

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.

Significiant 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 **Savabeel** 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.

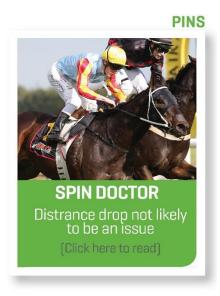


The 2014 Caulfield Cup will start at 7:40pm NZ time, with Brambles and Lucia Valentina drawn alongside each other in stalls 9 and 10 respectively.











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

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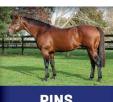
This week we put 60 seconds of curious questions to TV3				
Presenter Hamish McKay				
Favourite comfort food:	Pork crackling			
Do you have any nicknames and how did you come to get it:	Tonguesort of to do with talking, hence the job I'm in.			
Best Horse involved with and seen:	Best involved with was a Pompeii Court filly called Vesuvius (pictured) She was a pretty good 3YO who won five, but she tended to tie-up badly and had issues. Best seen in the flesh was So You Think 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.			
Book on the bedside table:	'Sweet Poison - Why Sugar Makes Us Fat' by David Gillespie			
If you weren't a journalist, you'd be a:	Dairy Farmer - still might be yet, you never know			
What do you do to relax:	Tennis, a bit of cycling and a bit of a television sports junkie			
Favourite TV shows:	Criminal Minds and Jono & Ben.			
Who would you love to meet or have met:	Phil Mickelson			
Favourite holiday destination:	50/50 call between Matarangi Beach in the Coromandal and Waikiki Beach, Honolulu.			
Favourite thing about Waikato Stud:	The friendly faces, energy and excellence.			
How did you get involved with racing:	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.			
Favourite Movie:	The Descendants starring George Clooney			
Career Highlights:	Calling two Rugby World Cup Finals. Even though the All Blacks werent involved in the 2007 Final, it was still pretty amazing working alongside Grant Fox and Andrew Mehtens.			
Best piece of good advice:	I don't know the key to success, but I know the key to failure and that's trying to please everybody.			







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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.







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 or call me on 021 433 073

Cheers, Gareth.



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