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Rock 'n' Pop

MEMORABLE WIN WITH OCEAN PARK'S SMART DAUGHTER MISS VALENCIA

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Waikato Stud's bloodstock manager Kerrie Cox celebrated her first victory as an owner at Trentham last weekend.

Kerrie races the exciting Ocean Park two-year-old Miss Valencia with her husband Rob and Group One-winning Australian trainer Mick Kent.

The filly is trained for them by John Benner and Hollie Wynyard, who were expecting a bold showing off the back of a debut third last month. "She's a filly we've got a lot of time for and a typical Ocean Park, she's going to be much better at three," Wynyard said. "She went really well on debut and she's got quite a long sprint so we told Sam (Wynne) to get her into the open and rolling. She could go to the paddock now, but we'll just wait and see how she comes through this race first."

Miss Valencia raced on the pace and, after taking control 300m from home, she rounded off strongly to score by half a length. Runner-up Byzantine, a promising son of Savabeel, fought on gallantly for second after making the running.

The winner was signed for at Karaka in 2017 by Cambridge bloodstock agent Phill Cataldo for \$47,500. She is out of the Fastnet Rock mare Pastrana and the family of the Group 1 T. J. Smith Stakes winner Sizzling and the black type winner and Group 1 Golden Slipper placegetter Loving Cup.

Miss Valencia held a nomination for the Group 1 Courtesy Ford Manawatu

Sires' Produce Stakes (1400m), but connections felt that may have been a step too far at this stage.

It's job done for the highly-regarded filly Miss Valencia, who has been rewarded with a break.

"She's a lovely filly and she won well, we felt a spell now was in her best interests," co-trainer John Benner said.

"It would have been too much of an ask for her, she's going to make a really nice three-year-old," Benner said.



BELOW / Miss Valencia



FLAMINGO FLIES AT TRENTHAM

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Flamingo has moved stylishly into contention for tomorrow's Group 3 Cuddle Stakes at Trentham.

The Waikato Stud-bred and raced mare returned a smart dress rehearsal on the capital city course on Saturday afternoon with the third win of her fledgeling career.

Placed in the Group 3 Cambridge Breeders' Stakes last season, the David and Emma Haworth-trained for-year-old provided rider Sam Wynne with her fourth winner of the day. They settled midfield before improving across the top and rounded off powerfully in the run home.

The well-named Flamingo is out of the

Danasinga mare Bird, who won the Listed Warstep Stakes at Riccarton. She hails from a strong black type family which includes the Group Two winners and Group One performers Seraphic, Irlanda and Chintz.



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sire Pins



BELOW / Flamingo



BLACK TYPE SPOTLIGHT GROUP 1 NZ OAKS SPECIAL

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GOLD SPICE

GROUP 1 NEW ZEALAND OAKS



Gold Spice / By Rock 'n' Pop, from Zoe Spice

Bred and raced by Mary Chittick, Gold Spice will be the second 3-year-old by Rock 'n' Pop to run at Group 1 level in the space of two weeks.

The classy filly was runner-up in the Group 3 Sunline Vase at her last outing and tomorrow she will line up in the Group 1 New Zealand Oaks at Trentham.

With regular jockey Michael Coleman side-lined due to a suspension, Jake Bayliss will take the ride on the Graham Richardson and Gavin Parker trained filly.

HOT FUSS

GROUP 1 NEW ZEALAND OAKS



Hot Fuss / By Pins, from Fuar

Kevin and Pam Hughes trained southern filly Hot Fuss was a winner as a 2-year-old and has been placed in her last three starts. The daughter of Pins has drawn well in barrier five for tomorrow's Group 1 New Zealand Oaks and Darryl Bradley has scored the ride.

MARK TWO

GROUP 1 NEW ZEALAND OAKS



Mark Two / By Pins, from Zephyr Song

The Stephen Marsh trained daughter of Pins might be heading into the Group 1 New Zealand Oaks as a maidener but there's no doubting she's a serious contender with a race record to prove it. From just three starts, the handy 3-year-old was second on debut, fourth in the Group 2 Royal Stakes, and second at her last start in the Group 2 Sir Tristram Fillies Classic. The Go Racing owned runner was bred and sold by Waikato Stud.

HASAHALO

GROUP 1 NEW ZEALAND OAKS



Hasahalo / By Savabeel, from Halloween

The second of Go Racing's runners is Group 1 One Thousand Guineas winner Hasahalo. The Stephen McKee trained daughter of Savabeel knows how to win when it counts with both of her victories being at Group level. The WS-bred and sold filly will have her favourite jockey Sam Spratt on board and she has drawn barrier number 10.

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SAVVY COUP

GROUP 1 NEW ZEALAND OAKS



Savvy Coup / By Savabeel, from Eudora

Michael and Matthew Pitman trained Savabeel filly Savvy Coup is a horse that has gone from strength to strength.

She dominated New Zealand's best fillies in the Group 3 Lowland Stakes at her last outing and the WS-bred and sold filly has won on four occasions with two being at Group level.

In tomorrow's Group 1 New Zealand Oaks she will once again be ridden by the "Magic Man" (aka Chris Johnson) and is the short price favourite.

MARCELLINA

GROUP 1 NEW ZEALAND OAKS



Marcellina / By Savabeel, from Danex

Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman trained Savabeel filly Marcellina has two Group placings to her name with the most recent being in the Group 3 Sunline Vase two weeks ago where she fought bravely. Marcellina races in the famous colours of Lib Petagna's JML Bloodstock and will be ridden by Matthew Cameron from barrier eight.

LINCOLN MELODY

GROUP 1 NEW ZEALAND OAKS



Lincoln Melody / By Savabeel, from Misspro O'Reilly

The Lisa Latta trained daughter of Savabeel won convincingly last month and will be making a big step up in class when she takes aim at the Group 1 New Zealand Oaks tomorrow at Trentham. Lincoln Melody has drawn barrier seven and will be ridden by Mark Du Plessis.

WS SIRED STAKES RUNNERS

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FRIDAY MARCH 16

BASSETT

Savabeel – Fledgling

Listed Abell Stakes, 1200m

Moonee Valley, 11:00 pm (NZT)

SATURDAY MARCH 17

KAMADA LINCOLN

Savabeel – Careyes

Listed New Zealand St Leger, 2500m

Trentham, 2:28 pm (NZT)

SYMPHONIC

O'Reilly – Chorus

Group 3 Cuddle Stakes, 1600m

Trentham, 3:03 pm (NZT)

FLAMINGO

Pins – Bird

Group 3 Cuddle Stakes, 1600m

Trentham, 3:03 pm (NZT)

LADYNADEL

Savabeel – Nadel Dame

Group 2 Wellington Guineas, 1400m

Trentham, 3:38 pm (NZT)

FERRANDO

Fast n' Famous – Rio Nugget

Listed Lightning Stakes, 1200m

Trentham, 4:18pm (NZT)

HOT FUSS

Pins – Fuar

Group 1 New Zealand Oaks, 2400m

Trentham, 4:58 pm (NZT)

SAVVY COUP

Savabeel - Eudora

Group 1 New Zealand Oaks, 2400m

Trentham, 4:58 pm (NZT)

HASAHALO

Savabeel - Halloween

Group 1 New Zealand Oaks, 2400m

Trentham, 4:58 pm (NZT)

MARK TWO

Pins – Zephyr Song

Group 1 New Zealand Oaks, 2400m

Trentham, 4:58 pm (NZT)

GOLD SPICE

Rock 'n' Pop – Zoe Spice

Group 1 New Zealand Oaks, 2400m

Trentham, 4:58 pm (NZT)

MARCELLINA

Savabeel – Danex

Group 1 New Zealand Oaks, 2400m

Trentham, 4:58 pm (NZT)

LINCOLN MELODY

Savabeel – Misspro O'Reilly

Group 1 New Zealand Oaks, 2400m

Trentham, 4:58 pm (NZT)

SUNDAY MARCH 18

PREDITOR

Savabeel – Bird

Sgp Group 3 Committee's Prize, 1600m

Singapore, 9:50 pm (NZT)

SIXTY SECONDS WITH BRIAN DE LORE

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This week we caught up with renowned writer and industry personality Brian de Lore.

Q What is your favourite TV show?

A Later with Jools Holland (Arts Channel)

Q What makes you laugh?

A The way the NZRB try and justify their operating costs

Q Most memorable career highlights to date?

A I bought Rolls in 1986, Centainette from the first crop of Centaine, spent three days with Champion French trainer Francois Boutin at Chantilly in 1994 and once had an hour with Lester Piggott at Jim Joel's house at Newmarket

Q Not many people know that I...

A Make a 'to-die-for' Chilli Relish from home grown chillies

Q What do you do to relax?

A Paint watercolours, grow chillies and tomatoes and hit golf balls poorly.

Q Best piece of advice?

A "Even if you could live five lifetimes you still wouldn't know much about horses." – advice given by Tom Cooper, BBA Ireland.

Q Favourite part of what you do?

A Meet the people who are passionate about horses – they are the heart and soul this business and hold it together.

Q What is your favourite thing about Waikato Stud?

A George Chittick



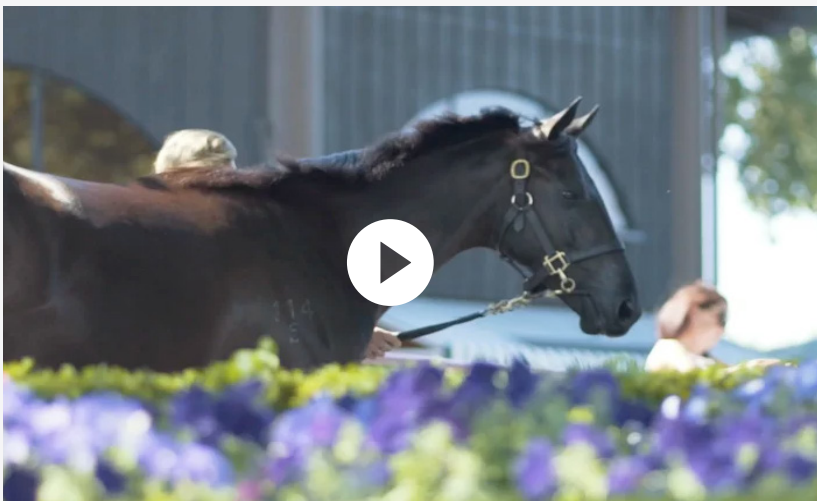
BELOW (RIGHT) / Brian de Lore talks business with Henry Plumptre at the Karaka Yearling Sale



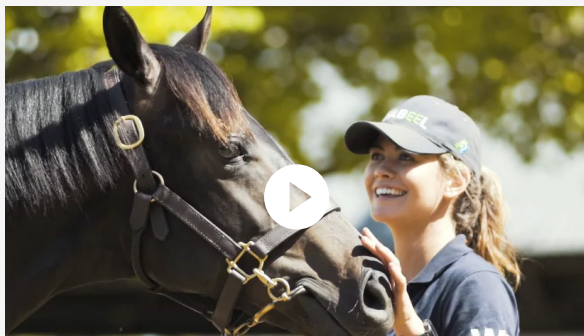
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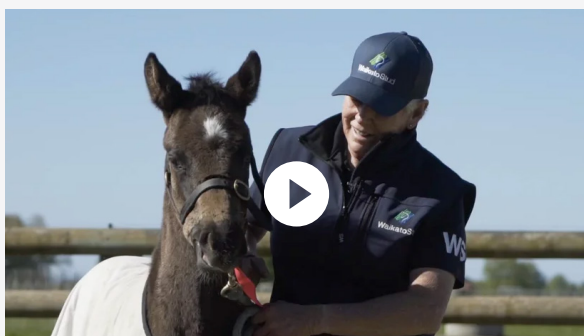
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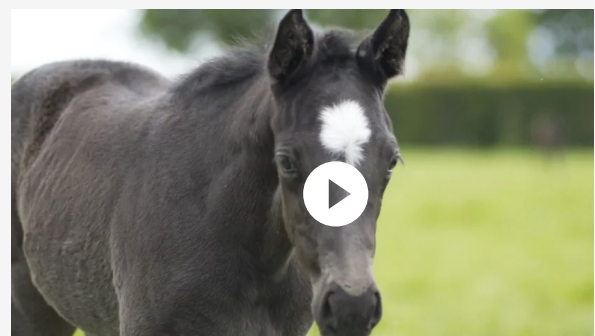
YEARLING PREPARATION



CELEBRATING 50 YEARS



FOAL HANDLING



FOALING UNIT

MARK'S MAIL

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Mark and Mary Chittick discuss the exciting events from the past week plus the weekend racing highlights ahead. Click the video below to watch.



GARRY'S CORNER

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I read this week New Zealand was developing home owning class structure fostered by the ability of property owning parents providing assistance to their children enabling them to make their first step on the home ownership ladder.



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IN THE MEDIA

This week in the media, Brian de Lore touches on yet another compelling topic relevant to the New Zealand Thoroughbred industry.



WHY WINSTON IS TAKING HIS TIME



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