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THE LORD MAYOR ON WAY TO GROUP 1 METROPOLITAN

Rock 'n' Pop gelding The Lord Mayor has cemented his place as a spring carnival player for trainer Chris Waller with a benchmark victory at Randwick.

Waller will now set him on a path to the Group One Metropolitan Handicap on September 29 after he beat stablemates Quick Defence and Brimham Rocks in a tight finish to win Saturday's 2000m race.

Sent out at $7 and ridden by James McDonald, The Lord Mayor had a head to spare on Quick Defence with a half head to Brimham Rocks.

Favourite All Too Soon finished eighth after getting held up for a run.

"He had no luck in the (Australian) Derby," Waller said.

"He clipped heels and took no part in it.

"Congratulations to the boys from New Zealand for leaving him here.

"He will most likely go to another 2000-metre race at Rosehill in three weeks and then back up into the Metrop."

The Lord Mayor ran fourth in the New Zealand Derby when trained by Lance O'Sullivan and Andrew Scott before he was sent to Waller.

The Lord Mayor was a $52,000 Karaka purchase for Hughes Bloodstock.

He is a son of Rock 'n' Pop and the Lord Ballina mare Soph, who won 10 races and was Group placed.

Soph is a sister to the versatile Titch, who won the Gr.1 Auckland Cup.

BELOW / The Lord Mayor
Photo Credit: Bradley Photograhers

STUD STALLIONS TO FORE AS HK SEASON OPENS

Waikato Stud stallions played starring roles when the new racing season opened in Hong Kong on Sunday evening.

Ocean Park, Savabeel and the late O'Reilly were all to the fore at Sha Tin.

King Opie started the ball rolling when the son of Ocean Park was successful in class four company over 1200 metres.

He was bred by the Matamata nursery and initially sold to Jenna Mahoney for $120,000 at Karaka in 2016.

The four-year-old is a son of the Fast 'N' Famous mare Hope So, who is a half-sister to the Gr.1 Queensland Derby winner Lachlan River.

It is also the family of the Listed winner and Group performer Sewreel (Savabeel).

O'Reilly's son Goko struck for the third time in his brief career when he won the class three sprint over 1000 metres.

A $525,000 Ready to Run Sale purchase, he is out of the Exceed And Excel mare Miraculous Miss.

Goko hails from the family of the Gr.2 NZ Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes winner and Group 1 performer Deianira.

World Class rounded off a top evening for Waikato Stud when the Savabeel gelding claimed the class two contest over 1400 metres.

The six-year-old was a $200,000 Karaka buy and is out of the Redoute's Choice mare Run Brony Run.

BELOW / King Opie

COX PLATE POTENTIAL FOR SAVVY COUP

Riccarton conditioner Michael Pitman, who trains in partnership with his son Matthew, was over the moon with Savvy Coup's fifth-placing in the Gr.1 Tarzino Trophy (1400m) behind Melody Belle at Hastings on Saturday.

Pitman is eyeing a crack at the Gr.1 Cox Plate (2040m) next month with his mare if everything goes to plan.

"I was absolutely rapt with the horse's run," Pitman said. "There is no way anyone would think that a horse that has come off two 2400m races would have run fifth in a weight-for-age 1400m event with no trials under her belt."

Pitman travelled back to Christchurch with Savvy Coup on Sunday and will return to Hastings for the Gr.1 Windsor Park Plate (1600m) later this month and will then remain in the North Island with the Group One winner until the Gr.1 Livamol Classic (2040m).

"We're going back up for the mile and then we will either stay in Hawke's Bay or possibly Trentham, because we have had good success using Trentham as a base before when we have gone up north," Pitman said.

"We just have to think about what we are going to do, but we're definitely staying up there between runs. I really think the 2040m race is her race and I've said that all the way through, and if she wins that we're going to the Cox Plate." **– NZ Racing Desk**

BELOW / Savvy Coup

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THE INQUIRY WITH STEVE HANSEN

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All Blacks coach Steve Hansen may be best known for coaching the world's greatest rugby team but his passion for racing and a decision to purchase a share in a talented racehorse who now goes by the name of Nature Strip has taken him on a journey of a lifetime. For the inaugural edition of 'The Inquiry' we caught up with Steve to talk horses and rugby and here is what we found out.

Sprinter*	Stayer
Winx	Black Caviar
Savabeel	Zabeel
Melbourne Cup	Cox Plate
Ellerslie	Riccarton*
Chestnut	Bay
Mare	Gelding
WFA	Handicap
Breed	Race
Races	World Cup Final*
Dine in	Dine out
Travel	Home
Surprise me	Tell me
Early night	Sleep in

Sweet	Savoury
Talk	Listen
Rugby	Soccer
Weights	Cardio
Smile	Straight face
Forwards*	Backs*

Sprinter* - love both but sprinter doing the job for us at the moment.

Riccarton* - gotta support the local club!

World Cup Final* - winning races is the only thing that comes close to giving you the same feeling.

Forwards/Backs* - can't do the job without both.

WS SIRED STAKES RUNNERS

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SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 8

THE REAL BEEL
Savabeel - Ahna
Listed O'Learys Stakes, 1200m
Wanganui, 2:42 pm (NZT)

RITZY SPARKLE
Pins - Kumari
Listed O'Learys Stakes, 1200m
Wanganui, 2:42 pm (NZT)

PEACEFUL
Savabeel - Paloma
Listed O'Learys Stakes, 1200m
Wanganui, 2:42 pm (NZT)

SHILLELAGH
Savabeel - Trocair
Group 2 Theo Marks Stakes, 1300m
Rosehill, 4:35 pm (NZT)

HIKAYA
O'Reilly - Bint Piavonic
Listed Morphettville Guineas, 1600m
Morphettville, 6:21 pm (NZT)

BLACK TYPE SPOTLIGHT WITH JEREMY ROGERS

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SHILLELAGH
GROUP 2 MARK THEO STAKES

Shillelagh / By Savabeel, from Trocair

The Group 1 winning daughter of Savabeel resumes in the Group 2 Theo Marks Stakes over 1300m at Rosehill. Owned by her breeders Christopher & Susanna Grace, the mare is likely to find a few of the very highly regarded four-year-olds a bit sharp here and hopefully she can be hitting the line strongly. All going well she can head to Melbourne later in the Spring to contest races like the Group 1 Myer Classic on Derby Day.

PEACEFUL
LISTED O'LEARYS STAKES

Peaceful / By Savabeel, from Paloma

This three-year-old daughter of Savabeel resumes after a short let up in the Listed O'Leary Fillies Stakes at Wanganui. She was last seen winning the Listed Futurity Stakes over 1400m, so she may find this a touch short – although class will take her a long way. From the premiership winning Murray Baker/Andrew Forsman stable, she is likely to get a nice run from the inside barrier and be given her chance in the straight. Should she run well here, connections are looking to embark on a possible Melbourne campaign during the Spring.

THE REAL BEEL
LISTED O'LEARYS STAKES

The Real Beel / By Savabeel, from Ahna

The Waikato Stud bred daughter of Savabeel takes her place in the Listed O'Leary Fillies Stakes at Wanganui. From the O'Reilly mare Ahna, she was very good during her two-year-old career winning and being placed at Group 2 level in the prestigious Matamata Breeders Stakes. From the powerful Jamie Richards stable, she will be fitter for her first up run at Taupo where she went well and should have finished closer. The expected heavy track is an unknown but if she handles it and can have some luck from the barrier, she can be very competitive here.

RITZY SPARKLE
LISTED O'LEARYS STAKES

Ritzy Sparkle / By Pins, from Kumari

Bred by long term Waikato Stud clients Jim Barlow, Lib Petagna and Little Avondale Trust, this lightly raced daughter of Pins lines up in the Listed O'Leary's Fillies Stakes over 1200m at Wanganui. She will be fitter for her first up run at Taupo where she wasn't beaten far and she comes from the in form 'Te Akau' stable. Although never being exposed to a very heavy track, the step up to 1200m should suit and hopefully she can run well for connections.

STAFF PROFILE
LUKE DEE

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He has represented New Zealand in the international show-jumping arena and his dad was a successful racehorse trainer. Meet Luke Dee, a member of our breeding/yearling team.

Q What does a normal day for you involve?
A At the moment I have been spending most of my days between the foaling unit, dealing with mares and newborn foals, and the yearling yard where I assist with the day to day care of the yearlings.

Q Tell us a bit about your background with horses and how you got to where you are now?
A I have always grown up riding horses and have been involved with them my whole life. My father used to be a racehorse trainer too which led to a passion for show jumping from a very early age. Up until very recently, I have been competing with the showjumpers throughout the States and Europe.

Q What do you enjoy most about working with horses?
A I love that not one horse is the same, so the development of one horse is never the same as another. It creates a real variety to my day to day job which I like.

Q What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?
A I enjoy spending time with friends, travelling, and doing outdoors things such as skiing, hunting, and playing golf from time to time.

Q What would you consider to be your greatest achievement?
A There have been a few to do with show jumping, but the standout one would have to be having the chance to represent New Zealand on a Nations Cup team in the U.S.A.

Q What aspect of your personality adds the most value to the world?
A I'm a fairly happy and positive person so I like to try and make that the same for everyone around me.

Q What is the craziest thing you have ever done?
A Bungee jump.

LEFT / Luke Dee

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

Red hot genetics

That combine champion sires High Chaparral and Fastnet Rock

Deep girth

For optimum lung capacity

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SAVABEEL

Sire of 17 Individual Group One Winners

SERVICE FEE: PRIVATE

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OCEAN PARK

Champion NZ Based Australian 2nd Season Sire

SERVICE FEE: $30,000+gst LFG

FIND OUT MORE

SACRED FALLS

Leading First Season Sire at Karaka in 2018

SERVICE FEE: $30,000+gst LFG

FIND OUT MORE

TIVACI

Group One Winning Sprinter/Miler

SERVICE FEE: $20,000+gst LFG

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ROCK 'N' POP

Multiple Stakes Producer

SERVICE FEE: $9,000+gst LFG

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Free Mating Analysis

Feel free to call or email our team to discuss the compatibility of your mare/s with our stallions.

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FOAL GALLERY

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ABOVE / Tivaci - Oahu colt

LEFT / Tivaci - Kansas colt

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AT THE FARM

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ABOVE / Meredith Berry, Pauline Carnovale, Nigel Berry, Louis Mihalyka, Frank Carnovale and Catherine Young with Savabeel

LEFT / Lunch at Waikato Stud's entertainment area Game Gully

FATHER'S DAY AT WAIKATO STUD

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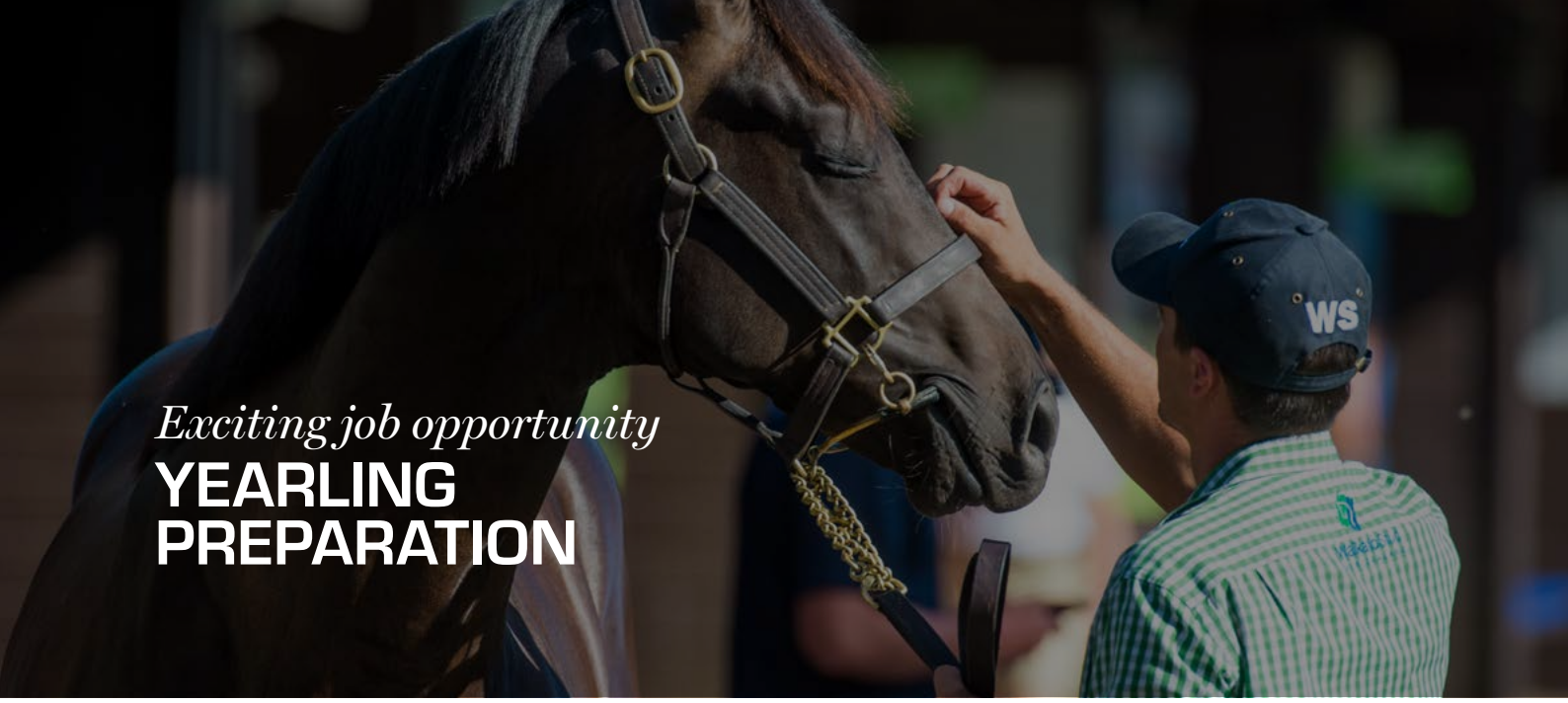
ABOVE / Charlotte, Charlie, Mark, George and Harry Chittick

LEFT / David and Rose Mackinnon

FATHER'S DAY AT WAIKATO STUD (CONT'D)

ABOVE / Skye Favell and Jack Mackinnon

LEFT / Paige and Skye Favell



Exciting job opportunity

YEARLING PREPARATION

Leading Thoroughbred Stud, Waikato Stud is seeking Yearling Preparation staff to join the team. Waikato Stud is a world-renowned Thoroughbred nursery dedicated to the breeding, rearing and development of elite racehorses. We believe in sustainable growth through producing the highest quality product, innovative practices and simply being the best in our business.

Our brand carries decades of success and an undeniable association with quality and performance. We are seeking Yearling Preparation staff to assist with preparing our draft for the NZB Karaka Yearling Sale in January. Recently awarded with a sixth Breeder of the Year title, Waikato Stud have been the leading vendor at the NZB Karaka Yearling Sale for the past five years.

At Waikato Stud you will be working with some of Australasia's best-bred bloodstock and this is an excellent opportunity to work with and learn from the best in the business. Ideally you will have an avid interest in horses and prior experience working with them. You must work well within a team and enjoy working with horses in the outdoors.

This position will commence in November 2018 and will finish at the completion of the NZB Karaka Yearling Sale on January 30, 2019.

If you love working with horses in a team envrionment, we want to talk to you.
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MARK'S MAIL

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Catch up with Mark and Tivaci before they head off to the breeding barn. Click the video below to watch.

GARRY'S CORNER

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Time to reflect. I have spent the weekend reading the Messara Report. He and his associates have put together yet another comprehensive document on how they perceive our industry.

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to read Garry's Corner

RACING THOUGHTS

Former racing journalist Mary Burgess shares her thoughts on the current issues faced by the New Zealand Thoroughbred Industry

How one club made a bold decision and lived to tell the story

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