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SACRED FALLS 2YO WINNER

First Season Sire Sacred Falls has
notched up another winner.

2 STAKES TASK AHEAD FOR 2YO WINNER

Sacred Falls has wasted
no time in doubling his
winning tally.

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Sacred Falls
Photo credit: Sharon
Chapman

STAKES TASK AHEAD FOR 2YO WINNER

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Vibrato shook off his rivals at Rotorua on Wednesday to score a comfortable victory in the At Cook Contraction 2YO (1230m).



BELOW / Vibrato
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The son of Sacred Falls led from the jump under a steady ride from Jonathan Riddell and strode away from his only challenger, Elliot Power, to win by two and a half lengths.

The Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman-trained Vibrato was having his second career start, with Forsman saying the conditions at Ellerslie earlier this month did not suit the two-year-old gelding.

"He didn't have any favours that day," Forsman said.

"He drew wide and was caught off the track and probably going right-handed he just got a little bit lost.

"Once he found the front today, and the rail, it was a big help."

Forsman indicated they would now consider a start in the Listed Ryder Stakes (1200m) at Otaki on July 27.

"It was what we were talking about pre-race (the Ryder Stakes)," Forsman said.

"I said if he handles the ground it is probably a race you have to consider. It is certainly a good option to have.

"I think the Sacred Falls are really coming along and they will be coming into their own over the next few months."

Vibrato is the second winner for four-time Group One winner Sacred Falls and is raced by David Seldon and his father Bob.



Seldon purchased the gelding as a yearling at Karaka for \$45,000 from the draft of Waikato Stud.

He is out of the Pins mare Music and she is a grand-daughter of the multiple Group Two winner Society Bay.

It is the family of the dual Group One winner Final Destination, who also won at Group Two level in North America.

Seldon is one of the principals of the Australian branch of American horse feed company, Performance Horse

Nutrition, and he supplies feed to Waikato Stud and the Baker-Forsman stable - **Racing News.**

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SOUTHERN LAD A TOUGH CUSTOMER

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What Southern Lad lacks in size, the Ocean Park four-year-old more than makes up for in talent and fight.

He is compiling a tidy record with four wins from 11 starts, the latest of them at Randwick.

He was rock-hard fit, which is very important on a testing track and we know he could handle the going," trainer John O'Shea said.

"It was no surprise to see him tough it out the way he did."

The gelding also impressed rider Robbie Dolan with his fighting qualities.

"He's a real little bulldog, that's what I like about him," he said.

"He was there to be beaten at the 200m, but he picked himself up and kept working to the line."

Purchased and raced by Champion Thoroughbreds, Southern Lad is a half-brother to the stakes winners Kuro and Distinctive Darci.

Ocean Park has a career winning strike rate of better than 57 per cent and over 60 per cent in Australia.



BELOW / Southern Lad
Photo credit: Bradley Photos

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ROYAL STAYING EFFORT

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A step up in distance has proved to be the key to seeing the best of Rock 'n' Pop's son Rex Royale.

He finished runner-up over a middle distance at Wanganui two runs back before he broke through over 2200 metres at Waverley.

Trained by Lisa Latta, Rex Royale was taken to the front 500 metres from home by Johnathan Parkes and held on strongly.

Bred by Goodwood Stud and G E & Mrs J E Harris, he was a \$37,500 Karaka yearling and is out of the North American stakes winner Celtic Crown.

She is also the dam of the Gr.1 New Zealand Thoroughbred Stakes winner Nicoletta, a daughter of Savabeel.



BELOW / Rex Royale
Photo Credit: Race Images
Photos

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MARINA ADDS TO TALLY

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The well-related Marina has taken another winning trick for trainer and part-owner John Hickmott.

The Ocean Park mare's latest success, the fourth of her career, came this week over 1100 metres at Gawler.

Marina is a half-sister to four winners with their dam Homeland Sheila.

She is a half-sister to the Gr.3 Blue Diamond Preview winner Northeast Sheila and the stakes winner Dashing Granada.

It's also the family of the Gr.3 Star Kingdom Stakes winner and Group One performer Generalife.



BELOW / Marina's sire Ocean Park
Photo credit: Sharon Chapman

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PEDIGREE PICKS WITH MIKE RENNIE

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The Murray Baker/Andy Forsman trained Vibrato has become Sacred Falls' second winner, keeping up a strong gallop to win by 2.5L over 1230m at Rotorua.

The 1200m Listed Ryder Stakes at Otaki July 27th is now on the radar.

Vibrato is the third foal out of the Pins mare Music, a daughter of the stakes placed Gold Brose mare Zamfir. O'Reilly has nicked over Pins in great numbers and the statistics are strong; 75% winners and 6% stakes winners to runners.

The top runners include Kelly O'Reilly, High Fashion, Bonny O'Reilly, Queens Rose and Wolfwhistle.

O'Reilly also has a good affinity with Gold Brose having produced seven runners for five winners including a stakes winner. The stats stack up behind Vibrato and that's why there is a full sister in the paddock!

From a line breeding perspective, he represents a relative outcross the first five generations, until we see

Biscay 6 x 5. Interestingly, there are four male Star Kingdom lines (via Biscay and Kaoru Star) which are only becoming harder to find.

So, a big well done to David and Bob of whom are great supporters of the stud and judges of a horse, it's a great thrill to celebrate alongside them.

Good luck to the Seaway team (Ocean Park ex Miss Purrfection by One Cool Cat) who lines up in the Listed Civic Stakes tomorrow at Rosehill.

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SATURDAY 29 JUNE

SEAWAY

Ocean Park – Miss Purrfection

Listed Civic Stakes, 1350m

Rosehill, 5:50 pm (NZT)

SUNDAY 30 JUNE

SACRED CROIX

Savabeel – Croix du Sud

SGP-2 Stewards' Cup, 1600m

Singapore, 9:25 pm (NZT)

AT THE FARM

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PHOTO GALLERY

At the farm

Left to right: Savabeel, Roder Garland, Tony Orr, Ben Hall, Stuart Deadman and Glenn Speed.

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MARK'S MAIL

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It was great to see David and Bob Seldon get a win on the board with two-year-old Sacred Falls gelding Vibrato this week.

David is part of the PHN team who advise us on our horse nutrition and he and Bob have been great supporters of ours. They have enjoyed success with their WS Karaka purchases which also includes Espumoso who remains unbeaten in Hong Kong. Hopefully Vibrato can follow in the same footsteps!

Pippa and I are taking the opportunity to get away for a couple of weeks with the kids to get a bit of cold and a bit of warm - we hope you all have a great weekend!

**Cheers
Mark**



GARRY'S CORNER

This Corner will be short and not sweet. This Corner will repeat a number of points about the recent Legislation I have made before. So why, why the need. Well, I appreciate the Ministers interest in Racing but as I said at the start of this process with all legislative change be careful what you wish for. So what have we got.



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THE OPTIMIST

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