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Super Seth's firing juveniles



Impressive trial winner for **Super Seth** 2YO colt **Superdeel** (ex **The Real Beel**). He made light of work for his debut trial to score for Ben and Ryan Foote at Te Rapa this week. He was bred on-farm by Garry and sold through the Karaka National Yearling Sale to Jamie & Chanel at Ohukia Lodge.

He looks a smart colt!

[Click here to watch the trial.](#)

Ardrossan's on a roll



Ardrossan also struck at Te Rapa trials this week! 2YO filly **Renovations** (ex **Dee I Why**) accelerated to the line on the bridle, claiming success on her trial debut for Cody Cole. Bred on-farm, she is a Karaka National Weanling Sale graduate.

We look forward to following her career.

[Click here to watch the trial.](#)

Ardrossan's double



Ardrossan registered a trial double with 2YO **Maracatu** (ex **Cortado**) going through his gears nicely to score for Mark Walker and Sam Bergerson. Bred by the Dewar Partnership, he was a \$190k Karaka National Yearling Sale buy for David Ellis.

Well done with this beauty colt.

[Click here to watch the trial.](#)

Wolverine on track



Talented **Tivaci** mare **Wolverine** is readying to return to the races and with a trial win at Te Rapa under her belt, she looks set for a strong campaign. We look forward to seeing her in the tangerine. Good luck to the awesome ownership group involved. Let's go Wolverine!

[Read the article here.](#)

This weekend, last year



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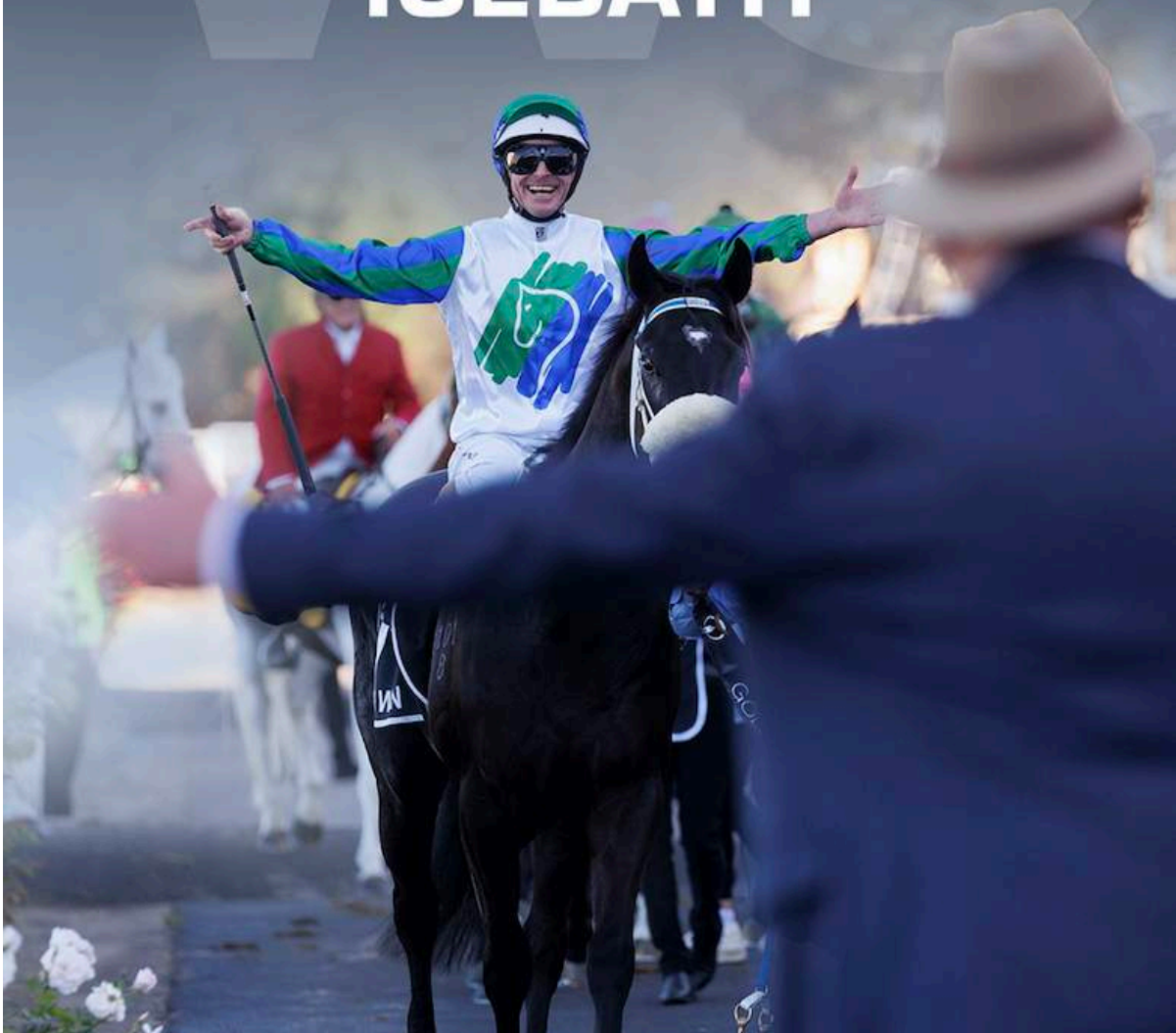
\$10 million Golden Eagle winner

I WISH I WIN

&

G1 Empire Rose Stakes winner
& \$5 million earner

ICEBATH





Our boy **I Wish I Win (Savabeel)** won the Golden Eagle, and **Icebath (Sacred Falls)** followed suit with an epic win in the G1 Empire Rose Stakes. A day to remember for New Zealand!

[Watch the celebrations here.](#)

Super Seth doubled his winning tally



Super Seth quickly doubled his winning tally when his daughter **Diablo Blanco (ex Phoebe Snow)** accounted for her 2YO rivals in dashing style at Riccarton last Saturday afternoon.

Equaling two winners from four runners.

To say we are excited for this stallion's future, is an understatement.

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Look for the WS



An incredibly exciting week ahead. Keep an eye out for those sired by WS Stallions in the racebook.

To name a few...

Kovalica (**Ocean Park**) - Golden Eagle (Rosehill)

Atishu (**Savabeel**) - Gr.1 Empire Rose Stakes (Rosehill)

Gold Bullion (**Savabeel**) - Gr.1 Victorian Derby (Flemington)

No Comprmise (**Pins**) - Listed Gold Cup (Rosehill)

Forgot You (**Savabeel**) & Mr Maestro (**Savebeel**) - Listed Furphy Plate (Flemington)

Savatoff (**Savabeel**) - Listed TAB Trophy (Flemington)

Skew Wiff (**Savabeel**) - Gr.3 Hong Kong Jockey Club Stakes



Melbourne Cup. What a week of high-class racing, and great socialising, but I won't be there. My absence is not a result of medical intervention, no to be honest Mary and I haven't attended for seven years. Can't even blame Covid we just got to realise that the race that stops a nation is now an event to prop up Northern Hemisphere owners or breeders. Sour grapes you say, but you are wrong.

The current nominations of 24 consist of 5 Australasian bred, our leading trainers with 4 each have one Aussie bred in the field. How did it come to this, well we just don't have owners who are prepared to go through a four-year lead-up when they can mop up the European Handicappers and make the field. As in all races, there can only be one winner, I would be happy if it was me, but regretfully unlikely. It is often debated about the so-called decline in our ability to produce the stayers of the past, they may be right, but without listing our sires of the last 25 years I can assure you they have all had starters in the cup, the problem is if Waikato were to focus on two milers we would have been broke a long time ago. At a pinch, there are four two-mile races in Australasia we aspire to win. They are, in their regions good, not great, good events but all handicapped. It still requires a good horse to win although the odd hurdler has sneaked through.

In recent years the weights have been compressed which you could argue evens chances, but then it has taken the spirit out of the race. They proved weight stopped a train in 1931 when they asked the mighty Phar Lap to carry 68kg, 8th was the best he could do.

Back to the experts who have cheerfully predicted a demise in our contribution to Australian Racing, I suggest you have a quick look at last year's Group Winners which we were fortunate to be part of so the question is do I want to cross the Tasman for the Autumn Championship, or the Cox Plate, have a bit of fun at the Stradbroke. I reckon we attended 35 Cups and had the best time on Derby Day, in fact the whole week.

We were lucky enough to be hosted in the Committee Room, but I've got to tell you Cup week required planning. I loved staying at the Crown, the Chrystal room was a great watering hole, mind you after a couple with Bart and Val we realised we were dining in the same restaurant, on their own I had little choice but to invite them to join Mike Moroney and his partner. I knew I'd cop it and couldn't expect Mike to front, the first red Bart found was a lazy \$350, fortunately only one bottle, what relief, not so the next was \$400 fortunately there were only two of those when battling with the waitress to find another. Val stepped in "you've had enough" Mike hadn't but had a more modest taste. He was great company.

We often trained to the Races it was easy and fun, not fun returning. Now you realise the Committee Room required a Morning Suit and a new outfit for Mary, I was fortunate when a hire suit business went broke I scored a suit for \$100. They are uncomfortable things and hot. Any toilet requirements had to be planned carefully.

Anyway, me reminiscing is of no interest to you, but you can see that being there when our NZ-bred horses were playing a part was great, do I want to try and digest the imported form bundled up in tails or sing Sweet Caroline and race for \$20m, the closeness of the Moonee Valley crowd on Cox Plate Day, I be very conspicuous in the ageing morning suit so it could be left at home, what a week in Sydney.

So I'll watch the Cup at Waikato Stud's White Horse and book in for Sydney Easter, look forward to seeing you there

Cheers

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