

Bowman confident Calculated has Group 1 potential

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This was the rap Hugh Bowman gave Calculated after his impressive first-up win at Canterbury on Wednesday. The two-year-old So You Think colt was smashed in betting and held off a late charge from Brave Song to win the TAB Handicap (1200m).



Calculated, a son of So You Think, scored an impressive win at Canterbury on Wednesday.

“He has certainly got what it takes and it would be nice to see him keep developing,” Bowman said. “He is still immature ... and he is certainly a three-year-old type, as his father was, and his father won the Cox Plate as a three-year-old as we all know.

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Trainer Chris Waller also predicted a bright future for the Star Thoroughbreds colt and feels he will be better over a mile later on.

“When you give him a chance to be a horse I think he will really settle down and go to the next level,” Waller said.

Calculated was the first leg of a treble for Bowman who closed the gap on premiership leader Brenton Avdulla to 3.5 wins with seven meetings to go in the season.

Avdulla rode Torpenhow to victory in the last race before he was suspended for five meetings, including two metro meetings, for careless riding aboard Chatuchak in race four.

Avdulla will ride at Warwick Farm on Saturday before starting his suspension.

Josh Parr also snared a treble on Long Time Ago, Tennessee Tango and Life O, Brien.



Hugh Bowman was full of praise for Calculated after his win.