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The Cambridge trainer produced the three-year-old son of Rock 'n' Pop to come from last with a barnstorming finish to win the Gr.2 Auckland Guineas.

"With the outside gate we were always going back," Pike said. "The favourite (More Wonder) had a tough trip and he tried to follow that and he wasn't taking him anywhere.

"Once he got into the clear, he has got a great turn of foot. He is still learning as well, this is only his third start, so he is an exciting horse going forward."

It was a monumental result for Waikato Stud stallion Rock 'n' Pop, with Surely Sacred recording his first stakes win for his sire.

Purchased out of Waikato Stud's 2017 New Zealand Bloodstock Premier Yearling Sale draft by Raffles Racing for \$160,000, Surely Sacred will now likely head toward the Listed Karaka Million 3YO Classic at the end of the month before a possible tilt at the Gr.1 New Zealand Derby (2400m).

"We'll obviously discuss that with the

owners, but obviously the Karaka Million is a big stake and a great night," Pike said.

"They will all be over here so I'd say they will be leaning towards that. We'll just get him home and see how he pulls up.

"He is out of Provocative's (Gr.1 Queensland Oaks winner) family, so there is a little bit of staying blood in there. It will be nice to think he can get a Derby trip, but he'll tell us that on the way through."



BELOW / Surely Sacred
Photo credit: Trish Dunell



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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PRINCE JABEEL UPSETS IN CITY OF AUCKLAND CUP

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Apprentice Ryan Elliot celebrated his recent red-hot run of form when he guided outsider Prince Jabeel to an upset victory in the Gr.3 Pencarrow Stud City of Auckland Cup (2400m) at Ellerslie.

Carrying the colours of breeder and part-owners Brendan and Jo Lindsay, the under-rated five-year-old hadn't featured in any pre-race discussions but proved he deserved his place in the staying feature as he fought off all challenges after taking the lead approaching the home bend.

The Savabeel gelding had the audacity to pull clear in the final few strides as Elliot's whip flourish sparked connections into some wild celebrations in the Ellerslie grandstand.

"It's amazing," Lindsay said.

"We thought he had a chance, but gosh, he's just won easy, I can't believe it.

"We sent him over to Moira Murdoch's at the beach last week and it obviously works. I think I'd better go there for a

week myself.

"That's the third stakes winner for the mare which is so exciting."

Prince Jabeel is from Danehill mare J'Adane, who was placed on seven occasions at stakes level including a runner-up finish in the 2007 Gr.1 Kelt Capital Stakes (2040m) behind Princess Coup. She is also the dam of Group winners Von Tunzelman and Sherrif

Trainer Lance Noble was thrilled with the result as he looks ahead to a two-mile challenge for his charge.

"It's amazing to be able to do that for Brendan and Jo and the whole team," he said

"It's a big team effort so to get a win on a day like today is fantastic.

"He's a 2400m-3200m horse that we are trying to get to the Wellington Cup and this race set-up for him to be honest.

"If he'd run a nice placing, I was going to be happy, but Ryan rode him really well as the light weight was a big help."

Prince Jabeel has now won three of his 20 career starts with more than \$163,000 in earnings. He holds a nomination for both the Gr.3 NZ Campus for Innovation & Sport Wellington Cup (3200m) on January 19 and the Gr.1 Barfoot & Thompson Auckland Cup (3200m) on March 19. – **NZ Racing Desk**



BELOW / Prince Jabeel
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PINS FILLY SPRINGS EIGHT CARAT UPSET

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Lightly-raced filly Pinmedown delivered a Boxing Day uppercut when she upstaged her rivals in the Gr.2 Eight Carat Classic at Ellerslie.

Prepared at Matamata by Michael Moroney and Pam Gerard, the Pins filly was having just her fourth race day start and bridged the gap to black type company at odds of 32-1.

A last-start midweek winner at Hawke's Bay, Pinmedown was ridden to her second career success by Australian jockey Jake Bayliss, who had been sidelined by suspension for the last three weeks.

"She has always been a nice filly and Pam has done a great job with her," Moroney said.

"I was talking to Pam two weeks' ago and when we were going through programmes she was quite happy to throw her in the deep end and it has worked out the right way.

"She got a bit further back than we wanted from that draw (barrier 4),

but she was going to get caught very wide, so he did the right thing and went back.

"I had a look at the favourite (Media Sensation) as they turned-in and it was under a bit of a ride and our horse was still going easy, so I thought then that she was some chance."

"She is going to be on an Oaks campaign, all going well," Moroney said. "She is a three-quarter sister to (Hong Kong star) Ambitious Dragon and she is now a very valuable sort of filly.

"We will probably just give her time to get over this. She can be a bit fragile. She got a little bit on her toes before the race, but she is learning and she has got any amount of ability by the look of her."



BELOW / Pinmedown
Photo Credit: Race Images Photos



OCEAN PARK RIDING THE CREST OF A WAVE

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An outstanding run of form from the progeny of Waikato Stud's Ocean Park continued at Matamata last weekend.

He has enjoyed a flood of winners over the festive season and two more were posted at Matamata last Saturday.

Opie Bosson donned the Matamata farm's colours to successfully combine with the promising Together.

A previous maiden winner, she settled back before inching forward 600 metres from home.

The powerfully-built mare produced a strong finish for her second victory in four outings.

"It's a big thank you to the team at Waikato Stud, they have been very patient," trainer Jamie Richards said.

"She's got a lovely pedigree and can quicken in her races.

"She's a big sort of mare so she might have a little break with the hard tracks and set her for the autumn.

"We're really looking forward to the future with her."

Together's grandmother is the great producer Flying Floozie, the dam of the stud's international Group One winner Starcraft.

Ocean Park provided the quinella in the opening event when his

daughter Wild Seas beat stablemate Ocean Go.

The pair are trained on the course by Lance O'Sullivan and Andrew Scott.

Bred and raced by Sir Peter Vela, black type events now beckon Wild Seas.

"She had to sustain a long run and she was there to be run down and she got away from them the last bit," Scott said.

"Her work had been really good and every race she's had she's run strongly and just lacked a bit of luck.

"We'll probably look at the Desert Gold Stakes, that might be a good option for her."

She is a daughter of the multiple winner and Group performer Santangelo.

The runner-up's effort was also full of merit.

"The second horse hit the line strongly so that was very encouraging," Scott said.

At Stratford this afternoon, Toffee Pop added to Rock 'n' Pop's stallion record with her maiden victory.

It was certainly no surprise as she had placed in three of her previous four starts for trainer Ralph Manning.

She is out of the Generous mare Lolly Scramble, a half-sister to the Group winners Viennetta and Butterscotch.



BELOW / Together

Photo credit: Race Images Photos



SAVABEEL'S SON A STAR IN THE MAKING

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Starrybeel confirmed his status as a potential cup's contender with a stylish display over 2200 metres at Ellerslie on Tuesday afternoon.

The Waikato Stud graduate won the Dunstan Feeds Championship Final with plenty in hand.

Trained by Stephen Marsh, the son of Savabeel has now won four of his last six starts.

Starrybeel was a \$180,000 purchase for Go Racing out of Waikato's 2016 Karaka Premier Sale consignment.

He is a son of the O'Reilly mare Starry, who was unraced and is a half-sister to the Listed Widden Stakes winner Delta Girl.

Starry's grand-dam is the dual Group Three winner and Group One

placegetter Starcent.

Waikato Stud will offer a half-brother, Lot 435, by Pins to Starrybeel during the Book 1 session at Karaka later this month.

Starrybeel's sire Savabeel enjoyed another top day at Ellerslie where his son Prince Jabeel won the Gr.3 City Of Auckland Cup.



BELOW / Starrybeel

Photo credit: Race Images Photos



ARDROSSAN BACK IN BUSINESS

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Ardrossan has made a triumphant return to New Zealand racing with an impressive victory at Te Aroha yesterday afternoon.

He took up where he left off with a commanding performance under rider Jason Waddell to win over 1200 metres.

The son of Redoute's Choice began his career with Stephen Marsh and was unbeaten in two appearances.

He was successful on debut as a juvenile at Pukekohe and then claimed the Listed Matamata Veterinairy Equine Stakes at Te Rapa.

Ardrossan was subsequently relocated to Mick Price's Caulfield stable, but failed to fire in three appearances.

He bounced straight back to winning ways for Marsh this afternoon with loftier future goals now in sight.

The four-year-old is raced by a syndicate that includes Waikato Stud, JML Bloodstock, Jomara

Bloodstock and Jamieson Park.

Ardrossan was purchased on their behalf by agent Bruce Perry for \$150,000 at the Melbourne Premier Sale.

Out of Miss Argyll, he is a half-brother to the stakes winners Cheyenne Warrior and Bergerac.



BELOW / Ardrossan



PRETTY TO WATCH AT ELLERSLIE

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A call from Cambridge Stud chief executive Henry Plumptre paved the way for Ocean Park's daughter Pretty To Sea to make a winning New Zealand debut at Ellerslie.

"Henry gave me a call and asked if I'd like to train her," trainer Stephen Marsh said.

"I've been very patient with her and we were all very confident. It's just been about keeping her happy."

Pretty To Sea was trained by Ciaran Maher and was a winner and a Gr.3 Adrian Knox Stakes placegetter during her three-year-old career.

In the silks of new owners Brendan and Jo Lindsay, jockey Leith Innes had Pretty To Sea in a good rhythm and when asked the question in the

straight the mare dashed away.

A \$150,000 Karaka yearling offered by Waikato Stud, Pretty To Sea hails from the family of the two-time Group 1 winners Glamour Puss and Vision And Power.



BELOW / Pretty To Sea

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VINERY TARGET FOR OCEANEX

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Caulfield trainer Mick Price has a good opinion of tough Moonee Valley winner Oceanex and believes the daughter of Ocean Park can tackle feature fillies' races in the autumn.

The three-year-old filly closed well to win the Dean & McPherson Catering Handicap (1600m) on Saturday in the hands of Dwayne Dunn.

"She's a top-class filly," Dunn said.

"She didn't handle the corner at all well and I just had to take my medicine and the way she finished off she showed how good she is."

The lightly-raced Oceanex had previously scored by seven lengths at Geelong over 1700m on a Heavy9 track, and she handled the step-back in distance and the Good4 surface at Moonee Valley with aplomb.

"The win on the Heavy9 and doing it the way she did was awesome but you're always a bit concerned coming back to the mile around a

little tight circuit," Dunn said.

"But she handled herself really well and she's got a great attitude and obviously the ability is there as well."

Price was pleased with the way the filly had come through the race on Sunday morning.

"Body-wise she has just started to mature into a nice Christmas three-year-old now and she looked great this morning," he said.

"She's not tucked up, she ate up well and she is sound, so I think we can train on.

"I have just got to work out a program. If you kept going and going I'd end up with no horse by March or April and I don't want to do that.

"I reckon it would be nice to think we could get her peaking for the Vinery Stakes (Gr.1, 2000m).

"Then if we thought she was a mile and a half filly we could run her in the Oaks (Gr.1, 2400m).

"I would say the Vinery would have a big circle around it at this stage." – **NZ Racing Desk**



BELOW / Oceanex
Photo Credit: Darryl Sherer



HAPPY DAYS FOR FILLY

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Well-related filly Happily To Be looks a three-year-old with a bright future in Australia for Waikato Stud.

The well-related filly has been lightly-tried by Flemington trainer Danny O'Brien and has made an encouraging start to her career.

The daughter of Pins placed in two of her first three starts before breaking her maiden at Seymour last time out.

Bred and part-owned by the Matamata nursery, she is a daughter

of the O'Reilly mare Merrily.

She is a half-sister to the stakes winner Glad and the family of the champion mare Black Caviar.

Happily To Be is also a half-sister to the Stephen Marsh-trained Exuberant.

A \$160,000 Karaka yearling, the son of Savabeel won the Listed Wellesley Stakes on debut for Go Racing.



BELOW / Happily To Be

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KARAKA YEARLING HIGHLIGHT - LOT 15

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A half-brother to dual Group One winning NZ Three-year-old Horse of the Year Savvy Coup will be offered early on at the 2019 NZB Karaka Yearling Sale and will go under the hammer as Lot 15.

This colt boasts one of the most current and highly sought-after pedigrees in the catalogue and hails from one of Waikato Stud's iconic families.

The beautifully put together son of leading young sire Ocean Park is out of the unraced Pins mare Eudora.

This colt's dam Eudora is out of O'Reilly mare Hyades and is a sister to multiple Stakes winning Pins mares Tootsie (dam of multiple Group winner Ocean Emperor) and Legless Veuve.

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Ocean Park - Eudora Colt



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