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## What's been happening at Waikato recently?

### A great to return to Magic Millions

It was really exciting to see the first crop of yearlings by G1 Caulfield Guineas winner **Super Seth** head through the ring last week and catch up with Sledmere Stud who did a fantastic job with our draft. We were very happy with the results. View video below to see what we got up to.

[Magic Millions 2023 Video](#)

Or if you would prefer, [read about it](#).



## Success for the Super Seth yearlings!

A great result for our G1 Caulfield Guineas winner **Super Seth** as Lot 194, a colt out of **O'Dianne**, sold for \$450k at Magic Millions last week. Many thanks to Mulcaster Bloodstock and Chris Waller Racing - we love seeing the WS brand knocked down to you! A big thank you to Sledmere Stud for doing an amazing job with presenting as per!

## Freedman secures son of Super Seth

A fitting result for **Super Seth** as Lot 122 at Magic Millions fell to the bid of the sire's former trainer, Anthony Freedman, and Julian Blaxland for \$250k. Congratulations to Silverdale Farm on a superb sale.

Our first-season sire did us proud

This ripper **Super Seth** colt ex **Boulevard** (Lot 680) sold for \$240k. With sensational looks & a pedigree to match he'll provide Trent Busuttin, Natalie Young & Mathew Becker some awesome days on the track. We are very happy with this sale, congratulations to the purchasers!

## The sales continued to boom

Congratulations to Bhima Thoroughbreds on the superb sale of Lot 508. A strong colt by **Super Seth** went to Snowden Racing & Will Johnson Bloodstock for \$260k! Closely related to G3 winner **Another Dollar** & Golden Eagle winner **I Wish I Win**.

## Success runs in the family for Banquo

There was an epic result for Coolmore Australia with Lot 676 their outstanding **I Am Invincible** colt selling for \$2.5m. The G1-winning dam, **Booker** is a sister of our WS sire **Banquo**.



# 2YO stakes winner *for* **ARDROSSAN**

Undeclared 2YO **Codigo** takes out the  
**Listed IRT Wellesley Stakes** making  
him **Ardrossan's first stakes winner.**

View his yearlings at the  
2023 Karaka Yearling Sale.



## A special performance from Ardrossan's son

**Codigo** (ex **Sophia Magia**) provided **Ardrossan** with his first stakes winner (from just four runners) when taking out the **Listed Wellesley Stakes** at Trentham for Stephen Marsh on Saturday, keeping his perfect record intact. The promising 2YO will now be aimed for the G1 Manawatu Sires' Produce Stakes. We are so pleased for his breeder & our fellow owner Dame Lowell Goddard.

[Read more](#)

## The cheeky duo are back!

Mark and Charlie check in on our Karaka yearlings and learn some lessons along the way!

[Watch the video here](#)

## Another Savabeel success



A mid-week winner for the Champ. 3YO son of **Savabeel**, **Kingfisher** (ex **Kaleidoscope**) was tough to the line, breaking his maiden for Lance O'Sullivan & Andrew Scott at Matamata Racing Club. Congratulations to his owner/breeders Dame Asian Elias & H Fletcher.



### READ THE WHISPERS AROUND WAIKATO THIS WEEK...

There are plenty of 'tipping experts' amongst the Waikato team. It's time they show us what they're made of...

### WS BRED: SAVACAT

**Savacat** (2019 Donna Cativa x Savabeel filly)

**Jockey:** Cameron Lammas

**Trainer:** Graeme & Debbie Rogerson

**Comment:** Had the Rogerson team on-farm yesterday, they are

very happy with her. Might even put a smile on Garry's face!

**Upcoming Race:** Wednesday 18th January, Te Rapa, The Waikato Draught Mile, 1600m - Race 9



Clearly the Corner this week must acknowledge the success and career of Patrick Hogan. I will not delve into the results of Cambridge Stud under Patrick's ownership, they have been covered in the past week, however one must recognise the amazing achievements of Sir Tristram.

I was seeking a sire prospect at the same time Patrick went to Europe and returned empty handed, not an uncommon result in a competitive market. Forli was all the rage at the time, I know from my discussions with Patrick he certainly would have been happy to return with a sire from that line. Sir Tristram was quoted and Patrick for reasons best known to himself secured him for a modest price. Sir Ivor, his sire was a magnificent racehorse and individual, on a trip including Joe Walls, David Benjiman, Patrick and myself looking for sire prospects we requested a viewing of the then retired Sir Ivor, he was probably everything Sir Tristram wasn't. An outstanding racehorse, looker, and a modest sire. Very few horses measure up to Sir Tristram's record, remarkably Sir Ivor would be very proud of his son who achieved more than he or any other of his sire sons.

I knew very little in 1975, and probably no more now, but I was encouraged to purchase Super Gray, a son of Nijinsky out of a half-sister to Secretariat, Te Parae secured Imperial March a Group-winning son of Forli, a full book in those days was 60 mares. I read where Sir Tristram sired 37 foals in his first crop, our book of 60 was clearly more but as we now know Sir Tristram didn't need a number to make an impression.

There is an encouraging moral to this story, it shows then as now you should give a young person a go, encourage

them to find a horse and have a go. Many years ago the late Peter Kelly called, he had recently been appointed Robert Sangster's Southern Hemisphere Bloodstock advisor. His encouraging news was that the future of modest enterprises such as ours would find it difficult to compete with the quality of sire prospects the Sangster machine was sending to the Southern Hemisphere. Patrick did form a relationship, but his success was driven by the standing of Sir Tristram and Zabeel. Mare owners really have little idea how difficult it is to secure and support a new prospect. The trip referred to earlier started in Los Angeles, then to Kentucky, Saratoga, Ireland, Goodwood and finally Newmarket. Sounds great, doesn't it? Well, it was incredibly tiring, horse after horse, and came home empty handed. However, Patrick was a great travelling companion, generous and energetic, apart from that trip we did South Africa twice; Australia, too many visits to count.

He may have gone sooner than he planned but he packed more into those years than most. To those of the younger brigade the Hogan story will happen again but only if like him you give it a go.

It will, in time, be interesting to see if he can encourage God to allow racing on Saturdays, there are plenty of his faith already in residence, regrettably I doubt I will receive an invitation. Perhaps I should have followed his example, with God in his team we had a lot of lengths to make up.

Cheers  
from Waikato

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