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Bonny O'Reilly sold for \$825,000
at this weeks Magic Millions Sale
Photo Credit: Sharon Lee Chapman

GRAND PRODUCER DIADEME SELLS FOR \$1,700,000 AT MAGIC MILLIONS

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China Horse Club came out on top of a thrilling battle to own Group One winner and topshelf sales ring producer Diademe (Savabeel) outright after landing the \$1,700,000 knockout blow on the second day of the Magic Millions Gold Coast National Broodmare Sale.



BELOW / Diademe
Photo Credit: Sharon Lee Chapman

Offered in foal to Golden Slipper Stakes winner Vancouver on Thursday, Diademe was at the centre of a titanic tussle between her owners Coolmore and China Horse Club to dissolve the partnership.

On the market from the initial \$100,000 bid, the parties faced off as the bids flew past \$1,000,000 before increasing in \$50,000 increments from \$1,500,000.

Diademe, whose yearling filly by Fastnet Rock made NZ\$1,000,000 at this year's New Zealand Bloodstock Karaka Yearling Sale, was purchased by Coolmore and China Horse Club for \$740,000 at the 2015 sale.

Her Fastnet Rock weanling colt was bought by Boomer Bloodstock at last week's Magic Millions Gold Coast National Weanling Sale for \$650,000.

She was bred and sold by Waikato Stud and was initially sold at Karaka in 2010 to Scott Richardson for \$50,000.

Diademe is out of the unraced mare Bling (O'Reilly) and is a sister to this season's New Zealand 2000 Guineas (Gr 1, 1600m) winner and Cambridge Stud-bound colt Embellish who was purchased by Te Akau's David Ellis for \$775,000 from Waikato Stud's 2016 Karaka Premier yearling sale draft. She is also a sister to the stakes-placed Deadly Shadow and a half-sister to Roop All (Pins).

China Horse Club's Michael Wallace said: "She has put down two wonderful



foals as her first two and she is a grade A specimen physically, so she has everything going for.

"Obviously it has been well documented the ownership that was involved with her, so it is good to get that tidied up and move on with a nice mare."

Wallace said dual Group One-winning first season stallion Russian Revolution, his sire Snitzel and I Am Invincible are all in the mix to be mated to Diademe this season.

- ANZ Bloodstock News

BONNY MARE POPULAR IN THE SALE RING

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The Waikato Stud-bred and sold Bonny O'Reilly was a sought-after lot at the Gold Coast on Tuesday.



BELOW / Bonny O'Reilly
Photo Credit: Sharon Lee Chapman

Bonny O'Reilly realised A\$825,000 during the opening session of the Magic Millions National Broodmare Sale.

The well-performed daughter of O'Reilly was purchased by the Sydney-based Damion Flower.

Bonny O'Reilly was originally bought at Karaka in 2014 from Waikato Stud's Premier draft for \$100,000 and subsequently joined Bjorn Baker's stable.

She won eight races and was successful at Listed level and was Group Two-

placed.

Bonny O'Reilly is out of the Pins mare Pretty, also the dam of the Group placed three-year-old Ocean Park filly Pretty To Sea.

They represent the Waikato Stud family of the Group One winners Vision And Power, Glamour Puss and Steps In Time.



HONOUR IN DEFEAT FOR OCEAN PARK FILLY

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Another Dollar's bid for Group One glory in the Queensland Oaks came up agonisingly short at Doomben on Saturday evening.

The daughter of Ocean Park went under by the barest of margins when nabbed on the line by stablemate Youngstar.

Bred and sold by Waikato Stud, the Chris Waller-trained Another Dollar led short of the post, but was undone in the last bound.

The three-year-old has nevertheless come a long way in a short period of time.

Spelled earlier this year after winning one of her first three starts, Another Dollar now has three successive black type seconds.

She was runner-up in the Listed Gold Coast Bracelet and filled the same spot in the Gr.2 The Roses before her gallant Oaks effort.

Another Dollar was bred by Waikato Stud and sold at the Sydney Easter Sale to Waller for A\$190,000.

She is out of the Pins mare Make A Wish, who won twice and is from the family of the Gr.3 Gloaming Stakes winner Strike the Stars.



ABOVE / Another Dollar

SAVABEEL'S SON TOP DERBY PROSPECT

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Savabeel three-year-old Live And Free has boosted his Gr.1 Queensland Derby hopes in emphatic fashion.

Live And Free is now the favourite for the classic following an impressive victory at Randwick on Saturday afternoon.

Trained by John O'Shea, he posted the third win of his six-start career in outstanding style.

"At the half-mile the writing was on the wall," O'Shea said. "He just had a lap full of horse and we know that he had the best turn of foot."

Live And Free settled back in the field before he unleashed with a powerful finish in the hands of Benton Avdulla.

"He took me everywhere I needed to be and once I let him stride he

accelerated really well and put a gap on them quickly," he said.

A \$200,000 Karaka yearling, Live And Free was originally in the Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman stable at Cambridge.

Trainer John O'Shea is a long-time fan of the Waikato Stud stallion and moved quickly to secure his current rising star for clients of his Sydney stable.

"I got in contact with Bruce Perry, who managed the horse, to see if we could buy him," O'Shea said.

A deal to purchase the gelding, then known as Patrician, was struck after he had run second on debut at New

Plymouth last November for Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman.

"To be honest, the fork in the road came at Rosehill a couple of weeks ago when he won in his first chance over a bit of trip and his second run over ground showed he's a nice horse going forward to the Derby," O'Shea said.

Live And Free won over 1800m before he came from the back of the field at Randwick last Saturday for a smart win in three-year-old company over 2000m.

He was ridden by Brenton Avdulla, but will be partnered in the Derby by James McDonald, with whom O'Shea had a successful association with during their Godolphin days.

"He's an impressive horse and Savabeel has been very good to me," O'Shea said.

Among his success stories with the former Gr.1 Cox Plate (2040m) winner's progeny has been Savvy Nature, a Group Two and Three winner and a multiple Group One placegetter.



LEFT / Live And Free
Photo Credit: Bradley Photos

ROCKY HIGH LATEST WINNER FOR WAIKATO STUD RESIDENT

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Consistency was rewarded on Tuesday when Rocky High became the latest success story for Waikato Stud stallion Rock 'n' Pop.

The three-year-old shed his maiden tag over 1400m on his home track at Albury, New South Wales, where he is trained by Kym Davison.

It was just reward for Rocky High, who had finished in the money no fewer than 11 times before breaking through.

The gelding is a son of the unraced High Chaparral mare High Tea, whose four foals to race have all been successful.

The mare boasts a strong pedigree as she is a half-sister to the two-time

Group One winner Prized Gem.

She claimed the Kelt Capital Stakes and the Brisbane Cup and is in turn the dam of the Gr.1 Australian Derby winner and sire Nom du Jeu.

Rocky High's sire Rock 'n' Pop has now left 11 individual winners in four countries from only 39 runners.

They include the Gr.3 Sunline Vase runner-up Gold Spice and The Lord Mayor, fourth in the Gr.1 New Zealand Derby.



ABOVE / Rock 'n' Pop
Photo Credit: Trish Dunell

PIERINA REMAINS UNBEATEN IN AUSTRALIA

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The Savabeel filly continued the perfect start to her Australian career with further success at Gosford yesterday afternoon.

The three-year-old finished in the money in both her New Zealand starts for Stephen Marsh before she joined Kris Lees.

The Newcastle trainer produced the Waikato Stud graduate for a first-up win at Scone and she followed suit today over 1200m.

Part-owned by Lib Petagna, Pierina was purchased by his bloodstock manager Bruce Perry for \$110,000 at Karaka in 2016.

A half-sister to the stakes performer Showemup, she is out of the Carnegie mare Quizzical.

It is the family of the Gr.1 VRC Derby and Gr.1 BMW Stakes winner Fiveandahalfstar and the Gr.1 Sydney Cup winner Cross Swords.



BELOW/ Pierina

Photo Credit: Bradley Photos



BLACK TYPE SPOTLIGHT

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LEGLESS VEUVE

GROUP 2 MORETON CUP



Legless Veuve / By Pins, from Hyades

Two-time Group winning Pins mare Legless Veuve won a trial last week ahead of her tilt in tomorrow's Gr.2 Moreton Cup at the Sunshine Coast over 1200m. The Henry Dwyer trained WS graduate has drawn well in barrier 4 and will be ridden by Damian Browne.

PEACEFUL

LISTED GREAT NORTHERN FOAL STAKES



Peaceful / By Savabeel, from Paloma

Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman trained two-year-old Savabeel filly Peaceful was runner-up in the Listed CJC Champagne Stakes at her last outing and will take aim at the Listed Great Northern Foal Stakes over 1400m at Te Rapa on Sunday. Contesting her fifth race start, she will be ridden by Matthew Cameron from barrier 2.

BASSETT

LISTED SPEAR CHIEF HANDICAP



Bassett / By Savabeel, from Fledgling

Mick Price trained Savabeel gelding Bassett was third in the Listed Warrnambool RC Wangoom Handicap two starts back and was fifth in the Gr.3 BRC Sprint two weeks ago. Tomorrow the Stakes winning sprinter will run in the Listed Spear Chief Handicap over 1400m and will jump from barrier 7 with Michael Cahill on board.

TAURUS

LISTED CHALLENGE STAKES



Taurus / By No Excuse Needed, from Stars in Her Eyes

Stakes winning nine-year-old gelding Taurus has enjoyed a racing career that has spanned across 8 seasons. The winner of 11 races has started 71 times and tomorrow will take aim at the Listed Challenge Stakes at Wanganui. Trained by E & J Rayner, Taurus has drawn barrier number 7 and will be ridden by Jonathan Riddell.

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TAURUS

No Excuse Needed – Stars in Her Eyes

Listed Challenge Stakes, 1590m

Wanganui, 3:44 pm (NZT)

PATSYS LASS

Savabeel – Patsy O'Reilly

Listed Phoenix Stakes, 1600m

Sunshine Coast, 3:57 pm (NZT)

LEGLESS VEUVE

Pins – Hyades

Gr.2 Moreton Cup, 1200m

Sunshine Coast, 6:40 pm (NZT)

BASSETT

Savabeel – Fledgling

Listed Spear Chief Handicap, 1400m

Sunshine Coast, 7:50 pm (NZT)

SUNDAY 3 JUNE

PEACEFUL

Savabeel – Paloma

Listed Great Northern Foal Stakes, 1400m

Te Rapa, 2:04 pm (NZT)

60 SECONDS WITH MATT CUMANI

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This week we caught up with up and coming Ballarat trainer Matt Cumani.

Q What is your favourite TV show?

A It's a photo finish between Curb Your Enthusiasm & The Man in The High Castle (based on the Philip K Dick Novel of the same name and it imagines a dystopian alternative future where the Nazis and the Japanese won the second World War)

Q What makes you laugh?

A The BBC's weekly podcast: The News Quiz

Q Career highlights

A Winning the G3 Lord Reims stakes with NZ bred Etah James.

Q Not many people know that I

A ...used to work in Politics

Q What do you do to relax?

A Sleep

Q Best piece of advice?

A Nike's "Just Do It"

Q Favourite part of what you do?

A Being one on one with a horse. A close second is the multifaceted nature of the job. It requires the use of many different skills; learning and developing those skills every single day makes the job fascinating.

Q What is your favourite thing about Waikato Stud?

A Having recently bought one I'm hoping that Sacred Falls will soon be my favourite thing about Waikato!

Q What are you most looking forward to this weekend?

A I'm hoping to get a double on our home track, Ballarat, (although it never happens when I say it!) and following it up with dinner in the new pub in town, The Pub With Two Names.



LEFT/ Matt Cumani

The *anatomy* of a
GROUP ONE WINNING
SPRINTER/MILER

Tivaci

First foals arriving this spring

SERVICE FEE: \$20,000+gst LFG

Mental Strength

His outstanding temperament allowed him to win the Group One All Aged Stakes as a 4YO entire

Muscle on muscle

Enough muscle power to beat Australia's best Group One sprinters to claim five Stakes races between 1000m – 1600m

Seriously good looks

High Chaparral's fastest son inherited the family's supermodel looks

Powerful hindquarters

For devastating acceleration

Body builder like forearms

For power and speed

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PEDIGREE POINTERS WITH GARETH DOWNEY

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Rocking On High

The steady stream of recent winners for Rock 'n' Pop continued on Tuesday when Rocky High scored an impressive win by more than 2 lengths over 1400m at Albury.

In doing so, Rocky High became the 11th individual winner for Rock 'n' Pop – and provided further supporting evidence to the feedback from trainers that these horses are just going to keep improving with time and maturity.

The pattern that seems to be at work in the pedigree of Rocky High is the combination between Rock 'n' Pop and Mill Reef. Mill Reef himself is bred on the famed Nasrullah / Princequillo cross, and when Mill Reef is combined with Rock 'n' Pop, this creates reinforcement of both Nasrullah and Princequillo, as well as a host of wonderfully powerful mares – including Mumtaz Begum, Mumtaz Mahal, La Troienne, Selene, Stephanie and Banshee. With all this powerful reinforcement happening, it is easy to see why combining Rock 'n' Pop and Mill Reef should be successful.

The results to date when this has occurred are looking very encouraging, with five of Rock 'n' Pop's winners coming from mares carrying Mill Reef. Apart from Rocky High, the other four winners have been Gold Spice (also 2nd in the Gr.3 Sunline Vase), The Lord Mayor (2 wins and 4th in the Gr.1 NZ Derby), Boomtown Rat (wins at Newcastle and Gosford) and Limekilns (1 win and 2 placings from 3 starts).

If you have a mare carrying Mill Reef, you would therefore do very well to consider following this proven successful pattern by sending her to Rock 'n' Pop this season. If you would like to discuss this or your pursuit of successful pedigree patterns in planning your matings, please get in touch via either gareth@waikatostud.co.nz or +64 21 433 073.



MARK'S MAIL

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The Magic Millions Broodmare sale certainly was very strong, and I was wrapped to see WS-bred Savabeel mare Diademe fetch \$1.7 million and fellow home-bred O'Reilly mare Bonny O'Reilly sell for \$825,000.

It was also great to see Dormello's Savabeel mare Santuzza sell extremely well for \$575,000.

Last weekend, WS-bred and sold Ocean Park filly Another Dollar came painfully close to winning the Group One QLD Oaks and I must admit, it was a bitter pill to swallow after she had been runner-up in her last two starts – both at Stakes level. Nonetheless, Ocean Park has had a huge season with two Group One runner-up horses, six Stakes performers and a Stakes winner.

We've had our fair share of frosty mornings this week but have enjoyed a beautiful week of weather at the farm. The weanlings are growing, the horses are healthy and in exactly three months' time, we'll be opening the serving barn doors for another action-packed season.

Have a great weekend.

**Cheers,
Mark**



GARRY'S CORNER

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The Gold Coast National Broodmare Sale is a great place to be if you need an injection of positivity. The \$102 million gross, clearance rate and highlight lots tell a story of future optimism.



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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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