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MADISON COUNTY

WS-bred Pins gelding Madison County is the latest Group 1 winner to join Waikato Stud's honour roll.

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Group 1 NZ 2000 Guineas
winner Madison County

GROUP ONE GLORY FOR WAIKATO STUD GRADUATE

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Waikato Stud graduate Madison County sits firmly at the top of the age-group tree following a commanding performance to claim the Gr.1 New Zealand 2000 Guineas.



BELOW / Madison County winning the Gr.1 NZ 2000 Guineas

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The Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman-trained Waikato Stud graduate was a hollow winner of Saturday's classic at Riccarton.

Madison County is the 39th Group One winner bred by the farm and the second this season.

"I guess there was a query on the track, which was a little bit niggly," Forsman said.

"I think the horse to beat, Dawn Patrol, had to make his run on the inside which helped us a lot as Matt got a beautiful run just off the fence.

"This was our number one target as we had labelled him a Guineas horse after he won his two-year-old race last season. Everything has gone right, thankfully."

Madison County was bought out of the Matamata farm's draft at Karaka for \$38,000 by Michael Wallace for the China Horse Club.

"It's great for New Zealand racing to have them involved in the New Zealand thoroughbred industry," Forsman said.

"To get a result like this is hopefully going to produce future investment from them."

China Horse Club Chairman Teo Ah Khing was on course at Riccarton to see Madison County triumph in the three-year-old feature.



For rider Matt Cameron, it was a clear vindication of his decision to stick with Madison County.

"I've had a few practice runs and finally got the right one," he said.

"That's no disrespect to The Chosen One, as he is a beautiful colt, but maybe it's just a little before his time.

"Madison County just proved he is the best three-year-old around.

"They went quick down the back, then slowed up and were all bunched up. I opted to come off into a bit better ground as I know he has an electric turn of foot and a few of them were stopping.

"He got through and was very dominant."

Madison County is a son of the late Pins out of Red Delicious, who is a sister to the Gr.3 CS Hayes Stakes winner Take The Rap, who is a daughter of former stud resident No Excuse Needed.

They are direct descendants of the Gr.1 Golden Slipper Stakes winner Courtza, the dam of the late, great O'Reilly.

A PRINCE FOR THE LATE O'REILLY

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He's an unexpected star and there's no stopping the express seven-year-old Prince Oz.

The son of O'Reilly's rise through the sprinting ranks tells a remarkable story.

On Wednesday, Prince Oz went to another level with a hollow victory in the Gr.3 Stewards Stakes.

But to recap, he began his life with Wanganui trainer and part-owner Raymond Connors.

At his sixth start, he won a Woodville maiden and did very little else in five subsequent appearances.

He was sent to Neill Ridley's Riccarton stable and it's been a stunning transformation.

Prince Oz has yet to be beaten from his new quarters and this week's success was his seventh on the bounce.

Ridely said he could offer no particular reason for the turnaround.

"I've known the Connors for a long

time and they said they had one they thought a bit of and it wasn't going very well, so could I have a go with it.

"What I've done I don't know, but it's working."

Terry Moseley, who has been Prince of Oz's regular rider, was full of praise for the gelding.

"He's come of age with me," he said. "He's been a sensational horse.

"I thought the track might have been just a bit firm for him, but he's a class act. He's been very aloof but every time you set him a task he just steps up.

"We got a really nice run and the speed was on. I wasn't too worried where we ended up, I thought it was going to be a good genuine pace.



BELOW / Prince Oz
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RICHLY-BRED COLT STARS AT TRIALS

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A well-related Sacred Falls two-year-old is showing that he has inherited a good measure of the family ability.

The colt made his first trial appearance at Avondale this week and won his 800-metre heat in a tidy fashion.

Under Jonathan Riddell, he jumped well to lead and, after railing professionally, he held a strong gallop down the straight.

The juvenile is a son of the Listed Creswick Stakes winner Glam Slam, a daughter of Pins.

She is a sister to the Gr.3 Lion Reed Plate winner Crepe De Chine and the prolific family of dual Group One winner Glamour Puss.



BELOW / Sacred Falls colt from Glam Slam
Photo Credit: Trish Dunell



TALENTED RONDINELLA IMPRESSES

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Ocean Park's gifted daughter Rondinella was back in business at Te Rapa on Saturday afternoon.

The smart four-year-old made her first appearance for the season a memorable one with success over 1400 metres.

It was only the fifth start for the well-related mare, who looked well above average last term.

Injury has held her back, but she now looks set to rise through the classes.

Trained by Roger James and Robert Wellwood, Rondinella has now won twice from five starts.

Her Te Rapa appearance was her first since she was a fast-finishing fourth in the Gr.2 Sir Tristram Fillies' Classic.



BELOW / Rondinella
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ROCK 'N' POP MARE'S HOT FORM CONTINUES

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Matamata trainer Jim Collett is confident that Katie Perrie can make her mark in good middle distance company.

He has high expectations of the Rock 'n' Pop four-year-old, who is unbeaten in her last three appearances.

She cleared her maiden over a mile on her home track and followed up over the same trip in Rating 65 grade at Tauranga.

Kate Perrie stepped up in trip again at Te Rapa last Saturday for her winning run to continue in Rating 72 company.

"As I said the previous time, I couldn't wait to run her over 2100 metres," Collett said.

"She's got a nice future as a stayer. She'll be nominated for the Dunstan

Stayers' Final, but we'll take it a race at a time."

Katie Perrie is from an international family that includes the Japanese Group Two winner and Group One placegetter Meisho Beluga.



BELOW / Katie Perrie
Photo Credit: Race Images
Photos



A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE GR.1 1000 GUINEAS

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Over the years, the Group 1 1000 Guineas at Riccarton has been a very successful race for Waikato Stud and their stallions.

Story by Jeremy Rogers



BELOW / WS-bred filly
Hasahalo won last year's Gr.1
1000 Guineas

Former champion Sire O'Reilly won the race twice with Final Destination in 2001 and The Jewel the following year, the WS bred and owned No Excuse Needed filly Daffodil was successful in 2008. Top class Pins filly Katie Lee became the first and only to complete the 1000 – 2000 Guineas double when winning in 2009 while just last year the WS bred Savabeel filly Hasahalo proved too strong for Stephen McKee and Albert Bosma's Go Racing Syndicate.

In this addition of A Trip Down Memory Lane, I wish to delve into the careers of two fillies that for different reasons were close to my heart – Final Destination and Katie Lee.

Moving to New Zealand from Australia (via England) in August 2000, I only knew three people –

Greg Lindsay who I went to Marcus Oldham College with a couple of years earlier along with Wayne and Vanessa Hillis who I met when Wayne came over to Aussie and worked for Peter Hayes at Flemington.

Quickly finding out that the Hillis' were managing Hinuera Lodge for legendary Veterinarian Jim Marks on the outskirts of Matamata, I met up with them and they told me about a nice 2YO filly they had by O'Reilly. Obviously, with me working for Waikato Stud, I took particular interest in this filly, who was from O'Reilly's first crop.

She had three trials before making her debut – she was due to have more but had a very bad habit of playing up in the truck heading to the track of a morning or the trials. One day someone quipped, we just want to get her to her final destination, hence her name.

Making her debut locally at Matamata, she ran a very encouraging second to Copper Mountain, who was part-owned by Hillis' employer Jim Marks. Wayne Hillis stepped her up to Group class for her next start, again running second, this time to future Group 1 winner San Luis in the Group 3 Ford 2YO Classic at New Plymouth.

Given a break, she returned to the track with a third placing, albeit beaten over nine lengths on a very heavy track at Avondale. She had a month between runs before getting a better track at Ruakaka finishing fourth, beaten by under two lengths. Following this run, she was set for a 3YO race on the last day of the Hawke's Bay Carnival, again finishing second, this time to another future Group 1 winner Master Belt.

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A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE GR.1 1000 GUINEAS (CONT'D)

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Gary Grylls who had been on all her runs except at New Plymouth was replaced by Opie Bosson for her next start, the Group 3 Desert Gold Stakes, that year ran in October. Hitting a heavy track, which she disliked, she was well beaten into fourth.

At this stage, she had had six starts for three seconds, a third and two fourths. Despite still being a maiden, Hillis was adamant that she was up to the class of the 1000 Guineas and the decision was made to push on to this race. Being the outsider of the 15 horse field and with Opie on the favourite Flying Babe, Gary Grylls to his credit was happy to go back aboard.

Although better, she was still a bit volatile in the truck and to go to the 1000 Guineas, she also had to go on the ferry across the Cook Strait. Arranging a transport company to

take her to Christchurch, she handled the travel extremely well and went into the race in great order. From barrier seven, Grylls allowed her to settle about midfield in the 1600m feature. Still travelling strongly to the turn, once getting into the clear she charged home to win quite convincingly.

Needless to say, the house back at Hinura Lodge erupted into a frenzy and Vanessa Hillis, who had joined in a training partnership with Wayne only two days earlier jokingly pointed out it was her influence which brought about the success. I was fairly happy myself, having \$10 each way on her and from memory, she paid about \$86 the win and roughly \$15 the place... it was a big night! Now a Group 1 winner against the girls, she was set to take on the boys in the Group 1 Bayer Classic at Otaki just under three weeks later. There was no \$86 this time, starting second

favourite behind another O'Reilly filly Spring. Proving the 1000 Guineas was no fluke, Final Destination again proved too good for her opposition, winning by two lengths. By now she was regarded as one of the best three-year-olds in the country and substantial overseas offers were being tabled. She was scratched on race morning of the Group 2 Eight Carat Classic on Boxing Day as it was believed she had been sold. However, the money never came through and she was given a break with an eye on an Autumn campaign.

Resuming in early March, she defeated the older mares, including fellow 1000 Guineas winner Elevesens at Ellerslie. Again another offer came in for her and she was sold to America, heading to the stable of Hall Of Fame trainer Bobby Frankel. She had three starts for two wins, one of which was a Group 2. She was retired to Japan, producing six winners from as many foals including a Group 3 winner by Deep Impact.

During my ten years in New Zealand I formed many great friendships, none stronger than Mark and Denny Baker of Hallmark Stud so you can understand my satisfaction when Katie Lee completed the Guineas double at Riccarton in 2009.

This story starts many years before with Denny Baker's faith in her family going right back to her great-grandmother Estella Dawn. A friend of his Lance Wallace didn't know what to do with her so with Denny liking her pedigree, together they decided to breed her to Denny's resident stallion Bletchencore.



PICTURED / Katie Lee

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A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE

GR.1 1000 GUINEAS (CONT'D)

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The resultant foal was a filly which was to be named Miss Distinction.

Born with an 'offset' knee she was never a sales proposition so Denny along with his son Mark broke her in and gave her to Don Couchman. Winning one race she returned to Hallmark Stud and was given to Taranaki dairy farmer Trevor Hurley and his then-wife Delma. The only condition was she had to go to a Hallmark stallion.

Hurley sent her to Spectacularphantom with the resultant foal being a grey filly. Under the Hallmark banner, she went off to the sale at Karaka with a \$1500 reserve. She failed to get a bid so after consultation, Delma told Trevor that they would race her. Named Miss Jessie Jay, she ended up being a very good mare winning nine races (including a Group 3) and over \$150,000.

When going to stud, the agreement was that Trevor and the Bakers would breed her together with the latter responsible for the service fees. In 2005 they decided to send her to Pins, who was flying through the deeds of El Segundo etc and on October 18 2006, Miss Jessie Jay foaled a filly in Australia, as she was heading to Oratorio that year.

Brought back to New Zealand, the Pins filly was an absolute cracker and at the 2008 Karaka Sales, she lit up the sales ring, eventually being sold to Sir Patrick Hogan for \$340,000. Given to Graeme Rogerson, she would race as Katie Lee.

She had a very busy 2YO year, having six starts with the highlight being a win in the Group 2 Eclipse Stakes at Ellerslie on New Years Day in 2009. On the back of this impressive victory, she started favourite in the \$1 million Karaka Million but didn't have the best of luck, finishing out the money.

Following a spell, she returned in the Group 3 Gold Trail Stakes on the middle day of the Hawke's Bay Carnival, finishing third before returning to the winner's list when beating the boys in the Listed James & Annie Sarten Memorial at Te Rapa. This win gave her connections the confidence to again take on the colts in the \$1 million Group 1 2000 Guineas. With Opie Bosson in the saddle, she settled around midfield before barging her way early in the straight, charging home to win by a length.

Backing up a week later, she was out to create her own bit of history – to be the first horse to win both Guineas. In a slowly run race, she didn't have everything her own way and halfway down the straight she looked a forlorn hope. However, she wasn't to be denied, getting up in the last couple of strides to beat the future Oaks winner Keep The Peace.

Brought back to the North Island she was given a month between runs, heading to Awapuni and running second in the Group 3 Eulogy Stakes before winning the Group 2 Eight Carat Classic as an odds-on favourite on Boxing Day. Backing up

a week later and stepping to 2000m for the first time, she tried gallantly but just couldn't peg back Adaline, whom she had defeated a week earlier.

Her campaign wasn't finished yet though! Given a month freshen up, she finished third to Keep The Peace in the Group 3 Desert Gold Stakes before stepping back up to 2000m and winning the Group 2 Sir Tristram Classic at Te Rapa. At this point, it was decided that she would take on the boys in the \$2.2 million New Zealand Derby but things didn't pan out right for her on the day and she finished towards the rear of the field.

Named NZ Champion 3YO she carried on racing as a four-year-old and although still winning at Group 3 level, she wasn't quite the same and she was retired to stud. How things have changed – her family is now one of the most sought after in the NZ Studbook with her yearling colt by Savabeel top this year's Karaka Sale, being sold to David Ellis for \$1,025,000.... a long way from Miss Jessie Jay failing to get a bid 20 years earlier.

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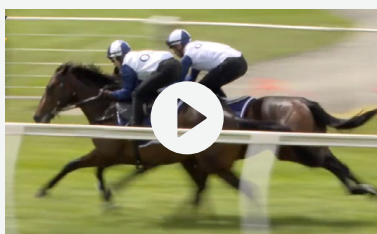
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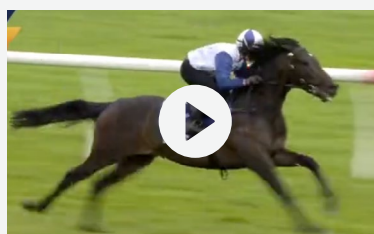
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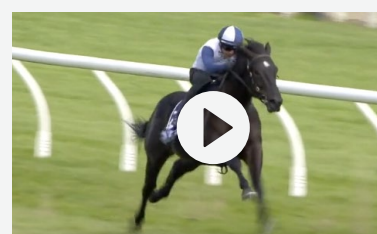
Waikato Stud will offer nine two-year-olds at next weeks NZB Ready To Run Sale. They will be presented in the draft of top Ready to Run consignors Ohukia Lodge and will be available to view from 9:00am, Saturday November 17 in barn H.

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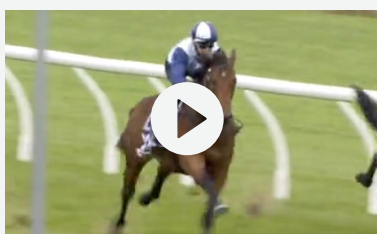
Ocean Park - Is This Love Colt
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Savabeel - Lady Chaparral Colt
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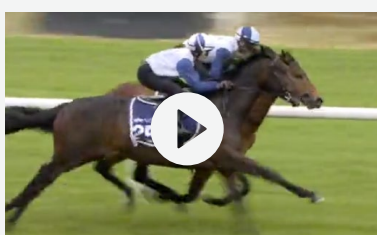
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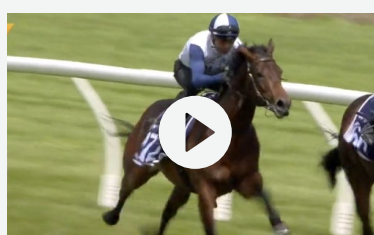
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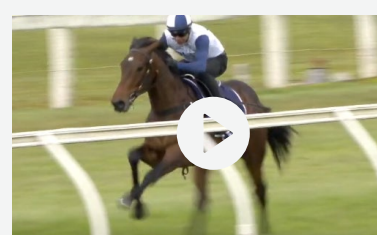
Savabeel - Serenade Gelding
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**LOT 251**

Savabeel - Simply You Colt
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Ocean Park - Starry Colt
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Rock 'n' Pop - Zoe Spice Gelding
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WS SIRED/SOLD STAKES RUNNERS WITH JEREMY ROGERS

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Following on the back of Waikato Stud bred Madison County's outstanding win in the 2000 Guineas at Riccarton last week, it's the girl's turn in the \$300,000 Group 1 1000 Guineas while the stayers line up in the time honoured NZ Cup. There is also Group 2 action at Tauranga while the curtain comes down on the Melbourne Spring Carnival with the running of the Group 2 Zipping Classic.

SATURDAY 17 NOVEMBER

TOUCHABEEL

Savabeel – Final Touch

Listed Welcome Stakes, 1000m
Riccarton, 2:00 pm (NZT)

EMILY MARGARET

Pins – Seven Schillings

Gr.1 NZ 1000 Guineas, 1600m
Riccarton, 3:10 pm (NZT)

OCEAN EMPEROR

Zabeel – Tootsie

Gr.2 Tauranga Stakes, 1600m
Tauranga, 4:04 pm (NZT)

NICOLETTA

Savabeel – Celtic Crown

Gr.2 Tauranga Stakes, 1600m
Tauranga, 4:04 pm (NZT)

LOVE AFFAIR

Savabeel – Romancing

Gr.2 Tauranga Stakes, 1600m
Tauranga, 4:04 pm (NZT)

OUR LIBRETTO

O'Reilly – Etoile du Nord

Gr.2 Zipping Classic, 2400m
Sandown, 6:40 pm (NZT)



BLACK TYPE SPOTLIGHT WITH JEREMY ROGERS

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EMILY MARGARET GROUP 1 1000 GUINEAS



Emily Margaret / By Pins, from Seven Schillings

The locally trained filly will be out to give her sire Pins the 'Guineas double' when she lines up in the Group 1 1000 Guineas at Riccarton. She has been a very consistent filly this season winning a Listed race and being placed in all but her last start when suffering interference. She has drawn to get the run of the race it wouldn't surprise to see her run well.

LOVE AFFAIR GROUP 2 TAURANGA STAKES



Love Affair / By Savabeel, from Romancing

The Waikato stud bred and owned mare will be out to claim her first black type race when she contests the Group 2 Gartshore Tauranga Stakes. Fitter for two runs back from a spell, she looks well suited stepping up to 1600m but the Weight For Age condition is a little concern. Her opposition includes WS bred Ocean Emperor and Savabeel mare Nicoletta, both last start winners.

OUR LIBRETTO GROUP 2 ZIPPING CLASSIC



Our Libretto / By O'Reilly, from Etoile du Nord

She backs up in the \$300,000 Group 2 Zipping Classic at Sandown after a very unlucky run at Flemington last week. A winner of her previous four races, the WS bred O'Reilly mare steps out to 2400m for the first time. She doesn't look ideally suited under the Weight For Age scale but her potential is untapped. It would be great to add a Group 2 victory to her impressive record.

NICOLETTA GROUP 2 TAURANGA STAKES



Nicoletta / By Savabeel, from Celtic Crown

She was very impressive winning first up at Group 3 level and she takes her place in the Group 2 Gartshore Tauranga Stakes. She should appreciate the step up to 1600m and from barrier five, Jason Waddell should afford her a lovely run in the race. She is the equal top-rated horse in the race and is a WFA winner – sure she will be primed to run well.

AT THE FARM

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ABOVE & LEFT / A group from GJ Gardner Homes came to meet champion sire Savabeel on Wednesday.

FOAL GALLERY

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Dual Group 1 winner Costume with her filly by Tivaci

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Foal Gallery

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TOP (L) Savabeel filly from Honey Rider
TOP (R) Tivaci colt from Maytra Dee



BELOW Sacred Falls filly from Jacilo

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TOP (L) Sacred Falls filly from Miss Purrfection
BELOW (L) Savabeel filly from Saoirse



TOP (R) Sacred Falls colt from Libetto
BELOW Sacred Falls colt from Over The Hill

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Garry has gone fishing for the weekend.



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