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Savabeel – Eudora Colt
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Pride, passion and excitement are exuding from the Waikato Stud barn at Karaka this week ahead of New Zealand Bloodstock's revamped National Yearling Sales Series which commences on Sunday evening.



BELOW / Sacred Falls

An army of 50 staff from Waikato stud are on-site at Karaka this week parading the stud's 80-strong Book 1 draft for potential buyers and Waikato Stud principal Mark Chittick is excited about the sale's new structure.

"I'm looking forward to the new concept – it should work well," he said. "The longer we can keep the Australians, and in fact all international buyers, here and being able to put more horses in front of them should be a huge benefit to everyone.

"I stand to be corrected, but it's probably the biggest draft any farm has in a single sale in the southern hemisphere this summer."

Leading the stud's draft will be progeny of all-conquering sire Savabeel, who will be represented by 35 yearlings. He will get solid backing from fellow

Waikato Stud sires Ocean Park, Pins, Rock 'n' Pop and the much awaited first-season debutant Sacred Falls.

Mark is especially excited to present the first yearlings by the son of O'Reilly.

"There's no doubt there's added excitement around Sacred Falls," he said. "We bred him, sold him as a yearling and then bought back into him at the end of his racing career.

"It's been a real homecoming with him returning to the farm and going into O'Reilly's box and we couldn't be happier with the horses he is leaving.

"They are exactly what he was as a yearling, great movers with beautiful walks and good temperaments – they are everything we could ever hope for as breeders.

"We took a couple to the recent Magic



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Millions sale to give buyers a taste of what he had to offer and the feedback was massive."

Mark is buoyed by the strong results at the Gold Coast Yearling Sale as well as the continued success of New Zealand-breds on the track.

"This is a massive part of our year and all the signs are there," he said. "Magic Millions was huge, more importantly New Zealand horses have had another fantastic year and we've got genuine depth in our stallion ranks."

Next week is the culmination of several years of work for the farm and Mark is

proud of the quality of yearlings that the farm will put through the sales ring.

"It's hard to believe that it was three years ago that we sat down and planned the matings for these youngsters and to see each individual develop into an outstanding and promising athlete is so rewarding for us," Mark said.

"Feeling a real sense of pride is inevitable as each and every one of these home-breds carries the Waikato Stud brand and stems from family lines that we here at Waikato Stud are so very proud of."



BELOW / Savabeel



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WAIKATO STUD BOOK 1 HIGHLIGHTS

Among Waikato Stud's consignment is a colt, Lot 265, who is a half-brother to the four-time Group One winner Sacred Falls.

A son of Sacred Falls and Group Two winner Do Ra Mi, Lot 167 is a three-quarter brother to promising stakes placed galloper Hanger and is great representation of the quality Sacred Falls is stamping his stock with.

Lot 263, is out of the Group One Makfi Challenge Stakes winner I Do and is sure to have an army of admirers and Lot 237 (Savabeel – Gracie Rose colt) is from the same family.

A son of Savabeel, Lot 336, and the dual Group One winner Legs is yet another home-bred blueblood. The value of Lot 190 can significantly be boosted if his sister Savvy Coup wins Saturday's \$1 million Karaka 3 year old Classic.

Lot 163 will be in demand as a brother to the Group One Spring Classic winner Costume and Lot 108 is a colt closely related to the multiple Group winner Coldplay.

Among the fillies, Lot 487 is a daughter of Savabeel out of a sister to the three-time Group One winner Daffodil and another potential headline act is Lot 231 who is out of the stakes-winning Pins mare Glad with the unbeaten champion Black Caviar featuring on her pedigree page.

Lot 285 is a half-sister by Savabeel to the Group One Queensland Oaks winner Miss Keepsake and Lot 492 is



a daughter of Ocean Park and a full sister to promising galloper Pretty To Sea and a half-sister to Stakes winner Bonny O'Reilly. Her well-related dam Pretty is a half-sister to dual Group One winners Glamour Puss and Vision and Power.



ABOVE (TOP) / Lot 108
Savabeel - Chilled Out colt



ABOVE (BELOW) / Lot 167
Sacred Falls - Do Ra Mi Colt

WS 3YO GRADUATES A PROMINENT FEATURE IN KARAKA THREE-YEAR-OLD MILE

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Waikato Stud home-breds and progeny of our stallions feature among the leading hopes for both the Karaka Million and the Karaka 3YO Classic at Ellerslie on Saturday.

SAVVY COUP

SAVABEEL – EUDORA FILLY



BELOW / Lot 190
Savabeel – Eudora colt

Savvy Coup has been a revelation this season for Riccarton trainers Michael and Matthew Pitman.

She raced only once as a two-year-old, but by New Zealand Cup carnival time she was blooming and two easy wins at the meeting stamped her as a black type winner in waiting. She finished runner-up at Trentham at her next appearance before delivering on her promise with a defeat of the multiple stakes winner and Group One performer Dijon Bleu in the Group Three Eulogy Stakes at Awapuni. Savvy Coup then stepped up to the big time, again at Trentham, when she was narrowly beaten into third place in the Group One Levin Classic. Her trainers will set her on a path to the Group One New Zealand Oaks after the Karaka Million 3-year-old Classic.

The talented daughter of Savabeel was a \$65,000 Karaka purchase in 2016 and on Monday her brother (Lot 190) will be offered at the Book 1 Sale by Waikato Stud. The dam Eudora is an unraced Pins mare who is a sister to the Group Two One Thousand Guineas Prelude winner Legless Veuve and Tootsie, the winner of the Group Three Mannerism Stakes. Tootsie is also the dam of the Waikato Stud-bred and sold Group Two Tauranga Stakes winner Ocean Emperor.



LEFT / Savvy Coup

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EMBELLISH

SAVABEEL – BLING COLT

Savabeel's son showed his star qualities at Riccarton when he won the Group One New Zealand 2000 Guineas at Riccarton.

In one subsequent appearance, he finished fourth at Ellerslie on Boxing Day and trainers Stephen Autridge and Jamie Richards report him much improved for that outing. Embellish finished runner-up in his only start as a juvenile and began this season with victories at Ruakaka and at Trentham against the older horses ahead of his classic success.

Embellish was purchased out of Waikato Stud's 2016 draft by Te Akau principal David Ellis for \$775,000. The colt is a brother to the Group One New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders'



Stakes winner Diademe, with their dam out of the unraced O'Reilly mare Bling, who is a sister to the mother

of the multiple Group One-winning sprinter Sacred Star.

HASAHALO

SAVABEEL – HALLOWEEN FILLY



On good footing, Hasahalo has displayed outstanding qualities as evidenced by the daughter of Savabeel's runaway victory in the Group One New Zealand 1000 Guineas at Riccarton.

Trained by Stephen McKee, the filly was a leading two-year-old from last season when she won the Group Three Eclipse Stakes at Ellerslie and powered home to finish runner-up in the Karaka Million. She was a \$110,000 Karaka purchase for Go Racing from WS's 2016 draft.

Hasahalo is out of the Encosta De Lago mare Halloween, who is a half-sister to the dam of the Group Two winner and Group One Australian performer Savvy Nature.

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SCREAM PARK

OCEAN PARK – CASSATA COLT

One of a host of individual three-year-old winners for Waikato Stud resident Ocean Park, Scream Park has made a good impression during a light career for the champion Sydney trainer Chris Waller.

Fifth on debut last term, he was put aside and after a resuming third he won his next two starts at Warwick Farm. Earlier this month he ran fourth at Randwick and then trialled ahead of his return to New Zealand for Saturday's feature. Bred by Kevin and Julie Taylor of Koru Thoroughbreds, Scream Park is out of the Viking Ruler mare Cassata, a half-sister to the Group 2 Auckland Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes winner Viennetta, in turn the dam of the stakes-winning sprinter Golden Archer.



MARCELLINA

SAVABEEL – DANEX FILLY



Lightly tried Baker/Forsman trained filly Marcellina was Group placed at her last outing on New Year's Day in the Group Three ARC Royal Stakes at Ellerslie.

A \$150,000 purchase from Milan Park's 2016 yearling draft, Marcellina was purchased by Bruce Perry on behalf of owner Lib Petagna.

Marcellina is a daughter of Savabeel and Stakes placed Danasinga mare Danex. Extremely well-related, she is a half-sister to Group winner Amexed and a full-sister to Stakes placed Savabeel gelding Digital Fortress.

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SWORD OF OSMAN

SAVABEEL – BUNYAH

This son of Savabeel has only been to the races once, but he made a lasting impression.

The Stephen Autridge and Jamie Richards-trained gelding trekked south to Awapuni before Christmas to make his debut and he romped home to earn his spot in the Karaka Million.

A \$165,000 Karaka purchase out of Trelawney Stud's draft for Te Akau principal David Ellis, Sword Of Osman is out of the Irish-bred mare Bunyah, a daughter of the Mr Prospector horse Distant View, and the family of the Group One Queensland Oaks winner Zagalia.



THE REAL BEEL

SAVABEEL – AHNA FILLY

The daughter of Savabeel also headed south from Matamata to make her debut and the trip to New Plymouth proved worthwhile with a strong front-running display to win at the first time of asking.

Prepared by Stephen Autridge and Jamie Richards, she is a Waikato Stud home-bred who was snapped up by Te Akau chief David Ellis during last year's Premier Sale at Karaka for \$110,000.

The Real Beel is out of the O'Reilly mare Ahna who hails from the legendary Eight Carat family.



GALLERY

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ABOVE (TOP) / Handler Jay Peard shares a quiet moment with a yearling before the parade



ABOVE (BELOW) / Andrew Jarvis scores himself a WS hat

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RIGHT / WS
entertainment
area O'Reilly's



LEFT / Lot 264
Ocean Park - Iffy colt

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

LADYNADEL

Savabeel – Nadel Dame
Group Three Mr Tiz Trophy, 1200m
Ellerslie, 4:41pm

FERRANDO

Fast n' Famous – Rio Nugget
Group Three Concorde Handicap, 1200m
Ellerslie, 5:16pm

SYMPHONIC

O'Reilly – Chorus
Group Three City of Auckland Cup, 2400m
Ellerslie, 5:56pm

EMBELLISH

Savabeel – Bling
Listed Karaka Million 3YO Classic, 1600m
Ellerslie, 6:36pm

SCREAM PARK

Ocean Park – Cassata
Listed Karaka Million 3YO Classic, 1600m
Ellerslie, 6:36pm

SAVVY COUP

Savabeel – Eudora
Listed Karaka Million 3YO Classic, 1600m
Ellerslie, 6:36pm

HASAHALO

Savabeel – Halloween
Listed Karaka Million 3YO Classic, 1600m
Ellerslie, 6:36pm

MARCELLINA

Savabeel – Danex
Listed Karaka Million 3YO Classic, 1600m
Ellerslie, 6:36pm

COLDPLAY

Savabeel – Forty Two Below
Group 2 Westbury Classic, 1400m
Ellerslie, 7:16pm

PRINCESS KERERU

Pins – Fleur d'Amour
Group 2 Westbury Classic, 1400m
Ellerslie, 7:16pm

TORGERSEN

Pins – Oh so Glam
Listed Sunshine Coast Cup, 1400m
Sunshine Coast, 7:47 (NZT)

SWORD OF OSMAN

Savabeel – Bunyah
Listed Karaka Million 2YO, 1200m
Ellerslie, 7:51pm

THE REAL BEEL

Savabeel – Ahna
Listed Karaka Million 2YO, 1200m
Ellerslie, 7:51pm

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KARAKA CLOSES IN

Karaka 2018 is drawing closer and Waikato Stud couldn't be more excited about the prospect of offering 80 impeccably bred yearlings to the market

