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We have waited patiently for nearly 12 months for them to arrive and here they are, the first foals by Gr. 1 All Aged Stakes winner Tivaci.

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The first foals of Waikato Stud's Tivaci aren't letting anyone down. The newcomers are meeting all expectations and a further endorsement of the Matamata farm's stallion selection process.



BELOW / Three day old Tivaci colt from Lego

"When you purchase a stallion all you can hope for is that they can leave foals like themselves and while it's early days, it's certainly looking like he is and that's very exciting for us and all the breeders," stud principal Mark Chittick said. "Tivaci is a super impressive-looking specimen and from what we've seen so far he is stamping his foals."

One particularly well-related new arrival is the colt out of Lego (O'Reilly). The dam, a two-time winner, hails from one of the Matamata nursery's leading families and is a daughter of the Gr1 New Zealand Oaks and G1 Kelt Capital S., winner Legs (Pins). She has left the Listed Spring Classic winner Wolfwhistle (O'Reilly) and the Group performer Scrutinize (Savabeel).

"To be fair, the mare has left consistently good types and if we didn't get a cracker by Tivaci we would have been in trouble, but we've got another good one, he's a stunning looker," Chittick said.

Lego's pedigree also features the G1 New Zealand 2000 Guineas winner Xtravagant (Pentire), G1 WATC Derby winner Guyno (O'Reilly) and the G1 Arrowfield Stud Stakes heroine Sixty Seconds (Centaine).

Another colt who has created a stir is the first foal is a son of Tiff And Co (O'Reilly). "He's her first foal and Tivaci has certainly strengthened any weakness she may have had, he's put



good leg into the foal and he's a lovely type."

Tiff And Co was unraced and hails from the Dowager Duchess of Bedford's famous Mrs Moss (Reform) family responsible for the G1 Japan Cup winner Jupiter Island (St Paddy) and most recently the Group 1 winner and producer Tavistock (Montjeu).

Timing can be everything in the thoroughbred world and Tivaci's was exquisite when he powered to victory in the G1 All Aged S., at Randwick to seal his spot on the Waikato Stud roster. He had previously won twice at Group 3 level, but it was success at

the last time of asking that propelled the son of Breccia (Fastnet Rock) in the direction of the Chittick operation.

A \$250,000 Sydney Easter Yearling purchase, he can lay claim to being one of the fastest sons of High Chaparral (Sadler's Wells) with four stakes wins in all. His dam Breccia is a half-sister to the G2 Perth Cup winner Luna Tudor (Military Plume), who in turn produced the G1 Toorak H., winner Allez Wonder (Redoute's Choice).

THE FIRST FOALS BY TIVACI HAVE ARRIVED (CONT'D)

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ABOVE /
Foaling Unit team
member Casey
Favell with the Tivaci
x Lego colt



LEFT / Tivaci x Lego colt

RENNIE BACK IN BUSINESS AT WAIKATO STUD

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Mike Rennie is returning to the farm that launched his thoroughbred career. He has been appointed to the role of Business Development Manager at Waikato Stud.

"It's all happened quite quickly, but I'm really happy and excited by the new challenge," he said. "The first person I ever worked for in the industry was Mark Chittick, I did a yearling preparation during the university holidays."

Rennie subsequently enjoyed a four-year stint at Rich Hill Stud and the last three years at Waterford Bloodstock with the respected agent Michael Wallace. "I'm extremely grateful to Michael and Nicky for the opportunities they gave me," he said. "I really appreciate all they have done."

Rennie joined the Waterford team in 2015 after forming MDR Bloodstock in 2013 and began pin-hooking weanlings and buying mares and yearlings. His industry experience also includes stints at White Robe Lodge and with Mill Park Stud, Gai Waterhouse and Dan O'Sullivan Racing.

"It's a new role established at Waikato Stud and I'll be working with Mark and

helping him manage the business and the bloodstock alongside Kerrie Cox," Rennie said. "I'll do a bit of everything really, from nominations to promoting the stallions and liaising with clients."

Rennie's appointment is a continuation of the farm's assembly of a young vibrant staff. "We're obviously really happy to be having Mike at Waikato Stud to join a dynamic team," principal Mark Chittick said.

"Over the last couple of years we have worked hard to develop that team and upskill across all parts of our business and we've achieved that. Mike will be an integral part, managing the business and working closely with everybody both on and off the farm.

"He brings a great array of skills to our breeding operation and his experience will be invaluable. His first thoroughbred job was with us 10 years ago and it's great to have him back in the fold."



BELOW / Mike Rennie



PREDITOR HUNTS DOWN GROUP THREE RIVALS

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Group One targets beckon the Waikato Stud graduate Predator following his stunning victory in the Gr.3 Jumbo Jet Trophy at Kranji on Sunday evening.



BELOW / Predator (outer) surges late to earn the top prize in the Group 3 Jumbo Jet Trophy
Photo Credit: Singapore Turf Club

The son of Savabeel came from the tail of the field under jockey Matthew Poon to take the major honours from Debt Collector for trainer Shane Baertschiger in a thrilling finish.

"I didn't think he could win from where he was. He was a long way back and Debt Collector was in front of him," Baertschiger said.

"I was going for Aramco instead, but Matty rode a very patient race and got him into the clear at the right time.

"I told him before the race that as he was drawn off the track (14) to go back and not to push forward. The longer the better for him. The Gold Cup is a race I will definitely be aiming at for him."

The Gr.1 Dester Singapore Gold Cup (2000m) is the third and last Leg of the Singapore Triple Crown series and will be run on November 11.

Prior to that, Predator may even have a crack at the first two legs, the Gr.1 Raffles Cup (1600m) on September 23 and the Gr.1 Queen Elizabeth II Cup (1800m) on October 21.

"I did watch Predator's past races and I saw how he came from behind in the Kranji Mile. He finished off nicely but the two Hong Kong horses (Southern Legend and Horse Of Fortune) were too good," Poon said.

"I think if he had drawn better he would have won more easily. I had a good run on the outside of Michael's (Rodd, Debt Collector) but I didn't want to follow him as I thought he would go wide for his move at the top of the straight.

"I waited a bit longer and once I took him to the outside and he saw daylight, he just flew home.

"I have to first and foremost say a big thank you to Shane for looking after me so well yet again, and also the Singapore Turf Club for giving me the opportunity to come here again."

The winner of six of his 23 starts, Predator was bought out of Waikato Stud's 2014 draft to Karaka for \$75,000 and is the 76th Stakes winner for Savabeel.

He is a son of the Bird, who is a stakes-winning daughter of Danasinga and is due to foal again to Savabeel. From the family of the Group winners Torquay, Seraphic, Irlanda and Chintz, she is also the dam of the black type performer Flamingo (Pins).



DOUBLE STRIKE FOR WAIKATO STUD RESIDENT SIRE

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The Waikato Stud stallion's lightly-trying son Bully Boy opened his account in style.

The promising Waikato Stud graduate Bully Boy raced right up to his looks at Riccarton today to post his maiden success.

Placed at his two previous runs, the handsome son of Rock 'n' Pop won with ease.

He settled in the trail under rider Kate Cowan and, once clear, they strode clear.

The manner of his victory provided ample proof that the four-year-old can make his mark in much stronger company.

Bully Boy was purchased out of the Matamata farm's 2016 draft to Karaka by trainer Adrian Bull for \$24,000.

He is out of the No Excuse Needed mare Fru Ju, who is a half-sister to the South African Group One winner Taupo Retreat (Centaine).

Another top-flight performer in the pedigree is the Queensland Oaks winner Provocative.

Rock Island Line then completed a Riccarton double for Rock 'n' Pop when he defeated his Rating 65 rivals.

Trained by Lisa Latta, Rock Island Line came from back in the field under Ryan Elliot for the second win of his career.

"We had a plan to bring him down here for a three race campaign," Go Racing's Matt Allnutt said.

"To be fair, he was a bit disappointing at Oamaru and last Saturday he didn't quite get the mile.

"Back to 1400m today suited him and he's quite a progressive horse."

Rock Island Line also boasts the breeding to suggest he can move further through the grades.

He is out of the Al Akbar mare Island Time, also the dam of the Listed Levin Stakes winner North And South.

The Gr.1 New Zealand 2000 Guineas winner Hulastrake also features in the pedigree.



LEFT / Rock Island Line

COLDPLAY READY FOR SYDNEY DEBUT

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Classy New Zealand mare Coldplay is coming to hand nicely in her new Sydney environment as she prepares for her last campaign before commencing a breeding career.

The dual Group Two winner will race as I Am Coldplay in Sydney for champion trainer Chris Waller and will make her Australian debut on Saturday in the Gr.3 Toy Show Quality (1300m).

The six-year-old daughter of Savabeel has had two trials to fit her for Saturday's fillies and mares contest.

"She's a Group Two winner in New Zealand over a mile and has been running in some really good races," Waller said.

"Her trials have been fantastic and she has a good draw (7). There is

nothing to say she hasn't settled in and I couldn't be happier with her. She might be one to follow."

Coldplay is raced by Gary Wallace and Waikato Stud's Garry Chittick and will be mated with Australia's champion sire Snitzel at Arrowfield Stud this spring. - **NZ Racing Desk**



BELOW / Coldplay
Photo Credit: Lisa Grimm



SAVVY COUP ON TARGET FOR TARZINO TROPHY

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Savvy Coup is on track to continue along the Group One path at Hastings on September 1.

Trainers Michael and Matthew Pitman will run the stable star fresh-up in the Gr.1 Tarzino Trophy (1400m) without the benefit of a trial.

"I'm hoping to be able to give her a serious gallop on the course proper at Riccarton before going to Hastings," Michael Pitman said.

"She had a good break after the Oaks in Sydney and she's come back looking good. Physically, she has improved since last campaign. She's a lot stronger."

Savvy Coup is a finalist in the Champion Three-Year-Old category of the New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing Awards on the strength of consistently good performances at top level throughout last season.

She recorded five wins and four placings from 12 starts including victory in the Gr.1 New Zealand Oaks (2400m) and two other legs of the New Zealand Bloodstock Filly of the Year series, the Gr.3 Eulogy Stakes (1550m) and the Gr.3 Lowland Stakes (2100m). The daughter of Savabeel

picked up significant placings with thirds in the Gr.1 Levin Classic (1600m) and the Listed Karaka Million 3YO Classic (1600m).

"She was a good chance to win the Filly of the Year series, but we decided to stick with the plan and run her in the Karaka Million 3YO Classic," Pitman said. "After all, it was worth \$1 million and she was unlucky to not finish closer than third (promoted from fourth)."

Savvy Coup has been nominated for this year's Gr.1 A\$5 million Cox Plate (2040m) at Moonee Valley on October 27.

"I know it's a bit of a pipe dream, but it doesn't hurt to nominate and see how things go," Pitman said. "We know she can handle the trip and the travelling won't bother her."

"She is the only one we took to Sydney and it didn't faze her at all without a mate. In fact, nothing fazes her."

"Possibly the Matriarch Stakes over 2000m later at the Melbourne carnival could suit her best. My brother John won it as an owner several years ago (2005 with Sutology) and it's become a strong race."

But before stepping foot on a plane again, Savvy Coup will make an appearance in all three Group One weight-for-age races at the Hawke's Bay Spring Carnival.

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BELOW / Savvy Coup



SAVVY COUP ON TARGET FOR TARZINO TROPHY (CONT'D)

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"She'll come home after the Tarzino Trophy then go back for the Windsor Park Plate (1600m) and on to the Livamol Classic (2040m)," Pitman said. "She's early favourite with the bookies for the Livamol and if she happened to win it we'd have to look seriously at running her in the Cox Plate."

The Pitman stable also has Son Of Maher on target to run fresh-up in the Tarzino Trophy and, like Savvy Coup, he will be going in without a trial.

Son Of Maher took his winning tally to six last season when deadheating for first with Shadows Cast in the Gr.2 Coupland's Bakeries Mile (1600m) at Riccarton.

"He had a good spell since his last run in May and his coat is unbelievable," Pitman said. "We gelded him late, as a four-year-old, and he's really just hitting his straps now. This could be a big season for him."

The Al Maher six-year-old will contest both the Tarzino Trophy and Windsor Park Plate then attempt to win the Coupland's Bakeries Mile again. – **NZ Racing Desk**



BELOW / Savvy Coup



The *anatomy* of a
GROUP ONE WINNING
SON OF FASTNET ROCK

Rock'n'Pop

SERVICE FEE: \$9,000+gst LFG

Million dollar looks

A \$1 million Karaka Sale topper, he was one good looking yearling and has let down into a magnificent stallion

Strong, well-rounded back end

A prominent feature seen in his multiple winners and Stakes performers in four different countries

The ultimate blueblood

By champion sire Fastnet Rock, his dam Popsy, by Sir Tristram was a dual Group One winner

Muscular, athletic frame

The perfect asset for stamina and speed. As a three-year-old, he won the Group One NZ 2000 Guineas and Listed Karaka Mile over 1600m and was runner-up in the Group One NZ Derby over 2400m

Correct and well balanced

A trait so frequently seen in his beautifully put together progeny which sold for up to \$90,000 at this year's Karaka Yearling Sale

















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LISA CHITTICK FOXBRIDGE PLATE

Group 2 WFA 1200m - \$100,000 / Time: 3:40 pm (NZT)

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#	SILK	FORM	HORSE	DRAW	RTG	WGT	JOCKEY	TRAINER
1		7546X	War Affair (8g O'Reilly - Kristique (USA))	8	110	58.5	Danielle Johnson	Stephen Marsh
2		0155X	Start Wondering (8g Eighth Wonder - Roseanbar)	2	105	58.5	Johnathan Parkes	Evan & J J Rayner
3		127X4	Close Up (9g Shinko King (IRE) - Regelle)	11	104	58.5	Grant Cooksley	Shelley Hale
4		4513X	Charles Road (AUS) (5g Myboycharlie (IRE) - Giant Mystique (AUS))	5	102	58.5	Sam Spratt	Lance O'Sullivan & Andrew Scott
5		0349X	Authentic Paddy (9g Howbaddouwantit (USA) - Authentic Cross)	6	99	58.5	Thudy Thornton	Lisa Latta
6		111X1	Julius (7g Swiss Ace (AUS) - Oh So Royale (AUS))	7	98	58.5	Jason Waddell	John Bell
7		X150X	Seventh Up (8g Shinko King (IRE) - Regelle)	1	97	58.5	Leith Innes	Shelley Hale
8		5343X	Elusive Treasure (AUS) (6g Northern Meteor (AUS) - Ana's Mail (AUS))	14	85	58.5	Troy Harris	Martin Da Cruz
9		3X415	Underthemoonlight (7m El Hermano - Midnight Dip)	9	103	56.5	Cameron Lammass	Karyn McQuade
10		5X111	New York Minute (6m Iffraaj (GB) - Zenno Queen)	3	100	56.5	Jonathan Riddell	Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman
11		2X30X	Francaletta (AUS) (6m High Chaparral (IRE) - Snow Peak (GB))	13	97	56.5	Michael Coleman	Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman
12		53111	Vinevale (AUS) (6m Flying Spur (AUS) - Eden Valley)	12	90	56.5	Matthew Cameron	Chris Gibbs & Michelle Bradley
13		6159X	Melody Belle (4m Commands (AUS) - Meleka Belle)	4	88	56.5	Shafiq Rusof	Jamie Richards
14		129X3	Contessa Vanessa (4m Bullbars (AUS) - Di Lusso (AUS))	10	83	56.5	Ryan Elliot (a)	Team Rogerson

LISA CHITTICK FOXBRIDGE PLATE FORM ANALYSIS WITH JEREMY ROGERS

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The field for the Group 2 Lisa Chittick Foxbridge Plate tomorrow at Te Rapa is of a high calibre and we are thrilled to be sponsoring the 1200m sprint for another year.



WAR AFFAIR

Trainer: Stephen Marsh / **Jockey:** Danielle Johnson



Group 1 winning son of O'Reilly and on his best form from Singapore, he would be very competitive here. Although he hasn't raced for nearly 12 months he needs to run top three to qualify for Group 1 Tarzino Trophy, so hopefully he is forward enough. Has never raced on a heavy track – he is the real query of the race.



START WONDERING

Trainer: Evan & J J Rayner / **Jockey:** Johnathan Parkes



Has quite a good first up record and has been prepared for this race with two trials. Has drawn to get a good run during the race and although he is a winner on a heavy track, his form would suggest he would prefer slow or better. A multiple Group 1 who looks one of the better chances.

JEREMY'S TOP TIPS

Melody Belle

Julius

New York Minute

War Affair



LISA CHITTICK FOXBRIDGE PLATE FORM ANALYSIS WITH JEREMY ROGERS (CONT'D)

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CLOSE UP

Trainer: Shelley Hale / **Jockey:** Grant Cooksley



Was given a run here a couple of weeks ago and meets winner Julius 4kgs better for being beaten under three lengths. Should have taken good improvement from that run and has a decent heavy track record. Has drawn a little awkwardly so likely to settle off the speed and be doing his best work late in the race. Looks to be in the mix.



CHARLES ROAD

Trainer: Lance O'Sullivan & Andrew Scott / **Jockey:** Sam Spratt



The Sydney Cup placegetter resumes and has never won under 1600m, therefore he is likely to find a few of these a bit sharp over the 1200m. Will settle back in the field and look for him to be doing his best work late in the race.



AUTHENTIC PADDY

Trainer: Lisa Latta / **Jockey:** Trudy Thornton



Had a very good Summer preparation including a Group 1 win on Boxing Day. Resumed in this race last year and beaten just under four lengths – another year older he is likely to find a few of these two strong over the 1200m. Does have a very imposing record on a heavy track which is in his favour.



JULIUS

Trainer: John Bell / **Jockey:** Jason Waddell



A rising star of New Zealand racing winning seven of 11 and never missing a place. The query here is the step up to WFA for the first time – he would be getting weight off a few of these if it was a handicap. In saying this, he is a winner and is going for five in a row. Is unbeaten second up and has a good record on heavy tracks - looks the one they have to beat again.

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SEVENTH UP

Trainer: Shelley Hale / **Jockey:** Leith Innes



Another who is resuming from a spell and although he has a very good record on heavy tracks, he looks disadvantaged under the WFA scale. From the inside barrier can get a soft run back on the inside and be doing his best work late in the race. Looks a place chance on his heavy track form.



ELUSIVE TREASURE

Trainer: Martin Da Cruz / **Jockey:** Troy Harris



Resumes from a spell and although he has only won once from five first up runs, he has never missed a place. Drawn the outside he is going to need plenty of luck and a few others look better prospects.



UNDERTHEMOONLIGHT

Trainer: Karyn McQuade / **Jockey:** Cameron Lammas



Winner of this race last year and follows the similar path (having not run since the Tauranga Classic in June). She does have a very good record at the track. From the barrier will be allowed to find her feet in the early stages, settling back in the field and be finishing off strongly in the straight. Capable of running well again.



NEW YORK MINUTE

Trainer: Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman / **Jockey:** Jonathan Riddell



Is low flying winning all three starts this preparation and comes from the powerful Baker/Forsman stable. Has a very imposing record on heavy tracks (only missing the top three in one of her 12 starts). The step up to WFA is a little concern but has a fitness edge on the majority of her opposition. Likely to roll forward and give a good sight.

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FRANCALETTA

Trainer: Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman / **Jockey:** Michael Coleman



A high class mare resuming who has a very good first up record (winning three of her four first up runs). Another who isn't suited by the WFA scale and although she has a good 'slow' track record, there looks a question mark with her on a real heavy track. Another that will go back from the barrier and should be hitting the line strongly.



VINEVALE

Trainer: Chris Gibbs & Michelle Bradley / **Jockey:** Matthew Cameron



Another that is in career best form winning her past three races but they were all on good tracks at Ruakaka – she has to be a query on a predicted heavy track here. She looks to be better suited back in a handicap. Would be surprised to see her win but if she could gain some valuable black type for connections it would be a bonus.



MELODY BELLE

Trainer: Jamie Richards / **Jockey:** Shafiq Rusof



Champion 2YO a couple of years ago she heads into this race fresh and she has won three and placed twice from six starts when in this state. She tuned up for this race with a trial win at the track a month ago and her only run on a heavy track she blew them away in Queensland. Drawn to get the run of the race and should be very competitive here.



CONTESSA VANESSA

Trainer: Team Rogerson / **Jockey:** Ryan Elliot (a)



Is fitter for a very good first up run when third over the course/distance but meets Julius 3.5kgs worse for being beaten two lengths. Has a good wet track record however drawn awkwardly - she would need to improve significantly to be competitive here.

STAFF PROFILE KATHLEEN VERRY

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She's a qualified nurse and loves watching young horses grow and develop. Meet Kathleen Verry, a member of our 'Wet Mare' team.

Q How did you get involved in the Thoroughbred Industry and what path did you take to get where you are now?

A I have always had horses growing up and during the uni holidays I wanted an outdoors job so came to Waikato for yearling prep and they haven't gotten rid of me since! I enjoyed the yearlings but had more of an interest for the breeding side/looking after mares and foals.

Q What aspect of stud work are you most passionate about?

A I really enjoy being a part of the development of young thoroughbred athletes. Being a part of the first year of their development is really rewarding as they grow and develop so quickly.

Q What does a typical day on the farm for you involve?

A Every day is different! During the breeding season my day consists of checking up, vet work, breeding's (matings), moving horses around the farm and anything else that pops up.

Q How do you explain what you do for a job to a non-horsey person?

A (It depends on who's asking!) I'm a wing woman for the mares and a nurse to the foals! Otherwise the PC answer is I help to get mares pregnant again and look after foals.

Q What is something that not many people know about you?

A I'm a qualified human nurse.

Q What would you consider to be your greatest achievement?

A Gaining my nursing qualification.

Q What is your favourite thing to do in your spare time?

A I have my own horse who I enjoy hunting on or going to the beach.



LEFT / Kathleen Verry

MARK'S MAIL

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This week Mark is joined by John Kelly, the co-owner of Lisa Chittick Foxbridge Plate runner New York Minute. Click the video below to watch.



VALE NICK COLUMB

It is with great sadness that we farewell the great Nick Columb.

Nick was extremely instrumental in running the operation at Waikato Stud back in its public company days and was responsible for the design of Waikato Stud's iconic logo. We will forever be thankful for Nick's contribution to Waikato Stud and our thoughts go out to his friends and family at this difficult time.

- The Team at Waikato Stud



GARRY'S CORNER

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One of the great aspects of the horse industry is the people you meet. All walks of life that enjoy not just the horse but each other. Racing administration creates a few divisions but even then it generally is driven by the best of intentions despite various different directions to get to the end result.



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