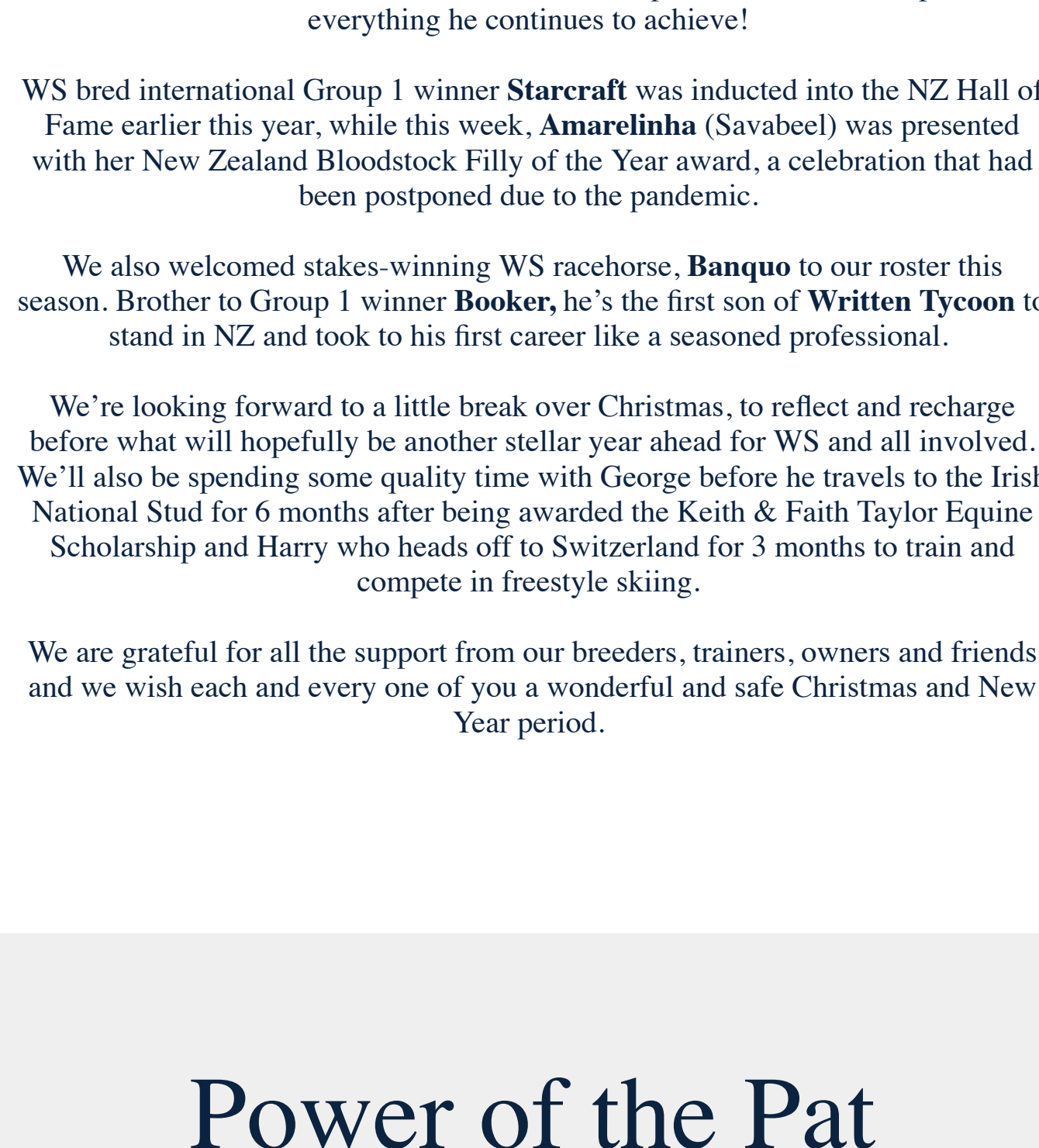


Waikato Weekly

Friday 17th December 2021

ALL THE LATEST NEWS THIS WEEK FROM WAIKATO STUD

Mark's Mail



As quickly as it arrived, another breeding season is done, and Christmas is literally around the corner! It's been a huge year for the WS team, not to mention our superstar stallion roster. With fantastic results on the track and in the breeding barn, we're honoured to again be named NZ Breeder of the Year.

Super Seth's first crop of foals have arrived, and they've absolutely wowed us with their physicality and attitudes. We can't wait to see them grow and develop.

The progeny of **Tivaci** have done so well on the racetrack. So far this season he's had seven winners, including the Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott-trained G1 Flight S. winner **Never Been Kissed**, and G2 Wakefield Challenge S. winner **Wolverine**, who is now favourite for next month's 2YO Karaka Million.

With 781 winners and 122 stakes winners to his name, our Champion sire **Savabeel** again proved why he deserved a clean sweep of the stallion awards, winning the Grosvenor, Centaine and Dewar trophies. His progeny, **Probabeel** and **The Chosen One**, were also awarded with Champion titles. We are so proud of everything he continues to achieve!

WS bred international Group 1 winner **Starcraft** was inducted into the NZ Hall of Fame earlier this year, while this week, **Amarelinha** (Savabeel) was presented with her New Zealand Bloodstock Filly of the Year award, a celebration that had been postponed due to the pandemic.

We also welcomed stakes-winning WS racehorse, **Banquo** to our roster this season. Brother to Group 1 winner **Booker**, he's the first son of **Written Tycoon** to stand in NZ and took to his first career like a seasoned professional.

We're looking forward to a little break over Christmas, to reflect and recharge before what will hopefully be another stellar year ahead for WS and all involved. We'll also be spending some quality time with George before he travels to the Irish National Stud for 6 months after being awarded the Keith & Faith Taylor Equine Scholarship and Harry who heads off to Switzerland for 3 months to train and compete in freestyle skiing.

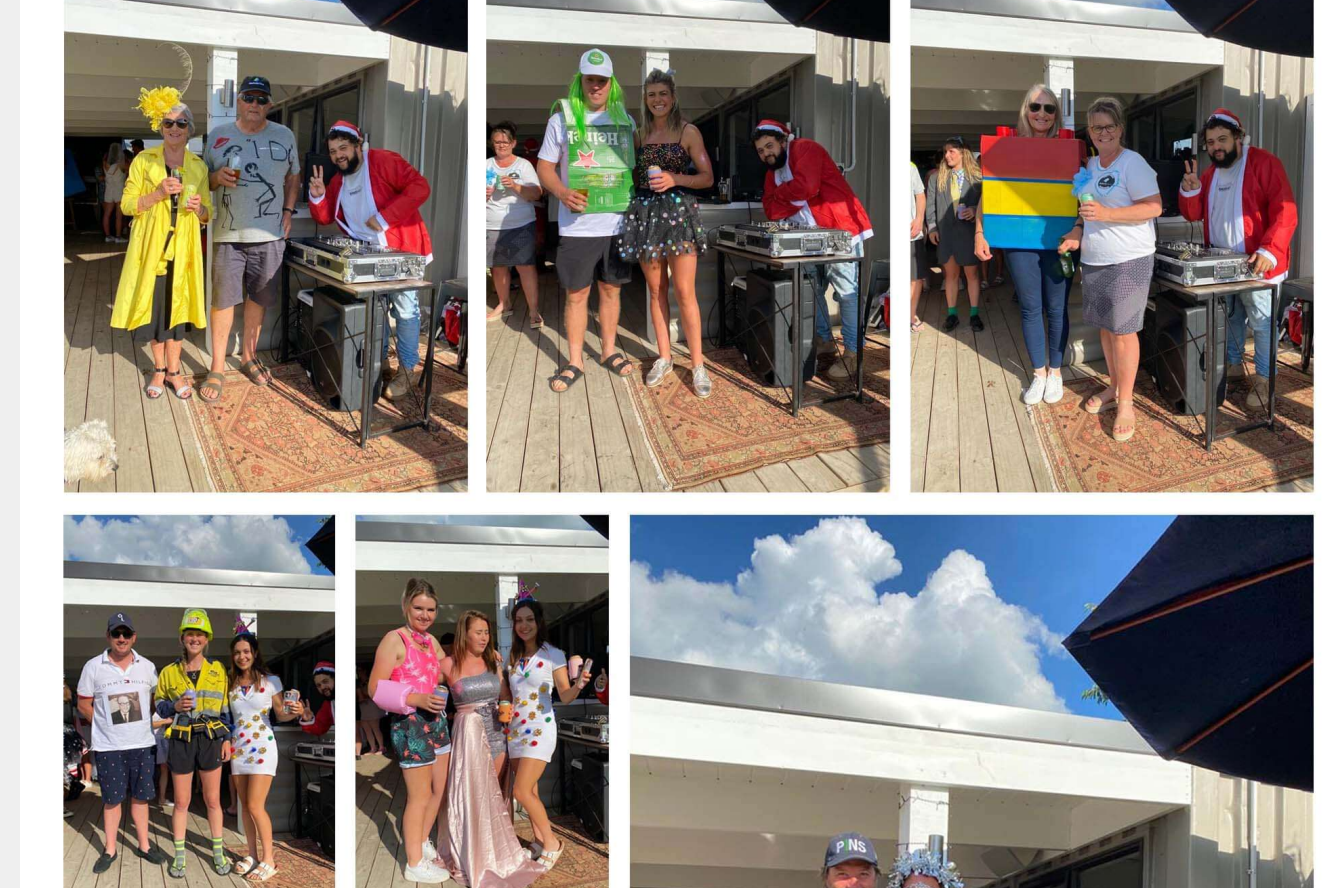
We are grateful for all the support from our breeders, trainers, owners and friends and we wish each and every one of you a wonderful and safe Christmas and New Year period.

Power of the Pat



Over the last few months, we've been capturing some special candid moments between our amazing WS staff and our WS horses. There really is nothing better than the bond between human and horse, and it is what makes those harder days on the farm that bit easier.

Staff Profile of the Week



Grace White - Stud Hand & Marketing Assistant

What does your day-to-day role entail?

I help in the yearling yard each day, helping bring the horses in and out and then usually shoot to the office for an hour or so each day to do some basic marketing work alongside Kick Collective. If it's a nice day I try to take the camera for an outing around the farm.

What's been your most memorable moment since starting at WS?

It's hard to say, but it was a pretty cool buzz to be a part of the team when Tivaci had his first Group 1 winner, **Never Been Kissed**. The whole staff were pumped for weeks after.

When did you start here, and why did you choose to come to WS?

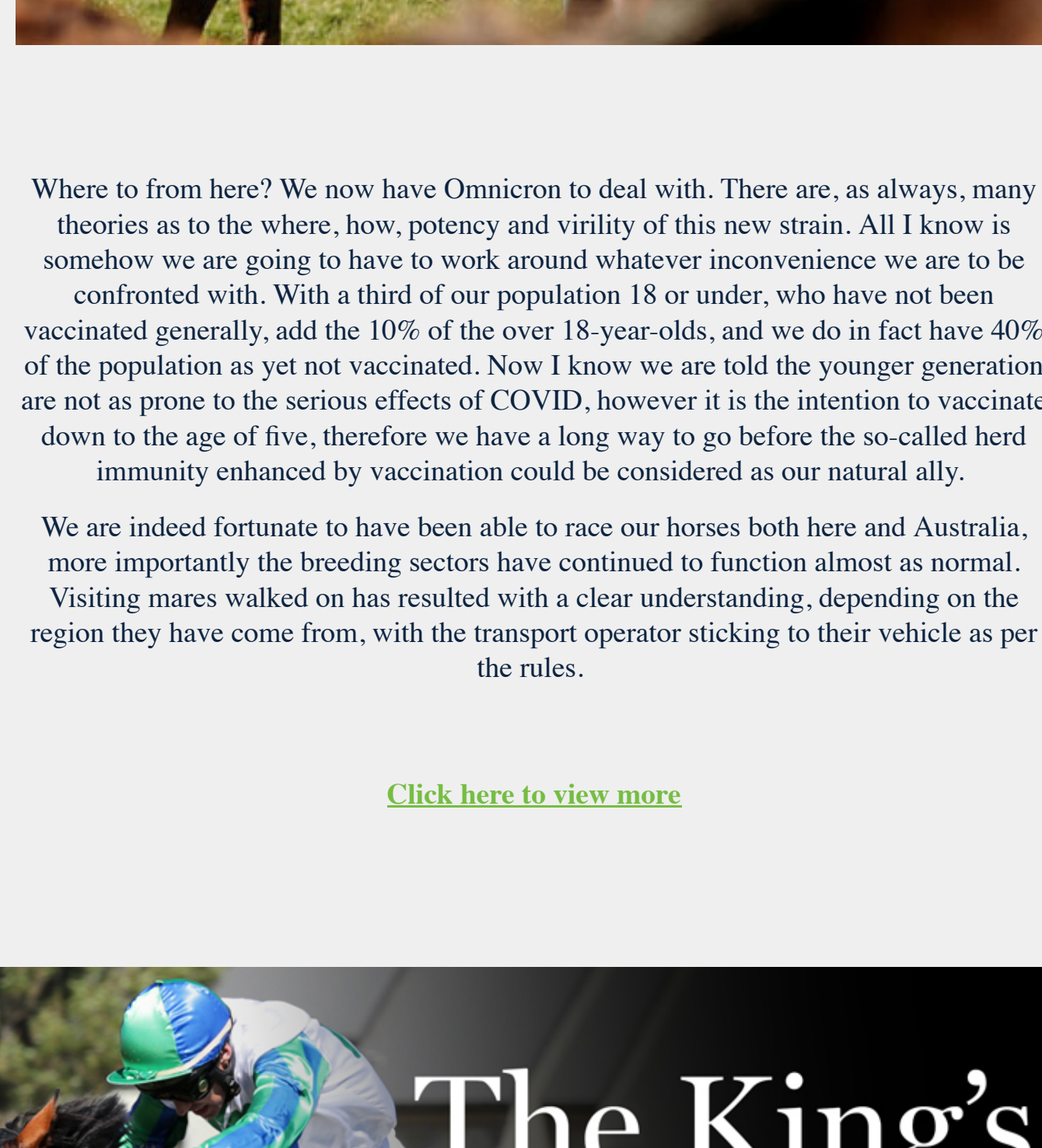
I started here in May, and I was keen to move up to the Waikato region just to be immersed into the industry after I finished up at uni. I talked to a few people about what my goals were, and what my next step could be and through word of mouth managed to score an awesome role at Waikato Stud.

Funniest moment in the yearling yard?

Bringing in fresh colts on a windy day is always entertaining, it can be like flying kites!

The WS Christmas Party

Last week, we donned our most creative costumes and dressed up as our favourite WS horses for our Christmas Party. Lots of food, drink and good times were had, we even had Santa on the DJ decks! Thank you to all our incredible staff for another amazing year, here's to 2022!



WINNER'S CELEBRATION

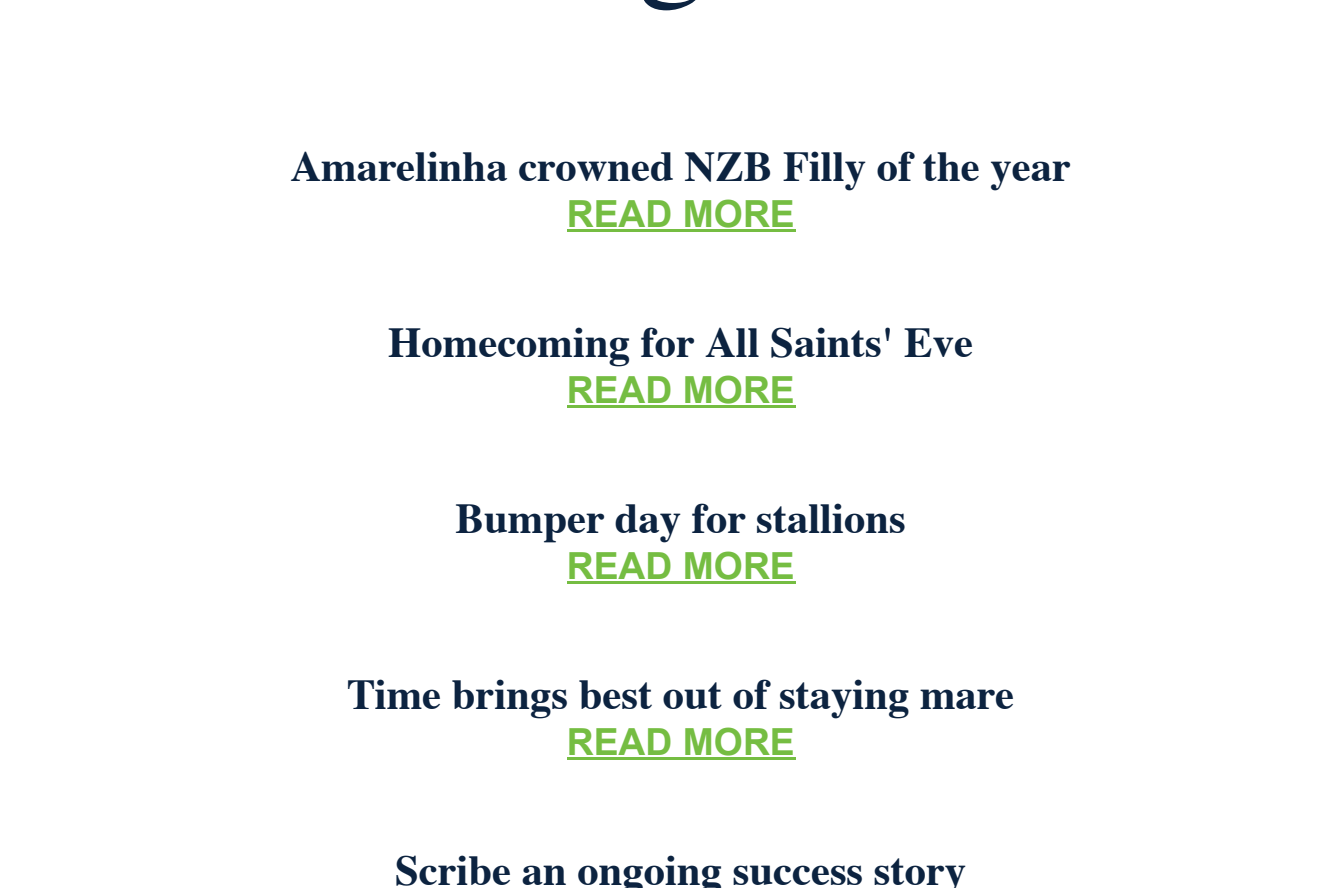


Wolverine (Tivaci x Knew It) 2YO filly

Our resident stallion **Tivaci** (High Chaparral) scored his first 2YO stakes success at Te Rapa on Saturday as **Wolverine** bolted home to take out the G2 Wakefield Challenge S. The WS bred filly is now clear favourite and sitting first on the order of entry for the 2022 Karaka Million 2YO at Ellerslie Racecourse next month.

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This week on Garry's Corner



Where to from here? We now have Omnicron to deal with. There are, as always, many theories as to the where, how, potency and virility of this new strain. All I know is somehow we are going to have to work around whatever inconvenience we are to be confronted with. With a third of our population 18 or under, who have not been vaccinated generally, add the 10% of the over 18-year-olds, and we do in fact have 40% of the population as yet not vaccinated. Now I know we are told the younger generation are not as prone to the serious effects of COVID, however it is the intention to vaccinate down to the age of five, therefore we have a long way to go before the so-called herd immunity enhanced by vaccination could be considered as our natural ally.

We are indeed fortunate to have been able to race our horses both here and Australia, more importantly the breeding sectors have continued to function almost as normal. Visiting mares walked on has resulted with a clear understanding, depending on the region they have come from, with the transport operator sticking to their vehicle as per the rules.

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The King's ONES TO Watch

WHAT'S HOT THIS WEEK FROM MICHAEL COLEMAN

The winner of 2131 races, an amazing 192 of those at Group/Listed level, local royalty Mickey Coleman (also known as 'The King') has retired from racing and begun his next chapter at Waikato Stud.

The King's Tips

WS BRED: OUTFIT

Outfit (2018 Tivaci x Costume filly)

Jockey: Opie Bosson

Trainer: Jamie Richards

Third place last start over 1400m, 1600m looks ideal.

Upcoming Race: Saturday 18th December, Te Rapa, Lodge Property Mgmt Maiden, 1600m, Race 1

OUTSIDER: COVENTINA BAY

Coventina Bay (2015 Shamexpress x Coventina mare)

Jockey: Craig Grylls

Trainer: Robbie Patterson

Group 3-winning mare, who has come back this season winning two trials and this is her first race back.

Upcoming Race: Saturday 18th December, Awapuni, G2 Carters Challenge S. 1400m, Race 6

News

A huge congratulations to connections of the WS-bred daughter of Champion sire **Savabeel**, **Amarelinha**, who was presented with her 2020/21 New Zealand Bloodstock Filly of the Year award on Wednesday. The Te Akau Racing-trained runner finished 19 points clear of her nearest rival!

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Racing News

Amarelinha crowned NZB Filly of the year

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Time brings best out of staying mare

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Piñata Mare & Foal Series Ep 01

On a stunning winter morning with a heavy Waikato frost, Piñata felt it was time to foal! She delivered a gorgeous Ardrossan filly. It's a quality family, featuring Mackintosh, Anacheeva and Brando.

Piñata Mare & Foal Series Ep 02

After Episode 01 was viewed by 1 million viewers on social media, we start the journey following this gorgeous doe and get to know both Piñata and her foal.

Piñata Mare & Foal Series Ep 03

This week we hear the story behind Piñata and her one eye and the process she goes through to make sure she's ready for her next visit to Ardrossan.

Piñata Mare & Foal Series Ep 04

We check in on how regular trimming and assessments have improved the filly's front leg conformation, and complete Piñata's 15-day pregnancy scan.

Piñata Mare & Foal Series Ep 05

We catch up with Piñata after her recent positive 45 day scan back to Ardrossan, with which everyone is super stoked. Her Ardrossan is developing into an incredibly impressive type and we're so excited to follow her journey!

A day in the life of a WS stallion

Take a behind the scenes look into the life of our gentleman WS stallions and how they keep fit and healthy during the season.

Bill & Suzi Pomare visit WS

We caught up with trainer and breeders, Bill & Suzi Pomare on their exciting new Ocean Park colt and G1 winning Ocean Billy's amazing achievements so far.