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Ocean Park
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OCEAN PARK HITS MEMORABLE MARK

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Waikato Stud resident Ocean Park has brought his century of winners up in style and in good time.



BELOW / Ocean Park
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The memorable mark was hit at Avondale where his daughter Seductress led all the way to impressively win a maiden mile.

Ocean Park has a smart winners to runners strike rate of 58.5 per cent overall and 55 winners at 62 per cent in Australia is an impressive return.

"It's great that he's got there quickly and onward and upward for him," stud principal Mark Chittick said.

"He was a fantastic galloper and he's passing on all his best qualities to his progeny.

"He's got a lot of talented young horses in the best stables, both here and in Australia, and in Asia too.

"There's a lot to look forward to in the spring."

Ocean Park was a five-time Group One winner, his exploits earning him the New Zealand Horse of the Year title in 2012-13.

The entire was also the Champion Middle Distance Horse in Australia and New Zealand in the same season.

Among Ocean Park's success stories are the Gr.2 Queensland Guineas winner Kolding and the Listed Placid Ark Stakes winner Ocean Jewel.

He is the sire of 13 stakes performers to the highest level.

Another Dollar was runner-up in the Gr.1 Queensland Oaks and likewise



Mongolianconqueror in the Gr.1 New Zealand Derby.

Arrogant was narrowly denied in the Gr.1 Rosehill Guineas while Rondinella is a multiple Group 1 placegetter.

"He's come close to that Group One and it's only a matter of time before he cracks it," Chittick said.

Seaway, Pretty To Sea, Our Hail Mary, Dancer's Kin, Ocean's Fourteen, Tofane and Miss Valencia are also all stakes placed.

His progeny are consistent, the likes of multiple winners Star of the Seas (6 wins), Clement Legend (5 wins) and Kolding (5 wins) emphasising that.

Ocean Park has now left winners in five countries – New Zealand, Australia, Hong Kong, Singapore, and Malaysia. He is also the first New Zealand based stallion of his year to reach the century milestone.

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RAHEEB FURTHERS SINGAPORE RECORD

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Progressive four-year-old Raheeb looks destined to make his mark in stronger company for trainer Michael Clements.

The chestnut has compiled a tidy record with three wins and three placings from nine appearances.

The son of Ocean Park's latest success at Kranji was posted with a minimum of effort over 1100 metres.

Raced by the Al Arabiya Stable, Raheeb was a \$135,000 graduate of the New Zealand Bloodstock Ready to Run Sale in 2016.

He is a half-brother to the former champion Singapore two and three-year-old Mexican Rose.

Another sibling Latin Rose was a multiple winner and Group Three placegetter.

They are out of the unraced Gone West mare Down View, who has produced an impressive nine winners.

The family has an international flavour and includes the Gr.1 Arlington Million winner Mill Native.

The Gr.1 Santa Anita Kilroe Mile winner Willyconker also features in the pedigree.



BELOW / Raheeb
Photo credit: Singapore Turf Club

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BRIGHT FUTURE TIPPED FOR ROCK 'N' POP'S SON

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A strapping son of Rock 'n' Pop has made an encouraging start to his career for Pukekohe Park trainer Richard Collett.

My Callisto was a debut second on his home track off a trial success and went one better at Avondale this week.

In the hands of the trainer's son-in-law Andrew Calder, he overcame a wide run to win over 1600 metres.

The jockey is confident My Callisto will continue to furnish and will be better suited to middle distance racing.

"He's going to make a nice staying horse later on," he said. "He's destined to go 2000 metres."

My Callisto is the first foal of the Tale Of The Cat mare Platinum Xena.

She is an unraced Australian-bred half-sister to the multiple winner Anaheim, also fourth in the Gr.1 Rosehill Guineas.

The second dam She's Country won the Gr.1 New Zealand Oaks and produced the Gr.3 Cuddle Stakes winner She's Country.

The family further includes the Gr.3 Victoria H. winner Country Lane and the stakes winner and Group 3 performer Bulbula.



BELOW / My Callisto
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Arrogant
Rondinella
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MARK'S MAIL

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Bula from Fiji!

The family and I are enjoying an awesome holiday in Fiji this week.

Its been a fantastic week which was of course headlined by Ocean Park hitting the 100 winners mark. He's at a really exciting stage in his career and it's extremely encouraging that over half of his winners have been high-quality Australian winners that look to have plenty more instore come the new season.

I'm back on deck next week and am looking forward to gearing up for the season ahead!

Have a great weekend everyone.

Cheers,
Mark



GARRY'S CORNER

What a week of sport, the Crusaders final success against the valiant Jaguares, Wimbledon in full swing, as always the Poms have a great knack of running an event.



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IN THE MEDIA

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THE OPTIMIST

This week in his blog 'The Optimist', Brian de Lore touches on yet another compelling topic relevant to the New Zealand Thoroughbred industry.

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