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17 STAKES WINNERS

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Savabeel
Photo credit: Sharon
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SAVABEEL MARE RAISES THE BAR

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Concert Hall was set a challenge at Trentham on Saturday and the Savabeel mare rose to the occasion in terrific fashion.

In her first black type outing this preparation, she came from the back of the field to easily land the Gr.3 Cuddle Stakes.

"It was a step up, but she had been pretty dominant in the lower grades," said Roger James, who trains with Robert Wellwood.

"That was a bit special. She was last for a lot of the race so it was a super effort. There was true pace and that helped"

James said consideration would be given to a start in the Gr.1 New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes at Te Aroha.

Concert Hall is now the winner of five of her nine starts for owner Joan Egan.

"It's wonderful for Joan. She's a passionate breeder and has had the family for a long time," James said.

Concert Hall is out of the Carnegie mare Classic Legacy, who was successful on four occasions.

She is from the family of the Gr.1 New Zealand Oaks and Gr.1 New Zealand 1000 Guineas winner Tartan Heights.

Concert Hall is Savabeel's 88th individual Stakes winner and is his 17th Stakes winner this season.



BELOW LEFT / Concert Hall



BELOW RIGHT/ Breeder/owner Joan Egan

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PINS FILLY BEATS THE BOYS

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Emily Margaret upstaged the favoured colts and gelding in the Gr.2 Wellington Guineas at Trentham on Saturday.

The filly provided her sire Pins with further posthumous honours with her lively finishing burst from the back.

"It's great for the filly and South Island, they've had just a terrible time of it," co-trainer Kevin Hughes said.

Emily Margaret, who is out of an O'Reilly mare, is genuine and another top showing was expected.

"She always tries hard and there's not been many times she hasn't fronted up for us," Hughes said.

A last-start winner at Wingatui, the filly wasn't quickly into stride and settled back in the body of the field.

Rider Robert Hannam urged her forward near the bend and Emily Margaret came with a sustained finish to grab the prize.

"I thought she could run a place. She missed the start and then stormed home, I thought it was a huge run," he said.



BELOW / Emily Margaret
Photo credit: Race Images
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SACRED FALLS' BROTHER LIGHTS UP THE RING

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A brother to the multiple Group One winner Sacred Falls was a hot lot at the recent Hong Kong International Sale.

The Waikato Stud graduate equalled the auction's top price when he changed hands for NZ\$1.3 million.

He had originally been purchased out of the Matamata farm's draft to Karaka in 2017 for \$300,000 by the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

The now gelding posted the best return on investment of the 27 horses through the sale ring at the exclusive auction for permit holders.

He is a son of Iguazu's Girl, a half-sister to the Gr.3 Thoroughbred Club Stakes winner Splashing Out.

She has also produced the stakes winners Shopaholic, Splurge and Packing Pins.



BELOW / The O'Reilly - Iguazu's Girl gelding pictured as a yearling.
Photo Credit: Trish Dunell



MONKEY OFF HIS BACK

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Monkey Shoulder is highly-regarded by trainer Allan Sharrock and it was easy to see why at New Plymouth yesterday.

The son of Savabeel placed at his first four starts before he was given his chance in the Gr.2 Waikato Guineas.

The three-year-old was unplaced, although he did receive a chequered run, before a maiden on his home track.

Monkey Shoulder sat on the leader's quarters to the turn before dashing clear under Johnathan Parkes.

The gelding is out of the Montjeu

mare Gracie Rose, a half-sister to the stud's Gr.1 Makfi Challenge Stakes winner I Do.

The Matamata farm sold a brother to Caulfield trainer Mick Price for \$230,000 at Karaka last year.



BELOW / Monkey Shoulder
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SAVABEEL FILLY SHARES TOP HONOURS

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Savabeel's daughter Queen Of Diamonds is the joint winner of the prestigious New Zealand Bloodstock Filly of the Year title.

Despite finishing out of the money in Saturday's Gr.1 New Zealand Oaks, she shared the honours with Imelda Mary.

Trained by Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman, the China Horse Club-owned Queen Of Diamonds made giant strides this season.

She broke her maiden in the spring and next time out won the Gr.3 Eulogy Stakes before a third in the Gr.2 Eight Carat Classic.

Queen Of Diamonds then ran fourth in the Karaka Million Classic and

placed in the Gr.2 Sir Tristram Fillies' Classic.

She subsequently bolted away with the Gr.2 Lowland Stakes before finishing eighth on a testing track at Trentham in the Oaks.



BELOW / Queen Of Diamonds
Photo Credit: Race Images
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DONCASTER MILE HOPES FOR STAR OF THE SEAS

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Progressive Ocean Park four-year-old Star of the Seas will be given the chance to book a spot in the Doncaster Mile after he ploughed through the heavy ground at Rosehill.

Trainer Chris Waller confirmed Star of the Seas would head to the Group Three Doncaster Prelude at Rosehill in two weeks, a race that holds a ballot exemption for the Randwick showpiece.

Star of the Seas was having his seventh start in the Catanach's Handicap (1350m) on Saturday and travelled just behind the speed for Kerrin McEvoy before balancing up in the straight and getting the better of Mahalangur to score by 1-3/4 lengths.

"It was a nice ride from Kerrin. He was three-wide but he wasn't too far away and I think that might be important today," Waller said. "Certainly that last 100 metres the race didn't change complexion much.

"It's good to kick off a big day with a win."

McEvoy said Star of the Seas did a good job to get through the testing ground and his race fitness was the difference in the finish.

"He had to do it without any cover

but he seemed to get through the ground well and he had fitness on the second horse there," McEvoy said.

"It's hard work, the ground, it's very heavy so you'll need a horse with wet track form." - AAP



BELOW / Star of the Seas
Photo credit: Bradley Photos



GRAND DAY OUT FOR OCEAN PARK

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Accordingly became the 80th individual winner for her sire Ocean Park at Donald where the stallion enjoyed a double strike.

The three-year-old was in the money at her first two appearances before she triumphed in style over a mile.

Trained by Nigel Blackiston at Ballarat, Accordingly is out of the Golan mare L'Accord.

The dam is a half-sister to the Gr.1 New Zealand 1000 Guineas and Gr.2 Surround Stakes winner Ad Alta.

L'Accord is also a sibling to the dam of the Gr.2 Empire Rose Stakes and Group One placegetter Zanna.

Ocean Park completed a winning double at Donald when Miss Damita successfully followed Accordingly's lead.

Prepared by Mick Price, the four-year-old came off a month's break to score over 2000 metres and her second career victory.

A \$58,000 weanling buy at Karaka for United Syndications, she is a daughter of Miss Jaydeejay – also by Golan.

Miss Jaydeejay is a sister to the Gr.1 VRC Derby winner Kibbutz.



BELOW / Accordingly (pink cap)
(Photo credit: Brendan
McCarthy/Racing Photos)



PATIENCE KEY TO OCEAN PARK'S SON

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The wait has been worthwhile for the connections of the Waikato Stud-bred four-year-old Master Park.

The lightly-trying gelding has been treated patiently and he responded with his maiden success at Rotorua on Wednesday.

Master Park made two unplaced appearances last season before trainer Stephen Marsh put him aside.

He showed the benefit of a break with a resuming second and followed up with a dominant win.

Ridden by Jake Bayliss, he went straight to the front and the result was in the bag a long way from home.

Master Park kicked off the bend and had two and a half lengths on his nearest rival at the post.

A son of Ocean Park, he is out of the Danasinga mare Go Our Dana who has now produced five winners.

She is a daughter of the Gr.3 Ladies Mile winner Mi Babe and a half-sister to the multiple winner Pinmedown.



BELOW / Master Park
Photo credit: Race
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The *anatomy* of a
FIVE-TIME GROUP ONE WINNING
PROVEN YOUNG SIRE

Ocean Park

SERVICE FEE: TBC

Exceptionally handsome

He has passed his good looks on to his progeny and with a multitude of Stakes performers already emerging, it's safe to say he has transmitted his superior ability to them too

A beautiful physique

Buyers think his yearlings do too. At this year's Karaka Yearling Sale, his Book 1 yearlings sold for up to \$220,000 and averaged nearly \$100,000

Athletic anatomy

Like his champion sire Thorn Park and his Broodmare of the Year dam Sayyida who is by Zabeel, he is the perfect athlete

Proven sire capabilities

His 9 Stakes performers include Ocean Jewel, Another Dollar, Rondinella, Arrogant, Pretty to Sea, Seaway, Mongolianconqueror, Ocean's Fourteen and Dancer's Kin

Freakish stride length

His unbelievably long stride length contributed greatly to his five Group One victories between 1400m and 2040m



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FRIDAY 22 MARCH

SAMOVARE

Savabeel – Sambar

Gr.2 Sunline Stakes, 1600m

Moonee Valley, 12:00 am (NZT)

(OUR) LIBRETTO

O'Reilly – Etoile du Nord

Gr.2 Sunline Stakes, 1600m

Moonee Valley, 12:00 am (NZT)

SATURDAY 23 MARCH

NICOLETTA

Savabeel – Celtic Crown

Gr.2 Japan-NZ International Trophy, 1600m

Tauranga, 4:15 pm (NZT)

TIPTRONIC

O'Reilly – Tiptoes

Gr.2 Japan-NZ International Trophy, 1600m

Tauranga, 4:15 pm (NZT)

ARROGANT

Ocean Park – Charmeuse

Gr.1 Rosehill Guineas, 2000m

Rosehill, 4:25 pm (NZT)

VERNANME

O'Reilly – Bohemian Blues

Gr.1 Rosehill Guineas, 2000m

Rosehill, 4:25 pm (NZT)

PURPLE SECTOR

Pins - Eden Valley

Gr.1 Rosehill Guineas, 2000m

Rosehill, 4:25 PM (NZT)

SURELY SACRED

Rock 'n' Pop – Not Sure

Gr.1 Rosehill Guineas, 2000m

Rosehill, 4:25 pm (NZT)

MADISON COUNTY

Pins – Red Delicious

Gr.1 Rosehill Guineas, 2000m

Rosehill, 4:25 pm (NZT)

FEELIN THE LOVE

Savabeel – Miss High Heels

Gr.3 South Island TB Breeders' Stakes, 1600m

Riccarton, 4:33 pm (NZT)

RESIDENTIAL

Pins – Metropolitan

Gr.3 South Island TB Breeders' Stakes, 1600m

Riccarton, 4:33 pm (NZT)

BRUTAL

O'Reilly – Alberton Princess

Gr.1 George Ryder stakes, 1500m

Rosehill, 5:05 pm (NZT)

SHILLELAGH

Savabeel – Trocair

Gr.1 Ranvet Stakes, 2000m

Rosehill, 5:45 pm (NZT)

SAVVY COUP

Savabeel – Eudora

Gr.1 Ranvet Stakes, 2000m

Rosehill, 5:45 pm (NZT)

(MR) CLARIFY

Savabeel – Clareta

Listed Mornington Cup, 2400m

Mornington, 6:10 pm (NZT)

MARCELLINA

Savabeel – Danex

Gr.3 Epona Stakes, 1900m

Rosehill, 7:45 pm (NZT)

BLACK TYPE SPOTLIGHT

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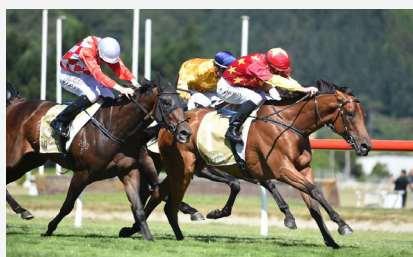
SURELY SACRED GROUP 1 ROSEHILL GUINEAS



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

The two-time Group winning son of Rock 'n' Pop is a winner of three of his six race starts, including the Gr.2 Auckland Guineas and Gr.2 Avondale Guineas. Last time out (in the Gr.1 NZ Derby) he charged home strongly after getting too far back in the field and showed a brilliant display to come from almost last on the turn to finish sixth. The WS-bred gelding should relish the 2000m in tomorrow's Rosehill Guineas but has drawn a little awkwardly in barrier 11. Trained by Tony Pike, Damian Lane has been booked to ride.

MADISON COUNTY GROUP 1 ROSEHILL GUINEAS



Madison County / By Pins, from Red Delicious

The dual Group 1 winning WS-bred gelding went into his last start (Randwick Guineas) after a long time between runs and stormed home impressively to cover a lot of ground late. The Murray Baker / Andrew Forsman trained gelding has won on a soft track on three occasions so could be one of the runners able to get through the heavy track at Rosehill. He has drawn barrier 9 and Tommy Berry will go aboard.

SHILLELAGH GROUP 1 RANVET STAKES



Shillelagh / By Savabeel, from Trocair

The dual Group 1 winning daughter of Savabeel was second in the Gr.1 Australian Cup two weeks ago and showed immense determination to go down by only 0.1 lengths. She is yet to win on a heavy track but has won two starts on a soft track so could find the track conditions at Rosehill to her liking. Trained by Chris Waller, she has drawn barrier 5 and Craig Williams will go back aboard.

RESIDENTIAL GROUP 3 SOUTH ISLAND BREEDERS' STAKES



Residential / By Pins, from Metropolitan

The multiple Stakes-winning daughter of Pins won her last start at Wingatui and will be looking to add further black-type to her record when she contests the Gr.3 South Island Breeders' Stakes at Riccarton. Bred and raced by Waikato Stud, Residential has won four times over this distance (1600m). Trained by John and Karen Parsons, she will be ridden by Robert Hannam from barrier 2.

MARK'S MAIL

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Our stallions are all red hot with Savabeel leading the charge with his daughter Concert Hall becoming his latest Group winner and my old friend Pins was represented by Emily Margaret, who beat the boys at their own game in the Gr.2 Wellington Guineas.

Ocean Park has had another top week with his 80th individual winner and we were also rapt to see WS bred and raced Monkey Shoulder show his quality with a smart win at New Plymouth – many thanks to Allan Sharrock and his team!

The weaning process is going well and it's very encouraging to see so many lovely looking foals and weanlings on the farm.

This year, we will be making a couple of changes to the way we sell our weanlings and broodmares and, instead of offering them at the Karaka May Sale, we have made the decision to offer them for sale through the online sale platform Gavel House.

We will be offering a great line up of weanlings by proven sires that will give pin-hookers, and those looking to buy a young horse to raise and race, the opportunity to access some of our top bloodlines.

Our aim is to offer buyers a mature, well-raised product they can take

through to the next stage in their career and the horses offered will meet a range of budgets.

At this stage, we will be looking to offer around 20 to 30 weanlings for sale from mid-June onwards and the mares will be offered shortly after.

We are in the process of fine-tuning how we will make the horses available for viewing and look forward to providing you with more information in the lead up to the online sale.

Have a great weekend everyone!

Cheers,
Mark



GARRY'S CORNER

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What a week, here we are as far South as one can live. To witness the senseless loss of life on Friday confirms no matter where and how safe we think we are one abhorrent act by one with radically different views can be perpetuated anywhere.



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