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SANSOM SCORES ANOTHER GROUP THREE WIN



Sansom scores fresh up in the Gr.3 Bletchingly Stakes. (Scott Barbour, Racing Photos)

Jockey Ben Allen and **Sansom (NZ)** (Charm Spirit) continued their remarkable association when they combined for a seventh career win in Saturday's final Group race in Melbourne for the season.

The Gr.3 Bletchingly Stakes (1200m) victory at Caulfield, where he nosed out Group One winner Streets Of Avalon (Magnus), took Allen's record

on the Phillip Stokes-trained galloper to seven wins from 10 rides.

"He's been a very good horse to me," Allen said.

"A big thanks to the Stokes camp for getting me on him. He's starting to mature into a nice horse and I reckon he'll stretch out over a bit of ground.

"I've only sat on him a handful of times, including trialling him, but it's

been a big effort coming into this race off one trial. Phillip's got an uphill track and he seems to have worked him and he finished it off well."

After coming from off the pace, Sansom (\$17) lunged at the right time to beat Streets Of Avalon (\$6.50) by a short half head.

Stokes said that although Sansom's

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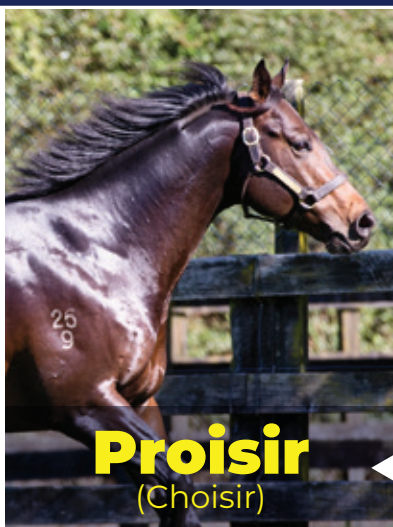


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best form is over shorter trips, he too was considering a step-up to 1600 metres for the winner of more than A\$500,000 in prizemoney.

He praised Allen for his move on finding some cover aboard Sansom which allowed the rising five-year-old the opportunity to switch off.

“We’ve put a lot of time into getting him to relax this time in and obviously Benny knows the horse super,” Stokes said.

“He had to fight him for a bit, but once he got the cover, he knew he’d switch off.

“He did all of his pre-training at my farm, we’ve got an uphill training track there with two inclines and this is the first horse we’ve had race off it, so we’re off to a really good start.

“I thought he was vulnerable today but he’s a good horse and he’s in for a very good prep.

“I’d like to see him stretch out over a bit further in time.

“I think now that he’s got this run under his belt, if we can get him out to a mile, he might be a horse that can get into a Toorak (Handicap) or something like that.”

Bred by Qatar Bloodstock, who have ownership in former Windsor Park shuttle stallion Charm Spirit, Sansom is out of the Fastnet Rock mare Bryony, a sibling to Group One winners Triple Honour (NZ) (Honours List) and Heroic Valour (Fastnet Rock).

-racing.com

Race	MRC Bletchingly Stakes Gr.3 1200m
Winner	Sansom (NZ) 2016
Owners	Mr H P Sambor, Mr J Robinson, Mr R L Bradmore, Mr G J Roberts, Mrs A Stokes, Shadwell Farm Racing, Amazing Eight, League Of Gentleman, Ms E C D Macleod
Trainer	Phillip Stokes (Pakenham)
Breeding	by Charm Spirit (IRE) out of Bryony (AUS) by Fastnet Rock (AUS)
Breeder	Qatar Bloodstock
Sales	2017 National Yearling Sales – Premier Sale; V: The Oaks Stud, P: Mr D C Ellis; \$210,000



*Trainer Phillip Stokes.
(Scott Barbour, Racing Photos)*





ORDER AGAIN SERVES IT UP TO CHALLENGE RIVALS

Order Again (NZ) (Iffraaj) has been rewarded for his consistency with an overdue victory in the Listed Winter Challenge (1500m) at Rosehill on Saturday, continuing Chris Waller’s domination of the feature race.

Waller has now captured six of the past nine runnings and he was rapt to see Order Again finally have some luck this campaign.

“He’s been very consistent without a lot of things going his way. It was a well-timed run and in typical Hugh Bowman style he just got there in time,” Waller said.

“Normally we have to space his races but this time it’s only been 14 days and he spent three or four days at Tim’s (Boland’s) farm to keep him happy and healthy.

“That’s the key to winning races at this time of year, happy horses.

“He’s been running around some decent horses, obviously Bandersnatch last start was a very good win, so he deserves one or two (wins) when they come his way.”

Order Again settled back in the field and stormed home to reel in Ziegfeld (New Approach) by a long head with the

winner’s stablemate Sambro (Fastnet Rock) another length away third.

Jockey Hugh Bowman said Order Again was in at the right time of year but was equally capable of giving some cheek in the early-spring races.

“I think he’s going to start to come against better opposition in the coming months but he’s in good form, he’s fit and ready and those good horses are going to know he’s around if they race against him,” Bowman said.

Waller was successful earlier on the card with another kiwi-bred runner in No Compromise (NZ) (Pins).

No Compromise, a half-brother to multiple Group One winner Tofane (NZ) (Ocean Park), is in great form at present having won three of his five starts since arriving in Australia earlier this year, and placing in the other two.

Bred by Gordon Cunningham, No Compromise was purchased by former trainer Bill Thurlow out of Curraghmore’s 2018 New Zealand Bloodstock Book 1 draft and is raced by Grant and Patricia Thurlow.

-RAS NewsWire, NZ Racing Desk



Race	ATC Winter Challenge L. 1500m
Winner	Order Again (NZ) 2013
Owners	Mr C E J Stewart, Mr C J W Stewart
Trainer	Chris Waller (Rosehill)
Breeding	by Iffraaj (GB) out of Glass Half Full by Van Nistelrooy (USA)
Breeder	Goodwood Stud Ltd, C E J & C J W Stewart

Order Again storms home to claim the Listed Winter Challenge at Rosehill. (www.bradleyphotos.com.au)



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SPECIAL RESULT FOR SHARROCK IN OPUNAKE CUP



Trainer Allan Sharrock (centre) with his brother Bruce and the winner's dress rug for the Listed Powerworx Opunake Cup (1400m) (Race Images - Grant Matthew)

Local trainer Allan Sharrock gained a special result on his home track on Saturday to round out a record-breaking season for his New Plymouth-based stable.

Sharrock prepared the quinella in the Listed Powerworx Opunake Cup (1400m) when rider Sam Weatherley guided race favourite **Justaskme (NZ)** (No Excuse Needed) to victory over gallant mare London Express (NZ)

(Shamexpress) in an exciting finish to the feature event on the day.

Bred and raced by Sharrock in partnership with his brother Bruce, the newly appointed Chief Operating Officer at New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing and former Kiwi rugby league international Tony Kemp, Justaskme overcame being hindered by the riderless Mont Ventoux (NZ) (Nom Du Jeu) early in the home straight to

down his stablemate by two-lengths.

The win was Sharrock's 53rd for the season, the highest tally he has achieved in 33 years of training and his seventh black-type success in the last 12 months.

"That was a pretty special victory, winning a black-type race on your home track," Sharrock said.

"I knew he was pretty spot on for

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SPECIAL RESULT FOR SHARROCK IN OPUNAKE CUP

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the race and in the end, he was quite dominant.

“He did it the hard way as he had to come around them, which not many did today and he has run to the line well.

“We’ve got the Winter Cup next and the mile there will really suit him as that is his pet distance.”

Although a rising six-year-old, Justaskme was only having his 11th raceday start with Sharrock confident there is more to come for him.

“He’s very lightly raced and I think he will make it as a weight-for-age performer,” he said.

“He is a real genuine type and he was pretty effective on better tracks in his first few runs so he is not just a wet-tracker.

“We did the right thing last year and got the mare in foal to Contributor, which looks a good move now.

“I’m also pleased for my brother Bruce and for Kempy, who is laid up on the couch at home with a knee infection, so I hope he didn’t do any damage cheering him home.”

TAB bookmakers reacted swiftly to the win by installing Justaskme as the

\$2.60 Fixed Odds favourite for the Gr.3 Winning Edge Presentations Winter Cup (1600m) at Riccarton on August 7.

Justaskme is the fourth living foal from O’Reilly mare Often (NZ), a daughter of Gr.3 NZ St Leger Stakes (2500m) winner Frequent (NZ) (Mistral Dancer).

Sharrock added another victory to his season’s tally when Penelope Cruise (NZ) (Ocean Park) took out the last race of the day for rider Lisa Allpress who registered a winning treble after earlier

victories aboard the John Wheeler-trained Zeefa Zed (NZ) (Zed) and the Anna Clement-trained Miss Dixie (NZ) (Contributer).

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	TRI Powerworx Opunake Cup L. 1400m
Winner	Justaskme (NZ) 2015
Owners	T Kemp, B R & S A Sharrock
Trainer	Allan Sharrock (New Plymouth)
Breeding	by No Excuse Needed (GB) out of Often by O’Reilly
Breeder	S A Sharrock



A smiling Sam Weatherley brings Justaskme back to the New Plymouth birdcage after taking out the Listed Powerworx Opunake Cup (1400m)(Race Images - Grant Matthew)





CRU CLASSE PREVAILS AT CAULFIELD

Cru Classe (NZ) (Reliable Man) prevailed in the Ciaron Maher Racing Premiership Handicap (2412m) on Saturday in a tooth and nail fight up the Caulfield straight.

Under jockey Dean Yendall's urgings, Cru Classe (\$7) scored a short-half-head win from Dubai Moon (Pride of Dubai) (\$31) with the leader Bow Thruster (Press Statement) (\$101) holding on for third, a further 1-¼ lengths away.

"It was the worst run I ever would've imagined for a 2400-metre race, they just walked," Yendall said.

"Even at the half-mile they got slower again but she travelled lovely the whole way throughout.

"I had the right run for that sort of run race and I was able to bring her to the outside and ask for effort and she got the job done."

Trainer Patrick Payne got extra satisfaction out of the victory, providing the former champion jockey his 18th metropolitan winner and 70th overall for the season.

"That is a huge thrill for me," Payne said.

"My sons, Jordan and Lachlan are in the horse, it's the second horse they've owned, and Josh Xipell, a champion fella who is not in the best of health at the moment, but has been with me since I started.

"He had Field Master with me when I first started training and they're his colours and along with Jack Clapham who sent her over from New Zealand.

"Everyone is high-fiving each other."

Payne is unsure how far Cru Classe will progress, describing her as a "really skinny little thing".

"But she is tough and can stay," Payne said.

"Dean Yendall rode her great. On the corner I thought she was half-a-chance, half-way down the straight I wasn't sure and even right on the line I wasn't sure, but anyway she got the job done."

Later on the card Sacred Palace (NZ) (Sacred Falls) continued his good run of form with a win in the Filter Form Handicap (1200m).

The son of Sacred Falls had a length and three quarters margin on the line from Ashford Street (Moshe) (\$15), a benchmark 58 handicap winner at Casterton earlier in the week, who nosed out The Garden (Shooting To Win) (\$4.20 favourite) for second.



Cru Classe works hard to get the win at Caulfield. (Reg Ryan, Racing Photos)

It was jockey Brett Prebble's third win this week for trainer Lindsay Smith and the 43-year-old was thrilled to pick up the ride.

"I think the horse needed the penny to drop. He probably should have been coming here aiming for three straight," Prebble said.

"He's on an upward climb and I obviously got the benefit today. Dec (Bates) got suspended and I picked up the crumbs. Dec will probably be back on and I'm sure he's going to repay him. He's a horse on the way up.

"He's a really enjoyable ride, he travels strong and give you a lovely kick when you want it."

Cru Classe and Sacred Palace were part of a New Zealand-bred treble at Caulfield on Saturday with Sansom (NZ) (Charm Spirit) winning the Gr.3 Bletchingly Stakes.

-RAS NewsWire, racing.com

Race	MRC Ciaron Maher Racing Premiership 2412m
Winner	Cru Classe (NZ) 2017
Owners	Mr J P Clapham, Dr J M Xipell, Mr A B Jackson, Mr D J Reynolds, Kevnida Racing, Mr W M O'Neil, Mr A P Clifford, Mrs J D Clifford, Mr J O'Brien, Mr R W Reynolds, Mr J P Payne, Mr L P Payne, Mr D A Blackburn, Mr J D Blackburn
Trainer	Patrick Payne (Plumpton)
Breeding	by Reliable Man (GB) out of Cellaring (AUS) by Keeper (AUS)
Breeder	J P Clapham





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ROYALLY BRED FILLY MAKES BELATED DEBUT A WINNING ONE



It Might Be You strides to her maiden victory at Te Rapa (Trish Dunell)

Debutante **It Might Be You (NZ)** (Savabeel) looked to have a bright future ahead of her as she easily won a maiden 1200m event at Te Rapa on Saturday.

Despite being caught wide on the pace throughout, the Mike Moroney and Pam Gerard-trained daughter of Savabeel was handled patiently by rider Danielle Johnson and once asked to extend in the straight quickly gained the ascendency, before cruising to the line nearly four lengths to the good of her nearest rival.

Bred and raced by Waikato Stud's Garry Chittick, It Might Be You was favoured to get her raceday career off to the best possible start after winning a 1050m trial at Taupo earlier in the month, albeit much later in the season than originally expected.

"We had her ready to go when she put her leg through a fence, but it's amazing how they recover," Chittick said.

"Sam McLeish, here on the farm, and Pam have done a bloody good job. And our vet Chris Phillips, but it's just a

time thing and she's been in and out (of work).

"But, if you take away the injury, sometimes the extra time does the horse a lot of good.

"We're likely to poke around and try to win a few races with her through the spring, and maybe consider going to Australia next autumn, if she's up to it.

"It's a very good family that was running a bit short on females. We were always going to retain her, regardless of the injury, especially with what we

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see top mares are making off the track and their commercial breeding appeal, you're better to breed your own."

It Might Be You is out of the stakes-winning Gr.1 Telegraph (1200m) runner-up Tootsie (NZ) (Pins) and is a three-quarter sister to triple Group Two winning stallion Ocean Emperor.

"It's been our policy for a long time at Waikato Stud, trying to hang on to worthwhile fillies," Chittick said.

"We sell good fillies too, obviously, but our policy by and large has been: if we've got a mare we like, we try and keep the first two fillies, so you don't lose the family if something goes wrong.

"After that, we're usually pretty happy to sell because you've got to get money from somewhere.

"We've got Movie (Savabeel) out of Tootsie and now this one, which is about it at present for fillies out of her, directly."

Gerard did have some concerns about the Heavy10 surface on the day after Te Rapa had experienced significant rainfall during the week.

"I was concerned about the track conditions, but her work during the week on a heavy track at Matamata was actually very good," she said.

"She was a little bit legless when trialling on Slow7 at Te Rapa, but that was in May and she's come on a lot since then.

"She's really clicked on and was jumping out of her skin in preparation



Rider Danielle Johnson brought up her 150th winner for the 2020/21 racing season with victory aboard It Might Be You (Trish Dunell)

for racing. Also, there didn't seem to be a lot of options in the next couple of weeks so we were happy enough to line her up.

"Her last two trials had been very good. She's a filly with ability and we are very happy with her progress.

"We wanted to teach her to do things correctly and if she keeps progressing the right way she could end up over in Melbourne, with Mike (Moroney). But she's still in the educational process."

The victory also brought up a special milestone for Johnson as it was

her 150th win for the season, although she soon extended that tally with victory aboard the Emma Davies-trained Gerda (Denman) in race four.

- NZ Racing Desk

Race	WRC Te Rapa Event Centre 3YO 1200
Winner	It Might Be You (NZ) 2017
Owners	G J Chittick
Trainer	Michael Moroney & Pam Gerard (Matamata)
Breeding	by Savabeel (AUS) out of Tootsie by Pins (AUS)
Breeder	G J Chittick



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APPRENTICE COMES UP ACES **AT TE RAPA**

Rookie apprentice Ace Lawson-Carroll completed his first winning ride in fine style when he guided handy winter sprinter **Crystallize (NZ)** (Iffraaj) to a comfortable victory at Te Rapa on Saturday.

The 16-year-old, who weighs just 48kgs, made full use of his 4kg apprentice claim aboard the Danny Walker-trained runner as he set up a steady pace out in front in the open 1500m and defied his six rivals to run him down.

Lawson-Carroll asked his mount for a serious effort shortly after turning for home with Crystallize bounding clear over the closing stages to win by just on four lengths from Diogenes (NZ) (Thewayouare), who chased him gamely all the way down the straight.

Apprenticed to Shaun and Emma Clotworthy at Byerley Park, Lawson-Carroll was having just his fifth raceday ride and looks to have a promising future ahead of him.

“He’s only 16 and been with us on a full-time basis for about a year,” Clotworthy said.

“He started coming out on weekends before deciding to try and make a career out of riding after getting an early release from school.

“He’s from Whakatane originally, although his family live in Papakura now and he had done a little bit of riding on ponies growing up.

“He’s a very nice young bloke with a good head on his shoulders, natural balance and is a good worker.

“He gets a fair bit of tuition from Kelly McCulloch (nee Myers), who comes out to the stable and has worked a lot with him, so I think he has a future in the game for sure.”

Walker was also impressed by the ride after Lawson-Carroll followed instructions to the letter.

“He (Crystallize) is a horse that likes to dominate his opposition, so I thought if he could use his pull in the weights and make them work for it, he

would be a big chance,” Walker said.

“He seems to handle the mud well at Te Rapa and he got through the heavy track well today.

“Ace is a good boy and he did exactly what I asked of him, in what was a top ride.”

While he does hold a nomination for the Gr.3 Winning Edge Presentations Winter Cup (1600m) at Riccarton in a fortnight, Walker was in two minds whether to head south with Crystallize, preferring to let his charge recover from his exertions before making a final decision.

Raced by Walker under his Brookby Stables banner, Crystallize has now won seven of his 26 and over \$128,000 in prizemoney.

– NZ Racing Desk

Race	WRC Super Seth @ Waikato Stud 1500
Winner	Crystallize (NZ) 2015
Owners	Brookby Stables Ltd
Trainer	Danny Walker (Byerley Park)
Breeding	by Iffraaj (GB) out of Crystalina (IRE) by Danehill (USA)
Breeder	L de Souza
Sales	2017 National Yearling Sales – Select Sale; V: Haunui Farm, P: Brookby Stables; \$52,500



Crystallize and Ace-Lawson Carroll are well clear as they approach the winning post at Te Rapa (Trish Dunell)

