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QUEEN OF DIAMONDS

The blueblooded daughter of Savabeel reigns supreme in the Gr.2 Lowland Stakes.

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Gr.2 Lowland Stakes winner
Queen of Diamonds
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SAVABEEL FILLY RULES AT HASTINGS

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Savabeel's regally-bred daughter Queen Of Diamonds has staked her claim for the Gr.1 New Zealand Oaks in style.

She left no doubt she is the filly to beat in the classic with a victory on Wednesday afternoon in the Gr.2 Lowland Stakes at Hastings.

The Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman-trained three-year-old turned in a commanding performance to win with ease.

Rider Matt Cameron did everything asked of him and Queen Of Diamonds responded in sparkling style.

"It was a great ride and he took control of the race," Forsman said.

"The key was she didn't have the blinkers on and relaxed with cover down the back straight."

Queen Of Diamonds idled up to challenge 200 metres from home and went clear to put the issue beyond doubt.

A \$640,000 Karaka buy for the China Horse Club, she is a daughter of Love Diamonds from the legendary Eight Carat family.



BELOW / Queen of Diamonds
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GROUP 1 TITLES BECKON RONDINELLA

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Talented mare Rondinella became Ocean Park's ninth stakes performer with her gallant performance at Matamata on Saturday.

The mare is at her best on top of the ground and did particularly well to finish a close second on a wet track in the Listed Kaimai Stakes.

The winner of four of her previous nine appearances, Rondinella closed relentlessly to be beaten only a nose.

Trained by Roger James and Robert Wellwood the four-year-old's effort has her on target to chase higher honours.

The plan with the mare is to now head to Ellerslie for the Gr.1 Bonecrusher Stakes on the 8th of March.



BELOW / Rondinella

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BOLD PERFORMANCE FOR SON OF SAVABEEL

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In the colours of Waikato Stud, Anything But confirmed his promise by winning the \$10,000 Chooky's Auto Maiden 1400 metres at Pukekohe.



BELOW / Anything But
Photo Credit: Race Images Photos

A horse co-trainer Pam Gerard felt possessed natural ability from the outset, his continued mental maturity helped matters following a big finishing fourth on debut when running the fastest last 600m (34.1) a fortnight earlier at Te Aroha.

"He found the line very well last time for fourth over 1200 metres and stepping up to 1400 metres looked ideal," she said.

"We've been happy with his condition and his behaviour is continuing to improve with experience. Jake (Bayliss) does a lot of work with him at home, has ridden him at the trials and race day, and it's good to get the win for Waikato Stud.

"I was a little bit worried when he was well back on the corner, but a strong

tempo helped and the further he goes the better he will be."

A better draw (7) ensured a more economical trip for Anything But and he was able to position sixth on the inner behind a tearaway pacemaker. Still with plenty to do approaching the 300m, he quickened appreciably when sighting daylight and flattened out nicely to the line.

On footing with ideal cushion (Dead4), Anything But ran the 1400 metres in 1:25.4 and drifted in betting to return \$4.00 & \$1.60.

"He's still a bit hot but that was well behaved for him," Bayliss said. "He trotted around nicely and was good at the gates. He was happy to tuck behind them and his raw ability came out in the end and he proved too good.

"He's a good work in progress and could be some sort of horse if he can get his head space right. It will come. He relaxes nicely and I can see him getting out to a mile."

Anything But was bred by Celia Crawshaw, nee Chittick, and owned by Waikato Stud and Ballymore New Zealand.

A winner of three races to a mile in the U.K., dam But Beautiful is a daughter of high-class sprinter and excellent sire Pivotal (Cozzene). Anything But is a son four-time Champion Waikato Stud stallion Savabeel (Zabeel). A Cox Plate (Gr. 1, 2040m) winning three-year-old, Savabeel (Zabeel) instils incredible quality into his stock, proved himself to be one of the most versatile stallions in Australasia, and his record speaks for itself.

Story by Jeff Dore.



SEAWAY CONTINUES HIS WINNING WAYS

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Talented four-year-old Seaway looks set to make his mark in strong company during his autumn campaign.

The son of Ocean Park remained unbeaten this preparation following his handicap success over 1500 metres at Rosehill on Saturday.

Seaway had resumed with a course and distance win for trainer Chris Waller earlier this month.

He was purchased out of Waikato Stud's Premier Sale draft to Karaka in 2016 by Star Thoroughbred's Denise Martin for \$210,000.

Seaway is a son of the One Cool Cat mare Miss Purrfection, also the dam

of the multiple Singapore stakes winner Kiwi Karma.

The dam is a half-sister to the Gr.2 Sir Byrne Hart Stakes winner Cheiron.

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BELOW / Seaway
Photo credit: Bradley Photographers



TRAINER RATES OCEAN PARK FILLY HIGHLY

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Allan Sharrock is predicting a top future for his progressive Ocean Park filly Our Hail Mary.

She maintained her unbeaten record at Otaki on Saturday with victory in a 1200 metre age group event.

"That was terrific. She's a 2000 metre filly – she's out of a sister to Shez Sinsational," trainer Allan Sharrock said.

"She's looking for more ground now, she was off the bridle at the 700, and she was tenacious.

"The Wellington Guineas is coming up, we might have a look at that."

Sharrock purchased Our Hail Mary at Karaka for \$35,000 – "I think I stole her," he said.

The presence of the multiple Group One winner Shez Sinsational aside, it is a strong pedigree.

It also features the Group One winner Brutus and the stakes winners Demon Queen and Visionary.



BELOW / Our Hail Mary
Photo Credit: Race Images
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SAVABEEL 4YO A TOP PROSPECT

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Savabeel mare Concert Hall is making fast progress through the lower grades and black type company should hold no future fears for her.

The four-year-old won for the fourth time in her eight-start career when victorious at Matamata at the weekend.

She is trained at Cambridge by the in-form pair of Roger James and Robert Wellwood for breeder-owner Joan Egan.

Concert Hall raced in midfield and when cut loose by rider Matt Cameron she boomed home to win by nearly five lengths.

She is a daughter of Classic Legacy, a winning mare by Carnegie who hails from a particularly good female family.

It includes the Gr.1 New Zealand Oaks winner Tartan Tights and the Gr.1 South Australian Oaks winner Lee's Bid.



BELOW / Concert Hall
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SAN SIRO HOME FOR OCEAN PARK

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San Siro had no luck in his first outing at Wairoa, but he capitalised on better fortune on the second day of the meeting.

The Ocean Park four-year-old had finished sixth last Thursday after being caught three wide without cover.

A better draw at the weekend allowed rider Sam Collett to have the gelding travelling comfortably outside of the leader.

San Siro strode to the front before the turn and, after shooting clear, had enough in reserve for the first win of his fledgling career.

He is a son of the stakes performer Our Shakira, a half-sister to the Group Three winner and Group One performer Zonza.

Waikato Stud's Ocean Park has now sired 78 winners with nine of them stakes performers.

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BELOW / San Siro
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SATURDAY 2 MARCH

CLEMENTINA

Savabeel – Patrimonium
Gr.3 Sunline Vase, 2100m
Ellerslie, 3:10 pm (NZT)

THE REAL BEEL

Savabeel – Ahna
Gr.3 Sunline Vase, 2100m
Ellerslie, 3:10 pm (NZT)

SAVY YONG BLONK

Savabeel – Ampin
Gr.3 Sunline Vase, 2100m
Ellerslie, 3:10 pm (NZT)

ELATE

Savabeel – High Joy
Gr.3 Sunline Vase, 2100m
Ellerslie, 3:10 pm (NZT)

SILTON

Savabeel – Kahurangi
Gr.3 Sunline Vase, 2100m
Ellerslie, 3:10 pm (NZT)

PINMEDOWN

Pins – Alleyway
Gr.3 Sunline Vase, 2100m
Ellerslie, 3:10 pm (NZT)

GRUNT

O'Reilly – Ruqqaya
Gr.3 Shaftesbury Avenue Handicap, 1400m
Flemington, 3:35 pm (NZT)

ENSEMBLE

Pins – Costume
Listed Mufhasa Stakes, 1300m
Ellerslie, 3:45 pm (NZT)

CAVALLO VELOCE

O'Reilly – Giant Mystique
Listed Mufhasa Stakes, 1300m
Ellerslie, 3:45 pm (NZT)

EMILY MARGARET

Pins – Seven Schillings
Listed NZ Bloodstock Insurance Stakes, 1400m
Wingatui, 4:05 pm (NZT)

SEVERINE

Pins – Paris Carver
Listed NZ Bloodstock Insurance Stakes, 1400m
Wingatui, 4:05 pm (NZT)

DEVIL'S STAIRCASE

Pins – Lolana
Listed NZ Bloodstock Insurance Stakes, 1400m
Wingatui, 4:05 pm (NZT)

PRINCESS KERERU

Pins – Fleur d'Amour
Gr.3 Waikato Stud Plate, 1200m
Ellerslie, 4:20 pm (NZT)

HASAHALO

Savabeel – Halloween
Gr.3 Waikato Stud Plate, 1200m
Ellerslie, 4:20 pm (NZT)

ICEBATH

Sacred Falls – Fabulist
Gr.2 Sweet Embrace Stakes, 1200m
Randwick, 4:30 pm (NZT)

ARROGANT

Ocean Park – Charmeuse
Gr.1 NZ Derby, 2400m
Ellerslie, 4:55 pm (NZT)

VERNANME

O'Reilly – Bohemian Blues
Gr.1 NZ Derby, 2400m
Ellerslie, 4:55 pm (NZT)

SURELY SACRED

Rock 'n' Pop – Not Sure
Gr.1 NZ Derby, 2400m
Ellerslie, 4:55 pm (NZT)

PRISE DE FER

Savabeel – Foiled
Gr.1 NZ Derby, 2400m
Ellerslie, 4:55 pm (NZT)

THE CHOSEN ONE

Savabeel – The Glitzy One
Gr.1 NZ Derby, 2400m
Ellerslie, 4:55 pm (NZT)

KAONIC

Savabeel – Fast Love
Gr.3 Liverpool City Cup, 1300m
Randwick, 5:05 pm (NZT)

SAMOVARE

Savabeel – Sambar
Gr.3 Frances Tressady Stakes, 1400m
Flemington, 5:20 pm (NZT)

BLACK TYPE SPOTLIGHT

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SURELY SACRED

GROUP 1 NZ DERBY



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

The beautifully bred son of Rock 'n' Pop has won three of his five starts, including the Gr.2 Auckland Guineas and Gr.2 Avondale Guineas. The WS-bred gelding is the current favourite for the 2400m feature at Ellerslie tomorrow and it looks like he will relish the trip and the current track conditions. Trained by top conditioner Tony Pike, he has drawn well in barrier 4 and Vinnie Colgan is booked to ride.

ENSEMBLE

LISTED MUFHASA STAKES



Ensemble / By Pins, from Costume

The lightly raced daughter of Pins and dual Group 1 winner Costume put in a top effort last time to the races - winning by an easy 2.5 lengths. She is stepping up in class here and will take on a very competitive field but if her last start is anything to go by, she should be there in the finish. Trained by Team Rogerson, she will be ridden by Matt Cameron from barrier 10.

ICEBATH

GROUP 2 SWEET EMBRACE STAKES



Icebath / By Sacred Falls, from Fabulist

The WS-bred daughter of Sacred Falls was unlucky when on debut last time out but has impressed trainer Brad Widdup enough to give her a shot at this level. She has had experience at this track where she made her last start debut (Royal Randwick) but has unfortunately drawn awkwardly in barrier 10. She will be ridden by top jockey Corey Brown.

ARROGANT

GROUP 1 NZ DERBY



Arrogant / By Ocean Park, from Charmeuse

Ocean Park gelding Arrogant has put in a number of great runs this prep - including a close second in the Gr.2 Waikato Guineas last time out. Prior to that run, he had no luck in the Gr.1 Levin Classic but hit the line strongly when he was able to get into the clear. He should love the step up to 2400m and trainers Mike Moroney and Pam Gerard will no doubt have him primed for the run. Cameron Lammass has taken the ride and he has unfortunately drawn wide in barrier 14.

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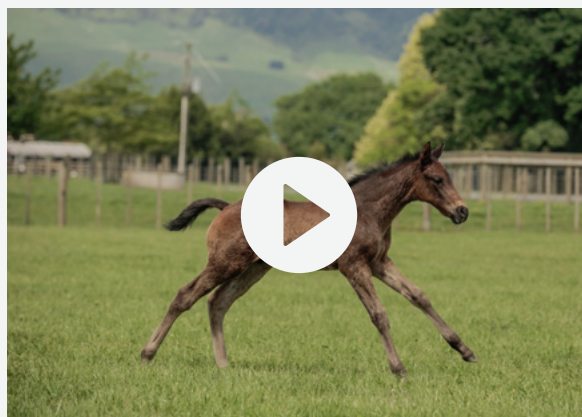


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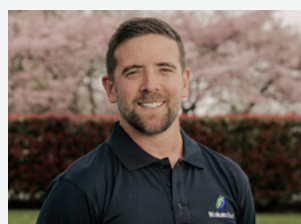
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Catch up with Mark Chittick in this week's edition of Mark's Mail.

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GARRY'S CORNER

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One should never get involved in political debates. You know the old rule, if you want to stay friends never debate religion, politics, or agree his wife is ugly. Probably you will not be poles apart but the fact during his youth he saw his parish priest in a different light, the fact that as a result of numerous bad decisions he now believed the state, that is you and I, owes him a living.



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