

# Weekend @ Waikato

SAVABEEL GELDING

## MABEEL

FAVOURITE FOR GR.1 EASTER STAKES



**Savabeel gelding Mabeel holds sway as the one to beat heading into Saturday's Gr.1 Manco Easter Stakes (1600m) at Ellerslie.**

The Trent Busuttin & Natalie Young-trained \$3.80 fancy has won four starts this season, with black-type distinction achieved in the Gr.3 WRC Anniversary Hcp (1600m) and in the Listed Manawatu Flying Hcp (1400m) at his last start.

Mabeel's regular pilot Sam Spratt will navigate the 1600m assignment from the extreme outside barrier. Should the pair be successful, Queensland's Winter Racing Carnival could well beckon for the talented 5yo.

"There's a chance we could look at the Stradbroke in Brisbane," said Busuttin.

"But he'd have to win on Saturday to go for it. I've discussed it with Cherry Taylor, who manages the horse for the owner Deborah Ho."

The Gr.1 A\$1.5 million Stradbroke Handicap is at Eagle Farm on June 11 and whatever happens on Saturday Busuttin and Young have already received good news from the Mabeel camp.

"They've agreed to let us take him to Melbourne to be part of our team when we shift over there," said Busuttin.

"That's a big kick for us. There will be a lot of options for a horse like him over there.

"If we don't go to the Stradbroke with him he will spell then we could look at something like the Memsie Stakes in the spring for him. Either way, he's got to win on Saturday and I think he can.

# SOUTHERN FILLY

## TITLE ON THE LINE FOR NO PUSHOVER

The New Zealand Bloodstock 'Southern Filly of the Year' title is on the line for Pins filly No Pushover this weekend.

**No Pushover** (pictured top right) shot to equal lead on the NZB Filly series for trainer Shaune Ritchie last weekend, courtesy of a smart win in the Listed NZB Insurance Stakes.

According to NZB, a win or top-three placing in Saturday's Listed War-step Stakes (2000m) will likely be enough for No Pushover to secure the series title outright.

There may however be one horse who could spoil the party of No Pushover taking home the title outright.

"She (No Pushover) needs to finish in the top three and hold out Goodsav in order to win the Southern Filly of the year series," Shaune explained earlier this week.

Goodsav (pictured bottom right) has three points in the series. With a win on Saturday and an unplaced effort from No Pushover, she would join No Pushover and two others as the equal winners of the series on 10 points.



# BLAST FROM THE PAST

—This Weekend from Weekends Past —
















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**AMBITIOUS DRAGON** (Pins)  
Gr.1 HKJC QE II Cup (2000m)



# WS SIRED

## BLACK-TYPE RUNNERS THIS WEEKEND

### SATURDAY

	<b>GOODSAV</b> 12f Savabeel x Millililli by Pins	<b>Listed Warstep Stakes</b> 2000m	CJC	3:00pm
	<b>BLACK SAV</b> 12f Savabeel x Showileo by Galileo	<b>Listed Warstep Stakes</b> 2000m	CJC	3:00pm
	<b>ALL IN VOGUE</b> 12f Pins x Tall Poppy by Kaapstad	<b>Listed Warstep Stakes</b> 2000m	CJC	3:00pm
	<b>NO PUSHOVER</b> 12f Pins x Catch The Day by Keeper	<b>Listed Warstep Stakes</b> 2000m	CJC	3:00pm
	<b>JOHNNY LINCOLN</b> 12g Savabeel x Samantha Jane by Danasinga	<b>Gr.2 Championship Stakes</b> 2100m	ARC	3:49pm
	<b>NO EMOTION</b> 06g Savabeel x Lightning Spur by Flying Spur	<b>Gr.3 Canterbury Gold Cup</b> 2000m	CJC	4:10pm
	<b>TIMY TYLER</b> 10g No Excuse Needed x Skite by Pins	<b>Gr.3 Canterbury Gold Cup</b> 2000m	CJC	4:10pm
	<b>QUEEN'S ROSE</b> 09f O'Reilly x Rosetti Bay by Pins	<b>Gr.1 Easter Hcp</b> 1600m	ARC	4:25pm
	<b>MABEEL</b> 10g Savabeel x Ma by Cape Cross	<b>Gr.1 Easter Hcp</b> 1600m	ARC	4:25pm
	<b>SOUND PROPOSITION</b> 11g Savabeel x Ebony Babe by Ebony Grosve	<b>Gr.1 Easter Hcp</b> 1600m	ARC	4:25pm
	<b>O'REILLY'S ANGEL</b> 12f O'Reilly x Zamfir by Gold Brose	<b>Listed Princess Stakes</b> 1600m	SCTC	4:28pm
	<b>MY QUILTER</b> 07g Pins x Sound Lover by Sound Reason	<b>Listed Tails Stakes</b> 1600m	SCTC	5:07pm
	<b>ADORABEEL</b> 09f Savabeel x Plaza Doree by Saumarez	<b>Listed Tails Stakes</b> 1600m	SCTC	5:07pm
	<b>SHOTOVER RIVER</b> 09g Savabeel x Rivertaine by Centaine	<b>Listed Tails Stakes</b> 1600m	SCTC	5:07pm

### SUNDAY

	<b>FLAME HERO</b> 09g Savabeel x Rhysess by Pins	<b>HK-3 Queen Mother Memorial Cup</b> 2400m	HKJC	7:00pm
	<b>VICTORY MAGIC</b> 11g Savabeel x Zephyr ong by Danasinga	<b>HK-3 Queen Mother Memorial Cup</b> 2400m	HKJC	7:00pm
	<b>KIWI KARMA</b> 11f Fast N Famous x Miss Purrfection by One Cool Cat	<b>Sgp-1 Lion City Cup</b> 1200m	Sing.	8:50pm

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**SAVABEEL** Zabeel - Savannah Success  
EXTRAORDINARY GR.1 SIRE  
Lucia Valentina - Kawi - Sangster  
**\$100,000 +GST LFG**

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**SACRED FALLS** O'Reilly - Iguazu's Girl  
HISTORY MAKING DUAL DONCASTER CHAMPION  
First Foals by the 4x Gr.1 winner arrive 2016  
**\$30,000 +GST LFG**

OP

**OCEAN PARK** Thorn Park - Sayyida  
5x GR.1 WINNING COX PLATE HERO  
First crop K1 yearlings  
averaged nearly 5x service fee  
**\$30,000 +GST LFG**

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**PINS** Snippets - No Finer  
INTERNATIONAL SUPERSTAR PRODUCER  
Aerovelocity - Ambitious Dragon - El Segundo  
**\$25,000 +GST LFG**

RNP

**ROCK N POP** Fastnet Rock - Popsy  
FASTNET ROCK'S BEST BRED GR.1 SIRE SON  
First crop yearlings averaged  
nearly 5x service fee  
**\$9,000 +GST LFG**

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**RIOS** Hussonet - Gussy Godiva  
GUINEAS WINNING GR.1 SIRE  
Gaultier - Happy Place - A Tad Leica  
**\$4,000 +GST LFG**

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# 60 SECONDS

WITH LUCIA VALENTINA'S SUCCESSFUL OWNER  
-LIB PETAGNA-

<b>JOB TITLE</b>	Junior Analyst – there is always more to learn – at H.R.L. Morrison & Co
<b>FAVOURITE FOOD:</b>	Pasta or Roast Pork
<b>DO YOU HAVE ANY NICK-NAMES AND HOW DID YOU COME TO GET THEM:</b>	“Luke” – when you introduce yourself as Lib –people are a bit confused so I’d often get back a “good to meet you Luke”
<b>BEST HORSE(S) INVOLVED WITH</b>	Lucia Valentina
<b>BOOK ON THE BEDSIDE TABLE:</b>	Vincent O’Brien biography -
<b>IF YOU WEREN’T DOING WHAT YOU DO, WHAT ELSE MIGHT YOU HAVE DONE CAREER WISE:</b>	I would have tried to be a professional gambler – I was always handy at maths and liked looking for the small edges
<b>WHAT DO YOU DO TO RELAX:</b>	Horses are the hobby and fit in around family and running around after children
<b>FAVOURITE TV SHOW:</b>	House of Cards – nothing like a bit of intrigue
<b>WHO WOULD YOU LOVE TO MEET:</b>	Paolo Rossi – Leading goal scorer at the 1982 World Cup – when Italy won –
<b>FAVOURITE HOLIDAY DESTINATION:</b>	Bali or Italy
<b>FAVOURITE THING ABOUT WAIKATO STUD:</b>	Savabeel wins by a nose over Mark’s wine....Plus the very helpful, friendly people
<b>HOW DID YOU GET INVOLVED IN THE INDUSTRY:</b>	My Dad was a weekend punter – so I’d follow along to the TAB and developed an interest from there
<b>FAVOURITE MOVIE:</b>	Most things with an early Robert De Niro
<b>CHILDHOOD HEROES:</b>	Paolo Rossi – only a lack of skill and pace stopped me chasing football dreams
<b>CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:</b>	9 April 2016 – once in a life event to win two G1s in a day with two cheap, light kiwi fillies (thanks Bruce)
<b>BEST PIECE OF GOOD ADVICE:</b>	Be careful what you want .... As you might get it. Follow your own path - the journey is the thing, not the destination
<b>NAME 3 PEOPLE YOU’D LOVE TO INVITE TO DINNER?</b>	Warren Buffet, Pele, Robert De Niro (at Game Gully of course)
<b>IF SOMEONE WAS GOING TO PLAY YOU IN A MOVIE, YOU’D LIKE IT TO BE...</b>	A slightly younger Robert De Niro
<b>NOT MANY PEOPLE WOULD KNOW THAT I...</b>	Wanted to be an architect – but it didn’t take long to work out I lacked flair and creativity – so business beckoned

# NZB Weanling Sale

WS DRAFT SELLING 9 - 10 May

LOT	SIRE	DAM	COLOUR	SEX
7	Ocean Park	Pinata	B	F
68	Per Incanto	Swan Lake	C	C
86	Rock 'n' Pop	Vedo Star	B	C
115	O'Reilly	Barbara Ann	B	C
120	Pins	Blush	B	F
137	Ocean Park	Charlotte'srevenge	B	F
138	Ocean Park	Charlotte's Sister	B	C
140	Pins	Circus	B	C
186	Pins	French	B	C
188	Rock 'n' Pop	Fru Ju	B	F
208	Rock 'n' Pop	Indecisive	B	F
213	Rock 'n' Pop	Jane	B	F
226	Ocean Park	Knockout	BB	C
235	Pins	Laugh	B	C
240	Rock 'n' Pop	Lily Potter	B	C



# NZB Broodmare Sale

WS DRAFT SELLING 11 May

LOT	NAME	SIRE	DAM	COL.	STATUS
337	Pin a Four	Pins	Cappoquin	C	Served by Rios
367	Senorita Ivory	Senor Pete	Ivory	BR	Served by Rock 'n' Pop
409	Vesuvia	O'Reilly	Khairleigh	B	Served by Rock 'n' Pop
414	You Too	O'Reilly	Cazuleigh	B	Missed
415	Zoilus	Maroof	Star Worship	B	Served by Rios
437	Circus	O'Reilly	Magic Happens	BR	Served by Rock 'n' Pop
478	Ibiza	Fast 'n' Famous	Senorita Ivory	BR	Missed
498	Laugh	Fast 'n' Famous	Anne of Tudor	B	Served by Rios
509	Magic Happens	Danasinga	Zephyr Magic	B	Served by Rios
514	Mayday Jones	O'Reilly	Black Sugar	BR	Missed

# PEDIGREE POINTERS

## -WITH GARETH DOWNEY-

**No Pushover became the 67th individual stakes winner for Pins when winning the NZB Insurance Stakes at Riccarton last weekend.**

Pins continues to produce stakes winners at a very impressive strike rate of 7.3% SW/Rnrs – and this is a figure that only the very top echelon of sires can achieve. In fact, in order to satisfy yourself of just how hard it is to achieve this level, check out the produce record for any other stallion you are interested in. There will usually be no more than 7 well proven sires anywhere in Australasia who can claim this frequency of success at any given time.

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Stakes Winners

Interestingly, No Pushover also became the 90th individual stakes winner to carry Pins anywhere in their pedigree. To further illustrate what a powerful force he is overall, the strike rate of success when he is carried anywhere in a pedigree is 6.2% SW/Rnrs. This is a figure that is very hard to achieve when assessing a presence right across a pedigree. For example, we all know Zabeel is one of the all-time great stallions – and his figure when carried anywhere in a pedigree is 5.1% SW/Rnrs.

What is of further interest is that when these 2 stallions – Pins and Zabeel – are combined anywhere together on opposite sides of the same pedigree, the strike rate of success climbs to an impressive 10.9% SW/Rnrs. No Pushover is the most recent example of this, with her dam being out of a Zabeel mare. Other examples of these 2 stallions combining together successfully include Brambles, Sports Illustrated, Pimms Time, Rhythm To Spare, Sewreel, Flame Hero etc

In terms of looking for a possible pedigree reason to support this level of success, there is very little commonality close-up in their pedigrees; with Northern Dancer the only common ancestor within their first 4 generations. However, there is a wonderful depth of commonality in terms of powerful female ancestors being duplicated as a result of combining Pins and Zabeel together. The mares duplicated via different descendants include Selene, Alcibiades, Mumtaz Begum, Lavendula II, Plucky Liege, Malva, Mumtaz Mahal, and Friar's Daughter – which is pretty much a who's who of many of the most powerful female influences in the breed.



Pins yesterday with visiting owners from Hong Kong, Adam Lee, Andrew Fan, Eric Yiu & Gary Mui.

So, if you are keen to follow this proven pattern of success, there are 3 ways to achieve that with us:

- Send your mare carrying Zabeel in her pedigree to Pins
- Send your mare carrying Pins in her pedigree to Savabeel
- Send your mare carrying Pins in her pedigree to Ocean Park

If you would like to discuss any of these options, or any other mating plans for the upcoming season, please feel free to contact me via [gareth@waikatostud.co.nz](mailto:gareth@waikatostud.co.nz) or 021 433 073

# TIP OF THE WEEK

-FROM WS STALLION MAN, DAVO O'LEARY-

## Sound Proposition

Meeting 2, Race 8, ARC Gr.1 Easter Stakes, 4:25pm

"Impressive last start winner who is up in grade, but has great form at the track and distance," says Davo

"Will get back from his draw, but will be running on strongly at the business end.



# THE MAIL

-WITH MARK CHITTICK-

Very sad to hear of the passing of one of the real characters of our industry, Rex Fell, this morning.

Rex was a longtime supporter of the stud but more than that, he was a great friend to the Chittick family.

Our thoughts go out to his children William and Kate and to his brothers Tony and Gerald at this sad time.

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