

Savabeel colt Ali Baba knocks on door for Gr.1 success in tomorrow's NZ 2000 Guineas

The last-start effort of Ali Baba convinced Chad Ormsby to head to Riccarton with the gifted Savabeel colt. "We knew we were on track for the 2000 Guineas if things went well in the Sarten," he said.

Ormsby trains Ali Baba with Michael Moroney and the three-year-old didn't let them down in the Gr.2 James & Annie Sarten Memorial at Te Rapa where he knuckled over at the start before powering home for fourth. "He showed he was competitive against the best and in my mind he's still got a few lengths up his sleeve," he said.

A \$7 chance in the fixed odds market for the **Gr.1 Sothys NZ 2000 Guineas**, **Ali Baba** will be making his fourth race day appearance at Riccarton. At his second start he beat **Dubaiinstyle**, who subsequently finished second to the Guineas favourite **Xtravagant** at Trentham, in an age group event on his home track at Matamata.

"Even in his two trials before he had a race he told us he was a good horse," Ormsby said. "He's stepping out over a mile quite quickly, but on what we've seen that shouldn't be an issue. He's still a work in progress, but a win in the Guineas would make him a stallion prospect. He travelled well to Riccarton and the trip south will also do him the world of good."



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	SATURDAY				
*	ANTONIO LOMBARDO 08g Pins x Petit Verdot by Carnegie	Listed Pegasus Stakes 1000m	CJC	2:31pm	
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*	BARBARIC 08g Pins x Burnzee's Magic by Kinjite	Listed Sprint Hcp 1200m	Waik.	4:07pm	
**	PROCUREMENT 10f O'Reilly x Procure by Centaine	Listed Sprint Hcp 1200m	Waik.	4:07pm	
* * *	IRISH MOON 09g O'Reilly x Moonstrummer by Stravinsky	Listed Sprint Hcp 1200m	Waik.	4:07pm	
*	TOMORROWLAND 10g Fast n Famous x Needled by Pins	Listed Sprint Hcp 1200m	Waik.	4:07pm	
* * *	SPORTS ILLUSTRATED 10f Fast n Famous x Pin Up by Pins	Listed Sprint Hcp 1200m	Waik.	4:07pm	
* *	NGARIMU 12c Savabeel x Glamour Puss by Tale of the Cat	Listed Hilton Hotels & Resorts Stakes 1400m	VRC	4:20pm	
**	WILLY DUGGAN 07g O'Reilly x Pretty Irish by Gaius	Listed Metropolitan Trophy Hcp 2500m	CJC	5:11pm	
***	SOUTHERN SAV 09g Savabeel x Ride The Waves by Thunder Gulch	Listed Metropolitan Trophy Hcp 2500m	CJC	5:11pm	
* *	SURE YOU CAN 10f O'Reilly x Not Sure by Masterclass	Gr.2 Matriarch Stakes 2000m	VRC	7:05pm	
* *	LUCIA VALENTINA 10f Savabeel x Staryn Glenn by Montjeu	Gr.2 Matriarch Stakes	VRC	7:05pm	
* *	NO TRICKS 11f Savabeel x Mezaire by Al Akbar	Gr.2 Matriarch Stakes	VRC	7:05pm	



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SAVABEEL - THY COLT

Waikato Stud's dual black-type winning O'Reilly mare Thy produced her first foal earlier this week.

The impressive colt is by **Savabeel**, the same sire that she is likely to return to this season.

Trained by Peter Moody, Thy won the Listed ATC Aspiration Hcp and the MRC Regal Roller Stakes and achieved stakes acclaim in the Gr.1 Australian Oaks.

As a daughter of **Star Affair**, **Thy** descends from the wonderful Dennis Brothers 'The' family which includes **The Jewel**, **The Phantom** and **The Phantom Chance**.





OCEAN PARK - MISS OPERA

Ocean Park covered one of the most successful dams in the country last Friday, when he encountered Paul and Cushla Smithies' Miss Opera (Paris Opera).

A stakes winner herself, **Miss Opera** has produced six runners for as many winners, with outstanding leading lights comprising of multiple Gr.1 stars **Puccini** and **Sir Slick**.

Miss Opera (seen right with her 2014 O'Reilly filly) is also the dam of stakes performer

Shortblackmini, the noted dam of black-type winners Amarula and Little Wonder.



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WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE BEAUTY OF BUYING A NZ-BRED HORSE	 The breed has a bit more stamina in NZ than Aus, we tend to breed more sprinters here. Better country to breed them on. Value, if you go looking for it.
FAVOURITE FOOD:	Chinese
DO YOU HAVE ANY NICK- NAMES:	Footey
BEST HORSE INVOLVED WITH IN TERMS OF ACHIEVEMENT:	 Makybe Diva -History making 3x Melbourne Cup winner. Silent Witness - World's leading sprinter Prince of Penzance - Melbourne Cup winner Karasi - leading prizemoney earner over Jumps worldwide. He was only a pony in size but one of the bravest horses ever born.
LAST BOOK YOU READ:	The Wright Brothers. A story-behind-the-story about the brothers who taught the world how to fly. Rumour has it my family is related, but I'm not so sure about that though
IF YOU WEREN'T AN AGENT, YOU'D BE:	I studied to be a Vet originally. It would be something to do with horses so either a Vet or a trainer probably.
FAVOURITE HOBBIES/ PASTTIMES:	Play golf
FAVOURITE TV SHOW:	Wallander – A UK TV Series about Swedish detective.
WHO WOULD YOU LOVE TO MEET OR HAVE MET:	I've met Jack Nicholson and that was a lot of fun, but someone I'd like to meet would be Australian professional golfer Adam Scott Nb) Jack is just the same as he is in the movies.
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY DESTINATION:	Hawaii
FAVOURITE THING ABOUT WAIKATO STUD:	Waikato Stud is in the best area of NZ to breed horses. I've been going there since Nelson Bunker Hunt owned it. Its beautiful land and would be right up as some of the best breeding country in the world. I should also add too, the very friendly team.
HOW DID YOU COME TO GET INVOLVED IN THE INDUSTRY	I didn't come from a horse background. I loved going to the races at about age 18 and I undertook three years of Vet Science study. After a not so good year studying, I left Uni and found a job at Coles Bloodstock Agency in Adelaide. After this I worked for BBA in England, and when I came back, I worked for Dalgety before

establishing my own Bloodstock Consultancy business in 1982.

FAVOURITE MOVIE:	The Godfather
CAREER HIGHLIGHTS	 Makybe Diva's 3rd Melbourne Cup – I bought her dam Tugela when she was carrying her in England. We foaled Makybe down in England and then brought her out to Australia as a yearling. Winning the Hong Kong Derby with Luger this year. The Derby is the ultimate race there and is the race they want to win. Prince of Penzances' Melbourne Cup this year.
CHILDHOOD HEROES	John Walker I love athletics and used to run competitively when I was young. I used to love watching him run. The way he ran his races was phenomenal
BEST PIECE OF GOOD ADVICE:	To people in my field of work, learn the trade properly. Take time to learn and be patient. You can't rush doing what we do. You must have patience, take your time and be conservative.
NAME 3 PEOPLE YOU'D LOVE TO INVITE TO DIN- NER	Andrew Seabrook, Brendan Lindsay and Russell Warwick.
IF SOMEONE WAS GOING TO PLAY YOU IN A MOVIE, IT WOULD BE	I'd like to say Robert Redford but I don't think so.
WHAT'S SOMETHING NOT MANY PEOPLE WOULD KNOW ABOUT I:	Surf.









Pedigree Pointers with Gareth Downey





NOBLE O'REILLY

THE O'REILLY - VAGUELY NOBLE CROSS

In winning the **Gr.3 Graham Beck Stakes** at Turffontein, **Muwaary** became the **83rd** individual stakes winner for his sire, **O'Reilly**. This represented the **6th** country in which **O'Reilly** has now sired stakes winners, with this being the first in South Africa – from just **4** runners there to date.

Muwaary represents an example of a pedi-

gree pattern that has had continued success, being the combination of O'Reilly and Vaguely Noble anywhere on opposite sides of the pedigree. This pattern is currently running at a very high 12.9% SW/Rnrs. Apart from Muwaary, the other stakes winners have been headlineded by the dual Gr.1 winner The Jewel. The other 9 stakes winners bred on this pattern have been Orator's Daughter, The One, Merion, Spellbinder, Crumpet O'Reilly, Thy, The Solitaire, Ombre Rose and Salsa.

If you have a mare carrying **Vaguely Noble** anywhere in her pedigree, you can tap into this proven pedigree pattern by sending her to **Sacred Falls**. With **Sacred Falls** being out of a **Redoute's Choice** mare, it's also encouraging to see that **Redoute's Choice** and **Vaguely Noble** have combined together successfully in the pedigrees of Group winners such as **Hampton Court**, **Tango's Daughter**, **Musket** etc.

Some of the more common sources of Vaguely Noble in our part of the world include Ace Of Aces, Anabaa, Dahar, Frenchpark, Frontal, Green Perfume, Kendor, Noble Bijou, Nuage D'Or, Oratorio (the Danehill version), Touching Wood and of course any mares descending from daughters of Vaguely Noble.

If you have a mare carrying **Vaguely Noble** and would like to discuss sending her to **Sacred Falls**, please feel free to contact me via gareth@waikatostud.co.nz or 021 433 073





Home at the end of an amazing time.

To be there as the **All Blacks** made history with back-to Back Rugby World Cup wins and to witness a final that was befitting of this achievement, was very special.

The 'All Blacks' brand has been well managed – I had no idea of the respect that the brand enjoys in Europe. One would like to think that we will, in our industry, take advantage of our continued success with our product.

Forget about the value of our dollar when travelling, just wait for the credit card account. Led by Al Brown and hosted by Michelin Chefs in New York, Paris and London, Mary and I have enjoyed a unique opportunity, that when combined with the historic success of the All Blacks, will not be repeated.

We may have missed our first Melbourne Carnival for 23 years, but there will be another!

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You can't help but be so proud of New Zealand's achievemets both on the racetrack and on the Rugby field this week.

Far out, its been just incredible!

To see the **All Blacks** win the **Rugby World Cup**, and to witness **New Zealand-bred** gallopers take out two jewels in the **Melbourne Spring Carnival** crown, the **VRC Derby** and the **Melbourne Cup**, is something to be extremely proud of indeed.

Its interesting to note that **NZ-bred** gallopers represent just **5.6**% of the Australian racehorse population and this season alone, the've already collected just over **20**% of Australia's **Gr.1** spoils.

Off the back of some of the earlier success that **NZ** had enjoyed in the Carnival, good friend and successful bloodstock agent Bruce Perry wrote and interesting article about the ongoing international dominance of New Zealand's broodmare bands. Have a read, see what you think...(click here to read).

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