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WET CONDITIONS NO CONCERN FOR CAMBRIDGE TRIO



Madison County is set for a strong challenge in Saturday's Gr.1 Rosehill Guineas

The heavens have opened over Sydney in the past week, but Cambridge horseman Andrew Forsman is one trainer who is not deterred by the subsequent wet track conditions at Rosehill ahead of Saturday.

Forsman, who trains in partnership with Murray Baker, will line-up three runners at the premier meeting and he believes each of them will handle the wet conditions well.

The Baker-Forsman partnership will line-up dual Group One winner **Madison County (NZ)** (Pins) in the Gr.1 Rosehill

Guineas (2000m) and he looks to be a major threat in the race after his fresh-up fourth-placing in the Gr.1 Randwick Guineas (1600m) earlier this month.

"He's been very well and has probably improved since that run," Forsman said. "He would have needed that run and it knocked him around for a day or two after, but he has really come on with it and I think he will be a much-improved horse for it.

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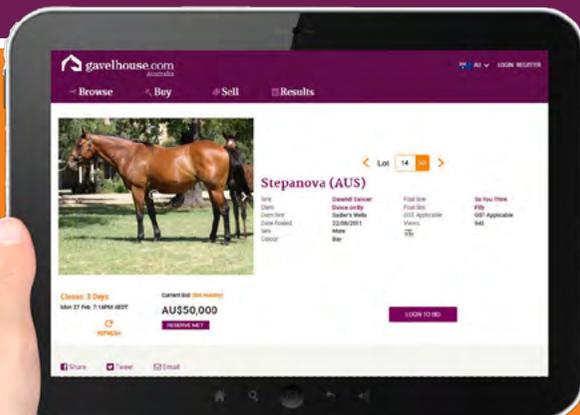
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"I was very happy with his run. He held his ground, he just got a fair way back, which is probably always going to be the case with his racing pattern. He hit the line every bit as good as what we wanted to see."

Madison County will tackle the 2000m distance for the first time on Saturday and although he was seen running home late in the Randwick Guineas last start, Forsman said it's still unknown whether his charge will stay the distance.

"Often horses can run on, but it doesn't necessarily mean they will get further in trip," he said.

"So, 2000m first time round a couple of bends will be interesting for him. He will have to handle that, but he does relax well enough in his races. Whether he stays the trip or not we are not sure, but he will give himself every chance."

Rosehill was rated a Heavy8 track on Thursday and Forsman holds no concern about those conditions heading into Saturday, with Madison County already showing he can handle a wet track.

He won a trial at Avondale last year on a Heavy11 track and jockey Tommy Berry has been happy with the way he has handled the wet track at Warwick Farm this week.

"He has performed on rain-affected ground before," Forsman said. "We were never really sure with how he would cope, but it has been pretty wet at Warwick Farm and he looks to have thrived and got through it pretty well."

"Tommy said his two pieces of work this week were better than what they were leading into the Randwick Guineas. We would be pretty disappointed if he didn't handle the track."

While confident with Madison County heading into Saturday, Forsman does hold a lot of respect for his opposition, particularly the Chris Waller-trained The Autumn

Sun (Redoute's Choice).

"We are pretty confident, but it's just a shame that he has to run into a very good horse in the Autumn Sun, he is going to be hard to beat," Forsman said.

"Obviously there are some Kiwis coming over that are hardened and are dropping back from the (New Zealand) Derby, so there is certainly no doubts that they will run the 2000m."

"They are quite seasoned and he is effectively second-up heading to 2000m for the first time off the back of a mile."

Forsman will also line-up Gr.1 Sydney Cup (3200m) aspirants **Vin De Dance (NZ)** (Roc de Cambes) and **Zacada (NZ)** (Zabeel) in the Gr.3 N E Manion Cup (2400m) earlier in the card.

"They have travelled over really well," Forsman said. "They look to have settled in. They have done a fair bit of travelling between them now, so there are no worries there. They have had a nice easy hit-out on Thursday morning."

The Cambridge conditioner believes his two hopes in the Group Three race will thrive in the wet conditions on Saturday and said punters are being offered overs with Zacada who is paying \$21 with TAB Bookmakers, while Vin De Dance has been marked a \$6.50 winning chance.

"The wet track certainly shouldn't worry either of them," Forsman said. "I think relative to what they have done they are reasonably well off at the weights. They should both run very competitive races."

"I don't think there is much between them, but the market would suggest otherwise. I think Vin De Dance is quite short and Zacada is relatively long. I wouldn't really split them too much to be honest."

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DIRECT PASSAGE TO SYDNEY CUP FOR GLORY DAYS



Auckland Cup winner Glory Days is ready for the challenge of the Gr.1 Sydney Cup next month

The next chapter in the fairytale story of **Glory Days (NZ)** (Red Giant) is set to unfold at Randwick on April 13, when the lightly-framed stayer contests the Gr.1 Sydney Cup (3200m).

Waverley trainer Bill Thurlow has confirmed that the last start Gr.1 Auckland Cup (3200m) winner won't have another run until the A\$2 million feature, with Corey Brown booked for the ride.

"His agent approached us, as did a

few other agents over there," Thurlow said. "He's a class rider and he knows the track well obviously, and he is a very good two-mile rider, so he was the obvious choice really.

"She's been up to Auckland and back and she's a very athletic, fit sort of horse. Another run here and then a flight wouldn't benefit her I wouldn't have thought.

"We know her reasonably well and she will have a good hit-out here, make no mistake about that. It'll just

be more under jump-out conditions than race conditions."

Thurlow said the bonny mare had come through her Auckland Cup victory well and would likely have a jump-out at Waverley on March 29 before flying out to Sydney the following week.

"She's good, she was a bit tired for a couple of days following the Auckland Cup, but you'd expect that running two miles on a heavy track.

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“She spent a few days in the paddock, then a few days light walking. She’s fine now, we’re very happy with her. She’s pretty much back into it now this week.”

Glory Days is raced by Thurlow’s brother Grant and his wife Patricia, along with friends Brent and Sue McAree.

“I leased a couple horses off Gloria Kenny from down in Marton and the boys had had one or two horses that had been a bit average,” Thurlow said.

“When we leased them we thought that as much as she was a pretty weedy little thing, she might be a fair chance if they were prepared to wait and they were. They were looking for a stayer.

“She’s a fine little thing, she wasn’t going to stand a long preparation as a young horse. She had a couple of injury problems too when she was young, so maybe in hindsight that was a blessing.”

Thurlow, who mixes dairy farming and training, has around a dozen horses in work.

“We’ve got some young ones we try and work up,” he said. “Racing-wise we’ve only got four or five and the rest are just babies we are educating.

“I don’t milk, I’ve got a couple of boys that milk. I get to the dairy farm two or three days a week and we’ve got a couple of other dry blocks that we run, so we just do that and do the horses.”

It is not the first-time an unlikely stayer from the South Taranaki town of Waverley has made headlines, with 1983 Melbourne Cup winner Kiwi (NZ) (Blarney Kiss) also hailing from the region and Thurlow has been buoyed by the community support.

“It’s been quite amazing really. The support from our local community has been astronomical,” Thurlow said.

“The amount of well-wishes and people ringing and calling, people you

sort of don’t even know that well, it has been really humbling. Everyone is part of it.”

Thurlow knows the competition in Sydney will be a step-up again as Glory Days will tackle runners owned by racing aristocracy, but he is looking forward to renewing acquaintances with Chris Waller, who did a short-stint with Thurlow many moons ago.

“Chris was only here about six weeks I think,” Thurlow said. “We were full-time milking then and he didn’t really like the cows very much.

“I think we had one old jumper we were working but it was more cows. Good on him, he left and went full-time into the horse industry and his story is absolutely amazing. It’s a real credit to him, for what he’s done. He did work for me for a little while but I don’t think I taught him everything he knows.”

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Danzdanzdance (Mastercraftsman)

Rain no barrier to Danzdanzdance

Multiple Group One winning New Zealand mare **Danzdanzdance** (Mastercraftsman) has arrived in Sydney for a tilt at Saturday's Gr.1 Ranvet Stakes (2000m) and is expected to relish the predicted rain-affected conditions.

Ruakaka trainer Chris Gibbs, who prepares the mare in partnership with Michelle Bradley, is pleased with the way the mare has come through her narrow defeat in the Gr.1 New Zealand Stakes (2000m), which was a last-minute addition to her program.

"I'm very happy we did run her because I think the track is going to be a bit testing on Saturday by the looks of it," Gibbs said.

"I certainly want it to rain, that's going to help us. You never want it be bottomless, but she will go into it fit and if I had a choice between one extreme or the other I'd take heavy over firm."

"Everyone says 'where are you heading next' but it is all about this race on Saturday really.

"Our target is the Ranvet and then we will worry about everything else after that."



Shillelagh (NZ) (Savabeel)

Ranvet mission for Shillelagh

Shillelagh (NZ) (Savabeel) may not be the headline act for leading Sydney trainer Chris Waller at Rosehill on Saturday, but the expat Kiwi is hoping the dual Group One winner can add another elite level victory to her tally when she lines-up in the Gr.1 Ranvet Stakes (2000m).

The daughter of Savabeel was an impressive runner-up last start in the Gr.1 Australian Cup (2000m) at Flemington earlier this month, but Waller does hold some concerns with the wet track at Rosehill.

"She comes out of a very good run in the Australian Cup where she had no luck, being exposed throughout," Waller said.

"Hopefully she can get a little more luck on Saturday, but my biggest concern with her would be the wet track. From gate five she should be afforded a more economical run.

"Safely through Saturday a decision

will be made on whether she runs in the Doncaster or the Coolmore Legacy."



Consensus (NZ) (Postponed)

Change of plans for Consensus

The Stephen McKee-trained Group One winner **Consensus (NZ)** (Postponed) will contest the Gr.2 Sunline Stakes (1600m) at Moonee Valley on Friday night, as opposed to heading to Sydney as originally planned on account of a Heavy track at Rosehill.

"Sydney is just too wet," McKee said. "We were going for the Ranvet. We ran fourth on a heavy track last year, but I think the track is going to at least be as wet again this year.

"We decided we needed to race somewhere, and we found this one in Melbourne, so we are going there instead.

"It's only for the one race. We will run on Friday night and then we will decide on whether we might head up to Sydney and wait for the tracks to dry up, or we might come home and may wait to go to Brisbane later."

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Expat New Zealand jockey Michael Walker will be aboard on Friday night and McKee said it would be great to win the race named after his superstar racemare, Sunline (NZ) (Desert Sun).



Volpe Veloce (Foxwedge)

Volpe Veloce to bounce back at Tauranga
Matamata trainer Graham Richardson, who trains in partnership with Gavin Parker, is confident his Group One winning mare **Volpe Veloce** (Foxwedge) can bounce back to form in the Gr.2 Windsor Park Stud Japan NZ International Trophy (1600m) at Tauranga on Saturday.

The five-year-old mare finished eighth behind Melody Belle (NZ) (Commands) in the Gr. 1 Haunui Farm WFA Classic (1600m) on an off track at Otaki at her most recent start in late February.

"She is very well," Richardson said. "At her last run she was a bit disappointing and it left me questioning myself about how she went."

"She never looked happy at any stage in that race. I put her out for a week in the paddock when she got home and then brought her up and hopefully, she will run well on Saturday."

Should Volpe Veloce perform to expectations on Saturday, Richardson is keen to push on to the Gr.1 Fiber Fresh NZ Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes (1600m) at Te Aroha on April 6.

Avantage to resume in Sydney

Quality New Zealand-trained three-year-old **Avantage** (Fastnet Rock) will contest the Gr.3 Birthday Card Stakes (1200m) at Rosehill on Saturday in preference to the Listed Darby Munro Stakes (1200m) on the same program.

"She is going to run in the fillies and mares race, we just thought it was probably the softer option and she had a bit of a better barrier draw," said Paul Richards, travelling



Avantage (Fastnet Rock)

foreman for his son Jamie.

"I think she will measure up alright. She did a bit of three-quarter pace work this morning and came home the last 400m and worked very nicely.

"She has coped really well with the travel, it has been no problem at all. She didn't eat up completely the first night but she hasn't missed an oat since. I can't fault her."

A winner of six of her seven career starts, Avantage had a set-back in spring and prepared for her trip to Sydney with two recent trials, including a winning performance at Avondale.

Last season's Champion New Zealand Two-Year-Old, Avantage has never raced on a surface as rain-affected as the Heavy conditions expected at Rosehill on Saturday.

"I'm reasonably confident," Richards said. "I don't know the form over here that well but she is in good order and as long as she gets through the track alright she will race well."



Contessa Vanessa (NZ) (Bullbars)

Team Rogerson venture south

Team Rogerson will venture south to Riccarton on Saturday with three of their better credentialed mares, two of which are soon to be on the market.

The partnership of Graeme, Debbie and Bailey Rogerson have multiple stakes winner and consistent performer **Contessa**

Vanessa (NZ) (Bullbars) set to contest the meeting's feature, the Gr.3 Valachi Downs South Island Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes (1600m), while **Gift Of Power (NZ)** (Power) and **Nuclear Fusion (NZ)** (Power) will also appear on the undercard.

Runner-up in the Gr.1 New Zealand Oaks (2400m) and the winner of the Gr.2 Eight Carat Classic (1600m) and the Gr.3 Sunline Vase (2100m) in her three-year-old season, four-year-old mare Contessa Vanessa has raced well this season without winning.

"She's been going really good races," Graeme Rogerson said of the daughter of Bullbars who has been installed a \$1.90 favourite for Saturday's Group Three assignment.

"It was a terrific run last start behind the stablemate (Sandrine) and I couldn't be happier with her."

Should Contessa Vanessa perform to expectations she might continue on to the Listed Christchurch Casino Easter Cup (1600m), also at Riccarton, on April 6.

"She is certainly up there with the best horses, Danzandzandance only beat her a half-head in spring, she is up there with them," Rogerson said.

"She is entered for the Gold Coast broodmare sale, but I have to talk to the owners still."

One mare who is definitely bound for the mid-year Queensland auction is well-bred filly Gift Of Power who will contest the Sonia & Garry Thompson Open Sprint (1200m).

"She is far better racing left-handed and last week we decided to run Volks Lightning and Ferrando in the Lightning at Trentham (Listed, 1200m), and take her to Christchurch.

"She is a very good horse, she is probably one of the most valuable broodmares in New Zealand, her pedigree is just unbelievable. You can't get any closer to Eight Carat than Gift of Power."

South Australian option for Oaks runner-up

Waverley trainer Bill Thurlow was pleased with the runner-up performance of lightly-raced three-year-old **Beyond The Fort (NZ)** (Niagara) in last Saturday's Gr.1 New Zealand Oaks (2400m).

At just her third raceday start the daughter of Niagara started as a \$40 chance in the Oaks and was beaten a length and a quarter by Sentimental Miss (NZ) (Reliable Man),

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Beyond The Fort (NZ) (Niagara)



Vinnie's Volley (NZ) (Iffraaj)



Passing Shot (NZ) (Swiss Ace)

but the performance came as no surprise to Thurlow.

"We were quietly confident that she'd run well, she'd done nothing wrong," Thurlow said.

"She stepped out and won her first start over a mile and then won again over a mile at Otaki."

"She can stay all day and she was beaten by a better horse on the day, but beaten by a more seasoned horse on the day, and in the ground it probably told the last 150m.

"She looks good after the race and if she does well she could go to Morphetville for the South Australian Oaks (Gr.1, 2000m) in May."



Rondinella (NZ) (Ocean Park)

Sydney plans delayed for Rondinella

Exciting four-year-old **Rondinella (NZ)** (Ocean Park) will not head to Sydney to take her place in the Gr.1 Ranvet Stakes (2000m) on Saturday, but a trip across the Tasman still remains on the cards for the Roger James and Robert Wellwood-trained runner.

"She's not heading to Sydney this weekend, but we certainly still have some hope that she will get over there," Wellwood said.

"There are two main options, there's the BMW (Gr.1, 2400m) or the Chairman's (Gr.2, 2600m)."

Black-type mission for Vinnie's Volley

Hawke's Bay trainer John Bary was pleased with **Vinnie's Volley's (NZ)** (Iffraaj) fifth-placing in the Listed Lightning Handicap (1200m) at Trentham on Saturday and he is hoping she can gain some black-type by season's end.

"I was very proud of her. It was her first time in the big leagues," Bary said.

"I know she had a light weight, but she ran fifth and was one and a-half lengths off some of the big boy sprinters in New Zealand, so I was very pleased with her."

Bary is eyeing the Listed NZB Finance Sprint (1200m) at Hastings next month with his charge before putting her out in the spelling paddock in preparation for the spring.

"Here on the home track is a Listed 1200m," he said. "We will just keep taking her through the grades quietly and I think she will strengthen up.

"I'd love to run third at Hastings, get that bit of black-type, then put her aside and come back in the spring with her.

"She is quietly going about her work and is really a nice horse to follow through the grades."

Trans-Tasman options for Go Racing duo

Ardmore trainer Stephen McKee is eyeing both sides of the Tasman with a pair of Go Racing-raced horses.

Maktoum (NZ) (Makfi), the winner of three of his five starts this season, will likely head to Sydney to target some Saturday races, a strategy that has been utilised well by Go Racing principal Albert Bosma.

"We will probably tick him over with a trial at Avondale on April 2 and then there are two or three races for him towards the end of April (in Sydney)," McKee said.

"On what he's doing here, he should be good enough to win a Saturday race."

Meanwhile, McKee was pleased with **Passing Shot's (NZ)** (Swiss Ace) fourth-placing in Saturday's Listed Lightning Handicap (1200m) at Trentham and will press forward with a domestic autumn campaign with his charge.

"There a couple of options for him in mid-to-late April," he said. "One at Hastings and one at New Plymouth. He will have a quiet week this week and then get back into it."



Platinum Invador (NZ) (Redwood)

Tulloch for Invador

Fresh from preparing a Gr.1 New Zealand Oaks (2400m) winner last Saturday with Sentimental Miss (NZ) (Reliable Man), Awapuni trainer Lisa Latta has further classic success in mind with smart three-year-old gelding **Platinum Invador (NZ)** (Redwood).

The son of Redwood has enjoyed an easy few weeks since finishing third in the Gr.1 New Zealand Derby (2400m) and is now being aimed towards the Gr.1 Australian Derby (2400m) on April 6.

"He had a week in the paddock after the Derby," Latta said.

"He looks fantastic. He has been with Chrissy Bambry on the water treadmill and she sent me a video of him on Saturday and

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he was running around his paddock like he hadn't raced for weeks.

"He will fly to Sydney next Monday and we're going to go to the Tulloch (Gr.2, 2000m). He has proven he can back-up, so we thought that was a good option."

After a luckless run in the Gr.2 Avondale Guineas (2100m), Platinum Invador won at Otaki a week later to secure his place in the New Zealand Derby field.

He backed-up again the following week in the Derby and was a fast-finishing third after coming from last on the home bend.

Blake Shinn is booked to ride him in the Tulloch Stakes.



Sentimental Miss (NZ) (Reliable Man)

Oaks trip reliant on forecast

Connections of Gr.1 New Zealand Oaks (2400m) winner **Sentimental Miss (NZ)** (Reliable Man) are hoping rain is in the weather forecast for Sydney next month.

If the weather does play its part then the Lisa Latta-trained filly will likely head across the Tasman to compete in the Gr.1 Australian Oaks (2400m) at Randwick.

"She's been nominated for the Australian Oaks and she is in that field," Go Racing Syndicate manager Albert Bosma said.

"The weather forecast will play a big part in that. If it is going to be a hard track we won't go, but if there's rain around and she is well then we will."

Bosma was pleased with the win on Saturday, but said his filly will now head to the paddock for a few days before being set for the Australian Oaks.

"She's felt the run on Saturday. She's quite tired from it, so we are going to put her in the paddock for three or four days and we will then bring her back and put her on the water walker for a week," Bosma said.

"We will get her back in the stable and we will make the decision on whether she goes in the week of the ATC Oaks.

"We would go into that race without another run, she's a naturally fit horse and a natural stayer."

A pearler of a win by English Rose

At Rotorua this week **English Rose (NZ)** (Makfi) became the latest winner of an NZB Pearl Insurance bonus when breaking her maiden status.

The daughter of Makfi secured the Level B Bonus with the win, which rewards the owner with \$10,000, trainer with \$1,000 and \$500 to the nominator. There are 180 Level B Bonuses up for grabs each season.

English Rose is a full-sister to the 2015-16 Filly of the Year, Sofia Rosa (NZ), and is raced by the Te Akau English Rose Syndicate. She became the fourth winner of a bonus in as many weeks.

Te Akau have supported the bonus scheme which offers three levels of bonuses for fillies and mares in their two, three and four-year-old racing seasons.

The NZB Pearl Series managed by NZTBA has been in existence for five years and hundreds of bonuses have been paid out.

"Fillies must be nominated when they are yearlings and entries are currently being taken for fillies born anywhere in the Southern Hemisphere in 2017," NZTBA chief executive Justine Sclater said.

"I would like to emphasise that the series is open to all fillies, including those retained by their breeders, fillies do not have to have been sold at any yearling sales."

Early bird entries close on March 31. Further information about the series is available on the NZTBA website <http://pearlseries.nzthoroughbred.co.nz/> or nominations can be done online <http://pearlseries.nzthoroughbred.co.nz/page/nomination-form/> - otherwise phone the Pearl Hotline 0508 222 202.

Australia on radar for Misstumut

Four-year-old mare **Misstumut (NZ)** (Azamour) made it back to back victories when successful over 2100m at Tauranga on Saturday and trainer Ben Ropiha is keen to campaign the daughter of Azamour further afield.

"She always has shown that staying ability, but she did have a few issues last season with bone chips in both front fetlocks, so just to get her to the Oaks last year was a big effort," Ropiha said.

"She had those chips removed in July and has obviously gone the right way since."

A former top-class jumps jockey, Ropiha has six horses in work at Te Awamutu in addition to riding trackwork for Stephen Marsh and working on the starting gates.

"My plan from the outset this campaign was to hopefully get two or three wins under her belt and then possibly look at Brisbane," Ropiha said.

"I think she deserves her chance."

Nationwide celebrations after Oaks victory

There were celebrations throughout New Zealand when **Sentimental Miss (NZ)** (Reliable Man) won the Gr.1 New Zealand Oaks (2400m) at Trentham last weekend.

Celebrating on course at Trentham were her owners Go Racing Yesteryear Syndicate along with her breeders The Oaks Stud, while in Auckland the team at Westbury Stud were celebrating Reliable Man's first Group One victory as a sire.

The South Island was not to be left out, with Jonny Orr celebrating the fact his mare Nostalgic was now the dam of a Group One winner.

Sentimental Miss is the ninth foal of the Quest For Fame mare Nostalgic, who was placed at three.

She is the dam of six winners from seven foals to race and is a full-sister to the Group One winner Dracula and a half-sister to stakes winners The Oscars and Sash.

Nostalgic is also the full-sister to Insouciance, the dam of Mapperley Stud-based sire and group one winner Complacent.

The Oaks Stud General Manager Rick Williams was pleased with the win and although the Cambridge Farm has sold Nostalgic, he is excited for the future with Sentimental Miss' Darci Brahma half-sister, Recollect.

"I bought the mare out of Australia for not a lot of money, as I loved the pedigree, she had left a few winners and was a hell of a well credentialed mare," Williams said.

"She suited Darci Brahma whom she visited a few times, and left the winners Pure Lorde and Recollect.

"I liked her (Recollect) so much that we have kept her and she has won three races and will be back again in the spring. Just after I bought her Complacent won so that added to the family."

After visiting Darci Brahma twice, Nostalgic was mated with dual Group One-

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winning shuttle stallion Reliable Man.

The Oaks is a major shareholder in the Westbury Stud stallion and Williams said he was an ideal mating for the Quest For Fame mare.

"Nostalgic suited Reliable Man," he said. "But by the time this filly (Sentimental Miss) came to the sales, she had lost her commercial appeal.

"I had sold a few Reliable Man yearlings at the sale for good money so I was prepared to let her go. She went on the market at about \$20,000 and Roger James and Albert Bosma got into a bidding duel with \$1000 bids all the way up to \$40,000 when Albert won out.

"I'm pleased he did because we had a fabulous night out in Wellington after the Oaks. In the last week Go Racing has had three runners from The Oaks stallions, and won with Sentimental Miss, Running Man and Shipshape ran second. Our relationship is rock solid at the moment."

After losing her commercial appeal, missing to Darci Brahma and in-foal to fellow The Oaks Stud stallion Niagara, Williams put the mare up for sale on Gavelhouse.com, where she was sold to the bid of Jonny Orr.

Orr had previously had success with breeding from older mares from good families, so was keen to take a punt on Nostalgic.

"I love this family and breeding from an old mare doesn't worry me," Orr said.

"I liked the mating with her and Pins and as a result I have a lovely Pins colt, but I am pretty sure I will have to go back to Reliable Man now."

Having grown up in Cambridge and as the nephew of Lesley and Jim Otway, Orr spent a bit of time at Trelawney Stud and has always potted around with horses.

"I have had mares now for about 25 years," he said. "I probably should have followed my passion and gone into the industry but I went farming instead and have farmed in the Waikato, Dannevirke, North Canterbury and Marlborough before buying a business in Blenheim where we now live.

"We are a bit isolated down here, but I enjoy the camaraderie of people in the industry and I get my fix with frequent trips to the Waikato and to Australia to see the mares there and visit the studs in the Hunter Valley."

- NZTBA

Breeders come together for Group One day

The Gr.1 Fiber Fresh NZ Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes (1600m) Day at Te Aroha on April 6 represents the perfect opportunity for members of the New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders' Association and their friends and budding breeders to get together.

"The Breeders' Stakes has a great history being the only Group One race restricted to fillies and mares," Association President John Thompson said.

"It always attracts a very good field and has been won by some great mares that have had great influence such as Tidal Light, Ballroom Babe and Gold Hope." [Full story here](#)



Beauty Generation (NZ) (Road To Rock)

Beauty Generation trials fresh and strong

Beauty Generation (NZ) (Road To Rock) appeared to be in fine fettle at Sha Tin on Tuesday morning galloping with his usual impressive rhythm through a 1000-metre barrier trial.

"He's doing it all so easily at the moment and he's enjoying what he's doing," jockey Zac Purton said.

"This trial was better than his last trial before his previous race. He'd had a few runs and done a fair bit of work going into the Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup, so that load was starting to take its toll, but he's had a nice freshen up."

The six-year-old is the co-highest rated horse in the world for the year so far thanks to impressive wins in the Gr.1 Stewards' Cup (1600m) and last month's Gr.1 Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup (1400m).

"He just did what he needed to do and had his usual good blow," trainer John Moore said.

The turf track hit-out was the Hong Kong champion's first serious marker in his preparation towards the Gr.1 FWD Champions Mile (1600m) on FWD Champions Day (28 April).

That route to a hoped-for second success in the HK\$18 million contest will feature a lead-up race in the Gr.2 Chairman's Trophy (1600m).





ANDREW BACK DOING **WHAT SHE LOVES**



Apprentice Holly Andrew wins aboard On Show at Trentham

You might think that leading into last Saturday's race meeting at Trentham, apprentice jockey Holly Andrew would be feeling more than just a twinge of anxiety about competing at the venue where she experienced a critical incident just one year ago.

Saturday's meeting marked the 12 month anniversary of a fall from Bronsteel (NZ) (Handsome Ransom) in the Gr.3 Cuddle Stakes (1600m) that resulted in Andrew hitting the turf with a horrifying impact, suffering major shoulder damage that once again put the brakes on her promising riding career.

It was the latest in a terrible run of injuries, including those incurred in a devastating car-crash in 2013, that has seen her spend more time on the side-lines in the past six years than actually in the saddle.

Not that that has deterred the plucky 28-year-old, who

is back doing what she loves once again after resuming at Trentham in late January.

Safely through her riding return that day, Andrew has slowly built momentum to the point where any hoodoo associated with the track was laid to rest when she notched her first winner since her Cuddle Stakes fall, on the John Bary-trained On Show, at the venue on March 9.

"It felt good to ride that winner last week considering that was the track I fell at a year ago," Andrew said.

"It was a little bit sentimental to ride my first winner back there.

"A lot of people have asked me if I had any demons about riding again at Trentham, especially by trainers, but I've been fine as my attitude has always been to just get out there and do it."

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That attitude is what has stood Andrew in good stead as she made her way back through the long hours of rest and rehabilitation she has undergone since her fall, although she admits there has been some dark times mixed into the recovery period.

"I found it harder (to recover) this time as, while it was a different injury to what I had suffered in the past, the pain I was in was far more intense," she said.

"I ended up with what they call a frozen shoulder which is usually something that older women tend to get.

"They said it was a bit odd as I was young and fit, but it must have been the amount of trauma that the fall caused, which was incredibly painful. I just don't know how those poor old women go through that.

"I put a lot of weight on, far more than when I had my fall at Waverley (2016), so I did let myself go a bit which made it much harder to come back from.

"I knew I wanted to come back and more so as people were questioning my weight gain, that just gave me more motivation."

Andrew said the frustration of the rehab process did get to her and had her doubting whether she could make it back. A snap decision to visit a family member in the United States put life into perspective for her and back on the path to recovery.

"It was so long off, nine months without any real routine, and I started to have some real doubts," she said.

"I spent six months sitting on the couch and the pain was incredible. I was getting a bit down and feeling sorry for myself as well as angry that it had happened to me and thinking that I was hard done by.

"That's not the way to feel and I knew something had to change, so I decided to get on a plane and spend some time with my Uncle Jules in Reno.

"He was a jumps jockey back here in New Zealand but is over in Nevada now. He worked in the industry over there a number of years ago and took me to the races at Golden Gate in San Francisco and introduced me to some trainers and

people in racing over there.

"That made me realise what I loved about racing and got me back on the right track and ready to get back to riding here."

Apprenticed to master trainer Kevin Gray, Andrew has ridden 67 winners in her career to date and is keen to press on now that she is back on the track. She is grateful for the support she has received from a number of people including the staff at racing's governing body, New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing (NZTR).

"I must say that NZTR were really great," she said.

"They would ring me and check up on me. They offered support and reached out, which was really good to see and helped me a lot.

"With the amount of time I have spent out of riding I'm supposed to come out of my time (apprenticeship) on November 18, but they are going to add on another year for the four months I had off after Waverley and another eight months for the last fall.

"I don't have any specific goals as yet as I think I have exceeded things by just getting back, but the main thing is to be able to get the connections with owners and trainers back.

"I was really thrilled to get a ride in the Group Two race on Saturday (Floral Belt, Wellington Guineas) which is a good thing as the day I fell I missed a ride in a Group One later that day."

While racing is her passion and her main vocation for the foreseeable future, Andrew does harbour thoughts of a vastly different occupation once her hunger for riding wanes.

"I will ride as long as my weight allows me to, but as soon as I get sick of the wasting, I will look at something else," she said.

"I'd actually like to join the army to principally do fire-fighting.

"I'll happily ride for as long as my weight allows me to but I'm not going to harm my body through constant wasting so I think that would be a great back-up option once my life in racing is over, whenever that might be."



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AUSTRALIA

Al Maher : Smart Horse (NZ) (Sinnfonia by Sinnandar) 2015;

20/03/2019, 1st Kyneton & Hanging Rock RC Sunbury Square Maiden P. 1200m
Sold by D. J. Myers at National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale for \$62500

All American : Playbook (NZ) (Icy Reception by Groom Dancer) 2013;

16/03/2019, 1st Moranbah RC FKG Group H. 1170m

Burgundy : King of Vandals (NZ) (La Vienne by Thorn Park) 2014;

19/03/2019, 1st Bendigo JC No Fuss Event Hire Maiden P. 1300m
Sold by Cambridge Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$100000

Cape Blanco : Bye Bye Belle (NZ) (Teardrop Island by Fastnet Rock) 2015;

17/03/2019, 1st Yarra Valley RC De Bortoli Maiden P. 1950m
Sold by Curraghmore at Ready to Run Sale for \$180000

Darci Brahma : Valenciano (NZ) (Lucky We Leica by Bradbury's Luck) 2015;

14/03/2019, 1st Pakenham RC Middy's Data & Electrical Maiden P. 1200m
Sold by Ardsley Stud Ltd at Ready to Run Sale for \$40000

Darci Brahma : No Drama Darci (NZ) (Lucky be Lucky by Storm Cat) 2015;

14/03/2019, 1st Pakenham RC Up Close & Personal Studio H. 1400m
Sold by Prima Park at Ready to Run Sale for \$40000
Sold by Pencarrow Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$42000

Duelled : Pistol (NZ) (Comely's Pride by Vettori) 2014;

17/03/2019, 1st Woolamai DRC Bass Coast Stock Feeds Trophy H. 1708m
Sold by Dormello Stud at Ready to Run Sale for \$30000

Elusive City : (Our) Beatnik (NZ) (Fair Fly by Kenfair) 2011;

16/03/2019, 1st Barcaldine RC Jim Allpass H. 1300m

Haradasun : Notabadharada (NZ) (Alicia Markova by Entrepreneur) 2015;

20/03/2019, 1st ATC Blacktown Workers Club Maiden H. 1600m
Sold by Grangewilliam Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$7000

Makfi : The Delphi (NZ) (Fjall by Viking Ruler) 2014;

19/03/2019, 1st Bendigo JC Cadell Food Services H. 2400m
Sold by Jamieson Park at National Yearling Sale for \$140000

Makfi : Adversary (NZ) (Cocodiva by Carnegie) 2015;

15/03/2019, 1st Sale TC Ladbroke's Maiden P. 1427m
Sold by Westbury Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$45000

Makfi : Makdanife (NZ) (Priorities by Zabeel) 2012;

20/03/2019, 1st ATC Lander Toyota H. 2100m

More Than Ready : More Than Exceed (NZ) (Exceedingly Regal by Exceed and Excel) 2015;

20/03/2019, 1st MRC Yulong H. 1200m

Ocean Park : Star of the Seas (NZ) (Stella Livia by Titus Livius) 2014;

16/03/2019, 1st ATC Catanach's H. 1350m

Ocean Park : Tatalina (NZ) (Gemini by Tale of the Cat) 2015;

17/03/2019, 1st SCTC Hikoki P. 2200m
Sold by Trelawney Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$20000

Pins : Oh Why (NZ) (Just be Cos by No Excuse Needed) 2014;

14/03/2019, 1st Moree RC Moree Cup 1st September H. 1600m

Power : Come Along (NZ) (Game Duchess by Montjeu) 2015;

15/03/2019, 1st Illawarra TC Canadian Club H. 1200m
Sold by Cambridge Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$230000

Redoute's Choice : Chocolatier (NZ) (La Praline by Anabaa) 2014;

17/03/2019, 1st Bathurst TC Bathurst Cup 1800m
Sold by Lime Country Thoroughbreds Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$160000

Reliable Man : She's on Time (NZ) (Vicky by Encosta de Lago) 2015;

14/03/2019, 1st Pakenham RC NW Kelly Plumbing Maiden P. 1400m
Sold by Highden Park at National Yearling Sale for \$70000

Reliable Man : Duchess of Lennox (NZ) (Dunbarton by Encosta de Lago) 2015;

18/03/2019, 1st Scone RC Newgate Maiden P. 1300m

Rip Van Winkle : Winkelmann (NZ) (Crepe de Chine by Pins) 2013;

15/03/2019, 1st MVRC Powerflo Solutions Kate O'Sullivan Cup 1600m
Sold by Mapperley Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$140000

Rip Van Winkle : Cook Straight (NZ) (Straight Eight by Danske) 2014;

14/03/2019, 1st Beaudesert RC Barrier Reef Pools H. 1200m
Sold by Windsor Park Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$80000

Sakhee's Secret : Mystyko (NZ) (Plan the Peace by I Conquer) 2013;

15/03/2019, 1st MVRC Abell S. L 1200m

Savabeel : Loveseat (NZ) (Sitting Pretty by O'Reilly) 2015;

15/03/2019, 1st Illawarra TC Jim Beam Maiden H. 1600m
Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$350000

Savabeel : Motueka River (NZ) (Tiptoes by Pins) 2014;

16/03/2019, 1st Central Warrego RC Race Club Maiden P. 1100m
Sold by Waikato Stud Ltd at National Yearling Sale for \$170000

Savabeel : Hurricane Fighter (NZ) (Posy by No Excuse Needed) 2015;

20/03/2019, 1st MRC Spicer Thoroughbreds Maiden P. 1300m

Shocking : Diapason (NZ) (Musicanna by Cape Cross) 2012;

16/03/2019, 1st SAJC AAMI H. 1400m
Sold by Rich Hill Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$40000

Swiss Ace : Helvetian (NZ) (Confidante by Conatus) 2015;

17/03/2019, 1st Yarra Valley RC United Petroleum Maiden P. 1200m

Tartan Bearer : Emberspeed (NZ) (Pink Pier by Galileo) 2014;

15/03/2019, 1st Bowen TC Lenore Brown P. 1470m

Tavistock : Tavisfaction (NZ) (Satisfact by Lucky Unicorn) 2014;

20/03/2019, 1st BRC LUCRF Super Maiden P. 2050m
Sold by Cambridge Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$155000



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AUSTRALIA

Tavistock : Stocktaka (NZ) (Shartziz by Centaine) 2015;
20/03/2019, 1st MRC Big Screen Company H. 1400m
Sold by Diamond Lodge at Ready to Run Sale for \$145000

Zed : Verry Elleegant (NZ) (Opulence by Danroad) 2015;
16/03/2019, 1st ATC Phar Lap S. Gr.2 1500m

HONG KONG

Darci Brahma : Mr Croissant (NZ) (Surreptitiously by Machiavellian) 2015;
17/03/2019, 1st HKJC Fay Fay H. 1200m
Sold by The Oaks Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$105000

High Chaparral : The Show (NZ) (The Quarewan by Supremo) 2010;
20/03/2019, 1st HKJC Broom H. 1200m
Sold by Wentwood Grange at National Yearling Sale for \$320000

Highly Recommended : Waldorf (NZ) (Skite by Pins) 2014;
20/03/2019, 1st HKJC Hawthorn H. 1200m
Sold by Berkley Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$30000

Pierro : Furore (NZ) (Stormy Choice by Redoute's Choice) 2014;
17/03/2019, 1st HKJC BMW Hong Kong Derby L 2000m
Sold by Haunui Farm at National Yearling Sale for \$210000

Savabeel : Righteous Mate (NZ) (Mill Duckie by Magic Ring) 2013;
20/03/2019, 1st HKJC Briar H. 1650m
Sold by Curraghmore Stud at National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale for \$95000

MACAU

Iffraaj : Hyshem (NZ) (Lumir by Encosta de Lago) 2013;
16/03/2019, 1st Macau Munich H. 1800m
Sold by Lime Country Thoroughbreds Ltd at National Weanling, Broodmare & Mixed Sale for \$13000

Lord of Warriors : My Dream (NZ) (Miss Maradona by Felix the Cat) 2008;
15/03/2019, 1st Macau Marseille H. 1510m
Sold by Selwyn River Stud at Selwyn River Dispersal Sale for \$500

Swiss Ace : Hostwin Meraki (NZ) (Bacio del Vinto by Encosta de Lago) 2014;
15/03/2019, 1st Macau Bordeaux H. 1510m

Thorn Park : Epinart (NZ) (Queen of Avalon by Montjeu) 2013;
15/03/2019, 1st Macau Lens H. 1350m
Sold by Windsor Park Stud at National Yearling Sale for \$180000

SINGAPORE

Darci Brahma : Axel (NZ) (Josephines Fortune by Encosta de Lago) 2015;
15/03/2019, 1st Singapore TC Restricted Maiden S. 1200m
Sold by Windsor Park Stud at Ready to Run Sale for \$55000

Ego : Perfect Commando (NZ) (Surraar by Ekraar) 2013;
17/03/2019, 1st Singapore TC Class 5 H. 1100m
Sold by Esker Lodge at Ready to Run Sale for \$30000

Ekraar : Majestic Empress (NZ) (Race Empress by St. Petersburg) 2012;
15/03/2019, 1st Singapore TC Class 4 H. 2000m



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