## SACRED FALLS



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The wait is nearly over for **Waikato Stud's** 2015 sire prospect **Sacred Falls'** history making quest for a hat-trick of **Gr.1 Doncaster Mile** wins.

The four-time **Gr.1** winner is to have his final lead-up race on Saturday, setting out in the **Gr.1 George Ryder (1500m)** at Rosehill with Damien Oliver in the irons.

According to his Sydney-conditioner Chris Waller, the talented **O'Reilly** entire has taken improvement from his first-up run in the **Gr.1 Canterbury Stakes** and will be well suited to the trip.

Raced by Raffles Racing and Waikato Stud, **Sacred Falls** finished fourth in the **George Ryder** last year, before winning the **Gr.1 Doncaster** and producing arguably one of the best runs of his career a week later, when powering home for second in the **Gr.1 Queen Elizabeth**.

Since this time, **Sacred Falls** has added another **Gr.1** win to his resume, with additional honours struck here in this season's **Gr.1 George Main** at Randwick.

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#### RACE RECORD:

25 Starts 9-2-1 NZ\$378,435, A\$4,400,300.

9 wins-2 at 2-from 1000m to 1600m, NZ\$378,435, A\$4,400,300, to 2014-15.

Joint Top Older Male of 2013-14 Australasian Classification (Mile).

Joint Second on the 2012-13 NZ 3YO Free H (1200m-1600m).

#### **BLACK-TYPE WINS:**

- Gr.1 ATC Doncaster H. (1600m)
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- Gr.1 ATC George Main S. (1600m)
- Gr.1 New Zealand Two Thousand Guineas (1600m)
- Gr.2 Hawke's Bay Guineas (1400m)
- Gr.3 Waikato RC James & Annie Sarten Memorial S. (1400m)

Listed Whangarei RC Westbury Stud Challenge S. [1200m]

It looks like it's full steam ahead to the **Gr.1 Australian Oaks** for **Savabeel's** brilliant NZ Oaks winner, **Savaria.** 

According to her owner Des Fleming and trainer Roydon Bergerson, a late nomination will be made the Tuesday before the race, with the boom filly likely to then board the plane on a hit and run mission the Wednesday.



"You don't get a chance like this often in life," said her owner Des Fleming.

Interestingly, according to Arion Pedigrees, this NZ Oaks- Australian Oaks double has not been completed since **Domino** [NZ] [Grosvenor] back in 1990. More encouraging however, is the recent record of NZ-breds, with **Rising Romance** [Ekraar] winning the event last year and with our very own **Daffodil** [No Excuse Needed] winning in 2009.

Whilst **Savaria** is now regarded as one of the most talented fillies around following her wins in the NZ Oaks and its Lowland precursor, her

'good doer' appetite has meant she may not have always looked the part.

"Roydon used to call her 'the Fat Filly' after she returned from a spell looking like a broodmare" said Fleming.

"I said to him the other night, I never hear you calling her the fat filly anymore. He said 'no we don't call her that, we call her Nelly – after Black Caviar'."

Bred by Monty and Judy Henderson, **Savaria** was originally purchased by Des and his wife Kay from Bluegables Farm's 2013 NZB Premier Yearling Sale draft for \$110,000.

"I rang Monty beforehand to see what her reserve was. He told me it was \$70,000, which was lucky because if he had said \$150,000, I would have been gone," said Des.

"He was great to speak to really. I asked him a few other things about her and he was spot on, he told me she was a well-built, a great doer and that she had a great nature."







**PINS** 



SAVABEEL



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O'REILLY







**Pins**' 2yo colt out of **Savamour** (Savabeel) commanded the highest price at the Hong Kong International Sale (HKIS) last Saturday, selling to owner Alan Cheng Kin-sang for HK\$7million (NZ\$1. 2million).



The colt (pictured left) had originally been purchased from Little Avondale's 2014 Premier Yearling draft by the HKJC for NZ\$260,000.

**Pins** was also responsible for the 3rd top priced horse, with his WS-bred son out of **Lucida** selling for HK\$5.2million (NZ\$910,683)

**Pins** has twice been distinguished as **Hong Kong's Champion Sire**.

He is best known in this racing jurisdiction for the outstanding Gr.1 gallopers **Ambitious Dragon** and **Aerovelocity**, who will represent Hong Kong in the **Gr.1 Takamatsunomiya Kinen in Japan on March 29**.

Other Hong Kong winners for the sire this season include **Icepin, Fabulous November, Dragon Pins, Packing Pins** and **Kokoda**.



FRIDAY					
* *	<b>GENERAL JAMES</b> 11g Savabeel x Splendid by O'Reilly	<b>Gr.2 Alistair Clark Stakes</b> [1400m]	MVRC	11:15pm	
SATURDAY					
* *	ADORABEEL 09f Savabeel x Plaza Doree by Saumarez	<b>Gr.3 Epona Stakes</b> (1900m)	ATC	3:15pm	
* *	<b>PRINCEFAMOUS</b> 11g Fast n Famous x Vesuvia by O'Reilly	<b>Listed Darby Munro S.</b> (1200m)	ATC	3:50pm	
*	<b>SPIN DOCTOR</b> 07g Pins x Love The Limelight by Octagonal	<b>Gr.2 Japan-NZ International</b> <b>Trophy</b> (1600m)	ВОР	3:59pm	
* * * * * * * *	<b>DIADEME</b> 08f Savabeel x Bling by O'Reilly	<b>Gr.2 Japan-NZ International</b> <b>Trophy</b> (1600m)	ВОР	3:59pm	
***	<b>SMARTLY</b> 08f Fast N Famous x Artemesia by Peintre Celebre	<b>Gr.2 Japan-NZ International</b> <b>Trophy</b> (1600m)	ВОР	3:59pm	
***	<b>LAUREN TATE</b> 09f Pins x Haylee Baylee by Oregon	<b>Gr.2 Japan-NZ International</b> <b>Trophy</b> (1600m)	ВОР	3:59pm	
**	<b>KAWI</b> 10g Savabeel x Magic Time by Volksraad	<b>Gr.2 Japan-NZ International</b> <b>Trophy</b> (1600m)	ВОР	3:59pm	
**	THE SOLITAIRE 07f O'Reilly x The Dazzler by Centaine	Listed South Island Breeders Stakes (1600m)	Horo	4:17pm	
* *	SILENT ACHIEVER 08f O'Reilly x Winning Spree by Zabeel	<b>Gr.1 Ranvet Stakes</b> (2000m)	ATC	4:30pm	
* *	<b>LUCIA VALENTINA</b> 10f Savabeel x Staryn Glenn by Montjeu	<b>Gr.1 Ranvet Stakes</b> (2000m)	ATC	4:30pm	
* *	SACRED FALLS 09c O'Reilly x Iguazu's Girl by Redoute's Choice	<b>Gr.1 George Ryder Stakes</b> (1500m)	ATC	7:10pm	
* *	<b>BURBERO</b> 08g OʻReilly x Royal Remedy by Royal Academy	<b>Gr.1 George Ryder Stakes</b> (1500m)	ATC	7:10pm	
SUNDAY					
*	<b>BOBO SO CUTE</b> 11g Savabeel x Celebes Sea by Shinko King	<b>Listed Macau Guineas</b> (1500m)	Мас.	8:45pm	



Favourite comfort food:	Roast beef dinner	
Do you have any nicknames and how did you come to get it:	No	
Best Horse(s) involved with:	Mr Tipsy, Diademe and Burbero.	
Book on the bedside table:	The Snowball: Warren Buffett & the Business of Life.	
If you hadn't have been a sharebro- ker, what would you have liked to have been?	A horse trainer	
What do you do to relax:	Sleep	
Favourite TV show:	Mrs. Brown's Boys	
Favourite holiday destination:	Mt Maunganui (I live there)	
Favourite thing about Waikato Stud:	Integrity	
How did you get involved with racing:	Grew up on the outskirts of Matamata.	
Childhood hero:	John Davies - Bronze medalist to Peter Snell at the 1964 Tokyo Olympic Games.	
Favourite Movie:	The Boat That Rocked.	
Career Highlights:	Being made a partner in the sharebroking firm I was working at (Jordan Sandman Smite)	
Best piece of good advice:	Put your heart and soul into your job.	
If someone was going to play you in a movie:	Bill Nighy	
Name 3 people you'd love to invite to a dinner party:	Warren Buffett, Brendon O'Carroll (Mrs. Brown's Boy) and Garry Chittick.	
Not many people would know that I	certainly never made the First 15 at school.	



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# Pedigree Pointers with GARETH DOWNEY

#### SAVABEEL SHINING BRIGHT WITH NIJINSKY

Another weekend of high class racing on both sides of the Tasman yet again saw **Savabeel** shining brightly; with a new **Gr. 1 Oaks** winning filly in **Savaria**, and also a new Melbourne Group winning 2yo filly in **Pasadena Girl.** Last week, I reviewed the pedigree of **Savaria** and the superb results being achieved between **Savabeel** and daughters of **O'Reilly**.



This week gives us a chance to highlight a new pedigree pattern. The combined results of both Savaria winning the Gr. 1 NZ Oaks, and Pasadena Girl maintaining her unbeaten record in winning the Gr. 3 VRC Thoroughbred Breeders Stakes, both showcase a successful affinity between Savabeel and Nijinsky.

The dams of both these high class winners are mares who carry **Nijinsky** in the 4th generation of their pedigree. The results for **Savabeel** in general when he has been combined together anywhere in the first **5** generations of a pedigree with **Nijinsky** on the opposite side of that pedigree have been **50** 

runners for one **Gr. 1** winner (**Savaria**), one **Gr. 2** winner (**Lady Kipling**), two **Gr. 3** winners (**Pasadena Girl** and **Fromelles**), as well as three other Listed winners. So, this combination of **Savabeel** and **Nijinsky** is running at **14% SW/Rnrs** and has therefore proven to be a very successful one over a good sample size.

Savaria and Pasadena Girl actually provide a very interesting pedigree pointer towards Sacred Falls. Savaria is out of an O'Reilly mare...Pasadena Girl is out of a Redoute's Choice mare...and so with Sacred Falls being by O'Reilly out of a Redoute's Choice mare himself...and with Sacred Falls being the exciting 2015 addition to our roster...this would be a very strong encouragement for anyone with a Savabeel mare to send her to Sacred Falls.

If you would like to discuss your pursuit of successful pedigree patterns or your mating plans for the 2015 season, please feel free to call me on 021 433 073 or e-mail me at gareth@waikatostud.co.nz



Really exciting weekend of racing just been.

Just so satisfying to see Burbero win the Gr.2 Ajax Stakes for Scott Richardson, a horse he not only owns but bred also.

Big congrats also to Des and Kay Fleming, who now own one of the most exciting fillies around in Savaria. Bred by Monty and Judy Henderson, I can't wait to see what she does in Australia.

Speaking of which, it could be a huge weekend ahead with no less than four Gr.1 WS-sired chances at Rosehill in Sacred Falls, Burbero, Silent Achiever and Lucia Valentina.



HORSE: LUCIA VALENTINA (Savabeel)

RACE: Gr.1 Ranvet Stakes (ATC, Race 4,

BET TYPE: Win

**COMMENT:** Improved big time with last run. Will be at her best this weekend.

