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SAVABEEL KING OF KARAKA



Savabeel was crowned king of the ring after his juveniles took centre stage on the closing day of the **NZB Ready to Run** auction at Karaka. Following on from a **\$320,000** sale on Wednesday, the WS stallion's popularity went to another level yesterday when his sale-topping colt was knocked down for **\$460,000**.

Offered by Jeremy Whale's Diamond Lodge, he is from a successful WS family and was purchased by Sydney trainer Bryce Heys.

“We worked through the catalogue as soon as it came out and he was one we had on the short list fairly quickly,” he said. “He just fits the profile of this sale so well as the horses sourced from it are highly regarded in our market and he is from a sire that is producing the results week after week.”



Heys said as soon as he got up close to the colt at Karaka he was sold on him.

“I flew in on Tuesday and managed to inspect him that evening and that confirmed he was our main target as he really is a quality individual.”

The colt, who breezed up in an effortless **10.70** seconds, will now head

across to his new home at Heys' Ellerslie Lodge at Warwick Farm.

Out of the unraced **O'Reilly** mare **Bling**, the 2YO is a brother to the **Gr.2 Cal Isuzu Stakes** and **Gr 3 Westbury Classic** winner **Diademe** and a half-brother to the Australian stakes performed **Pins** mare **Roop All**.

In what was a terrific pinhook, Whale had purchased the **Savabeel** stunner out of Waikato Stud's 2014 Karaka Premier Yearling draft for **\$80,000** [pictured right].

Another **Savabeel** son, also from Diamond Lodge's draft, had earlier ignited the ring when he sold for **\$350,000** to Australian trainer John Morrissey. Out of the **Blues Traveller** mare **Tonic**, he had impressed with a smart **10.45** second breeze-up prior to the auction.



“I've had a lot of success here and all of my good horses have come from New Zealand,” he said. “Once I had seen his breeze-up, and then inspected him before the sale, I was very keen to be the one who bought him. He's simply a lovely athletic type, who moves beautifully and is a real racy individual.”

Group One winners **Rockdale** [TJ Smith Stakes] and WS-bred galloper **Lachlan River** [Queensland Derby] have been past Karaka success stories for Morrissey.

SAVABEEL at a glance...



A \$400,000 Magic Millions Gold Coast Sale yearling.

Debut 2YO winner, who won the Gr.1 AJC Spring Champion Stakes (2000m) and Gr.1 MVRC WS Cox Plate (2040m) as a 3YO.

7 crops, 5 Gr.1 winners and 33 stakes winners later, and SAVABEEL is setting the Sale ring alight.

2014 NZB Premier Yearling Sale
-NZ's Leading active sire
-Average: NZ\$150,000
-Top Price: NZ\$500,000

2014 NZB Ready To Run Sale of 2YO's
-NZ's Leading sire
-Average: NZ\$215,909
-Top Price: NZ\$460,000



ÉCLAIR BIG BANG primed to strike Gr.1 mark

Last start winner **Eclair Big Bang** could extend an outstanding week for his sire **Savabeel** in the **AU\$755,000 Gr.1 WATC Winterbottom Stakes (1200m)** at Ascot racecourse tomorrow.















The talented Adelaide-based sprinter has registered five career wins for trainer Phillip Stokes, with the best of these coming in the **Gr.3 Caulfield Guineas Prelude** over 1400m.

Of the 4YO gelding's 10 career starts up to 1400m, he has consistently caught the eye, winning five of these and placings on an additional two occasions.



WS SIRED BLACK-TYPE RUNNERS

SATURDAY				
	NEEDLly 07f O'Reilly x Needled by Pins	Gr.2 Auckland Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes [1400m]	Coun	3:22pm
	PUSSY O'REILLY 08f O'Reilly x Octapussy by Octagonal	Gr.2 Auckland Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes [1400m]	Coun	3:22pm
	KELLY O'REILLY 09f O'Reilly x Grace by Pins	Gr.2 Auckland Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes [1400m]	Coun	3:22pm
	QUEENS ROSE 09f O'Reilly x Rosetti Bay by Pins	Gr.2 Auckland Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes [1400m]	Coun	3:22pm
	LION RED 08g Fast 'n' Famous x Lucerne by O'Reilly	Gr.3 Counties Cup [2100m]	Coun	4:32pm
	DECORAH 09f Pins x Nordic Dancer by Generous	Gr.3 Counties Cup [2100m]	Coun	4:32pm
	MOSSE 08f O'Reilly x Golden Sparkle by Gold Brose	Listed Counties Bowl Hcp [1100m]	Coun	5:12pm
	BARBARIC 08g Pins x Burnzees Magic by Kinjite	Listed Counties Bowl Hcp [1100m]	Coun	5:12pm
	IN STYLE 09f Fast 'n' Famous x Ribadesella by Centaine	Listed Counties Bowl Hcp [1100m]	Coun	5:12pm
	ECLAIR BIG BANG 10g Savabeel x Ennerdale by Singspiel	Gr.1 Winterbottom Stakes [1200m]	WATC	9:00pm
	STRIKE THE STARS 08g Savabeel x Ambitious by Last Tycoon	Listed Tattersall's Cup [2100m]	WATC	10:25pm
	CLASSIQUE IVORY 08g Savabeel x Senorita Ivory by Senor Pete	Listed Tattersall's Cup [2100m]	WATC	10:25pm
SUNDAY				
	AEROVELOCITY 08g Pins x Exodus by Kaapstad	Gr.2 HKJC Sprint [1200m]	HKJC	8:30pm
	AMBITIOUS DRAGON 06g Pins x Golden Gamble by Oregon	Gr.2 HKJC Mile [1600m]	HKJC	9:05pm



60 Seconds with...

Chief Journalist for Racing.com & Presenter on RSN

SHANE ANDERSON



Favourite comfort food:	Thai food, I could eat it every day.
Do you have any nicknames and how did you come to get it:	'Sugar' - as I have always been considered a sweet talker, although I am not sure it is accurate these days. Have had it for years.
Best Horse(s) involved with:	Sonntag, winner of this year's Queensland Derby.
Book on the bedside table:	True Grit by Les Carlyon.
If you weren't involved with the thoroughbred industry, you'd be a	Sports administrator.
What do you do to relax:	Walk the dog.
Favourite TV show:	House Of Cards and Veep, can't split them. But I clearly love programs with a political theme.
Who would you love to meet or have met:	No one in particular, I find most people interesting.
Favourite holiday destination:	Barcelona, best city in the world.
Favourite thing about Waikato Stud:	Ability to breed winners.
How did you get involved with racing:	Made the decision in 2004 to focus on my media work, racing had always been my passion so I combined the two. Haven't looked back.
Favourite Movie:	Life Of Brian.
Career Highlights:	Being given the opportunity to host Racing Ahead in 2010 on RSN, the success of that show has opened many doors internationally.
Best piece of good advice:	A good work ethic is more important than good looks.
If someone was going to play you in a movie:	Bradley Cooper, as he is slightly younger and marginally better looking.
Name 3 people you'd love to invite to a dinner party:	Barrack Obama, Vladimir Putin and Benjamin Netanyahu so I could organise world peace, hopefully before main course is served.
Not many people would know that I...	Am learning Spanish, with the long term aim of retiring to Spain.

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Pedigree Pointers with...

GARETH DOWNEY



ROCK N' THE GREY POWER

For those of us seeking successful pedigree patterns to try and replicate when planning matings for our exciting young stallion **Rock N Pop**, there were **2** results in consecutive Group races at Sandown last weekend that shone the light on just such a pattern. **Petrology** won the **Gr.2 Sandown Guineas** and then in the next race, **Fast N Rocking** won the **Gr.3 Kevin Heffernan Stakes**. The interesting thing in these pedigrees is that both of these Group winners are out of mares carrying the **Nasrullah** son, **Grey Sovereign**, in their first 4 generations.



This combination of **Fastnet Rock** and **Grey Sovereign** has proved very successful beyond just these **2** Group winners. In fact, from just **85** runners that bring **Fastnet Rock** and **Grey Sovereign** together within **5** generations of a pedigree, there have been **14** stakes winners, representing an excellent strike rate of **16.5% SW/Rnrs**. Additionally, **11** of these **14** stakes winners have been winners at Group level, including the three **Gr. 1** winners **First Seal**, **Albany Reunion** and **Wanted**.

There is some pedigree depth support for why this could be proving to be a successful pattern. **Nasrullah** has become an incredibly common ancestor in thoroughbred pedigrees these days. However, **Fastnet Rock**, although carrying **1** strain of **Nasrullah**, does not carry that within the first **8** generations of his pedigree, so this is quite a remarkable lack of **Nasrullah** in his own pedigree. He does, however, carry strong presences of **Nasrullah's** close relatives. He carries **5** strains of **Mahmoud**, **4** of **Fair Trial**, and **1** of **Royal Charger** – who are all prominent fellow descendants of the phenomenal mare **Lady Josephine**. So, perhaps this could be a reason for **Grey Sovereign** being a powerful partner to combine with **Fastnet Rock**.

So, whether you are looking to send a mare to **Rock N Pop**, or whether you are looking at his first crop weanlings next year, it could be well worth looking for mares carrying **Grey Sovereign** in their pedigrees. Irrespective of whether the theoretical pedigree appeal is or isn't the cause of the results, the results speak for themselves.

Some sources of **Grey Sovereign** include **Arch Sculptor**, **Bandmaster**, **Best Western**, **Caro**, **Cozzen**, **Fortino**, **Gold Sovereign**, **Grand Chaudiere**, **Grey Portal**, **Hunters Path**, **Jeune**, **Kalaglow**, **Kalamoun**, **McGinty**, **My Swanee**, **Old Spice**, **One Pound Sterling**, **Pag-Asa**, **Pins**, **Prince Tenderfoot**, **Raimondo**, **Royal Yacht**, **Snippets**, **Sovereign Edition**, **Standaan**, **Tagula**, **With Approval**, **Zeddaan**, as well as any time **Grey Sovereign** appears as the sire of a mare on the dam line.

If you would like to discuss your pursuit of successful pedigree patterns, please feel free to contact me via gareth@waikatostud.co.nz or 021 433 073.





The Mail with... MARK CHITTICK

Great to see **Savabeel** in hot demand at the **NZB Ready To Run Sale of 2YO's** and to see young Kiwis **Jeremy Whale** of Diamond Lodge of Cambridge and **Bryce Heys** of Ellerslie Lodge in Sydney really making their mark at the sale.

Kiwi Bred have done some great profiles of industry figures and these two fullas have not escaped the spotlight...

Jeremy Whale
Diamond Lodge



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Bryce Heys
Ellerslie Lodge



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Full marks for the hoodie Bryce!



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