

Weekend @ Waikato

31 March 2017



-SAVABEEL- 3 Gr.1 Chances on Saturday

IN THIS WEEK'S W@W...

Gr.1 SPOTLIGHT

- Tivaci
- Gold Fever
- Hasahalo
- Righteous Mate

BLACK-TYPE STANDOUTS

- Bassett
- Nurse Kitchen

PLUS REGULAR COLUMNS

- Garry's Corner
- Gareth's Pedigree Pointer
- Mark's Mail

STAKES RUNNERS

SATURDAY

ROSETTA 13f
Pins - Rosecraft
Gr.3 Manawatu Classic 2000m
Mana, 2:38pm (NZT)

BEAUMARCHAIS 13g
Savabeel - Almaviva
Gr.3 Manawatu Classic 2000m
Mana, 2:38pm (NZT)

VANDANCER 12f
Savabeel - Vanessatheundressa
Gr.2 Chairmans Hcp 2600m
ATC, 3:20pm (NZT)

GOLD FEVER 14f
Savabeel - Gold Rocks
Gr.1 Manawatu Sires' Produce
1400m
Mana, 3:48pm (NZT)

HASAHALO 14f
Savabeel - Halloween
Gr.1 Manawatu Sires' Produce
1400m
Mana, 3:48pm (NZT)

SEIZE THE MOMENT 10g
Pins - Dancing Mistress
Listed Flying Hcp 1400m
Mana, 4:23pm (NZT)

ASTRID 11f
Pins - Astralita
Listed Flying Hcp 1400m
Mana, 4:23pm (NZT)

ROSA CAROLINA 13f
Savabeel - Ombre Rose
Gr.3 PJ Bell Stakes 1200m
ATC, 4:30pm (NZT)

SAVARIA 11f
Savabeel - Amatheia
Gr.2 Awapuni Gold Cup 2000m
Mana, 5:01pm (NZT)

RIGHTEOUS MATE 13g
Savabeel - Mill Duckie
Gr.1 Australian Derby 2400m
ATC, 5:50pm (NZT)

TIVACI 13c
High Chaparral - Breccia
Gr.1 TJ Smith 1200m
ATC, 6:30pm (NZT)

NINA'S BALLERINA 13f
Savabeel - Nina From Pasadena
Listed Bendigo Guineas 1400m
ATC, 6:50pm (NZT)

NATCHWHALI 13f
O'Reilly - Danex
Gr.3 Adrian Knox Stakes 2000m
ATC, 7:50pm (NZT)

GROUP ONE SPOTLIGHT



TIVACI

LEADING RIDER DAMIEN OLIVER WILL GUIDE THE GR.1 FORTUNES OF THE WAIKATO STUD-BOUND FOUR-YEAR-OLD TIVACI IN SATURDAY'S \$A2,5 MILLION GR.1 DARLEY TJ SMITH STAKES AT RANDWICK.

"We're happy with Tivaci and we think Damien will suit him," said Bruce Perry, who oversees the thoroughbred interests of Wellington part-owner Lib Petagna.

"There will obviously be some very good horses in it, but we believe he is right up to them. We couldn't be happier and just hope they don't get too much rain."



GOLD FEVER & HASAHALO

SMART SAVABEEL WS-BREDS GOLD FEVER & HASAHALO GO HEAD-TO-HEAD IN THIS SATURDAY'S GR.1 MANAWATU SIRES' PRODUCE STAKES FOR TWO-YEAR-OLDS.

Gold Fever enters off a tough last start third in the Gr.1 Sistema Stakes and left the Te Akau team in no doubt of her superior black-type class the start prior, with success in the Gr.2 Matamata Breeders' Stakes.

Hasahalo has likewise provided her Go Racing connections with pre-race confidence, thanks in no small part to her feature win in the Gr.3 Eclipse Stakes.

RIGHTEOUS MATE

MARK NEWNHAM-TRAINED GELDING AIMS TO EXTEND SAVABEEL'S FINE DERBY RECORD IN RANDWICK'S CLASSIC GR.1 FEATURE TOMORROW.





BASSETT

THE MONTH OF MARCH HAS BEEN GREAT FOR SAVABEEL 4YO BASSETT, WHO HAS RACED THREE TIMES FOR THREE WINS AND A\$167,000 IN PRIZE MONEY – A FIGURE NEARLY THREE TIMES HIS 2014 NZB PREMIER YEARLING SALE PURCHASE PRICE.

The winning run started with a dominant 4.5 length win at Sandown on the 1st March with young gun apprentice Beau Mertens aboard.

16 days later the Mick Price-trained gelding took out the Listed Abell stakes at Moonee Valley by a decisive 2.25 lengths before backing up within 8 days to take out \$120,000 listed Ladbroke's Hareeba Stakes (1200m).

Bassett drew the outside barrier and settled second before overrunning leader Prussian Vixen to win by a half head in 1:08.9, slicing a half-second off the track record.

"There was a lot of speed in the race but he put himself up there and he's such an easy horse to ride — he makes his own luck and he's such a tough horse," Mertens said.

Bassett provided Mertens with his first stakes winner when claiming the Listed Abell Stakes (1200m) and Beau carried the same coloured silks as his father, Peter, did in providing Mick Price with his first Group 1 winner in the 1999 Futurity Stakes with Rustic Dream.

Price is undecided on Bassett's immediate future but appears inclined to give the four-year-old gelding a short break before a possible tilt at the \$1 million Goodwood (1200m) at Morphettville on May 20.

Bred by Qatar Bloodstock, Bassett is out of the stakes-placed Captain Rio mare Fledgling (NZ) – a half-sister to the Group 1 winner and sire Fully Fledged (NZ)

Bassett was offered by Westbury Stud at the 2014 Premier Sale, where former trainer Peter Moody secured him for \$55,000. He now races for a large group of owners, made up of MJ Scheele, VM Stackhouse, S Hillier, Mrs H Hillier, PG Green, AW Bruhn, Steve & Leanne Bruhn, MC Bryant, Mrs CMH Bryant, VYK Ip, JW Daniels, Mrs SM Ridgway, M Maskell, TN Porter and WS Pelchen.

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SAVABEEL

ROSA CAROLINA

Smart Kris-Lees trained filly takes the confidence of a last start win into tomorrow's Gr.3 PJ Bell Stakes.



SAVABEEL

LOVE AFFAIR

Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman-trained filly could be Brisbane bound.



PINS

DASHING DART

Paul O'Sullivan looks to have another smart Pins gelding with this back-to-back winner.



OCEAN PARK

BOUWMEESTER

The glowing raps from Mike Moroney yard suggest this is a smart 2yo to follow.



SAVABEEL

NURSE KITCHEN

Produced the run of the race for second in the Gr.1 Vinery Stud Stakes last weekend.

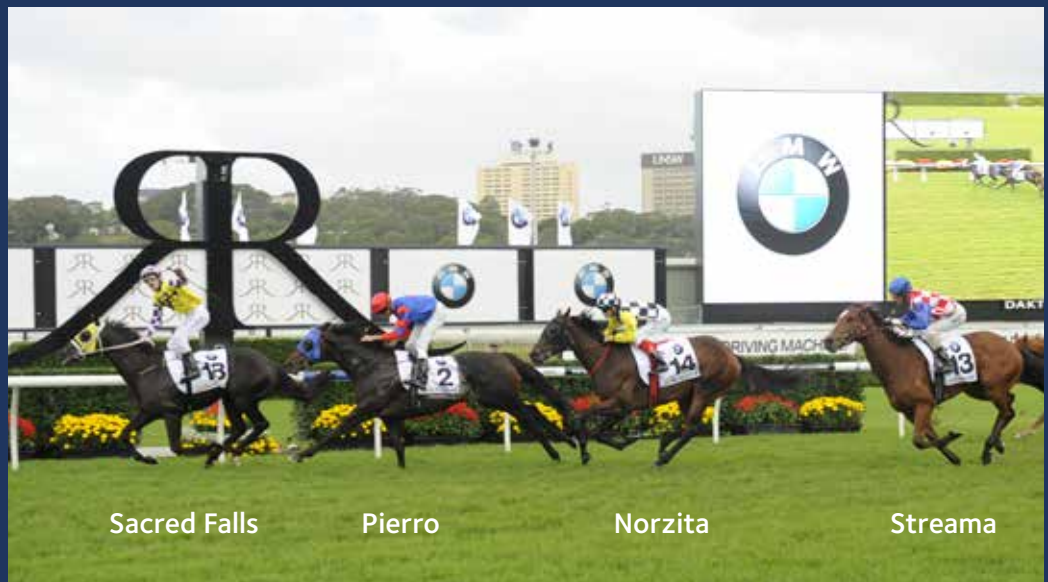
Watch out for the David Brideoake-trained filly in the Gr.1 Australian Oaks.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

SACRED FALLS

O'Reilly - Iguazu's Girl

Winner of the 2013 & 2014 Gr.1 Doncaster Mile 1600m



Sacred Falls

Pierro

Norzita

Streama



My attempts at quietly prodding the Racing Administrators who determine our future have been just that...a non-controversial reminder of the complexities that need understanding and actioning.

Well, I think I have arrived at the end of the line.

Let's start from the beginning...

The current structure follows the time of two Boards; the T.A.B and the Racing Board. The only real link the Codes could use to influence these Boards was through 'The Combined Industry Group' named C.R.I.G. C.R.I.G. met perhaps then 3-4 times a year. By the time the formalities were over, there was limited time to discuss matters of consequence, which of course suited the T.A.B. and Racing Board chairpersons who were in attendance.

The T.A.B. was run like a secret society (not much has changed) with six monthly distributions to the Racing Board, who allocated to the Codes who were unable to make any decisions of consequence without Board approval.

The Codes Board members were elected by the regions with votes allocated in accordance with raceday licenses. I was privileged enough to be elected by the Manawatu/Wanganui regions. I can assure you this was no free ride. Not only was there a vote, we were held in accountable by our regions clubs with regular meetings. I remember my first Board meeting and looking around the table at a collection of tough competent men, who gave their time for nothing.

My elevation to the Racing Board would not have happened without their support. My point being that my accountability fed right down the food chain. I was expected to be available. C.R.I.G. I cranked into my life and it really morphed into the current Board.

So what's different?

My Board members all had a stake or interest in the game. If independent advice was required, it didn't come from having a Board with a majority of people with limited understanding of this complete mix.

I had QC's, barristers, accountants, farmers, insurance agent - a mix who all raced, some bred, most had come through a club or breeders, owners etc.

So why change?

The change of which was much involved with although

the two changes to the Act were after my departure. We changed because we believed the industry with such a broad cross section involved was entitled to run itself according to their needs.

How have we lost our way?

Well regions no longer elect their representatives. I defy anyone to name the Board of Thoroughbred Racing. I'd wager, unlike when they were accountable to the Clubs, very few Clubs would have had a visit from a Board member.

The election of the Racing Board's independent members is supposed to involve Code Chairmen. It may, but the elected because of their need to be independent, couldn't tell you of the requirements to retain Group One status for a race!

Was it better before?

Probably not a lot but it should be outstanding now. We are not accountable to any company shareholding. We pay nominal duty, so what's wrong? You tell me.

I was told the increases in costs were justified based on increased turnover. Well, I'll do some maths for you...

2011/12 Turnover	\$1814M
2015/16 Turnover	\$2673M

(page 34, [2016 NZ Racing Board Report](#))

This increase in turnover has resulted in an increased payout, excluding Racing Integrity Unit, of \$5M.

So the suggested increase of a \$40M payout based on the last \$5M as a result of the increased turnover of \$800M requires a mere 6400M increase in turnover if we continue in the same manner.

Am I taking the p*\$s out of you?! No read the annual reports ([click here to see](#)).

When we introduced the graduation, feature and premier days, the T.A.B. committed to 8% of turnover to the codes. This was essential to be able to balance the books. The real winner was it meant the T.A.B. had performance measures unlike any previous years.

8% of 2016 racing year would be \$208M. We are currently running at 5.5%. To be honest, I fail to understand how I am the only one who is concerned.



SAVABEEL STATS HIGHLIGHT VERSATILITY

15

Stakes Winner this season

Within eight days, Bassett scored two stakes victories at 1200m – the Abell Stakes at Moonee Valley and then the Hareeba Stakes at Mornington.

In doing so, Bassett has become the 15th individual stakes winner for Savabeel this season.

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Sprinting Stakes Winner this season

He also highlights the versatility of Savabeel who, despite being more renowned for his middle distance progeny, has also sired 13 individual sprinting stakes winners over distances below 1400m.

Bassett is the latest stakes-winning example of the successful pedigree pattern achieved by sending mares carrying Snippets to Savabeel. The other examples of this pattern include Brambles, Do Ra Mi, Lincoln Blue, Sewreel, Flame Hero, Dowager Queen, Lopov etc

16.7

% SW/Rnrs with mares carrying Snippets

In our pursuit of success as breeders, so much of what we do is to try and increase our chances of success. For mares carrying Snippets somewhere in their pedigree, they produce stakes winners at an overall rate of 4.6% SW/Rnrs. When such mares have been sent to Savabeel, that strike rate has increased to a very impressive 16.7% SW/Rnrs.

MARK'S MAIL

A great weekend just been. Congrats to Peter Moody on the fantastic results he achieved on Saturday with Savabeel gelding Bassett in the Listed Hareeba Stakes and with Savabeel filly Nurse Kitchen's brave effort for second in the Gr.1 Vinery Stud Stakes.

It is a very exciting day's racing tomorrow, what with our new sire prospect Tivaci in the Gr.1 TJ Smith, the ultra-consistent Savabeel fillies Hasahalo and Gold Fever in the Gr.1 Manawatu Sires' Produce Stakes for two-year-olds, and with the Savabeel fancy Righteous Mate in the Gr.1 Australian Derby.

Have to say there is a real sense of déjà vu at the mo, in terms of Kiwi-trained NZ-bred gallopers heading to Australia and taking out the big prizes. It seems to consistently happen at this time year-in, year-out.

Would like to make a special mention to the Zame syndicate owners of Jon Snow. I went to school with all those boys and especially the godfather Dom. I have early memories when they looked after me on free weekends from Silverstream, his Friday Flash and Best Bets was never far away and very often frequenting a live raceday. It's fantastic to see a man with a love of the game, having so much fun and success.

The Weaning process at the stud is all finished. Headed by Sharon Meyer, it has been an unbelievable job on the handling and education by the whole team. It is such an important job that can't be rushed, and it sets these youngsters up with a positive attitude that will carry them through their whole lives.

Have a great weekend!

Mark

