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Wishing everyone a safe
and happy Easter!

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O'REILLY 3YO SHOWS HIS TRUE COLOURS

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It may have taken a while, but Hanger has produced a performance his connections knew he was capable of.

The Roger James-trained son of O'Reilly ended a frustrating run at Matamata yesterday when he blitzed his opposition under jockey Leith Innes.

The gelding sat close to the pace and when Innes asked for a serious effort he exploded clear to score by five and a-half lengths.

Following a debut third in the Listed Reid & Harrison Slipper last season, Hanger was expected to be a three-year-old to be reckoned with this

term. Unfortunately, that plan went awry although he did post three minor placings before his emphatic breakthrough.

Raced by breeders Waikato Stud with Brendan and Jo Lindsay, he is out of Savabeel's daughter Do Ra Mi who won the Group 2 Kewney Stakes. The dam is also half-sister to the Group 1 Australasian Oaks winner Marju Snip and the Hong Stakes winner Unique Jewellery.



BELOW / Hanger blitzing his rivals at Matamata yesterday



HEYS' PATIENCE REWARDED WITH WELL-BRED 3YO

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Good things come to those who wait as Bryce Heys found to his delight his week with the regally-bred Waikato Stud graduate Subban.

The Warwick Farm trainer's waiting tactics paid off handsomely at Goulburn where the three-year-old opened his winning account.

In just his second appearance off a six-month break, Subban was successful over 1400m in the hands of Jason Collett.

"Bryce has been incredibly patient with the horse and it's paying off," said stud principal Mark Chittick

Heys purchased the gelding out of the Matamata farm's 2016 draft to the Sydney Easter Sale for A\$250,000.

Subban is out of the O'Reilly mare Vogue, who won twice, and she is a daughter of the stud's two-time Group One winner Glamour Puss.

The latter is a half-sister to Vision And Power, also a dual Group One winner, and to Steps In Time, yet another successful galloper at the elite level.



BELOW / Subban



BELOW LEFT / Subban winning at Goulburn



COLT POSTS POIGNANT WIN AT MATAMATA

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Emotions ran high in the Matamata birdcage after Byzantine won Wednesday's two-year-old event in the hands of Opie Bosson.

Jockeys wore black armbands in respect of the recent passing of Gloria Autridge, whose son Stephen trains the successful son of Savabeel in partnership with Jamie Richards.

"It means a lot to me to win this race in memory of Gloria, she was a big part of my life growing up," Bosson said.

Byzantine made the running in the Paul Jones 1200m before he was headed at the top of the straight by So Taken, but when Bosson asked for an effort from his charge they drew clear to account for the favourite Santa Catarina and Sahar.

"He got easy sectionals across the top and really quickened up for me," Bosson said.

Byzantine was the only runner in the line-up with race day experience, having finished second on debut at Trentham earlier this month. Savabeel quinellaed the race with his daughter Santa Catarina running a close second.

"He's (Byzantine) a lovely colt who went through some growing pains and was shin sore in the summer. He might be a 2000 Guineas colt," Richards said.

"The trip away (to Trentham) helped him and it's very fitting to win this race. It's been a tough week for the stable and Opie and Steve are pretty close." – **NZ Racing Desk.**



BELOW / Byzantine



GROUP ONE PRODUCING SIRE RIOS TO BE OFFERED FOR SALE

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Waikato Stud are preparing to farewell their blue-blooded Group One producer Rios.

The regally-bred son of champion sire Hussonet will be offered for sale this week by online thoroughbred auctioneer www.gavelhouse.co.nz.

"He's a wonderful horse to do anything with and his strike rate has been extremely admirable, but we feel it's time to let someone else have a chance with him," stud principal Mark Chittick said.

Rios is the sire of 17 winners (42.9% winners-to-runners ratio) and his impressive statistics include 75% winners-to-runners in Australia and 62% winners-to-runners for progeny three years and over.

International demand for his progeny

is on the rise with winners across five countries – Hong Kong, Macau, Malaysia, Australia and New Zealand.

Despite light representation from five crops, the 13-year-old has achieved success at the highest level with his son Gaultier winning the Group 1 Levin Classic.

Rios was a quality act himself on the track and won six races, including the Group 2 Wellington Guineas and the Listed Bonecrusher Stakes. He also finished third in the Group 1 New Zealand 2000 Guineas and runner-up in the Group 2 Tulloch Stakes in Sydney.

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GROUP ONE PRODUCING SIRE RIOS TO BE OFFERED FOR SALE (CONT'D)

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He trained on at four to win the Listed Anzac Handicap before his retirement to Waikato Stud in 2009 where he stood at \$4000.

Rios is a half-brother to the Group 1 Australian Derby winner and Group 1 Caulfield Cup runner-up Roman Emperor.

They are out of the Last Tycoon mare Gussy Godiva, a half-sister to the New Zealand-bred Black Mamba who achieved international fame as the winner of the Group 1 John Mabee Handicap at Del Mar in the United States.

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BELOW / Rios



LORD O'REILLY STAMPS HIS CLASS AND TAKES AIM AT CLASSIC

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Lord O'Reilly has emerged as a frontrunner to the upcoming Singapore Three-Year-Old Challenge following his pulsating win in the \$85,000 Novice race over 1200m on Friday night.

Racing in a field bursting at the seams with similar three-year-old talents like Zac Kasa, Imperium and Loving You, Lord O'Reilly was testing his mettle against some quality sorts, but he stamped his worth in no uncertain terms by snaring the top prize.

Winning trainer Leslie Khoo, who was at a race-to-race double following Basilisk's win earlier, said Lord O'Reilly would sidestep next Friday's first Leg of the Singapore Three-Year-Old Challenge, the Singapore Three-Year-Old Sprint (1200m) and would be aimed at the second Leg instead, the Singapore Three-Year-Old Classic (1400m) on April 22.

"He's a very nice horse that I bought as a yearling for NZ\$80,000 in New Zealand," said the Singaporean trainer who has yet to win a 'black type' race in his 11 years at Kranji.

"He was dropping from 1400m to 1200m and that's why I put him in a blinker test last week (March 13). We knew Zac Kasa would go very fast in

front and with the blinkers on, I knew he would be sharper and give chase better.

"I will set him for the second Leg as the first Leg is too close."

Curatolo, who was aboard at Lord O'Reilly's maiden win last time out, will be odds-on to keep his seat on the MA Racing No 2 Stable-owned gelding at those future endeavours.

"The drop from 1400m to 1200m was a question mark. We had the side blinkers on over 1400m as they are less strong but the blinkers were back on tonight," said the French rider.

"I had him in a great spot on the rails, but at the 600m, the leader opened up and I had to come out as I didn't want him to give us the slip.

"With the blinkers on, he was very switched on, more focused – and he chased him down very well. He was all out to catch him and he really gave his best in the last 200m.

"I think the 1400m and 1600m Legs of the 3YO series will be better for him. I actually think he is more of a miler, but I'll leave that to Leslie to decide which way he goes."

With that second win under the belt, Lord O'Reilly has now racked up close to \$95,000 in prizemoney for the MA Racing No 2 stable. - News from STC



BELOW / Lord O'Reilly



BLACK TYPE SPOTLIGHT

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SOUND PROPOSITION

GROUP 3 DONCASTER PRELUDE



Sound Proposition / By Savabeel,
From Ebony Babe

The son of Savabeel will be exempt from the A\$3 million Group 1 Doncaster Handicap (1600m) ballot if he can claim top honours in the Group 3 Doncaster Prelude (1500m) at Rosehill on Saturday.

Sound Proposition won the Group 1 Easter Stakes (1600m) from Lance O'Sullivan and Andrew Scott's Matamata stable before he joined Kris Lees' operation. He has won twice for the Newcastle trainer and finished runner-up in the Group 3 Cameron Handicap (1500m).

SWORD OF OSMAN

GROUP 1 SIRES PRODUCE STAKES



Sword of Osman / By Savabeel,
from Bunyah

Te Akau superstar Sword of Osman is going for back-to-back Group 1 wins this weekend and will start as favourite in the Group 1 Sires Produce Stakes at Awapuni. The Stephen Autridge and Jamie Richards trained son of Savabeel will be ridden by star jockey Opie Bosson from barrier 12.

MACKINTOSH

GROUP 3 NEVILLE SELLWOOD STAKES



Mackintosh / By Pins, from Lolly Scramble

The Chris Waller trained son of Pins was third at his last outing in the Group 3 Sky High Stakes two weeks ago and this weekend the multiple Group winner will start in the Group 3 Neville Sellwood Stakes over 2000m. The 5-year-old gelding has drawn favourably in barrier 4 and will be ridden by Kerrin McEvory.

PERROQUET

GROUP 3 MANAWATU CLASSIC



Perroquet / By Ocean Park, from Pernod

The lightly raced 3-year-old daughter of Ocean Park will take a step up in both class and distance when she lines up in the Group 3 Manawatu Classic at Awapuni on Saturday. Trained by Lance O'Sullivan and Andrew Scott, Perroquet won impressively two starts ago at Hastings.

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FRIDAY MARCH 30

SAFEER

Savabeel – Ahna

Sgp- 3 Singapore 3YO Sprint, 1200

Singapore, 9:55 pm (NZT)

NOW YOU SEE

O'Reilly – Fabulist

Sgp- 3 Singapore 3YO Sprint, 1200

Singapore, 9:55 pm (NZT)

THE BANDITO

Pins – Reputedly

Listed Flying Handicap, 1400m

Awapuni, 4:14 pm (NZT)

YEARN

Savabeel – Princess Uno

Listed Flying Handicap, 1400m

Awapuni, 4:14 pm (NZT)

ALL IN VOGUE

Pins – Tall Poppy

Group 2 Awapuni Cup, 2000m

Awapuni, 4:49 pm (NZT)

MADAME MARKIEVICZ

O'Reilly – Line of Sight

Group 1 Vinery Stud Stakes, 2000m

Rosehill Gardens, 6:10 pm (NZT)

SOUND PROPOSITION

Savabeel – Ebony Babe

Group 3 Doncaster Prelude, 1500m

Rosehill Gardens, 6:50 pm (NZT)

RHYTHM TO SPARE

Pins – Stanica

Group 3 Victoria Handicap, 1400m

Caulfield, 7:10 pm (NZT)

SATURDAY MARCH 31

PERROQUET

Ocean Park – Pernod

Group 3 Manawatu Classic, 2000m

Awapuni, 2:24 pm (NZT)

MACKINTOSH

Pins – Lolly Scramble

Group 3 Neville Sellwood Stakes, 2000m

Rosehill Gardens, 3:10 pm (NZT)

SWORD OF OSMAN

Savabeel – Bunyah

Group 1 Sires Produce Stakes, 1400m

Awapuni, 3:34 pm (NZT)

BASSETT

Savabeel – Fledgling

Group 3 Star Kingdom Handicap, 1200m

Rosehill Gardens, 3:45 pm (NZT)

SIXTY SECONDS WITH KARYN FENTON-ELLIS

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This week we caught up with TV presenter, racing personality and Te Akau Racing's very own Karyn Fenton-Ellis.

Q What is your favourite TV show?

A I don't have much much time to watch TV but I never miss the news!

Q What makes you laugh?

A My canine companions - love my trio of dogs to pieces. My husband David Ellis comes a close second!

Q Career highlights?

A 25.5 years with Trackside - inaugural presenter with both Trackside TV and Radio, receiving my Queen's Honour in 2014 - MNZM (Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit) for services to Racing, to the Community and to the Arts, serving as JCI World President (Junior Chamber International - Jaycees) in 2000

Q Not many people know that I...

A Won the World Public Speaking Contest in the UK when eight months pregnant.

Q What do you do to relax?

A Having sold/syndicated 61 horses in the past 12 months - what is relaxation? I love my life luckily and do spend July in Hawaii with my husband.

Q Best piece of advice

A My mother instilled the belief in me that a little kindness goes a very long way

Q Favourite part of what you do?

A Watching Te Akau owners loving their racing experience and success

Q What is your favourite thing about Waikato Stud?

A The Savabeels that David buys that we win Group races with - Sword of Osman, Hall of Fame, Embellish, Gold Fever, Splurge, Royal Success etc - a truly professional operation with world class people and performance

Q What are you most looking forward to this weekend?

A Heading to Awapuni where I won my first ever race as an owner with Distinctly Secret (Awapuni Gold Cup - my wedding present from David) and spending time with my family especially with my new granddaughter Lucia-Rose (my first grandchild)



ABOVE / Karyn Fenton-Ellis

INGLIS EASTER YEARLING SALE / 9 - 11 APRIL

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Waikato Stud are delighted to offer two yearling colts by champion sire Savabeel at the upcoming Inglis Easter Yearling Sale.



LOT 98
Savabeel - Donna Cattiva Colt
Trelawney Stud Draft

[Pedigree info](#)



LOT 350
Savabeel - Serenade Colt
Sledmere Stud Draft

[Pedigree info](#)

MARK'S MAIL

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We've had another action packed week here at Waikato Stud with plenty going on.

My good friend Brendan Lindsay and I had a great thrill at Matamata yesterday when our co-owned O'Reilly gelding Hanger absolutely bolted home to win by five and a half lengths. We've expected big things from him and Roger James looks to have him right so we're really looking forward to further success with him down the track.

We've got two very nice Savabeel colts heading to the Inglis Easter sale next week. The Savabeel colt from Donna Cattiva colt has been prepared here at Waikato Stud and

will slot into Trelawney Stud's draft and our Savabeel colt from Serenade will go through Sledmere Stud's draft. Pippa, myself, and a few of the team will be at the sale for a few days so if you see us around please come and say hi!

Best of luck to everyone on the track this weekend – I'm particularly looking forward to watching Te Akau's Savabeel gelding Sword of Osman in the Group 1 Sires Produce Stakes down at Awapuni on Saturday – good luck to David, Karyn, Stephen and Jamie, hopefully he can

pull off back-to-back Group 1 wins for your group of owners!

Wishing everyone a happy and safe long Easter weekend.

**Cheers,
Mark**



IN THE MEDIA

Garry's gone fishing this weekend so Brian de Lore is stepping in to catch you up on what's been happening in the media this week.



TRAINERS BECOME RESTLESS AS RACING AWAITS OVERDUE CHANGES



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