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What a week it's been...

Highlights from the Waikato Stud Team





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Look for the WS

dominating on the Australian stage

\$10 million Golden Eagle winner

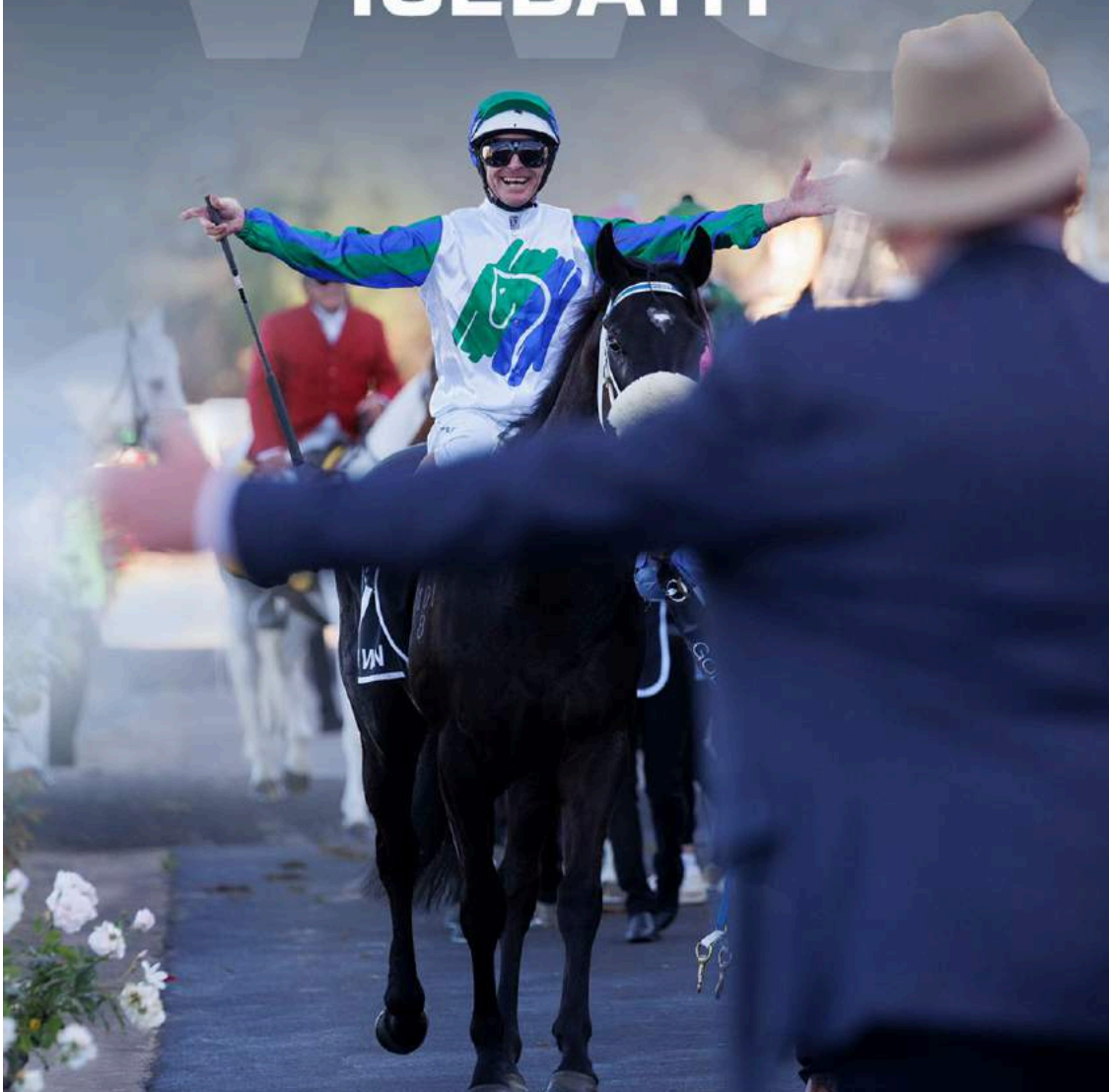
I WISH I WIN

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G1 Empire Rose Stakes winner

& \$5 million earner

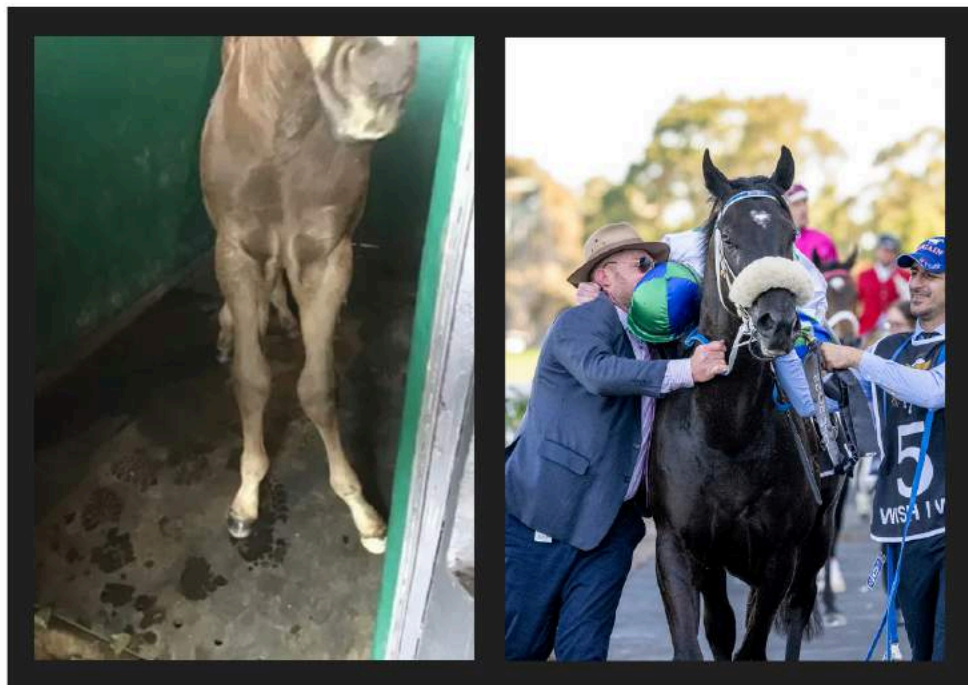
ICEBATH



Savabeel's **I Wish I Win** (ex Make A Wish) and Sacred Falls' **Icebath** (ex Fabulist) provided us with an unforgettable afternoon winning the **\$10m Golden Eagle** and the **G1 Empire Rose Stakes**.

I Wish I Win

A dream result for WS



How it started vs How it's going

I Wish I Win - you beauty. The WS-bred and raced son of Champion Sire **Savabeel** (ex Make A Wish) stormed home to claim the **\$10m Golden Eagle** at Rosehill. Congratulations to Peter Moody and all of the team! We still cannot believe it.

[Click here to see his race replay.](#)

Icebath claims her maiden Group 1



WS-bred **Sacred Falls** mare, **Icebath** (ex Fabulist) took out the G1 Empire Rose S. in epic fashion at Flemington on Saturday for Brad Widdup Racing. She was a \$100k yearling and has now earned over \$5m. We can't imagine a more deserving G1 winner. Congratulations to all connections!

“Not everything has always gone right with Icebath... We've never come away from those races disappointed, just glad to have a horse like her.” - David Basheer.

This wonderful story in TDNAusNZ on the exceptional WS-bred mare Icebath is a must read:

[TDNAusNZ Article](#)

[Watch her race replay here](#)

That winning feeling!!



We certainly celebrated this weekend's successes accordingly!

Banquo's first foals have arrived

Banquo's first foals are here and, just like their sire, they boast presence and quality!

“Banquo has really stamped his foals, I couldn’t be happier with them. He was a high-priced yearling himself, with a beautiful pedigree and they are just like him.” - Mark Chittick

Ocean Park Success

A sentimental victory from **Ocean Park** mare, **Nautical Miss** (ex Miss Pageantry) who claimed the first on the card Randwick on Tuesday for the late Markwell Racing. Congratulations to her breeders The Pageantry Partnership, Ross McConville and everyone involved.

[Click here to watch her race replay.](#)



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: SAVOIR FAIRE

Savoir Faire (2019 Savabeel x Etiquette gelding)

Jockey: Craig Zackey

Trainer: Mark Walker

Recent: Trial winner, best draw today

Upcoming Race: Saturday 5th November, Te Rapa, Foster Maintain, 1600m, Race 4

MILLEFIORI

Millefiori (2018 Iffraaj X Miss Bluebell filly)

Jockey: Niranjan S Parmar

Trainer: Mark Walker

Recent: Good runs in both starts this time in - currently favourite

Upcoming Race: Saturday 5th November, Te Rapa, New Years Day at Te Rapa (Bm75), 1300m, Race 7



I am sorry to have let you five down with no Corners for the past three weeks. The unfortunate fact of the matter was my effort of three weeks ago was CANCELLED. This was an unfortunate experience, the Corner in question I would modestly say was one of my better efforts.

My commentary was about how the values of our industry have withstood famines, plagues,

wars, depression etc. The Derby, first raced in 1780, was my benchmark. My belief in the values of the vast cross section of people united by the horse across many countries gives me confidence our sport will continue to rise to the challenges it meets.

Naturally, I expressed personal views of many of the rapid changes a section of society on a roll at present in their belief they know what's best for all of us.

I have no problem with differing opinions, I have a real problem with the current enthusiasm to cancel opposing views without debate. It is in my view a well-thought-out strategy. We, over fifty, were educated to tolerate debate, we now switch off rather than cause generational dissent. I read where Martin Luther King said the biggest threat to democracy is those that say nothing.

Enough. This Corner is devoted to the good things in life, and what a good thing I Wish I Win was on the weekend. The stake was great, the emotion was invaluable. I won't dwell on the details they have been well covered. Mary and I became horse breeders by default; in 1972 the then Labour Government removed a part of our small farming operation, taking the land by way of the Public Works under compulsion. The resulting change in value was to be retrospectively taxed at 90%. Being tenacious, I fought what I still believe was an injustice right up to the Supreme Court, and lost. Left with half the land I chose to take advantage of the available tax write down on Bloodstock, taking the view if it didn't work out we would have at least avoided contributing to the unemployed.

The Fells and I attended the sale where Star Of The Night, a Group 2-winning mare by Sir Tristram and in foal to Danzatore, was to be auctioned. Centaine had hit his straps so I planned to upgrade my mares, \$150 k was my budget and in hindsight I now realise I was run up and fell for it at \$250k . It was a long drive home. On a bright Sunday afternoon, we realised we needed the vet with our mare presenting the foal in the near impossible dog-sitting position. Paul Wiseman our vet spent over an hour cutting the foal out. It was a long afternoon followed by missing that year's mating. That was forty years ago, I reckon having the fun of I Wish I Win racing with his history is karma.

I have not met Mr Peter V'Landys, but there is no doubt he is a man of not only vision but imagination. His leadership has elevated Racing NSW to such a level that other racing jurisdictions look on with envy. Wouldn't we love him here for twelve months. The Everest - \$15m; the Golden Eagle - \$10m. The purists argue: 'Is this good for racing?' He argues we need excitement to encourage the next generation of race goers. Well, look at the age group of the record 47,000 at The Everest, 23000 at the Golden Eagle - it's hard to deny his innovation. Then, to appease the critics of our sport, 10% of the Golden Eagle stake was to be returned to a charity of the owner's choice. Mark's time frame was tight but thought he was on a winner with Starship Hospital. Regretfully, they declined the offer because it was the result of gambling. We now know the Starship kids have missed out on A\$525k. Now that in itself is disappointing but I am

despondent. Do they really hold our sport in such low regard? Should they not be proud of our achievements internationally which brand NZ in such a competitive sport? As to the proceeds of wagering, I would suggest that had we said nothing, arrived at the hospital in December with a \$500k donation they would grab it. But then if we inform them our business is reliant on wagering they may not. Never mind, Muscular Dystrophy NSW were delighted to be part of the day and bank the proceeds.

Those of wokedom need to understand that individualism has been the fuel that drives progress, have a look at Waikato!

Cheers,
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