

Weekend @ Waikato

20 JANUARY 2017



HALL OF FAME

Savabeel colt brings up a Gr.1 dozen for his sire with bold Levin Classic win.

IN THIS WEEK'S W@W...

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GOLDEN CROSSES

- Karaka's A or better TrueNicks rated yearlings

BLACK-TYPE RUNNERS

SATURDAY

ADVENTADOR 08g
Fast n Famous - Alpine Beauty
Gr.1 Telegraph Hcp 1200m
WRC, 3:46pm (NZT)

IRISH MOON 09g
O'Reilly - Moonstrummer
Gr.1 Telegraph Hcp 1200m
WRC, 3:46pm (NZT)

REILLY LINCOLN 11f
Pins - Wailea Miss
Gr.1 Telegraph Hcp 1200m
WRC, 3:46pm (NZT)

SAVARIA 11f
Savabeel - Amatheia
Gr.3 Wellington Cup 3200m
WRC, 4:56pm (NZT)

CLARIFY 12g
Savabeel - Clareta
Gr.3 Wellington Cup 3200m
WRC, 4:56pm (NZT)

RESIDENTIAL 13f
Pins - Metropolitan
Listed Gore Guineas 1335m
Gore, 4:04pm (NZT)

PRINCEFAMOUS 11g
Fast n Famous - Vesuvia
Listed Carrington Stakes 1400m
ATC, 6:20pm (NZT)

BLACK-TYPE SPOTLIGHT



Hall Of Fame became Savabeel's 12 individual Group One star when he claimed top honours in the Levin Classic at Trentham last Saturday. The Stephen Autridge and Jamie Richards-trained colt also furthered his New Zealand Derby claims with the fifth win of his nine start career.

His latest success also served to wipe out the disappointment of the spring when he was unplaced in the Gr 1 NZ 2000 Guineas. "He's always showed plenty of ability, but he'd had enough then and we gave him a break and he's come back better than ever," said Stephen Autridge, who trains in partnership with Jamie Richards. "It's great for Savabeel and it's great for Te Akau, we're absolutely rapt."

The three-year-old's NZ Derby odds have now been trimmed to \$9 for the March 17 feature at Ellerslie. "At this stage, he'll run next in the Waikato Guineas," Autridge said.

Hall Of Fame was in a good early position behind the pace before he got shuffled back, but rider Opie Bosson was able to angle off the fence 600 metres from home. They moved into contention at the top of the straight and Hall Of Fame edged clear with 200 metres to go.

"I got to the front a bit soon and he was gazing around," Bosson said. "He's got the best attributes of a top colt and he just goes out and does his stuff."

Bred by Michael O'Keeffe, Hall of Fame was purchased by Te Akau Racing's David Ellis at the 2015 NZB Ready to Run Sale for \$230,000.

Hall of Fame is one of nine stakes winners for Savabeel this season.



Hall of Fame's successful owners, the Te Akau 24/7 Syndicate



The WS-bred and sold Seize The Moment completed a grand day at Trentham for the nursery when he won the Gr.3 Anniversary last Saturday. His victory followed the earlier successes of the Savabeel three-year-old Hall Of Fame in the Gr.1 Levin Classic.

Trained by Stephen Marsh and raced by the Go Racing With The Dancer Syndicate, Pins' 6YO son Seize The Moment posted the seventh win of his career when he beat his stablemate Thee Auld Floozie.

"It's good to see the big boy back and Stephen was very confident," Mildon said.

"Thee Auld Floozie gave him a good fight, but he got there in the end. She tried hard, but it was his day today."

Successful rider Matt Cameron also paid tribute to Seize The Moment's fighting qualities after they had been left in front at the top of the straight.

"He did it tough outside the leader and when the second horse came up he fought really well. He's a horse that loves a dog fight and he's as tough as they come."

Seize The Moment is out of the Masterclass mare Dancing Mistress, also the dam of the stakes winner Savour The Moment (Savabeel).

Bred by Waikato Stud, Seize the Moment was purchased by Go Racing's Albert Bosma at the 2012 NZB Premier Yearling Sale for \$50,000.

Seize The Moment is one of six stakes winners for Pins this season.



FELTON ROAD

Booked place in Karaka Million field with an impressive Ellerslie win.



KAWI

Foxton trial win points to being on track for Gr.1 return in NRM Sprint at Te Rapa on February 11.



PRAECEREUS

The full-brother to a Derby winner and 2017 Karaka yearling struck success at Benalla for Darren Weir.

WS TRIVIA

Gr.1 Telegraph

O'Reilly won the Gr.1 Telegraph in 1997.

He was just a three-year-old and it was only his 5th career start.





GOLDEN CROSSES

Further to our section last week on our “Golden Crosses” on offer, the TrueNicks-based table below provides some interesting food for thought on some of the ‘A or better’ highlights within our 2017 Karaka draft:

TRUENICKS RATING OF A OR BETTER BASED ON PERFORMANCE TO DATE OF SIRELINE OVER BROODMARE SIRELINE			
LOT	SEX	SIRE	DAM
147	Colt	Ocean Park	Enjoy
180	Filly	Ocean Park	Girls On Top
193	Colt	Savabeel	Halloween
205	Colt	O'Reilly	Iguazu's Girl
243	Colt	O'Reilly	Lady Chaparral
264	Colt	Ocean Park	Lowland (pictured)
281	Colt	O'Reilly	Metropolitan
317	Filly	Ocean Park	Oh So Glam
367	Filly	O'Reilly	Rehab
504	Colt	Ocean Park	You Too
557	Colt	Rock N Pop	Be Fabulous
581	Filly	Rock N Pop	Bright
619	Filly	Pins	Cong'er
784	Colt	Rock N Pop	Kiwi Park
876	Colt	O'Reilly	Miss Purrfection
969	Colt	O'Reilly	Ransom Success
1056	Colt	Ocean Park	Starry



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Waikato Stud

NZB Premier Draft

55 Yearlings

30 & 31 January 2017

WAIKATO STUD PROUDLY INTRODUCES IT'S 2017 YEARLING DRAFT.

Befitting of the stud's 50th anniversary, the stud will be offering its largest ever Karaka consignment, comprising of 91 quality yearlings.

Whilst dominated by the progeny of champion sire Savabeel, it is also significantly characterised by the final crop progeny of the stud's magnificent former sire, O'Reilly.

LOT	SIRE	DAM	COL.	SEX
2	Rock 'n' Pop	Vanilla Sky	BG	C
6	Savabeel	Villifye	B	F
7	Savabeel	Virginia	BR	F
30	Savabeel	Ahna	B	F
40	Savabeel	Ambrosia	B	F
63	Savabeel	Bejewelled	BR	C
69	Savabeel	Black Belt	BR	F
78	Savabeel	But Beautiful	B	C
95	O'Reilly	Chorus	BR	C
109	Savabeel	Daffodil	B	F
122	Savabeel	Dating	BR	C
124	O'Reilly	Dee I Why	B	F
133	Savabeel	Disguised	BB	C
147	Ocean Park	Enjoy	B	C
150	Savabeel	Etiquette	BR	F
152	Savabeel	Everyday	BL	C
170	Savabeel	Forty Two Below	B	F
171	Savabeel	Frankly	BR	F
172	O'Reilly	Frockstar	B	C
180	Ocean Park	Girls on Top	B	F
192	Ocean Park	Haberdashery	B	F
193	Savabeel	Halloween	B	C
204	Savabeel	I Do	B	C
205	O'Reilly	Iguazu's Girl	BR	C
220	O'Reilly	Joy	B	F
229	Savabeel	Kansas	BR	F
243	O'Reilly	Lady Chaparral	BR	C
255	Ocean Park	Legs	B	C
264	Ocean Park	Lowland	BR	C
273	O'Reilly	Marahau	BRB	F
278	Pins	Maxmara	B	C
281	O'Reilly	Metropolitan	BR	C
289	Savabeel	Miss Lioness	BB	F
303	Ocean Park	More to Love	B	F
306	Pins	My Locket	BB	F
310	Rock 'n' Pop	Not Sure	B	C
317	Ocean Park	Oh So Glam	B	F
319	Savabeel	On Broadway	BR	F
329	Savabeel	Pasadena	BR	F
331	O'Reilly	Pay Attention	B	F
340	Savabeel	Platinum Princess	BR	C
342	Savabeel	Polish	B	F
349	Savabeel	Prickle	B	C
355	O'Reilly	Promenade	BR	C
362	O'Reilly	Queen Sabeel	BR	C
367	O'Reilly	Rehab	B	F
389	O'Reilly	Savodara	B	C
404	Savabeel	Shopaholic	B	F
412	Savabeel	Sitting Pretty	B	F
419	Pins	Sparkling	B	C
420	Savabeel	Spending	BR	C
422	O'Reilly	Splitsecond	BR	C
434	Savabeel	Striptease	B	C
454	Savabeel	Thy	BB	C
457	O'Reilly	Tiptoes	B	C



Waikato Stud

NZB Select Draft

36 Yearlings

1-3 February 2017

LOT	SIRE	DAM	COL.	SEX
468	Ocean Park	Under and Over	B	F
477	Rock 'n' Pop	Vedo Star	B	C
492	Pins	We Love	B	F
504	Ocean Park	You Too	B	C
557	Rock 'n' Pop	Be Fabulous	B	C
581	Rock 'n' Pop	Bright	B	F
619	Pins	Cong'er	C	F
622	Casino Prince	Contented	B	C
654	Savabeel	Disneyland	BB	F
678	O'Reilly	Ethics	BR	C
686	O'Reilly	Fabulist	BR	F
687	Rock 'n' Pop	Fairy Tale	B	C
697	O'Reilly	Fireside	B	C
719	Pins	Genius	BR	C
733	O'Reilly	Happily Ever After	B	C
736	Pins	Heartfelt	B	C
784	Rock 'n' Pop	Kiwi Park	B	C
787	O'Reilly	Know AllB	C	
796	O'Reilly	Lady Lincoln	B	C
844	Pins	Mary Ellen	B	C
861	Ocean Park	Millililli	C	F
865	Ocean Park	Miss Caruso	B	F
876	O'Reilly	Miss Purrfection	B	C
888	O'Reilly	Music	B	C
897	Ocean Park	Nadel Dame	B	C
928	Pins	Paris Carver	B	F
934	Ocean Park	Peony	B	C
941	Ocean Park	Pinderella	B	F
943	O'Reilly	Pinzaara	B	C
956	Ocean Park	Propinquity	BB	F
968	Ocean Park	Quizzical	B	F
969	O'Reilly	Ransom Success	B	C
972	Pins	Really Reputable	B	C
974	Pins	Red Delicious	B	C
1056	Ocean Park	Starry	B	C
1097	O'Reilly	Toss Up	BB	C



CORNER

Well it's sale time, at Waikato viewers have had the draft shown every day. A big undertaking with a draft of 90.

Generally our inspections this close to sale are locals. Those trainers involved are committed to maintaining numbers or they drift into oblivion. No different to any other career choice but they in turn need to convince owners to commit, so, by default they become sub agents for we breeders. The larger syndicates are more courageous buying then having to sell before settlement they know who they are so without identifying them Waikato really appreciates their efforts that we may benefit from.

As a result of my being involved in some small part of the people addressing racings future, it may be appropriate to summarise, as I see it some of the options that are being floated amongst the racing industry.

Our business is not over complicated, the only debt is held by some of the clubs, we are a cash business which is pretty unique. The suggestion we are 2.5 B business is partly true but our punters are recipients of say 85% of that number. When I was chairman the suggestion was take another 1% off the punters to improve stakes. Punters are aware of the various dollar returns and in this internet age will follow the best return, so not a viable option.

So we are in fact a 350 M business with costs of 205 M. The cost of "production" was 165 M, five years ago so clearly part of the stakes problem lies in increased costs. I not am arguing justified or not. I am looking for solutions. The S. O. I (statement of intent) suggests annual increases in costs for the next four years of up to 8 M annually whilst code returns increase on average roughly 1M.

The boards solution does not involve cost savings but increase in revenue this will come from "race fields" suggested 15 – 20 M. Of which galloping could benefit by 30% the proposed "Paddy Power" fixed odds platform is suggested to enhance returns as a result of upgraded technology, my concern is this spread of choice will suit sports betting at the expense of our core business. We receive at margin from the sports betting (roughly 3%) so we may benefit from this new technology but it may be racings betting options can't compete changing the balance. So those of you who follow T. A. B marketing could be excused for thinking that we, racing are now the minor party. So, our board, no doubt well intentioned have put to us race fields, Paddy Power as our way forward.

A proposal to operate under licence with a larger player operating our betting agency has been suggested as a possible future path.

I have not been party to any detail and trust our board has at least done due diligence.

The numbers in the public arena suggest it would be irresponsible to not to at least allow industry participants some detail to make some valued judgment.

Obviously "race fields" enhanced betting platforms under licence will offer comparative results but operating under licence should result in substantial cost benefits.

So, we box along as in the S. O. I.... we await the results of enhanced performance with no substantial cost benefits. Or we consider operating under licence.

Enough for you think about I'm back to the corner.

GARRY'S

MARK'S MAIL



As you can imagine, it's been all go at the stud this week.

We've got 90 or so yearlings that start heading up to Karaka in the morning. It's a huge undertaking, particularly when you consider its two years of work that has gone into each and every yearling.

Some great results on the track last weekend. Te Akau's Hall of Fame did the tangerine colours proud in the Gr.1 Levin Classic and Go Racing's Seize The Moment showed his great tenacity to win in the Gr.3 Anniversary Stakes.

Results like these are the very reason why we can't wait to show off our draft at Karaka from Tuesday at 9 am onwards.

Look forward to seeing you there!

Mark.