

**ULURU BREAKS THROUGH, UPPED IN TRIP TO CLAIM INITIAL STAKES WIN  
ZOFFANY 4YO FILLY RELISHES STEP UP TO 12 ½ FURLONGS AT LIMERICK  
JOSEPH O'BRIEN MAKES RIGHT CALL TO RACE FILLY OVER "GOOD" GRASS**



*Uluru had never raced beyond 10 furlongs until Saturday. Twice she went 10 furlongs, finishing second in a Group 3 and third in a Listed race in a pair of black-type contest last season in France. She won today going 12 ½ furlongs.*

Trainer Joseph O'Brien was convinced before the Martin Molony Stakes that Uluru, who generally prefers some cut in the ground, would enjoy the step up in trip and he very obviously was prepared to run her over much firmer ground if necessary, as her last workout knocked his socks off. Had he been asked if he were willing to take the gamble and race the filly on solid ground over an extended trip, Barry Irwin would have demurred. Fortunately, O'Brien held out for running and, as it turned out, for very good reason. The filly is in career best form.

With an advantageous rail draw on the tricky, winding course at Limerick, Uluru might have been expected to seek the shortest way home and race close up or even make the pace. However, much to the relief of her racing partners, Uluru was reined in after a good break by veteran jockey Chris Hayes and taken back.

Uluru enjoyed a rather uneventful trip until the field went into the final bend, at which point a rival floated out the Team Valor colorbearer, forcing her wide and causing her to lose momentum. Once in the stretch, Uluru had a few rivals to pick off and quite a bit of real estate to reel in. Hayes, however, felt he had plenty of horse underneath him. He balanced her and set her alight. Once she reached full gear, it was obvious the race was in the bag for her first black-type win.



*Winning jockey Chris Hayes with the elegant winner Uluru, which was up on the line by 1 ¼ lengths for her initial black-type victory on Saturday.*

The elegant bay filly blew past her stablemate that had just finished second the week before in the Group 3 Munster Oaks and then easily held her safe while she tried to mount a second challenge. Winning margin was 1 ¼ lengths.

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The lightly raced filly in 11 career outings boasts a record of 2-1-3 for earnings of \$100,362. She now has a Listed win, a Group 3 second in France and a Listed third in France.

The daughter of Zoffany earned a 102 *Timeform* rating.