



WINNERS KEEP FLOWING FOR OCEAN PARK

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Ocean Park's hot run of form shows no signs of slowing following a winning double in Australia.

In Australia yesterday, Georgica and Ocean Nymph were successful at Wyong and Coffs Harbour respectively.

The Waikato Stud-based Ocean Park has now produced an impressive 33 individual winners.

Georgica is prepared by champion trainer Chris Waller and has now won twice from seven starts.

In the hands of Tye Angland, the threeyear-old showed his staying potential with victory at his first middle distance attempt. The filly Ocean Nymph broke her maiden over 1315m at just her fourth raceday appearance.

She is out of a half-sister to the Gr.1 Captain Cook Stakes winner Pennygem.

BELOW / Ocean Park Photo Credit: Trish Dunell







OCEAN PARK'S SONS IMPRESS

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Exciting young Waikato Stud stallion Ocean Park has produced another two youngsters who promise to make their future mark in stakes company.

The lightly-tried Ocean Class posted his breakthrough victory over 1600m at Wangaratta last Friday while Ocean Knight was an outstanding Caulfield debut winner on Saturday.

Both horses are trained by the leading Victorian conditioners David and Ben Hayes and Tom Dabernig.

Ocean Class was purchased by Lindsay Park Racing for \$130,000 out of the Waikato Stud's 2016 Premier Sale draft at Karaka. He is a son of the dual Group One winner Glamour Puss, whose seven foals to race are all winners.

Ocean Knight, a \$115,000 Karaka yearling purchase from Trelawney Stud's draft in 2017, came from the back of the field for an impressive first-up victory.

The two-year-old is out of The Iffraaj Dame, a half-sister to the Group Two winner La Rocket.









GROUP 1 AUSTRALASIAN OAKS MISSION FOR SAVACOOL

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Sydney Savabeel filly Savacool has booked herself a ticket to the Australasian Oaks following her victory on a rain-soaked track at Caulfield.

BELOW / Savacool
Photo Credit: Darryl Sherer

Sent south from trainer Chris Waller's Sydney stable, Savacool took out Saturday's Thomas North Handicap (1600m) to provide Regan Bayliss with an early double.

Sent off a \$4.80 chance, Savacool scored a half-length win over Sheezdashing with Truly Discreet 2-1/4 lengths away third.

Johanne Taylor, in charge of Waller's Flemington stable, said plans were to head to Adelaide.

Waller sent Egg Tart to Melbourne last year where she was successful at Flemington before taking out the Australasian Oaks at Morphettville in May.

"She is on an Oaks path," Taylor said.

"We wanted her to come here today, get a bit of confidence, hopefully not have too tough a run.

"She's settled in well and certainly put them away today."

Bayliss, who won the Newmarket Handicap on Redkirk Warrior last month before commencing an improper riding ban, returned to riding earlier this week.

Savacool's win was Bayliss's third winner back and he said Savacool was a nice staying filly in the making.

"After her 1400-metre run she was only going to improve up to the mile today and she's still got some improvement to come," he said.



Savacool was bred by Waikato Stud and Gary Wallace and sold to the champion Sydney horseman for \$220,000 at Karaka in 2016.

By Savabeel, Savacool is out of the Anabaa mare Chilled Out who is a half-sister to the stakes winner The Big

The Gr.2 Cal Isuzu Stakes winner Coldplay is another close relative of Savacool.





SMART TWO-YEAR-OLD TO BE SET FOR EARLY GUINEAS FEATURE

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Exciting twoyear-old Madison County has been earmarked as a potential Guineas candidate next season after clinching his first race day success at Hastings on the weekend. Co-trainer Andrew Forsman has plenty of time for the showy Pins gelding and believes he is a perfect candidate for some of the early three-year-old features next season.

"He's always shown us he has ability, but he has been pretty green along the way," he said.

"That was the main worry heading into Saturday's race as he had been a little erratic on debut at Rotorua and I was concerned that might cost him this time as well as he was up against a fairly handy field."

Forsman's worries were unfounded as Madison County and rider Matt Cameron delivered a stylish performance to take out the two-year-old 1300m contest in convincing fashion. Settled nicely behind the leaders throughout the race, Cameron peeled his mount out to challenge on the home corner where he took control

to score by a narrow but authoritative margin over runner-up, Langkawi.

"He's not really a wet-track type so he probably got away with it on the Dead5 surface," said Forsman.

"I think we'll put him aside now as the tracks get worse. He will be going out at a good time where he can have a decent four to five weeks in the paddock before we bring him back for a spring campaign.

"On what we've seen of him I don't think he will be out of place in some of the early Guineas races so that will be the long-term target for him."

Madison County is raced by the China Horse Club Racing PTY Ltd operation and was a \$36,000 purchase for the group from the Waikato Stud draft during the Select session of the 2017 National Yearling Sale at Karaka

A son of Pins, he is out of the unraced No Excuse Needed mare Red Delicious.

Her fourth dam is the Gr.1 Golden Slipper winner Courtza, dam of the farm's late champion stallion O'Reilly.





BELOW / Madison Country



TRAINER SEES TOP FUTURE FOR FAWN

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Roger James is bullish about the future staying prospects of the lightly-tried Fawn.

The Cambridge horseman had further reason to be upbeat about the four-year-old after she produced a strong performance to win the Red Cabs Hamilton Handicap (2200m) at Te Rapa on Saturday.

"That's her first run over ground and it's what she's bred to do," James said. "I've been lucky to have such patient owners.

"You don't mind waiting when you know they've got the ability. From here on in it should be quite exciting."

A half-sister to the Group-winning millionaire galloper Precedence, Fawn was bred by the Dowager Duchess of Bedford's Bloomsbury Stud, who race the four-year-old with the Gerard Petersen-managed GG Syndicate

Fawn was well-handled by Alysha Collett, who settled midfield and one off the fence before they began to pick up ground three wide with cover 600m from home.

"The track was a bit of a concern, but it was a lovely ride by Alysha and she just out-stayed them in the end," James said.

"I'd like to press on a little bit more, every win under her belt will set her up for her five-year-old season."

Fawn's sustained finish was rewarded with the third win of her six-start career and came at the expenses of Lovelight, who raced close to the pace, and Brookbars was a gallant third after taking off from the back with 900m to run.







HENNESSY'S RACING TRAVELS TO CONTINUE

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Hennessy has a proven overseas track record having prepared Ocean Park for Group One wins in the Cox Plate (2040m), Caulfield Stakes (2000m) and the Underwood Stakes (1800m).

Also successful in the Gr.1 New Zealand Stakes (2000m) and the Gr.1 Makfi Challenge Stakes (1400m), the 2012-13 New Zealand Horse of the Year was raced by Hennessy with Andrew Wong and Steve Yan.

They also share in the ownership of Ocean Emperor, a \$450,000 Karaka yearling purchase out of the 2013 Premier Sale draft of Waikato Stud, now the home of Ocean Park.

"It's going to be terrific to be part of it," Hennessy said. "We've done it before so we know what's required."

A son of Zabeel and the Group One performer Tootsie, Ocean Emperor has won seven races including a defeat of subsequent Group One winner Miss Wilson and the seventime top-flight winner Kawi in the Gr.2 Tauranga Stakes (1600m).

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HENNESSY'S RACING TRAVELS TO CONTINUE (CONT'D)

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At his most recent performance, the six-year-old downed multiple stakes placegetter Tiptronic and the Group One performer Travimyfriend in the Gr.2 Japan/New Zealand International Trophy (1600m).

"He's pretty solid in condition, I'm really pleased with him," Hennessy said. "He's been on the treadmill most days since."

He is now looking at his options to have Ocean Emperor in prime order for the trip to Singapore. "He's won well fresh before and there are the Te Teko trials at the end of the month and there's a race meeting here at Matamata so he could gallop between races as well," Hennessy said. – NZ Racing Desk.

BELOW / Ocean Emperor





CAULFIELD RAIN A BLESSING FOR REILMARTINI

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Trainer Darren Weir was happy to see the heavy showers rain down on Caulfield and soften the track for O'Reilly gelding Reilmartini.

Starting the day in the good range, rain began falling before the meeting while a heavy downpour before race two pushed the track into the soft range, ideal ground for Reilmartini by the time Saturday's Walk For Phil Handicap was run.

Weir explained the three-year-old feels his knees and isn't suited by firm tracks.

Registering his third win from four starts, Weir described Reilmartini as an ideal winter horse. With jockey Daniel Moor taking advantage of barrier one, Reilmartini (\$7) scored a half-length win from William Thomas (\$6) with Moet Rose (\$21) 1-1/4 lengths away third.

Weir said training Reilmartini from his beachside base at Warrnambool was ideal for Reilmartini.

"If he was working on the synthetic track or galloping on the sand all the time he just wouldn't stand up," Weir

"But having him trained down at the beach, doing different work, it takes pressure off his knees."

Reilmartini is owned in Hong Kong by Peter Law who Weir said supplies him with as many as eight horses a year to train.

"If they're any good they'll end up in Hong Kong, which is fine," Weir said.

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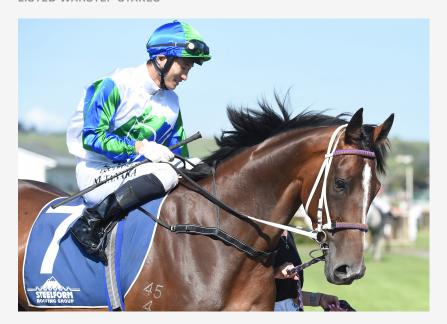


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FICTITIOUS

LISTED WARSTEP STAKES



Fictitious / By Ocean Park, from Fiaba

Lisa Latta trained Ocean Park filly Fictitious is heading south again this weekend to take on a field of fellow three-year-old fillies in the Listed Warstep Stakes at Riccarton.

The classy Waikato Stud-bred and raced filly was 2.8 lengths off the winner in her last outing at Riccarton in the Listed CJC New Zealand Bloodstock Insurance Stakes and will be stepping up from 1600m to 2000m for tomorrow's race.

MARCELLINA

GROUP 2 CHAMPIONSHIP STAKES



Marcellina / By Savabeel, from

Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman trained Savabeel filly Marcellina has been placed at Group level on two occasions and was competitive in the Group 1 New Zealand Oaks at her last outing. The Lib Petagna owned three-year-old will take aim at the Group 2 Championship Stakes at Pukekohe tomorrow and will jump from barrier 8 with Matthew Cameron on board.

CONCERT HALL

GROUP 2 CHAMPIONSHIP STAKES



Concert Hall / By Savabeel, from Classic Legacy

Lightly tried three-year-old Savabeel filly Concert Hall is having her third career start tomorrow and will line up in the Group 2 Championship Stakes over 2100m for trainer Roger James. Bred and raced by Joan Eagan, Concert Hall was an impressive winner on debut in March and will partner with regular jockey Shaun McKay.

FLAMINGO

GROUP 2 EASTER HANDICAP



Flamingo / By Pins, from Bird

David and Emma Howarth trained last start winner Flamingo has made the trip north for a chance to get a start in the Group 2 Easter Handicap tomorrow at Pukekohe. Bred and raced by Waikato Stud, Flamingo has been Group placed on two occasions and is a winner of 4 of her 12 starts.



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SATURDAY APRIL 21

ZAZA GABOR

O'Reilly – Zaza Top **Listed** Warstep Stakes, 2000m Riccarton, 3:19 pm (NZT)

FICTITIOUS

Ocean Park – Fiaba **Listed** Warstep Stakes, 2000m Riccarton, 3:19 pm (NZT)

PINUP COUP

Pins – Pyjamas **Listed** Warstep Stakes, 2000m Riccarton, 3:19 pm (NZT)

CONCERT HALL

Savabeel – Classic Legacy **Group 2** Championship Stakes, 2100m Pukekohe, 3:35 pm (NZT)

SUPERA

Savabeel – Sopra Tutto **Group 2** Championship Stakes, 2100m Pukekohe, 3:35 pm (NZT)

MARCELLINA

Savabeel – Danex **Group 2** Championship Stakes, 2100m Pukekohe, 3:35 pm (NZT)

SAVVY KEN

Savabeel – Pickle **Group 3** Frank Packer Plate, 2000m Royal Randwick, 3:45 pm (NZT)

ENDEAN ROSE

Savabeel – Pretoria **Group 3** Canterbury Gold Cup, 2000m Riccarton, 3:54 pm (NZT)

TIMY TYLER

No Excuse Needed – Skite **Group 3** Canterbury Gold Cup, 2000m Riccarton, 3:54 pm (NZT)

FLAMINGO

Pins – Bird **Group 2** Easter Handicap, 1600m Pukekohe, 4:10 pm (NZT)

TIPTRONIC

O'Reilly – Tiptoes **Group 2** Easter Handicap, 1600m Pukekohe, 4:10 pm (NZT)

BASSETT

Savabeel – Fledgling **Listed** Bel Esprit Stakes, 1100m Caulfield, 5:55 pm (NZT)

RHYTHM TO SPARE

Pins – Stanica **Listed** Anniversary Vase, 1400m Caulfield, 7:10 pm (NZT)

MAGICAL CHARM

Savabeel - Lucida **Group 2** Western Australia Derby, 2400m Ascot, 8:20 pm (NZT)

SUNDAY APRIL 22

SAFEER

Savabeel – Ahna **Sgp -2** Singapore 3Y0 Classic, 1400m Singapore, 8:55 pm (NZT)

LORD O'REILLY

O'Reilly – The Speaker **Sgp -2** Singapore 3Y0 Classic, 1400m Singapore, 8:55 pm (NZT)



PHOTO GALLERY / END OF SEASON CELEBRATION

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LEFT/ Salmonella Dub frontman Andrew Penman putting on a great performance for the Waikato Stud team

BELOW RIGHT/
Salmonella Dub
performing at Waikato
Stud







PHOTO GALLERY / END OF SEASON CELEBRATION

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LEFT/ Steve and Amanda Clark and Kathleen Verry

BELOW LEFT/
The Kowhai
Creamery made
an appearance







PEDIGREE POINTERS WITH GARETH DOWNEY

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Stream of Winners Continues for Ocean Park It has been yet another very good week for Ocean Park, as his progeny continue to win with an excellent strike rate.

He has had four winners in the last week, which now brings his total to 33 individual winners. His runners have won 44 races, and these have been achieved at an excellent strike rate of a win for every 6.2 starts. The four winners in the last week are further examples of the following pedigree affinities that have emerged for Ocean Park.

Mares Carrying Nureyev – 3 winners at a rate of 5.3 starts/win

Ocean Knight was the most recent example of this pattern when winning very impressively on debut at Caulfield in a \$100K Open 2yo race over 1200m. His performance was so impressive that it caught the attention of many as one of the most promising performances of the weekend throughout Australia. Other winners carrying this pattern have been Moana Jewel (who also ran 2nd at Sandown on Wednesday in her 3rd start) and Louisville Lip.

Mares Carrying Sir Tristram – 9 winners at a rate of 5.2 starts/win

Ocean Nymph scored yesterday at her 4th start and joined other winners carrying this pattern – Tezlah (3 wins from 5 starts, with a last start win in the \$150K VOBIS Gold Eureka Stockade), Scream Park (2 Metro Sydney wins), Another Dollar (2 starts from 4 wins, including last start Metro meeting win at Toowoomba), Moana Jewel, Perroquet, Miss Valencia, Anevay, Miss Damita

Mares Carrying Storm Cat – 4 winners at a rate of 3.8 starts/win

Ocean Class joined the winners list during the week and will now head to Metro level as he is held in good regard by the stable. He joins other winners with this pattern – Ocean's Fourteen (2nd in the Listed Geelong Classic), Seaway (2 Metro Sydney wins), Dramatic Moments.

Mares Carrying Nijinsky – 9 winners at a rate of 5.3 starts/win

Georgica scored the 2nd win of his 7 start career when stepping up to 2100m for the 1st time yesterday. Other winners carrying this pattern have been Moana Jewel, Miss Valencia, Rondinella (also 4th in the Gr.2 Sir Tristram Fillies Classic), Ocean Nymph, Ocean Class, Mianina, Dramatic Moments, Miss Damita

If you are planning your matings for the upcoming season and would like to discuss your search for proven pedigree patterns, please get in touch via either gareth@waikatostud.co.nz or +64 21 433 073.





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The highly successful roster at Waikato Stud is headed by internationally-renowned Group One sires Savabeel and Pins. Adding to the Group One mix, the roster is also bolstered by Group One stars, Tivaci, Sacred Falls, Ocean Park and Rock 'n' Pop.



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WEANLING DRAFT INSPECTIONS / APRIL 27

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184	Ocean Park	Hope So	В	С	Click here
192	Rock 'n' Pop	I Que			Click here
250	Sacred Falls	Neversaynever	В	С	Click here
256					Click here
295	Ocean Park	Really Reputable	В	F	Click here
321	Ocean Park				Click here
345	Rock 'n' Pop	Tricilo	В	F	Click here
349	Pins	Under and Over	В	F	Click here
354	Rock 'n' Pop	Vanilla Sky	B or Gr	F	Click here
358	Ocean Park				Click here

MARK'S MAIL

Mark has gone bush with Harry and George and will be back on farm mid next week. Have a great weekend everyone!





GARRY'S CORNER

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Well, where to start. I'll go for Winx, we all know comparative performances are subject to more opinions than you can poke a stick at, but her performance in the QEII Stakes was exhilarating.





IN THE MEDIA

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



MESSARA APPOINTMENT THE PRECURSOR TO A PARADIGM-SHIFT IN OUR RACING CULTURE

