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Savvy Coup
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Chapman

SAVABEEL MARE MAKES SEVEN FIGURES

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Savvy Coup was the subject of widespread interest on the Gold Coast on the opening day of Magic Millions National Broodmare Sale.

The high-class daughter of Savabeel was supplemented into Tuesday's auction and was purchased by Coolmore for AUD\$1,000,000.

"She's a lovely type with a lot of quality," Tom Magnier said. "The team was very keen on her and she was bought for Justify. He'll get a tremendous book, we're very excited."

Savvy Coup was bought by Jim Bruford out of Waikato Stud's 2016 Karaka draft for \$65,000.

Trained by Michael and Matthew

Pitman, she won twice at Group One level and also claimed two Group Three events.

Savvy Coup is a daughter of the unraced Pins mare Eudora, a sister to the Group winners Legless Veuve and Tootise.

The latter has produced the dual Group Two winner Ocean Emperor.

The Matamata nursery has since sold Savvy Coup's brother for \$500,000 and half-brother by Ocean Park for \$220,000.



BELOW / Savvy Coup pictured as a yearling
Photo credit: Trish Dunell



WS STALLION'S HOT ROLL CONTINUES

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Ocean Park's winning onslaught continued in Australia on Saturday when the Waikato Stud resident sired another winning double.

Kolding was successful at Randwick while Fabric struck at Flemington to take the stallion's tally to nine winners in eight days.

Trained by Chris Waller, the progressive Kolding has now won his last three in succession and looks destined for a higher grade.

He was a \$170,000 Karaka graduate and is a half-brother to the Gr.2 Awapuni Gold Cup winner Sampson.

It is also the family of the dual Group Two Australian winner Make Mine Magic.

Part-owned by Mark Chittick, Fabric is trained by Danny O'Brien and has the pedigree to strongly suggest she can also make her mark in stronger company.

The filly is out of the Pins mare Haberdashery and a half-sister to the stakes winner Sewreel.

The dam is a half-sister to the Gr.1 Queensland Derby winner Lachlan River.



BELOW / Fabric

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WINNING THEME FOR OCEAN PARK'S SON

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The beautifully-bred Theme Park is on the board and deservedly so after multiple placings in a brief career.

Trained by Danny O'Brien, he broke through at Sale on Wednesday in the hands of Craig Williams in the Waikato Stud colours.

The son of Ocean Park coped admirably with a heavy track to impressively open his winning account.

Theme Park is a son of the Pins mare Legs, a two-time Group One winner for the Matamata farm.

She has proved her worth at stud as the mother of five winners and the stakes winner Wolfwhistle and Group placed Scrutinize.

The family also numbers Group One winners Xtravagant, Guyno and Sixty Seconds within its ranks.

Theme Park was purchased at Karaka by O'Brien for \$170,000 and Waikato Stud has remained in the ownership.



BELOW / Theme Park
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SMART STAYING PROSPECT

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Clement Legend has showed his appreciation of a return to middle distance racing in Hong Kong with success at Happy Valley.

The son of Ocean Park was successful this week over 2200 metres in the hands of Karis Teetan.

Trained by Danny Shum, the four-year-old is now the winner of five races and more looks in store for the four-year-old.

Clement Legend was originally a \$180,000 purchase from Blandford Lodge's draft at Karaka for Raffles Racing.

He is out of the Montjeu mare Spiriting, whose three foals to race have all been successful, including Group 2 Adelaide Cup placegetter Top of the Range (by Savabeel).

Spiriting comes from a well-performed staying family as she is a half-sister to Just Polite.

She won the Gr.3 Kingston Town Stakes and is the dam of the Gr.1 Auckland Cup winner Ladies First.

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BELOW / Clement Legend



GAVELHOUSE.COM WEANLING AUCTION

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Waikato Stud will offer a high-quality draft of weanlings unreserved on Gavelhouse.com next week.

Stallions Tivaci, Sacred Falls, Ocean Park and Kermadec will be represented as well as a member of the final crop of foals by Pins.

Bidding online at gavelhouse.com will open at 5pm on June 4 and close from 7pm on June 10.

Inspections will be held at Waikato Stud on June 6, 9 and 10 between 10am and 2pm and a BBQ lunch will be available.

A full parade will start at 10:00am each day and following that, individual parades will be available.

X-rays are available for all of these weanlings.



BELOW / The Tivaci x
Forfrocksakes colt
Photo Credit: Nicole Troost

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PEDIGREE PICKS WITH MIKE RENNIE

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Monday will see two new race day starters for Sacred Falls in the NZB Insurance Pearl Series 2yo maiden at Ellerslie.

Firstly, Vibrato. He has had multiple trials to prepare, winning both strongly this time in. He is out of the Pins mare Music who is in turn out of the Gold Brose mare Zamfir.

Naturally, the O'Reilly/Pins nick is a well-tried one having produced 87 named foals for 75 runners; realising 74% winners and 6% stakes winners to runners; strong numbers.

Gold Brose has had a successful affinity with O'Reilly, albeit from small numbers, producing seven runners for five winners including a Group winner. No worries with Sacred Falls' damsire Redoute's Choice over the Pins line, Stratum Star and Sports Illustrated illustrate that.

The second runner is another WS-bred, Shoshone. She is out of the Zabeel mare Dee I Why who is out of the Defensive Play mare Playful Fingers. She has shown good ability and while the best will be to come, Ken Kelso is keen to give her some racetrack experience.

Zabeel, as we know, is an almighty influence and in this instance under the O'Reilly sire line averages 76% winners and 5% stakes winners to runners. Silent Achiever, O'Marilyn and Collar are the top examples. Defensive Play has nicked under O'Reilly to produce four winners from four runners.

The percentages are in their favour, so we watch with interest on Monday. Good luck to David Seldon and the team with Vibrato and Eddie, Maurie and the team with Shoshone.

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WS SIRED STAKES RUNNERS

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SATURDAY 1 JUNE

HECTOPASCAL

Pins – Sussex Dancer

Listed Spear Chief Handicap, 1350m

Doomben, 4:15 pm (NZT)

SAVIGNE

Ocean Park – Hy Fuji

G1 QLD Oaks, 2200m

Doomben, 5:35 pm (NZT)

ON THE WHITE TURF

Savabeel – Pins on Ice

G1 QLD Oaks, 2200m

Doomben, 5:35 pm (NZT)

LADY CUVÉE

Savabeel – Lily Bollinger

G1 QLD Oaks, 2200m

Doomben, 5:35 pm (NZT)

PINMEDOWN

Pins – Alleyway

G1 QLD Oaks, 2200m

Doomben, 5:35 pm (NZT)

GRAND BOUQUET (Emergency)

Savabeel – Daffodil

G1 QLD Oaks, 2200m

Doomben, 5:35 pm (NZT)

SHILLELAGH

Savabeel – Trocair

G2 PJ O'Shea Stakes, 2200m

Doomben, 6:15 pm (NZT)

BLACK TYPE SPOTLIGHT

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ON THE WHITE TURF GROUP 1 QLD OAKS



On the White Turf / By Savabeel, from Pins on Ice

The WS-bred and raced daughter of Savabeel put in a commendable run last time out in the Group 2 The Roses and will be stepping up in distance when she contests tomorrow's Group 1 QLD Oaks (2200m) at Doomben. Trained by Richard Freedman, she has won two of her nine race starts to date (both this preparation) and has been racing in some top company. She has unfortunately drawn wide in barrier 16 but experienced jockey James McDonald who has ridden her in her last two starts, and a trial should give her every chance in the running.

SAVIGNE GROUP 1 QLD OAKS



Savigne / By Ocean Park, from Hy Fuji

The classy daughter of Ocean Park ran a series of frustrating second placings (four to be exact) before breaking her maiden in style at Canterbury Park just over a week ago. Her two-length win was convincing enough for trainer Chris Waller to send her north for a tilt in the Group 1 QLD Oaks. She has unfortunately drawn out in the car park so jockey Brad Stewart will have to give her a strategic ride to get her in the race.

SHILLELAGH GROUP 2 PJ O'SHEA STAKES



Shillelagh / By Savabeel, from Trocair

A champion in her own right, Shillelagh has enjoyed a successful racing career and is still showing no signs of slowing down, despite rising eight years old. She got held up in the concluding stages of the Group 1 Doomben Cup two weeks back but burst through, covering ground late and finishing in sixth place. She has been competitive throughout this preparation and if things fall into place tomorrow, she will be a huge threat. Regular jockey James McDonald will go aboard and she has drawn well in barrier 5.

PINMEDOWN GROUP 1 QLD OAKS



Pinmedown / By Pins, from Alleyway

The dual Group winning daughter of Pins made her Australian debut two weeks ago when she lined up in the Group 2 The Roses at Doomben. Although a little disappointing, she has proven she has a great deal of ability and is able to run the trip (she won the Group 3 Sunline Vase over 2100m). Trained by Michael Moroney and Pam Gerard, she has drawn well in barrier 6 and Michael Walker will go back aboard.

MARK'S MAIL

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There is some good rain hitting the farm at the moment, and it is well needed going into winter.

Fantastic to witness another great win for the Archers and Pike Racing with The Bostonian again last week. David has raced some fantastic horses and purchased a beautiful Sacred Falls colt off us this year, I trust he will follow on the Archer racing legacy.

Oaks weekend in Queensland this weekend and we are all really excited to hear as I write that our own 'On the White Turf' has made the field and the Waikato Stud colours will make the track tomorrow. All the best to Richard Freedman and the team involved.

Waikato Stud has a big influence on the Oaks field with Pinmedown (Pins) and Savabeel with two representatives and an extra on

the ballot, and last start impressive Ocean Park winner in Savigne lining up. Ocean Park, the sire of Another Dollar, who missed the call by the shortest of margins last year, maybe will go one better!

It's been a massive week in the sales ring at the Magic Millions sale, watching the results coming from there and the money that is changing hands is a great reminder of the 'ups' of our game and I'm very pleased that we can breed some of our own beautiful fillies/broodmares and don't have to go out and buy them all!!

Well done to Coolmore for purchasing Savvy Coup. What a fantastic story and an incredible result through her career so far, bred by WS, purchased by Jim Bruford, raced by the Brufords and Couplands, trained by the Pitmans. The winner of two Group Ones. Results we all love, especially for these wonderful people.

Good luck to all breeders and owners tomorrow, and a special mention to the team at Wentwood Grange, having raised the track record-breaking Kolding (Ocean Park) and bred Oaks runner Savigne (Ocean Park). I think we'll have a reason to celebrate next Wednesday boys!!

Have fun and good luck.

Mark



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