

Weekend @ Waikato

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COLDPLAY

Provides Savabeel with his 14th stakes winner this season

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COLDPLAY WINNING THE GROUP 2 RICH HILL MILE (FAR RIGHT)

Coldplay runs hot in feature mile

WS CELEBRATED A NEW YEAR'S DAY VICTORY IN THE GR.2 RICH HILL MILE (1600M) AT ELLERSLIE, DESPITE WITHDRAWING THE FAVOURITE.

WS scratched the exciting Love Affair from the New Year's Day feature when the track was downgraded to a Slow 7, but Savabeel's other daughter Coldplay handled the conditions to triumph.

"We weren't prepared to risk the other mare, it's a bit of a lottery out there so that performance was extremely brave," Garry Chittick said. Coldplay did indeed do them proud after sitting on the outside of the leader and showing grim determination down the straight for the sixth win of her 18-start career. She is now likely to head to Trentham for the Gr.1 Thorndon Mile.

"She bounced out well and put herself in the race and just kept on giving," rider Johnathan Parkes said. "We were lucky we had an outside draw and could keep out in the better footing.

Coldplay is raced by Chittick and Gary Wallace, who bred the mare, and she is out of the winning O'Reilly mare Forty Two Below. It is the family of the stakes winner and Group One performer The Big Chill.

A close relative of Coldplay will feature in WS's Book 1 Sale draft at Karaka later this month. The Savabeel colt (Lot 108) is a brother to Savacool, a \$220,000 purchase for Chris Waller in 2016 who won for the second time in her career at Randwick on New Year's day.

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Jonathan Parkes, Jockey



LOT 108

4-time Group winner Coldplay is closely related to Lot 108 (Savabeel - Chilled Out Colt) which will be offered on Monday January 29th from the Book 1 New Zealand Bloodstock catalogue. [CLICK HERE](#) to view pedigree.



SWORD OF OSMAN

Savabeel's son puts rivals to sword

A YOUNGSTER BOUGHT WITH A STAYING CAREER IN MIND IS IN CONTENTION FOR A MASSIVE JUVENILE PAY DAY. SWORD OF OSMAN DISTANCED HIS RIVALS ON DEBUT IN THE NZ BAKELS 2YO PREMIER (1100M) AT AWAPUNI ON DECEMBER 23RD TO PUT HIMSELF RIGHT IN THE FRAME FOR THIS MONTH'S KARAKA MILLION (1200M).

The Savabeel gelding made the running and coasted clear in the run to the post to win untouched by three lengths. "He could be racing for \$1 million in a month after he was bought as a staying three-year-old," said Jamie Richards, who trains Sword Of Osman with Stephen Autridge. "Anything he has done today he will improve on – he could be something special.

At Awapuni, Sword Of Osman was making his first public appearance after impressing at home. "He's a lovely horse and the Savabeels are all the go," Richards said. "Unfortunately, it went from being pretty wet to firm and we didn't want to trial him on a hard track," Richards said. "He had impressed Opie (Bosson) in jump-outs though."



SWORD OF OSMAN

With Bosson in action at Te Rapa, Michael McNab had the ride and he had the easiest of times aboard Sword Of Osman. "He's a machine," he said. "Opie's had a rap on him for about a month now. I galloped him one morning during the week and it was like Melody Belle all over again."



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Chris Waller, Trainer

Ocean Park colt remaining in Ellerslie contention

THE CHRIS WALLER-TRAINED THREE-YEAR-OLD SCREAM PARK TACKLES THE ATC OWNERS BENEFIT CARD HANDICAP (1400M) AT RANDWICK ON SATURDAY IN HIS FINAL LEAD-UP TO THE KARAKA MILLION 3YO CLASSIC (1600M) AT ELLERSLIE IN AUCKLAND ON JANUARY 27.

The son of Ocean Park, purchased at the 2016 New Zealand Bloodstock Premier Yearling Sale for \$185,000, has won his last two starts at Warwick Farm over 1400m and a mile respectively.

“Coming back in distance is the big query,” Waller said.

“We want to switch him off and get him to relax because in three weeks’ time he’s likely to head to New Zealand for a million-dollar race.

“His maiden win was on a wet track and he drifted out wide, today he struck a three-horse field,” Waller said. “We do think he’s got a lot of ability, it’s just hard to measure against a small field and wet tracks.”



SCREAM PARK

“He will get a true test here. We’d like to ride him a bit more conservatively from the outside gate and get in behind a few if we can.”

Hugh Bowman will partner Scream Park on Saturday in the A\$100,000 contest for which he is a \$3.20 favourite in the early market.



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from Gr.2 winner Do Ra Mi



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from well-related 4-time winner Fancy Dress



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LOT 584 BROWN COLT
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PEDIGREE POINTERS WITH GARETH DOWNEY

Ocean Park - the emerging talent

The progeny of Ocean Park have been gaining a lot of positive comment from industry participants lately – and rightly so. Since 15th December, his progeny have started 16 times, with 6 of these being winners. This has contributed to the overall strike rate of his progeny, which is now sitting at a win for every 5.5 starts. This is an excellent indicator for stallions that are going to develop into top class sires, as it shows the ability, consistency, and will-to-win that their progeny have.

As a point of comparison against other high class sires, the runs per win figures at the same stage of their careers for classic-oriented stallions such as Savabeel, Zabeel and Sir Tristram at the same stage were 12.1, 8.5 and 10.0 respectively. Other leading sires noted for leaving more precocious speed horses, such as Exceed and Excel, Not A Single Doubt, Snitzel and Written Tycoon were running at 7.7, 5.8, 6.0 and 5.8 respectively. So, it is clear that the Ocean Park progeny are laying an excellent foundation as a platform for future success.

Some of the highlight performers among Ocean Park's 15 individual winners to date have included.

- **Ocean Jewel** – Has won 4 of her 7 starts, including the Listed Placid Ark Stakes
- **Ocean's Fourteen** – From just 4 starts, won once and was a very close 2nd in the Listed Geelong Classic
- **Tezlah** – Has won 3 of his 5 starts, including 1 at Moonee Valley and another in a \$150K VOBIS Gold race at Ballarat
- **Scream Park** – Has won 2 of his 4 starts, with both wins coming at Warwick Farm
- **Seaway** – Has won 2 of his 3 starts, with both wins coming in Sydney at Canterbury
- **Ocean Deep** – Unbeaten to date in 2 starts, with her last win coming at Sandown
- **Mongolianconqueror** – Has won 2 of his 4 starts to date
- **Rondinella** – Broke her maiden at her 2nd start in such impressive fashion that it has been one of the most talked about maiden wins of the Summer racing season



In terms of looking for pedigree patterns showing the lines that Ocean Park is clicking best with, there are 3 main patterns emerging so far:

Mares carrying Danzig

- This pattern is running at a win for every 4.5 starts, and has already included Ocean Jewel, Ocean's Fourteen, Tezlah, Scream Park, Mongolianconqueror, Beerzatbernz, Raheeb, Dramatic Moments, Anevay and Rip Girl
- The pedigree highlights of this combination include reinforcement of Selene, as well as sex-balanced duplications of Hyperion (Selene's most influential son) and of both Mahmoud and Fair Trial – with these 2 stallions being powerful members of the Lady Josephine family

Mares carrying Storm Cat

- This pattern is running at a win for every 3.0 starts, and has already produced Ocean's Fourteen, Seaway and Dramatic Moments
- The pedigree highlights of this combination are similar and include reinforcement of the star mares Somethingroyal and Selene, as well as sex-balanced duplications of the sires Hyperion, Nasrullah and Mahmoud

Mares carrying Last Tycoon

- This pattern is running at a win for every 2.5 starts, with the winners so far being Ocean Deep, Rondinella and Ocean Express
- The pedigree highlights of this combination are primarily the very powerful duplication of the dominant mare Best In Show, while being further supported by reinforcement of the mares Selene and Nogara – and again the sex-balanced duplications of the stallions Hyperion, Nasrullah and Mahmoud

With the foundation that has been laid by the progeny of Ocean Park already, the future is looking very exciting for this 5-time Gr.1 winner and Cox Plate champion. It looks like buyers will do well to pay close attention to his progeny at the upcoming yearling sales series.



2017 was a year with its fair share of highlights and I couldn't be more thrilled with how 2018 has kicked off. Coldplay added a fourth Group race to her ever growing resume when winning the Gr.2 Rich Hill Mile on New Year's day at Ellerslie and in doing so provided Savabeel with his 14th Stakes winner for the season.

We're on the home stretch towards Karaka and we're thoroughly enjoying catching up with the many visitors we have had to the farm to see our exceptional draft of yearlings.

Our Gold Coast Magic Millions draft comprising of 7 yearlings are selling next week and as you can see by the photos and videos above, Sledmere have done an excellent job at preparing them for the sale. We're heading over on Sunday and hope to see some of you over there inspecting them for yourselves!

Mark

GARRY'S CORNER



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