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The beautiful landscape
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ROCK 'N' POP FILLY ON GROUP ONE PATH

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Waikato Stud filly Gold Spice overcame testing conditions at Pukekohe Park on Sunday afternoon to remain in Group One contention.



BELOW / Gold Spice

The daughter of resident sire Rock 'N' Pop opened her account at her third appearance with black type racing now confirmed for her immediate future.

Trainers Graeme Richardson and Gavin Parker were unsure of her chances on a heavy track but were forced to start with bigger prizes in mind. Under jockey Michael Coleman, Gold Spice broke her maiden with a touch of quality.

"We really like this filly and she's on a path to the New Zealand Oaks so we had to run her," Parker said. "She was floundering and slipping, but she's got a bit of class. We'll possibly look at the Sunline Vase on Derby Day at Ellerslie and that will give her two weeks into Wellington."

Gold Spice was being niggled at by rider Michel Coleman 800 metres from home, but once they got to the outside fence she quickly put the issue beyond doubt. "She was dipping and diving in the ground before we got to the good strip of ground and she lengthened out," Coleman said.

Bred and raced by Mary Chittick, Gold Spice is out of the O'Reilly mare Zoe Spice who won five races. She is a daughter of the Group Three Lowland Stakes winner Sahryhs and this is the family of the Listed Levin Stakes winner Tomorrowland.



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RIDER HORSE HOLDS STRONG HAND IN DERBY

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The Inner Mongolia Rider Horse Group has a special affinity with the Group One New Zealand Derby and this year they hold a strong hand leading into the prestigious 2400m contest.

The Group, led by chairman and chief executive Mr Lang Lin, commonly known as Mr Wolf, won the 2015 running of the event and this year will be represented by quality Ocean Park gelding Mongolianconqueror.

The Stephen Autridge and Jamie Richards-trained runner is currently a \$7 second (equal) favourite on the TAB's Derby futures market after his strong runner-up performance to Xbox in the Group Two Waikato Guineas (2000m) at Te Rapa on Waitangi day.

"I really liked his last 400m run," Lang said. "It showed his ability to be a top stayer and if he had a bit more luck I think he should've won the race."

The New Zealand Derby means a lot to Rider Horse and Lang said he would dearly love to win it again this year.

"The 2015 New Zealand Derby was special since it was the very first time for a Chinese owner to win an international Group One race.

"It would mean a lot to Rider Horse Group if we won this year's Derby because it would be strong proof that Rider Horse Group's investment in Kiwi-bred horses is in the right direction."

Rider Horse has garnered a lot of success from their investment at New Zealand Bloodstock's Ready to Run Sale.

This year's Derby hope Mongolianconqueror was a \$130,000 purchase out of Kiltannon Stables 2016 Sale Ready to Run draft by Te Akau's David Ellis, on behalf of Rider Horse.

"We feel lucky to have two potential runners again this year. If both of the runners are in good form at the New Zealand Derby, I would love to send both of them to Australia for bigger challenges." – NZ Racing Desk



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WAIKATO STUD SPREADING THE RACING JOY

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Waikato Stud's recent move to have more quality fillies racing in Australia reaped a winning reward in Victoria last week.



BELOW / I'm Buxom

The well-related I'm Buxom made an instant impact when she followed up a trial success with a debut win over 1300m at Bendigo.

The three-year-old is trained at Flemington by long-time farm supporter Danny O'Brien and she was ridden by James Winks.

"We leased a number of our well-bred fillies to Australia last year and I'm Buxom is one of them," Waikato Stud principal Mark Chittick said. "We race a lot of horses and it's great to be involved with others in racing these horses over in Australia."

I'm Buxom is a daughter of O'Reilly and the Ekraar mare De'colletage, who won three times and is a sister to the Group One Captain Cook Stakes winner Ekstreme.

It is also the family of the Group Three Desert Gold Stakes winner and Group One New Zealand 1000 Guineas runner-up Blackrock College.



BLACK TYPE SPOTLIGHT

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MONGOLIANCONQUEROR GROUP 2 AVONDALE GUINEAS



Mongolianconqueror/By Ocean Park from Queen Rania

The lightly raced son of Ocean Park is a two-time winner and an incredible turn of foot in testing conditions saw the impressive 3-year-old claim a runner-up spot in the Group 2 Waikato Guineas at his last outing.

Trained by Stephen Autridge and Jamie Richards, Mongolianconqueror has drawn barrier number 9 and will be ridden by top jockey Michael McNabb.

Mongolianconqueror is also currently a \$7 second (equal)-favourite on the TAB's Derby futures.

THE MAYOR GROUP 2 AVONDALE GUINEAS



The Mayor / By Rock 'N' Pop from Soph

Lance O'Sullivan/Andrew Scott trained Rock 'N' Pop gelding The Mayor is a winner of two of his three race starts and will step up for the first time at Stakes level tomorrow in the Group 2 Avondale Guineas. Pairing with his regular jockey Sam Weatherley, the handy three-year-old has drawn barrier 18 in the 2100m feature.

EMBELLISH GROUP 3 CS HAYES PLATE



Embellish / By Savabeel from Bling

The Group 1 winning entire is making his debut appearance across the ditch and will run in tomorrow's Group 3 CS Hayes Plate over 1400m at Flemington. The Stephen Autridge/Jamie Richards trained colt was second in the \$1 million 3YO Classic at his last start and leading jockey Opie Bosson will once again be on board.

PARIS ROCK GROUP 3 VANITY PLATE



Paris Rock / By Rock 'N' Pop from Que Sera

A winner of all three of her race starts, unbeaten Rock 'N' Pop filly Paris Rock will undergo her first test at Stakes level in tomorrow's Group 3 Vanity Plate over 1400m. The smart 3-year-old filly is trained Henry Dwyer and with fitness on her side should pose a serious threat to current favourite Aloisia who won the Group 1 1000 Guineas during the Spring Carnival.

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SATURDAY

ENDOWMENT

Savabeel – Timpin

Group 2 Avondale Guineas, 2100m

Ellerslie, 4:25pm (NZT)

MONGOLIANCONQUEROR

Ocean Park – Queen Rania

Group 2 Avondale Guineas, 2100m

Ellerslie, 4:25pm (NZT)

THE MAYOR

Rock 'N' Pop – Soph

Group 2 Avondale Guineas, 2100m

Ellerslie, 4:25pm (NZT)

FLYING FEET

Ocean Park – Beautiful Reward

Group 2 Avondale Guineas, 2100m

Ellerslie, 4:25pm (NZT)

PERSIAN EMPIRE

Savabeel – Persian Dynasty

Group 2 Avondale Guineas, 2100m

Ellerslie, 4:25pm (NZT)

PARIS ROCK

Rock 'N' Pop – Que Sera

Group 3 Vanity Plate, 1400m

Flemington, 5:25pm (NZT)

I HAVE ARRIVED

Savabeel – Sister Norma

Group 3 CS Hayes Plate, 1400m

Flemington, 6:00pm (NZT)

GRUNT

O'Reilly - Ruqqaya

Group 3 CS Hayes Plate, 1400m

Flemington, 6:00pm (NZT)

EMBELLISH

Savabeel – Bling

Group 3 CS Hayes Plate, 1400m

Flemington, 6:00pm (NZT)

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Savabeel – Generous Nature

Group 2 Apollo Stakes, 1400m

Royal Randwick, 6:25pm (NZT)

PREDITOR

Savabeel – Bird

Sgp-3 Fortune Bowl, 1400m

Singapore, 9:55pm (NZT)

PEDIGREE POINTERS WITH GARETH DOWNEY

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Breed What The Market Wants

As we have now had time to digest the results from Karaka, it is very pleasing to see that 75% of the turnover at Karaka was from progeny of stallions standing in New Zealand.

This reinforces the often-heard view that buyers come to the Karaka Sales primarily to buy NZ-bred horses.

If we look at these NZ-based stallions and rank them according to total turnover produced from their progeny, we can see that the top nine stallions produced 74% of this NZ-based turnover.

Waikato Stud is the only Stud to be standing more than one of these nine stallions – and we are in fact standing four of them! These four stallions are Savabeel, Sacred Falls, Ocean Park and Pins. In fact, the progeny of stallions standing at Waikato Stud contributed 38% of the entire NZ-based stallion turnover at Karaka!

We are very aware of the wonderful position this puts us in, in terms of helping all of us as breeders have access to these outstanding stallions. We are so grateful to all of our fellow breeders who have helped us to get these stallions to New Zealand, and to then be able to afford to keep standing them here.

Of course, it is ultimately the appeal these stallions have in the marketplace that drives all of this. We again thank very much each and every purchaser

and underbidder of all the yearlings by our sires at Karaka – and we genuinely wish you all the very best of luck and success with them.

Seemingly flowing on from the success of our stallions at Karaka, there has already been a very steady stream of enquiry for bookings to our stallions for next season.

If you are interested in the possibility of breeding to one of our stallions next season, we would love to hear from you.

Please get in touch via gareth@waikatostud.co.nz or 021 433 073 – or please do head to our newly upgraded website and check out all the latest information on our stallions at www.waikatostud.com

We are very proud of our stallion line-up that we have available for you to use in your breeding programs, and we would love to discuss the options with you – even better, come to the farm and we can show you the stallions and have a chat in person.

Please get in touch to arrange a day and time to suit – we look forward to hearing from you!



AT THE FARM / GALLERY

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ABOVE / Savabeel posing with Equine delegates visiting whilst in NZ for the World Congress on Genetics conference.



LEFT / Waikato Stud principal Mark Chittick discussing the Waikato Stud business model.

GARRY'S CORNER

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Well, the sales are behind us. Te Rapa copped torrential rain, the racing gods are conspiring to make racing a horse more difficult than usual, the Hall of Fame dinner was a great night and full marks to their Board. So what to comment on?

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IN THE MEDIA

Brian de Lore touches on a number of interesting current affair topics within the New Zealand Racing industry.



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