Mark's Mail

We all had a great time on holiday, but now it's back to business! The team have been humming, with all hands on deck to bring in all the yearlings before departing to various areas of the farm. It a very cool feeling in the morning, with everyone there helping out.

The foal handling team have breezed through and finished all the branding and have made a start handling the foals before weaning starts in a couple of weeks. Meanwhile on the main farm, yearling prep is in full swing.

We have been excitedly watching the Magic Million Gold Coast Sale unfold, and whilst we have been extremely happy with all results, we still look forward to the only **Tivaci** in the sale go through the nigh sale. **Tivaci x Caramel Sundae.** The highlight has been for Garry who owns **Magic Dancer,** with the impressive sale price of $950,000 for the **Savabeel** colt (Lot 237) who sold to Busuttin Racing & All Winners Thoroughbreds.

2022 Magic Millions Yearling Sale results

We were stoked with the attention our horses received at the sale, with the highlight result **Savabeel x Magic Dancer** colt, selling for $950,000.

Results below (with **lot 837 Tivaci x Caramel Sundae** to sell):

Lot 123: Almanzor x Hurry colt $330,000
Lot 237: Savabeel x Magic Dancer colt $950,000
Lot 356: Savabeel x Pasadena colt $200,000

A huge thank you to the whole team at Sledmere Stud who have done a great job prepping all of our yearlings so beautifully.

(Images courtesy of Magic Millions)

Yearling Preparation

Last week, the Karaka yearlings started their prep towards the sale. We werimpressed with how they came into their boxes on day on, and upon inspection of them all, we're very happy with how they have matured over the break.

Meanwhile six yearlings are being prepared for the Inglis Classic Yearling Sale in Sydney at the beginning of February. They depart for Australia early Sunday morning and will sell in the draft of Sledmere Stud, who also expertly prepared our Magic Millions colts. Ahead of their departure, they have been paraded for Jamie Richards, Bryce and Ginger Tankard aswell as Ohukia Lodge.

"We are really happy with how our yearlings have progressed throughout their preparation. They are a lovely bunch of horses from strong WS families, and we are looking forward to them being showcased at the sale."
- Jaimee Gowler, Bloodstock Manager.

Our six Inglis Classic yearlings heading to Sydney on Sunday are:

Lot 75: Savabeel x Miracle Miss colt
Lot 150: Tivaci x Popular colt
Lot 317: Tivaci x Touting colt
Lot 413: Sacred Falls x Believe You Me colt
Lot 578: Ocean Park x Genius filly
Lot 591: Savabeel x Got It colt

WINNER'S CELEBERATION

The exciting 2YO **Tivaci** filly, **Wolverine** was able to maintain her unbeaten record after being ruled the winner of the G2 Eclipse S. at Ellerslie last Saturday with Danielle Johnson aboard. Initially beaten a nose after being pushed wide down the straight by Pacific Dragon, it was concluded that Wolverine would have triumphed without interference and therefore was awarded the win. This has set her as the favourite for the Karaka Million in a couple of weeks' time.

This was the filly's third start, for three wins including the G2 Wakefield Challenge S. a few weekends earlier. Wolverine was bought by trainer Roydon Bergerson for $50,000 from the NZB Karaka yearling sale. The half-brother, by **Iffraaj**, heads to the 2022 Karaka Yearling Sale in March.

This week on Garry's Corner

You will be surprised at Mary's and my hospitality on New Year's Eve. We were certainly surprised when at 9pm we wandered home to these unwanted guests.

As darkness crept in towards midnight, this group doubled to about 300 teenagers. Our house is immediately adjacent to those on the left. Now, I can just remember my youth. We consumed flagon beer while the girls barely drank at all, possibly the awful sparkling Cold Duck. This lot arrived carrying plenty of beer and copious quantities of the so-called RTDs, those mixtures of fruit flavoured spirits in a can. I reckon the average age was 18, but there were some no more than 15. To be fair, they were enjoying themselves but there are always more than enough trouble makers.

You do wonder at the authorities' planning. Apparently they had been forewarned, so they could have avoided the broken glass just by providing drums for the rubbish. At 10pm as momentum increased, I was about to ring the police, however they arrived in force - yes the whole three of them. Their only defence was to constantly circulate. At one stage, an officer I was chatting to was confronted by three 18-year-olds who challenged the officer no more than a hand's width from his masked face. None of the milling throng were masked. I suggested he drop one of them, he said he would be incarcerated before them.

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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: KANA

Kana (2019 Tivaci x Tick Tock filly)

Jockey: Robert Hannam

Trainer: Peter Didham

Recent: Winning on debut after 3 trial wins, this impressive filly is looking to be one to beat

Upcoming Race: Saturday 15th January, Trentham, Listed IRT Wellesley S. 1100m, Race 3

OUTSIDER: BOLD MAC

Bold Mac (2017 The Bold One x Mrs Mac gelding)

Jockey: Sarah McNab

Trainer: Colin Cromarty

Recent: Second place in his last two starts, Bold Mac has a consistent record with six starts for two wins and three placings

Upcoming Race: Saturday 15th January, Trentham, Lincoln Farms Premier, 1400m, Race 1

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Piñata Mare & Foal Series Ep 01

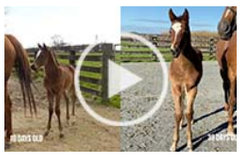
On a stunning winter morning with a heavy Waikato frost, Piñata felt it was time to foal! She delivered a gorgeous Ardrossan filly. It's a quiality family, featuring Mackintosh, Anacheeva and Brando.

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 duo and get to know both Piñata and her foal.

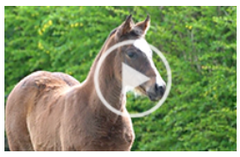
Piñata Mare & Foal Series Ep 03

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.

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