Points of Interest
Including Mackintosh’s slashing Gr.2 return, a multiple Gr.1 mare purchased and O’Reilly’s red letter day at Te Rapa.

Blackbooker of the Week
O’Reilly colt Killarney blows them away with impressive debut win at Te Rapa.

Sixty Seconds
With Sydney-based jockey, Jason Collett.

Staff Spotlight
Bloodstock Manager Kerrie Cox and Marketing Manager Angelique Bridson.
Trainer Allan Sharrock has given Kawi’s rivals in Saturday’s Gr.1 Windsor Park Plate at Hawke’s Bay an ominous warning.

“Kawi is better than what he was last time out. I’m very, very happy with his condition. His coat has improved and so too has his fitness,” said Sharrock this afternoon.

Kawi claimed his 4th Gr.1 when he retained his Makfi Challenge Stakes crown in outstanding fashion at Hastings last month. The 6YO, who has won 12 of his 25 starts and more than $820,000 in stakes, raced three wide with cover from an outside gate, before he asserted his superiority in the run home for a comfortable victory.

Kawi is rated a $1.80 fancy by the NZ TAB to achieve his 5th Gr.1 win on Saturday.

With Australian Gr.2 form to her credit, Kawi’s rival Bohemian Lily looks a terrific value prospect in the race.

The beautifully-bred O’Reilly 5YO mare extinguished her chances early on in the recent Makfi Challenge Stakes, but trainer John Bary is confident of a better showing tomorrow.

“Bohemian Lily has improved immensely since the Makfi. I’m looking forward to a much improved run tomorrow,” said Bary today.

The Gr.1 Windsor Park Plate has twice been won by Waikato Stud-bred gallopers.

The first time was Starcraft in 2004 and the second time was with Daffodil in 2009.

Daffodil is currently in-foal to Savabeel and is due to foal at the end of October.
WS graduate Mackintosh made the sweetest of returns at Rosehill last Saturday, scoring a dashing victory in the Gr.2 Theo Marks Stakes. The 4YO resumed from a three month break to down a competitive line-up of sprinters. 

A son of Pins, Mackintosh showed a sharp turn of foot in the straight to win for the sixth time in his nine start career. "Obviously he is a horse with talent and the plan is to go second up to a mile in the Epsom," trainer Chris Waller said. Mackintosh won two of his first three starts for Byerley Park trainer James Bridge before his sale and transfer to Waller’s team. He subsequently claimed the Gr 3 Rough Habit Plate and the Gr 3 Grad Prix Stakes during last season’s Brisbane carnival.

The gelding impressed his rider Joao Moreira, who believed he will only improve over more ground than today’s 1300 metres. “He’s still very green and he was hanging in, he did a lot of things wrong but he’s got a lot of ability," he said. "The longer distances will be better for him.”

Raced by Lib Petagna along with Tony Muollo senior and junior, Mackintosh has achieved 6 wins from 9 outings. Mackintosh is out of the now deceased Generous mare Lolly Scramble, who was a half-sister to the Group Two winner Viennetta.

The James Cummings-trained Spirit Bird became Savabeel’s 51st individual stakes winner this afternoon, courtesy of victory in the Gr.3 Tibbie Stakes (1350m) at Newcastle.

The 4YO mare had previously registered success over 1300m and had achieved stakes placings in both the Gr.2 Western Australian Guineas (1600m) and the Listed WATC Challenge Stakes (1500m).

The Neven Botica bred-and-raced mare had hinted to good form with a recent trial win.
**MACKINTOSH**  
Waller 4yo won the Gr.2 Theo Marks Stakes on season resume last Saturday.

**SWEET LEADER**  
Wexford colt strikes second win from three starts at Te Rapa on Wednesday.

**KNEW IT**  
Busuttin/Young yard’s debut winner heads to Caulfield Saturday.

**TORGERSON**  
Waller aiming for Pins black-type double with Torgersen in Gr.3 Bill Ritchie Hcp.

**BABE**  
Jason Collett to pilot Richardson Racing’s debut winner in Gr.3 Gold Trail Stakes.

**HOKEY POKEY**  
Bary-trained 4yo filly broke maiden ranks at start four today at Taupo.

**SUAVITO**  
Waikato Stud purchased the multiple Gr.1 winner Suavito this week.

The Nigel Blackistan-trained mare retires to the farm with 8 wins, which included 5 black-type wins in the Gr.1 MRC CF Orr Stakes (1400m), the Gr.1 Futurity Stakes (1400m), the Gr.2 VRC Matriarch Stakes (2000m), the Gr.2 Blamey Stakes (1600m) and the Gr.3 MVRC Eliza Park International Stakes (1600m).

She is booked to see Savabeel this season.

**KILLARNEY**

**AGE/SEX:** 4YO entire  
**BREEDING:** O’Reilly x Irish Colleen  
**BREEDERS:** Daniel & Elias Nakhle & Waikato Stud Ltd  
**TRAINER:** Roger James  
**OWNERS:** Rod Baulcomb, Greg Jones, Daniel & Elias Nakhle and John Struthers.  
**REASON:** Debuted for a dominant 3 length win at Te Rapa on Wednesday.

“Killarney is a 4YO who has just had his first start. He will have to make his way through the grades, but I’ve thought for a while now, that he was out of the top draw.

I think he’s good enough to win at the best level, but he’s still a work in progress, so this might be at five.”

- Trainer, Roger James
### SIXTY SECONDS

**WITH SYDNEY-BASED JOCKEY, JASON COLLETT**

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### TIP OF THE WEEK

**O’NATURELLE**

Saturday 4:09pm, Race 7 at Riccarton in the Listed Canterbury Belle Stakes

“She will appreciate the long Riccarton straight. I think she also wins the Gr 1 1000 Guineas, she’s that classy!”

“Only paying $2.90 on the Fixed Odds, but she should get me back on track... but I might have said this before.”

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### OPINION PIECE

**WITH GARRY CHITTICK**

When we purchased Waikato Stud, someone asked would we continue to trade as ‘Thornton Park’

That would not have been a smart decision. Afterall, the ‘brand’ Waikato is synonymous with New Zealand's racehorse breeding reputation. This (NZ) thoroughbred brand is a significant contributor for New Zealand in our trading regions. We can, with pride, be confident our success in Hong Kong, Singapore and Malaysia is important not just for our industry but NZ in the gateway to Asia. With the recent upsurge in interest in China, our product will also play its part.

I read where one in 310 Australians are in some way involved in a thoroughbred. They, for sure, will be very conscious of our horses and of course, the (NZ) brand.

So our reputation and success is worth protecting. To do so, we need a strong domestic racing product that we are proud of.

Racing for tiddlywinks is hardly brand enhancing!
Grabbing a handy mare for a wedding photo, may not sound like a particularly prescriptive start to breeding thoroughbreds, but that was pretty much the inadvertent beginning for Waikato Stud’s Bloodstock Operations Manager Kerrie Cox and Marketing Manager Angelique Bridson.

“I’d always liked Lasting Luck’s progeny on type, but on my wedding day when Ange - who was my bridesmaid- grabbed her in the paddock for a photo, I certainly didn’t think we’d own her and be breeding from her one day,” said Kerrie.

With Lasting Luck’s son by Pins Straighttothepoint registering multiple wins in Singapore and Savabeel daughter Miss Horotiu also looking highly promising for owner Laurie Laxon, the pair jumped at the chance to purchase her when fortuitously told of her availability by Mark Chittick.

“Her progeny are great types, and with offspring by proven Gr.1 sires Savabeel and Pins already rowing the boat, she seemed like a great first mare to kick off with,” explained Angelique.

Much to the pair’s delight, Lasting Luck produced a beautiful Pins filly three weeks ago, who they have nicknamed ‘Georgie’.

“I know I’m biased, but Georgie is just stunning. We are completely rapt and could not be more grateful to Mark for helping us get started,” enthused Kerrie.

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Well and truly bitten by the breeding bug, the WS duo are sending Lasting Luck back to Pins this season.

“For what Pins has achieved, he’s incredible value. He’s a gift for those starting out like Kerrie and I. The fact that Georgie is so beautiful, just made it a no brainer,” remarked Angelique.
WITH GARETH DOWNLEY

MACKINTOSH – MORE PROOF OF PINS POWER

Last season, Mackintosh proved to be a star 3yo at the Brisbane Carnival. In the words of Chris Waller, he went to a new level when taking out the Gr.2 Theo Marks over 1300m at Rosehill on Saturday. This was his first start back as a 4yo and now takes his career record to a very impressive 6 wins from just 8 starts. This is a very good indicator of a big season ahead when these 4yo’s resume with a performance like that.

Mackintosh is just another example of what a consistent top quality sire Pins has proven to be throughout his career. In fact, with career statistics of 7.4% SW/Rnrs, Pins continues to maintain his position in the top 8 proven stallions standing throughout Australasia this season by that measure. When you consider that the other 7 stallions on that list all stand for at least $60,000+GST, it is easy to see why Pins is considered such remarkable value at $25,000+GST.

Pins himself is out of a Star Kingdom-line mare – and he seems to respond well to being mated with mares carrying another strain of Star Kingdom. When Pins and Star Kingdom have been combined anywhere on opposite sides of a pedigree, the results are running at 7.4% SW/Rnrs – which is very good over a sample size of 394 runners. Apart from Mackintosh, the other examples of this pedigree pattern have included El Segundo, Legs, Econsul, Stratum Star, Gallopin, Megapins, Pinsoir, Viennetta, Somepin Anypin etc.

Whether you have a mare carrying Star Kingdom, or whether you just want to give your mare the chance of success that comes from going to such a high class stallion as Pins, please contact me via gareth@waikatostud.co.nz or 021 433 073

THAT’S WHAT IT’S ALL ABOUT

Success is always sweeter when shared.

It’s great seeing friends and people who have supported us and are involved with Waikato Stud get success. Once again, that’s what it’s all about.

This week in particular, we had Symphonic – a lovely filly that we sold to Chris & Sarah Green and Ger Beemsterboer - win nicely at Te Rapa.

It was a good day at Te Rapa all round for O’Reilly.

The O’Reilly entire out of Irish Colleen named Killarney that we bred in partnership with Daniel and Elias Nakhele - who stayed in the ownership and were joined by Rod Baulcomb - came out for trainer Roger James and won very impressively.

Also on the same day at Te Rapa, Sweet Leader took his smart record to two wins from three starts. A great result for Wexford Stables, Apollo Ng and Alvin Wong.

Obviously the highlight of the week was Mackintosh winning the Gr.2 Theo Marks Stakes in Sydney. Once again, that name Lib Petagna pops up in the ownership. Its great to see people that are involved, getting so much success with Waikato Stud.

Really looking forward to the weekend. There are a number of interesting runners:

Babe runs in the Gr.3 Gold Trail Stakes – one start, one win. Jason Collett on, so a good jockey flying coming across to pilot her and others. Barrier 14 is not really a help. Anyway, will be interesting to see how she goes.

Knew It was a very impressive debut winner. She’s taking quite a step up heading to the City for her second start. Drawn nicely in three with Mark Zahra onboard.

Kawi is obviously a horse we are very excited about. He is having his second start in the second leg of the triple crown at Hawke’s Bay and should be a huge chance.

In terms of Mating of the Week, for me it would have to be Sacred Falls over Grand Echezeau.

With respect to the Foaling of the Week, there was not a lot of sleep last night with 8 foals arriving, but in keeping with the Hawke’s Bay theme, this would have to be last night’s Sacred Falls ex Rosehip colt (pictured above). This is the first foal for the mare, who is a sister to Savabeel’s Gr.1 Queensland Derby winner Brambles and multiple stakes winner Lopov. She is owned by the great Johnny Frizzell from the Hawke’s Bay.

Mark.