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## THE REAL BEEL UPSETS IN CAL ISUZU STAKES



*The Real Beel (pink side winkers) scores a valuable black type victory in the Gr.2 Cal Isuzu Stakes at Te Rapa. (Trish Dunell)*

**U**nderrated mare **The Real Beel (NZ)** (Savabeel) made a winning return from a disappointing Australian spring campaign when she stormed home to take out the Gr.2 Cal Isuzu Stakes (1600m) at Te Rapa.

The pint-sized Savabeel four-year-old had four unplaced runs in Melbourne during September and October for trainer David Brideoake before returning home for owner Garry Chittick.

Returned to the care of her original

mentor Jim Pender, The Real Beel had been taken along quietly before stepping out in public for the first time at the Te Aroha trials eleven days ago where she registered an impressive effort to down top-class sprinter Volpe Veloce (Foxwedge) over 1000m.

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Sporting the Chittick family's famous Waikato Stud colours, The Real Beel was allowed to start at outside odds of \$25 in Saturday's fillies and mare weight-for-age contest and defied her knockers to register an all-important black type victory.

Rider Craig Grylls produced a peach of an effort as he guided The Real Beel into a challenging position nearing the home turn after enjoying a cosy run against the rail in midfield throughout.

Asked for a final effort at the 150m The Real Beel sprinted hard to hit the front before holding out a late charge from Guillada (NZ) (Guillotine) to score by a neck with Pinmedown (NZ) (Pins) closing strongly to take third.

"It's amazing and for Garry to give her back to me, I'm just absolutely rapt," an emotional Pender said.

"She didn't have a lot of luck in Australia.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Matowi gets Randwick win

New Zealand-bred gelding **Matowi (NZ)** (Ocean Park) recorded his fourth career win on Saturday when scoring a narrow victory at Randwick in the ATC Heineken 3 Handicap (1600m).

Matowi was backing up from a luckless run at Rosehill a fortnight ago and trainer Chris Waller decided to add blinkers for Saturday's start with the gear change working a treat.

The four-year-old son of Ocean Park jumped well and travelled mid-field under a patient ride from jockey Glen Boss who made his move at the half-way mark. They hit the lead with less than 200m to go and held off a fast finishing Turnberry (Snitzel) to win by 0.1L.

Bred in partnership by Gary and Jenny Hennessy's Weowna Park and Steve Yan, Matowi was purchased by Waller and bloodstock agent Guy Mulcaster for \$200,000 when offered as a yearling through Seaton Park's 2017 New Zealand Bloodstock Premier Yearling draft.

"She's a funny little girl as I had to change around a few boxes until she was happy and comfortable when she got home.

"My son (Kelly) does all the work on her and when you see the size of him you think gawd.

"He just loves her and she just gets on so well with him."

Although The Real Beel was winning just her second race from 18 starts, Pender was quick to point out she had finished close up in a number of good races including a runner-up finish behind Long Leaf (Fastnet Rock), ridden by James McDonald, in the \$1m Karaka Million 3YO Classic (1600m) at Ellerslie back in January.

"If that James McDonald hadn't have come over, I think we might have won it," Pender said.

"I was just a little bit concerned (today) after she had only had the 1000m trial and going to the mile.

"I believe she is in foal to Tivaci, although I'm not sure, so with her being in foal we need to pick these black type races otherwise she might as well be in the paddock.

"I'll talk to Garry and see if he has a plan and we can work from there."

Bred by Waikato Stud, The Real Beel is a daughter of O'Reilly mare Ahna (NZ) and hails from a blueblood family with her third dam being Group One winner Marquise (NZ) (Gold and Ivory), a daughter of Eight Carat (Pieces of Eight) and a sibling of champion gallopers Octagonal, Kaapstad and Diamond Lover. -NZ Racing Desk

Race	WRC Cal Isuzu Stakes Gr.2 1600m
Winner	<b>The Real Beel (NZ) 2015</b>
Owners	<b>G J Chittick</b>
Trainer	<b>Jim Pender (Tauranga)</b>
Breeding	<b>by Savabeel (AUS) out of Ahna by O'Reilly</b>
Breeder	<b>Waikato Stud Ltd</b>
Sales	<b>2017 National Yearling Sales – Premier Sale; V: Waikato Stud, P: Mr D C Ellis; \$110,000</b>

# JULIUS STRIKES IN FEATURE SPRINT

**G**iant galloper **Julius (NZ)** (Swiss Ace) gave his rivals weight and a beating when he ground out a gutsy victory at Te Rapa on Saturday.

Having just his second start after recovering from a tendon injury that saw him officially retired just over twelve months ago, the John Bell-trained eight-year-old had to call on all his undoubted talents to take out the Gr.3 J Swap Contractors Sprint (1400m) and register his eighth win from just 15 starts.

The Swiss Ace gelding had only been tested once before at a distance further than his pet 1200m journey when winning a rating 65 1400m

contest at his fifth start. Asked to carry 60kgs against a tidy field on Saturday, Julius looked to be making heavy weather of the task as he laboured to get on terms with pacemakers **Donna Anne Billy (NZ)** (Tavistock) and **Tinkalicious (NZ)** (Nadeem) early in the run home after enjoying an economical trip in transit throughout.

Regular rider Jason Waddell asked his charge for a final effort at the 100m with Julius responding as he put in two giant bounds to thrust his head in front where it mattered most and take out an exciting contest.

Bell was swamped by well-wishers in the Te Rapa birdcage, with the

normally loquacious conditioner struggling to find words to describe the result as the emotion of seeing his stable favourite return to the winner's enclosure washed over him.

"A lot of work has gone into this as you know," Bell said.

"A lot of work by Jason and the team, so to have him back is great.

"It was a top win, very good."

Bell had earlier indicated that he would use Saturday's contest as a stepping stone, as he aims Julius at a start in the Gr.1 Sistema Railway (1200m) at Ellerslie on New Year's Day, which had been last year's major

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Julius and Jason Waddell hit the front just short of the winning post at Te Rapa. (Trish Dunell)



# JULIUS STRIKES IN FEATURE SPRINT

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summer target prior to his injury.

Waddell was also feeling the emotions as he described the effort by his mount.

"What a fantastic job they've done to get him back," he said.

"I ride him in work five times a week and he's my best mate.

"He's arrogant to a point where he tows me around the track every morning, but we just love him to bits.

"I reckon he is as sound as he's ever been and I wanted him to get an extra kilo (rehandicap) for the Railway as it makes my job easier.

"He is bang on track."

Bred by Westbury Stud owner Gerry Harvey, Julius is the second foal of Danzero mare Oh So Royal and is the older half-brother of Reliable Man three-year-old Battenburg who finished third in the Gr.1 Spring Champion Stakes (2000m) at Randwick back in October.

Westbury Stud will offer another Reliable Man half-brother to Julius during Book 1 at the 2020 New Zealand Bloodstock National Yearling Sale at Karaka next month.

– NZ Racing Desk

<b>Race</b>	<b>WRC J Swap Contractors Sprint Gr.3 1400m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Julius (NZ) 2011</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>M Balzer MNZM, Miss Summer Bell, G H Davey, W G Harris, R E Hawkins, H R Jones, S P Read, M I Robins and P Smith-Schmidt</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>John Bell (Cambridge)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Swiss Ace (AUS) out of Oh So Royal (AUS) by Danzero (AUS)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>G Harvey</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2013 National Yearling Sales – Select Sale; V: Westbury Stud, P: John Bell Bloodstock &amp; Racing; \$44,000</b>



Julius heads back to the stalls after winning the Gr.3 J Swap Contractors Sprint. (Trish Dunell)



# LOCAL TAKES OUT WAIKATO CUP

Local galloper **Justamaiz (NZ)** (Guillotine) left no excuses for his rivals as he led all the way to capture the day's feature staying contest at Te Rapa, the Gr.3 SKY CITY Hamilton Waikato Cup (2400m).

The free-going Guillotine five-year-old was rated perfectly by rider Sam Spratt who judged her ride to perfection on the David Greene-trained runner who had adopted similar tactics at his last start when successful over the same 2400m distance at Pukekohe.

Spratt took control of the contest as she jumped Justamaiz away nicely from an outside barrier to dispute the early lead with Masetto (NZ) (Cape Blanco) before taking over in front with 2000m to run.

Allowed to dictate the terms, Spratt had her foot off and on the accelerator throughout and it was obvious at the 600m mark that Justamaiz was going to be hard to catch.

Masetto, who had enjoyed the trail throughout, got the closest but was still two lengths in arrears at the winning post with New Plymouth visitor Dezella (NZ) (Zed) finishing off strongly to take third.

Greene, who had made a pledge to his father that they would win the Cup this year after Justamaiz had finished second twelve months earlier in a minor race on the card, cut a relieved figure after the race.

"Once he gets into autopilot like that, he just strings furlongs together," Greene said.

"That is what Sam does so well and with a bit of a kick on the way home, he's a pretty good stayer, I think.

"He's going great and keeps improving and we think he can get two miles as well, so hopefully he can keep kicking on from here."

Greene will now set his sights on the Gr.3 SKYCITY City Of Auckland (2400m) Cup at Ellerslie on New Year's Day although he does

*Justamaiz and a jubilant Sam Spratt return to the Te Rapa birdcage. (Trish Dunell)*

hold some reservations about the event.

"We'll go to the City Of Auckland Cup but we seem to go terribly every time we go to Ellerslie," he said.

"We'll try again and then we'll either go to the Wellington Cup (Gr.3, 3200m) or have a freshen up before the Herbie Dyke Stakes (Gr.1, 2000m) and then the Auckland Cup (Gr.1, 3200m).

Bred by the Greene family under their Greene Thoroughbreds Ltd. banner, Justamaiz has now won six of his 21 starts for the family who race him in conjunction with Jack & Sue Thorburn and Quentin Maisey. – NZ Racing Desk

Race	WRC Sky City Hamilton Waikato Cup Gr.3 2400m
Winner	<b>Justamaiz (NZ) 2014</b>
Owners	<b>Greene Thoroughbreds Ltd, Jack and Sue Thorburn and Quentin Maisey</b>
Trainer	<b>David Greene (Te Rapa)</b>
Breeding	<b>by Guillotine out of Arthena by Desert Sun (GB)</b>
Breeder	<b>Greene Thoroughbreds Ltd</b>





# LILIKOI RACES AWAY WITH EULOGY STAKES

Matamata visitor **Lilikoi (NZ)** (Charm Spirit) showed she was on track for further age-group riches this summer with a comprehensive victory in Saturday's Gr.3 **Lawnmaster Eulogy Stakes** (1600m) at Awapuni.

The Sir Peter Vela-bred and raced Charm Spirit filly thrived on the step up to 1600m as she dashed away from her three-year-old rivals over the concluding stages to register a comfortable two length victory.

Settled in a perfect trailing position by rider Rosie Myers, the Jamie Richards-trained runner bounded to the front at the top of the Awapuni straight and never looked like being headed as she downed Manchu (Redoute's Choice), Showbeel (NZ) (Savabeel) and race favourite Aalaalune (NZ) (Reliable Man) to register her second career success.

Race	MRC Lawnmaster Eulogy Stakes Gr.3 1600m
Winner	Lilikoi (NZ) 2016
Owners	Sir Peter Vela
Trainer	Jamie Richards (Matamata)
Breeding	by Charm Spirit (IRE) out of Barbadine (USA) by Giant's Causeway (USA)
Breeder	Pencarrow Thoroughbreds Ltd



Richards, who was at Te Rapa for Waikato Cup Day, was thrilled to see the filly win in such dominant fashion after planning a raid on the event with Vela's racing manager Gary Cossey.

"That was fantastic to see her win like that for Sir Peter and the result of a plan we put together after she had won her maiden race at Taupo back in September," Richards said.

"When she won that day, Gary Cossey and I had a good chat and he was keen to set her for the race today.

"This one is a leg of the New Zealand Bloodstock Filly of the Year series, which is an ideal series to target as it lets the fillies compete against their own sex in some very nice races.

"It's good to see a plan come together as she is a filly with a lovely turn of foot, who looks like she will be suited as she gets up over a trip."

Richards was also delighted with the ride by Rosie Myers who had the filly expertly positioned throughout in a race that was run at a muddling pace in the initial stages.

"It was a lovely ride and she (Myers) had her in the right spot to attack at the right time," he said.

"We won't be making any decisions about where she goes next until she has had some time to get over this one but she

does hold a nomination for the New Zealand Oaks (Gr.1, 2400m), so that will be in our thinking going forward."

Lilikoi is a daughter of imported Giant's Causeway mare Barbadine, who won twice in Ireland before making her way to New Zealand, after being purchased by Vela, where she won over 2300m at Otaki.

Pencarrow Stud will offer a Vadamos half-brother to Lilikoi during Book 1 at the New Zealand National Yearling Sale at Karaka later next month.

-NZ Racing Desk

*Lilikoi is out on her own as she races to victory at Awapuni. (Race Images - Grant Matthew)*



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# DEFIBRILLATE ADDS ANOTHER WIN TO HIS TALLY



Defibrillate on his way to winning at Flemington on Saturday. (Colin Bull)

**D**efibrillate (NZ) (Shocking) continued his successful Australian career with a win at Flemington on Saturday.

A winner of two races in New Zealand from the stable of co-owner Graeme Richardson, Defibrillate made his Australian debut in October for Victorian trainer Patrick Payne, winning his first two starts before finishing runner-up at Ballarat last month.

The five-year-old gelding was back in the winner's circle on Saturday after delivering a strong finish under regular rider Billy Egan to claim the Summer

on the Roof Garden Handicap (2530m).

"He is definitely going to make a class stayer," Egan said. "He is improving with each run and I think this is just the tip of the iceberg and he has a long way to go."

"He is still very raw and only had seven starts."

"It is certainly mentally (where he can develop more) and I think he can develop physically into a stronger horse."

"I don't think they will rush him anywhere they will just let him win his way through the grades."

The win took Defibrillate's record

to five wins from seven starts and his earnings over the A\$163,000 mark.

Later in the day fellow New Zealand-bred gelding **Bumper Blast (NZ)** (Ocean Park) produced a devastating finish to grab victory in the final stride of the Lounge Trophy (1400m).

The four-year-old gelding was having his fifth career start and brought up his third win after flying down the outside of the field to get his nose in front of River Jewel (Snitzel) on the line.

"I was very happy to get the win,"

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said jockey Damien Oliver. "I didn't think I was going to get there at the 200m and I got stuck into him and he responded really well."

"He is a nice, promising horse that probably appreciated getting back to the 1400m today."

Bred by Brendan and Jo Lindsay, Bumper Blast is the first foal from Bucklebury (NZ) (More Than Ready), a daughter of the Lindsay's top broodmare J'Adane (Danehill).

He was purchased as a weanling by Hallmark Stud at Karaka when offered by Cambria Park before returning to

the New Zealand Bloodstock auction ring as a yearling. He was knocked down to Price Bloodstock for \$48,000. Saturday's win took Bumper Blast's winnings to over \$162,000.

-NZ Racing Desk

<b>Race</b>	<b>VRC Summer on the Roof Garden Handicap 2530m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Defibrillate (NZ) 2014</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>G N Richardson, Shock And Go (Mgr: G McIntee)</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Patrick Payne (Plumpton)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Shocking (AUS) out of Our Chickaroonee by Groom Dancer (USA)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>McIntee Family Syndicate &amp; G N Richardson</b>

<b>Race</b>	<b>VRC The Lounge Trophy 1400m</b>
<b>Winner</b>	<b>Bumper Blast (NZ) 2015</b>
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Price Bloodstock Management Ltd (Mgr: Ms J G Chapman)</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Robert Hickmott (Caulfield)</b>
<b>Breeding</b>	<b>by Ocean Park out of Bucklebury by More Than Ready (USA)</b>
<b>Breeder</b>	<b>B J &amp; Mrs J E A Lindsay</b>
<b>Sales</b>	<b>2016 National Broodmare, Weanling &amp; Mixed Bloodstock Sale; V: Cambria Park, P: Hallmark Stud; \$65,000 – 2017 National Yearling Sales – Select Sale; V: Hallmark Stud, P: Price Bloodstock; \$48,000</b>



Bumper Blast (grey) digs deep to get the win at Flemington. (Colin Bull)

