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Lot 79 took the eye of Te Akau's David Ellis and he parted with \$800,000 to secure her.



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Welcome



Welcome to our first edition of Karaka Wrap, reviewing Waikato Stud's results on the opening day of the New Zealand Bloodstock Yearling Sale at a very warm and humid Karaka.

Fortunately, our Book 1 draft has also received a warm welcome from the buying bench and we've been more than satisfied with our results through the first session.

We hope to have plenty more leading sales to highlight through the remainder of Book 1 in the following Karaka Wrap editions.

– The Waikato Stud team

SAVABEEL AGAIN THE STAR OF THE SHOW

WAIKATO STUD WAS A MAJOR PLAYER ON KARAKA MILLION EVENING AT ELLERSLIE WITH RESIDENT CHAMPION SAVABEEL AGAIN A MAJOR INFLUENCE.

His sparkling son Cool Aza Beel won the Karaka Million while his home-bred daughter Probabeel was dazzling in the Karaka Million 3YO Classic.

Team Te Akau's Cool Aza Beel sat on the pace for rider Opie Bosson and forged clear in the straight to land the big prize.

The colt has now won three of his four starts and is on a path to Group One glory.

"We've always had a lot of faith in this horse and taken our time with him," trainer Jamie Richards said.

"We didn't have a lot of luck when we missed a race here with him, but it was always in the back of our minds that if he handled the back-up he could do the job.

"He's a serious horse and probably a bit unlucky not to be unbeaten. It will be interesting to see how far he can go.

"He'll carry on to the Matamata Slipper and then onto the Sistema and the Sires' Produce Stakes."

A \$150,000 Karaka yearling, Cool Aza Beel is out of Cool 'N' Sassy and the family of the two-time Group One winning sprinter Malaguerra.

Star filly Probabeel produced another top quality performance in Bosson's hands on Saturday evening to create history.

She became the first horse to win the two and three-year-old Karaka Million editions.

Probabeel settled back in the field before Bosson peeled wide near the turn.

She strode to the front 300 metres from home and from that point the race was in safe keeping.

Below: Cool Aza Beel claims the Karaka Million 2YO



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SAVABEEL AGAIN THE STAR OF THE SHOW (CONT'D)

"There was a bit of pressure coming in and I was pretty keen just to get through it," Richards said.

"But full credit to everyone, it was a big team effort and a great result.

"She probably got a little bit further back than we might have wanted, but we didn't want Opie to rush her.

"She was a little bit unhappy at Awapuni last time when we rode her for a more prominent position.

"Opie just kept her happy and then she quickened really well in the straight and put them away pretty nicely.

"Now we're really looking forward to getting her back over to Australia.

"She'll more than likely go to the Gr.1 Surround Stakes over 1400 metres at Randwick on February 29."

Probabeel was bred by Waikato Stud and sold through its Karaka in 2018 for \$380,000.

She is out of the Pins mare Far Fetched, a multiple winner and Group Three performer.

Far Fetched is a three-quarter sister to the Group winning sisters Legless Veuve and Mannerism

It is also the family of Savabeel's two-time Group One winning daughter Savvy Coup.

Below: Probabeel too good in the Karaka Million 3YO Classic.



Waikato Stud colt bowls Ellis over

TE AKAU CHIEF DAVID ELLIS IS SOLD ON THE STOCK OF SAVABEEL AND HE WAS DETERMINED TO SECURE ANOTHER TOP END COLT AT KARAKA. ELLIS DID JUST THAT WHEN HE FOUGHT OFF STIFF OPPOSITION FOR WAIKATO STUD'S LOT 79 WITH A FINAL BID OF \$800,000.

The youngster is a son of the Gr.3 Taranaki 2YO Classic winner Magic Dancer, a daughter of stakes winner Dazzling Belle.

"He's a quality colt and exceeded our expectations," stud principal Mark Chittick said.

"I think if any horse makes over \$500,000 you have to be happy.

"It was a battle between Te Akau and Team Hawkes and David got it.

"It's huge credit again to Savabeel and he repaid them on Saturday night."

Chittick was referring to Savabeel's Karaka Million double at Ellerslie with Cool Aza Beel and Probabeel.

"This Savabeel colt is a beautiful colt. He's attractive a colt as I've bought at this sale - the only other one I've rated as highly as this colt was Xtravagant. Genetics experts rated this genetic cross as high as you can get," Ellis said.

"We think this colt can run in the race (Karakas Million 2YO) next year and he'll go into this year's colts' syndicate," Ellis said.

"He's a different type of Savabeel to Probabeel, but I'd say he compares very favourably with Cool Aza Beel.

"He might be more precocious than him and he has a lot of 2-year-old black type in his pedigree.

"In the morning my budget for this colt was \$600,000, but Mark Walker told me I wouldn't get him for less than \$800,000. He was bang on."



Ellis had earlier added to his Savabeel collection when he went to \$300,000 for Waikato Stud's filly, Lot 41.

She is out of the winner and Group Two performer Lady Tatia.

The mare boasts a rich pedigree and the second dam is a sister to the multiple Group One winner Shogun Lodge.

The Gr.1 George Ryder Stakes winner Referral also features on the pedigree page.

Waikato Stud's freshman sire Tivaci made an early impact during the opening session.

His first youngster through the ring, Lot 9, took the eye of agent Guy Mulcaster who secured him for \$220,000.

"He's a lovely type and sold extremely well," Chittick said.

The colt is a son of the O'Reilly mare Kansas, who is out of the Gr.3 Frances Tressady Stakes winner Breezy.

It is a well-performed family that includes the stud's Gr.2 Cal Isuzu Stakes winner and Group One performer Sports Illustrated.

Shortly after a son of Savabeel proved popular and he was finally knocked down for \$200,000.

Lindsay Park Racing and Andrew Williams Bloodstock teamed up to buy the colt out of Kazemi.

She is a winning High Chaparral mare and a half-sister to the Gr.1 Makfi Challenge Stakes winner I Do.

The second dam Freequent won the Gr.3 New Zealand St Leger.

The Gr.1 Queensland Derby winner Court Ruler also features on the pedigree page.

ASSOCIATE SIRES PROVING POPULAR

YOUNGSTERS BY RESIDENT SIRES SACRED FALLS AND OCEAN PARK HAD MORE THAN THEIR SHARE OF ADMIRERS ON DAY ONE OF SELLING AT KARAKA.

First-up was Lot 107, a Sacred Falls filly that was purchased by Cape Schanck Stud of Victoria for \$160,000.

She is a half-sister to the multiple Singapore stakes winner Kiwi Karma and a sister to the stakes winner Seaway.

It's also the family of the Gr.2 Sir Byrne Hart Stakes winner and Gr.1 Telegraph Handicap runner-up Cheiron.

Lot 121 was the Ocean Park-My Locket colt who went to the final \$150,000 of Tao Gu, of China.

He is a half-brother to the progressive Danny O'Brien-trained mare My

Pendant, the winner of five races.

The dam My Locket is a half-sister to the Gr.1 Queensland Oaks winner Miss Keepsake.

Ocean Park enjoyed a strong spring through his Gr.1 Epsom Handicap and A\$7.5 million Golden Eagle winner Kolding.

Oceanex and Tofane were also in winning form during the Victorian carnival.

Mark Chittick said it was a shame Waikato Stud didn't have more Ocean Park yearlings to sell.

"Ocean Park had a huge spring – it all happened for him at exactly the right time," Mark Chittick said. "He's a very exciting stallion."

"It's a bit of a shame that we don't have more of his yearlings to sell at Karaka this year."

"As a breeder, that's just the way things work out sometimes. It's still a very positive sign for his future."

Below: Ocean Park's daughter who was snapped up by Victorian interests.





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