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Savabeel

SAVABEEL ON TRACK FOR ANOTHER CLEAN SWEEP

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With less than two months until the 2017-18 racing season comes to an end, we are so proud of the incredible results achieved by the progeny of our stallions.

Going from strength to strength with a succession of new Group horses in the 2017-18 season, champion sire Savabeel is on target to claim his fourth straight New Zealand Sires' Premiership, his third consecutive Dewar Award (combined Australian and New Zealand progeny earnings) third Centaine Award (combined progeny earnings worldwide) and he is the leading New Zealand based stallion on the Australian General Sires' Premiership.

Savabeel has proved himself to be one of the most versatile stallions in Australasia with Group One winners at two years over 1200 metres, three years over 1600 – 2400 metres and

older horses who have been successful at the highest level over a variety of distances. Sword of Osman, Embellish, Hasahalo, Savvy Coup, Shillelagh and Kawi achieved those feats respectively in the 2017-18 season to take Savabeel's number of Group One winners to 17.

In the 2017-18 season so far, Savabeel has sired 15 individual Stakes winners including Group One winners Savvy Coup, Hasahalo, Embellish, Sword of Osman, Shillelagh and Kawi as well as Group winners Coldplay, Splurge, Savapinski, Addictive Nature, Royal Success and Clarify plus Listed winners Grazia, Santa Catarina and Savaheat.

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THE GROSVENOR AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS	BEST PERFORMERS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$3,320,880	EMBELLISH	\$466,310
DARCI BRAHMA	\$1,710,729	DEVISE	\$157,750
IFFRAAJ	\$1,646,549	GINGERNUTS	\$180,000
TAVISTOCK	\$1,502,243	GOBSTOPPER	\$188,375
FASTNET ROCK	\$1,414,150	AVANTAGE	\$742,370
PER INCANTO	\$1,325,074	SHADOWS CAST	\$154,812
ALAMOSA	\$1,218,983	STOLEN DANCE	\$131,450
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$1,191,760	SAINT EMILION	\$218,300
PINS	\$1,108,265	PACKING PINS	\$122,750
ROC DE CAMBES	\$1,040,690	VIN DE DANCE	\$623,500

Criteria: Leading Sires by Earnings in New Zealand

SAVABEEL ON TRACK FOR ANOTHER CLEAN SWEEP (CONT'D)

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Savabeel has surpassed Zabeel for the number of Stakes winners sired at the same stage of their careers and for the fourth consecutive year, Savabeel was crowned Leading New Zealand based sire at the Karaka Yearling Sale. The 2018 Australasian sales series have seen 82 Savabeel yearlings sell for an average of \$259,766 with 80 bringing \$100,000 or more – testimony to the type and correctness and an acknowledgement of the progeny success.

His daughters have been highly sought after with Diademe selling for \$1.7 million at the 2018 Magic Millions Broodmare Sale and Nurse Kitchen and Soriano fetched \$1.7 million and \$1.15 million respectively at last year's Magic Millions Broodmare Sale.



THE DEWAR STALLION TROPHY

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$7,760,135
DARCI BRAHMA	\$3,112,456
O'REILLY	\$2,896,950
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$2,594,488
PINS	\$2,572,464
TAVISTOCK	\$2,568,019
IFFRAAJ	\$2,394,961
MAKFI	\$2,142,865
PER INCANTO	\$2,135,099
RIP VAN WINKLE	\$2,100,594

Criteria: Sire whose progeny have accumulated the highest combined stakes earnings in Australia and New Zealand

THE CENTAINE AWARD

STALLIONS	EARNINGS
SAVABEEL	\$12,533,948
DARCI BRAHMA	\$10,134,422
ROAD TO ROCK	\$7,382,152
O'REILLY	\$6,569,392
TAVISTOCK	\$6,435,972
MASTERCRAFTSMAN	\$6,218,248
PER INCANTO	\$4,946,426
SHOWCASING	\$4,149,848
PINS	\$3,850,524
SWISS ACE	\$3,539,870

Criteria: Sire whose NZ-conceived progeny have accumulated the highest stakes earnings worldwide

OCEAN PARK LEADING NZ BASED AUSTRALIAN SECOND SEASON SIRE

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Ocean Park's endless stream of winners and Stakes performers have earned him the prestigious accolade of being the current leading New Zealand based Australian Second Season Sire.

Ocean Park is the first New Zealand stallion to achieve a top five placing on this premiership over an eight-year period and when sire performance between Ocean Park and Savabeel is compared at the same stage in their careers, Ocean Park has sired more winners from less runners and has sired the same number of black-type horses as Savabeel.

Notable winners by Ocean Park include Listed WATC Placid Ark Stakes winner Ocean Jewel and other

Stakes performers include Another Dollar – second in the QLD Oaks Gr.1, The Roses Gr.2 and Listed Gold Coast Bracelet, Mongolianconqueror – second in the NZ Derby Gr.1 and Waikato Guineas Gr.2, Pretty to Sea – second in the ATC Adrian Knox Stakes Gr.3, Ocean's Fourteen – second in the Listed Geelong Classic and Dancer's Kin – third in the Listed SAJC Queen Adelaide Stakes.

LEADING AUSTRALIAN 2ND SEASON SIRES FOR THE 2017-18 SEASON

Rank	Stallion	Rns	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings	Best Performer
1	Pierro (AUS)	115	52	83	\$8,010,181	Pierata - 2,182,200
2	All Too Hard (AUS)	137	62	91	\$3,631,408	Villermont - 322,860
3	Your Song (AUS)	90	43	60	\$1,930,878	Split Lip - 140,750
4	Ocean Park (NZ)	42	25	37	1,425,673	Another Dollar - 227,150
5	Animal Kingdom (USA)	49	18	28	\$1,241,401	Peaceful State - 431,075
6	Frost Giant (USA)	40	18	23	\$1,019,437	Valour Road - 454,732
7	Reliable Man (GB)	33	11	14	\$954,577	Sully - 365,250
8	Delago Deluxe (AUS)	57	21	26	\$759,351	Scarecrow - 123,400
9	Excelebration (IRE)	40	19	23	\$741,367	Exceltara - 136,140
10	Americain (USA)	67	17	21	\$641,142	American Joy 60, 570

Note: Figures up to date until June 6

SAVABEEL GELDING A LIVE DERBY CHANCE

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The John O'Shea-trained Live And Free enters Saturday's Gr.1 Queensland Derby (2200m) as a strong each-way chance and can provide his formidable trainer and jockey combination with a welcome return to Group One spoils.

To be ridden by James McDonald, Derby success by Live And Free would mean plenty to O'Shea and his jockey, given their trying circumstances in recent years.

A year ago, both trainer and jockey were on the sidelines. McDonald was doing 18-months for a betting infringement while O'Shea had left his post as Godolphin's head trainer and was setting about rebuilding a stable.

On Saturday, McDonald will be back aboard the \$6.50 shot, trained by the man that convinced a young fresh-faced Kiwi apprentice that he was ready to come to Australia in 2012.

"It would be a real buzz," O'Shea said. "Personally, it would be very rewarding for the ownership group, many who have been with the stable for a long time, for the jockey and for me personally now that I'm back among the public training ranks.

"It would cap a much better return to public training than I'd ever anticipated in the first 12 months.

"From what I started with, I've been blown away with how we've gone and where the stable is at now."

Originally prepared by Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman in New Zealand, where he raced under the name of Patrician, Live And Free has all the makings of a Classic winner and is looking to provide his champion sire Savabeel with his 18th individual Group One winner.

"He's by a champion New Zealand stallion and when you get to the big trips pedigree matters," O'Shea said. "We're very optimistic about him because he's got a good turn of foot, too."

Saturday will be the first time McDonald's been legged aboard Live And Free on raceday, but he knows the horse well having done all the work aboard the gelding since returning to trackwork and he was also aboard in a barrier trial in April.

"I've never seen a horse change so much and progress since I first started riding him," he said.

"His whole demeanour, his work ethic. He's so much sharper now, he's stronger and now has a real presence.

"He's a real cool dude, so relaxed, push-button type of horse. He's a jockey's dream."

- NZ Racing Desk



BELOW / Live And Free



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BLACK TYPE SPOTLIGHT

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SEAWAY

GROUP 2 QLD GUINEAS



Seaway / By Ocean Park, from Miss Purrfection

Chris Waller trained Ocean Park colt Seaway has won three times in Sydney and boasts an impressive record of 7:3:3:0. Purchased by Denise Martin of Star Thoroughbreds for an owner, Seaway was a \$210,000 purchase from Waikato Stud's 2016 Premier Karaka Yearling draft and is out of resident WS mare Miss Purrfection.

Seaway is currently the third favourite to win tomorrow's Gr.2 QLD Guineas and will be ridden by Blake Shinn from barrier two.

SHILLELAGH

GROUP 1 STRADBROKE



Shillelagh / By Savabeel, from Trocair

Chris Waller trained Savabeel mare Shillelagh will look to add another Group One to her record when she lines up in tomorrow's Gr.1 Stradbroke Handicap. She has only had a handful of starts since her Gr.1 Kennedy Mile win and was just two lengths off the winner to claim a fourth placing in the Gr.3 Glenloghan Park Stakes at her last outing two weeks ago. She will be ridden from barrier ten with Michael Dee aboard.

LIVE AND FREE

GROUP 1 QLD DERBY



Live And Free / By Savabeel, from Patrimonium

John O'Shea trained three-year-old Savabeel gelding Live And Free has won his last two starts over 1800m and 2000m and looks to having the staying power to win the Gr.1 QLD Derby over 2200m tomorrow at Doomben. James McDonald will ride Live And Free from barrier eleven.

PEACEFUL

LISTED GREAT NORTHERN FOAL STAKES



Peaceful / By Savabeel, from Paloma

Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman trained two-year-old Savabeel filly Peaceful was runner-up in the Listed CJC Champagne Stakes at her last outing and will take aim at the Listed Great Northern Foal Stakes over 1400m at Te Rapa tomorrow. Contesting her fifth race start, she will be ridden by Matthew Cameron from barrier five.

WS SIRED STAKES RUNNERS

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SATURDAY JUNE 9

PEACEFUL

Savabeel – Paloma

Listed Great Northern Foal Stakes, 1400m

Te Rapa, 12:10 pm (NZT)

SEAWAY

Ocean Park – Miss Purrfection

Gr.2 Queensland Guineas, 1600m

Doomben, 2:55 pm (NZT)

SHILLELAGH

Savabeel – Trocair

Gr.1 Stradbroke H, 1350m

Doomben, 4:15 pm (NZT)

LIVE AND FREE

Savabeel – Patrimonium

Gr.1 QLD Derby, 2200m

Doomben, 5:35 pm (NZT)

60 SECONDS WITH ARCHIE ALEXANDER

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This week we caught up with Ballarat based trainer Archie Alexander.

Q What is your favourite TV show?

A The Project, it's an easy watch and an entertaining way to keep tabs on what's going on in the world outside of racing.

Q What makes you laugh?

A My dog Pip. When you meet her you will understand why; she's full of mischief and there's never a dull moment in the stables when she's loose!

Q Career highlights

A Lord Fandango winning the G2 Herbert Power, Survived's three Mt Gambier Cups and our 100th winner.

Q Not many people know that I...

A Had a few race rides over jumps when I was much younger!

Q What do you do to relax?

A Dinner and drinks with my amazing wife and close friends.

Q Best piece of advice?

A Manners cost nothing.

Q Favourite part of what you do?

A Obviously winning, but especially so with tricky or not very talented horses. I get a great kick out of knowing I've got the best out of every horse.

Q What is your favourite thing about Waikato Stud?

A The beautiful luscious green paddocks are, I'm sure, a firm favourite with the horses, but the incredible hospitality and catering offered to the human visitors is my personal favourite!

Q What are you most looking forward to this weekend?

A A stable favourite, Spanner Head, goes to Flemington on Saturday.



LEFT / Archie
Alexander

The *anatomy* of a
FOUR-TIME GROUP ONE WINNING
DUAL DONCASTER CHAMPION

Sacred Falls

His two-year-olds hit race tracks in the 2018-19 season

SERVICE FEE: \$30,000+gst LFG

Group One good looks

His good looking yearlings landed him the title of Leading First Season Sire at this year's Karaka Yearling Sale and across all Australasian Sales, his yearlings averaged \$111,086 and sold for up to \$300,000, with six lots fetching \$200,000 or more

Strong and compact

A precocious individual, he was unbeaten at two and his first crop don't look like they're going to take too long either

Athletic hindquarters

For the extreme acceleration required to become the first colt in 50 years to win back-to-back Doncaster Miles

Flawless forelimb conformation

A distinct trait he has passed on to his ultra-correct and well-balanced progeny

Superior sire lines

By champion sire O'Reilly, he is out of a winning Redoute's Choice mare

Powerful shoulders

This superior feature allowed him to cover more ground than his opponents to win nine races between 1000m and 1600m, including four Group Ones



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There is a great day of racing to look forward to tomorrow with the QLD Derby, Stradbroke and QLD Guineas all being run at Doomben.

Ocean Park colt Seaway is my tip of the day in the QLD Guineas, he was marginally beaten at Rosehill at his last start and has put together three very impressive city wins from only a handful of starts. Good luck to his owners and to Christopher and Susanna Grace who have Shillelagh running in the Stradbroke.

Savabeel gelding Live And Free is an excellent chance in the QLD Derby – all the best to John O'Shea and the syndicate of owners, I'm disappointed that I'm no longer in the ownership as I know it'll be one hell of a party if he wins!

Thank you to Jasmine for her massive effort in producing a top quality Weekend@Waikato week in, week out. Jasmine has been busy putting together our annual brochure and I can't thank her enough for the incredible job she has done. It has been a great process this year and we will be mailing it out over the next couple of week's so keep an eye out for it.

The Weekend@Waikato and Mark's Mail are going to the spelling paddock for a few weeks while Jasmine takes a well-deserved holiday and we'll see you back here on July 6.

Have a great weekend.

**Cheers,
Mark**



GARRY'S CORNER

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Well, we are back. Not that you give a damn and why should you, you can jump on a Virgin Flight to Coolangatta tomorrow, enjoy the 24 degree days, with normal racing rather than swimming races, attend sales that average 140k for Broodmares.



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IN THE MEDIA

This week in the media, Brian de Lore touches on yet another compelling topic relevant to the New Zealand Thoroughbred industry



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