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What's been happening at Waikato recently?



We have friends and associates in the affected areas of Hawkes Bay and we hope that we can help those in need. With Kaha Nui Farm we have donated to the Red Cross disaster fund which will reach those impacted.

The **Ardrossan** Syndicate & WS have also donated a nomination to our young stallion which will sell next week via Gavelhouse, the proceeds going directly to support the needs of the thoroughbred industry.

[Read more here](#)

Some great results were enjoyed last weekend...



Mike Moroney & Pam Gerard's **Dragon Queen** claimed the honours in the Lisa Chittick Plate on Saturday. With a rich history of past winners including four-time G1 winner **Imperatriz**, WS hopes to see the race achieve black type in the future.

A race very dear to our hearts, congratulations to all connections.

[Read more](#)

Tivaci's son steamed home



The Joseph Pride-trained **The Replicant** (Tivaci x Oahu) is rarely far from the action and he capped off a fine run of recent form with a runaway success at Newcastle on Saturday.

[Read more & watch race replay here](#)

Our Skew Wiff girl



A black-type performer, WS-bred & raced 3YO filly **Skew Wiff** (Savabeel x Starvoia) showed her class on her home turf to win for Mark Walker on Saturday.

[Read more & watch race replay here](#)

Waterhouse/Bott succeed with Savabeel offspring



Savabeel mare **Summerbeel** (ex **Summer School**) posted an impressive fourth win of her eight-start career at Moonee Valley on Friday night for Gai Waterhouse & Adrian Bott.

"She's a quality horse & I think she may even get out further in trip." - Blake Shinn (jockey)

Ocean Park strikes again



Ocean Park succeeded on Saturday at Matamata Racetrack. **Ask Mum** (ex **Singing Star**) took the lead and surged to victory with ease to score two consecutive wins for our friends at Wexford Stables. The in-form mare was bred and is raced by the Ask Partnership. Congratulations to all.

Waikato Stud yearlings at Inglis Premier 2023

(selling through Stonehouse Thoroughbreds)

Lot 34

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Lot 34, **Super Seth** x **Pleased** hails from the outstanding family of **Black Caviar**. Our G1-winning sire **Super Seth** is off to a flyer with his first yearlings selling for up to \$625k. We look forward to seeing this colt go through the ring.

Lot 243

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Lot 243, **Tivaci x Without Flaw** is a well-built colt with plenty of substance, a half-sister to three-time Listed winner **Kiwi Karma**, the dam of G2 winner **Kitty Cat Chat**.

Lot 338

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Lot 338, a beautiful filly by **Ocean Park** out of **Savabeel** mare **Common Courtesy**. The dam is a sister to dual-G3 winner **Milford**. The 2nd dam is a sister to our late Sire **Sacred Falls**, a 4x G1 winner.

Lot 370

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Lot 370 is a ripper colt by **Tivaci** out of the winning **Savabeel** mare **Deluxe**, a three-quarter sister to G2 winner **Do Ra Mi**. He is from the family of G1 Australasian Oaks winner **Marju Snip** and G1 NZ One Thousand Guineas winner **Candide**.

Lot 389

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Lot 389, a strong colt by Ocean Park out of a Fastnet Rock mare Early Morning Rise. The 2nd dam Kay's Awake is a Listed winner and G1-placed, and is the dam of 5 winners.

Contact Mike Rennie on +64 21 433 073 for further discussion on our Inglis Premier 2023 draft.



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

Mystery tipster 1...

Tip 1: Savacat

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

Savacat (2019 Savabeel x Donna Cattiva filly)

Jockey: Cameron Lammas

Trainer: Team Rogerson

Upcoming Race: Saturday, Te Rapa, Race 1, Equipotential Tks Racegoers Bm65, 2100m

Mystery tipster 2...

Tip 1: Babylong Berlin

Babylong Berlin (2017 All Too Hard x You Can't Say That mare)

Jockey: Kozzi Asano

Trainer: Ben Foote

Upcoming Race: Saturday, Te Rapa, Race 3, **G3** Haunui Farm Kings Plate, 1200m

Tip 2: Maven Belle

Maven Belle (2019 Burgundy x Doyenne filly)

Jockey: Opie Bosson

Trainer: Mark Walker

Upcoming Race: Saturday, Te Rapa, Race 5, **Listed** Vertical Logistics Mufhasa Stakes, 1400m

Tip 3: Ladies Man

Ladies Man (2017 Zed x Just Polite gelding)

Jockey: Craig Grylls

Trainer: Allan Sharrock

Upcoming Race: Saturday, Te Rapa, Race 6, Go Racing Nathans Memorial Handicap, 2200m

Tip 4: Sharp 'N' Smart

Sharp 'N' Smart (2019 Redwood x Queen Margaret gelding)

Jockey: Ryan Elliot

Trainer: Team Rogerson

Upcoming Race: Saturday, Te Rapa, Race 8, **G1** At Racing New Zealand Derby, 2400m



There are times when none of us can express fully and fairly our thoughts to and about those who are confronted with such events as we have just witnessed. The meteorological wizards predicted the visiting cyclone would create unprecedented havoc. We at Waikato are blessed to have numbers of established trees, a Kaimai buster, so named as a result of strong Easterlies funnelling down to bounce off of the stud. We therefore prepared ourselves for whatever challenging clean-up we would be confronted with. As it turned out a slight twist in the angle of the weather to South Easterly confined our damage to three large trees only one smashing the adjacent fence. Including foals we currently have 700 horses hanging around, naturally our heart is in our mouth during the bursts of thunder and lightning however after the wind and seven inches of rain, the horses were unscathed, shows you they are smarter than we give them credit for.

A side activity of 400 acres of Maize also escaped, it looked magnificent before the cyclone and still does unlike others further afield. My contractors quote this morning, Matamata rarely lets us down, who knows but my belief that the area will develop with more intensive horticulture seems logical.

The Hawkes Bay, what a tragedy, however the Heretaunga Plains are a result of two rivers spreading their sediment for centuries then being confined when stock banked. Nature is a funny beast, hard to confine to barracks, and so it has proved. The rivers will be confined again with people adjusting to the changes, hopefully generations will enjoy the Bay as we have, but it may happen again; most happenings do.

Good luck to all those affected, commiserations to those families where the loss is greater than material belongings.

Back to racing, I watch with pride the involvement of younger generations learning our craft around the world, not surprisingly many of these young ones will be treading in the same footsteps as their parents before them. I have said many times you cannot put a price on the relationships that have evolved as a result of the horse. The opportunity to benefit from different seasons further increases the spread of the future generation's relationships. Go for it, let's hope our administrators understand there is a need to foster the youth involvement, particularly in the regions.

Finally, can you believe it Savabeel according to our calculations did recently overtake Sir Tristram as a sire of stakes winners with his 131st stakes winner Po Kare Kare. This is no small achievement, he is now the second-most successful sire ever in NZ, his ten stakes winners this year places him third on the current table behind I Am Invincible and Snitzel.

Zabeel, with his 164 Stakes winners looks out of reach, but who knows? With crops of various ages still racing, two-year olds, yearlings, foals, pregnancies... we have something to aspire to. Regardless, we are very proud of our man let's hope we keep him on the job for a year or two more.

Cheers
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