magic Albert).

Sacred Guru darted home to go and post a one-length win from Dazzle Gold with Salvador third another neck away. Quadcopter ran fourth another neck away.

The winning time was 1min 22.78secs for the 1400m on the Short Course.

Winning trainer Mark Walker, who trains for the winning owner Dato Yap Kim San of Raffles Racing Stable, said there were no two ways about who truly deserved the kudos for Sacred Guru's first win on local soil.

"He got the right ride. He drew out and was one off the fence after 200m,"



*Sacred Guru breaks his Singapore maiden on Friday night (STC)*

said the Kiwi mentor.

"Benny (Woodworth) is riding like a demon these days. He's the one who won the race without a doubt.

"But the horse has been consistent, too, just a little unlucky. It's good for Dato Yap as he's been a great supporter of Singapore racing and deserves everything he gets."

"He's got good gate speed, but from the draw, we couldn't lead," said Woodworth.

"I didn't want to be caught wide in a speed battle. At the top of the straight, he gave a good kick for a nice

win."

Thanks to his four previous seconds, Sacred Guru already had a tidy sum in the bank, with the win swelling it to just a tick below S\$70,000 for Dato Yap.

-STC

Race	STC Class 4 1400m
Winner	<b>Sacred Guru (NZ) 2013</b>
Owners	<b>Raffles Racing Stables</b>
Trainer	<b>Mark Walker (Singapore)</b>
Breeding	<b>by Savabeel (AUS) out of Biriyani (IRE) by Danehill (USA)</b>
Breeder	<b>Raffles Dancers (NZ) Pty Ltd</b>