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Parading at Karaka
Photo credit: Nicole Troost

STUD'S HOME-BRED 2YOS TOP CHANCES

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Savabeel youngsters Probabeel and Exuberant give Waikato Stud a strong chance of a home-bred victory in Saturday's Karaka Million.



BELOW / Probabeel
Photo credit: Trish Dunell

The former has held favouritism for the dash for cash despite drawing the outside gate.

However, the filly has displayed powerful finishing bursts in both of her wins and she will at least be clear of traffic.

The other plus for the Jamie Richards-trained contender is rider Opie Bosson, a master in high-pressure races.

Probabeel was a \$380,000 Karaka purchase by Te Akau chief David Ellis on behalf of Cambridge Stud's Brendan and Jo Lindsay.

She is a daughter of Far Fetched, a three-quarter sister by Pins to the Group winners Legless Veuve and Tootsie.

Exuberant was a \$160,000 buy for Go Racing and he too has quickly shown a return on his investment.

He was a debut winner of the Listed Wellesley Stakes for trainer Stephen Marsh and then ran third in the Gr.3 Eclipse Stakes.

Savabeel's hand is further strengthened by Probabeel's stablemate Aotea Lad.

He won the Gr.2 Wakefield Challenge Stakes first time out and followed up with a runner-up finish in the Eclipse.



RIGHT / Exuberant
Photo credit: Sharon
Chapman

ANOTHER TOP TITLE BECKONS PINS' SON

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Madison County sits at the top of the three-year-old ladder and he can widen the gap further with victory in Saturday's age group feature.

The son of Pins will take aim at the Karaka Million 3YO Classic in outstanding form.

He claimed the Gr.1 New Zealand 2000 Guineas in the spring and following a break he returned victorious in the Gr.1 Levin Classic.

Trained by Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman, Madison County has won four of his seven starts for the China Horse Club.

They purchased him out of Waikato Stud's draft for \$36,000 in 2017.

He is running right up to his pedigree as a direct descendant of the Gr.1 Golden Slipper winner Courtza.

She matched her racetrack feats by producing the Group One winner and champion sire O'Reilly.

Madison County is one of three Waikato Stud graduates in Saturday's race, being joined by Surely Sacred

and The Real Beel.

Tony Pike's Surely Sacred has won two of his three starts, including the Gr.2 Auckland Guineas last time out.

Raffles Racing snapped him up the son of Rock 'n' Pop for \$160,000 two years ago.

He is out of a half-sister to the South African Group One winner Taupo Retreat and the family of the Gr.1 Queensland Oaks winner Provocative.

The Real Beel was a \$110,000 purchase for Te Akau's David Ellis and was a winner and Group Two-placed last season.

She descends from the Eight Carat family with her third dam the Gr.1 Captain Cook Stakes winner Marquise.

Her stablemate and race rival Prise De Fer is a promising son of Savabeel.

He broke his maiden two runs back for Jamie Richards and then won an age group event at Ellerslie, only to be relegated to second.

The Savabeel challenge is completed by the Stephen Marsh-trained Prince Albert.

A strong-finishing fourth in the Listed 3YO Salver last time out was a more than tidy effort.

The late Pins is also represented by his Gr.2 Eight Carat Classic winning daughter Pinmedown.



BELOW / Madison County



SIRE ON FIRE – OCEAN PARK

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With nine winners in the past seven days and 21 in the past 30, Cox Plate hero Ocean Park is riding the crest of a winning wave heading towards the start of the 2019 NZB National Yearling Sale Series with a winning double at Canterbury on Wednesday adding to his timely success.

Champion trainer Chris Waller and champion jockey Hugh Bowman combined to win with promising three-year-olds Kolding and Matowi, both purchased from the 2017 NZB Premier Yearling Sale for \$170,000 and \$200,000 respectively.

Kolding broke his maiden with a short neck win over 1200 metres as favourite, while Matowi posted his second win from seven starts when scoring by half a length over 1550 metres.

"They're quite similar horses actually," stable foreman Charlie Duckworth said.

"Both are still learning how to switch off and relax but are showing plenty of promise.

"Being by Ocean Park you would expect them to get over a bit further.

"The sire is going super which is great because we have plenty in the stable."

The winning double followed the impressive win of progressive filly Oceanex at Flemington last Saturday.

The Mick Price trained filly has won three races in succession and is now being aimed towards Black Type events. – **Story from Breednet.com.au**



BELOW / Ocean Park
Photo Credit: Trish Dunell



OCEANEX ON A GROUP ONE PATH

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Ocean Park's gifted daughter Oceanex struck again at Flemington on Saturday to earn herself a Group autumn campaign in Sydney.

The three-year-old completed a hat-trick of wins when she triumphed in her first test over 2000 metres.

Trainer Mick Price now plans to give Oceanex a short break before targeting the Gr.1 Vinery Stud Stakes and the Gr.1 Australian Oaks.

"I thought that was a massive performance," Price said.

"It's her first preparation and she was up in class, weight, distance and she had drawn a gate where she was going to have to give them a start.

"She produced a sustained run and I thought it was a fantastic.

"I had my little query today but she still defied all that and came through with flying colours.

"It just gives me a bit of confidence to go and chase some of the better fillies in Sydney.

"I'll have to construct a little plan, timing-wise, to get her up there, but I thought today was a massive tick for that filly."



BELOW / Oceanex

Photo credit: Darryl Sherer



FLAMINGO TAKES HER CHANCE

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Mother-to-be Flamingo is making the most of her limited racing opportunities and enjoyed success at Wellington on Saturday afternoon.

The Waikato Stud-bred and raced daughter of Pins has now won five times and will have one more chance to add to her record.

"She's really well and improved since she got in foal," said Emma Haworth, who trains the five-year-old with her father David.

"She'll run in the Wairarapa Breeders' Stakes and then go home."

It will be a final shot to add further black type to her record, having placed in the Gr.3 Cuddle Stakes and the Gr.3 Cambridge Breeders' Stakes.

Flamingo settled midfield on the

fence under rider Sam Collett and she accelerated quickly to easily lift the Douro Cup.

"She gave me a lovely ride in transit and when the gap opened I had plenty of horse," she said.

Flamingo, who is in foal to Savabeel, is out of the Listed Warstep Stakes winner Bird, also the dam of the Singapore stakes winner Predator.

It is the family of the Gr.1 Auckland Cup winner Chenille.

Waikato Stud will offer an Ocean Park colt (Lot 600) out of Bird during Book 1 at Karaka next week.



BELOW / Flamingo
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SATURDAY 26 JANUARY

FEELIN THE LOVE

Savabeel – Miss High Heels
Listed Timaru Stakes, 1400m
Riccarton, 4:22 pm (NZT)

MORSE CODE

Pins – Really Reputable
Listed Timaru Stakes, 1400m
Riccarton, 4:22 pm (NZT)

SWORD OF OSMAN

Savabeel – Bunyah
Gr.3 Mongolian Khan Trophy, 1200m
Ellerslie, 5:19 pm (NZT)

PRINCESS KERERU

Pins – Fleur d'Amour
Gr.3 Concorde Handicap, 1200m
Ellerslie, 5:55 pm (NZT)

PRETTY TO SEA

Ocean Park – Pretty
Gr.3 Concorde Handicap, 1200m
Ellerslie, 5:55 pm (NZT)

PROBABEEL

Savabeel – Far Fetched
(R) Listed Karaka Million, 1200m
Ellerslie, 6:33 pm (NZT)

EXUBERANT

Savabeel – Merrily
(R) Listed Karaka Million, 1200m
Ellerslie, 6:33 pm (NZT)

AOTEA LAD

Savabeel – Corsage
(R) Listed Karaka Million, 1200m
Ellerslie, 6:33 pm (NZT)

SAVE THE DATE

Savabeel – More to Love
Gr.2 Westbury Classic, 1400m
Ellerslie, 7:13 pm (NZT)

YEARN

Savabeel – Princess Uno
Gr.2 Westbury Classic, 1400m
Ellerslie, 7:13 pm (NZT)

QUEEN OF DIAMONDS

Savabeel – Love Diamonds
(R) Listed Karaka Million 3YO Classic, 1600m
Ellerslie, 7:48 pm (NZT)

THE REAL BEEL

Savabeel – Ahna
(R) Listed Karaka Million 3YO Classic, 1600m
Ellerslie, 7:48 pm (NZT)

SURELY SACRED

Rock 'n' Pop – Not Sure
(R) Listed Karaka Million 3YO Classic, 1600m
Ellerslie, 7:48 pm (NZT)

MADISON COUNTY

Pins – Red Delicious
(R) Listed Karaka Million 3YO Classic, 1600m
Ellerslie, 7:48 pm (NZT)

PRISE DE FER

Savabeel – Foiled
(R) Listed Karaka Million 3YO Classic, 1600m
Ellerslie, 7:48 pm (NZT)

PRINCE ALBERT

Savabeel – Lady Alberton
(R) Listed Karaka Million 3YO Classic, 1600m
Ellerslie, 7:48 pm (NZT)

PINEMEDOWN

Pins – Alleyway
(R) Listed Karaka Million 3YO Classic, 1600m
Ellerslie, 7:48 pm (NZT)

SUNDAY 27 JANUARY

EASY GO EASY WIN

Savabeel – Tootsie
HK Gr.1 Hong Kong Classic Mile, 1600m
Hong Kong, 9:35 pm (NZT)

BLACK TYPE SPOTLIGHT

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PROBABEEL

(R) LISTED 2YO KARAKA MILLION



Probabeel / By Savabeel, from Far Fetched

She rounds out the trio of Savabeel's in the Karaka Million 2YO. The six generation Waikato Stud bred filly has been super impressive at her past two starts and New Zealand's leading rider Opie Bosson sticks with her. Her task wasn't made any easier drawing the outside barrier 16 but with the likely strong speed up front, it wouldn't be surprising to see her finishing over the top of them.

SURELY SACRED

(R) LISTED 3YO KARAKA MILLION



Surely Sacred / By Rock 'n' Pop, from Not Sure

One of seven entrants in the Karaka Million 3YO Classic by stallions that stand at Waikato Stud. The son of Rock 'n' Pop couldn't have been more impressive when winning a Group 2 over the course/distance on New Years Day. The WS bred's opposition includes Group 2 winning Pins filly Pinmedown and Savabeel quartet Queen Of Diamonds, Prise De Fer, Prince Albert and The Real Beel.

PRETTY TO SEA

GROUP 3 CONCORDE HANDICAP



Pretty to Sea / By Ocean Park, from Pretty

An Australian Group 2 placed daughter of 'hot' sire Ocean Park, Pretty to Sea will line up in the Group 3 Concorde Handicap. The Waikato Stud bred mare won well here on New Years Day. She will be fitter for her first up run, has drawn barrier 1 and gets into the race on the minimum. Her opposition includes Pins mare Princess Kereru, a last start Railway runner up and WS part owned entire Ardrossan.

EXUBERANT

(R) LISTED 2YO KARAKA MILLION



Exuberant / By Savabeel, from Merrily

The Waikato Stud bred son of Savabeel, who comes from the same family as the great Black Caviar, takes his place in the Karaka Million 2YO. A winner on debut at Listed level, he was doing his best work over the concluding stages in the Eclipse Stakes. Drawn awkwardly in barrier 15, he is likely to get back in the field and should be seen finishing off strongly.

BLACK TYPE SPOTLIGHT (CONT'D)

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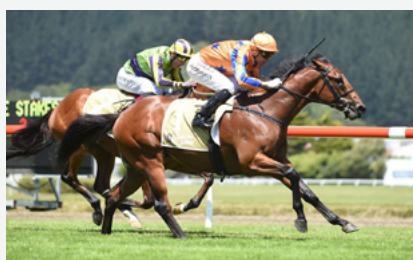
MADISON COUNTY (R) LISTED 3YO KARAKA MILLION



Madison County / By Pins, from Red Delicious

The winner of the Hawke's Bay Guineas, NZ 2000 Guineas and Levin Classic is sure to start a short price favourite in the Karaka Million 3YO Classic. He is a real Waikato Stud product being by Pins from the family of Champion Sire O'Reilly. Drawn well in barrier seven, he should be able to get the run of the race and prove the one they have to beat.

AOTEA LAD (R) LISTED 2YO KARAKA MILLION



Aotea Lad / By Savabeel, from Corsage

The precocious son of Savabeel will lead out the field in the Karaka Million 2YO. A veteran of just two starts which has already captured a Group Two, he is trained by Jamie Richards who has five runners in the race and will be ridden by New Zealand's favourite son James McDonald. From the barrier he is likely to settle off the speed and will be charging late.

SAVE THE DATE GROUP 2 WESTBURY CLASSIC



Save the Date / By Savabeel, from More to Love

Takes her place in the Westbury Classic, a Group 2 race for the fillies and mares. The Group placed Waikato Stud bred daughter of Savabeel, from the family of multiple Group 1 winner Starcraft, could be part of a massive day for owners Brendan and Jo Lindsay. They also own Probabeel (Karaka 2YO Classic) and Pretty To Sea (Concorde). Her opposition includes fellow Savabeel mare Yearn.

SWORD OF OSMAN GROUP 3 MONGOLIAN KHAN TROPHY



Sword of Osman / By Savabeel, from Bunyah

The son of Savabeel returns to the 'scene of the crime' of his Group 1 victory when running in the Group 3 Mongolian Khan Trophy. He has won three of five starts at 1200m and showed he is in good form winning here two weeks ago. From the good barrier with Opie Bosson in the saddle, he should get the run of the race and prove very hard to beat.

A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE - VINCENT MANGANO

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On the eve of the 92nd New Zealand Bloodstock National Yearling Sales Series at Karaka, Ellerslie takes centre stage on Saturday with the 12th running of the \$1 million Karaka Million 2YO.

'A Trip Down Memory Lane' we remember Vincent Mangano, who became the inaugural winner back in 2008.

Born at Waikato Stud in the Spring of 2005, Vincent Mangano was from the second crop of resident sire No Excuse Needed and fifth foal of unraced Housebuter mare Rationable, who at the time had produced two 'lower class' winners – how things would change.

Following the weanling process, he was allowed to grow naturally on the rich Matamata pasture and by the time of the sale, he had developed into a nice colt - the stud was optimistic of a good result at Karaka. He was purchased by Matamata horseman Peter McKay and his wife Kim for \$80,000 with long term client Trevor Luke joining the ownership.

The trio was enjoying success with

fellow Waikato Stud bred Alamosa, who was then a two-year-old.

Similar to Alamosa, Vincent Mangano who was named after a Mafia boss was first seen in public at the Te Teko trials in earlier August, finishing second before easily winning a trial at Taupo two weeks later. Given time, he wasn't seen at the races until early October where he easily accounted for a nine horse field that included Awesome Planet, who would win at Group 3 level and be placed in the Group 1 1000 Guineas.

He then went to Wellington and won the Listed Wellesley Stakes (which Alamosa had won the previous year) before also capturing the Listed Murdoch Newell Stakes, ran that year at Ellerslie. He lost a little bit of gloss when beaten into fourth in the Listed Fairview Ford Stakes at Te Rapa.



BELOW / Vincent Mangano

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A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE - VINCENT MANGANO (CONT'D)

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As you can imagine, there was plenty of buzz about the new Karaka Million and every eligible two-year-old was heading towards that direction. After drawing the outside barrier, the punters 'dropped off' him and he started in excess of \$20 on the night. With Vinnie Colgan in the saddle, he was allowed to find his feet in the early stages, settling at the rear of the field. Still last coming around the turn, Colgan angled him to the outside and once balanced up, he charged down the outside to defeat Dorothy Maureen with fellow Waikato Stud bred Pins filly Raid back in third.

There was plenty of jubilation with connections being presented with the trophy by then New Zealand Prime Minister Helen Clarke. Despite

racing on with success, winning a further four times, this was certainly Vincent Mangano's crowning glory. He retired as a seven-year-old with eight wins and just over \$800,000 in the bank

Following his victory in the Karaka Million, the McKay's and Trevor Luke returned to Karaka a couple of days later and purchased Rationable's next foal, a colt by O'Reilly for \$140,000. Keeping with the Mafia boss theme, he was named Joey Massino. Although not as precocious as Vincent Mangano, he went on to win the Group 2 Avondale Guineas and NZB Insurance Karaka 3YO Mile (now the \$1 million Karaka 3YO Classic),

Just as Joey Massino was hitting his

straps, so was Rationable's 2004 foal, also by O'Reilly. Racing in Australia as Vigor, he was trained throughout his career by Danny O'Brien. A winner of the Group 2 Craiglee Stakes (now Group 1 Makybe Diva Stakes) at Flemington, he was also placed in the Group 1 Caulfield Cup.

When Rationable passed away in 2017, eight of her nine foals to race were winners including three at Stakes level. Her legacy continues with Waikato Stud breeding from three daughters. Two of these daughters have progeny in the sale next week. O'Reilly mare Baby Shacks is represented by Lot 579, a Savabeel filly while Lot 681 is a Savabeel colt from another O'Reilly daughter Diana Dors – will they add to the rich family history at Karaka?



BELOW / Vincent Mangano



KARAKA PHOTO GALLERY

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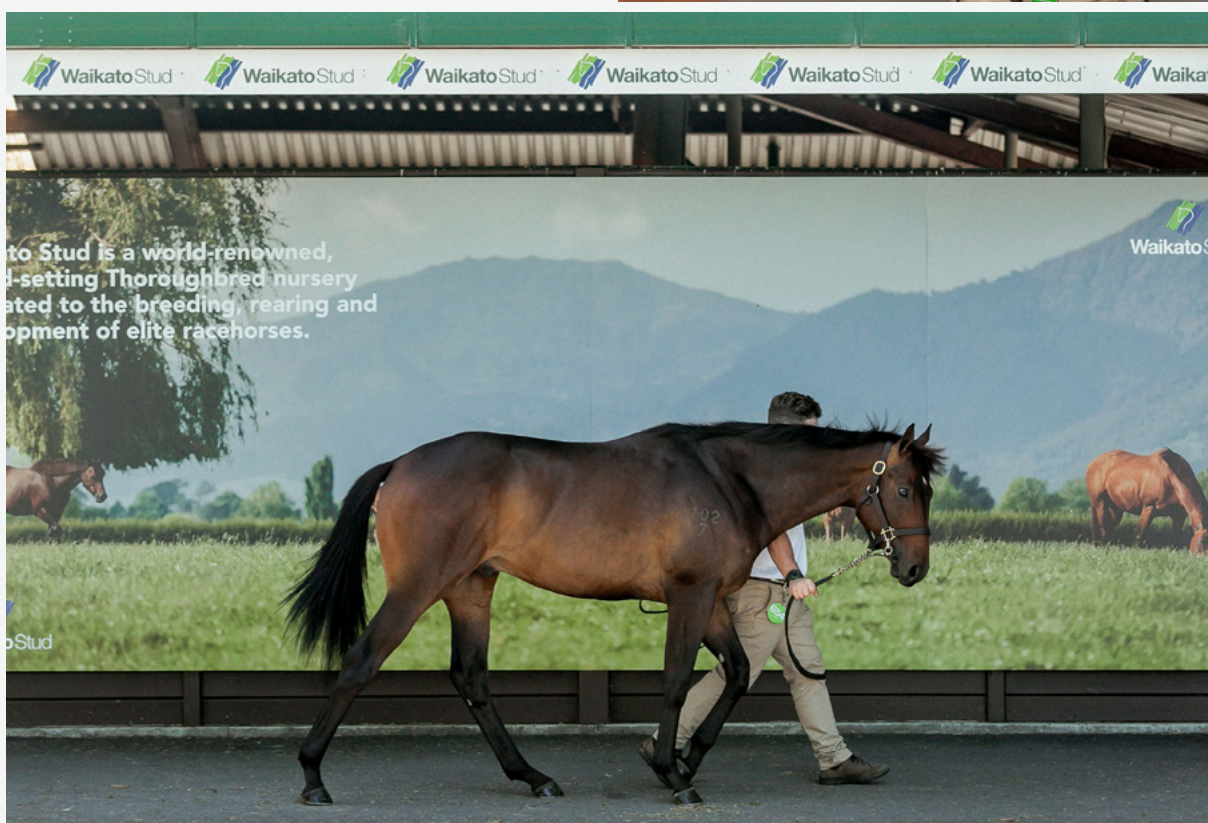
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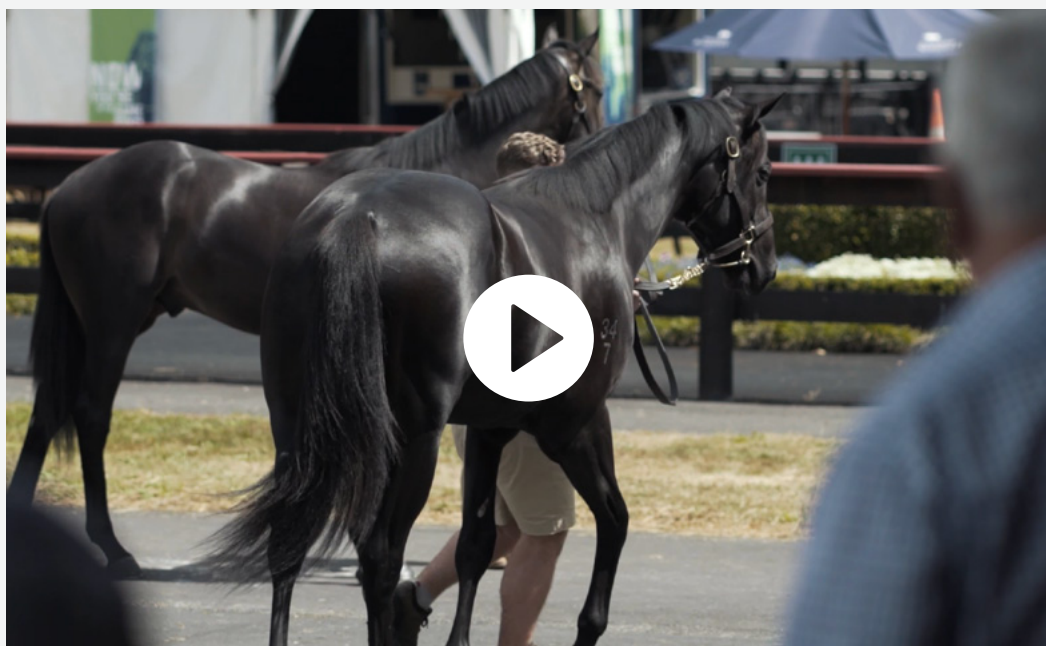


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