

IT'S A BOY!



Waikato Stud's record breaking mare I Do produced her first foal today – an outstanding colt by Savabeel no less!

Waikato Stud was excited to welcome into the world the first foal by stud darling I Do (No Excuse Needed) today.

The Savabeel colt was born just after 11:00am and as you would expect, I Do was quick to assume responsibilities as doting mother.

"It was a very convenient foaling being during the day and I have to say, it's the best foal she's had so far," quipped Mark.

Trained by co-breeder/co-owner Allan Sharrock, I Do registered 6 stakes wins, with feature honours here including Gr.1 success in the Makfi Challenge Stakes and a superbly fitting win in the Gr.3 Lisa Chittick Foxbridge Plate.



With 15 wins total, I Do announced herself as Waikato Stud's winningest horse ever bred and raced before retiring to stud last December.



Check This Out...



Maiden Winner of the Week

NO NEED (No Excuse Needed x Sheza Gamble by Montjeu)

Dr John O'Flaherty and Jan McGiven's 3YO homebred No Need debuted for maximum effect at Te Aroha today.

The Lee Somervell-trained galloper had all before him turning for home, but rounded them up in emphatic style for pilot Sam Spratt, hitting the line with a length to spare.

Post race, Somervell was heard to say this is his Derby horse.

Watch this space.





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BASSETT

Set for 3YO feature

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KAWI

New plan for Gr.1 winner

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WS SIRED BLACK-TYPE RUNNERS

SATURDAY

	BOHEMIAN LILY 11f O'Reilly x Bohemian Blue by Blues Traveller	Gr.3 Colin Stephen Hcp 2400m	ATC	3:50pm
	SCOOTER O'REILLY 12g O'Reilly x Sussex Dancer by Danehill Dancer	Gr.3 Boncecrusher Stakes 1400m	ARC	4:20pm
	PASADENA GIRL 12f Savabeel x Nina From Pasadena by Redoute's Choice	Gr.2 1000 Guineas Prelude 2400m	MRC	4:45pm
	GOLD AMBITION 12g Savabeel x Senorita Lucy by Senor Pete	Gr.3 Gloaming Stakes 1600m	ATC	5:05pm



Feature Winner of the Week

BASSETT (Savabeel x Fledgling by Captain Rio)

Savabeel 3YO Bassett added a second win to his three start career at Caulfield last Saturday.

Bassett is trained by Peter Moody and is raced by Mrs S A Moody, Mr M J Scheele, Mr V M Stackhouse, Mr S Hillier, Mrs H Hillier, Mr P G Green, Mr A W Bruhn, Mr S W Bruhn, Mr M C Bryant, Mrs C M H Bryant, Mr V Y K Ip, Mr J W Daniels, Mrs S M Ridgway and Mr M Maskell, who should all be very excited about the gelding's Gr.1 Caulfield Guineas tilt ahead.



Bred by Qatar Bloodstock, Bassett is out of a half sister to the Gr.1 winning sire Fully Fledged.




60 Seconds with... Restaurateur & MasterChef NZ Judge Mark Wallbank



Favourite food:	Monte Carlo Biscuit with chocolate Milk
Do you have any nicknames and how did you come to get it:	Baloo- I blame my sisters for that one, don't ask me why
Best Horse(s) involved with:	Brighton and of course my Ocean Park filly
Book on the bedside table:	Life and Loves of a He-Devil – Graham Norton
If you weren't a Restaurateur, you'd be a:	Professional pop star

What do you do to relax:	Read The Informant
Favourite TV show:	Masterchef lol
Who would you love to meet or have met:	Would of like to have met Princess Dianna
Favourite holiday destination:	Mexico- at the moment
Favourite thing about Waikato Stud:	Besides having the best nags in the country, Mark's BBQ is also Epic!
How did you get involved with the thoroughbred industry:	Through years of being worn down by my horse racing family. Now I'm hooked.
Favourite Movie:	The new own is Trainwreck. Old one is Gladiator
Who were your childhood heroes:	The Jetsons and David Hasselhoff in Knighttrider
Career Highlights:	Winning Best Restaurateur for 2104 and also winning the Champagne Stakes.
Best piece of good advice:	If you want it, work hard for it
Name 3 people you'd love to invite to a dinner party and what you might eat?:	Graham Norton, Joan Rivers and Jamie Oliver and there will be a meal in every glass.
If someone was going to play you in a movie, it would be...	Daniel Craig or anyone 10 years younger than me



OCEAN PARK

5
 Gr.1 Wins

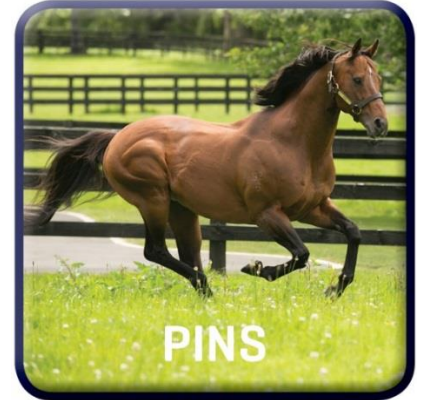
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 Cox Plate Champion

32
 Gr.1 Winners Beaten



RECENT WS SIRED Winners

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Pedigree Pointers with Gareth Downey



ARE NICKS TRUE?

Talk to anyone about their views on whether “Nicks” have validity, and you are likely to get opinions that cover the entire spectrum from positive to negative. From an objective perspective, it does seem reasonable that if you are going to use pedigree analysis at all as part of your mating planning, then one of the most obvious factors to take notice of is how a “cross” has worked when it has been tried before.

One of the ways available to us, in order to assess how a certain “cross” has worked, is the TrueNicks tool. All of our Waikato Stud stallions are subscribed to TrueNicks so you have free access to assess your possible matings (click on image to right to see).



So, how does TrueNicks work?

To put it simply, it basically looks at how well a given stallion, or his sireline, has worked when crossed with a given broodmare sire, or his sireline.

TrueNicks then compares those results to how those sires, or sirelines, have performed when mated with all other broodmare sires, or sirelines, and calculates a statistical variant figure. This variant figure is then translated into an alphabetical rating assessment that ranges from A++ to F. If there is insufficient data available to form an assessment then a “NR” is given – which just means No Rating is possible at this stage.

The really positive thing about TrueNicks is that it is a statistically valid assessment of how a “cross” has performed to date, and it compares the results to the opportunity that “cross” has had to be tested.

Objectively speaking, the downside is that it only looks at the sireline over sireline factor of any mating, and doesn’t take into account at all the rest of the pedigree. This is the caution to be added. A good example on a personal note is a Gr.1 winning horse I was lucky enough to race, called Macavelli Miss. She was selected because of what was considered to be a very appealing pedigree pattern, and yet the mating that produced her is only currently assessed as a “D” by TrueNicks.

However, back to looking at the positives of TrueNicks, it is an excellent snapshot tool to look at the results to date, and can quickly help identify positive “nicks”.

Here are some broodmare sireline examples of TrueNicks’ A++ ratings for each of our stallions.

SAVABEEL	SACRED FALLS	OCEAN PARK	PINS	ROCK N POP	NO EXCUSE NEEDED	RIOS
Redoute’s Choice Snippets Last Tycoon	Roberto Bluebird Starway	Century Seattle Slew Hail To Reason	Halo Carnegie Grosvenor	Storm Cat Snippets Southern Halo	Danasinga Blushing Groom Hold Your Peace	Nijinsky Snippets Street Cry





THE MAIL WITH MARK CHITTICK

It's hard to beat a day like today.

The sun's out, we had a great morning scanning in-foal mares, we then foaled a cracking Savabeel colt by our Gr.1 winning racemare I Do, before heading over to the breeding barn to serve dual Gr.1 winner Legs with our Champion sire Savabeel.

Congrats to the Bassett team for their win last weekend. Moody sure can train these Savabeels!

Speaking of which, he saddles Savabeel's Gr.1 winning daughter Pasadena Girl for the Gr.2 1000 Guineas Prelude this Saturday. It could be a big week of updates for the family as dam Nina From Pasadena produced a striking Rock n Pop colt last Sunday.

Keep an eye out for Beckham this weekend. He's in terrific form, with three wins to his name from his last four outings.

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HUGHESY'S TIP!

HORSE: PASADENA GIRL
RACE: MRC Gr.2 1000 Guineas Prelude [4:45pm]
BET TYPE: Win, \$5 Fixed odds with NZ TAB.
COMMENT: Made up huge ground late at Moonee Valley. Distance and track look the key to reversing this result.



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