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Welcome back



Welcome back to The Waikato Weekly! It's been another busy week for us on the farm and no doubt the last two months of 2019 will only get busier.

Keep scrolling to catch up on all the news from on the stud, and for this weekend's racing forecast.

Mark and the Waikato Stud team

Savabeel's son

Top of the Range

TOP OF THE RANGE BECAME SAVABEEL'S LATEST PRESTIGE RACE WINNER WHEN HE TRIUMPHED IN THE GR.3 BENDIGO CUP.

Time has been the six-year-old's best friend, according to trainer Michael Moroney.

"He's come of age. He's never been easy, he's had heart fibrillation, and had a lot going wrong with him throughout his career but he's really matured now and he's good to deal with."

It was a first black type success for Top Of The Range, who had previously placed in the G2 Adelaide Cup, the G3 Coongy Cup and the Listed Roy Higgins Quality.

The victory was also a significant one for jockey, William Pike.

The champion Western Australian jockey hadn't ridden a winner in Victoria since 2007.

His run of outs looked likely to continue with him searching for a run in the straight with Top Of The Range.

However, when gap opened near the inner, Pike drove the gelding home for the thick end of the stake.

"I had to come back and double check my number was up there" he said.



"I've run a lot of close seconds and been very much the bridesmaid on my visits but hopefully I can keep the form going through the carnival."

"It's nice too because I've been asked to do a job. They've flown me in and asked me to do a job in a Cup race so I was pleased to be able to do the job for connections."

Top Of The Range is raced by Jonathan Munz's Pinecliff Racing, fellow prominent owner Rupert Legh and Gurners Bloodstock.

Munz's New Zealand-based bloodstock agent Dean Hawthorne paid \$250,000 for him at the 2015 New Zealand Bloodstock Premier Yearling Sale.

Bred and sold by the Bax family, Top Of The Range is out of the Montjeu mare Spiriting.

She is a half-sister to the Gr.3 Kingston Town Stakes winner, Just Polite.

Below: Top of the Range
Photo: Racing Photos



Banquo banks his first *winning cheque*

THE WELL-RELATED BANQUO HAS OPENED HIS WINNING ACCOUNT IN VICTORIA AND WE'RE HOPEFUL HE CAN GO ONE TO BIGGER AND BETTER THINGS.

He's only lightly-raced and was making his fourth appearance for trainer Danny O'Brien at the Sale meeting where he produced a dominant performance to score over 1400 metres in the hands of Damien Oliver.

We are involved in the ownership of the colt as part of a stallion's syndicate that also race three others in Australia that were purchased by successful bloodstock agent, Bruce Perry.

"We put a group of clients together, similar to what we did when we bought Ardrossan," Perry said.

"Waikato Stud, Jamieson Park, JML Bloodstock and Jomara Bloodstock are at the core of the ownership.

"Danny and Damien have been very complimentary about Banquo and he'll run in a stakes race over 1400 metres on the last day of the spring carnival. He'll have a break, and then we'll get him ready for the late summer and autumn racing."

A son of Written Tycoon, Banquo was a AUS\$600,000 purchase at the Magic Millions Gold Coast Yearling Sale and is a brother to the Gr.1 Oakleigh Plate and Gr.2 Thousand Guineas Prelude winner, Booker.

Above: Banquo
Photo: Racing Photos

We'd also like to wish our trainer and very good friend Danny O'Brien all the best in his bid to win next Tuesday's Gr.1 Melbourne Cup with his outstanding stayer Vow And Declare.

Baby Face all smiles at Te Rapa

BABY FACE HAD HER TRUE GAME FACE ON THIS WEEK TO POST A BREAKTHROUGH VICTORY AT TE RAPA IN GOOD STYLE.

Our home-bred daughter of Savabeel had placed four times previously, including one behind the unbeaten Gr.1 New Zealand 1000 Guineas winner Travelling Light, so it was far from unexpected.

“Her first two runs over 1400 metres were really good and we thought about putting the blinkers on her because she’s such a laid back mare” trainer Stephen Marsh said.

“We didn’t and halfway down the straight I thought I’d made a mistake, but she got the job done”.

Baby Face will now go out for a break and we share Stephen’s view that she could potentially develop into a cups’ type of mare in time.

She’s out of Baby Shanks, by the great O’Reilly, and she’s from an exceptionally potent black type family.

The dam is a sister to the dual Group winner, Joey Massino and to the Gr.2 Makye Diva Stakes winner and Gr.1



Caulfield Cup placegetter, Vigor and a half-sister to the multiple black type winner Vincent Mangano, who won the first running of the Karaka Million.

Another significant winner in the last week that deserves mention is Ocean Park’s highly promising son, Bumper Blast.

The four-year-old has been patiently handled by Robert Hickmott and finished runner-up on debut at Seymour

before he careered away at Sale to win by nearly seven lengths.

Bumper Blast is out of the winning More Than Ready mare Bucklebury, and boasts a pedigree that adds to the confidence that he can make his mark in much better company.

His dam is a half-sister to the Group Three winners Von Tunzelman, Sherrif and Prince Jabeel.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK WITH NICOLE ANDREW

FOR THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS WE CAUGHT UP WITH WAIKATO STUD'S DRY MARE MANAGER, NICOLE ANDREW.

Nicole is a seasoned horsewoman whose career into horses was founded through a high school Gateway program where she worked one day a week at Marks and Ewen Equine Hospital. Nicole says it was here she "got the bug" and has been involved with horses ever since.

Before joining the Waikato Stud team four seasons ago, Nicole was based in Australia where she worked for Noorilim Park and has had experience working across the various Australian horse sales.

As the Dry Mare Manager, it is Nicole's responsibility to look after all the dry mares and get them ready for the breeding barn.

As we head into the final months of the year, Nicole and her team are scanning mares for first, mid and final scans. She says "we've had a cracking season and

are now on the home straight in regards to scanning".

Nicole holds the WS team at the barn, and teaser pony, Lingus in the highest regard and says without them her job would not be possible.

Lingus is even her joint favourite horse on the farm; equal with Hyades, who she credits "is just a beautiful and gentle mare to work with". Taking mares through the crush is the best part of the job for Nicole, but she also loves the yearling sales.

Nicole says, "the mares are all different and some can be rather tricky to get in foal, my job is to work with our vet team to figure out the best way to help the mare get in foal".

WINNER OF THE WEEK:

Baby Face!

FOALING OF THE WEEK:

O'Reilly Rose had a beautiful strong Savabeel colt earlier in the week.

BREEDING OF THE WEEK:

Daffodil returning to Savabeel.

TIP OF THE WEEKEND:

Kolding to win the Golden Eagle.

On the farm



Above: Waikato Stud resident chef, Steve Carson, may well be the most popular man on the farm at the moment. With the stud gearing up to begin yearling prep, Steve has commenced his famous daily breakfast spread for all staff. Preparing both a hot and cold option to cater for all preferences, Steve can be found cooking up a storm from 5.30am every morning to be ready for team breakfast at 7.00am. Staff favourites are his famous breakfast burritos and homemade muesli with coconut yoghurt and berries!

Left: Savabeel enjoyed strutting his stuff for the Trackside team who came out to film the stallions for the new season of Kiwibred.



RESIDENT STALLIONS

WAIKATO STUD PROUDLY OFFERS YOU AN
INTERNATIONALLY CELEBRATED STALLION LINE-UP.



Savabeel

10.8% Stakes winners to runners

SERVICE FEE:

\$125,000 + GST LFG (BOOK FULL)



Sacred Falls

Leading young sire

SERVICE FEE:

\$20,000 + GST LFG



Tivaci

Group One winning sprinter/miler

SERVICE FEE:

\$20,000 + GST LFG



Ocean Park

The sire of 102 winners and
13 stakes horses

SERVICE FEE:

\$15,000 + GST LFG



Ardrossan

Group winning sprinter

SERVICE FEE:

\$8,000 + GST LFG



Rock 'n' Pop

Multiple stakes producer

SERVICE FEE:

\$7,000 + GST LFG



WS Sired Stakes Runners

SATURDAY 2 NOVEMBER

Relucent

(Savabeel x Bright)

Flemington Race 7 AAMI Victoria Derby - 2500m Open Gr1

Trainer: Chris Waller

Rider: Hugh Bowman

Magazine

(Savabeel x Vogue)

Flemington Race 2 Wakeful Stakes - 2000m Open Gr2

Trainer: C & D Maher & Eustace

Rider: John Allen

The Chosen One

(Savabeel x The Glitzy One)

Flemington Race 4 Hotham Handicap - 2500m Open Gr3

Trainer: Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman

Rider: Mark Zahra

Craftmanship

(Savabeel x Aspinall)

Flemington Race 7 AAMI Victoria Derby - 2500m Open Gr1

Trainer: M G & M Price & Kent

Rider: Jamie Kah

Star Of The Seas

(Ocean Park x Stella Livia)

Flemington Race 8 Kennedy Cantala - 1600m Open Gr1

Trainer: Chris Waller

Rider: Michael Walker

Tofane

(Ocean Park x Baggy Green)

Flemington Race 9 Begonia Belle Stakes - 1100m Open Gr3

Trainer: Michael Moroney

Rider: Dwayne Dunn

Black Type Spotlight



Craftmanship (Savabeel x Aspinal) G1 Victoria Derby

He was an impressive black type winner at Morphettville two runs back and then finished fifth in the Gr.2 Vase at Moonee Valley.

The wide open spaces of Flemington are expected to suit the Mick Price and Michael Kent junior-trained colt much better and he looks just the type to master 2500 metres.



Magazine (Savabeel x Vogue) G2 Wakeful Stakes

The lightly-raced filly with Ciaran Maher and David Eustace gained her first black type credit with a solid third in the Listed Hill Stakes.

This is her biggest test, but she is improving all the time and the step up to 2000 metres looks ideal.



Tofane (Ocean Park x Baggy Green) Gr.3 Begonia Belle Stakes

Trained by Michael Moroney, she is a progressive mare who was an impressive last-start winner of the G3.3 Northwood Plume Stakes at Caulfield.

Dwayne Dunn takes the reins again and if they can get a touch of early luck from an awkward alley they can continue their winning association.

Mark's Mail



It's been a massive week so
lets keep it short and sweet.

Super Saturday of racing
tomorrow. Good luck
everyone!!

.... what Rugby World cup!

-Mark

Garry's Corner

Well, after 30 odd years of attending the Melbourne Cup and Derby Day we are giving it a miss. Perhaps it's a sign of old age, but that doesn't inhibit my attendance at local meetings. Is it because a number of my generation find it just too hard? I don't think so. I have always believed racing is very inter-generational; with the horse as the common denominator we mix and debate the merits of the just run race.

During my four years as chairman of the Racing Board I was constantly barraged with the view we need more young involved in racing. Well of course we do, but who is really in a position to own a racehorse when educating kids, paying off the mortgage and establishing their business or career? Those who can are the over 50's, they have usually put those challenges behind them, their golf handicap is reflecting their declining strength, more importantly; their wife's only opportunity to justify the enhancement of her wardrobe is the daughter's wedding, someone else's wedding, but then bugger, all of them get married; then a more sombre purchase to attend the next generation's funerals or on a happier note, the races.

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to read Garry's Corner

