

How rare are Super Seth's achievements?



The Thoroughbred Report did an in-depth investigation and there are some surprising comparisons.

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Foals have hit the ground at WS

Savabeel



We've had a busy week in the foaling until. It's hard to pick a favourite but we're thrilled with the beautiful full sister to **Noverre** (**Savabeel** x **Magic Dancer**).

Noverre



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Another successful Noverre delivery 🙌

This ripper colt is out of Listed winner and G1 Australian Oaks placegetter, Thy (O'Reilly). Shoutout to Jess Lou Lynn and the night watch team for their continued hard work 🌟



Click the video above to watch this little guy's arrival.

Super Seth



Left: A quality colt out of **Wintour (Savabeel)**, from the talented WS family of Group 1 winners **Glamour Puss** and **Vision And Power**.

Right: A stunning filly out of **Shanghai Tang (Savabeel)**, boasting a pedigree packed with black-type talent.

Ardrossan



Left: This precious colt out of **Kashflo (Savabeel)** stems from a family of Group 1 performers, including **Tourbillon Diamond**, **Sharvasti** and **Vedodara**.

Right: An adorable filly out of **Pretty Good (Savabeel)**, another relation of the star-studded WS family that includes **Glamour Puss** and **Vision and Power**.

Linebacker Returns



Exciting times to come for our NZ Champion First-Season Sire **Super Seth**.

His G1-placed 3YO colt, **Linebacker** (ex **Garden Of Swans**), is ready for a big spring campaign with the G1 Golden Rose on the horizon for trainer John O'Shea.

[Read more here](#)

Ocean Park's early season winners



Last week WS homebred **Ocean Park** mare **Confetti** (ex **Party Popper**) lived up to expectations. She claimed a smart victory to become our first winner of the season under Lisa Allpress for Allan Sharrock at Hawera.

Last Sunday we saw **Ocean Park** mare **Lady Moana** (ex **Montinique**) made it back-to-back career wins with an impressive 6.5 length victory under Leah Hemi for Clinton Isdale at Woodville. Congratulations to her breeders, K G Burgess, Matha Bloodstock and all involved.

On the farm



Team meetings done right on a crisp and clear Wednesday in the Waikato.

Photo credit to Jaimee Underwood, who has just returned from the Olympics!

WS brand at Windsor Park



How good is this!? A fantastic update on WS-bred and sold son of O'Reilly, **Strathspey** (ex **Pin High**) from Windsor Park Stud's Rodney Schick.

He is now known as Whiskey, the 10YO was unsuccessful in eight starts in Hong Kong

but is thriving in his life after racing at EventStars, who set the benchmark in thoroughbred retraining!

[Watch Rodney Schick take him for a ride here:](#)

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The 2024/25 racing year is officially in full swing, and we are excited for the season ahead!

Doomben

Race 3 - **Toesonthenose** (Ocean Park x Peak Performer) - John Sargent

Race 3 - **Chateaux Park** (Ocean Park x Val De Loire) - Jason Coyle

Race 8 - **Wairere Falls** (Savabeel x Iguazu's Girl) - Chris Waller

Ruakaka

Race 4 - **Richard and I** (Ocean Park x Untamed Diamond) - Andrew Forsman

Race 5 - **Nereus** (Savabeel x Eudora) - S Ritchie & C Murray

Race 6 - **Maracatu** (Ardrossan x Cortado) - M Walker & S Bergerson

New Plymouth

Race 3 - **I Don't** (Savabeel x I Do) - Allan Sharrock

Race 3 - **Indian Gold** (Ocean Park x Chapinta) - Allan Sharrock

Best of luck!



Spring, what a wonderful time of the year. Sure, the weather is inconsistent—cold mornings, the odd heavy downpour, days lengthening, sunshine. It happens every year, regardless of the doomsayers of climate change. Each component of the above plays its part in our endeavors, as spring applies to all mankind. Townies watch the days draw out, anticipating days at the beach, while those of us on the land find that spring reignites our annual round of planting, lambing, calving, and foaling, all in preparation for the next spring. At my age, it seems to come around increasingly quicker. It may be corny to say we wouldn't have it any other way, but clearly, it's not a choice. Despite the excitement of seeing the results of the previous year's efforts, it only confirms that another year has passed.

When we consider the components of spring, we learn over the years that each part of well-planned nature plays a role. The crisp frost undoubtedly removes many of the impediments that affect our animals' wellbeing, and rainfall, though annoying, establishes our water table to sustain our feed through the summers. Longer days play such an important part in our breeding cycle. In recent years, attempts to interfere with nature's cycle by putting our mares under lights, hoping to produce an August foal, have shown limited advantages over the mare's lifetime. The most important component is, without a doubt, sunshine. We all feel better with the sun on our backs, and more importantly, our natural supply of nutrients—grass—which sustains most of New Zealand's animals, benefits. The protein levels rise, the supply increases, and these two measures alone contribute more to our endeavors than anything else we can do.

We are foaling. The mare's gestation of roughly 345 days means they inevitably conceive later and later until a year off becomes unavoidable. However, the excitement of starting another cycle after 50 years of effort still motivates Mary and me. We still breed around 15 mares a year. What do I mean by 'around'? Well, there will be a difficult foaling or some impediment that means the odd mare deserves a rest.

So, what's the point of this Corner? We have just added to the broodmare band. We purchased a mare we sold as a yearling. She has a two and three-year-old about to race, is a half-sister to a triple Group One winner, a half-sister to the dam of an Oaks winner, and the dam of a multiple Group Three winner. If that's not enough to whet your appetite, she is due to foal to Savabeel in three weeks.

You may well ask if my optimism outweighs my judgment at my age. Maybe, but I remind my aging friends how lucky we are to participate in our sport of kings until we can no longer. Magic Dancer, Noverre's dam, produced a superb full sister this week. We await Bonneval and The Real Beel among our handful this spring.

Bearing in mind that we rarely race at two, we are confident this year's foals will be part of our enjoyment in three years' time. Investing in stallions requires even more optimism—after all, an investment now is unlikely to be put to use until 2025, so it may be five years before it's proven or not. Stallion investment, therefore, is not on my list. We have involvement in Noverre, Savabeel, Ocean Park, Ardrossan, and Super Seth, who will meet the needs of our mares. It's hard to maintain sire strength, but these five have done nothing to dampen Waikato Stud's reputation.

Fifty years is a fair effort in any profession. The next ten won't affect our reputation, but we have the people, horses, foals, and upcoming races to look forward to. You should too.

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