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What's been happening at Waikato this week?

Waikato Stud stamps Ready to Run 2022

Offered by the team at Ohukia Lodge, the exceptional WS-bred son of **Savabeel**, Lot 166, breezed in a time of 10.80s & reached \$575k at Karaka Ready to Run sale 2022. Bred on-farm, Day 1's sale-topper is out of the well-related **O'Reilly** mare **Maxmara**. Good luck to purchaser Andrew Forsman.

[Click here](#) to watch what this strong horse can do.

60 years of greatness



Yesterday marked 60 years of a great partnership. Mary & Garry celebrated six decades of beautiful marriage. Congratulations to these legends!

Sam Freedman visits an old friend



Old mates reunited. It was fantastic to have Australian trainer Sam Freedman stay with us this week. Of course, his first point of call was to catch up with his G1 Caulfield Guineas winner **Super Seth**, a proud WS stallion barn resident.

Noverre's impressive book



Savabeel's G1-winning son and heir apparent, **Noverre** has received a star-studded first book of mares. They include two-time Horse of the Year, three-time Group 1 winner & multiple Champion **Bonneval**, dam of dual G2 winner **Forgot You, Simply You**, and stakes winners **Thy & Donna Cattiva**.

We are excited for the opportunities this horse is receiving.

Foal of the week



Soaking up the Waikato sun is our foal of the week. This magnificent **Ardrossan** colt and his nine-time winning, stakes-placed dam **Venetian Raider**. Ardrossan's first 2YOs are making an impact already with impressive trial winners **Codigo** and **Pixie Dust**.

Winner of the week



In the WS silks, Savabeel mare **Newley Wed** stormed home with a late, wide run under the guidance of Tommy Berry at Rosehill on Wednesday. A homebred, the in-form galloper is out of the O'Reilly mare **Absolutely Me**. Well done to all of the team at Hawkes Racing. An impressive run!

[Click here](#) to see her run.



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WEEK FROM
MICHAEL COLEMAN

The King's Tips

WS BRED: ATISHU

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.

Atishu (2017 Savabeel x Posy mare)

Jockey: Damien Oliver

Trainer: Chris Waller

Comment: Current favourite, won last start

Upcoming Race: Saturday 19th November, Ballarat, Sportsbet Ballarat Cup, 2000m, 1600m, Race 8

MARY LOUISE

Mary Louise (2018 The Bold One x Daisy Louise filly)

Jockey: TBC

Trainer: Robert Patterson

Comment: Won 2 races

Upcoming Race: Saturday 18th November, Awapuni, Higgins Concrete (Bm75), 1600m, Race 6



A cynic I have often been labelled, but on searching my Google know it all. I have determined that a cynic I am not. I say that with the confidence that I know me better than those of you now seven that may judge me.

I am happy on reading the definition to label myself a pragmatist. To be pragmatic is to look at what's ahead of you and believe there is a way. You could argue that horse breeders are more dreamers than pragmatists. That may be so, but the dreamers without the nous to have pragmatic solutions to the many challenges we are confronted with are seldom around for long.

Our leadership, the Government that is, is a shining example of the mixed view of their dreams and their pragmatic solutions. Look our tooth fairy is about to attend the APEC meeting in Thailand, APECs members aim is to: 'Create greater prosperity in the region by promoting (wait for it) a balanced, inclusive, sustainable, innovative growth by accelerating regional economic integration.' Now bless my sole, as a dreamer I am inspired, as a pragmatist I have difficulty accelerating growth whilst restricting all of the elements that growth depends on.

Whilst rubbing Covid noses with Biden, Xi, Albanese, she and the bar-coded Mahuta will offer pragmatic advice on: World food shortages (grown without fertiliser, check out Sri Lanka); how to resolve the likelihood of war over Taiwan, or we will intervene with our two 70-year-old Hercules; how to put Putin in his place, or we will refuse to supply our perishable butter. Whilst Albanese is in the clutches of Mahuta he may concede and agree to retain the Comancheros, realising a hug from them would be a better option.

In the meantime, we will send the intimidating Jamie Shaw to the tail end of the climate change meeting in Egypt. With 30,000 attendees, how many planes is that? To the recent meeting he made an impact on he took 14 sycophants with him, would they be dreamers or pragmatists? I'll bet they are all going again, and I'll put odds-on that we see the same result.

Well, we are going to have plenty of time to think about it. As a result of 350 road deaths, 450 less than years ago, our road speed limits are to drop to 80 kph. I know we don't want any deaths. Of course, a pragmatic solution would be to return to horse and cart – definitely no deaths as a result of the motor vehicle. Not so simple. The dreamers would believe you just switch a horse on. There will of course be fatalities, what then?

Incidentally horses are considered carbon neutral, perhaps they are the future.

When you look at all the impediments this world of wokedom has placed in our road it is surprising more aren't returning to God and the church. Praying seems our best chance. Personally, I found it difficult the twice I attended the Mabey Road Sunday School. Even then it was too intangible, my pragmatism must have kicked in at a young age but then I was surrounded by pragmatists whose only dream was to race a good horse.

I await with interest the direction our racing leadership will take us. Regretfully the past ten years have produced paralysis by analysis. How safe is that? Don't have to expose your dreams. Certainly a pragmatic approach is difficult to sell, I know I tried it.

Cheers,
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