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Eudora (the dam
of Savvy Coup)



17TH INDIVIDUAL GROUP 1 WINNER FOR SAVABEEL

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Outstanding Waikato Stud graduate Savvy Coup has the right credentials to continue New Zealand's run of success in next month's A\$1 million Australian Oaks (2400m).

The daughter of Savabeel bagged the first leg of a prized double on Saturday with a sublime performance to claim victory in the Group 1 Al Basti Equiworld Dubai New Zealand Oaks (2400m) at Trentham and will step out next in the Randwick feature on April 14.

"The way she won today we have to go, she's a very fit horse and the last two winners have done the same thing so we'll take that path as well," said Matthew Pitman, who trains Savvy Coup with his father Michael.

Savvy Coup's win completed a red letter day at Trentham for the stable, who had earlier enjoyed success in the Group 3 Wentwood Grange Cuddle Stakes (1600m) with Montoya Star.

"This is massive for us and all our team work incredibly hard," Pitman said. "We've had an incredible year."

Savvy Coup provided rider Chris Johnson, who opted to ride the three-year-old over runner-up Contessa Vanessa, with his fifth Oaks winner.

"I've been lucky enough to ride the two best fillies and I got on the right one," the 53-year-old said. "She's tough and very talented. Group Ones are hard to win, especially at my age."

Savvy Coup settled midfield on the outer before Johnson made his move 800m from home.

"I couldn't really hang on to her much longer, I would have preferred to wait but the pace steadied and I didn't want to get too far off them when they

quicken," Johnson said.

Savvy Coup drew alongside Contessa Vanessa 400m out before easing clear to win by a length and a-quarter with Milseain a similar distance back in third.

She is out of the unraced Pins mare Eudora, a sister to the Group 2 winners Legless Veuve and Tootsie.

Jim Bruford purchased Savvy Coup for \$65,000 from Waikato Stud's 2016 Karaka Premier Yearling draft and the smart filly has now won three Group races and nearly \$450,000 in prize money.



BELOW / Savvy Coup winning the Group 1 New Zealand Oaks



WS BLOODLINES RUN DEEP IN PEDIGREE OF GROUP 1 WINNER

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The latest Group 1 winner to join Waikato Stud's honour roll is three-year-old Savabeel filly Savvy Coup. The home-bred filly descends from one of Waikato Stud's most iconic families which was acquired by Garry Chittick more than 40 years ago.

Eager to get his hands on a daughter of Pakistan, Garry Chittick purchased Georgina Belle from North America in 1975, "We paid US\$10,000 for her which was NZ\$9,000 back in those days and we had to send her to the UK to get her back to New Zealand, so she foaled in the UK". Subsequently, the foal born in the UK was a colt by Gladwin who won 13 races including a Stakes race in Sweden.

Georgina Belle was then put in foal to UK based stallion Habat, foaled in the UK and flew back to New Zealand with a filly foal at foot who was Habania.

The striking daughter of Habat was raced by Waikato Stud where she won 7 races and gained black type when coming in third the Group 3 VATC Autumn Stakes.

As a broodmare, Habania produced 10 winners including Stakes winners La Rose Noir and Urbane. Habania's unraced daughter Hyades (by O'Reilly) was the next to carry on the family legacy, producing Australian Group winners Legless Veurve (by Pins) and Tootsie (by Pins) who is the dam of



BELOW / Savvy Coup
pictured as a foal

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WS BLOODLINES RUN DEEP IN PEDIGREE OF GROUP 1 WINNER (CONT'D)

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Group 2 winner Ocean Emperor.

In 2009, Hyades gave birth to a bright bay filly by Pins who was later named Eudora. The well put together filly was nearing the start of her preparation for the 2011 NZB yearling sale when she sustained an injury to her eye. It was treated with a great deal of care but unfortunately, she lost full sight in that eye. In what can only be described as a turn of fate, Eudora was withdrawn from the sale and retained by Waikato Stud as she would never be eligible to race.

In October of 2014, Eudora gave birth to her second foal, a filly by Savabeel, who became Savvy Coup. Savvy Coup was purchased from Waikato Stud's 2016 Karaka Premier yearling draft by astute judge Jim Bruford to race with family and prominent owner Ray

Coupland.

Savvy Coup's full brother sold for \$500,000 at the 2018 Karaka Yearling sale and her dam Eudora is in foal to exciting young sire Rock 'n' Pop. WS Studmaster Mark Chittick already has plans to put her back in foal to Savabeel this year.

Phenomenally, Savvy Coup is the third Group 1 winner to join Waikato Stud's honour roll this season after fellow 3-year-old's Hasahalo and Embellish claimed the Guineas double at Riccarton late last year.

Waikato Stud graduates have now claimed three of the four New Zealand Group 1 Classics this season and Savvy Coup is the 34th individual Group 1 winner to be bred by Waikato Stud.



BELOW / Savvy Coup's mother Eudora



3-YEAR-OLD EARNS SECOND DERBY CHANCE

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The Mayor's luckless run in the Group 1 New Zealand Derby (2400m) convinced his New Zealand connections to try their luck across the Tasman.

The three-year-old is now with champion Sydney trainer Chris Waller and will debut from his new quarters in Saturday's Group 1 Rosehill Guineas (2000m).

"His last two runs have had a lot of merit," part-owner and bloodstock agent Michael Hughes said. "He was trapped wide in the Avondale Guineas and then Plan A, B, C and D didn't work out in the Derby.

"By the time they got to the top of the straight I think Rory (Hutchings) was on to Plan E."

Despite pre-race hopes going awry, The Mayor still managed to clock the fastest closing 800m of the field in coming from the back for fourth.

"His effort strongly suggested we push on to the Australian Derby," Hughes said. "The horse has come a long way in a short time."

Hughes races the gelding with Taranaki brothers Cam and Chas Stewart,

who are now based on the North Queensland coast at Noosa where they run a seafood business.

The Mayor won two of his first three starts for Matamata trainers Lance O'Sullivan and Andrew Scott before his last two outings in premier age group company.

"He's going to get a lot better with more time, all the family has, but they're only three once so we'll be having a go," Hughes said.

By Rock 'n' Pop, The Mayor is out of the Lord Ballina mare Soph who won 10 races and was stakes placed. She is a sister to the Group 1 Auckland Cup (3200m) winner Titch.

"Whatever happens, he'll have a long spell after this. I wouldn't mind him doing that here and then see whether he goes back to Chris," Hughes said.

"I've had long-standing relationships with both Chris and Lance and Andrew."

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BELOW / The Mayor



AT THE FARM

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ABOVE / (Left to right)
Patrick & Lee Mackay &
Robt Dawe



LEFT / Photographer
Nicole Troost

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AT THE FARM (CONT'D)

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ABOVE / (Left to right)
Peter Harrison, Rob Smith,
Doug May, Anthony Ball, Mark
Chaffey, Marcelo Veloz and
Matt Fox with Savabeel



LEFT / Anthony Ball and
Savabeel

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LEFT / Mark Chittick takes a few of our Australian visitors for a spin in his jetboat



FAR LEFT / Clay bird shooting at Game Gully



LEFT / Jetboating at Waikato Stud

BLACK TYPE SPOTLIGHT

KAONIC

GROUP 1 ROSEHILL GUINEAS



Kaonic / By Savabeel, from Fast Love

The Chris Waller trained Savabeel colt ran a creditable sixth in the Group 1 Randwick Guineas two week's ago and tomorrow he will step up in distance to tackle the Group 1 Rosehill Guineas over 2000m.

This time around, the smart three-year-old colt will be ridden by champion jockey Zac Purton and has drawn barrier number 17.

COLDPLAY

GROUP 2 JAPAN NZ INTERNATIONAL TROPHY



Coldplay / By Savabeel, from Forty Two Below

Waikato Stud-bred and raced mare Coldplay is chasing Group race number five and will contest the Group 2 Japan NZ International Trophy tomorrow at Matamata over 1600m. The Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman trained daughter of Savabeel trialed earlier this week and is the current equal favourite to win.

MONGOLIANCONQUEROR

GROUP 1 ROSEHILL GUINEAS



Mongolianconqueror / By Ocean Park, from Queen Rania

Group 1 New Zealand Derby runner-up Mongolianconqueror will make his Australian debut when he lines up in the Group 1 Rosehill Guineas. The Stephen Autridge and Jamie Richards trained son of Ocean Park will be ridden by Opie Bosson from barrier 21.

PRETTY TO SEA

GROUP 3 ALEXANDRA STAKES



Pretty to Sea / By Ocean Park, from Pretty

Aaron Purcell trained Ocean Park three-year-old filly Pretty to Sea was with them in the finish at her last outing and the impressive run combined with a five length win during her last campaign has earned the exciting filly a spot in the Group 3 Alexandra Stakes at Moonee Valley this evening.

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FRIDAY MARCH 23

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Savabeel – Jack's Girl

Listed Albury Gold Cup, 2000m

Albury, 6:25 pm (NZT)

BRAY

O'Reilly – Ziya

Listed Albury Gold Cup, 2000m

Albury, 6:25 pm (NZT)

PRETTY TO SEA

Ocean Park – Pretty

Group 3 Alexandra Stakes, 1600m

Moonee Valley, 10:30 pm (NZT)

SAMOVARE

Savabeel - Sambar

Group 2 Sunline Stake, 1600m

Moonee Valley, 11:00 pm (NZT)

SATURDAY MARCH 24

COLDPLAY

Savabeel – Forty Two Below

Group 2 Japan NZ International Trophy, 1600

Matamata, 3:20 pm (NZT)

NICOLETTA

Savabeel – Celtic Crown

Group 2 Japan NZ International Trophy, 1600

Matamata, 3:20 pm (NZT)

TIPTRONIC

O'Reilly – Tiptoes

Group 2 Japan NZ International Trophy, 1600

Matamata, 3:20 pm (NZT)

THE (LORD) MAYOR

Rock 'n' Pop – Soph

Group 1 Rosehill Guineas, 2000m

Rosehill Gardens, 5:25 pm (NZT)

KAONIC

Savabeel – Fast Love

Group 1 Rosehill Guineas, 2000m

Rosehill Gardens, 5:25 pm (NZT)

MONGOLIANCONQUEROR

Ocean Park – Queen Rania

Group 1 Rosehill Guineas, 2000m

Rosehill Gardens, 5:25 pm (NZT)

ENDOWMENT

Savabeel – Timpin

Group 1 Rosehill Guineas, 2000m

Rosehill Gardens, 5:25 pm (NZT)

PEDIGREE POINTERS WITH GARETH DOWNEY

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Six of the best

The wonderful win by Savvy Coup in the NZ Oaks last weekend was a great result for all of the connections involved, and we are so excited for all of them, for the success and fun they are enjoying with this tough and highly talented filly!

Savvy Coup extended her record to now be a total of 5 wins, including 3 at Group level, and she became the 17th individual Gr.1 winner for Savabeel. Remarkably, he has sired SIX individual Gr.1 winners in this season alone...an outstanding achievement for any stallion!

So, let's take a look at the successful pedigree patterns at work in these six Gr.1 winners. The key in looking for successful pedigree patterns is to try and identify those that are achieving success at a strike rate better than the overall strike rate for the stallion's progeny. In this case of Savabeel, this starting point is incredibly high, as he is running at 10.1% SW/Rnrs, and a Gr.1 winner for every 42.5 runners. Those are exceptionally good statistics, and so we are looking for pedigree patterns that are achieving success at an even better rate than that already very high benchmark. The following patterns have been highlighted by the success of the Gr.1 winners for this season. For each pattern the overall results are shown, along with a brief comment on some of the theoretical pedigree appeal behind the pattern.

Mares by or carrying Pins

14.8% SW/Rnrs, with a Gr.1 winner for every 30.5 runners. The best examples to date have been Brambles, Savvy Coup, Savapinski etc. This pattern is based on a sex-balanced duplication of the super

racehorse Tom Fool, as well as reinforcement of the powerful mares Selene, Lavendula II and Alcibiades

Mares by or carrying O'Reilly

12.8% SW/Rnrs, with a Gr.1 winner for every 18.8 runners. The best examples to date have been Costume, Savvy Coup, Embellish, Savaria, Diademe etc. This is based on the sex-balanced duplication of Tom Fool and Round Table, as well as the reinforcement of Selene, Nogara, Knight's Daughter and Alcibiades

Mares by or carrying Flying Spur

30.8% SW/Rnrs, including a Gr.1 winner from the 13 runners. The stakes winners to date have been Shillelagh, Trocair, Grazia and You're So Good. This is based on the sex-balanced duplication of Sir Ivor, Northern Dancer and Tom Fool – supported by the further reinforcement of Natalma, Selene and Lavendula II

Mares carrying The Minstrel

19.2% SW/Rnrs and a Gr.1 winner from the 26 runners. The best examples to date have been Sword Of Osman, Floria, My Sabeel etc. This is based on the combination of the ¾ brothers The Minstrel and Nijinsky II, as well as sex-balanced duplications of stallions such as Hyperion, Mahmoud, Bull Lea, Menow – and further supported by reinforcement of Selene and Alcibiades

Mares by or carrying Star Way

15.8% SW/Rnrs and a Gr.1 winner for every 12.7 runners. The best examples to date have been Lucia Valentina, Soriano, Hasahalo, Savapinski etc. This pattern is based on the powerful reinforcement of Selene because both Sir Tristram and Star Way descend from this wonderful mare. This is supported further by reinforcement of Nogara and Serenissima

Mares carrying Mr Prospector

9.4% SW/Rnrs and a Gr.1 winner for every 31.8 runners. The Gr.1 winners to date have been Kawi, Sword Of Osman, Shillelagh, Hasahalo and Hall Of Fame. This pattern is based on sex-balanced duplications of Native Dancer, Bull Dog and Man O'War – supported by reinforcement of Selene



MARK'S MAIL

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This week's Mark's Mail comes to you from Mark's jetboat as he recaps on last weekend's exceptional racing and the weekend racing highlights ahead. Click the video below to watch.



GARRY'S CORNER

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I have no doubt Jasmine will have suitably covered the Oaks result in the Weekend@Waikato, and what a result it was. Savabeel's ability to leave horses across the spectrum is quite remarkable, it was only the week before when Sword of Osman displayed outstanding ability blitzing the Group One two-year-old field.



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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.



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