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PHONE CALL REAPS REWARDS

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Champion New Zealand sire Savabeel gave us the 'One to Watch' on Wednesday with a sensational win for the three-quarter brother in-blood to triple Group I winner Sangster.

A phone call from Lindsay Park co-trainer David Hayes has led to exciting times for Kiwi owner breeders Peter Grieve and Barry Thomas.

The pair co-own and bred exciting three-year-old Gold Mag who took his unbeaten tally to two at Sandown on Wednesday.

The Savabeel gelding showed a tremendous turn of foot to sail past his opposition to score by five-lengths under jockey Craig Williams.

"He showed a great turn of foot and changed stride in the straight and was three-wide all the way," Grieve said. "I'm very happy with the win."

Gold Mag only had the one unplaced trial in New Zealand for trainer Finbarr Leahy before Grieve fielded a call from David Hayes.

"His trial in New Zealand was quite a good trial," Grieve said. "David Hayes rang me out of the blue and told me

he had heard I had quite a nice horse and that he'd like to train him for me.

"I thought with that sort of initiative I'll give him a go."

It is a decision that Grieve has not regretted, with Gold Mag winning by a similar margin on debut at Bendigo in June, followed by Wednesday's impressive victory.

"They (trainers) are pretty excited. He's still got youth on his side, so we'll take him along slowly," he said.

"We'll just ease up on him now and bring him out in a couple of months time. He'll be a handy horse in 13 to 14 months."

Grieve, a 75-year-old former trainer, is excited to once again have a quality horse on his hands, but Gold Mag still has a way to go to top his list.

"It's good to have a nice horse on my hands again after 50 years in racing," he said.

"I've been keen on racing all my life. I had my first winner in 1969 and had a horse or two before that. I trained my first winner at Wellington in 1970, so I have been playing around with horses for a long time.

"I had a share in Omnicorp when he won the VRC Derby, but breeding, owning and training Braless to win the (New Zealand) One Thousand Guineas has probably been the highlight. Uncle Remus beat us by half a head in the (New Zealand) Two Thousand Guineas."



BELOW / Gold Mag



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PHONE CALL REAPS REWARDS (CONT'D)

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Meanwhile, Grieve said he is just as rapt for his breeding and owning partner Barry Thomas, who was made a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to tourism and business in the 2018 Queen's Birthday Honours.

"He sponsors the New Zealand Trotting and galloping Cups," Grieve said. "He's put a fair bit into racing.

"I met him through a review committee we were in, it was of New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing as a matter of fact. We got matey and began racing a few together."

That has resulted in the pair breeding Gold Mag and Grieve hopes his future success can pay for his dam Chapinta to return to his sire this season.

"We'd probably be wise to go back to Savabeel (this coming season), we might be able to afford it by then."—

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BELOW / Gold Mag



RETIREMENT FOR SAVABEEL'S TOP-CLASS SON

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Allan Sharrock was feeling both sad and relieved in the wake of his decision to retire Savabeel's best son Kawi.

The New Plymouth trainer announced today that he had called time on the seven-year-old's illustrious career.

"We've had a ride and a-half with him and while it's a shame, I'm also relieved," Sharrock said.

"I know he's not quite right and he's had issues with his joints and his fetlocks are showing a bit of wear and tear. I'd hate to see anything happen to him so that's it.

"I'm not taking any risks, he's been such a great servant. He's the best I've had.

"He's been massive and people don't realise how hard it is to win seven Group Ones."

Kawi was successful in 15 of his 39

starts, but it was a close second that stood out in Sharrock's mind.

"He was great in those big races at Hawke's Bay, but I think his biggest effort was in the Telegraph," Sharrock said.

"He carried topweight and had he not been held up he might still have won. There was a bias toward the inside that day and he was down the middle.

"It's a shame we couldn't equal Mufhasa's record, but that's the way it goes sometimes."

Mufhasa heads the list of New Zealand Group One wins with eight and Kawi shares second with Seachange on seven.



BELOW / Kawi



PINS CONTINUES TO MAKE HIS MARK

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Pins gained further posthumous international honours this week with a trio of winners in two countries.



BELOW / Bella Amante

His daughters Bella Amante and My Shu Mai struck in Australia while Flying Monkey furthered his record in Hong Kong.

The lightly-ried Bella Amante posted the third victory of her five-start career when she won at Kembla Grange on Thursday.

Bred and part-owned by Little Avondale Stud she is out of the Zabeel mare Bellabaci, who hails from the family of Waikato Stud graduate and Gr.1 Australasian Oaks winner Marju Snip.

My Shu Mai's maiden success came at Sale on Thursday off the back of two previous placings.

The three-year-old is a daughter of the American-bred Flowerdrum, a Group Two winner in Australia.

Meanwhile, Flying Monkey won for the second time in Hong Kong on Wednesday evening.

He is out of the dual Group Two-winning Danehill mare Dandify, a daughter of the former champion filly and multiple Group One winner Mannerism.

Pins sadly passed away earlier this year due to complications from colic.

A Gr. 1 Australian Guineas winner for trainer Clarry Connors, he retired to Waikato Stud in 2000 and enjoyed an outstanding career.



His leading Australian performer was the Gr. 1 Cox Plate winner El Segundo, while in New Zealand his top-flight winners includes Katie Lee.

She made history in 2009 when she became the first horse to complete the New Zealand 2000 and 1000 Guineas double.

He also significantly contributed to the rise of the farm's current champion stallion Savabeel with an impressive 15 per cent of stakes winners to runners sired by Savabeel out of mares by Pins.

BLACK TYPE SPOTLIGHT

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AUTUMN ASSAULT

SGP-2 AUSHORSE GOLDEN HORSESHOE
SATURDAY JULY 14 AT 12:55 AM (NZT)



Autumn Assault / By Rock 'n' Pop, from Summer Daze

Lightly tried two-year-old Rock 'n' Pop gelding Autumn Assault won impressively at his last start in late June and was a close second on debut at his previous start. The promising speedster has an electric turn of foot and should be extremely competitive in tonight's Sgp-2 Aushorse Golden Horseshoe over 1200m. Trained by David Kok, Autumn Assault has drawn wide in barrier 16 and will be ridden by Benny Woodworth.

MR EXCHEQUER

SGP-1 EMIRATES SINGAPORE DERBY
SUNDAY JULY 15 AT 8:20 PM (NZT)



Mr Exchequer / By Savabeel, from Apollo Treasure

Savabeel four-year-old Mr Exchequer is a four-time winner and sparked a good line of form back in Feb/March when winning back-to-back races for trainer Shane Baertschiger and owners MA Racing Stable.

The gelding was 8th of 11 at his last outing in the Sgp-1 Singapore TC Charity Bowl and should relish the distance in tomorrow's Singapore Derby (1800m), having won over this trip before. Mr Exchequer will be ridden by John Powell from barrier 11 in the \$1.15 million feature.

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STAKES PLACED
HORSES

SAVVY COUP

2014 FILLY BY SAVABEEL, FROM EUDORA



2017-18 HIGHLIGHTS

1st Gr.1 New Zealand Oaks
1st Gr.3 Hawkes Bay Lowland Stakes
1st Gr.3 Manawatu RC Eulogy Stakes
3rd Gr.1 WRC Levin Classic
3rd Listed ARC Karaka Million
3YO Classic (R)

Sold at the NZB Premier Yearling Sale
in 2016 for \$65,000 to Jim Bruford

HASAHALO

2014 FILLY BY SAVABEEL,
FROM HALLOWEEN



2017-18 HIGHLIGHTS

1st Gr.1 New Zealand 1000 Guineas

Sold at the NZB Premier Yearling Sale in
2016 for \$110,000 to Go Racing

OCEAN EMPEROR

2011 COLT BY ZABEEL,
FROM TOOTSIE



2017-18 HIGHLIGHTS

1st Gr.2 BOP RC Japan-New Zealand
International Trophy
1st Gr.2 BOP RC Tauranga Stakes

Sold at the NZB Premier Yearling Sale in
2013 for \$450,000 to Mr Gary Hennessy

SAVAPINSKI

2013 MARE BY SAVABEEL,
FROM SWARVOSKI



2017-18 HIGHLIGHTS

1st Gr.2 VRC Matriarch Stakes
2nd Gr.3 MVRC Tesio Stakes

Sold at the NZB Premier Yearling
Sale in 2015 for \$70,000 to Dynamic
Syndications/Gai Waterhouse Racing

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2014 COLT BY SAVABEEL, FROM BLING



2017-18 HIGHLIGHTS

1st Gr.1 New Zealand 2000 Guineas
2nd Listed ARC Karaka Million 3YO
Classic (R)

Sold at the NZB Premier Yearling Sale
in 2016 for \$775,000 to Mr DC Ellis

COLDPLAY

2012 MARE BY SAVABEEL,
FROM FORTY TWO BELOW



2017-18 HIGHLIGHTS

1st Gr.2 ARC Rich Hill Mile
3rd Gr.2 ARC Westbury Classic
3rd Gr.2 Counties RC Auckland
Thoroughbred Breeders Stakes
Not offered at a yearling sale

SPLURGE

2012 GELDING BY SAVABEEL,
FROM SPLASHING OUT



2017-18 HIGHLIGHTS

1st Gr.2 Manawatu Challenge Stakes
2nd Gr.3 ARC Eagle Technology Stakes

Sold at the NZB Premier Yearling Sale in
2014 for \$500,000 to Mr DC Ellis

PACKING PINS

2010 GELDING BY PINS,
FROM SPLASHING OUT



2017-18 HIGHLIGHTS

1st Gr.3 Rotorua RC Arawa Stakes
2nd Gr.1 ARC Railway Stakes
2nd Gr.1 Waikato Sprint

Sold at the NZB Premier Yearling Sale
in 2012 for \$160,000 to Mr R Yiu

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HANGER

2014 GELDING BY O'REILLY,
FROM DO RA MI



2017-18 HIGHLIGHTS

2nd Gr.3 Cambridge Breeders Stakes

Passed in at the 2016 NZB Ready to Run Sale

SEAWAY

2014 COLT BY OCEAN PARK,
FROM MISS PURRFECTION



2017-18 HIGHLIGHTS

2nd Gr.2 BRC Queensland Guineas

Sold at the 2016 NZB Premier Yearling Sale for \$210,000 to Star Thoroughbreds

THE REAL BEEL

2015 FILLY BY SAVABEEL,
FROM AHNA



2017-18 HIGHLIGHTS

3rd Gr.2 Matamata Breeders' Stakes

Sold at the NZB Premier Yearling Sale in 2017 for \$110,000 to Mr DC Ellis

ESPUMOSO

2015 GELDING BY PINS,
FROM SPARKLING



2017-18 HIGHLIGHTS

2nd Gr.2 WRC Wakefield Challenge Stakes

Sold at the NZB Premier Yearling Sale in 2017 for \$50,000 to Pamsel Investments

PRETTY TO SEA

2014 FILLY BY OCEAN PARK,
FROM PRETTY



2017-18 HIGHLIGHTS

2nd Gr.3 ATC (Randwick) Adrian Knox Stakes

Sold at the NZB Premier Yearling Sale in 2016 for \$150,000 to Mr KB & Mrs NJ Agent

MARK TWO

2014 FILLY BY PINS,
FROM ZEPHYR SONG



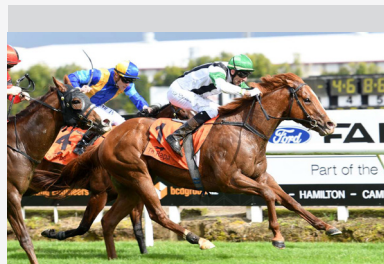
2017-18 HIGHLIGHTS

2nd Gr.2 Waikato RC Sir Tristram Fillies Classic

Sold at the NZB Premier Yearling Sale in 2016 for \$150,000 to Go Racing

FELTON ROAD

2014 COLT BY PINS,
FROM ROSE RED



2017-18 HIGHLIGHTS

2nd Gr.3 Whangarei RC Northland Breeders' Stakes

Sold at the NZB Select Yearling Sale in 2016 for \$20,000 to Botswana Bloodstock

GOLD SPICE

2014 FILLY BY ROCK 'N' POP,
FROM ZOE SPICE



2017-18 HIGHLIGHTS

2nd Gr.3 ARC Sunline Vase

Passed in at the NZB Select Yearling Sale in 2016

TIPTRONIC

2013 GELDING BY O'REILLY,
FROM TIPTOES



2017-18 HIGHLIGHTS

2nd Gr.2 BOP RC Japan-New Zealand International Trophy

Sold at the NZB Premier Yearling Sale in 2015 for \$100,000 to Richardson Racing

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FLAMINGO

2013 MARE BY PINS,
FROM BIRD



2017-18 HIGHLIGHTS

3rd Gr.3 WRC Cuddle Stakes

Passed in at the NZB Premier Yearling Sale in 2015

LEGLESS VEUVE

2013 MARE BY PINS,
FROM HYADES



2017-18 HIGHLIGHTS

2nd Gr.3 MRC How Now Stakes

Sold at the NZB Premier Yearling Sale in 2015 for \$150,000 to Aquanita Racing

SYMPHONIC

2012 MARE BY O'REILLY,
FROM CHORUS



2017-18 HIGHLIGHTS

2nd Gr.3 WRC Cuddle Stakes

Sold at the NZB Premier Yearling Sale in 2014 for \$330,000 to Mr GC Beemsterboer

TORGERSEN

2012 GELDING BY PINS,
FROM OH SO GLAM



2017-18 HIGHLIGHTS

2nd Listed Qld Tatt's RC Recognition Stakes

2nd Listed BRC Lough Neagh Stakes

Sold at the NZB Premier Yearling Sale in 2014 for \$170,000 to Chris Waller Racing

MACKINTOSH

2012 GELDING BY PINS,
FROM LOLLY SCRAMBLE



2017-18 HIGHLIGHTS

3rd Gr.2 ATC (Randwick) Hill Stakes

3rd Gr.3 ATC (Rosehill) Sky High Stakes

Sold at the NZB Weanling Sale in 2013 for \$11,000 to Bridge Racing

FLORENCE JEAN

2014 FILLY BY PINS,
FROM REALLY REPUTABLE



2017-18 HIGHLIGHTS

2nd Gr.3 Hawkes Bay Gold Trail Stakes

Sold at the NZB Weanling Sale in 2015 for \$14,000 to NZB as Agent

60 SECONDS WITH ROBERT WELLWOOD

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This week we caught up with fresh young talent Robert Wellwood who just last week, announced plans to join champion trainer Roger James in a training partnership.

Q What is your favourite TV show?

A If racing isn't on the TV my go to is definitely Suits.

Q What makes you laugh?

A Our dog Bella is always good for a laugh, she has way too much energy!

Q Career highlights?

A A couple of highlights in the past year would have to be getting the opportunity to travel horses over to Australia and becoming a training partner at Kingsclere Racing.

Q Not many people know that I...

A Own a toy (crane) vending machine - it was my first 'business' venture at 15-years-old.

Q What do you do to relax?

A I love getting a group of friends together for a round of golf. I also try and make the most of getting down to our family holiday home in Taupo.

Q Best piece of advice?

A There is no substitute for hard work.

Q If I wasn't training horses I would be?

A After every episode of Suits I watch, I basically feel like a lawyer, so maybe I would try my hand at that?

Q Favourite part of what you do?

A Winning. I love the joy it gives the staff and owners.

Q What is your favourite thing about Waikato Stud?

A Their hospitality is world-class. You always feel very welcome both at the farm and the sales.



BELOW / Robert Wellwood
(left) with training partner
Roger James (right)



The *anatomy* of a
FIVE-TIME GROUP ONE WINNING
PROVEN YOUNG SIRE

Ocean Park

SERVICE FEE: \$30,000+gst LFG

Exceptionally handsome

He has passed his good looks on to his progeny and with a multitude of Stakes performers already emerging, it's safe to say he has transmitted his superior ability to them too

A beautiful physique

Buyers think his yearlings do too. At this year's Karaka Yearling Sale, his Book One yearlings averaged \$106,000 and across all Australasian sales, his yearlings sold for up to \$280,000 and nine sold for \$150,000 or more

Athletic anatomy

Like his champion sire Thorn Park and his Broodmare of the Year dam Sayyida who is by Zabeel, he is the perfect athlete

Proven sire capabilities

He is the leading New Zealand based Australian Second Season Sire and has sired seven Stakes performers in his first crop including Australian Stakes winner Ocean Jewel

Freakish stride length

His unbelievably long stride length contributed greatly to his five Group One victories between 1400m and 2040m



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MARK'S MAIL

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With only two weeks to go until the end of the 2017-18 racing season, it's extremely satisfying to look back on the incredible year we have had here at Waikato Stud.

It has been a particularly memorable year for us having bred Embellish and Hasahalo who won the 2000 and 1000 NZ Guineas respectively and to show that we know how to breed a Group One Classic winner, we also bred Group One NZ Oaks winner Savvy Coup to claim three of the major NZ Group One Classic races.

Over the course of the 2017-18 racing season Waikato Stud have bred three Group One winners, eight Group winners and fifteen Stakes placed horses, a mammoth effort and a year we will remember for a very long time!

Whilst our husbandry, farm and facilities have a huge part to play in the consistency of Stakes success produced by horses we have bred, our sire power and top broodmare band which has taken years of careful mating and planning to build is a major factor in the success of these horses. We are so proud to own and work with such incredible bloodstock and look forward to emulating this year's success in the 2018-19 season.

I get great enjoyment from seeing people have success with the horses we have been involved in breeding, whether they are by our stallions or purchased from us and I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank all of you who have been involved with racing

or breeding the WS product.

A special congrats goes to the buyers of our Group One superstars – David Ellis knows a good horse when he sees one and has had a multitude of success with our homebreds this year, but the standout is, of course, Embellish who was successful in taking out the Group One 2000 Guineas for Te Akau Racing. Jim Bruford - congratulations on purchasing Group One NZ Oaks winner Savvy Coup for Ray Coupland and the Pitman team, and congratulations to Albert Bosma of Go Racing for purchasing Group One 1000 Guineas winner Hashahalo for Go Racing's owners.

It has been a successful week for our past and present sires, but my winner of the week certainly goes to Savabeel three-year-old Gold Mag. Bred and raced by Peter Grieve and Barry Thomas, he was more than impressive and won by an easy five lengths at Sandown to remain unbeaten following a win by a similar margin at his last outing. It's fantastic to see Savabeel continuing to assert his dominance in Australia and it is great to see Peter following the advice of his bloodstock advisor sister Jenny to send Gold Mag's dam Chapinta to Savabeel a few years back to mate her on that successful Savabeel x High Chaparral cross!

I'm back on deck next week and am feeling particularly pumped about what the season ahead will hold. We are eagerly awaiting the arrival of Tivaci's first foals and if he leaves them anything like himself, which I have no doubt he will, we've got a lot to look forward to down the track. The feedback from breakers and trainers about Sacred Falls' yearlings has been excellent. They have great brains, are professional and are extremely athletic individuals so we can't wait to see them step out for the first time over the next few months.

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MARK'S MAIL (CONT'D)

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The progeny of Ocean Park have really hit their straps with 26 of his 40 individual winners winning in Australia. He is the leading NZ based Australian Second Season sire and is the first NZ stallion to hold a top-five placing in eight years since High Chaparral. This season alone he has sired 7 stakes performers including Stakes winner Ocean Jewel and the runner-up in the Queensland Oaks, Gr.1 and NZ Derby, Gr.1. We're very happy with where he is at present and look forward to plenty more success to come.

It is evident that the progeny of Rock 'n' Pop needed a bit of time on their side and I am wrapped to see them coming into their own as they reach maturation. He has sired 14 individual winners in four different countries with 6 of these being in Australia. He has also produced four

Stakes performers to date including ARC Sunline Vase, Gr.3 runner-up Gold Spice and Go Dixie who was third in the recent Sunshine Coast Guineas, Gr.3.

Continuing his dominance as a sire, Savabeel remains one of only three current Australasian sires to maintain a stakes winner to runners' percentage above 10%. At the close of the 2017-18 season, Savabeel will claim his fourth straight New Zealand Sires Premiership, third consecutive Dewar Award and third Centaine Award and we couldn't be prouder of his achievements.

Have a great weekend.

**Cheers,
Mark**



GARRY'S CORNER

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Numbers, numbers, numbers. What do they tell us? What has drawn my attention to our breeding numbers, well I had a visit from the local National Party member Tim van der Molen, I always do my homework before any such visit, it makes me look smarter than I am.



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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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