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## CAMBRIDGE VISITOR TAKES OUT AWAPUNI FEATURE



*Hinerangi and Robbie Hannam on their way to winning the James Bull Rangitikei Gold Cup at Awapuni (Race Images – Peter Rubery)*

Promising mare **Hinerangi** (Fastnet Rock) added another stakes victory to the record haul of trainers Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman when she took out the Listed James Bull Rangitikei Gold Cup (1600m) at Awapuni on Saturday.

Raced in the colours of her breeder Christopher Grace, who owns the

Fastnet Rock mare with wife Susanna, Hinerangi dominated the contest from outside the pace set up by local runner Prosecco (NZ) (Stravinsky).

Placed under pressure when the well fancied Red Sierra (NZ) (Redwood) swooped to the lead on the point of the home corner, rider Robbie Hannam didn't panic as he balanced his charge

up before asking for a serious effort in the final 200m. Hinerangi never flinched as she gained the upper-hand close to the post to score a valuable first win at black-type level at her 20th career start.

Having his first ride aboard the five-year-old mare, Hannam was delighted

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## *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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with the result as he joked about the imposing physical presence of his mount.

“She’s a monster isn’t she,” he said.

“She races on pace and grinds really good and she only had 53kg on her back today.

“What I didn’t want to do was sit and sprint as I wanted to make it more of a staying mile.

“That’s what happened as there was only two of us in it at the end and she just out-toughed the other horse.”

Grace was also full of smiles with the victory in a major race at his home track.

“It’s a wonderful thrill to win a race

on your home track,” he said

“And to be lucky enough to win our neighbours sponsored race, as the Bull family have done a wonderful job over the years and put a lot into it (racing).

“The mare will be going out (for a spell) now, she’s got a bit of black-type and that’s what we want.”

Hinerangi is the daughter of Elusive City mare, Hinemoa who win four races in a limited career including the Listed Ag and Turf Sprint (1400m) at Te Rapa. She hails from an extended family that includes Gr.2 Wellington Cup (3200m) winner Graphic (NZ) (Volksraad) and brilliant sprinter Morar (NZ) (Otehi Bay) who took out the 1992 Gr.1 Telegraph

Handicap (1200m).

The victory was the 24th New Zealand Group or Listed win for trainers Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman this season, with the pair leading the National Trainer’s Premiership with 103 wins to date.

– NZ Racing Desk

<b>Race</b>	<b>Rangitikei RC Rangitikei Gold Cup L 1600m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Hinerangi (AUS) 2013</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>CR Grace QSM &amp; Mrs S Grace</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Murray Baker &amp; Andrew Forsman (Cambridge)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Fastnet Rock (AUS) out of Hinemoa (NZ) by Elusive City (USA)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>CR Grace</b>



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# SHAMAL TAKES WAIKATO STEEPLECHASE IN NAIL-BITING FINISH

**T**opweight and race favourite **Shamal (NZ)** (Zabeel) added a second prestige steeplechase victory to his career record when he prevailed in a nail-biting finish to the Signature Homes Waikato Steeplechase (3900m) at Te Rapa.

The 2018 Grand National Steeplechase winner had cemented his favouritism for Saturday's contest when successful in the Ken and Roger Browne Memorial Steeplechase (3900m), the traditional lead-up event at Te Rapa, a fortnight ago on a similar track conditions to the Dead5 rating for today's meeting.

Regular pilot Buddy Lammas had the eight-year-old

Zabeel gelding lobbing along quietly in a rearward position throughout before looming into contention with 1000m to travel. Unlike a fortnight ago where Shamal forged clear to win untested, this time the Kevin Myers-trained Gagarin (NZ) (Pentire) went with the favourite and the pair set down to a titanic struggle in the home straight.

Locked together over the last fence Shamal dredged up every last ounce of strength to put his head in front where it mattered to defeat a game Gagarin with Zardetto (Redoute's Choice) finishing off nicely for third.

Trainer Ken Duncan cut a relieved figure after the race.

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*Shamal (red jacket, black cap) and Buddy Lammas make their move as the field approach the home turn at Te Rapa (Trish Dunell)*





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“It was a mighty finish and a great race,” trainer Ken Duncan said.

“I think he does prefer the dead tracks (like today) to the heavy ones although it was a tough old battle.

“He’s a very big horse who can get gross quite quickly, so I was a little bit concerned with his weight before we left home, so I worked him yesterday when we got here (Te Rapa).

Duncan has a second major steeplechase set as the next target for his charge, who has now won five of his 12 starts over the steeplechase fences and seven career victories in total.

“Wellington (Steeplechase) will be the natural place for him next,” he said.

“He will go up in the points and weight which will be the problem.

“If he gets too much though then Australia calls.”

Lammas admitted he was getting worried when Gagarin was kicking back as the pair approached the winning post.

“Today he pulled quite a bit in the mid stages, so I was a bit worried when Gagarin came back at me,

but he kicked and kept coming,” he said.

“He prefers the better tracks as when I won on him at Wellington it was heavy and he struggled up the straight but today he was just cruising.

“I’m lucky to get a good ride like him as we have bonded and just keep on winning.”

– NZ Racing Desk

<b>Race</b>	<b>Waikato RC Waikato S/chase 3900m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Shamal (NZ) 2010</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Faith Taylor, JG, JM &amp; D Mck Duncan, MJ Linklater, AR Hurley &amp; Ken Duncan</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Ken Duncan (Huntermville)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Zabeel out of Mistrale by Volksraad (GB)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Trelawney Thoroughbred Ltd</b>



*Shamal (outer) and Gagarin clear the last fence at Te Rapa as they race for the winning post in the Signature Homes Waikato Steeplechase (Trish Dunell)*





# IFFITEL DEMOLISHES QUALITY FIELD IN WAIKATO HURDLES



*Iffitel flies the last fence on her way to victory at Te Rapa (Trish Dunell)*

One of last season's most promising jumpers returned to the hurdling game with a vengeance at Te Rapa on Saturday with a stunning performance to take out the Fairview Motors Waikato Hurdles (3200m).

The Glynn Brick-trained **Iffitel (NZ)** (Iffraaj) looked a jumper of real ability when winning two of her three attempts over hurdles in 2018,

including a comprehensive victory in the Awapuni Hurdle (2900m).

A disappointing effort in the Wellington Hurdle, where she was pulled up during the running, saw Brick conduct a battery of tests after the event that revealed a minor stress fracture that required six weeks of box rest.

After being given time to recuperate, a pair of runs on the flat

had her ready for Saturday's first prestige jumping event of the season where the seven-year-old Iffraaj mare reminded onlookers of her undoubted ability with a dashing display in the hands of rider Hamish McNeill.

Allowed to stride to a clear lead with a round to go, McNeill had Iffitel trucking along nicely throughout before applying the pressure with

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# IFFITEL DEMOLISHES QUALITY FIELD IN WAIKATO HURDLES

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800m to run. Sporting a six-length lead turning for home, Iffitel flew the last three obstacles to comfortably hold out El Disparo (NZ) (El Hermano), who made ground nicely for second with Tommyra (NZ) (Raise The Flag) rounding out the placings in third.

Brick was ecstatic about the performance from his charge despite expressing some concerns about McNeill's tactics during the race

"Fantastic, absolutely amazing," Brick said.

"I was thinking 'you've gone to

early, what are you doing' as I was really, really panicking but then I had a look at the third last (fence) and they were all chasing behind her.

"When he went for her, she responded and jumped the last two really good."

Brick was quick to praise his team at home who were involved in the mare's rest and recovery process.

"Everyone involved has done a fantastic job with her," he said.

"It's just a fantastic feeling."

Iffitel has now won three of her 4

hurdle starts to add to four wins on the flat from 45 starts.

– NZ Racing Desk

<b>Race</b>	<b>Waikato RC Waikato Hurdle 3200m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Iffitel (NZ) 2011</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Mrs D J &amp; K E Hopson &amp; R G J Macdonald</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Glynn Brick (Cambridge)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Iffraaj (GB) out of Pastel by Grosvenor</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>J W Campin</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2013 National Yearling Sale – Select Session V: The Estate of JW Campin \$22000 P: KE Hopson</b>



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# TRELAWNEY-BRED STARS AT ROSEHILL



*Star of the Seas pips Dagny at the post for a New Zealand-bred quinella at Rosehill. (Bradley Photography)*

**S**tar of the Seas (NZ) (Ocean Park) continued his fine career record notching up his sixth win when successful in the Jim Cassidy Hall of Fame Handicap (1500m) at Rosehill on Saturday.

The Chris Waller-trained four-year-old travelled at the rear of the field before lengthening down the straight and hitting the front to win by .2L from fellow New Zealand-bred, Dagny (NZ) (Darci Brahma).

“He is just a total professional,” jockey Robbie Dolan said. “He is

a dream horse to ride. He does everything right and gives you everything he has.”

Star of the Seas has run in the money in each of his 12 starts.

The Trelawney Stud-bred gelding was destined for the sales as a yearling before the Cambridge based farm were forced to withdraw him due to issues on his pre-sale x-rays. He was sold off the back of a trial win when prepared by Clayton Chipperfield through bloodstock agent Phil Cataldo to Sydney based Tony Muollo.

He is the fourth foal for Titus Livius mare Stella Livia. She is the dam of five foals to race for five winners including Group One performer Spieth.

<b>Race</b>	<b>ATC Jim Cassidy Hall of Fame H. 1500m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Star of the Seas (NZ) 2014</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Mr AM 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>





# SKYWALK BREAKS 1100M RECORD IN STYLE

A sizzling-run race saw talented sprinter **Skywalk (NZ)** (Battle Paint) bounce back in record-breaking time in the \$100,000 Class 1 race over 1100m on the Polytrack on Friday night.

After beginning from a good barrier in three, the five-year-old, who was returning from a five-month spell, slotted into a perfect rails-hugging trail while a quartet of speed squibs went helter-skelter upfront.

On the rails, Special King would not give up his spot as he kicked up from a bunched-up trio made up of Super Fortune, Super Winner and Webster, who instead of easing off, skipped alongside him to inject even more speed into the already blazing hot pace.

Skywalk bettered Filibuster's record of 1min 4.16secs by 0.07 second, incidentally tallying up his eighth win (only two were won on turf) from 21 starts for prizemoney that has now hit around the \$565,000 mark for the China Horse Club.

Trainer James Peters was delighted one of his better horses at the stable has bounced back first-up since his unplaced run to Constant Justice (beaten in seventh on Friday) in the Group

3 New Year Cup (1200m) on January 1.

"It's worked out perfect tonight. From the good draw, he settled just behind the speed," said the English trainer.

"He was in a perfect position, tracking up the speed without doing any work. He's a very good horse fresh.

"It was good to see him win again as his last couple of runs had been disappointing."

Thompson, who was also bringing up his own double, having saluted earlier aboard Clarton Star for his first win for Kiwi trainer Mark Walker in the \$30,000 Class 5 race over 1700m, said he had a good hunch he was on a

winner one week before the race.

"I won on him at the barrier trials last week and also galloped him this week. He gave me a very good feel," said the young Australian jockey.

"Once I checked his form, I had a good feeling I was on a winner. During the race, when I saw Webster caught four wide, I knew he would keep the pressure in front.

"James has got a nice horse, and I would certainly like to stay on."

-STC

<b>Race</b>	<b>Singapore TC Class 1 H. 1100m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Skywalk (NZ) 2013</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>China Horse Club</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>James Peters (Kranji)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Battle Paint (USA) out of Daystar by Danasinga (AUS)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Mrs L J &amp; W L Sullivan</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2015 National Yearling Sale – Select Sale V: Sedgmere Farm \$32,000 P: Regal Farm 2015 Ready to Run Sale V: Regal Farm \$100,000 P: China Horse Club</b>



*Skywalk bounces back to his best in the Class 1 race first-up. (Singapore Turf Club)*





# SUPER TYCOON BRINGS THE SMILES BACK FOR LE GRANGE

**T**rainer Ricardo Le Grange snapped a run of outs with favourite **Super Tycoon (NZ)** (O'Reilly) landing the money in the \$50,000 Class 4 Division 2 race over 1400m on Friday night.

The South African trainer has not visited the winner's circle since Majestic Empress on March 15. The fact that Super Tycoon was bringing up only his eighth winner for the year does give an idea of the rather subdued season he has endured thus far.

"I'm super happy for Andre Lim (of Super Easy and Super One fame) who has been a great supporter of mine from Day 1," he said.

"We've had a quiet run, but that's the game we're in. The wheels will turn and hopefully, it's onwards and upwards from here."

The five-year-old has been in consistent form this year, being already at his second success. At his last start,

he steamed home late for third place to the smart Richebourg in a similar Class 4 race over 1400m, but in Division 1.

The opposition was just marginally easier on Friday, but Super Tycoon still showed plenty of merit in the way he put the race to bed even after showing a little bit of reluctance to take it up upon straightening.

Ridden by Michael Rodd for the first time, Super Tycoon (\$15 favourite) came off a smothered in midfield to stake his claim but seemed to be wasting precious seconds when caught in a bumping duel with One Force on his outside at the 500m.

With his head hanging outwards, he was not putting in while One Force seemed to be laying in on him, but as the two horses eventually went asunder, the shackles were off for Super Tycoon. In a few bounds, he shot past leader Overcoming towards an easy two-

length win.

"It was a great run from Super Tycoon. He's a smart horse who has been holding his form," said Le Grange.

"It was a great ride from Michael as well."

Rodd said he was in an ideal spot in transit, but he did have some anxious moments when they cornered for the judge.

"I was happy where he was, but he was a bit hesitant when he was hard up against another horse who was coming out," said the Australian hoop.

"But when daylight appeared, he let down very well. He's a very honest horse."

With that fourth win, Super Tycoon has now brought his race record to four wins and six placings from 25 starts and prizemoney around the \$190,000 mark for Lim's Number One Stable.

-STC



<b>Race</b>	<b>Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1400m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Super Tycoon (NZ) 2013</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Number One Stable</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Ricardo Le Grange (Kranji)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by O'Reilly out of Toss Up by Zabeel</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Waikato Stud Ltd</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2015 National Yearling Sale – Premier Sale V: Waikato Stud \$70,000 P: NZB as agent 2015 Ready to Run Sale V: Mana Park \$180,000 P: Michael Freedman/ Waterford Bloodstock</b>

Super Tycoon comes with a late charge (Singapore Turf Club)





# SUPERNOVA STILL SHINES BRIGHTLY AT 10

Old marvel **Supernova (NZ)** (Elusive City) showed he clearly had no intention of being put to pasture after he posted his 11th win as a rising 11 on Friday night.

While the 10-year-old had not greeted the judge since September 2017 when he won an old Benchmark 67 race over the mile, he had not been loafing around either. Far from it, and that competitive fire in the belly certainly belied his age.

In 23 subsequent starts since that last win, Supernova has still been earning his oats with four seconds, four thirds and three fourths.

To say that he has more than paid his way would be a bit of an understatement. With that 11th hurrah in 78 starts, Supernova has brought home a bacon that has now grown to around the \$680,000 mark for the Tudor Racing Lodge.

His ecstatic trainer Bruce Marsh said that Supernova was like an equine version of Benjamin Button.

"He's a marvel. That's really, really good," said the Kiwi handler who had had him from Day 1.

"He was very unlucky at his last run when he got checked, but tonight, he had a great run though and Zy (Nor Azman) rode him a treat.

"At home, he's like a two-year-old, always having a pick of grass and bucking around. He doesn't know his age.

"We actually bought him as a two-year-old in New Zealand. He wasn't a trial winner but I remember he won first-up at big odds of around \$200 (\$203 to be exact).

"He went off the boil and took a year off, but there wasn't anything wrong with him. I think he just got too high in the ratings."

Zyru said for a horse who was getting long in the tooth, Supernova never ceases to amaze him with his sheer will to compete and win.



*Supernova returns to winning ways on Friday night (Singapore Turf Club)*

"He always gives his all even if he was unlucky when he lost. I've never seen a bigger-hearted 10-year-old than him, he always wants to win," said the in-form Singaporean apprentice jockey who was at his fifth winner this term, one week after he rang up his first Kranji double with Dreamer Legend and Lonhro Gold.

"Things were a bit slow when I came back to Singapore (2017) as you have noticed. It's different now with (riding coach) Matthew Pumpa to go through my rides.

"It makes all the difference."

-STC

<b>Race</b>	<b>Singapore TC Class 4 H. 1600m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Supernova (NZ) 2008</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Tudor Lodge Racing Stable</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Bruce Marsh (Kranji)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Elusive City (USA) out of Our Girl Nelson (AUS) by Carnegie (IRE)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Fulton Bloodstock Ltd</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2010 National Yearling Sale – Festival Session V: Haunui Farm \$20,000 P: DJ Lowe</b>

