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# Weekend @Waikato

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## FOALING SPECIAL

The foaling season has officially kicked off with the arrival of three #LittleChampions over the past week.

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The Savabeel x  
Summer School Filly



## OCEAN PARK OPENS NEW SEASON IN STYLE

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The progeny of Waikato Stud resident Ocean Park have made a flying start to the new season.



**BELOW /** Ocean Park  
Photo Credit: Trish Dunell

The Thorn Park stallion produced winners in three states across the Tasman last week.

Marina started the ball rolling on Wednesday when she was successful for the third time in her career at Fannie Bay in Darwin.

Prepared by John Hickmott, she is out of the Keltrice mare Homeland Sheila who is a sister to the Group Three winners Northeast Sheila.

Ocean Park's son Waiheke then broke his maiden at Wyong on Friday for master trainer Chris Waller.

The four-year-old had previously finished runner-up on debut.

A \$120,000 Karaka purchase, Waiheke is out of the Gr.1 Queensland Oaks placegetter Eliza Blues, a daughter of O'Reilly.

They are direct descendants of the multiple Group One winner Canterbury Belle.

Summerfest continued Ocean Park's roll when he won at Wangaratta in Victoria on Saturday afternoon.

She was making just her fourth appearance and is a half-sister to the former champion Singapore galloper Better Than Ever.

Summerfest was also a \$120,000 Karaka buy and is trained by Brent Stanley.



Rock 'n' Pop's daughter Los Angeles completed a good trot for Waikato Stud when she scored in fine style at Te Rapa on Saturday.

The Chris Gibbs and Michelle Bradley-trained mare led all the way to open her winning account.

Los Angeles is raced by a Kylie Bax-managed syndicate and is out of the Dehere mare Hollywood Angel.

Her pedigree features the New Zealand Group One winner Mission Critical and the European top-flight winner Nedawi.

## LOFTY SPRING TARGETS FOR OCEAN EMPEROR

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Ocean Emperor has freshened since his Singapore mission and is taking positive steps toward a return to racing in the Gr.1 Tarzino Trophy (1400m) at Hastings.

Ocean Emperor was taken to Singapore for the S\$1.5 million Kranji Mile (1600m) on May 26 on the strength of his win in the Gr.2 Japan-NZ International Trophy (1600m) at Matamata last March and, though he finished only seventh, trainer and part-owner Gary Hennessy was satisfied with his performance.

"He travelled over great and I was happy going into the race, but it was disappointing how it panned out in the race," Hennessy said.

"It was raining and the way the race was run you had to draw and alley and be on the pace.

"Though the race didn't work out, the experience was good for him and he handled it well."

Ocean Emperor underwent five weeks of quarantine, the first three in Singapore and the rest in New Zealand, and rejoined Hennessy's team early last month.

"He still had good muscle tone and it hasn't taken much to bring him up again," Hennessy said. "He was to go to the Te Teko trials last week, but with them postponed until Monday he'll go there now.

"He had a real good gallop on the grass this morning (Thursday) and after the Te Teko trials he'll run in one of the open heats at Taupo before the first race there (on August 22). That should have him ready for the Tarzino Trophy."

Ocean Emperor is nominated for all three legs of the Hawke's Bay Triple Crown, but if he shapes very well in the Tarzino Trophy he is likely to miss both the Gr.1 Windsor Park Plate (1600m) and the Gr.1 Livamol Classic (2040m).

"If he happens to run in the first four in the Tarzino he'll go to Aussie for the Underwood Stakes. He is nominated for the Cox Plate and that's the same path we took with Ocean Park."

Ocean Park, who now stands at Waikato Stud, won the Hastings 1400m feature, which was then known as the Makfi Challenge Stakes, then went on to win the Gr.1 Underwood Stakes (1800m), Gr.1 Caulfield Stakes (2000m) and topped it all off with victory in the Gr.1 Cox Plate (2040m).

Ocean Park achieved his glory as a four-year-old and now six years later Hennessy is chasing the same dream with a seven-year-old dual Group Two winner.

"It's not as if we're going into uncharted territory. We know what is required," Hennessy said.

"It's the same pathway we took with Ocean Park and they're very much the same mould and style of horse. It all



BELOW / Ocean Emperor



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## LOFTY SPRING TARGETS FOR OCEAN EMPEROR (CONT'D)

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hinges on how he goes in the Tarzino.”

Shaun McKay was aboard Ocean Emperor in his latest Group Two win and he will ride him in the Tarzino Trophy with an Australian jockey engaged if the Melbourne trip eventuates.

Bred and sold by Waikato Stud, Ocean Emperor is out of the Group Three-winning Pins mare Tootsie and was a \$450,000 Karaka purchase by Gary Hennessy from the 2013 Karaka Premier Yearling Sale. – **NZ Racing Desk**



**BELOW /** Ocean Emperor  
(ridden my Shaun McKay)





## STAFF PROFILE CASEY FAVELL

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This week we caught up with foaling unit team member Casey Favell.

**Q How old were you when your first interest in horses was sparked?**

**A** I was 20 when I first got involved with horses.

**Q Which division are you working in at present?**

**A** I am currently working in the foaling unit and have been fortunate to work in other areas of the farm including Courtza Park with the pre-trainers/racehorses and also with the yearlings.

**Q What is your favourite time of year on the farm?**

**A** This year I am very excited for the foaling season and am really looking forward to the yearling prep!

**Q What is your favourite part of what you do?**

**A** It changes every season - I really enjoy the foaling during the breeding season but have also loved working at Courtza Park and looking after the racehorses.

**Q If you could give once piece of advice to someone looking to get involved in the thoroughbred breeding industry what would it be?**

**A** Be ready to work hard!

**Q Who is your favourite horse on the farm?**

**A** Love Affair as she is so beautiful and strong. I really hope she has a

good racing season as she has so much talent.

**Q What are you watching on Netflix at the moment?**

**A** I have just finished Orphan Black and just started Downton Abbey.

**Q What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?**

**A** Spend time with my husband and kids.



LEFT / Casey  
Favell



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 four 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

## *Short, strong cannons*

The perfect asset for strength and soundness

## *Deep girth*

For optimum lung capacity

## *Red hot genetics*

That combine champion sires High Chaparral and Fastnet Rock



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## FEATURED STALLION TIVACI

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**Group One Winning Sprinter/Miler  
4 Stakes wins between 1000m-1600m**

**Service fee \$20,000+gst LFG**

Brilliant Group One winner Tivaci was one of the most iconic sprinter/milers of his generation and is touted as the world's fastest son of champion sire High Chaparral.

The 'coup d'état' by Waikato Stud on the Australian Breeding Industry in 2017 undoubtedly came in securing High Chaparral's Group One winning son Tivaci prior to his magnificent win in the All Aged Stakes Gr.1 at Royal Randwick.

Before his iconic win in the Group One All Aged Stakes, the son of the highly successful High Chaparral already had the physical attributes to suggest the four-year-old would develop into a magnificent stallion, with a pedigree to match being out of the twice winning Fastnet Rock mare Breccia, herself a daughter of the Perth Cup Gr.2 winning mare Luna Tudor by Military Plume, by Sir Tristram.

The time-honoured All Aged Stakes Gr.1 added the third component to the stallion criteria by beating Australia's best sprinters/milers which included English, Le Romain, Divine Prophet and Redkirk Warrior in the Group One 1400 metre event at Royal Randwick.

The 'coup d'état' was complete as Tivaci was already secured by Waikato Stud for the New Zealand breeding industry and retired henceforth.

Tivaci has now let-down into a magnificent stallion, standing over 16.1 hands and showing more muscle and strength than his own sire High Chaparral who prematurely died when aged only 15 years.

On the racecourse the Aidan O'Brien trained High Chaparral was nothing short of world-class, winning two Breeders' Cups and the English and Irish Derbys, an Irish Champion Stakes and a third in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. He has sired well over 100 Stakes winners including 22 that have won at Group One level.



By High Chaparral, from Breccia (by Fastnet Rock)  
16.1 hh | 2012 | Bay

Tivaci displayed a greater turn of foot than any of High Chaparral's Group One winners, finishing with six wins between 1000 metres and 1600 metres. He won three times at Group level and also won the Listed Kensington Stakes in which he ran his last 600 metres in 32.1s.

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## FOAL GALLERY

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The team were very excited to welcome the very first foal of the season on Saturday evening with the arrival of a strong Savabeel colt from Kazemi. A granddaughter of O'Reilly, Kazemi is a half-sister to Group One winner I Do and Stakes winner Iggi Pop. Click the video below to meet him.



ABOVE & LEFT / Savabeel  
x Kazemi colt.

Date of Birth: 4 August



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**ABOVE & LEFT /**  
Savabeel x Summer  
School filly  
Date of Birth: August 5

## MARK'S MAIL

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## GARRY'S CORNER

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I normally try to keep politics at arm's length in my corner. I remember being made to stand in and face the corner in my first weeks at school well. Arm's length would have exposed me, allowing the class to view my vulnerability. I think I am beyond any such reaction now to my views.



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to read Garry's Corner

