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Super sire Savabeel will be represented by four runners in the Group 1 New Zealand Oaks at Trentham tomorrow.

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PARTNERS BACK IN WINNING BUSINESS

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The breeding and racing partnership of Garry Chittick and Gary Wallace look to have another exciting prospect on their hands.

They enjoyed an outstanding inning with the Savabeel mare Coldplay, winner of the Gr.2 Cal Isuzu Stakes and the Gr.3 Eagle Technology Stakes.

Her sister Eleanor Rigby is now on the board following her victory over a mile at Matamata on Wednesday afternoon.

Like Coldplay, she is prepared by Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman and was ridden to victory by Opie Bosson.

She failed to meet her reserve of \$500,000 at Karaka in 2017 and looks to have a bright future ahead of her.

Eleanor Rigby is a daughter of Forty Two Below who is by O'Reilly and a sister to stakes winner The Big Chill, also a Group One placegetter.



BELOW / Eleanor Rigby
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OUTSTANDING START AT ELLERSLIE

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Waikato Stud opened Auckland Cup day with a pair of their home-breds delivering a quinella in the Rating 65 sprint.

Spindle, with jockey Cameron Lammas in the farm's colours, and Breezon fought out the finish.

For the winner Spindle, it was richly deserved as she had been denied a run when going well a week ago.

"She didn't get a go at all last time and today she's won like a good horse," Lammas said.

"She's lovely to ride and make's my job easy."

Trained by Stephen McKee, who also prepared the runner-up horse, Spindle is by Pins out of Under And Over.

The dam is a sister to the stakes winner Bird, dam of Stakes winners Flamingo and Predictor.

Spindle is raced by the stud with the Brent Cooper-managed Auckland Racing Club Winners Circle syndicate.



BELOW / Spindle
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RAIN NO HELP FOR TALENTED RONDINELLA

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Rondinella has again acquitted herself exceptionally well in top company on a surface that didn't do her any favours.

The Ocean Park mare got home strongly at Ellerslie on Saturday afternoon to run third in the Gr.1 Bonecrusher New Zealand Stakes.

The heavily rain-affected track was far from suitable, but her class showed through ahead of an Australian campaign.

"I put it to the owners whether they wanted to run," co-trainer Roger James said.

"I wasn't that keen, but they pointed out we could strike a track like this in Sydney so we needed to know how she would go."

Rondinella had also performed creditably when runner-up in the Listed Kaimai Stakes on a soft Matamata track at her previous start.

All four of the lightly-raced mare's wins have come on top of the ground.



BELOW / Rondinella
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SAVABEEL MARE STILL GOING STRONG

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New Zealand-bred and owned Savabeel mare Shillelagh may be in the twilight of her career, but she's showing no signs of slowing down.

Judging by her bold showing in Saturday's Gr.1 Australian Cup she's capable of adding to her winning tally through the autumn.

In the colours of Christopher and Susanna Grace, the daughter of Savabeel finished a close second in the Flemington feature.

"She ran fantastic. We had to go back to get in from the wide draw, but she fought on great," rider Craig Williams said.

Trained by Chris Waller, Shillelagh has won eight races, including the Gr.1 Empire Rose Stakes and the Gr.1 Kennedy Mile.

She is a sister to the Gr.2 Brisbane Cup winner Tullamore and to the Listed Spring Classic winner Grazia.



BELOW / Shillelagh



PRETTY TO WATCH AT ELLERSLIE

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Pretty To Sea justified the confidence trainer Stephen Marsh had in the mare with a smart win at Ellerslie.

The Ocean Park mare resumed after a break and smartly dealt to her Rating 82 rivals on Saturday afternoon.

She settled in fifth spot and once she was into the clear she rallied strongly for the third win of her career.

"Of our three runners today I thought she would be least affected by the track," Marsh said.

"She's galloped well on a wet track at home and I thought she'd be a really good chance."

The mare is owned by Brendan and Jo Lindsay and was ridden by their contracted rider Leith Innes.

Bred by Waikato Stud, Pretty To Sea was a \$150,000 Karaka purchase and is out of Pretty.

The dam is from the Group One family of Glamour Puss and Vision And Power.



BELOW / Pretty to Sea
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GROUP THREE TARGET FOR ARDROSSAN

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The Stephen Marsh-trained Ardrossan will trial before resuming his Australian campaign later this month.

The Redoute's Choice entire arrived in Sydney last week with a temperature, which resulted in his withdrawal from last Saturday's Gr.1 Canterbury Stakes (1300m) at Randwick.

Marsh said he has improved considerably since his arrival and will now be set to tackle the Gr.3 Star Kingdom Stakes (1200m) at Rosehill later this month.

"He has improved a lot," Marsh said.
"He will trial on Monday at Rosehill

and from there he will head back to Rosehill on the 30th of March and will run in a Group Three 1200m race."

Ardrossan was in good form in New Zealand earlier this year, winning the Gr.3 Concorde Handicap (1200m) at Ellerslie in January before running third to Melody Belle in the Gr.1 BCD Sprint (1400m) at Te Rapa a fortnight later. - **NZ Racing News**



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

Rock 'n' Pop

SERVICE FEE: TBC

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 Stakes performers, including dual Group winner Surely Sacred as well as Gold Spice, Go Dixie, Rock 'n' Affair and The Lord Mayor

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 have sold for up to \$220,000



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FRIDAY 15 MARCH

TWINSPIER

Savabeel-Impulsive Dream

Gr.2 Alister Clark Stakes, 2040m

Moonee Valley, 11:30 pm (NZT)

SATURDAY 16 MARCH

LUCETTA

Savabeel – Bright

Listed NZ St Leger, 2600m

Trentham, 1:40 pm (NZT)

CONCERT HALL

Savabeel – Classic Legacy

Gr.3 Cuddle Stakes, 1600m

Trentham, 2:50 pm (NZT)

FLORAL BELT

Pins – True Belt

Gr.2 Wellington Guineas, 1400m

Trentham, 3:30 pm (NZT)

EMILY MARGARET

Pins – Seven Schillings

Gr.2 Wellington Guineas, 1400m

Trentham, 3:30 pm (NZT)

JUST FABULOUS

O'Reilly – Fabulist

Gr.2 Wellington Guineas, 1400m

Trentham, 3:30 pm (NZT)

CAVALLO VELOCE

O'Reilly – Giant Mystique

Gr.2 Wellington Guineas, 1400m

Trentham, 3:30 pm (NZT)

PRINCESS KERERU

Pins – Fleur d'Amour

Listed Lightning Handicap, 1200m

Trentham, 4:05 pm (NZT)

YEARN

Savabeel – Princess Uno

Listed Lightning Handicap, 1200m

Trentham, 4:05 pm (NZT)

ROCK 'N' AFFAIR

Rock 'n' Pop - Stravinskys Affair

Listed Lightning Handicap, 1200m

Trentham, 4:05 pm (NZT)

ICEBATH

Sacred Falls – Fabulist

Gr.3 Magic Night Stakes, 1200m

Rosehill, 4:15 pm (NZT)

PROBABEEL

Savabeel – Far Fetched

Gr.3 Magic Night Stakes, 1200m

Rosehill, 4:15 pm (NZT)

CLEMENTINA

Savabeel – Patrimonium

Gr.1 NZ Oaks, 2400m

Trentham, 4:45 pm (NZT)

QUEEN OF DIAMONDS

Savabeel – Love Diamonds

Gr.1 NZ Oaks, 2400m

Trentham, 4:45 pm (NZT)

SAVY YONG BLONK

Savabeel – Ampin

Gr.1 NZ Oaks, 2400m

Trentham, 4:45 pm (NZT)

ELATE

Savabeel – High Joy

Gr.1 NZ Oaks, 2400m

Trentham, 4:45 pm (NZT)

PINMEDOWN

Pins – Alleyway

Gr.1 NZ Oaks, 2400m

Trentham, 4:45 pm (NZT)

SAVVY COUP

Savabeel - Eudora

Gr.1 Coolmore Classic, 1500m

Rosehill, 6:50 pm (NZT)

KAONIC

Savabeel – Fast Love

Gr.2 Ajax Stakes, 1500m

Rosehill, 7:30 pm (NZT)

SEAWAY

Ocean Park – Miss Purrfection

Gr.2 Ajax Stakes, 1500m

Rosehill, 7:30 pm (NZT)

GRUNT

O'Reilly – Ruqqaya

Gr.1 All Star Mile, 1600m

Flemington, 7:10 pm (NZT)

VINACEOUS

Savabeel - Villifye

Listed Natasha Stakes, 2200m

Perth Racing, 8:50 pm (NZT)

BLACK TYPE SPOTLIGHT

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QUEEN OF DIAMONDS GROUP 1 NZ OAKS



Queen of Diamonds / By Savabeel, from Love Diamonds

A winner of three races, including two at Group level, classy Savabeel filly Queen of Diamonds will look to add a Group 1 victory to her record when she takes on New Zealand's best three-year-old fillies in the New Zealand Oaks at Trentham tomorrow. Trained by Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman, she will team up with her regular rider Matthew Cameron.

PROBABEEL GROUP 3 MAGIC NIGHT STAKES



Probabeel / By Savabeel, from Far Fetched

The WS-bred star two-year-old filly is making her Australian debut in tomorrow's Group 3 Magic Night Stakes at Rosehill Gardens. She has won her last three starts, including a last start win in the \$1 million Karaka Million 2YO race and has won over this distance (1200m) twice. The Jamie Richards trained runner has drawn wide in barrier 13 but should be given every chance in the running with top jockey Opie Bosson onboard.

SEAWAY GROUP 2 AJAX STAKES



Seaway / By Ocean Park, from Miss Purrfection

The talented WS-bred Ocean Park gelding has won or placed in 9 of his 11 race day appearances and was an impressive winner when resuming at Rosehill on February 23rd. Trained by Chris Waller, Seaway is one of the lighter-weighted horses in the field, carrying 53 kg's and will be ridden by inform jockey Kerrin McEvoy.

CONCERT HALL GROUP 3 CUDDLE STAKES



Concert Hall / By Savabeel, from Classic Legacy

Bred and raced by Joan Egan, the lightly raced Savabeel mare has won her last two starts in impressive fashion and should be highly competitive in tomorrow's Gr.3 Cuddle Stakes (1600m) at Trentham. The Roger James / Robert Wellwood trained mare has won twice over a mile and will be taking on her own sex tomorrow. She has drawn a touch wide in barrier 10 but jockey Matthew Cameron who knows the mare well should hopefully find a nice spot for her and capitalise on her explosive turn of foot.

MARK'S MAIL

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We're all keeping busy on the farm - we've gotten the majority of our foals branded and weaning is going great.

It has been fantastic to see our racing team really doing the job on the track this week and was super to see Eleanor Rigby and Spindle notch up a couple of wins.

Congratulations to Christopher and Susanna Grace for gaining further black-type with Shillelagh over the weekend, she certainly put in a brave run to get second in the Australian Cup and doesn't appear to be showing any signs of slowing down. Exciting times ahead!

There is a great line up of racing to look forward to this weekend - good luck to everyone with horses running!

Have a great weekend.

**Cheers,
Mark**



GARRY'S CORNER

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Well, aren't we lucky. I have had the opportunity to read Brian de Lores article in the Informant before I put a finger to Ipad, Brian, as always writes well-researched commentaries on the state of NZ Racing. This weeks was written with the benefit of direct access to our Minister.



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

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