

WEEKEND @ WAIKATO

# SACRED FALLS

Joins Elite WS-Bred 4+ Gr.1 Wins Club...



SLIGHT CHANCE



STARCRAFT



SACRED FALLS



METAL BENDER



ALAMOSA

WS BRED GALLOPER	Gr.1 Wins
<b>SLIGHT CHANCE</b> [Centaine]	6
<b>STARCRAFT</b> [Soviet Star]	5
<b>SACRED FALLS</b> [O'Reilly]	4
<b>METAL BENDER</b> [Danasinga]	4
<b>ALAMOSA</b> [O'Reilly]	4
<b>KINJITE</b> [Centaine]	3
<b>DAFFODIL</b> [No Excuse Needed]	3
<b>OUR POMPEII</b> [Pompeii Court]	3

**Sacred Falls'** win in the **Gr.1 George Main Stakes** on Saturday not only confirmed his favouritism for the **Gr.1 Cox Plate**, but etched his place on the WS honours board as one of the very best gallopers the Stud has ever bred.

All told, Waikato Stud has bred **29** individual Gr.1 winners.



By virtue of individual Gr.1 wins, only **Slight Chance** [6] and **Starcraft** [5] rank higher than **Sacred Falls**, with the striking 5YO son of **O'Reilly** sitting foremost in 3rd spot alongside **Metal Bender** and **Alamosa** courtesy of four Gr.1 triumphs registered.

**Sacred Falls** is in fact the second Gr.1 winner bred by the stud this season - the other being the super honest **No Excuse Needed** mare **I Do**.



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**SACRED FALLS**

On target for Gr.1 Cox Plate

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# 60 Seconds with... DENNIS RYAN



This week we put <b>60</b> seconds of curious questions to racing journalist <b>Dennis Ryan</b> , editor of The Informant	
<b>Favourite comfort food:</b>	A seasalt natural potato chips and vegemite sandwich
<b>Do you have any nicknames and how did you come to get it:</b>	Stretch - go figure!
<b>Best Horse involved with:</b>	Tidal Light - I broke her in and she went on to become the NZ Horse of the Year.
<b>Book on the bedside table:</b>	Skeleton Road by Val McDermid. -A novel about a cold case that links back to the Balkan Wars.
<b>If you weren't a journalist, you'd be:</b>	An ornithologist (bird scientist)
<b>What do you do to relax:</b>	Head into the bush.
<b>Favourite TV show:</b>	News at 6
<b>Who would you love to meet:</b>	Pope Francis
<b>Favourite holiday destination:</b>	Paris
<b>Favourite thing about Waikato Stud:</b>	The stud's stallions
<b>How did you get involved with racing:</b>	Had an ambition to be a racing journalist and got my start with studmaster/journalist Frank Wilson.
<b>Favourite Movie:</b>	Being There - Peter Sellers' last movie.
<b>Career Highlights:</b>	*Training stakes winners in NZ and Australia. *Winning NZTR Media Award
<b>Best piece of good advice:</b>	The world owes nobody a living. It's up to you to make it happen.
<b>If someone was going to play you in a movie:</b>	It would not be Danny DeVito.
<b>Name 3 people you'd love to invite to a dinner party:</b>	Anthony Hopkins, Barack Obama & Roman Polanski.
<b>Not many people would know that I...</b>	As a kid I was fat and round



## Recent Winners

BY WS SIRE

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O'REILLY



SAVABEEL



PINS



NO EXCUSE  
NEEDED















RIOS





# WS SIRED BLACK-TYPE RUNNERS

FRIDAY				
	<b>EPINGLE</b> 07f Pins x Etoile du Nord by Zabeel	<b>Gr.2 WH Stocks</b> [1600m]	MVRC	9:15pm
	<b>SANGSTER</b> 08g Savabeel x Quinta Special by Spectrum	<b>Gr.3 JRA Cup</b> [2040m]	MVRC	11:15pm
SATURDAY				
	<b>IGGI POP</b> 08g Savabeel x Freequence by O'Reilly	<b>Gr.3 Colin Stephen Hcp</b> [2400m]	ATC	3:15pm
	<b>CELTIC PRINCE</b> 09g O'Reilly x Centa Belt by Centaine	<b>Gr.3 Colin Stephen Hcp</b> [2400m]	ATC	3:15pm
	<b>BIG DREAMER</b> 11f No Excuse Needed x War Bride by Jahafil	<b>Listed Soliloquy Stakes</b> [1400m]	ARC	3:22pm
	<b>SCUSA</b> 11g No Excuse Needed x Aroon by Volksraad	<b>Gr.3 Bonecrusher Stakes</b> [1400m]	ARC	3:57pm
	<b>BEST CASE</b> 10g Savabeel x Ambitious by Last Tycoon	<b>Gr.2 Shannon Stakes</b> [1500m]	ATC	5:45pm
	<b>SURPASS</b> 08g Savabeel x Surprise by Bakharoff	<b>Listed Harry White Classic</b> [2400m]	MRC	6:00pm
	<b>MY SABEEL</b> 07f Savabeel x Wailing Countess by Entrepreneur	<b>Gr.3 Golden Pendant</b> [1400m]	ATC	6:25pm
	<b>CHINTZ</b> 09f Savabeel x Charmed by O'Reilly	<b>Gr.3 Golden Pendant</b> [1400m]	ATC	6:25pm
SUNDAY				
	<b>MERION</b> 11g O'Reilly x Sapphire Belle by Danske	<b>Gr.3 Caulfield Guineas Prelude</b> [1400m]	MRC	7:00pm
	<b>RHYTHM TO SPARE</b> 09g Pins x Stanica by Zabeel	<b>Gr.1 Sir Rupert Clarke S.</b> [1400m]	MRC	7:40pm



## NZB Ready To Run Sale of 2YO's

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SALE: 19 & 20 Nov



**O'REILLY**  
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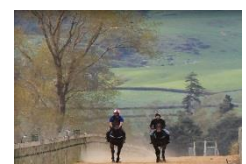
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PARK**  
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# Pedigree Pointers with...

## GARETH DOWNEY



## PEDIGREE GOLD

There were 2 thoroughly impressive Group winners by **O'Reilly** on Saturday. **Sacred Falls** was ultra-impressive in winning the **Gr. 1 George Main** in Sydney. He had to overcome adversity after encountering an interrupted run in the home straight, but Zac Purton guided him back to the inside and **Sacred Falls** showed his superb turn of foot, and tenacious will-to-win, to burst through a gap and win easing down over a high class field.

It was a similar story at Hastings with the Gr. 1 winning filly **O'Marilyn** resuming as a 3yo in the **Gr. 3 Gold Trail Stakes**. She also had every reason to get beaten with a very interrupted run in the home straight, but Sam Spratt steered her to the inside, and **O'Marilyn** also used her turn of foot and will-to-win to score very impressively.

From a pedigree perspective, these two horses are both examples of **O'Reilly** combining very well with mares carrying a strain of Sir Ivor anywhere in their pedigrees. **Iguazu's Girl**, the dam of **Sacred Falls**, is by **Redoute's Choice**, whose 3rd dam is a daughter of **Sir Ivor**. **Monroe Magic**, the dam of **O'Marilyn**, is by the Sir Ivor line stallion **Zabeel**.

The opportunity for **O'Reilly** and **Sir Ivor** to combine anywhere on opposite sides of a pedigree has now been reasonably prolific, with 433 runners carrying this pedigree pattern. Once a sample size gets this large, the ancestors carried in the pedigree come via all sorts of different sources and it is often very hard for the resulting statistics to remain impressive.

However, the statistics for this pedigree pattern of **O'Reilly** and **Sir Ivor** combined anywhere are extremely impressive, with the 45 resulting stakes winners giving the pattern a strike rate of **10.4% SW/Rnrs!** Apart from **Sacred Falls** and **O'Marilyn**, this pattern has also produced the likes of **Silent Achiever** (4 x Gr. 1 victories so far), **Shamrock** (winner of both the Australian Guineas and Australian Derby), **The Jewel** (dual Gr. 1 winner) and other Gr. 1 winners **Costume**, **Irish Fling** and **Shamexpress**.

For those pedigree theorists among us who like to see a theoretical pedigree foundation to support an apparently successful pedigree pattern, this one is golden. The combination of **O'Reilly** and **Sir Ivor** creates a sex-balanced duplication of the wonderful stallions **Royal Charger**, **Princequillo**, **Mahmoud** and **Pharamond II**. In addition to that foundation, there is also reinforcement of the very powerful female ancestors **Selene**, **Alcibiades**, **Nogara**, **Mumtaz Begum**, **Mumtaz Mahal**, **Lady Josephine** and **Scapa Flow**. No doubt, the combination of **O'Reilly** and **Sir Ivor** will continue to bear fruit for many years to come.

If you would like to discuss mating options for your mare, and the pursuit of successful pedigree patterns, please feel free to contact me at [gareth@waikatostud.co.nz](mailto:gareth@waikatostud.co.nz) or on 021 433 073

Cheers  
Gareth Downey

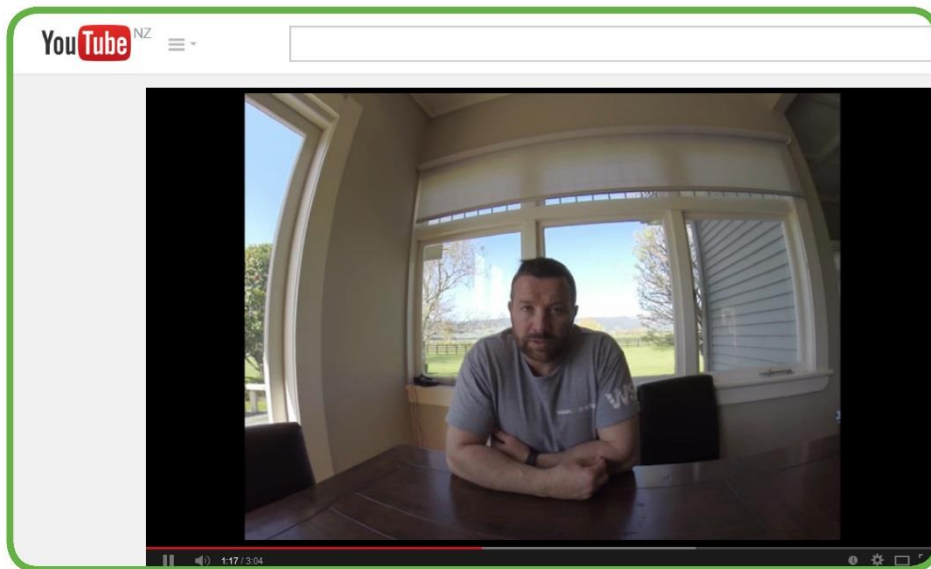




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