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THE BOSTONIAN WINS QUEENSLAND G1



The Bostonian (blue cap) on his way to win the Gr.1 Doomben 10,000 (Grant Peters)

First-up specialist **The Bostonian (NZ)** (Jimmy Choux) maintained his unbeaten Queensland record and caused a big upset when he won the Gr.1 Doomben 10,000 (1200m) on Saturday.

In a race of sensations, the favourite Nature Strip (Nicconi) was slow to

jump and went around three deep before finishing fourth.

The second favourite Osborne Bulls (Street Cry) was also slowly away and ran his fifth straight Group One placing.

The Bostonian became the first kiwi galloper to win the Doomben 10,000

since My Axeman in 1983 when he got an inside run to beat the Osborne Bulls by a long head with another long head to Dollar For Dollar (High Chaparral) in third place.

The gelding has now won all five of his first-up runs and all four of his starts in Queensland.

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SHOCKING (AUS)

Street Cry – Maria Di Castaglia, (Danehill)

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Won WRC New Zealand Oaks-**Gr.1**
Won SAJC Adelaide Cup-**Gr.2**
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Won BRC Brisbane Cup-**Gr.2**
Won Counties RC Counties Cup-**Gr.3**
3rd ATC Metropolitan Handicap-**Gr.1**
3rd NSW Tatt's RC Chelmsford Stakes-**Gr.2**

THE HASSLER

Won ARC Championship Stakes-**Gr.2**

SURPRISE BABY

Won SAJC Adelaide Cup-**Gr.2**

SHOCKING LUCK

Won BRC Rough Habit Plate-**Gr.3**
2nd Waikato RC Waikato Guineas-**Gr.2**

PURE PRIDE

Won VRC Paris Lane Handicap-**L**
2nd VRC Blazer Stakes-**Gr.2**

TIANCHI MONSTER

Won ARC 3YO Salver-**L**
Close-up behind Furore in Hong Kong Derby-**Gr.1**

ANTONIO GIUSEPPE

2nd ATC Metropolitan Handicap-**Gr.1**
2nd ATC Sky High Stakes-**Gr.3**
2nd ATC Kingston Town Stakes-**Gr.3**

ARCTIC SHOCK

3rd *March's* MVRC Alexandra Stakes-**Gr.3**

SURPRISE BABY takes *March's* **\$400,000 Gr.2 Adelaide Cup** (3200m), at his sixth start.



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Trainer Tony Pike and breeder-owner David Archer plotted to bring The Bostonian back to Queensland after he won three races, including the Gr.3 Sunshine Coast Guineas (1600m), during last year's winter carnival.

His early carnival had been disrupted by problems but Pike was impressed with the way he handled the Queensland tracks.

Pike flew to Australia this week to watch The Bostonian work after the gelding had arrived in Australia eight days go.

However, Pike had to return to New

Zealand and left stable foreman Chris McNabb to saddle the horse in the 10,000.

"We will now probably head straight to the Stradbroke Handicap (1400m on June 8)," McNabb said.

"He was here mainly for it and he is a horse which does race well fresh."

Jockey Michael Cahill rode his last Group One winner on Russeting (Commands) who took the 2009 Tatts Tiara for the late Bart Cummings.

But he has previously tasted Doomben 10,000 success on Falvelon in 2001.

"I had a nice run behind the pace but then it was a matter of getting a run," Cahill said

"This horse has been really good to me."

-AAP

Race	BRC Doomben 10,000, Gr.1 1200m
Winner	The Bostonian (NZ) 2014
Owners	David Archer
Trainer	Tony Pike (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Jimmy Choux out of Keepa Cheval by Keeper (AUS)
Breeder	Archer Equine Investments



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PURPLE SECTOR ENDS AUTUMN ON WINNING NOTE

Trainer John Thompson will pull up stumps with Gr.3 Rough Habit Plate (2000m) winner **Purple Sector (NZ)** (Pins) rather than pursue a Queensland Derby start.

Purple Sector gave jockey Blake Shinn an armchair ride when he cruised to a 2-1/4 lengths win from A Man To Match (High Chaparral).

Thompson said he did not want to overtax Purple Sector after an arduous campaign in Sydney during the autumn.

“We wanted to spell him in Queensland so we picked out

Race	BRC Rough Habit Plate, Gr.3 2000m
Winner	Purple Sector (NZ) 2015
Owners	M B Sandblom, J A Hayek & Think Big Stud (Mgr: D G Ramage)
Trainer	John Thompson (Randwick)
Breeding	by Pins (AUS) out of Eden Valley by Zabeel
Breeder	Trelawney Stud
Sales	2017 National Yearling Sales – Premier Sale; V: Trelawney Stud, P: DGR Thoroughbred Services; \$60,000

this race to aim at before he went out,” Thompson said.

“It worked out nice. He had a good barrier, a good run throughout the race and I was confident from the jump.”

Thompson said Purple Sector was not a genuine stayer and wants to keep his future racing to distances to no further than 2000m.

“He doesn’t run past 2000m. We’ve tried him and he just doesn’t run it out.

“He suffered a few heavy tracks down south and got a bad check in the Rosehill Guineas but he got a lovely run today and that made the difference.”

Shinn backed Thompson’s decision to bring down the curtain on Purple Sector’s campaign.

“I think that’s the sign of a great trainer,” Shinn said.

“It’s easy to say push on to the Queensland Derby and no doubt he’d be a great chance but he’s trying to create his own destiny for the horse and he could be a really good spring carnival contender.



“I think it’s a wise move and the correct decision.”

Purple Sector was bred by Trelawney Stud and sold through their 2017 New Zealand Bloodstock draft when purchased by Duncan Ramage under his DGR Thoroughbreds banner.

-AAP

Purple Sector was all class to take out the Gr.3 Rough Habit Plate at Doomben (Grant Peters)





SLEEPING BEAUTY CLAIMS DESERVED STAKES VICTORY



Sleeping Beauty and Craig Grylls hold out their opposition to score a deserved win at Rotorua (Trish Dunell)

Consistent mare **Sleeping Beauty (NZ)** (Rip Van Winkle) finally got the major race win she deserved when she took out the Gr.3 ISCL Rotorua Stakes (1400m) on Saturday.

The Lance O’Sullivan and Andrew Scott-trained six-year-old has proven a model of consistency throughout her career, having finished inside the top three in two-thirds of her 21 career starts before Saturday’s Rotorua feature.

Included in that record was a narrow defeat in the Gr.2 Westbury Classic (1400m) at Ellerslie two starts ago where she beat all but Group One performer Volpe Veloce (Foxwedge) in a desperate finish.

With a well-known penchant for the wet winter tracks, Sleeping Beauty was amongst the well-favoured candidates

in an even line-up at Rotorua that saw the lightly raced Back In A Flash (NZ) (Ekraar) start favourite for the contest that was raced on a Slow8 surface.

Rider Craig Grylls was at his tactical best as he worked Sleeping Beauty in a handy position from a wide draw before sweeping to the lead on the point of the home turn. The Rip Van Winkle mare took over shortly after and held off the late challenge of Te Toro Pearl (NZ) (Bullbars) to secure the victory.

“She really deserved this,” co-trainer Andrew Scott said.

“She has raced consistently and honestly all season and today was no different.

“She was posted three-deep on the speed and was entitled to be run down, but she was very brave.

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“She galloped out a strong 1400m today.”

Scott admitted the race had been the main target for the mare after she had excelled during an extended preparation through the spring and early summer.

“She raced so well in the spring and it gave us a wee bit of confidence to crack on through the summer months,” he said.

“She kept up a really good campaign, so we gave her a quick break and then aimed her for this.

“It’s just so pleasing to get a result for all the Pencarrow team.

“She deserves this.”

Scott was also keen to keep the mare in work with an eye to the Listed Tauranga Classic (1400m) in June as another possible target.

“She seems to be holding up to this preparation really well and will only improve with this run under her belt,” he said.

“She keeps on coming on so hopefully we head that way (to Tauranga).”

Raced by her breeder, Sir Peter Vela, Sleeping Beauty has now won nine of her 22 starts. She is the third foal of Danehill mare, Kailey Princess and hails from the extended family of Gr.1 Metropolitan Handicap (2400m) winner Herculian Prince (NZ) (Yamanin Vital) along with multiple Group One winner, Racing To Win (Encosta De Lago).

– NZ Racing Desk



Race	RR ISCL Rotorua Stakes, Gr.3 1400m
Winner	Sleeping Beauty (NZ) 2012
Owners	Sir Peter Vela
Trainer	Lance O’Sullivan & Andrew Scott (Matamata)
Breeding	by Rip Van Winkle (IRE) out of Kailey Princess (AUS) by Danehill (USA)
Breeder	P J & P M Vela Ltd



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ZACADA BACK TO BEST IN ROTORUA CUP

Rugged stayer **Zacada (NZ)** (Zabeel) turned some below par form around when he out-toughed his rivals carrying 60kgs to take out the Gr.3 Campbell Infrastructure Rotorua Cup (2200m).

Having his first run since returning from a disappointing Sydney campaign that saw him finish well back in each of his three starts, the 2018 Gr.1 Sydney Cup (3200m) runner-up was back to his best for Saturday's middle-distance feature at Rotorua.

Rider Jonathan Riddell had the Zabeel six-year-old trucking along nicely in midfield throughout before moving into a challenging position approaching the home turn. Pacemaker Gobstopper (NZ) Tavistock had skipped clear at this stage with Zacada's stablemate Artiste (NZ) (Mastercraftsman) in hot pursuit.

Just as that pair looked likely to fight out the finish, Riddell drove Zacada through against the rail to snatch the lead in the shadows of the post with a game Gobstopper left to settle for the runner-up position ahead of Artiste.

Co-trainer Andrew Forsman, who prepares Zacada with Murray Baker, was confident of a much-improved performance after some encouraging trackwork during the week.

"Whatever went on in Australia, I don't know whether the Cup company was just too stiff, or he didn't cop some of those holding tracks he ran into," Forsman said.

"He's got through it today and looked the winner a long way out.

"He was the class horse of the field on his day and I don't think the weight



Zacada shoots through against the rail to capture the Gr.3 Campbell Infrastructure Rotorua Cup (Trish Dunell)

was going to be an issue, it was just where his head was at and if he was on his game, then he was going to be hard to beat.

"His two gallops this week have been first-class, and we were confident in that just knowing that he had to bring his A-game to the races."

Forsman was also delighted with the run of Artiste who gathered some valuable black type before heading for a possible stint in the spelling paddock.

"She's doing a great job this preparation," he said.

"To get some black type, that's a massive result."

Bred and raced by dairy farmers Andrew Bryant and Dave Armstrong under their Andari Ltd banner, along with Sir Patrick and Justine, Lady

Hogan, Zacada has now won five of his 43 career starts for a tick over \$714,000 in stakes earnings.

The win by Zacada also carried the Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman partnership to 100 wins in New Zealand for the 2018/19 racing season including a record 23 victories at black type level.

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	RR Campbell Infrastructure Rotorua Cup, Gr.3 2200m
Winner	Zacada (NZ) 2012
Owners	Andari Ltd, Sir Patrick & Lady Hogan
Trainer	Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Zabeel out of Lacada (AUS) by Giant's Causeway (USA)
Breeder	Andari Ltd, Sir Patrick & Lady Hogan





CATALYST READY FOR JUVENILE WINTER FEATURES

The Awamutu visitor **Catalyst (NZ)** (Darci Brahma) showed his true worth when he destroyed his two-year-old rivals in the first race at New Plymouth on Saturday.

The Clayton Chipperfield-trained youngster had been expected to perform with distinction at his first start after a pair of impressive trial victories leading into his first-up run at Te Rapa last month.

Unfortunately for his many supporters he produced a lacklustre display when finishing well back in a race claimed by the ultra-impressive Subpoena (NZ) (Rip Van Winkle).

Chipperfield was prepared to forgive his charge that run with punters keeping the faith as they installed the Darci Brahma gelding a \$3.50 favourite for the 1200m contest. That faith was well rewarded as rider Michael McNab had Catalyst travelling sweetly behind the speed before exploding clear in the run home to win by a conservative five and a half lengths.

Chipperfield was quick to admit the debut performance of his charge had left him pondering what had gone wrong.

"He showed us today what we knew we had," Chipperfield said.

"He won both of his trials, but we were scratching our heads after his first-up run, wondering where was he?"

"It was good to see him do that today."

"He's like an old stayer as you can put him wherever you like, he switches off and he's got that real good kick when you ask him."

"He's just an ideal horse."

Chipperfield will now raise his sights with Catalyst who is owned by his breeder, the Oaks Stud principal, Dick Karreman.

"We're going to start looking at something nice now," he said.

"Clearly he can handle a wet track so we might as well keep him going."

Rider Michael McNab was also enthusiastic about the future prospects for Catalyst.

"That was easy wasn't it," McNab said.

"They thought that he would do that first up, but he ran into a strong race. Sometimes that Te Rapa track can throw sand back in their face and that might have got him, but he was strong today."

"He smashed them so it's onwards and upwards."

Catalyst is the out of Entrepreneur mare, Evana (NZ) and hails from an all-star extended family that traces back to champion Australian galloper and sire, Lonhro and multiple Group One winner, Niello (Octagon).

– NZ Racing Desk



Race	TRI NZB Insurance Maiden (1200m)
Winner	Catalyst (NZ) 2016
Owners	D Karreman
Trainer	Clayton Chipperfield (Te Awamutu)
Breeding	by Darci Brahma out of Evana by Entrepreneur (GB)
Breeder	The Oaks Stud

Michael McNab has time to check where his nearest rival is as Catalyst cruises to the winning post at New Plymouth (Peter Rubery, Race Images)

