

SHOOTING TO BECOME THE THIRD

GR.1 WS COX PLATE

CHAMPION ON WAIKATO STUD SIRE ROSTER







Four time **Gr.1** winning **O'Reilly** entire **Sacred Falls** will be looking to emulate the successful **Cox Plate** deeds of WS sires **Savabeel** and **Ocean Park** tomorrow.

The dual Doncaster winner has drawn barrier nine for Australia's Weight-For-Age championship over 2040m at Moonee Valley – the same barrier as what **Ocean Park** jumped from before his comprehensive victory two years ago.

The Chris Waller-conditioned galloper will be reunited with jockey Zac Purton for the star-studded event and is rated a \$7 fancy by the NZ TAB.

Raced by Raffles Racing and Waikato Stud, **Sacred Falls** is the winner of nine races from 1000m-1600m and was strongly distinguished over the 2000m trip when powering home for

second in the Gr.1 Queen Elizabeth last April.

Sure to be a big danger in the event is fellow **O'Reilly** galloper, **Silent Achiever**.

Trained by Roger James and bred-andraced by Kevin Hickman, **Silent Achiever** is also the winner of four Gr.1 events and is recognised in the market as a \$13 fancy.

The 6YO mare is a proven commodity at the 2000m trip, with wins in the **Gr.1 Ranvet Stakes** and **Gr.1 New Zealand Stakes** best showcasing her ability here.



Silent Achiever will jump from barrier 11 and has the services of Nash Rawiller aboard.









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| SATURDAY | | | | | |
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| * * * | O'DIANNE 12f O'Reilly x Breezy by Pins | Listed Wellesley Stakes (1000m) | WRC | 2:25pm | |
| *** | MARITIMO 12f Pins x Miracle Miss by O'Reilly | Listed Wellesley Stakes (1000m) | WRC | 2:25pm | |
| * * * * * | WILLY DUGGAN 07g O'Reilly x Pretty Irish by Gaius | Listed Spring Classic Hcp (2000m) | CJC | 3:47pm | |
| *** | WOLFWHISTLE 10c O'Reilly x Legs by Pins | Listed Spring Classic Hcp (2000m) | CJC | 3:47pm | |
| * * | LITTLE HOTTIE 11f O'Reilly x Megan's Tough Love by Rahy | Gr.2 Moonee Valley Fillies Classic (1600m) | MVRC | 4:25pm | |
| * * * | EYED RACED NINETY 11g Savabeel x Florida by Pompeii Court | Listed Canterbury Stakes (1600m) | CJC | 4:57pm | |
| * * | EPINGLE 07f Pins x Etoile du Nord by Zabeel | Gr.2 Moonee Valley Cup (2500m) | MVRC | 5:35pm | |
| * * | IT'S THYME 11g Pins x Post Thyme by Postponed | Gr.2 Dilmah Exceptional Teas Vase Cup | MVRC | 6:50pm | |
| * * | ATMOSPHERE 11g Savabeel x Zephyr Song by Danasinga | Gr.2 Dilmah Exceptional Teas Vase Cup [2040m] | MVRC | 6:50pm | |
| * * | SILENT ACHIEVER 08f O'Reilly x Winning Spree by Zabeel | Gr.1 WS Cox Plate [2040m] | MVRC | 7:40pm | |
| * * | SACRED FALLS 09c O'Reilly x Iguazu's Girl by Redoute's Choice | Gr.1 WS Cox Plate (2040m) | MVRC | 7:40pm | |
| * * | YOU'RE SO GOOD 09f Savabeel x Lightning Spur by Flying Spur | Gr.3 Eliza Park International S. (1600m) | MVRC | 8:20pm | |
| SUNDAY | | | | | |
| * * | PIN YOUR HOPES 09g Pins x Zarvana by Zabeel | Listed Sale Cup (1600m) | Sale | 6:00pm | |
| * | AEROVELOCITY 08g Pins x Exodus by Kaapstad | HK-2 The Premier Bowl Hcp (1200m) | HKJC | 9:05pm | |
| * | AMBITIOUS DRAGON 06g Pins x Golden Gamble by Oregon | HK-2 Sha Tin Trophy Hcp (1600m) | HKJC | 9:35pm | |
| (:: | KNIGHT'S COMMAND 07c Pins x Emerald Dream by Danehill | Sgp-1 Raffles Cup (1800m) | Sing. | 10:00pm | |
| (:: | WAR AFFAIR 10g O'Reilly x Kristique by Kris S | Sgp-1 Raffles Cup (1800m) | Sing. | 10:00pm | |
| MONDAY | | | | | |
| *** | O'MARILYN 11f O'Reilly x Monroe Magic by Zabeel | Gr.3 Sarten Memorial Stakes [1400m] | Waik. | 4:14pm | |



| This week we put 60 seconds of curious questions to Trackside | | | | |
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| Presenter, Waikato Racing Club Chairman & Te Akau Racing's | | | | |
| Karyn Fenton-Ellis MNZM | | | | |
| Favourite comfort food: | Medium rare eye fillet with béarnaise and fries | | | |
| Do you have any nicknames and how did you come to get it: | FE – not sure but someone on Trackside coined it afterall we have BP, AP, ARod it's a boy's thing | | | |
| Best Horse involved with and seen: | Distinctly Secret – my first winner and Group 2 Awa- puni Gold Cup too | | | |
| Book on the bedside table: | My business papers for the Waikato Racing Club or the Arts Council of New Zealand | | | |
| If you weren't a media personality, you'd | Establish a rescue dog operation | | | |
| What do you do to relax: | Kick back at Te Akau Stud with David and my three dogs | | | |
| Favourite TV shows: | The Blacklist | | | |
| Who would you love to meet or have met: | Hard to arrange but Queen Elizabeth I would have been fascinating – a brilliant strategist | | | |
| Favourite holiday destination: | Hawaii with David and our girls | | | |
| Favourite thing about Waikato Stud: | Commitment to excellence and a clear vision for the future – and they're quite simply great people! | | | |
| How did you get involved with racing: | Some friends took me to Phar Lap raceway Timaru. An accidental trifecta netted me \$2500, the rest is history | | | |
| Favourite Movie: | By the time I get to see a movie it is out on DVD! | | | |
| Career Highlights: | World President of Jaycees and receiving a Queen's Honour (MNZM) | | | |
| Best piece of good advice: | No matter what you do, make it matter | | | |
| If someone was going to play you in a movie: | Emma Thompson | | | |
| Name 3 people you'd love to invite to a dinner party: | Hillary Clinton, Lorde and David (as husband/chef for his famous lamb racks) | | | |
| Not many people would know that I | Won a World Speaking Contest in England in 1989 when 8 months pregnant | | | |















Savabeel ex Shopaholic filly 2nd foal from multiple Group winning dam.

Ocean Park ex Escada filly Sibling to G1 stars Glamour Puss and Vision And Power



Pedigree Pointers with... GARETH DOWNEY



IT'S WRITTEN IN THE STARS

Last weekend provided another reminder of how well **Savabeel** is clicking with mares carrying **Star Way** in their pedigrees. There have only been **21** runners combining **Savabeel** and **Star Way** to date, and the two best of these runners both shone brightly last Saturday. **Soriano** picked up her 3rd stakes victory in the **Listed Rotorua Plate**, to go with the **11** stakes placings she has also accumulated throughout her incredibly consistent career. With four of those placings being at **Gr. 1** level, she surely deserves to pick up her **Gr. 1** win at some stage – and the way she is racing, she looks every chance of doing so. The other **Savabeel/Star Way** mare looking destined for further **Gr. 1** honours is **Lucia Valentina** – what an exceptionally talented horse she is, and what an enormous performance on her part to get as close as she did in the **Caulfield Cup** as the rub of the racing green certainly went against her on the day.

Interestingly, **Sir Tristram** and **Star Way** both descend directly from the same wonderful matron in **Selene**. If this connection is playing a part in the success of the **Savabeel / Star Way** cross then we should be able to see other successful results from combining **Sir Tristram** and **Star Way** together in a pedigree. And when we look, we see that this is indeed the case, with some of the best examples to date including **Princess Coup, Saintly, Racing To Win, Sacred Kingdom, Elevenses, Filante, Nimue** and **Shooting To Win**. So, with this added confidence in the pedigree pattern, and if you are looking for the next **Lucia Valentina** or **Soriano,** you would do well to look for progeny of **Savabeel** out of mares carrying **Star Way**.

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

Cheers

Gareth Downey







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