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Super Seth's gun son

It was a super win for **Super Seth** yesterday. 2YO colt **Linebacker** (ex **Garden Of Swans**) bolted in on debut under Kerrin McEvoy for John O'Shea Racing. Bred by GSA Bloodstock, he was a \$160k Karaka buy for his trainer & Suman Hedge from Haunui Farm. Well done - he looks smart!

"Hugely exciting for Super Seth to sire his first Australian winner. I believe there's plenty more waiting in the wings." - Mark Chittick

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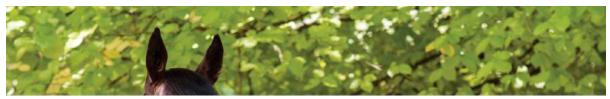
Savabeel filly on fire



Last weekend **Savabeel** gained another G2 winner. 3YO filly **Orchestral** (ex **Symphonic**) blew her rivals away and recorded a hat trick as she claimed the G2 Avondale Guineas at Ellerslie, for Rob Wellwood & Roger James under Craig Grylls. Bred by Barneswood Farm, she was a \$625k Karaka buy for her trainers from Haunui Farm. Congratulations to her owners Colin and Helen Litt and all others involved. What an exciting filly, we can't wait to see what she will do next!

Click here to watch her race replay.

Another Tivaci winner



Yesterday, WS-bred 3YO son of **Tivaci**, **Lupine** (ex **Sheezababe**), relished the step up in trip and broke his maiden for Henry Dwyer Racing. Well done, team! We have a very excited breeder, Pippa Chittick, who will be following Lupine's career closely!

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Tomorrow's racing

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Some exciting horses lining up tomorrow. Good luck to all connections.

Caulfield

Race 2 - 1100m Von Hauke (4YO Savabeel x Tiara) - Cliff Brown

Race 3 - 1400m Rocking The Boat (3YO Ocean Park x Dating) - Trent Busuttin & Natalie Young

Race 4 - 1200m Wolfy (3YO Tivaci x She's Popular) - Nick Ryan

Race 9 - 1100m Skew Wiff (4YO Savabeel x Starvoia) - Te Akau Stables

Race 10 - 1400m Eternal Flame (4YO Sacred Falls x Suriyan) Michael Kent

Matamata

Race 2 - 1400m - Provence (4YO Savabeel x Sombreuil) - Stephen Marsh

Race 4 - 1200m - Poetic Champion (2YO Super Seth x Regally Blonde) - Tony Pike Race 4 - 1200m - Savaglee (2YO Savabeel x Glee) - Michael Moroney & Pam Gerard

Race 5 - 1400m - Neighbourhood (5YO Pins x Urban) - Wexford Stables

Race 6 - 1400m Fashion Shoot (6YO Savabeel x High Fashion) - Te Akau Stables

Race 7 - 1200m Renovations (2YO Adrossan x Dee I Why) - Cody Cole

Race 8 - 2000m Manafique (5YO Savabeel x Shez Sensational) - Peter Didham Race 8 - 2000m Aotea Lad (7YO Savabeel x Corsage) - Te Akau Stables Race 8 - 2000m Ocean Billy (8YO Ocean Park x Cool Storm) - Bill Pomare



Good luck to all in the Lisa Chittick Plate tomorrow on Breeders' Stakes day at Matamata - a race

that is close to our hearts. An exciting fillies & mares contest, previously won by the great Imperatriz. Some notable connections include WS-bred mare Fashion Shoot, trained by Te Akau, who is currently second favourite, and Lisa's brother Lance O'Sullivan's trained mare, Karman Line, who is sitting at third.

Harry Chittick will be in representation of the WS-crew. Good luck to all connections for this special race!

The rest of team Chittick will be cheering home the WS brand at Caulfield.



I am sorry to announce this will be the last Corner, quite simply I have run out of ideas or information to remain credible.

I will part on a positive theme, one that gives me great pleasure. I doubt that many sales attendees fully understand the emotion and pride in sales results . You see, we are competitors as well as travelling the delicate path of wishing our fellow breeders all the best.

The late Jim Fleming made it clear to me that Sydney Easter was, in his words, his Olympics. He earned the right to be well-positioned at the complex. His continued investment in the elite

Bloodstock was well-intentioned; the desire to breed winners we all aspire to was important, but being King of the Ring managed to chisel the remotest smile of self-satisfaction.

Of course, he was and would not be alone then or now. There are breeders who, by virtue of a dramatic change of racetrack form, kick the conversion they probably never dreamed of. Sales companies market the concept of leading aggregate, here in NZ, the company allows a two-hour post-sale opportunity to market passed in lots. This, of course, opened the door for the occasional wrought to those driven by the results.

We at Waikato are just as proud as others should the results fall our way, however, it has never been the Gold Medal that has driven us, after all, a number of vendors are marketing other breeder's progeny, we pride ourselves on knowing apart from the odd rare exception we are marketing Waikato yearlings from families deriving from my first five mares. Over the years we have of course, introduced new families, these were not introduced with the sales Olympics in mind however undoubtedly the expansion of these families will have added a step or two to the ladder.

The real difficulty we worked around was the retention of fillies to sustain our broodmare band. When I started, I could sell a filly for the acceptable price of say \$50k, off-track fillies, winners of four races and Group-placed were on the market for similar money. We all know now that the ability to turnover at similar values, is not possible.

So, back to the Sales Olympics, these athletes were planned at least 30 months ago, and they were planned to be winners, their attendance in the ring is because most have to stay afloat, those with sufficient wealth may not have to sell, but they can't resist the competition, the wonderful leveller, the horse, gives most the same chance.

Aggregates are of little value, the stunning individual such as we witnessed at Karaka this year was a Gold truly deserved, our aggregate matters, it may not have won a medal, but what we take home means we will be competing for another year.

All the best for the future, we will of course like Jim Fleming continue to compete both in the ring and where it really matters... on the track.

Cheers

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