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TAVISAN LANDS BETTING MOVE AT THE VALLEY



Tavisan never looked in doubt after hitting the front at The Valley (Bruno Cannatelli)

Taking advantage of a track suiting horses racing on the pace, **Tavisan (NZ)** (Tavistock) landed a betting plunge with an all-the-way win at The Valley.

Tavisan was backed from \$3.30 into \$2.35 favouritism before taking out the Ranvet Handicap (1200m) under a well-judged ride from Ben Melham.

Melham had no hesitation in taking Tavisan to the front before kicking clear on the home turn in recording a two-length victory Epic Grey (Wicked Style).

"It was a race that was always going to map well for him," Melham said.

"He was controlled going through the breeze, got into a beautiful rhythm and he does have a bit of class about him.

"He's relatively lightly-raced and still learning and he's got good upside."

While Melham is confident Tavisan can race to a higher level, Mick Price, who trains the gelding in partnership with

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Mick Kent junior, is in no rush to test Tavisan against top level competition in his four-year-old year.

Tavisan collected three stakes-race placings as a spring three-year-old before being gelded after one run in the autumn.

Saturday's victory was his second since the gelding operation.

Price said he would prefer to race Tavisan through his grades and get a good return for the gelding's owners.

"I think with the prize money available, it's better for the owners and a better return for them to pick your way through the right races," Price said.

"We'll just place him where he can win and get a good return from him." -AAP

Race	MVRC Ranvet H. 1200m
Winner	Tavisan (NZ) 2015
Owners	Ontrack Thoroughbreds No 1, Phoenix Thoroughbred, Mr AL Abrecht, Mr J Lagos, Mr LP Prince, Mr EG Newsome, Dr DA Worthley, Mr VG Harink, Mr MA Snowden, Mr MJ Ostermeyer, Mr NW Evison, Mr ML Horn, Ms LJ Saxton, Mrs BP Mawer
Trainer	Mick Price & Michael Kent (Caulfield)
Breeding	by Tavistock out of Evanescence by Volksraad (GB)
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Sales	2017 National Yearling Sale - Premier V: Hallmark Stud \$135000 P: Ontrack T/breds



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ROARING LION LOSES BATTLE WITH COLIC



Roaring Lion winning the Gr.1 Juddmonte International Stakes at York (Supplied)

Cambridge Stud and staff are devastated to report the loss of stallion **Roaring Lion** overnight from further complications, following two major colic surgeries three weeks ago.

Last year's Champion European three-year-old Roaring Lion won four Group One races from 1600m to 2000m, earning a Timeform rating of 130.

Roaring Lion won eight of his 13 starts for trainer John Gosden and strung together four successive Group One wins last year, usurping the

Eclipse Stakes (2000m), Juddmonte International Stakes (2050m), Irish Champion Stakes (2000m) and Queen Elizabeth II Stakes (1600m).

The son of Kitten's Joy had served a quality book of mares at Tweenhills Stud in the UK and was due to cover an equally outstanding group of mares at Brendon and Jo Lindsay's Cambridge Stud this season.

Roaring Lion had been making a steady recovery and his support team were very pleased with his progress. Unfortunately, he suffered a further bout of colic late last night and the

decision was made to put him down.

"Cambridge Stud would like to acknowledge everyone from Cambridge Equine and the stud who supported the horse through a very difficult time," chief executive of Cambridge Stud Henry Plumptre said.

"We particularly feel for Roaring Lion's UK connections, Sheikh Fahad al Thani and his family and David Redvers and his family at Tweenhills. Our loss is keenly felt in New Zealand but theirs is unimaginable."

– NZ Racing Desk





RYAN MALONEY GETS CREDIT FOR ALWARD'S WIN



Alward breaks through for his first win in nearly two years on the Gold Coast

In-form jockey Ryan Maloney got plenty of credit when much travelled **Alward** (Aqlaam) broke through for his first win in nearly two years at the Gold Coast.

The Chris Waller-trained Alward got upon the fence to beat his stablemate Vaocluse Bay (al Maher) by a nose in the William and Elsie Morgan Open Handicap (1800m).

Alward did his early racing in France before being sold to Go Racing New Zealand syndicator Albert Bosma and other Australian interests as a possible Cups-type horse.

He showed plenty of promise making it four wins from five starts when he won at Randwick on October

7, 2017.

However, Alward had not won since and had been struggling in Melbourne before Waller elected to send him to his Gold Coast stable.

Waller's Queensland manager Paul Shailer said Alward had been unlucky at his first start in Queensland when unplaced at Doomben two weeks ago.

"He ran into some bad interference in the straight but he still ran on well and it was a good pointer to this," Shailer said.

"Both our horses have run well today but they have probably found the right class in Queensland and will stay here.

"The difference today was a great

ride from Ryan (Maloney) who is in very good form." -AAP

Race	GCTC William and Elsie Morgan Open Handicap 1800m
Winner	Alward (IRE) 2013
Owners	Mr AJA Bosma, Mr ID Dobson, Mr PJC Fisher, Mr BF Winsloe, Mr TM Beer, Mr AS Jones, Mrs MP Patton, Mr CB Patton, Mr RL Burns, Mr AR Ormond, Dr H Swart, Real Kiwi, Mr GR Molloy, Mrs GJ Molloy, Mrs SC Hunter, Mr C Griffin, Mr CV Moat
Trainer	Chris Waller (Gold Coast)
Breeding	by Aqlaam (GBR) out of Sharedah (IRE) by Pivotal (GBR)
Breeder	Shadwell Estate Company Ltd





LACUSTRE TAKES OUT PAKURANGA HUNT CUP

The Samantha Logan-trained **Lacustre (NZ)** (Postponed) laid down the gauntlet to his steeplechasing rivals heading to the prestigious Great Northern Steeplechase (6400m) in a fortnight with a comprehensive victory in Saturday's major dress rehearsal, the CLC Pakuranga Hunt Cup (4900m) at Ellerslie.

Logan has bided her time with Lacustre who hadn't been sighted in the winner's enclosure since winning a maiden steeplechase at the venue on Great Northern day in 2017.

The Postponed eight-year-old has been thereabouts in most of his starts since then and enhanced his burgeoning credentials for the Northern with an eye-catching run for third in the McGregor Grant Steeplechase back in June.

Handy throughout for rider Shaun Phelan, Lacustre jumped proficiently in mid-field before being sent forward by Phelan as the field climbed the famed Ellerslie hill with 1000m to run.

Lacustre and outsider Kokanee Gold (NZ) (Riviera) scooted down the hill and jumped the last fence together before Lacustre forged clear in the final stages to win by five lengths from a fast finishing The Arabian Duke (NZ) (Bachelor Duke) with Kokanee Gold battling on bravely for third.

"This is just fantastic and my best moment in racing," Logan said.

"This horse is a marvel and so is Shaun Phelan who gave him a great ride.

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Lacustre and Shaun Phelan clear the last fence as they head to victory at Ellerslie (Kirstin Ledington)



LACUSTRE TAKES OUT PAKURANGA HUNT CUP

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“We’ve set him for this race for the last two years. Craig Thornton used to train him and when he gave up, he gave him to me thankfully and said if I did my job right, he could win the Pakuranga Hunt Cup.

“We waited and didn’t do much with him last year, messed around and got his jumping right and waited for Ellerslie.

“It’s just huge to come back here and get this done.

“He (Thornton) developed the horse through from a two-year-old so is just as much to thank as me.

“The owners have been patient and are a great bunch of hunting people so to get it on a hunt day is huge.

“We will just tick him over now and if we get the same happy horse on Northern day then he will go just as well.”

A patient ride by Shaun Fannin saw topweight **Laekeeper (NZ)** (Keeper) take out the days other feature jumping contest, the Corson Maize Pakuranga Hunt Hurdle (3350m).

Having his first ride on the Simon Rees-trained Keeper gelding, Fannin timed his winning bid to perfection after settling well off a red-hot speed in the early stages.

Fannin bided his time in second-last position before setting off after the leaders with 800m to run. Race favourite No Tip (NZ) (Mettre en Jeu) adopted similar tactics and the pair took over at the top of the Ellerslie home straight.

Laekeeper was travelling better than his rival as he stepped the final two fences in grand style to defeat No Tip with King Oberon (NZ) (Savabeel) battling on well to take third.

“It was a great run and a great ride by Shaun, Rees said.

“Everything went perfectly.

“He (Laekeeper) wanted to win and he went for it.

“He relaxed beautifully today so we will now go on to the Great Northern (Hurdle).”

The Network Visuals Great Northern Steeplechase and Boutique Body Corporates Great Northern Hurdle (4190m) are the headline events at the Ellerslie meeting on September 7.

– NZ Racing Desk



Race	Pakuranga HC Pakuranga Hunt Cup S/chase 4900m
Winner	Lacustre (NZ) 2011
Owners	CA Booth, M Darroch, Mrs K & RLV Ensor, GD Lemon, Miss SM Logan, Optimism Syndicate & CW Thornton
Trainer	Samantha Logan (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Postponed (USA) out of Lacustrine (AUS) by Encosta de Lago (AUS)
Breeder	G Harvey

Race	Pakuranga HC Corson Maize Hurdle 3350m
Winner	Laekeeper (NZ) 2011
Owners	Hudson Rees Ltd
Trainer	Simon Rees (Morrinsville)
Breeding	by Keeper (AUS) out of Laezeel by Zabeel
Breeder	Hudson Rees Ltd

Laekeeper in full flight as he heads for the winning post at Ellerslie (Kirstin Ledington)



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LOCAL SCORES IN NEW PLYMOUTH FEATURE



Irish Flame carries the Taranaki colours of black and gold to victory at New Plymouth (Race Images – Peter Rubery)

Taranaki representative **Irish Flame (NZ)** (Zed) scored provincial bragging rights when he took out the day's feature race at New Plymouth, the New Plymouth ITM Interprovincial Challenge (1600m).

The John Wheeler-trained Zed gelding defied the determined challenge of Scaglioni (Nicconi) to score by a neck with gallant pacemaker Centre Attention (NZ) (Gold Centre) fighting on doggedly to hold third.

The capable five-year-old, who holds

a nomination for all three of the Group One features at the upcoming Bostock New Zealand Spring Racing Carnival at Hastings, had been building nicely in recent starts with punters backing him in to start second favourite for the contest.

Handled confidently by Craig Grylls, Irish Flame settled nicely in midfield before commencing a move at the 600m mark. Sent to the outside by Grylls, Irish Flame hit the front in the final stages before

holding out Scaglioni who had tracked him throughout.

Wheeler was a notable absentee from the meeting, although for a very good reason, as he attended his stepdaughter Krystal's wedding in Fiji.

"I'm over here for my stepdaughter's wedding but managed to hear most of the races," Wheeler said.

"It sounded like a good win by Irish Flame and he probably deserved that.

"He's always been a good horse

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LOCAL SCORES IN NEW PLYMOUTH FEATURE

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but it wasn't an easy task in a pretty competitive field.

"He's nominated for Hastings next week but I doubt whether he will run.

"I think it is more likely that we will have a look at the Windsor Park Plate (Gr.1, 1600m) on the middle day there instead."

Irish Flame took his career record to six wins from 25 starts including the Gr.3 Phoenix Park 2YO Classic (1200m) on his home track as a two-year-old.

Earlier on the programme evergreen eight-year-old **Miss Lizzie (NZ)** (Thano) continued her recent purple patch of form with a gritty all-the-way win in the open 1300m contest.

The Anna Clement-trained mare collected career victory number seven, with five of those coming in her last six starts, when she defeated Cambridge raider Te Toro Pearl (NZ) (Bullbars) and race favourite Art Deco (NZ) (Road to Rock) in the hands of apprentice Bridie Ansell.

Ansell made good use of her four-kilogram claim as she set Miss

Lizzie alight from barrier rise and said catch me if you can to her rivals. Four lengths clear at the top of the straight, Miss Lizzie looked all-out at the 100m but dug deep to hold out her challengers and score by half a length in her open grade debut.

"She has done us so proud in the last five or six starts," Clement said.

"Bride has been riding her a treat.

"I was getting a little bit worried as I was thinking maybe she's gone too early, but she has fought on well.

"There won't be too many more (starts) before she goes out and then we will bring her back for next year."

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	Taranaki RC ITM Interprovincial Challenge H. 1600m
Winner	Irish Flame (NZ) 2014
Owners	GC Kemp, Mrs ML & WG Reid & Est late BM Kemp
Trainer	John Wheeler (New Plymouth)
Breeding	by Zed out of Fleur de l'Orient by Thunder Gulch (USA)
Breeder	B M & G C Kemp; Mrs M L & W G Reid

Race	Taranaki RC ITM Thermakraft H. 1300m
Winner	Miss Lizzie (NZ) 2011
Owners	G & A Hill Trust
Trainer	Anna Clement (Hawera)
Breeding	by Thano (Arg) out of Danceonthemoon by Victory Dance (IRE)
Breeder	G & A Hill Trust



Miss Lizzie and Bridie Ansell hold out Te Toro Pearl to score a brave win at New Plymouth (Race Images – Peter Rubery)





BACK IN A FLASH ALL CLASS AT ELLERSLIE

Progressive mare **Back In A Flash (NZ)** (Ekraar) provided owner Grant Kingsford with the perfect birthday present when she underlined her wet track credentials in emphatic fashion at Ellerslie on Saturday.

Having her first run back from a short mid-winter break, the Keith and Gavin Opie-trained five-year-old treated her rating 82 rivals with contempt as she breezed on by in the home straight to score by a comfortable three and a half length margin in the 1200m opening event.

The victory took the mare's career record to six wins from just 12 starts with Gavin Opie pleased to see her bounce straight back to the winner's enclosure after her form tailed off a little towards

the end of her last campaign.

"We thought she was quite forward as, despite having a break, she had plenty of residual fitness under her belt," he said.

"We knew the track would be a testing Heavy 11 which made the race more like 1400m which was also in her favour.

"I did have a slight concern when she seemed to be struggling a little on the point of the home turn but we know she normally hits a flat spot in her races so that was it.

"Once Jasmine got her balanced and let her go, she just swept past them and did it pretty comfortably with petrol left in the tank."

Opie is keen to return to Ellerslie in a fortnight to test the mare in open company before heading towards a black-type challenge after that.

"We weren't too sure what our next move would be until after today, so now she has won it gives us a little more certainty," Opie said.



Jasmine Fawcett guides Back In A Flash to a comfortable victory at Ellerslie (Kirstin Ledington)

"That should take her out of the rating 82 grade so we will be back here in a fortnight for an open 1400m.

"Safely through that we are looking at the Taranaki Breeders (Gr.3, 1400m) at Hawera in early October to see if we can get some black-type for her.

"That would be a great thrill for her owners, Grant and Joanne Kingsford, although today will be special as it's Grant's birthday.

"She delivered a birthday present last year when she won at New Plymouth on the same day so to do it two years in a row is quite special." – NZ Racing Desk

Race	Pakuranga HC Site Land Development H. 1200m
Winner	Back in a Flash (NZ) 2014
Owners	Mrs J P & W G Kingsford
Trainer	Keith & Gavin Opie (Te Aroha)
Breeding	by Ekraar (USA) out of Dahling by Generous (IRE)
Breeder	Mrs J P & W G Kingsford

