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PRIDE OF JENNI PROVES SHE'S AN ALL-STAR



Star mare *Pride Of Jenni* gaps the field in the All-Star Mile (1600m) (Bruno Canatelli)

Elite front-running mare **Pride Of Jenni** (Pride of Dubai) triumphed in a captivating edition of the A\$3.75 million All-Star Mile (1600m) at Caulfield on Saturday for trainer Ciaran Maher and regular rider Declan Bates.

The dual Group One winner is known for being able to sustain a strong tempo for longer and once she found the lead within the first furlong for Bates, the pair set a building pace that had several of her rivals gasping a long way from home.

The Trelawney Stud-bred *Pride Of Jenni* kicked off the turn and maintained a good gallop to the line to defeat a

gallant Mr Brightside (NZ) (Bullbars), who came from a long way off the pace to get within two lengths at the line, while Cascadian (New Approach) finished third.

Raced by Tony and Lynn Ottobre, *Pride Of Jenni* has now won over A\$5 million for connections.

The first three runners across the line could potentially clash again in the Gr.1 Australian Cup (2000m) on March 30 at Flemington.

"She is quite special because you don't get horses that can do that," Maher said.

"Most horses have a 600m sprint but

she seems like she can do it for half a mile or 1000m.

"She's unbelievable.

"There are obviously options in Sydney (and) the Australian Cup.

"Tony has always been very keen to get her to 2000m. We were half contemplating a Cox Plate (Gr.1, 2040m) last year, so she'll be hard to beat in whatever she goes in."

Maher said there had been some conjecture as to how much speed there would be in Saturday's race, but the trainer had full faith in Bates.

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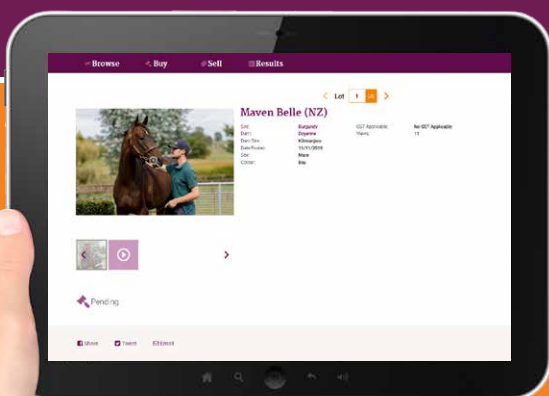
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"He understands her, and you've got to have the confidence to ride her like that," Maher said.

"I said, 'don't worry about that, you know the horse, trust yourself and the horse, just ride the race' and he said, 'I just want to be smooth'.

"He never rides her bad."

Pride Of Jenni won the Gr.1 Empire Rose Stakes (1600m) and the Gr.1 Champions Mile (1600m) at Flemington last spring and Bates said the mare had improved this campaign.

"We have so much faith in her," Bates said.

"This prep, every time I've sat on her back, she has certainly improved from last spring.

"I didn't want to say that out loud because of what she did last spring and not say that she might have come back better, but I think that is the case.

"She is doing it, sustaining a gallop, it's so impressive."

A daughter of Pride Of Dubai, Pride Of Jenni was bred by Trelawney Stud

and is out of the O'Reilly mare Sancerre (NZ) (O'Reilly), who was prepared by Cambridge trainer Tony Pike to win on four occasions for the Stud.

The star mare stems from a family fashioned over generations at the famed Kiwi nursery, which has been in the Taylor family's ownership since 1993, having been established by Seton Otway in the 1930s.

Group Two winner Real Success (Success Express), the taproot of star Trelawney Stud graduates Vouvray (NZ) (Zabeel), Loire (NZ) (Redoute's Choice), A Touch Of Ruby (NZ) (Pins) and Pride Of Jenni and many others around them was one of the first families the Taylors bought into upon taking ownership of Trelawney.

Pride Of Jenni was sold at the Sydney Classic Sale for A\$100,000 through the Segenhoe Stud draft, where she was purchased by Tony and Lynn Ottobre's Cape Schanck Stud.

Sancerre has a yearling filly by Per Incanto which has been retained by the Taylors and is in foal to Cambridge Stud stallion Hello Youmzain.

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Race	MRC All-Star Mile 1600m.
Winner	Pride Of Jenni 2017
Owners	Mr T Ottobre, Mr M Ottobre, Mrs L Ottobre
Trainer	Ciaron Maher (Cranbourne)
Breeding	by Pride Of Dubai (AUS) out of Sancerre (NZ) by O'Reilly (NZ)
Breeder	Trelawney Stud, Taylor Family Trust

Pride Of Jenni and Declan Bates score in the A\$3.75 million All-Star Mile (1600m) (Bruno Canatelli)





OAKS HEROINE GIVES ORMSBY A DIFFERENT KIND OF GROUP ONE

Almost two decades after riding Creil (NZ) (Frenchpark) to victory in the Gr.1 Avondale Cup (2200m) as an apprentice jockey, multi-talented horseman Chad Ormsby climbed the same mountain in a different way when **Pulchritudinous (NZ)** (Wrote) won the Gr.1 Al Basti Equiworld Dubai New Zealand Oaks (2400m) at Trentham on Saturday.

Ormsby now trains a small team at Cambridge, saddling eight winners so far this season including Pulchritudinous in the Oaks and Gr.2

Lowland Stakes (2000m), along with Master Fay (Deep Field) in the Gr.3 Concorde Handicap (1200m).

“Things like a Group One win are what we strive for,” Ormsby said. “I really can’t thank my team enough. The people on the ground make it all possible.

“We’re only a small team, around five racehorses, but we bat above our weight and I’m so grateful to the people around us. My mother-in-law has a share in this filly, along with her partner, and they do so much for us with all the

days and nights that they look after our kids. It’s a great thrill.”

Training is just one of a number of pursuits for Ormsby, who remarkably won a bull-riding competition at a rodeo on Saturday morning – mere hours before his Oaks triumph.

Ormsby also prepares Ready to Run Sale drafts under his Riverrock Farm banner, and Oaks heroine Pulchritudinous was originally intended to be a pinhook for that two-year-old sale at Karaka. Ormsby bought

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Pulchritudinous and Warren Kennedy soar to Group One Glory in the Al Basti Equiworld Dubai New Zealand Oaks (2400m) at Trentham on Saturday. (Peter Rubery (Race Images Palmerston North))





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the Wrote filly for \$32,500 as a yearling at Karaka 2022, but she was passed in when he offered her with a \$50,000 reserve at the Ready to Run Sale later that year.

“A lot of pride and joy goes into a filly like this, who we bought cheaply and ended up not being able to sell,” Ormsby said. “She’s managed to go on and prove herself.”

Pulchritudinous showed promise with a 1400m maiden win in her second career start back in October, but it has only been in the last eight days that she has really made her mark. She stepped up beyond 1600m for the first time and scored an impressive win in the rescheduled Lowland Stakes at Taupo on March 8, then stepped into the Group One spotlight for the Oaks barely a week later.

Ridden by Warren Kennedy, Pulchritudinous settled in ninth place alongside the rail as Harlow Rocks (NZ) (Roc De Cambes) set a solid pace out in front and turned the fillies’ classic into a true staying test.

Kennedy got her off the fence at the 700m mark and began to creep closer, moving up behind the leading pack and poised to pounce.

Pulchritudinous swooped around the home turn and quickly loomed large on the outside of Harlow Rocks, Positivity (NZ) (Almanzor), Qali Al Farrasha (NZ) (Almanzor) and Race Ace (NZ) (Swiss Ace). Kennedy sent Pulchritudinous into full flight at the 300m mark and she surged to the lead,

pulling away from Positivity and Qali Al Farrasha to win by a length and three-quarters in an impressive display of stamina and class.

Pulchritudinous has now had seven starts for three wins and a placing, earning \$389,205 in stakes.

“We nominated her for the Oaks very early and always had hope,” Ormsby said. We thought there might be some concerns around whether we might get there or if it might come up a bit too soon for her, but the ability was always there. I’m really, really rapt.”

Last year’s Oaks was the first leg of a classic double for Pennyweka (NZ) (Satono Aladdin), who added the Gr.1 Australian Oaks (2400m) at Randwick in her next start. Ormsby is unsure whether he will attempt to follow the same path.

“I don’t know about that, and I think maybe the paddock might be beckoning,” he said. “But having said that, she hasn’t batted an eyelid with anything that we’ve chucked at her so far, and that’s a great attribute to have.”

Kennedy took special satisfaction from Saturday’s Oaks victory, having previously been cruelly denied a win in the South African equivalent.

“I’ve always wanted to win an Oaks,” he said. “Covid hit when I had a really good chance in South Africa, so I couldn’t travel to ride her. I missed out on what turned out to be a winning ride. So to win one here in my new home is fantastic.

“We found a dream spot in the

running and she travelled sweetly all the way. She really worked away at them down the straight and won with a bit in hand in the end.

“She’s very progressive. She’s only tried this sort of trip twice now and won both times. She’s done the job today and done it really well.”

Pulchritudinous was bred by Tony Rider, who offered her under his Milan Park banner as a yearling at Karaka. She is the first Group One winner for Highview Stud stallion Wrote.

Victories in the Lowland Stakes and Oaks have rapidly lifted Pulchritudinous to 20 points in the NZB Filly of the Year Series, finishing in second place on the table. The runaway winner was Molly Bloom (NZ) (Ace High) with 28 points.

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Race	WRC New Zealand Oaks Gr.1 2400m.
Winner	Pulchritudinous (NZ) 2020
Owners	Mr C Grace, Mr J Walker, Riverrock Farm, Mr D Roach & Ms M J Moroney
Trainer	Chad Ormsby (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Wrote (IRE) out of Showus by Pentire (GB)
Breeder	T V Rider; Waikato; NZ
Sales	2022 National Yearling Sale - Book 2 V: Milan Park \$32500 P: Riverrock Farm



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MAJOR PRIZE FOR GRAIL SEEKER AT TRENTHAM



Kyle Wilson-Taylor guides Grail Seeker to a comfortable victory in the Gr.2 Life Direct Wellington Guineas (1400m) at Trentham on Saturday. (Peter Rubery (Race Images Palmerston North))

Australian hoop Kyle Wilson-Taylor has made his first visit to New Zealand a memorable one by guiding promising filly **Grail Seeker (NZ)** (Iffraaj) to a hollow victory in the Gr.2 Life Direct Wellington Guineas (1400m) at Trentham.

The Queensland-based rider struck up a friendship with trainers Lance O'Sullivan and Andrew Scott when he rode trackwork for the pair during the Queensland winter carnival last year, and was quick to take up an invitation to ride members of their team at Trentham including the daughter of

Iffraaj along with El Roca filly Cupid's Arrow (NZ) in the feature event, the Gr.1 Al Basti Equiworld Dubai New Zealand Oaks (2400m).

Wilson-Taylor has more than 320 winners to his name in a short career so far, including a maiden Group One victory aboard Palaisipan (So You Think) in last year's Tattersall's Tiara (1400m) at Eagle Farm, but had never previously ridden outside Australia until Saturday.

He showed an immediate affinity with the roomy Trentham track as he produced an exemplary effort aboard Grail Seeker, settling her quietly near

the rear and biding his time until asking her for an effort in the final 200m of the contest.

Grail Seeker burst through the pack to dash away from her rivals, winning easing down by three lengths from the late closing Witz End (NZ) (Savabeel), with outsider New Millennium (NZ) (Charm Spirit) battling on gamely for third.

Co-trainer Andrew Scott heaped plenty of praise on Wilson-Taylor as well as the filly, who he believes has an exciting future ahead of her.

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“She was pretty dominant there and it is great for Kyle to come over and ride her and a huge thrill for Team Wexford,” Scott said.

“She really deserved a win like this as it would have been a real shame if she had gone to the paddock without a win like that in her three-year-old campaign.

“She has a good future as she is a big, raw filly who is only going to get better with age.

“Kyle was in Queensland last winter and we got talking to him, we thought what a nice guy and he can really ride.

“When he rang us out of the blue, we were happy to get him on and hopefully he is keen to come back again and ride her, as she relaxed the best she ever has for him.”

For his part Wilson-Taylor was thrilled to repay the O’Sullivan Scott camp for the faith they showed in him after meeting up last winter.

“That’s very satisfying and shows that helping people out when they need a hand can lead to good things,” he said.

“Geez what a good filly as she got me out of a bit of trouble and she was just dominant.

“I had planned to get back and ride for luck and I’m just pumped.

“She has a very short, sharp turn of foot and we were able to ride her to execute that.

“I’m just very thankful for the opportunity and it is great to ride a good winner here.”

Raced by Trevor Clarke and Chris Jones, Grail Seeker was a \$130,000 purchase by Rudy Liefting under his Kakapo Lodge banner from her breeder Jamieson Park’s draft during the Book 1 Sale at Karaka in 2022.

Her dam Starwish is a Redoute’s Choice daughter of Gr.1 Australia Stakes (1200m) winner Stella Cadente (Centaine) and she comes from a family that includes stakes winners Deep Image (NZ) (Lord Ballina), Brilliant Bisc (Elvstroem) and outstanding Hong Kong sprinter Dashing Fellow (Duporth).

Race	WRC Wellington Guineas Gr.2 1400m.
Winner	Grail Seeker (NZ) 2020
Owners	T C Clarke & C B Jones
Trainer	Lance O’Sullivan & Andrew Scott (Matamata)
Breeding	by Iffraaj (GB) out of Starwish (AUS) by Redoute’s Choice (AUS)
Breeder	Jamieson Park Ltd; Auckland; NZ
Sales	2022 National Yearling Sale - Book 1 V: Jamieson Park \$130000 P: Kakapo Lodge

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Jockey Kyle Wilson-Taylor salutes as he brings Grail Seeker back to scale. (Peter Rubery (Race Images Palmerston North))





GROUP THREE TRIUMPH FOR RIBCHESTER MARE

Ultra-consistent four-year-old mare **Red Card** (Ribchester) landed her biggest prize to date when running out a comfortable winner of the Gr.3 Maurice McCarten Stakes (1100m) at Rosehill on Saturday for trainer James Cummings.

Beginning brilliantly from an inside draw, Red Card comfortably found the lead under Adam Hyeronimus and controlled proceedings throughout.

A daughter of Haunui Farm stallion Ribchester, Red Card's Group Three victory enhances her CV further, having landed the Listed Denise's Joy Stakes (1100m) and Listed Queensland Day Stakes (1200m) through the Winter of her three-year-old season.

"It was a great job that Adam Hyeronimus was able to do on her," Cummings said.

"She jumped so fast and she gets control of these races and she has got great natural pace.

"Great credit to the work riders who are continuing to get her to settle better and better when it matters.

"That is the difference between last preparation and this preparation. It is great to see and that gives me the opportunity to step her up to six furlongs if I wish to in a month's time."

The Gr.2 Sapphire Stakes (1200m) at Randwick on April 13 shapes as the most likely option, although Cummings didn't rule out a quick back up into next week's Gr.1 Galaxy (1100m).

"I think a month to the Sapphire looks good," Cummings said. "She will be a nice runner for us during the

carnival. She is out of a Street Cry mare and she is a daughter of Ribchester but she is fast.

"She is able to handle these tracks and she is in such great form."

A winner of eight of her 16 starts, Red Card has prizemoney earnings of A\$721,725.

The Godolphin bred and raced mare won a trial at Hawkesbury earlier in the week.

"I trialled her on Monday and it was obviously a plan to target this race," Hyeronimus said. "She was nice and fresh on Monday and needed the blow, so it was very well executed by James and it is good to get a Group Three.

"Going up in grade she is probably going to get more pressure than what she did today but she handled that

mid-race pressure and it didn't seem to bother her and she settled last start, so she is taking the right steps."

After two seasons at Darley Australia, Ribchester transferred to Haunui Farm in New Zealand as the replacement for his own successful sire Iffraaj, who shuttled for 12 seasons. Ribchester stands for \$12,000 plus GST and stood his fourth season in New Zealand last spring. - *NZ Racing Desk*

Race	Gr.3 Maurice McCarten Stakes (1100m)
Winner	Red Card
Owners	Godolphin
Trainer	James Cummings (Agnes Banks)
Breeding	Ribchester (IRE) out of Penalty by Street Cry
Breeder	Godolphin Australia



Gr.3 Maurice McCarten Stakes (1100m) winner Red Card (Bradleyphotos.com.au)





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CUDDLE STAKES DELIVERS MILESTONES FOR CONNECTIONS



Hi Yo Sass Bomb strides to a deserved black-type crown in the Gr.3 Wentwood Grange Cuddle Stakes (1600m) at Trentham on Saturday under Joe Doyle. (Peter Rubery (Race Images Palmerston North))

Saturday's Gr.3 Wentwood Grange Cuddle Stakes (1600m) at Trentham delivered multiple milestones for the connections of Taranaki mare **Hi Yo Sass Bomb (NZ)** (Complacent).

The underrated five-year-old became the first stakes winner for her New Plymouth trainer Kim Reid, who also co-bred and part-owns the daughter of Complacent. Hi Yo Sass Bomb was ridden to her Cuddle Stakes success by Irish jockey Joe Doyle, who notched up his 100th win in New Zealand.

It was also a well-deserved turn at the top of the podium for Hi Yo Sass Bomb herself. Her previous appearances at black-type level had produced a sixth in the Gr.3 Thompson Handicap (1600m), fourth in the Gr.3 Canterbury Breeders' Stakes (1400m), a close fifth behind class mare Campionessa (NZ) (Contributer) in the Gr.2 Cal Isuzu Stakes (1600m), and a last-

start second to Contribute in the Gr.3 Taranaki Cup (1800m).

There was a six-week gap between the Taranaki Cup and Saturday's Cuddle Stakes, but Reid kept Hi Yo Sass Bomb up to the mark with a trial win at Foxton on March 7. She was at fever pitch for Saturday's \$120,000 fillies and mares' feature, and she swept to an emphatic victory under a well-timed Doyle ride.

Hi Yo Sass Bomb jumped well from her inside gate and slid forward in the first 100m of the race, then Doyle was happy to take up a position in third as Kelly Coe led the field down the back straight at a strong tempo.

Kelly Coe opened up a big lead and was still clearly in front rounding the home turn, but then Doyle pushed the button and Hi Yo Sass Bomb pounced.

She charged to the lead with 300m remaining and kicked

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away, keeping enough petrol in the tank to hold out a strong late challenge from Apostrophe (NZ) (Tavistock) and win by a long neck.

"It's bloody amazing," said Reid, who currently has just the one horse in work and has saddled a total of five winners from 35 runners.

"I was hoping all the way down the straight, and I know she's as tough as nails. For her to get the win is amazing. It's awesome.

"She's a real family horse. We bred her and we've had her all the way through, and my parents have been involved all the way through too. It's just amazing. It's really cool."

Race	WRC Cuddle S. Gr.3 1600m.
Winner	Hi Yo Sass Bomb (NZ) 2018
Owners	G J & Mrs J K Reid
Trainer	Kim Reid (New Plymouth)
Breeding	by Complacent (AUS) out of Hi Yo Soo by Spartacus (IRE)
Breeder	G J & Mrs J K Reid; Central; NZ

Hi Yo Sass Bomb's 15-start career has now produced four wins, four placings and \$163,520 in stakes.

"She's been fitting to her name, she's been quite sassy at times, but she's really grown into it these days and is a real professional," Reid said. "People keep saying she's just a mudder, but I think she'll run on anything. She's such a neat horse. We'll wait and see what we do with her next, but it's great to get this win with her."

The TAB now rates Hi Yo Sass Bomb a \$14 chance for the Gr.1 New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes (1600m) at Ellerslie on March 30. That market is headed by La Crique (NZ) (Vadamos) (\$3.20), Molly Bloom (NZ) (Ace High) (\$4), Pearl Of Alsace (NZ) (Tavistock) (\$6) and Mustang Valley (NZ) (Vanbrugh) (\$8).

Doyle was delighted to complete his century of Kiwi winners, which includes 13 at Group or Listed level.

"That's 100 New Zealand winners, and I want to thank everyone that's looked after me over the last 18 months or so that I've been riding here," he said. "Hopefully the next 100 will be as quick!

"This mare was really good today. Fair play to Kim – she had her in absolutely top nick for this race. We travelled comfortably all the way and we were going a good, strong gallop. She picked up well and hit the line strongly.

"It's a big day for Kim and the team, and I was very happy to do the steering for them.

"I would have been happy enough to lead, but luckily enough we had a hare to chase down. It was just a comfortable, easy win in the end. I'm delighted!"

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New Plymouth trainer Kim Reid & apprentice jockey Ciel Butler with Hi Yo Sass Bomb. (Peter Rubery (Race Images Palmerston North))





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SOUTH ISLAND VICTORY IN LIGHTNING HANDICAP

Southern sprinter **Our Echo (NZ)** (Echoes of Heaven) showed his northern rivals just how good he can be when he sat wide throughout before holding off a host of challenges to win Saturday's Listed Lincoln Farms Lightning Handicap (1200m) at Trentham.

Prepared by Danny Frye at Balcairn, the seven-year-old came into the race off a last start victory at Wingatui which gave him a vital confidence boost leading into the contest.

Rider Tegan Newman followed instructions to the letter by allowing the son of Echoes Of Heaven to travel on his own terms, not afraid to sit four-wide for most of the race before joining issue at the 400m.

Left a sitting duck in front he fought like a tiger to defy his challengers, holding off Is That So (NZ) (Sufficient) and Imwonderfultonight (I Am Invincible) to secure his sixth career victory, with that tally including a win at the same venue back in January 2022.

Frye was all smiles as he spoke about a change in tactics that had helped his charge turn his form around.

"He hasn't had the rub of the green this time around as we brought him here earlier thinking we might get a 1400m or mile with him, but he didn't have a lot of luck," Frye said.

"We switched him back to 1200m and he has been on fire.

"He's a good horse, who can run good times but he needs a decent track.

"When the barrier draw came out for today we were pretty keen (on his chances)."



Tegan Newman salutes to Our Echo's victory in Saturday's Listed Lincoln Farms Lightning Handicap (1200m) at Trentham. (Peter Rubery (Race Images Palmerston North))

Newman admitted the ride didn't look very pretty but was the way the horse liked to be handled.

"He jumped away quite well but Danny said to me you can't pull him back if he jumps, just let him roll," she said.

"You have to let him do it on his terms and when I saw Mercurial (NZ) (Burgundy) on my inside I knew I had him covered and he (Our Echo) has kicked really well.

"I think his last start win was a real confidence booster and he is quite an underrated galloper.

"When I presented him he wanted to go and he won really well."

Our Echo is a son of the Yamanin Vital mare Sakura Cluden (NZ), a full sister to Gr.1 Wellington Cup (3200m) winner Cluden Creek (NZ) and from an

extended family that includes former top quality southern gallopers Simon Snorkel (NZ) (Famous Star) and The Blonde Bimbo (NZ) (Omnicorp).

The win took his career record to six wins and 14 placings from 37 starts with just over \$210,000 in prizemoney for his connections.

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Race	WRC Lightning H. L 1200m.
Winner	Our Echo (NZ) 2016
Owners	W Bailey, M H R Brown, D B Frye, C Harris, J M Hayston, K A Hyde, P D Jeffreys, T Sillick & D J Stephens
Trainer	Danny Frye (Balcairn)
Breeding	by Echoes of Heaven (AUS) out of Sakura Cluden by Yamanin Vital
Breeder	P D & P D Jeffreys & A B Skelton; Central; NZ





DERBY PATH FOR SAVABEEL'S WYMARK

Talented three-year-old **Wymark (NZ)** (Savabeel) will be put on a Classic path after a strong win against older horses in the Quayclean Benchmark 78 Handicap (1900m) at Rosehill on Saturday.

The Michael Freedman-trained son of Savabeel made it three wins in succession with Saturday's metropolitan victory following a pair of soft victories at Newcastle.

Wymark set a new track record for the Newcastle 1850m when winning his start prior by a whopping 9-1/4 lengths and produced another impressive performance when scoring by just under three lengths on Saturday under a perfect Tommy Berry ride.

Having put in some good performances at two, including a luckless third behind subsequent multiple Group One winner Militarize (NZ) (Dundeel) on debut, Freedman believes gelding the well-related youngster has helped make the horse.

"He has probably surprised me a little bit with how much he has kept improving as I have stretched his races out, as early doors I thought he was a 1400m-miler type," Freedman said.

"But since we gelded him and brought him back this preparation he has just kept getting better and better.

"It's exciting. We will have a look at the Tulloch Stakes (Gr.2, 2000m) in two weeks' time and then see what happens after that."

Freedman is keen to follow a preparation similar to Major Beel (NZ) (Savabeel), who finished runner-up in last year's Tulloch Stakes before landing the Gr.1 Australian Derby (2400m), which shapes as a natural target.

"It has been an interesting form race this over the past couple of years," Freedman said.

"Major Beel finished fourth in it last year and then went on and won the Derby and Benaud of John O'Shea's did something similar (fifth) and ran second in the Derby.

"I think he is an exciting young horse for sure."

With 54.5kgs on his back, Wymark carried a half-kilo over his carded weight, but it mattered little.

Winning jockey Tommy Berry was not surprised by the ease of the win after an impressive piece of work mid-week.

"I galloped him on Tuesday morning and he just put in one of those staying pieces of

work that said 'you're ready to go to the next step and put your hand up,'" Berry said.

"He has done it against the older horses today at a half (kilogram over) and he did it so well and was very strong through the line.

"If you can find a stayer with a turn of foot, it's gold.

"Michael has done a great job taking him through his grades. He gave him a couple of confidence-boosting wins at Newcastle and he is a horse full of confidence and so are we now."

By super-sire Savabeel, Wymark was bred by Waikato Stud and is out of Pasadena, an unraced O'Reilly full-sister to multiple Group One winner Alamosa. The Savabeel - O'Reilly cross has produced 32 stakes winners, including Major Beel.

Wymark was purchased at the Gold Coast yearling sales by bloodstock agent Mick Wallace for A\$200,000.

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Race	ATC Quayclean H. 1900m.
Winner	Wymark (NZ) 2020
Owners	Winkurra Colts, Gandharvi, Picko, Mr T E Kennedy, Mr D G Sinclair, Mr Y K Ip, Mr G Page, Aldine Racing, Mr G R Dwyer, G1G Colts & Breeding Pty Ltd, Mr W J Hawkins, Jomara Bloodstock Ltd, Mr D W Wallace, Mr B M Allen, Sledmere Stud, Mr J E Driscoll
Trainer	Michael Freedman (Randwick)
Breeding	by Savabeel (AUS) out of Pasadena by O'Reilly
Breeder	Waikato Stud Ltd



Exciting Savabeel three-year-old Wymark runs out a strong winner at Rosehill. (Bradleyphotos.com.au)





WOLFY BY A WHISKER AT CAULFIELD



Jamie Mott drives Wolfy to a narrow victory at Caulfield (Bruno Cannatelli)

Smart three-year-old colt **Wolfy (NZ)** (Savabeel) scored the narrowest of victories when coming deepest of all to land the Sharp EIT Solutions Handicap (1200m) at Caulfield on Saturday under a driving ride by Jamie Mott.

The son of Tivaci is prepared by Nick Ryan and looked set to get the better of his rivals but runner-up Furious (Redoubt's Choice) kicked back late to make the connections of Wolfy second-guess themselves.

"I went the (early) crow, so there were a few anxious moments there," Ryan said.

"It's good to get him back on track. Things didn't go right for him first-up in stakes company but we gave him three weeks' between runs, got him right and got the job done."

Wolfy finished ninth in the Gr.3 Zeditave Stakes (1200m) last month won by Raikoke (Written Tycoon).

"He is still very immature. He was on the wrong leg for half the race and didn't corner too well but I think he is going to get better with racing," Ryan said.

"We have had a high opinion of him. He ran in a Caulfield Guineas (Gr.1, 1600m) and we are still figuring out what his go is.

"I think 1400m might be the stretch of him, but we will figure it out as we go.

"He has got those two things between his legs and I know we have only won a benchmark 70 but he is going to improve a

lot from today.

"I think he will get through the wet. We will see how he pulls up. There are some options in Sydney and we will have a board meeting on Monday."

Ryan purchased Wolfy for A\$280,000 at the Inglis Classic Yearling Sale where he was offered on behalf of breeder Waikato Stud by Sledmere Stud. He is now a three-time winner from eight starts, with a further two placings.

Wolfy is out of the Savabeel mare Popular, who has produced two more colts by Tivaci since Wolfy, and her dam It Girl is a sister to the late multiple Group One winner and successful sire Sacred Falls. – *NZ Racing Desk*

Race	MRC Sharp EIT Solutions H. 1200m.
Winner	Wolfy (NZ) 2020
Owners	Mrs J Love, Mr D T Coleman, Mr C E Coleman, Mr D Kavanagh, Mr M McKelvie, Mr G A McLaren, Mr R Meadows, Mr S C Nankervis, Mr R L Clancy, Mr S C Newland, The Collective, Mr M D Russell, Mr P Smith, Mr R Smykowsky, Mr E B Tenberge, Mr J R Vawdrey, Mr P G Walsh, Mrs S E Wescott, Mr B A Wescott, Mr P A Mitchell
Trainer	Nick Ryan (Flemington)
Breeding	by Tivaci (AUS) out of Popular by Savabeel (AUS)
Breeder	Waikato Stud Ltd

