

WEEKEND @ WAIKATO



SORIANO INSPIRED FOR GR.1 NZ DERBY

Denise Howell's ultra-consistent **Savabeel** filly **Soriano** (pictured above) can take inspiration from star fillies **Our Flight** and **Silent Achiever**, as she heads into the **Gr.1 TV3 New Zealand Derby (2400m)** at Ellerslie this Saturday.

Like **Soriano**, **Our Flight** counted success in the **Gr.3 Eulogy Stakes (1600m)** before she went on to make a successful bid for the 1983 NZ Derby.

Trained by Graeme and Debbie Rogerson, **Soriano** was an easy 1.5 length winner of the 2012 Eulogy and has filled top three spots in all of her four starts since.

Interestingly, only four fillies have won the Derby since 1980 - **Our Flight** in 1983, **Tidal Light** in 1987, **Popsy** in 1994 and of course last year's **O'Reilly** winner, **Silent Achiever** (pictured left).

WS Sire **O'Reilly** takes aim at another win in the event this year, courtesy of the Stephen McKee-trained gelding, **The Grinner**.

The full brother to **The Jewel** and **The One** from the famous Denis Brothers family was a last start winner over 2100m and has drawn well in barrier two.

Soriano has drawn barrier 15.



WS GR.1 NZ DERBY TRIVIA



Won by O'Reilly filly **Silent Achiever** in 2012.

New sire **Rock 'n' Pop's** dam **Popsy** won the race in 1993.

O'Reilly's progeny have won four Derby's overall

Savabeel progeny have won two Derby's overall

YOU'RE SO GOOD SHOOT'S FOR GR.1 GUINEAS

The lightly-raced **Savabeel** filly **You're So Good** (pictured) looks to extend the fairer sex's fine recent record in the **Gr.1 Australian Guineas** this Saturday.

Last year's champion **Mosheen** (Fastnet Rock) was the only filly in the race, while **Shamrock** (O'Reilly) was one of three girls when she won the year before (Brad Bishop, www.racingvictoria.net.au).

Bred by Ces Crawshaw and trained by Nigel Blackiston, **You're So Good** is the only filly in the race and faces the stiffest of opposition in the form of **All Too Hard**.

Raced by Mr M Ramunno, Mr J D Clark, Mr C J Page, Mrs R D Allen, Mr J Recchia, Mr F Capuzzi, Mr S J Fogarty, Mrs L R Pitcher, Mr P Renwick and Mr P D Guy, **You're So Good** won her debut at Moonee Valley in December and confirmed her stakes class at start three, racing home for second in the recent **Gr.3 Vanity Stakes**.



WS GR.1 AUSTRALIAN GUINEAS TRIVIA



You're So Good's dam sire **Flying Spur** won the race in 1996

You're So Good's paternal grandsire **Zabeel** won the race in 1990

Savabeel's son **Strike The Stars** finished second in the race last year.

Pins won the Australian Guineas in 2000.

O'Reilly's daughter **Shamrock** won the race in 2011.

WS PLAYS HAND IN MEMORABLE 2000th WIN

Hard-working jockey Brad Rawiller reached a milestone Wednesday afternoon and had a WS graduate to thank for it.

Bishops Castle by O'Reilly credited the Victorian rider with the 2000th winner of his career when successful at the Sandown meeting.

"I was thinking about 50 metres out about giving a salute but decided not to," he said. "I've done enough saluting. I probably should have but the stewards might not have been happy."

Victory for the three-year-old came at his fourth appearance after placing in the previous three for Flemington trainer Michael Moroney. A \$170,000 purchase by Moroney's brother Paul from WS's 2011 Premier Sale line-up, **Bishops Castle** is a son of the unraced Zabeel mare **Hooked Ona Feeling**.

WS SIRED STAKES RUNNERS THIS WEEKEND

SATURDAY			
THY 08f O'Reilly x Star Affair by Star Affair	Gr.3 Frances Tressady Stakes (1400m)	VRC	4:10pm
UNDISCLOSED 07g Pins x Dare To Win by Centaine	Gr.3 Darley Plate (1200m)	ARC	4:26pm
SHANDREAM 07f Pins x Pyjamas by Centaine	Gr.3 Darley Plate (1200m)	ARC	4:26pm
EIGHT SCHILLINGS 07g O'Reilly x Landon by Shannon	Gr.3 Darley Plate (1200m)	ARC	4:26pm
FIFTY SHADES OF GREY 09f Savabeel x Prime Time by Gilded Time	Gr.3 Lowland Stakes (2100m)	H.Bay	4:46pm
CHANDELIER 09f O'Reilly x Cenphic by Centaine	Gr.3 Lowland Stakes (2100m)	H.Bay	4:46pm
HIGH FASHION 09f O'Reilly x Pin High by Pins	Gr.3 Lowland Stakes (2100m)	H.Bay	4:46pm
EMERALD QUEEN 09f O'Reilly x Scarlet Queen by Fasliyev	Gr.3 Lowland Stakes (2100m)	H.Bay	4:46pm
THE GRINNER 09g O'Reilly x The Grin by Grosvenor	Gr.1 New Zealand Derby (2400m)	ARC	5:46pm
SORIANO 09f Savabeel x Call Me Lily by Just A Dancer	Gr.1 New Zealand Derby (2400m)	ARC	5:46pm
YOU'RE SO GOOD 09f Savabeel x Lightning Spur by Flying Spur	Gr.1 Australian Guineas (1600m)	VRC	6:10pm
SACRED FALLS 09c O'Reilly x Iguazu's Girl by Redoute's Choice	Gr.2 Hobartville Stakes (1400m)	ATC	6:30pm

YOUTUBE VIDEO: Inside Nature's Giants - Racehorses

A fascinating video that explores the biomechanics of the thoroughbred and what it is that makes a champion racehorse.

Warning: contains graphic material.

Click on picture below to watch this Channel 4 video.



SAVABEEL: 65 WINNERS THIS TERM

SAVABEEL has notched **65 winners** so far this term.

Black-type stars include dual Gr.1 winner **SANGSTER** along with **LADY KIPLING, SORIANO, RAY'S GIRL, LOPOV** and **SAVVY DANCER**.

Other stakes performers during this term include **Diademe, Garlic Boy, Savanah Rush, You're So Good, Sam Mesi** and **Savannah Dancer**.

	LOCATION	2012/13 WINNERS
	AUSTRALIA	31
	HONG KONG	1
	MACAU	1
	MALAYSIA	1
	NEW ZEALAND	28
	SINGAPORE	3
	TOTAL	65

MARK'S MAIL



Another exciting weekend of Gr.1 action ahead.

Good luck to the Gr.1 connections of **Soriano, The Grinner** and **You're So Good** - we'll be cheering them home for sure.

I'm picking Howard and Pam Forbe's galloper **High Fashion** will be a major player in the **Gr.3 Lowland Stakes (2100m)** this Saturday. Trained by Kevin Gray, she is already a winner at the track and she showed us all just what class she had when taking out the **Gr.3 Desert Gold** two starts back.

Tip of the Week: High Fashion - Gr.3 Lowland Stakes (2100m) – Hawke's Bay – 4:46pm

Good luck and good punting!



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