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JAY BEE GEE TAKES OUT SENSATIONAL WINTER CUP



Adrian Bull celebrates with jockey Kelly Myers after Jay Bee Gee won the Gr.3 Winning Edge Presentations Winter Cup (1600m) at Riccarton. (Race Images South)

The opening stakes race for the season delivered an incredible finish between a trio of talented gallopers, but after a tense wait, the Gr.3 Winning Edge Presentations Winter Cup (1600m) went the way of Adrian Bull's **Jay Bee Gee (NZ)** (Complacent).

Jay Bee Gee had run in just one race since finishing back in the field in the Gr.3 New Zealand Cup (3200m) last November, with Bull returning to Riccarton to win the Amberley Cup (1600m) in June before preparing him for Saturday's contest, concluding with

a trial victory at Foxton on July 26.

The unique preparation turned out to be the perfect winning formula for the son of Complacent, who got in on the minimum of 53kg under Kelly Myers, while defending champion

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Belardo Boy (NZ) (Belardo) was tasked with the 60kg top-weight and sat a \$5.50 second-favourite, with Freeze Frame (NZ) (Vadamos) on top of the market at \$5.10.

Jumping from barrier 16, Myers ensured she wouldn't be caught wide going forward to sit outside the early leader in Green Luck (Street Cry), with the initial pace short-lived as Craig Grylls sent Bradman (NZ) (Pins) onto the speed at the 1000 metre mark.

Bradman left much of the field flat-footed and Jay Bee Gee went with him, the gelding looking to be running into second for much of the straight before Freeze Frame came scorching down the outside and the trio went to the post in unison, with a photo-finish required between the latter pair leaving an anxious wait for connections.

The judge's call eventually announced Jay Bee Gee the victor, with Te Akau's charge Freeze Frame going down by the barest of margins and Bradman a further nose behind in third, while Justaskme (NZ) (No Excuse Needed) was gallant running into fourth.

Huntermville-based Bull and his emerald green colours are no stranger to the winner's circle at Riccarton Park, having won the 2017 edition with former star Nashville (NZ) (Darci Brahma), a horse Myers fittingly rode to victory in the Gr.2 Coupland's Bakeries Mile (1600m) and the Gr.1 Otaki WFA Classic (1600m) over a decade ago.

Myers cut an emotional figure

post-race, paying tribute to Bull's late wife Robyn, who sadly passed in late September last year.

"I'm just so over the moon, I can't explain how happy I am for Adrian and his family, Robyn will be up there looking down on us," she said.

"They are great family friends of ours, and they've been huge supporters of myself and Rosie (Fell, sister). We love winning a maiden race in these colours, so to win a Winter Cup for them is very special.

"I didn't think we were going to get past Bradman, he put up a really tough fight. I think Warren helped us more than anything, finishing down the outside and I had a feeling I had my nose in front, but I saw Warren throw his hand in the air and I thought oh well, he's obviously thought he's got it.

"I was just really quietly hopeful cantering back. I thought it was a dead-heat and I would've been happy with that, but to get it on our own is just awesome."

The victory capped off a wonderful return to race riding over the past eight months for Myers, who made a much-welcomed comeback to the jockey ranks in December and picked up 30 winners in the second-half of last season.

"I'm just really happy to be out there again," she said.

"My manager asked me what my goals are for the season and I think I'd like to double last season's tally so about 60 winners, and a Group One

would be nice."

Jay Bee Gee was bred by Pencarrow Thoroughbreds and was purchased by Adrian, Robyn and their son Harry out of Bradbury Park's draft for \$26,000 at the 2019 Karaka Yearling Sales.

The feature victory increased his stakes earnings to \$175,135, with six wins from 20 starts.

The gelding's dam Huluava (NZ), by Pins, also produced the family's talented multiple-stakes winner William Wallace (NZ) (Darci Brahma), and her most recent foal, Branciforti (NZ) (Belardo), has won four races in the care of David Greene.

In a fairytale finish to the Riccarton meeting for Bull, he prepared another half-sister to Jay Bee Gee in Harmonious (NZ) (Turn Me Loose) to put away the field by five lengths in the Group 1 Raceday Party – 14 September Rating 65 (1600m), her second victory in 14 starts.

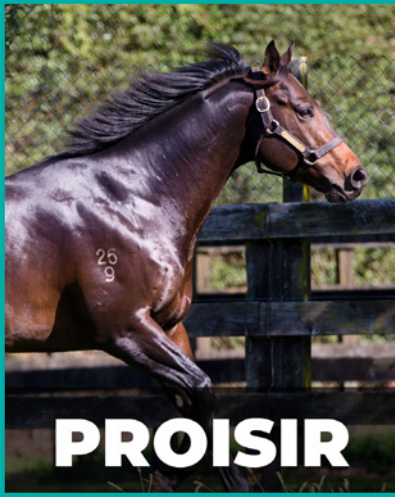
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Race	CJC Winter Cup Gr.3 1600m
Winner	Jay Bee Gee (NZ) 2017
Owners	A M & H L & Est late R E Bull
Trainer	Adrian Bull (Huntermville)
Breeding	by Complacent (AUS) out of Huluava by Pins (AUS)
Breeder	Pencarrow Thoroughbreds Ltd
Sales	2019 National Yearling Sale - Book 2 V: Bradbury Park \$26000 P: HL Bull



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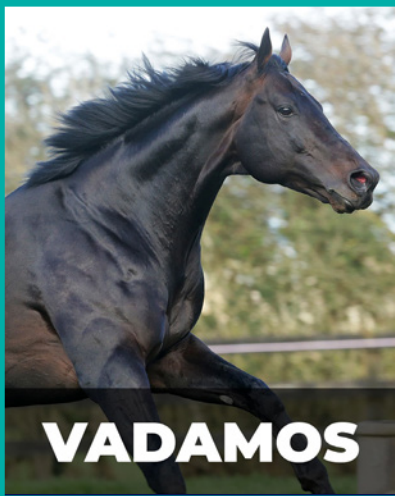
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BEACH LIFE AGREEING WITH REJUVENATED HORRIFYING

Talented stayer **Horrrifying (NZ)** (Shocking) caused a minor upset when defeating highly-regarded galloper Berkshire Breeze (Mastercraftsman) in the Inside Run Trophy (2530m) at Flemington on Saturday.

The seven-year-old son of Shocking was having his third start for Warrnambool conditioner Lindsey Smith, having previously been trained by Mark and Levi Kavanagh.

Beach life has given Horrrifying a new lease on life as he made it back to back victories at Flemington after breaking a long run of outs a fortnight ago when successful over 2000m at the premier Melbourne racecourse.

Horrrifying (\$9.50) sat outside Berkshire Breeze (\$1.45) in a moderately run staying contest and jockey Blake Shinn ensured there was just enough pressure applied to the leader rounding the home bend before Horrrifying proved too slick late to score by two and a half lengths.

"We thought we'd be on the speed, similar to the other day," Smith said.

"Blake thought that he'd be one or two early and he's obviously done his form on this horse. He said he can sprint a little bit and he trusted the horse's fitness.

"Obviously he's back to his best, so that's a good result for the owners and myself and the stable. We didn't change much in the two weeks between runs.

"It was just a case of keeping him happy and that's what we've done down at the beach. Everyone's been happy with him. I think he's done one little bit of bowling in the heavy sand

in the 14 days since his last run, so we'll stick to that plan and see what turns up next."

Winning jockey Blake Shinn notched his first victory at Flemington for the season and was impressed with Horrrifying, who has now recorded seven wins from 35 starts with a further eight placings.

"Full credit to the horse and also Lindsey Smith and the team," Shinn said.

"That was a great effort. It's great to see the horse returned to form and you know full credit to Lindsey last start but then having to back that up today with a performance up in distance and second-up, it's a great effort.

"We had moderate sectionals for the first part. We sat outside the favourite but we picked it up nicely. He's a good stayer on his day and he displayed a great turn of foot and sustained it to the line.

"He's got more to offer this horse and if they can keep placing him right, he can keep winning."

Horrrifying was bred by Alan Galbraith and was purchased at New Zealand Bloodstock's National Yearling Sale for \$70,000 by Lawrence Eales, who raced his dual Group One-winning sire Shocking.

Horrrifying is out of the Red Ransom mare Zelt, who herself won twice over middle distances in Australia and is the dam of five winners from nine foals to race.

Zelt is a half-sister to stakes performer Exchanges (Domesday) and is from an international family that features the Gr.1 English 1000 Guineas (1600m) winner Cape Verdi (Caerleon). – *NZ Racing Desk*



Race	VRC Inside Run Trophy 2530m
Winner	Horrrifying (NZ) 2017
Owners	Eales Racing Pty Ltd, Ballcourt Dream, Mr A J Sultana, Mrs C L Bischof, Mr J C Jones, Mr B M Wilson, Para-Dell Racing, P 2 P Syndicate, Blur Racing Syndicate, Bluey's Bella Racing
Trainer	Lindsey Smith (Linton)
Breeding	by Shocking (AUS) out of Zelt (AUS) by Red Ransom (USA)
Breeder	A R Galbraith QC
Sales	2019 National Yearling Sale - Book 2 V: Rich Hill Stud \$70000 P: Eales Racing

Horrrifying made it back to back victories at Flemington on Saturday. (Bruno Cannatelli)





RISE AT DAWN DICTATES ALL AT FLEMINGTON

Consistent galloper **Rise At Dawn (NZ)** (Almanzor) was in the winner's circle at Flemington on Saturday when leading throughout to land the VRC Season Premiere Race Day Plate (1620m).

Prepared by Ben, Will and JD Hayes, the son of Almanzor has raced well through the winter months and took on older rivals for the first time after turning four this week.

The gelding has now won five of his 10 starts and been placed on a further two occasions, with his only disappointing performances coming in the autumn where he pulled up sore after trailing the field home in the Listed Port Adelaide Guineas (1600m).

"He's building a lovely record," JD Hayes said.

"He's so consistent and had nice residual fitness under him. He did really well at the farm with a month between runs and he was rated beautifully out in front and gave a strong kick so I know the owners here got a big thrill.

"We're very blessed with the facilities we've got to be able to keep them up and he's one that absolutely thrives. He's done a terrific job and long may it continue because the way that he runs, he is an awfully consistent animal, so I dare say he's got a few more wins in-store off the back of that."

Winning jockey Daniel Stackhouse took luck out of the equation from the widest gate of barrier nine, crossing over to lead with ease.

"He's always shown promise his whole career and he's just such a gem of a ride too," Stackhouse said.

"You ask him to quicken and he always finds for you and that's all you can ask from a horse really.

"I wanted to be positive and take it up and get away early and then be able to control it and come back. I heard Le Zebra (NZ) (Rip Van Winkle) come close to me and I just increased the tempo every time. I could see it's head just in the corner of my eye and I think that's where we won the race tactically.

"Getting those other horses off the bridle, I knew my bloke



Rise At Dawn lead throughout to land the VRC Season Premiere Race Day Plate (1620m). (Bruno Cannatelli)

was tough. He fights very hard when you need him. He's just so well and going super."

Bred by the Smithies family's Monovale Holdings, Rise At Dawn was purchased by Lindsay Park for A\$90,000 at the Melbourne Premier Yearling Sale. He has now won A\$288,835 for his syndicate of owners, which includes long-time Lindsay Park foreman Bruno Rouge-Serret.

Rise At Dawn is an older brother of last season's Gr.3 Taranaki 2YO Classic (1200m) placegetter Kay's Ruebe with their dam the Listed Newmarket Handicap (1200m) winner and multiple Group One placegetter Kay's Awake. - **NZ Racing Desk**

Race	VRC Season Premiere Race Day P. 1620m
Winner	Rise at Dawn (NZ) 2020
Owners	Lindsay Park Bloodstock, Mr B E Douthie, Mr B R Hogan, Mr T J Cox, Mr R A Featherston, Mr T B Lane, Dropped Catch Racing, Mr M D Canavan, Mr C S Rotherham, Ms T Harvey, Mr B J Webb, T P J B Racing, Mr T Simms, Lindsay Park 17, Mr S Manousopoulos, F G L Racing, Mr M J Poole, Mr J Poole
Trainer	Ben, Will & JD Hayes (Flemington)
Breeding	by Almanzor (FR) out of Kay's Awake by Towkay (AUS)
Breeder	Monovale Holdings Ltd





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PROGRESSIVE MEDATSU HAS MORE TO COME

The Chris Waller-trained **Medatsu (NZ)** (Staphanos) ran out a gritty winner of the Jockeys Appreciation Handicap (1500m) at Rosehill on Saturday as the four-year-old gelding recorded his first Sydney metropolitan victory.

Medatsu commenced his career in New Zealand under the tutelage of Clint Isdale for whom he had placed in three of four starts, including finishing third in the Listed Ryder Stakes (1200m).

Transferred to Waller's Sydney operation last spring, the Kiwi import was a good winner at Kembla Grange over 2000m before finishing down the track in the Gr.1 Spring Champion Stakes (2000m).

After a lengthy spell, the son of Staphanos was sent out a \$21 chance fresh-up and came from last to loop the field just before straightening

under a clever Tommy Berry ride and fought gamely to defeat Until Valhalla (Snitzel) and Autumnmation (The Aunumnmation).

"There was good pace early but they backed off through the mid-stages and Tommy had the initiative to get rolling a bit earlier," Waller said.

"I didn't know if he would sustain the run because he did get going early but to the horse's credit he certainly did.

"Tony Muollo and his brother Luigi thought enough of him to send him to Australia and have a little look at those spring three-year-old races, but he must have just had a little problem. He has had a decent break, and he has shown why he was brought to Australia with his performance today"

Winning jockey Tommy Berry confirmed that Waller had given him an open book to put the gelding into the

race a little bit early.

"I'm not sure if he would have liked it to be as early as I did, but I just thought because they had gone very steady, I didn't want to make my move a bit late and have everyone start popping before the corner," Berry said.

"I made my move when it was a bit early for everyone else to make their runs and he sustained it really well.

"Full credit to Chris and his team. They had a really good foundation in this horse first-up.

"He is a progressive staying type and obviously Chris had a big opinion of him running him in a Group One at his second start here in Australia which you don't see him usually do. He has had a little bit of time off and matured quite nicely and this is the start of what is to come from him."

Bred by Luigi Muollo's Explosive Breeding Ltd, Medatsu is by Novara Park stallion Staphanos and is out of the Mastercraftsman mare Christine Ann. He is a half-brother to Listed winner Rocababy (NZ) (El Roca).

– NZ Racing Desk



Race	ATC Jockeys Appreciation H. 1500m
Winner	Medatsu (NZ) 2020
Owners	Mr L F Muollo, Mr A M Muollo
Trainer	Chris Waller (Rosehill)
Breeding	by Staphanos (JPN) out of Christine Ann by Mastercraftsman (IRE)
Breeder	Explosive Breeding Ltd

Medatsu was a gritty winner of the Jockeys Appreciation Handicap (1500m) at Rosehill on Saturday. (bradleyphotos.com.au)





WEST COAST SETS SCENE FOR GRAND NATIONAL SHOWDOWN

Outstanding steeplechaser **West Coast (NZ)** (Mettre en Jeu) laid down the gauntlet to fellow superstar jumper The Cossack (NZ) (Mastercraftsman) for supremacy in next weekend's Racecourse Hotel & Motor Lodge Grand National Steeplechase (5600m) in emphatic fashion at Riccarton on Saturday.

Shooting for his second win in three attempts at the traditional lead-up event, the Racecourse Hotel & Motor Lodge Koral Steeplechase (4250m), the nine-year-old son of Mettre en Jeu never looked like he got out of third gear as he ambled around behind pacemaker Al's Red Zed (NZ) (Zed) before making his bid for victory at the top of the home straight.

Regular pilot Shaun Fannin eased him over the final two fences before allowing him to stride clear in the dash to the post where he won comfortably by two lengths from Country Bumpkin (NZ) (St Reims), with a similar margin back to the late closing Captain's Run (NZ) (Nom du Jeu) in third.

Fannin, who will attempt to make it a three-peat aboard West Coast in the Grand National Steeplechase after their victories in 2022 and again last year, was delighted his tactics aboard the Mark Oulaghan-trained runner played out perfectly.

"He has sort of had a tendency to hit a flat spot in his races, so I rode him right behind the speed and was happy to forego five or six lengths if he did, but he never hit it today that's for sure," Fannin said.

"This was a super run and gives me great confidence heading into the National as he jumped super and when I gave him a squeeze up after the last, he went away on them again.

"I'm keeping pretty fit at home to be ready for a week like this and I'd do anything to ride a good horse like this."

Oulaghan, who will also provide the favourite for the Hospitality New Zealand Canterbury Grand National Hurdles (4200m) next Saturday in Berry The Cash (NZ) (Jakka berry), was pleased what he saw from his charge.

"It was a very business-like run, and he got the job done at



West Coast powering to victory in the Racecourse Hotel & Motor Lodge Grand National Steeplechase (5600m) at Riccarton Park on Saturday. (Race Images South)

the end," he said.

"He travelled well, jumped well and got the good result.

"It's always good to win and that was pretty exciting. We like to bring a few horses down for the National and this race is such a natural lead-up for the big one."

With no disrespect to the other contenders for the Grand National, TAB Bookmakers anticipate a two-horse war between West Coast and the Paul Nelson runner The Cossack, with the pair listed at \$1.60 and \$2.60 respectively on the Fixed Odds market ahead of Captains Run at \$10.

Raced by the Williamson family from Twizel, West Coast took his career record to ten wins from 36 starts, with all wins coming over fences as he has accumulated over \$442,000 in prizemoney. – **LOVERACING.NZ News Desk**

Race	CJC Koral S/chase 4250m
Winner	West Coast (NZ) 2015
Owners	Mrs G T & H A E Williamson, Mrs J M & R M Williamson
Trainer	Mark Oulaghan (Awapuni)
Breeding	by Mettre en Jeu out of Testament by Grosvenor
Breeder	Letham Stud Ltd



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BERRY THE CASH WINS SYDENHAM HURDLES

Berry The Cash (NZ) (Jakkalberry), the hot favourite for the Hospitality New Zealand Canterbury Grand National Hurdles (4200m) next weekend, completed the perfect dress rehearsal for that feature when taking out the Avon City Ford Sydenham Hurdles (3100m) on Saturday, albeit with a healthy dose of racing luck.

The Mark Oulaghan-prepared eight-year-old was shooting for win number six in a row but looked likely to settle for a gallant runner-up finish under his 73kgs topweight when the Paul Nelson-trained Dictation (NZ) (Tavistock) held a clear three-length margin on his rival approaching the last obstacle on the 3100m journey.

Unfortunately, he slightly misjudged his leap and tipped jockey Hamish McNeill out of the saddle leaving Berry The Cash and Portia Matthews to go two better than their third-place finish in the race last year and claim victory from Lord Spencer (NZ) (Zed) and Run Jakko Run (NZ) (Jakkalberry).

Oulaghan, who was pleased with his charge heading into the race, admitted they had had luck on their side to get the result.

"We were pretty lucky today I think, and it was a workmanlike run," Oulaghan said.

"The extra distance will suit him next weekend (in the Grand National Hurdles) and we may just ride him a touch quieter."

Matthews was fulsome in her praise for her mount who had to battle hard on a track that was playing better than

the official Heavy10 reading.

"He does seem to travel well out there, but it probably wasn't quite wet enough for him to show his real ability," she said.

"He feels the weight now and doesn't have the top gear he used to have under lighter weights.

"I'm having to change my riding style a little bit which we will reassess for the Grand National, but I was really happy with the run.

"Before he (Dictation) fell I wasn't sure if I was going to get there but I know my horse has a lot of speed on the flat so I definitely thought I could get there (to first) after the last (fence).

"This will bring him on, and we have a good idea of where he is going into the Grand National."

The victory will not lead to a weight increase for Berry The Cash in the Grand National Hurdle where he is likely to carry 73kgs again. TAB Bookmakers have him a hot \$1.60 favourite for the race ahead of the Paul Nelson pair

of Nedwin (NZ) (Niagara) (\$2.80) and Dictation (\$6).

Raced by a group that includes Oulaghan, Berry The Cash is out of the unraced High Yield mare Likely Story (NZ) with his extended family including a host of American stakes winners including Lure (Danzig) who won the Breeders' Cup Mile (1600m) on two occasions.

He has now won nine of his 30 starts including six over hurdles and in excess of \$264,000 in prizemoney.

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Race	CJC Sydenham Hurdle 3100m
Winner	Berry the Cash (NZ) 2016
Owners	Mrs G T & J H Meyer, T W Mills, M K Oulaghan & R D Southey
Trainer	Mark Oulaghan (Awapuni)
Breeding	by Jakkalberry (IRE) out of Likely Story by High Yield (USA)
Breeder	Ms J P Wills



Berry The Cash on his way to winning the Avon City Ford Sydenham Hurdles (3100m) at Riccarton Park on Saturday. (Race Images South)





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CROCETTI MAKES WINNING START TO NEW CAMPAIGN

Crocetti (NZ) (Zacinto), one of the brightest stars in last season's outstanding three-year-old crop, showed he was back bigger and better after he provided a display of guts and determination to take out Saturday's Alibaba's Flying Carpets Kerikeri Cup (1100m) at Ruakaka.

Taken north by trainers Danny Walker and Arron Tata for a firmer surface to kick off his new campaign, that plan almost came unstuck as steady rain throughout the day saw stewards downgrade the official track rating to a Heavy8 before start time in the feature flat event.

Walker rolled the dice and left the strapping son of Zacinto in the field and he duly obliged under apprentice Triston Moodley in a driving finish with another class galloper in Master Fay (Deep Field), who was also kicking off his latest campaign.

Moodley had Crocetti nicely placed in third

along the rail throughout and elected to stay closer to the rail in the home straight, as the rest of the field swung wide for better going.

Just as he hit the front with 200m to run, Crocetti was challenged by Master Fay who stormed down the outer to join issue as the pair slugged it out to the winning post, where the decision went in the favour of Crocetti by a head at the line.

Walker breathed a sigh of relief after the judge confirmed the placings in a race which is quickly taking centre stage as a major lead-up event to the early spring features with horse like Imperatriz (I Am Invincible) and Dragon Leap (Fastnet Rock) successful in recent years.

"He hated that track as he was dipping and diving in it but he's a tough bugger," Walker said

"Turning for home he (Moodley) was planning to come out to the middle, but they were all there and he would have looked stupid doing it, so he had to take that (inside) run..

"That's why they are good horses but if we got beaten, I would've been happy though I'll never run him on a track like that again.

"He could go to the Tarzino next, but the track would have to be good."



Malt Time winning at Ruakaka on Saturday. (Trish Dunell)

Walker was referring to the first Group One feature of the new racing season, the Gr.1 Tarzino Trophy (1400m) at Hastings on 7 September where his charge sits as the \$3.50 equal Fixed Odds favourite with glamour mare Legarto (NZ) (Proisir).

Out of the O'Reilly mare Gracehill (NZ), a sibling to Group Three winners Killarney and Crosshaven (Smart Missile), Crocetti is the grandson of well performed mare Irish Colleen who numbered the Gr.2 Concorde Handicap (1200m) amongst her seven career victories.

He has now won eight of his nine starts including the Gr.1 New Zealand Two Thousand Guineas (1600m) and over \$795,000 in prizemoney for owner Daniel Nakhle.

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Race	Whangarei RC Kerikeri Cup 1100m
Winner	Crocetti (NZ) 2020
Owners	D E Nakhle
Trainer	Danny Walker & Arron Tata (Byerley Park)
Breeding	by Zacinto (GB) out of Gracehill by O'Reilly
Breeder	D E & E Y Nakhle





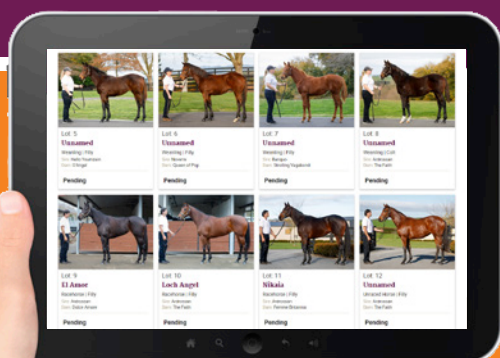
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CHICAGO JACK AND I'M ALL IN DEAD-HEAT SEASON OPENER

The new season of racing in the winterless north at Ruakaka kicked off in fitting style, with a dead-heat in the opening event between promising three-year-olds Chicago Jack (All Too Hard) and **I'm All In (NZ)** (Zoustar).

I'm All In, trained by Stephen Marsh at Cambridge, was the favourite for The Homestead Bar & Bistro (1100m) after producing a win and two placings from his four career starts, while the Steven Cole-trained Chicago Jack started a \$5.50 third-favourite after gaining a placing in the Listed Star Way Stakes (1200m) to close his two-year-old season back in April.

The compact field were in tight quarters early in the sprint event, with debutants Midnight Edition (NZ) (Wrote) and Horrie (NZ) (American Phoaarah) eventually leading the charge into the home turn. In the trailing position, Chicago Jack was briefly held-up at the top of the straight before apprentice Triston Moodley reverted back to the inside rail, while I'm All In was set alight by Sam Spratt down the outside.

The pair drew level at the 100m and neither would lie down, fighting hard all the way to the post, with the judge unable to split them in a photo finish.

Cole, who prepares the son of All Too Hard out of Byerley Park, was pleased to see him performing up to the promise shown in his juvenile preparation.

"We have always thought a lot of him, we started him in a stakes race first-up where things went astray on a wet track, but last-start where he was third at Ellerslie was a good run," he said.

"Anything up to that standard here, you would think he would've been pretty hard to beat.

"He got in a nice spot and just got a bit niggly on the corner, but he got back to the fence and kicked well so it was a good effort.

"We gave him some time to mature and he seems to have come back a better horse, he's switched on now so there should be nice things this season for him."

Marsh was also pleased with the performance of I'm All In, who he trains for the Zoustar gelding's breeders, Cambridge Stud owners Brendan and Jo Lindsay.

"I thought he was really good, he was a bit slow away and Sam said it was a bit of a rough race with a couple of inexperienced horses, so

he never really got a chance to get into his rhythm and relax," Marsh said.

"They've had a fair bit of rain overnight and blustery conditions, and he's probably better on a good track as his last win did come on the synthetic surface.

"It will tidy him up well for two weeks' time."

The race Marsh is referring to is the Gr.3 Cambridge Stud Northland Breeders Stakes (1200m), which will be run at Ruakaka on August 17.

"The extra 100 metres should suit him well, so hopefully they don't get a storm and the track improves," he said.

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Race	Whangarei RC Homestead Sports Bar S. 1100m
Winner	I'm All In (NZ) 2021
Owners	Brendan Lindsay MNZM & Mrs J E A Lindsay
Trainer	Stephen Marsh (Cambridge)
Breeding	by Zoustar (AUS) out of Fuld's Bet (AUS) by I Am Invincible (AUS)
Breeder	B J Lindsay MNZM & Mrs J E A Lindsay

Race	Whangarei RC Homestead Sports Bar S. 1100m
Winner	Chicago Jack (AUS) 2021
Owners	D R Cole & M R Notman
Trainer	Steven Cole (Byerley Park)
Breeding	by All Too Hard (AUS) out of Sawn Off Shotgun (AUS) by More Than Ready (USA)
Breeder	Mr G Harvey



I'm All In (outside) and Chicago Jack couldn't be separated at the post in The Homestead Bar & Bistro (1100m) at Ruakaka. (Therese Davis (Race Images))



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CARTWRIGHT TO **MOVE TO NZ**

Young jockey Matthew Cartwright will move to New Zealand this weekend as he aims to build further momentum in his riding career, with Friday's meeting at Ballarat to be his final one on a Victorian racetrack for some time.

Cartwright will fly across the Tasman Sea on Sunday and cited a lack of opportunities in Victoria as a key reason behind his move.

"I wasn't happy with how I was going as a rider, so my manager (Travis Johnstone) was speaking to a few people in New Zealand, like Brad Taylor, and recommended it could be a good move, at least for the spring and just see how you go," Cartwright explained.

"I didn't really have anything locked in over here to stick around for, so I thought I may as well give it a crack and see what happens."

Cartwright has ridden more than 230 winners in his career to date, including one of Giga Kick's earliest victories, and noted that greater confidence and a regular stream of winners is what he's searching for in his new venture.

"I want to be out there, I want to be consistently riding, I want to be consistently riding winners and then hopefully, that can build on to something else over there," he said.

"They've got a lot of Group One's and big Group opportunities as well, so if I have the luck, I'd love to be riding in those as well." – **racing.com**



Jockey Matthew Cartwright (Racing Photos)