

WEEKEND @ WAIKATO

# SAVABEEL

MOUNTS TWO PRONGED ATTACK ON

## GR.1 CAULFIELD CUP

— THE WORLD'S RICHEST HANDICAP RACE ON TURF OVER 2400M —



Australia's **A\$3mil Gr.1 Caulfield Cup** is the world's richest handicap race on turf over 2400m and in just over a day's time, our super-sire **Savabeel** will stage a two prong attack in it.

As the \$4.40 favourite, his Kris-Lees-trained dual Gr.1 winning daughter **Lucia Valentina** spearheads his cause.

Named after her owner Lib Petagna's daughter, **Lucia Valentina** emerged as the number one elect following a game last start win in the **Gr.1 Turnbull**.

As a 4YO mare, the history books don't paint an overly glowing picture.

Far from the heady period in the 1970's when they won four straight **Caulfield Cups** and then five Cups between 1985 -2001, the record of 4YO mares has received no notable update since **Ethereal** 13 years ago.



Favourites in the race have fared marginally better. It has been nine years since an odds on fancy won the race and this was **Master O'Reilly** [O'Reilly] in 2005.

In saying this, no 4YO mare has started this short in the **Caulfield Cup** since **Leilani** [\$3.25] in 1974 and she duly won the race.

With respect to the **Turnbull-Caulfield Cup** double that **Lucia Valentina** aspires to, this was last achieved by **Elvstroem** in 2004.

Significant encouragement, however, can be taken from the fact that the **Turnbull** as a lead-in race, has provided the pre-race platform for four of the past five **Caulfield Cup** winners.

This also comes as great news for fellow **Sava-beel** aspirant **Brambles**, who enters the **Caulfield Cup** off the back of a gritty third to **Lucia Valentina** in the **Turnbull**.

Trained by Peter Moody, **Brambles** won the **Gr.1 Queensland Derby** in 2012.

Should he be successful, he will be the first **Queensland Derby** winner to win the Cup since **Tulloch** in 1954 and **Basha Felika** in 1947.



The 2014 **Caulfield Cup** will start at 7:40pm NZ time, with **Brambles** and **Lucia Valentina** drawn alongside each other in stalls 9 and 10 respectively.



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NO EXCUSE  
NEEDED



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# WS SIRED BLACK-TYPE RUNNERS

SATURDAY				
	<b>SORIANO</b> 09f Savabeel x Call Me Lily by Just A Dancer	<b>Listed Rotorua Plate</b> [1950m]	Roto.	3:47pm
	<b>SMARTLY</b> 08f Fast 'n' Famous x Artemesia by Peintre Celebre	<b>Listed Rotorua Plate</b> [1950m]	Roto.	3:47pm
	<b>SAVAGE COUP</b> 11f Savabeel x Justine Coup by Entrepreneur	<b>Listed Ethereal Stakes</b> [2000m]	MRC	4:00pm
	<b>LITTLE HOTTIE</b> 11f O'Reilly x Megan's Tough Love by Rahy	<b>Listed Ethereal Stakes</b> [2000m]	MRC	4:00pm
	<b>MERION</b> 11g O'Reilly x Sapphire Belle by Danske	<b>Gr.3 Caulfield Classic</b> [2000m]	MRC	4:35pm
	<b>GUEVARA</b> 07g No Excuse Needed x Freestyler by Victory Dance	<b>Gr.3 Lion Red Plate</b> [1400m]	Roto.	5:02pm
	<b>SPIN DOCTOR</b> 07g Pins x Love The Limelight by Octagonal	<b>Gr.3 Lion Red Plate</b> [1400m]	Roto.	5:02pm
	<b>ANTONIO LOMBARDO</b> 08g Pins x Petit Verdot by Carnegie	<b>Gr.2 Tristarc Stakes</b> [1200m]	Roto.	5:02pm
	<b>CHIQUADA</b> 08f Fast 'n' Famous x High Grove by Prince Ferdinand	<b>Gr.2 Tristarc Stakes</b> [1400m]	MRC	5:45pm
	<b>IGGI POP</b> 08g Savabeel x Freequence by O'Reilly	<b>Listed Tattersalls Club Cup</b> [2406m]	ATC	6:05pm
	<b>CELTIC PRINCE</b> 09g O'Reilly x Centa Belt by Centaine	<b>Listed Tattersalls Club Cup</b> [2406m]	ATC	6:05pm
	<b>PINSTRIP LANE</b> 10g Pins x Singasong by Danasinga	<b>Gr.3 David Jones Cup</b> [2000m]	MRC	6:20pm
	<b>MY SABEEL</b> 07f Savabeel x Wailing Countess by Entrepreneur	<b>Gr.3 Nivision Stakes</b> [1200m]	ATC	7:25pm
	<b>HERA</b> 10f O'Reilly x Corsica by Centaine	<b>Gr.3 Nivision Stakes</b> [1200m]	ATC	7:25pm
	<b>LUCIA VALENTINA</b> 10f Savabeel x Staryn Glenn by Montjeu	<b>Gr.1 Caulfield Cup</b> [2400m]	MRC	7:40pm
	<b>BRAMBLES</b> 08g Savabeel x Prickle by Pins	<b>Gr.1 Caulfield Cup</b> [2400m]	MRC	7:40pm
	<b>STRIKE THE STARS</b> 08g Savabeel x Ambitious Last Tycoon	<b>Gr.3 Northerly Stakes</b> [1400m]	WATC	10:15pm
	<b>CLASSIQUE IVORY</b> 08g Savabeel x Senorita Ivory by Senor Pete	<b>Gr.3 Northerly Stakes</b> [1400m]	WATC	10:15pm
SUNDAY				
	<b>PIN YOUR HOPES</b> 09g Pins x Zarvana by Zabeel	<b>Listed Seymour Cup</b> [1600m]	Seym	6.00pm
	<b>NANDOWRA</b> 07g Savabeel x Fabaz by O'Reilly	<b>Sgp-3 Saas Fee Stakes</b> [1400m]	Sing.	10.00pm

# 60 Seconds with... HAMISH MCKAY



This week we put **60** seconds of curious questions to TV3  
Presenter **Hamish McKay**

<b>Favourite comfort food:</b>	Pork crackling
<b>Do you have any nicknames and how did you come to get it:</b>	Tongue...sort of to do with talking, hence the job I'm in.
<b>Best Horse involved with and seen:</b>	<p>Best involved with was a <b>Pompeii Court</b> filly called <b>Vesuvius</b> [pictured] She was a pretty good 3YO who won five, but she tended to tie-up badly and had issues.</p>  <p>Best seen in the flesh was <b>So You Think</b> winning the Mackinnon. I was down on the rails in the rain, my suit and tie were soaked, but you didn't mind one bit because you knew you had just seen a champion close up. It was pretty special.</p>
<b>Book on the bedside table:</b>	'Sweet Poison - Why Sugar Makes Us Fat' by David Gillespie
<b>If you weren't a journalist, you'd be a:</b>	Dairy Farmer - still might be yet, you never know
<b>What do you do to relax:</b>	Tennis, a bit of cycling and a bit of a television sports junkie
<b>Favourite TV shows:</b>	Criminal Minds and Jono & Ben.
<b>Who would you love to meet or have met:</b>	Phil Mickelson
<b>Favourite holiday destination:</b>	50/50 call between Matarangi Beach in the Coromandal and Waikiki Beach, Honolulu.
<b>Favourite thing about Waikato Stud:</b>	The friendly faces, energy and excellence.
<b>How did you get involved with racing:</b>	My Dad raced a few and was a part-time breeder. He was passionate about it and was one of the first people to have a share in Centaine way back in the early days.
<b>Favourite Movie:</b>	The Descendants starring George Clooney
<b>Career Highlights:</b>	Calling two Rugby World Cup Finals. Even though the All Blacks weren't involved in the 2007 Final, it was still pretty amazing working alongside Grant Fox and Andrew Mehtens.
<b>Best piece of good advice:</b>	I don't know the key to success, but I know the key to failure and that's trying to please everybody.



# NZB Ready To Run Sale of 2YO's

BREEZE UPS: 20 & 21 Oct      SALE: 19 & 20 Nov



**O'REILLY**  
12 on offer  
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**SAVABEEL**  
17 on offer  
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**PINS**  
7 on offer  
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**NO EXCUSE  
NEEDED**  
2 on offer  
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**COURTZA  
PARK**  
7 on offer  
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## Yesterday's V.I.P. Arrivals...



Yesterday Pat & Jane Lowry's superb mare **Golden Gamble** foaled a **Pins** filly. This filly is a full-sister to the outstanding Hong Kong galloper **Ambitious Dragon**. **Golden Gamble** will return to **Pins** this season.

\* Ambitious Dragon photo courtesy of the Hong Kong Jockey Club



Yesterday also saw Trish Dunell's grand mare **Ellington** foal a **Niagara** filly.

This filly is a half-sister to the Singapore Gr.1 sensation

**Spalato**

**Ellington** will visit **O'Reilly** this season.

\* Spalato photo courtesy of the Singapore Turf Club

## Pedigree Pointers with... GARETH DOWNEY



### ROCK ON

Last Saturday, **Amicus** won the **Gr. 1 Thousand Guineas** at Caulfield and **Neena Rock** won the **Gr. 3 Angst Stakes** at Randwick. These two daughters of **Fastnet Rock** stood out on the same day to highlight a pedigree pattern which has been working successfully for some time now. I'm talking about the combination of **Fastnet Rock** with mares carrying **Mr Prospector**. This is the case with the dams of **Amicus** and **Neena Rock**, both being **Mr Prospector** line mares. In fact with her win on Saturday, **Amicus** became the eighth Gr. 1 winner bred on a pedigree pattern of **Fastnet Rock** over a mare carrying **Mr Prospector**.

This pattern is actually running at **10.6% SW/Rnrs** with a Gr. 1 winner for every 38 runners. Apart from **Amicus**, the other Gr. 1 winners bred on this pattern have been **Mosheen**, **Super Cool**, **Atlante**, **Your Song**, **Albany Reunion**, **Planet Rock** and **Lone Rock**.

This brings us to **Rock N Pop**. He is out of a mare that does not carry **Mr Prospector**, making him an excellent candidate to try and utilise this pattern with. Also, with **Rock N Pop** being out of a **Sir Tristram** mare, he is very well suited for mares carrying **Mr Prospector** on a different and very strong pattern, as **Sir Tristram** and **Mr Prospector** have combined together producing examples including **Lonhro**, **Ethereal**, **Efficient**, **Weekend Hussler**, **Racing To Win**, **Danleigh**, **Faint Perfume**, **Sacred Kingdom**, **Silent Witness**, with the list going on to include 58 Gr. 1 winners so far.

You will have seen in last week's newsletter the quality of the foals that **Rock N Pop** is leaving – they are absolute crackers – thus continuing to make him an exciting stallion prospect. So if you have a mare carrying **Mr Prospector, Rock N Pop** would make an excellent choice for her this season. If you would like to discuss this or any other mating option, please feel free to e-mail me at [gareth@waikatostud.co.nz](mailto:gareth@waikatostud.co.nz) or call me on 021 433 073

Cheers, Gareth.



## The Mail with... MARK CHITTICK

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