

# Weekend @ Waikato

14 OCTOBER 2016



## READY TO RUN SALE

Breeze Ups at Te Rapa at 9am on Monday and Tuesday

[\(Click here to view Breeze Up schedule\)](#)

Lot 263 O'Reilly - Honolulu colt

### POINTS OF INTEREST

- Two Gr.1 horses coming up roses
- Foal Gallery

### BLACKBOOKER OF WEEK

Rios' Freedman-trained debut winner, Cannot Be Serious

### SIXTY SECONDS

With successful trainer Michael Freedman

### CAULFIELD STAKES RUNNERS

- Apiata
- Positive Carry
- Shillelagh
- Mabeel

# BLACK-TYPE RUNNERS

# WS GRADS TO WATCH

## SATURDAY



**APIATA** 13c  
O'Reilly - Iguazu's Girl (Redoute's Choice)  
**Listed Gothic Stakes**, 1400m  
Caulfield, 2:50pm



**LOS VARGAS** 11f  
Fast N Famous - Just Diamonds (No Excuse Needed)  
**Gr.3 Arawa Stakes**, 1215m  
Rotorua, 3:54pm



**FERRANDO** 13c  
Fast N Famous - Rio Nugget (Captain Rio)  
**Gr.3 Arawa Stakes**, 1215m  
Rotorua, 3:54pm **es**, 1400m



**SAVVAN** 13c  
Savabeel - Ruud van Slaats (Van Nistelrooy)  
**Gr.3 Ethereal Stakes**, 2000m  
Caulfield, 4:00pm



**SWEET LEADER** 13c  
O'Reilly - Sweet Lady (Encosta de Lago)  
**Listed John Grigg Stakes**, 1400m  
Ashburton, 4:18pm



**O'NATURELLE** 13f  
O'Reilly - Naturo (Postponed)  
**Listed John Grigg Stakes**, 1400m  
Ashburton, 4:18pm



**POSITIVE CARRY** 13c  
Savabeel - Forty Two Below (O'Reilly)  
**Gr.3 Caulfield Classic**, 2000m  
Caulfield, 4:35pm



**CAPED CRUSADER** 11g  
O'Reilly - Aria (Centaine)  
**Listed City Tattersalls Club Cup**, 2400m  
City Tatts RC, 5:30pm



**SHILLELAGH** 11f  
Savabeel - Trocair (Flying Spur)  
**Gr.2 Tristarc Stakes**, 1400m  
Caulfield, 5:45pm



**TRAVANCORE** 13c  
Savabeel - Stella Livia (Titus Livius)  
**Listed Brian Crowley Stakes**, 1200m  
Randwick, 6:05pm



**MABEEL** 10g  
Savabeel - Ma (Cape Cross)  
**Gr.3 Moonga Stakes**, 1400m  
Caulfield, 7:45pm

## SUNDAY



**BLUE SWEDE** 10g  
O'Reilly - Hooked Ona Feeling (Zabeel)  
**Sgp-3 Saas Fee Stakes**, 1400m  
Singapore, 9:50pm



O'REILLY

**BULLRUSH**  
Racing Saturday at 4:55pm at  
Randwick



O'REILLY

**GRACEHILL**  
Racing Sunday at 2:50pm at Rotorua



PINS

**TORGERSEN**  
Racing Saturday 3:10pm at Randwick



O'REILLY

**APIATA**  
Racing Saturday at 2:50pm at Caulfield



PINS

**RESIDENTIAL**  
Racing Saturday at 12:18pm at  
Ashburton



PINS

**CROSS STITCH**  
Racing Saturday at 3:45pm at  
Randwick

## 2016 WS BROCHURE

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BROCHURE**



WaikatoStud

# SHILLELAGH



SAVABEEL

After missing a start in Wednesday's Gr.3 Lady's Day Vase top Te Akau mare **Shillelagh (NZ)** (Savabeel) will step up to Group Two company in Saturday's Tristarc Stakes (1400m).

The Stephen Autridge and Jamie Richards-trained five-year-old was impressive when winning at her Australian debut earlier this month but failed to gain a start on Wednesday as the second emergency.

"She's worked well since her victory at Caulfield a fortnight ago," said Te Akau's racing manager Brad Taylor.

"It was unfortunate not to get a run on Wednesday in the Group Three event. Saturday is certainly a step up in class against the likes of First Seal but we expect her to run a nice race."

**Shillelagh**, who has the services of Hong Kong-based Australian jockey Zac Purton, is a \$11 shot.

-NZ News Desk

# FERRO NERO



SAVABEEL

**Savabeel** gelding **Ferro Nero** could have earned himself a shot at a rich country Cup with victory in a midweek race at Caulfield.

The Nigel Blackiston-trained gelding defied his \$41 quote as he finished strongly to win Wednesday's Ladbrokes Handicap (2000m) by a head over Data Point.

Blackiston said the drop in class from his last start, a rise in distance to 2000m and a good ride from Michael Walker suited the gelding he described as quirky.

"He's always shown he's got some nice ability but doesn't always bring his A-game," Blackiston said.

"Today he was in good order, he got a lovely ride and he just attacked the line beautifully.

Blackiston said he would like to step him up further in distance.

"Obviously you've got the Bendigo Cup or the Ballarat Cup which might be nice options, or something over the Flemington carnival," he said.

-AAP

NEWSMAKERS

# BLACKBOOKER

## CANNOT BE SERIOS

- AGE/SEX:** 3YO gelding
- BREEDING:** Rios - Cruella de Vil (Captain Rio)
- BREEDER:** Waikato Stud
- TRAINER:** Michael Freedman
- OWNERS:** John O'Neill, Token Croats (Mger Ivan Rados), Cliff Goss, Darryl Heaphy, Horseshoe Investments Pty Ltd (Rod Russell), Gurners Bloodstock Co (Michael Ramsden), Matt Palmer, Carty Racing (Brett Carty) & Adam Kirkwood-Scott
- REASON:** Debuted for a smart half length win at Hawkesbury over 1000m last Sunday.

“It was a good win on Sunday. I think he has plenty of upside, particularly when he is stepped up to 1400-1600m”

-Trainer, Michael Freedman



RIOS



# SIXTY SECONDS

## WITH SUCCESSFUL TRAINER MICHAEL FREEDMAN



<b>OCCUPATION ?</b>	Trainer
<b>FAVOURITE FOOD?</b>	Chinese/Japanese
<b>DO YOU HAVE ANY NICKNAMES?</b>	Probably several but none that I'm aware of
<b>BEST HORSE(S) INVOLVED WITH?</b>	Super Impose/Mahogany/Schillaci/Naturalism/Mummify
<b>BOOK ON THE BEDSIDE TABLE?</b>	I Am Pilgrim
<b>WHAT ELSE MIGHT YOU HAVE DONE CAREER WISE?</b>	Professional Golfer, however my golf isn't good enough
<b>WHAT DO YOU DO TO RELAX?</b>	Practice my golf swing
<b>FAVOURITE TV SHOW?</b>	Modern Family
<b>WHO WOULD YOU LOVE TO MEET?</b>	Keith Richards
<b>FAVOURITE HOLIDAY DESTINATION?</b>	Portugal
<b>FAVOURITE THING ABOUT WAIKATO STUD?</b>	The people that own it
<b>HOW DID YOU GET INVOLVED IN RACING?</b>	Riding trackwork before school for my father
<b>FAVOURITE MOVIE?</b>	Primal Fear/Boogie Nights
<b>CHILDHOOD HEROES?</b>	Mum and Dad
<b>CAREER HIGHLIGHTS?</b>	Being involved with so many big wins with my brothers and 2013 Singapore Gold Cup
<b>NAME 3 PEOPLE YOU'D INVITE TO DINNER?</b>	If allowed four, it would be U2
<b>BEST PIECE OF GOOD ADVICE?</b>	Under Sell - Over Deliver
<b>WHO WOULD PLAY YOU IN A MOVE?</b>	Someone struggling to get an acting job!
<b>WHAT'S SOMETHING NOT MANY PEOPLE WOULD KNOW ABOUT YOU?</b>	I'm very superstitious

## DAVO'S TIP OF THE WEEK

### APIATA 13c

O'Reilly - Iguazu's Girl by Redoute's Choice

Saturday 2:50pm, Race 2 at Caulfield in the Listed Gothic Stakes (1400m)

“ This horse has loads of ability and impressed last time out.

He should go well in this.

Get on at \$18 Fixed Odds before Garry unloads!



# NZB READY TO RUN SALE OF 2YO'S

Breeze Ups 17-18 October

Sale 16-17 November



## Sangster

Gr.1 VRC Derby  
Gr.1 Auckland Cup  
Gr.1 Waikato Int'l Stakes

\$19K RTR Sale graduate



## SAVABEEL

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OCEAN PARK

15

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SAVABEEL

13

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ROCK N POP

12

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O'REILLY

1

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PINS

9

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RIOS

3

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WAIKATO STUD DRAFT

4



## Gaultier

Gr.1 Levin Classic

\$17.5K RTR Sale graduate



## RIOS

## GARRY'S CORNER



Well, life's all about choices.

My decision today will be whether to cool off in the Pacific or one of the multiple pools here at the Radisson. Fiji is 29 degrees, so golf is not an option.

Yesterday, having tightened my abs, I tested the pool. You wouldn't believe it, up alongside me popped John Street. Now we all know John is a top bloke, races many pacers and gallopers, and is just the sort of man we cannot afford to lose. Well, he's facing the impasse in progress to improve racing's returns to the risk takers stoically, but, like many others not forever.

His experience racing offshore is clearly wetting his appetite. I was subjected to the pluses and minuses in the heat of the day while attempting to cool off. Why is it so many very competent businessmen, who can afford to race and enjoy the sport, share this sense of frustration? It is their belief, as in the businesses they ran, that problems can be solved.

Accordingly, I will return to the pool today, flex what's left of my muscles and see who next emerges from the depths - it will be someone. If she's got a body, I will have to remember a Trump one liner. Chances are it will be another confused owner. They are everywhere!!

Enjoy the sun!

Garry



## LUCIA VALENTINA

The **Savabeel** mare Kerrin McEvoy hopes can deliver him an elusive Cox Plate has pleased the jockey in her first experience at Moonee Valley.

McEvoy rode **Lucia Valentina** in a solid piece of work with grand campaigner Happy Trails at Moonee Valley on Thursday morning, the Kris Lees-trained mare's first time at the unique Melbourne racetrack which hosts the Cox Plate on Saturday week.

"She got around here really well so that was pleasing. She was on her right lead and she seems really bright and well in her work," McEvoy said.

"It was good work. That was her main bit of work (going into the Cox Plate). Kris wanted a good work-out and that was what we got."

If McEvoy can win the Cox Plate on Lucia Valentina he will join an elite list of riders to have won a Melbourne Cup, Caulfield Cup, Cox Plate and Golden Slipper.

"It's a hard one to get," McEvoy said.

"So we'll be trying. A bit of rain around would suit her, but the

forgiving surface of Moonee Valley should be perfect for her.

"Obviously Winx and Hartnell seem to be going really well, but she's a weight-for-age 2000 metre winner in her own right in the autumn so you can't dismiss her lightly, that's for sure."

Lucia Valentina sat just off Happy Trails early in the 1400m workout before joining him and the pair went to the line with Happy Trails marginally ahead.

They clocked a sharp 23.79sec for the final 400m.

"It was very nice work," Lees said.

"He's always a good yardstick because he's a really good worker, Happy Trails."

Lees believes Lucia Valentina is similar to how she was leading into her biggest win in the \$4 million the Queen Elizabeth Stakes in April but acknowledges it is a strong year with Winx and Hartnell headlining the Cox Plate contenders.

-AAP



## AEROVELOCITY

**Pins** sprinting ace **Aerovelocity** is on target to resume in the **Sgp-2 Premier Bowl** at Sha Tin on Sunday week.

The Paul O'Sullivan-trained son of **Pins** has had two trials, the latest of them at Sha Tin this week, to ready him for his return with his main Group One target the Hong Kong Sprint, a race he won in 2014.

"He is eight-years-old now so he will probably take a run, but we will try and peak him in December and so far he is on the right track," O'Sullivan said.

-NZ Racing Desk

# FOALS IN FOCUS



Savabeel - Marveen colt



Rock n Pop - Chillypin filly



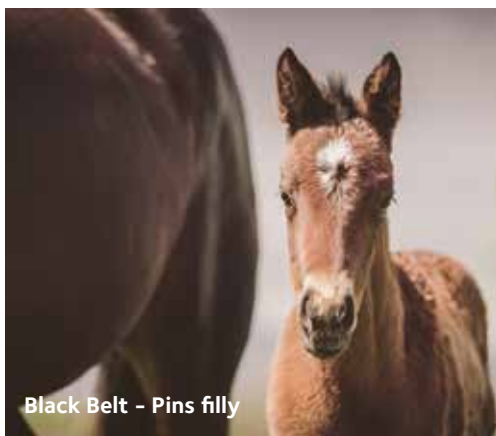
Savabeel - Legs colt



Savabeel - High Fashion colt



Ocean Park - Pretty filly



Black Belt - Pins filly



Savabeel - Ampin colt

## WITH GARETH DOWNEY

### SOME SERIOUS FACTS

So impressive was the win of **Cannot Be Serious** when scoring on debut at Hawkesbury last Sunday, he was named Maiden Winner Of The Week by ANZ Bloodstock News. He was certainly expected to perform well after 2 very nice trials, and with a very strong market move bringing him in from **\$4.60** to start a **\$2.40** equal favourite.

**Cannot Be Serious** became the **13th** winner for **Rios**, from just **20** runners. The only objective way to measure the performance of a stallion is to look at the results from his progeny, compared against the opportunity that stallion has been given by breeders.

The statistics posted by Rios to date are that he is running at **65%** winners/runners and **5.0%** SW/Rnrs; with that stakes winner being the **Gr.1** winner **Gaultier**.

So, how good are these statistics when compared against the stallion population as a whole? As far as I can find advertised commercially in Australasia, there are **127** stallions standing at stud in Australasia this season who have Southern Hemisphere-conceived runners representing them. Of those **127**, there are only **Rios** and **17** others who have achieved at least **65%** winners/runners and **5.0%** SW/Rnrs. Stallions with these statistics are usually the leading stallions available

at stud – and that is indeed the case currently as they include the likes of **Savabeel, Pins, Fastnet Rock, Exceed and Excel, Redoute's Choice, Snitzel, Lonhro, Not A Single Doubt, More Than Ready, I Am Invincible** etc – so this is a pretty impressive list that **Rios** has earned the right to be part of!

In terms of a pedigree pointer in the production of **Cannot Be Serious**, we can again see the well-renowned “nick” between **Hussonet** and **Nijinsky**. **Cannot Be Serious** is out of a **Captain Rio** mare, whose 2nd Dam is by **Nijinsky**. The tools provided by Arion Pedigrees enable us to run data on when **Rios** has been mated with mares carrying **Nijinsky** anywhere in their **1st** four generations. The report tells us that **Rios** has had **8** runners from such mares, and they have resulted in 6 winners including **Gaultier** (Gr.1 winner in NZ and subsequent Hong Kong winner), **Happy Place** (winner in NZ and subsequent winner of 2 so far in Hong Kong), **A Tad Leica** (4 wins), **Del Rios** (2 wins) and **Cannot Be Serious** (debut winner).

So, whether you have a mare carrying **Nijinsky**, or you would just like to give your mare the chance to go to a stallion with some Seriously good stats, and at a fraction of the usual price for such elite stallions, please contact me via [gareth@waikatostud.co.nz](mailto:gareth@waikatostud.co.nz) or 021 433 073 to discuss booking her to **Rios**.



## MARK'S MAIL

Great to finally see some sun.

Really enjoyed Cobbie Grace's 60 Second's last week. I hope he doesn't meet God too soon! Best of luck to Christopher and Susanna in the Gr.2 Tristarc Stakes at Caulfield with Shillelagh. Very exciting!

Whole bunch of runners at Caulfield for clients etc and stallions at the tough end of the season and on the big stage.

Foaling going along nicely. Well and truly over halfway now and right into it and as I say, nice to see some sun!

Couple of nice runners for ourselves at Ruakaka during

the week. Would have really liked Date Night to have got up – especially at \$26 – but I think there is a big future for her.

Well done to Cliff Goss with Cannot Be Serious. Really nice Rios winner in Australia.

Was interesting last weekend with Harry's little movie – which I'm sure there will be more of, reaching 1000 hits within 24–48 hours. He was very excited about that and look out for version two!

Mark