



SACRED FALLS' BROTHER APIATA WINS ON DEBUT



Breeders eagerly awaiting the first crop foals of Waikato Stud's 4x Gr.1 winner Sacred Falls were given a timely reminder of his family's brilliance on Wednesday.

Sacred Falls' 2YO brother Apiata debuted at Ballarat, winning comfortably for trainer David Brideoake by a length and three quarters.

Apiata is raced by Garry Chittick and avid history buff Peter Moody.

Apiata is named after Willie Apiata, who was former corporal in the New Zealand Special Air Service, and became the first recipient of the Victoria Cross for New Zealand

"Peter bought Apiata at the Premier Yearling Sale and I had to battle to get back into the horse," explained Garry.



“To have been held up and win in the manner that he did on Wednesday, is very encouraging.”

Sacred Falls himself won both of his starts at two.

Apiata will now be spelled before returning in the Spring.

Click on the image to the left to see Apiata’s successful debut.



APIATA as a yearling and at his first start at two.



SACRED FALLS as a yearling and at one of his earliest starts.



60 SECONDS





WITH APIATA'S VICTORIAN TRAINER
-DAVID BRIDEOAKE-

FAVOURITE FOOD:	Probably scotch fillet steak
DO YOU HAVE ANY NICK-NAMES AND HOW DID YOU COME TO GET THEM:	No, they just seem to call me Bridie
BEST HORSES YOU HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH	Griante - she's the best and possibly Warm Love.
BOOK ON THE BEDSIDE TABLE:	Wooden Boats Built in Moreton Bay
IF YOU WEREN'T DOING WHAT YOU DO, WHAT ELSE MIGHT YOU HAVE DONE:	I started off with a Show Jumping career and did a lot of that and it sort of morphed into racing. If not doing either, I'd probably like to run a cattle farm.
WHAT DO YOU DO TO RELAX:	I do a bit of hunting and a bit of fishing and a bit of walking.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW:	Lately I've been watching a series called European Train Journeys
WHO WOULD YOU LOVE TO MEET:	Irish racehorse trainer Willie Mullins
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY DESTINATION:	France
FAVOURITE THING ABOUT WAIKATO STUD:	This nice colt I have at the moment called Apiata. I've had some great times with Mark during our shooting pursuits and seen some great country.
HOW DID YOU GET INVOLVED IN THE INDUSTRY:	I started training a hurdle racer named Burrowye Lord, and one thing led to another. Burrowye Lord won the VRC Grand National Steeplechase. Then two jumpers followed and then a few more and then a few flat horses came into the picture.
FAVOURITE MOVIE:	The Imitation Game
CHILDHOOD HEROES:	There was fellow called Kevin Bacon who was a great show jumping rider in Australia. He went overseas and did very well. He was a role model really
CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:	Probably winning the Gr.1 Galaxy with a mare I bred, reared and trained (Griante)
BEST PIECE OF GOOD ADVICE:	When you are working with animals, you just have to continue to take your time with your observations.
NAME 3 PEOPLE YOU'D LOVE TO INVITE TO DINNER?	Mick Jagger, Winston Churchill Captain James Cook
IF SOMEONE WAS GOING TO PLAY YOU IN A MOVIE, YOU'D LIKE IT TO BE...	Robert De Niro
NOT MANY PEOPLE WOULD KNOW THAT I...	The fact that I spent a long time on the Show Jumping circuit before becoming a trainer.

WS SIRED

BLACK-TYPE RUNNERS THIS WEEKEND

SATURDAY

	HONEY RIDER 13f Pins x Souther Heights	Listed Castletown Stakes 1200m	ARC	1:05pm
	TAURUS 08g No Excuse Needed x Stars In Her Eyes	Listed Challenge Stakes 1600m	ARC	3:29pm
	MISS TENPINS 10g Pins x Flirting	Listed Juanmo Stakes 1200m	BRC	4:40pm
	BECKHAM 10c Pins x Glamour Puss	Listed Spear Chief Hcp 1500m	BRC	6:37pm
	BOB SO CUTE 11g SAvabeel x Celebes Sea	Listed Directors' Cup 1700m	Mac.	7:40pm

FOUR FACTS

YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW

13

More winners and O'Reilly will become the leading all-time sire of NZ winners

13

Savabeel has equalled his mighty sire Zabeel's tally of Gr.1 wins in NZ.

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In the history of NZ sires, Pins ranks numero uno as the sire of the best earning NZ export to Hong Kong
(Ambitious Dragon - \$9.4 million)

65%

Savabeel achieved the above feat with two thirds of the runners

MACKINTOSH

CONFIRMED FOR DERBY

Chris Waller has confirmed that the Waikato Stud-bred Mackintosh (Pins) will run in the Gr.1 Queensland Derby on Saturday week.

“We are very happy with the way that he has come through his winning run in the Grand Prix over the 2200m,” he said.

“Having seen him come through the race and having had a good look at his profile, we have no doubt that he will run the 2400m distance.”

Waller had previously consulted with Mackintosh’s New Zealand owners Lib Petagna, Tony Muollo senior and Tony Muollo junior about the option of switching to the Gr.2 Queensland Guineas over a mile.



WS SIRED GOLD COAST

Broodmare Sale Highlights

MARE	SIRE	PRICE	BUYER
Pasadena Girl (NZ)	Savabeel (AUS)	\$500,000	China Horse Club
Dublin Lass (AUS)	OReilly (NZ)	\$460,000	Edinburgh Park Stud
Spellbinder (NZ)	OReilly (NZ)	\$370,000	China Horse Club
Miss Tenpins (NZ)	Pins (AUS)	\$110,000	Widden Stud



Pasadena Girl

WHAT A WEEK

FOR WS' O'REILLY BLUEBLOODS



BULLRUSH 11G O'Reilly x Pin Up by Pins

Extended unbeaten record to 5/5 for Team Hawkes.

The stakes placed dam of Bullrush is a half sister to the World Champion Miler Starcraft. She has already produced the Gr.2 winner/Gr.1 placegetter Sports Illustrated.



ABSOLUTELY ME 12F O'Reilly x Escada by Centaine

Won at start number two last weekend for trainer Allan Sharrock.

The dam of this 3YO filly has already produced the Gr.1 winners Glamour Puss and Vision and Power. She is also the dam of the stakes winners Steps In Time and Escadaire.



APIATA 13C O'Reilly x Iguazu's Girl by Redoute's Choice

Won debut on Wednesday for trainer David Brideoake

This 2YO colt is a full brother to the 4x Gr.1 winning, dual Doncaster Champion Sacred Falls. This is the WS family of Splashing Out, Shopaholic etc.



WS TEAM

BULLISH ABOUT BULLRUSH

Darryl Sherer - Monday, 30 May 2016, Breednet

Bullrush remained unbeaten in five starts when proving too strong for his rivals in the last at Randwick last Saturday, a victory that was celebrated long and hard in the lunchroom at Waikato Stud on Monday morning.

The O'Reilly gelding is the pride and joy of the tight knit team who are all involved in the ownership of the four-year-old thanks to the generosity of Stud principal Mark Chittick.

"He's a horse that has touched every staff member at Waikato since he was born as so many of them have had some form of involvement with him along the way," Chittick told NZ Racing Desk.

"He was a late foal who wasn't ready to go through the auction ring as a yearling and was also a little too immature to take to Karaka as a Ready To Run horse either.

"He really has been a long term project and so many of our team have put their heart and soul into getting him to the stage of being a racehorse that I thought the right thing to do was to have everyone here involved in his ownership.



"So one morning I announced to everyone that we would be giving a 10% share to the staff and it couldn't have worked out any better."

Sent to the Hawkes stable in Sydney, the half brother to Group I placed mare Sports Illustrated made a winning debut at Goulburn back in August last year and racked up three further wins before making his city debut at Randwick on the weekend.

Bloodstock Manager, Kerrie Cox explained Bullrush was a favourite at the stud before he raced.

"I think he may have been everyone's favourite horse even before he started racing and winning," Cox said.

"He was a December foal and needed a fair bit of care early on before he had an accident and split his knee open. Then when he first went into pre-training he got a bone chip in his foot that needed surgery which could have spelled the end for him.

"He is just so tough though and everyone falls in love with him so to see him doing so well is such a thrill.

TIP OF THE WEEK

from WS Stallion Man, Davo O'Leary



BECKHAM (Pins x Glamour Puss)

Race 8 - 1500m- Eagle Farm- 6:37pm

Deserved last start winner.

Hard fit.

Draw is a concern

Good each way bet

THE MAIL -WITH MARK CHITTICK-

We've had a lot of fun this week with some enjoyable winners out of some of our very best broodmares.

Great to see the strength of the industry and the demand for NZ-bred mares at the Magic Millions Gold Coast National Broodmare Sale this week.

Nice to see the sun today after all the rain we've been having lately.

Enjoy the Long Weekend!

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